### SEPTEMBER 2017

### SENDING RAINBOWS THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE



## CONCRETE TRACKS....

Dear valued clients and friends,

Relentless wind and no rain made way for an unpleasant month weather wise.

We need rain and plenty of it, maybe I shouldn't speak too soon? You know, as well as we do, how prone we are to floods? Shoosh!

Meanwhile, we battle on with hard tracks and most of our horses either on their way up, or on their way out to spell. BUT having my book published and making its way out into the world, I can say has made me happy while dusting and raking leaves every bloody day! More of that in book news.

Our lack lustre racing month, began on 1/9 at Goulburn, 1400mts, where Vencedora was annihilated by his jockey who should have known better. The last words by me were, "NO, don't try and hold him up, DON'T ever touch his mouth, or he'll totally lose the plot." Well, guess what happened? I need say no more. Veni was then duly put out for a spell and owners are discussing his future.

2/9 at Hawkesbury TOO CHIC ran an honest race on a track she detests - concrete! She returned to Hawkesbury 21/9, where we hoped the course curator had done his job, watering and watering, but no not enough for Chic! She tried hard but has gone out to spell, waiting the decision whether to retire or have another prep.

Barrier trials at Hawkesbury on 18/9 gave sight to a couple of our new comers TRADE STAR and ROMAN PRINCESS. Both trailed extremely well, though Trade Star was then given grace at the water walker. Hopefully we'll receive the rain forecast this week and Star will be back home and ready to race soon!



No, we are not at the races. Tom Sewell, client and generous friend, shouted us along with his family for a special day out. First, we enjoyed Yummy yum Chow, then walked across the road to see the live show 'My Fair Lady!' I feel sorry for anyone who does not see it, it was truly wonderful!

ROMAN PRINCESS had her debut race at Hawkesbury 28/9. This was another barrier trial in disguise and while we all wish they could win their first start, we must realize, races are a lot different to Trials, in every way. The penny will drop no doubt and Matilda will learn to chase when the pressure is on. All in all, her race was pleasing, especially after a long battle with the barriers.

OUR ANNIVERSAIRE gave another try hard performance back at Warwick Farm 20/9. The field was a cracker and giving away any advantage was going to make it tough. Sitting wide all the way over 1400mts took its toll in the straight, where our little tiger rounded the bend the widest and gave it her best shot. We were not disappointed. To Hawkesbury 28/9, Annie showed us, she only likes to be in work and at her best for 5 to 6 runs, before saying goodnight. As I type Annie is enjoying a rest. She will take 6 weeks off and be ready to race come January.





Great to catch up with cousins, up from Melbourne for the school holidays.

LEGISTATION felt the hard track at Hawkesbury 21/9, plus a good barrier would have seen him have the run of the race. Bathurst looks the perfect venue for his next start, 1300mts class 3. Owners will be informed.

ROVING EYE, was yet another victim of a concrete track at Hawkesbury 21/9 over 1800mts. Back on 28/9, he must have felt a little relieved with the extra water added to the track and ran home quite nicely into 5<sup>th</sup> placing.

Blue Swan, has been suffering the dreaded tie up syndrome, and poor Sandy, plus many able vets have been in turmoil finding the solution, as all horses appear a little different with this complaint. FINALLY, two and two made four and Swan is coming along nicely with a strict regime.



Our granddaughters all love Too Chic. Before going to bed they went to wish her goodnight. How cute.



Wade has been suffering not only from his hip, but withdrawals from his treasured buggy which has also needed repairing! <u>Click here to watch short video</u> Wade's op is booked in for 2/11. Yippee!

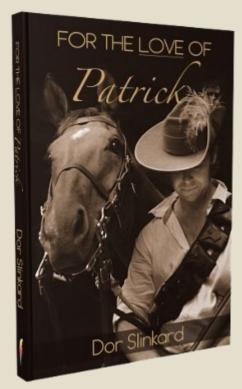
All other horses in work are coming to hand in fine style, including, Sally, Riva and Shadow, all of whom will have their official names revealed next month, after they have trialled. The horse who has just come into work is Banjo, bred by Ross Daisley and now owned by the Trade Star gentlemen, has furnished into a magnificent horse. Our son in-law Dominic Bracks, an accomplished horseman and has done us a favour by riding Banjo first up, Dom was most impressed. "He's a beautiful mover and feels very strong underneath me." said Dom with a look that said he meant it.

Sending Rainbows, Dor and Wade



Banjo, bred by Ross Daisley Click here to watch short video

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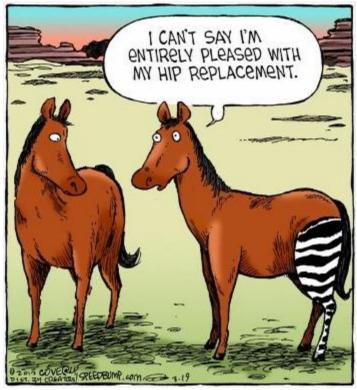


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Wade's op is booked for the 2nd November. We all wish him a speedy recovery.



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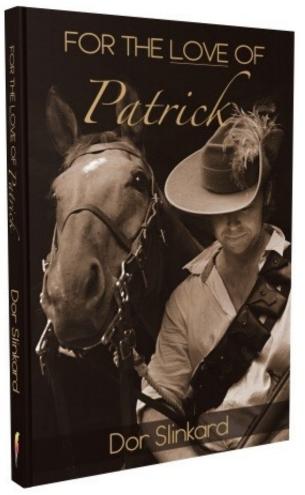
My debut novel, 'For the Love of Patrick,' has hit the book shelves, well, so far in England. It will be a while getting it into Aussie shops, as UK Austin Macaulay are still working on consolidating a contract with a high -profile distributor here in Aus. I'm working on it as well, so in the meantime you can buy it on-line, at 'Booktopia Australia'.

Or come to my book launch, Sunday 26/11, where you will receive light refreshments, live back ground music, The Light Horsemen enactment and pat your horse at the same time. Of course, books will be available, signed by yours truly.



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