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# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

## Seasons Greetings!

Dear valued clients and friends,

We at Windermere Farm, take this opportunity to wish you all a healthy, happy and most enjoyable Christmas.

As you can see below, our horses are also swinging into the Xmas mood.

Relax in peace we pray.



Left to Right—Riders Jack and Paul, Wade, Doreen & Smurf, Vencedora, Sophie, Sandy and the Blue Swan

*Merry Christmas!*



Emma Bracks our second eldest granddaughter, (Grace her twin sister, is 15 minutes older) graduated from Saint Monica's, primary school with the distinction of junior citizen of the year. After the twins spent their final year as school captains, Emma was chosen along with other students from local schools, to accept the award given by the local Rotary Club. A great institution that we should all support, which is why I have volunteered the services of my good husband! What better man or chef to attend to the fund raising barbeques?



Emma receiving her Junior Citizen Award.

Another memorable event, I would like to share, was the wedding of next door neighbour, polo player and fellow race horse owner, Adam Tolhurst, to the beautiful Bianca Guiance. The wedding took place at the Tolhurst new polo field and amazing club house. For those of you who know the couple, I'm sure you will wish them every happiness in their life together and may they breed many more polo players and race horse owners, ha, ha.



Congratulations Bianca and Adam



Granddaughter Arianna says the trick to jumping well is that you must wear the same coloured jodhpurs as your ponies fly mask!

Our racing team have been opening the till and performing well this past month. The next team, of soon to race, have been pleasing us in their trials and gallops, in preparation for their next wining prep.

On the 5/11, the Hawkesbury Race club decided after swamping rain squashed the chances of horses racing safely on their turf, to call the meeting off. However, another very wise decision was made to go ahead with the planned social events of the day, namely the hundreds and hundreds of lunches prepared for elegantly (and some not so elegantly) dressed ladies. Yours truly was delighted to accept my daughter Lisa's offer to partake of a delicious lunch accompanied with fine wine. What a hoot, no horses; but betting on the Oaks, gave us still a chance to cheer! Not to mention Lisa, who ran third in the much sought after prizes in the fashions of the field. I lined up, but only because local committee woman Christine Paine, told me to do so, she would then give me a plug about my novel. 'For the Love of Patrick.' And she did, thank you Christine.

Remembrance Day, the 11<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup>, was a fit day for our most honest digger, TOO CHIC, to once again try her hardest at Warwick Farm in a 2200mt race. This she did and ran a valued 4<sup>th</sup>. Then, it was out to spell, finally, for our darling, although she is trained from a paddock. So what she says?





Digby, after winning his race at Epson, is now in the finals, held before the Queen, mid December. I may even be there!

FOOTY FAN, after her in and out attempts at winning a race lately, raced in true honest fashion at Rosehill on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Leading near all the way, saw her a sitting duck for the swoopers. She gave us reason to lose our voices, until the final twenty meters, when she was swamped to run 6<sup>th</sup>, beaten 1 and a quarter lengths. She's back on track and will race next Saturday the 5/12 at Randwick, over 1400. God keep her safe.

The morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> witnessed 4 horses leave Windermere to Hawkesbury trials. STRADAZZLE, BLACK PIRATE, DANE RULER, THE BLUE SWAN. All ran well and will trial again to improve their fitness before racing. Blue Swan's next trial will be to keep learning what it's all about.

On the 21<sup>st</sup>, VENCEDORA and LEGISTATE, accompanied each other to Hawkesbury races, where the temp reached 43! As I have reported before, Hawkesbury is one of the best equipped race course for the heat. Misty spray in the horse stalls, keep the horses cool and calm. An ingenious apparatus, made from a wheelie bin, filled with ice water, a hose, and a pump to regulate the flow of the lifesaving fluid, flows freely over post-race distressed horses.



VENCEDORA, seemed not perturbed by the heat and made the breeze for the rest of the field until caught over the final strides. He ran 4<sup>th</sup>, a number our horses seem to like? Many suitable races have been chosen for Veni, but today Wade is leaning towards Mudgee, BM-55 over 1400. If not it will be Orange on the 8<sup>th</sup>, BM-60 over 1600.

