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THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

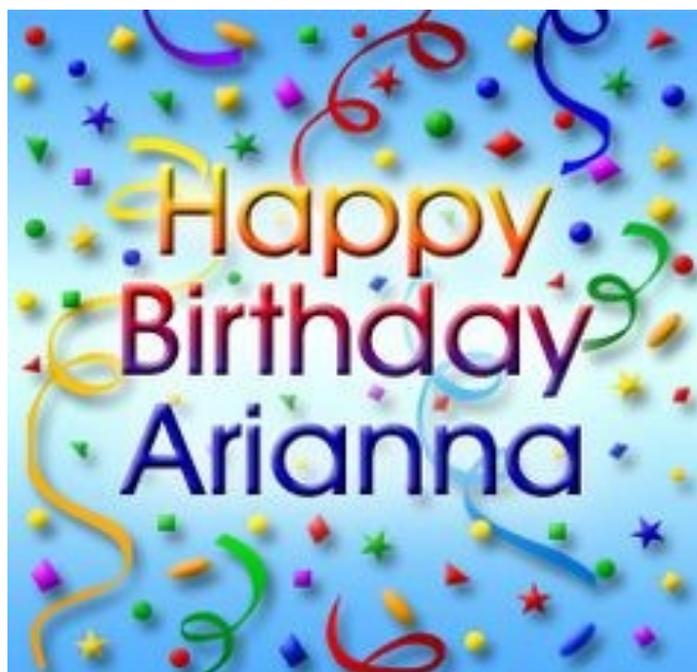
## Happy Mothers Day!



Dear valued clients and friends,

A very busy April as far as, showing horses at the Royal Show, the Hawkesbury Show, oh yes, and Wade's prize-winning jams & Chutneys. A welcome visit from a group of retirees, busing it down from Orange. School holiday pandemonium. Yes, we are sitting ducks for kids who love the farm life! And of course, the annual Arunga Polo Tournament. In between we managed to trial and race horses with some success.

And now with a busy April done, I'm off to the UK for my book promotion tour. I'm lucky enough to have my dear friend Helena join me for most of the time and lucky enough to have many dear friends in the UK who will accommodate us on our travels. Much more fun I say than staying in a strange cold-old-hotel, warmth of friendship is what we all need.



Three stablemates raced at Hawkesbury 5/4. LEGISTATION, had his first start back this prep in an unsuitable 1100mt race. He did what we hoped for, he settled back after being beaten for speed, and ran home with a promising effort. ROMAN PRINCESS seemed a bit unlucky with a chequered passage from the turn onwards. We lived in hope.

JEWEL OF HONOUR missed the kick again and was made trial again! After trialling at Warwick Farm and her not jumping, the decision was made to retire her. Bless her.

Goulburn, 14/4, welcomed us and VENCEDORA with a delightful cool breeze, the first we'd felt for a long time. The conditions were perfect, the track was soft and Veni relished the challenge. After being beaten for speed early he settled back and made a run close to the rail on the home turn. Temporarily blocked he soon fought his way into the open and charged home to be beaten a whisker. He ran third in what was a great effort.

Anzac Day, we took the usual road over the mountains to Bathurst. For those of you who have never experienced this special race day, I suggest you do next year. It is a bottler. Wade said he'd never seen so many well-dressed young people enjoying the day, especially the traditional game of Two-up! A moving service was held before the first race which held all patrons in a sombre reflective mood, but they soon managed to move on and enjoy what our brave soldiers fought for, FREEDOM.



OUR ANNIVERSAIRE, after her setbacks and battle to find the right bit, came to the party with a dazzling and true to form run at Bathurst. Robbie Brewer, gave her a shake in the beginning of the 1200mt dash, as he said, 'they weren't coming from behind on the day.' Annie then settled just off the pace, travelling kindly. Finding her path in the straight, she fought like the tigress we know she can be. Wade thought she'd won and it was after judging a long photo finish, she'd run 2<sup>nd</sup>. She also travelled well in the truck trip.

LEGISTATION having his second start back this prep, raced in The Soldiers Settler's Cup, at Bathurst, 1400mts. A strong field lined up, but we were confident with his chances. A little tardy to begin saw him back in the field and having to be restrained due to company in front and on the outside. He's usually happy being one of the leaders, over this distance, or at least in a forward control. However, he did find a run in the home straight, close to the fence and gave it his all to run a very close 4<sup>th</sup>. A little more luck in the beginning, would have seen him run a clear second, or photo for first – I think.

