

# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

## HAPPY EASTER!

Dear valued clients and friends,

It appears we chose wisely when taking a week off this past month. We left the intense heat of Sydney, and flew to Noosa, where we stayed with long time fiends at their little piece of Paradise, 'LUNAIRE'. This was possible due to our wonderful daughter Lisa, offering us, her time and expertise, whilst on her long service leave from nursing. Sorry to say the ones left behind, had to endure the soaring temperatures, especially on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> at Hawkesbury.



February, produced not as many successes as we'd hoped for. Racing certainly is a roller coaster, especially when you have a small team, all the eggs seem to be in one basket. But we carry on with determination and interrogation. When all bases are covered then the outcome is usually plain to see. Excuses can be used for every horse in every race-if they are not champions. So when all things go the right way for the average race horse, that's when they win.

We kicked the month off at Hawkesbury on the 11<sup>th</sup>. LEGISTATE was probably a certainty beat, after drawing the outside barrier over 1300mts. He was never closer than three wide all the way, but stuck like glue in his effort to win. Going down by just over a length to run 3<sup>rd</sup>. His outstanding run was talked about and we looked forward to his next start at Hawkesbury on the 25<sup>th</sup>, over 1600mts. Wade was confident of him getting the distance, as Legistate had certainly covered it in his last race. I find it hard to stay neutral, when stating, that in their wisdom, Wade and Robbie Brewer, decided after working Legistate in blinkers, he would be more focused and perhaps race better. Up in distance? Sorry, but the blinkers were counterproductive, he over raced, and didn't see the 1600 out. Maybe, (and we will never know for sure), he has had enough after a very long and promising first campaign. So, to the lush pastures he goes for 6 weeks.



*At Noosa... cooling off!*





*Sandy returns with Roving Eye and Blue Swan after their holiday and Paul is having his iced coffee break in between rides.*

STRADAZZLE, had a picnic on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Hawkesbury, with the young apprentice missing the kick and allowing Stradazzle to settle many lengths last in the beginning of the 2000mt race. When choosing to take the INDIDE run they finally caught the field in the straight. It was not a good idea, as the tired horses fell back in their lap. Stradazzle, as we know has to wind up like a train, stopping and starting is beyond his capabilities. He needs the pace on and to have a clear passage in the straight. This became the problem once again back at Hawkesbury on the 25<sup>th</sup>, when Grant Buckley had him motoring from the start, BUT, trapped in amongst them. Yes, Murphies law came into play, as well as a rock hard track. They slowed up to a walk, with Stradazzle climbing all over them, when they sprinted and he saw daylight, and cried, 'wait for me', along with many, many ouches!! His only win was on a heavy track?

CHEERS FOR AUSBRED, was disappointing in her two race starts this month, particularly, after she looked the goods in track work. Although, Wade is careful not to work her too hard, as she is a light machine and is prone to lose more than an average amount of weight when racing. Chic was given a chance to prove herself on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Hawkesbury - and again on the 25<sup>th</sup>, with only two excuses, or reasons, the penny hasn't dropped and then on the 25<sup>th</sup>, Robbie reported, he thought she was sucking air behind. Dominic (son-in-law) said her tail was up for a considerable time after the race and she gave obvious signs of having opened up behind. Cheers will be caslicked, and Wade will find the weakest race possible for her. She will then have another chance to perform to a level we know she is capable of. Wade will also pursue the blinkers on, slowly, but surely.



[Sacred Journey - click here to watch video](#)

It pains me to write yet another reason, why our horses did not perform as they could have-should have! BUT, SACRED JOURNEY, was sent to Bathurst for what we thought would be a sure money pick up, maybe a win. Our apprentice jockey, handed Wade a two-inch strap of leather with stirrups attached. 'OMG!' Said Wade. Sacred jumped and ran with the enthusiasm he'd been showing in his trials. The 1200mts we thought may be a little short. However, the way he was travelling coming to the turn, a win, or a place, looked certain, THEN, the saddle slipped and our young jock, stood up in the irons and tried to balance so he wouldn't slip under Sacred's belly. Please forget that run. Sacred has pulled up on top of the world, the same as he was before he contended the race. His next start maybe Newcastle on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 1300mt, BM 60.