LEGISTATE, while looking the winner, also ran 4<sup>th</sup>. His effort was due to greenness, after sitting second, then taking the lead when entering the straight, the challengers put the pressure on and he squibbed it. 'Blinkers', said Grant Buckley, 'he simply shortened stride and hung back when they attacked.' So with blinkers on and some of the 'tin mans' courage, he may with his true ability win at Mudgee next Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the date will satisfy his need to have the number 4 somewhere in the picture?

CHEERS FOR AUSBRED - OUR ANNIVERAIRE- SACRED JOURNEY, (who returned to work on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Plus a couple of yet to be named youngsters are performing well, keen and happy are the words that come to mind.

All horses spelling have a delightful choice of grasses at their feet, due to the good season so far. And don't you think they're rejoicing!

Sadly we bid farewell in November to Josh, our long-time employee/foreman. Josh has left to spread his wings in this spectacular and intriguing sport of horse racing. Josh has chosen another avenue and has just received the good news that he officially indentured into being a race steward. So watch out Wade, no favourites! We wish Josh all the very best in his future, no doubt he will make a fine steward and reach the top in years to come.

Cheers and once again Merry Christmas.

Sending rainbows  
Dor and Wade



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For the Love of Patrick novel has literally spring boarded since its release mid-November. Receiving lots of great reviews on Amazon.

Reminder!!!

Post-Christmas is a good time to un-wind with a good read!

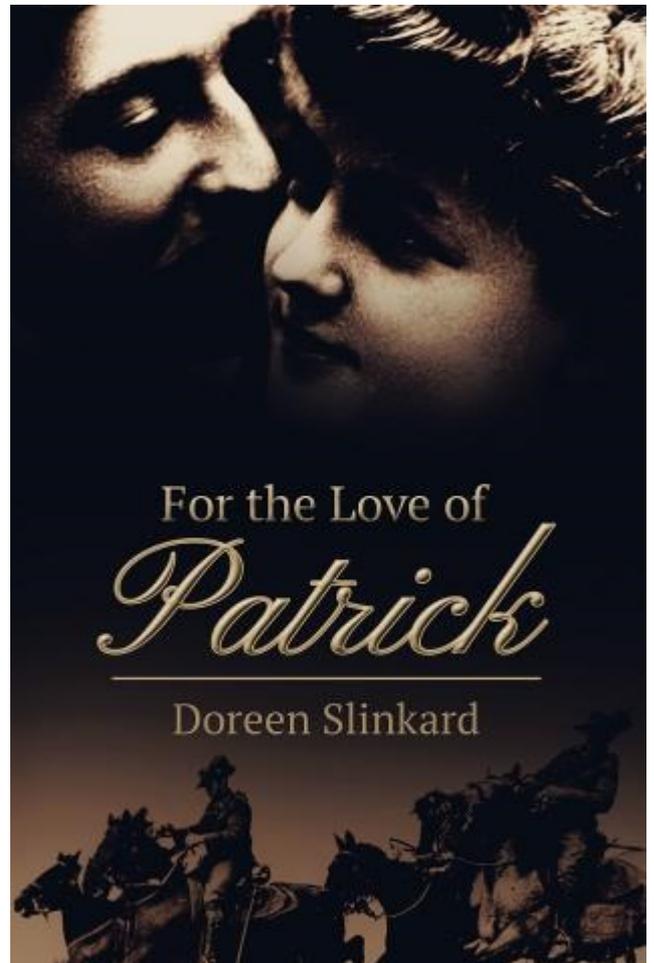
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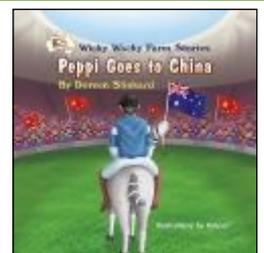
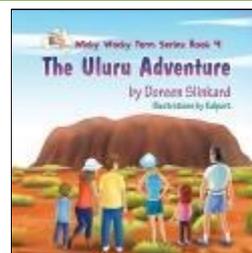
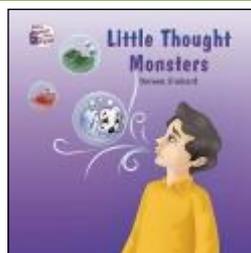
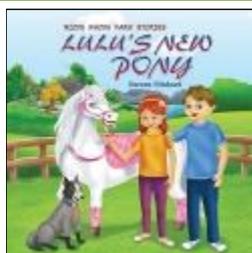
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