ROMAN PRINCESS was given another chance to show her racing potential at Bathurst in a 1400mt maiden. Unfortunately, her effort was not good enough and so it was decided to retire her to perhaps a career in show jumping. Bless her.



Grace bringing Olivier to say hello to our elderly visitors from Orange. Olivier is 28 so she understood the significance.

All owners, please note, you can still email me, and I will do my best to keep you informed as to your horse's progress while I'm away in May. Though I would prefer if you could phone Wade 0415-119-697 or email [wade.slinkard@gmail.com](mailto:wade.slinkard@gmail.com)

Horses, spelling, or coming up to race and trial have no problems and we look forward to seeing them on track, showing us their best work.

Sending Rainbows,  
Dor and Wade



Another fabulous day at Arunga Polo Club's, annual tournament. Yours truly very happy after being kissed and presenting this handsome Polo player with his trophy for best pony!



Grace showing her sheep on behalf of her school agriculture program.



Arianna on Oscar in pleasure pony.  
Ari went on from this to win pair of riders and team of four riders.



Emma received 2nd place in her riding class at Sydney Royal. 30 riders in the comp.



Poor Wade.. only got second this year at Hawkesbury Show with his chutney.



All packed and ready for the trip home after a successful Sydney Royal Easter Show

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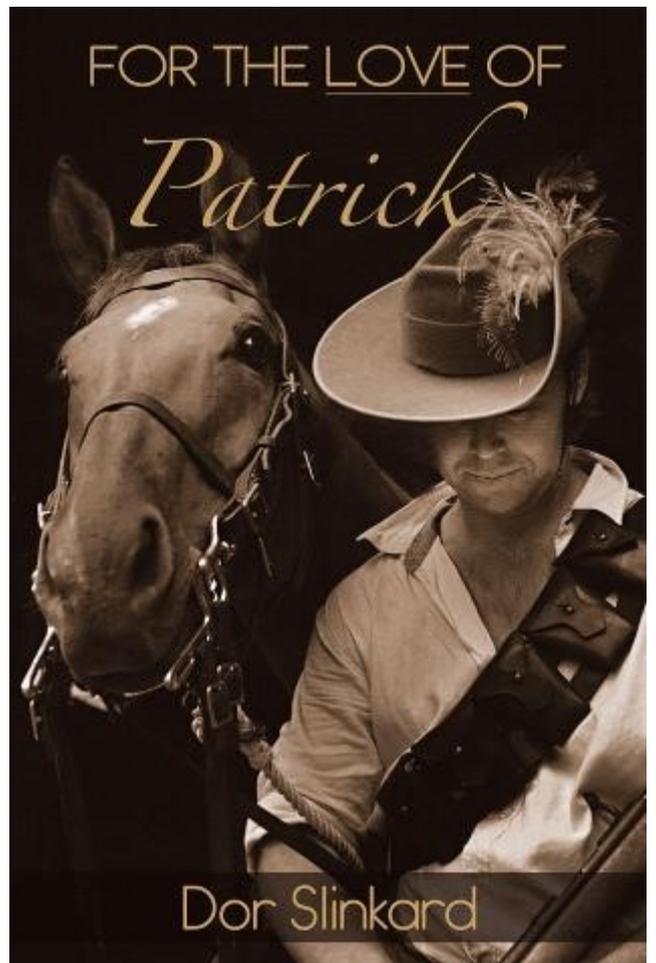
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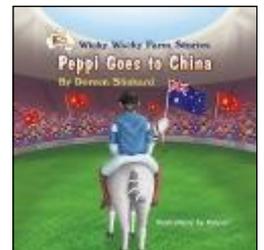
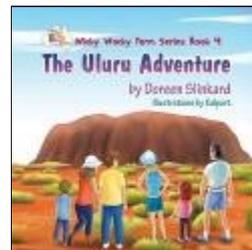
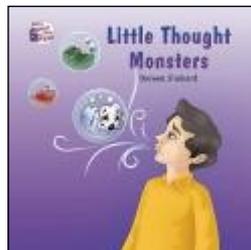
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