[Millie - click here to watch video](#)

TOO CHIC, along with DANE RULER, took part in unofficial barrier trials, with Too Chic putting in a lovely held together gallop, which should top her off to begin her racing this time in. Dane Ruler, relaxed in the beginning and had to be given a tap to wake up and show them who the best horse was. We have him on the market, so his last two trials should convince buyers of his ability.

Only four horses raced last month and five horses will be coming into work on the 1/3.

OUR ANNIVERSAIRE, VENCEDORA, KATIE, BLUE SWAN & ROVING EYE.

We wish you all the best and will try, when the heat leaves us, to offer you an open day.

Sending Rainbows,  
Dor and Wade

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**Smurf's ~~CORNER~~**



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**Happy 1st Birthday Smurf! 9/2**



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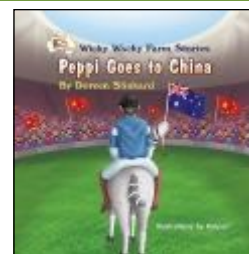
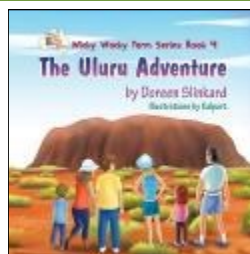
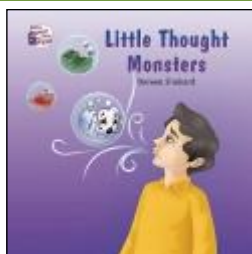
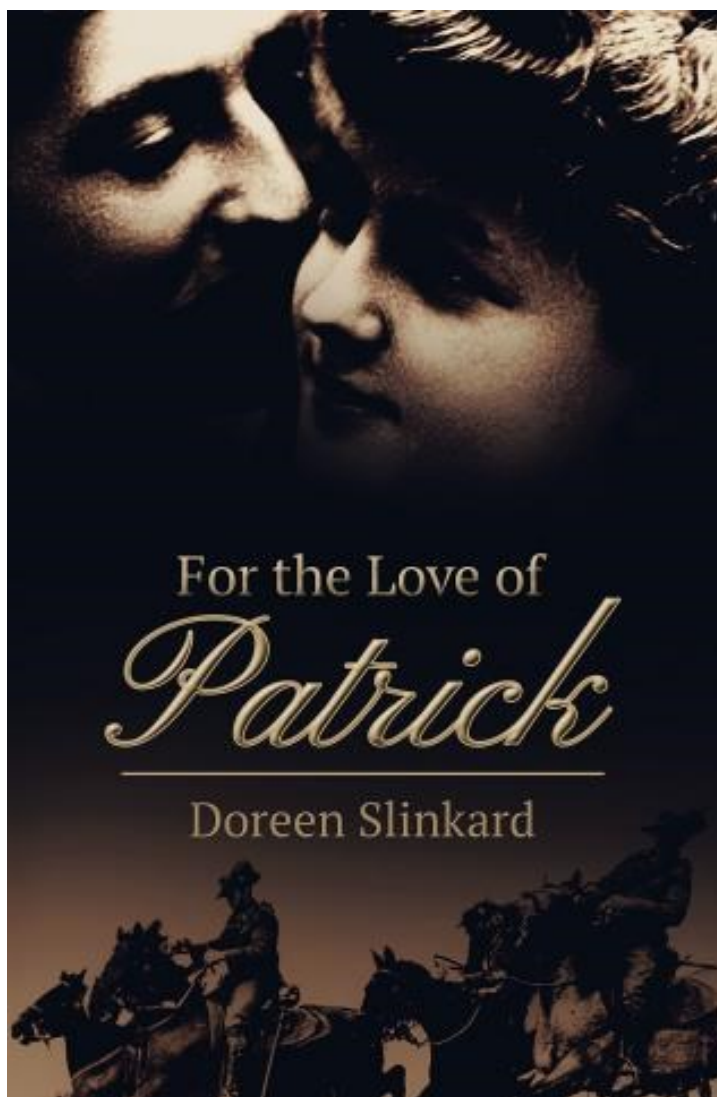
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