

# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

## STORMY JANUARY!

Dear valued clients and friends,

Stormy weather has brought chaos to our State this past month. (Sorry to remind you of the obvious). We do hope you have escaped damage to your home or person during these cyclonic periods. It seems in the Hawkesbury region, we received only the edge of the destructing winds, but copped plenty of rain and more rain. 16 inches has fallen on the farm these past five weeks. The horses have missed being ridden for a day, here and there. However, in such conditions, we have used the safer option with the walking machine and the swimming Chanel.

We were pleased not to have raced often, in this hostile January.

We made a start at Kembla on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with BLUE SWAN continuing her racing education and then she bade us farewell to take on a well-earned spell. The Hawkesbury barrier trials on the 18<sup>th</sup>, became our next outing.

SACRED JOURNEY showed blistering speed over the 1000mts. Racing fresh, but needing the run, he gave in over the final one hundred and ran fourth. What pleased us most, was, the trial ended up being over two seconds faster than all others. Using horse maths, this means near to 14 lengths the difference. He will have another un-official trial at Hawkesbury on the 1st and be ready to race two weeks later.



*Wade and Mark Goodwin shared their birthday celebration in January. A delightful evening, setting and scrumptious food made for a great night*







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*Matilda, is Ray and Rhonda Goodwin's Roman Emperor filly. You may remember other photos when she was orphaned at two months old. Well now she's in her first racing prep, all grown up! Matilda was the last horse from our stable to be joined up by Jack Mooney, our track rider and horse whisperer. Sadly Jack has left NSW, to start a new chapter in Victoria, Kyneton. We wish him and his partner Nadia, who is a very talented dressage rider, all the very best. The junior track riders are, Luke, Ross Daisley's grandson on the white pony, and Emma, our granddaughter on the bay.*

CHEERS FOR AUSBRED, produced a turnaround from her trial before this, where she stumbled after putting her foot in a hole and was therefore eased up. This time she showed great gate speed and stuck to the lead without being punished, and she won. It was decided after CHEERS showed good recovery, to make her racing debut at Bathurst on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. She floated like an old trouser, relaxed in the stalls, loaded in the barriers, stayed calm all the while, jumped well and settled just behind the pace. However, as often happens in their first genuine race, she stopped and started, looked around a fair bit and consequently ran mid field and pulled up without a blow. She will improve greatly from that run. This was confirmed by Anthony Cavallo, who felt she was a genuine race horse in the making. It looks like next Sunday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, at the beautiful wine producing Mudgee, she will show us what she's learnt.



Sand Sculpture

LEGISTATE, kept his mind on the job, but was not let off the bit to run second in the trial. He was also loaded on the truck heading for Bathurst and pleased us with his, 'get to the line' attitude, running 4<sup>th</sup>. Yes, another fourth!

STRADAZZLE, ran home in his trial as expected. He was then backed up at Bathurst over 1400 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, where he once again ran home from last to run a respectable 5<sup>th</sup>. He then stepped up in distance, over 2000mts to run another 5<sup>th</sup> at Kembla on the 30<sup>th</sup>. He's a bit lazy and a slow learner our big chestnut giant. I hope I don't have to pack a picnic lunch and a thermos for Stradazzle's jockey in his next start!

We have had some horses coming in and some going out this month. But as usual I will report individually, as to your horse's progress.

For all the Footy Fan- fan's, she has been retired to stud. And unfortunately, Black Pirate didn't make it to the races, in his last attempt to get there.

In the meantime, please enjoy life and the pictures I have added.

Sending Rainbows,  
Dor and Wade

## Smurf's Corner



Smurf learns to surf!

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Digby winning his event!



Digby

Our pin up boy Digby Shepherd, made us proud by winning the Shetland hurdle race before Royalty this past December.

This was the event I was invited to, but unfortunately was unable to make it.





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Here at Windermere Farm we love your feedback. If you have any questions about your horse's training or the newsletter, don't hesitate to get in contact.

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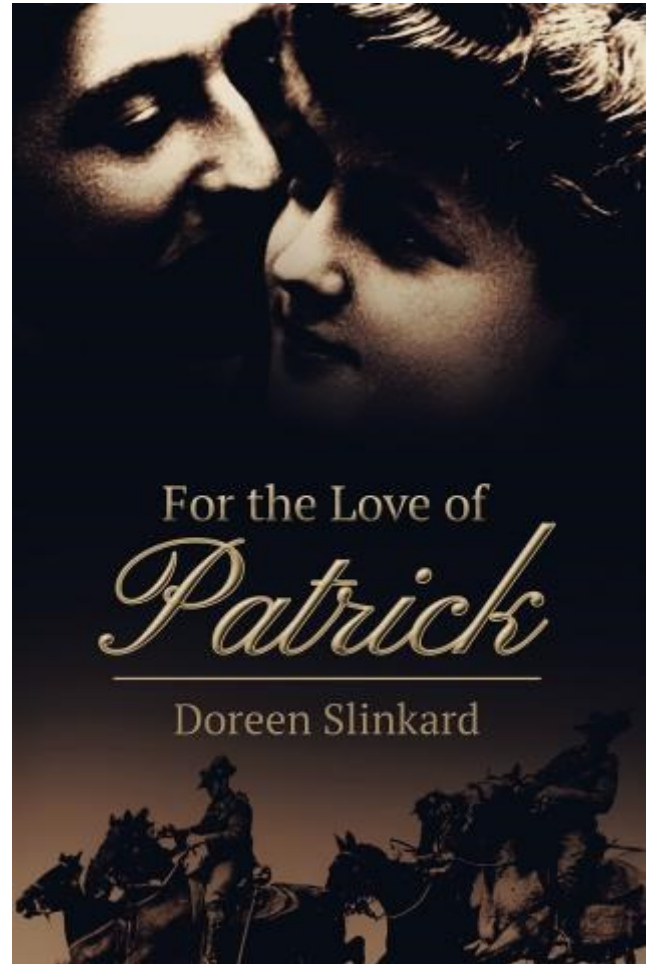
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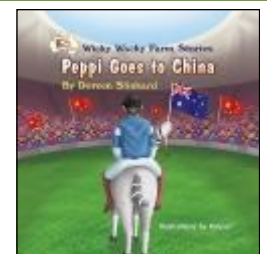
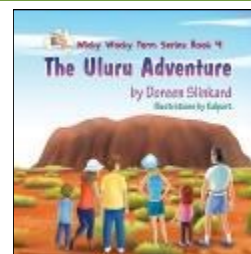
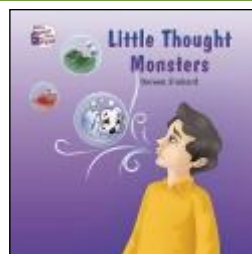
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