

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

Welcome to Isabelle!

Dear valued clients and friends,

I must say although February has been quiet racing wise, personally we have had much excitement with the arrival of our fourth granddaughter, Isabelle Louise Slinkard, of course she is our son Daniel's new baby and his lovely wife to be Emma. That leaves Daniel's only son Nicholas, still the favourite grandson (as Poppy calls him).



The twins Grace and Emma swam their way into the school regional. Unfortunately this year they just missed out by a touch to go further into Zone, next year will see them there I'm sure. I chose to postpone my visit to Victoria, seeing all things concerning grand children and work place issues, came upon us a little unexpected at the time.



♥♥♥♥ Isabelle Louise Slinkard ♥♥♥♥

The improver of the month was LORD ROW. While not winning his first start back, he put in a game effort after being completely blocked in the straight to run a close fourth at Orange. I've named him the improver because he has been working the place down, with his attitude to match. He will race this Friday at Gosford.

APPLIANCES joined LORD ROW at Orange on the 10th. But he was denied a run, due to him tripping out of the barriers and leaving the jockey sitting on his posterior! He has trailed well since then and will join LORD ROW again at Gosford on the 1/3. The 1200mts will be too short for him but at this stage it is race experience we are after for him.



SHADES OF GREEN raced on the 9th at Warwick Farm. Freshened and from a wide barrier, she received no cover and therefore over raced. She was not disgraced in being beaten just under 3 lengths (hope I'm right there, as that's wades measuring?) SHADES will also join the boys this Friday at Gosford, all going well, we are hoping for a win!!

BLACK PIRATE raced at Bathurst last Sunday in what we thought would be an easy win. On reflection, when looking back at his chequered career, he has never really gone that well first up. Patrick rode him in a strong trial at Warwick Farm previous to the race and told us he's a cert at Bathurst. Coming into the straight Patrick wondered how far he will win by.

PIRATE didn't put in for reasons he has not disclosed to us as yet. He wouldn't have blown a candle out when he returned to the enclosure, therefore Patrick ruled out fitness immediately, so we are still scratching our heads? Of course the Chiropractor will test him and the vet will have a good look, but nothing seems amiss. So we can only hope he finds good form in his next race which will be March 14 Wyong or 16 at Kembla.

We are certainly due for a change of luck, as we had another would be winner AUSBRED BENZ, come unstuck when his shoe shifted underneath his hoof and so he galloped on nails for the last 80 mts of the race. What a gallant effort he put in to run 4th at Bathurst last Sunday. "A certainty beat for sure" is what Patrick said after he returned to scale and helped to pull the shoe out of the sole of his foot. He felt something go amiss, but of course he didn't know what it was until he dismounted and Wade said, "Look at his shoe!" He's still slightly lame from the deep bruising it caused. Thankfully there is no infection; he will be kept fit by swimming until he feels no pain. We will keep all informed to his progress and when he'll be ready to race again.

VENCEDORA is having a serious jump out of the barriers this Friday morning with another two year old. At this stage he will take part in an official Hawkesbury jump out on the 11th. We apologise for the time spent in his education, some horses just take a little longer and our motto is to make em don't break em. All going well the 11th should see the end of his first prep and an 8 week spell thereafter will do him good.



Vencedora

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SNIPAROSE has had a slight setback, when galloping last Saturday with her friend TOO CHIC; she overreached and cut the bulb of her heel. It's still a little tender and sore. We were considering Rosehill the 5th for her first trial, but now we may put them both in the jump outs at Hawkesbury on the 11th it will be onwards and up wards from there.

SACRED JOURNEY returns to work after a 6 week perfect spell. His dad, Gods Own, is spruiking winners everywhere at the moment. Who watched Vatican win the sprint at Mooney Valley last week in record time?

Chris Lawlor has sent us his two year old filly by Almah out of AUSBRED AURA, at this stage we can call her nothing else but CUTIE PIE, she deserves the name due to her obliging temperament, a very willing worker our CUTIE PIE, (or AUSBRED CUTIE ?)

Good luck and Good punting !!
Sending rainbows,
Dor & Wade



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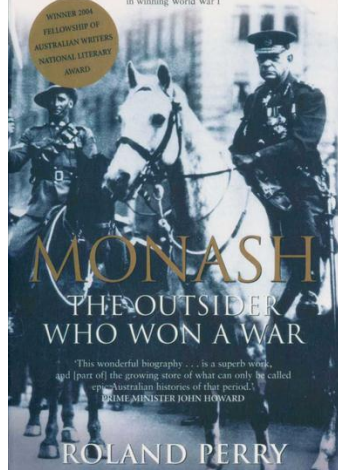


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This updated edition includes new information from German commanders, affirming the importance of the Battle of Amiens (8/8/1918) in winning World War I



Unfortunately at the last minute I was unable to make it to Victoria and regrettably I will miss Professor Roland Perry's talk on the book he wrote about Sir John Monash, 'The Outsider Who Won a War'. It is to be held at Federation Square Melbourne this evening 27th/2. It is a great read for those interested in our History.

Roland has a new book out, Bill the Bastard; it should appeal to all horse enthusiasts. It's a true story of an oversized and overzealous Waler in The First World War. Bill became a legend and one can only read the book to receive full benefit of this very apt Australian spirited story. I highly recommend it!!!

I was so moved by the story and considered unfathomably, that Banjo Paterson reneged on writing a poem about Bill the Bastard; that I just had to take my pen and a little ego to paper (see the next page). At least it will give you a short synopsis on the book you are all going to rush out and buy!

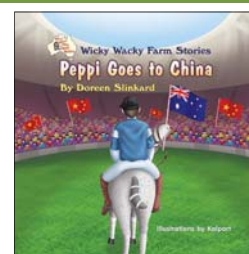
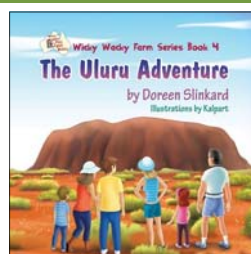
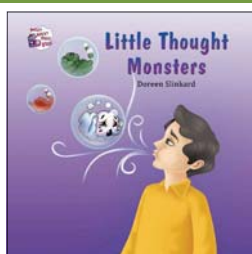
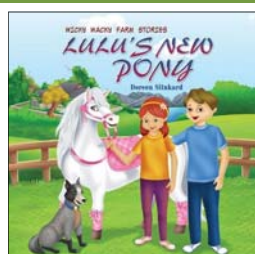
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BILL THE BASTARD
for Roland

There was excitement on the radio
For the word had passed around
That the latest book of Perry's
Had hit the shelves in town
At last the story had been told,
Of a champion horse no doubt
Of 'Bill the Bastard' and his heavy load of clout
A horse to catch the spirit
Of the riders near and far
But to no man except our Shanahan
Did way his fearful blow
He whispered in Bills ear
The words he seemed to know.
To be a mate true blue
When Light Horsemen need to be on cue
For when the battle began
Horse and rider became one hand.
And it was Bill who'd save our land.
He trudged for miles in hot desert sand
With packs heavier than any full grown man
But when others came to ride his back
It was only Shanahan that turned him to a hack.
No other man could sit him
And God help the man who hit him
For no scorn held the fury
Like Bill the Bastard truly!
He'd gallop off un-held and all around
Then stop to throw his rider
Like he weighed a bloody pound!

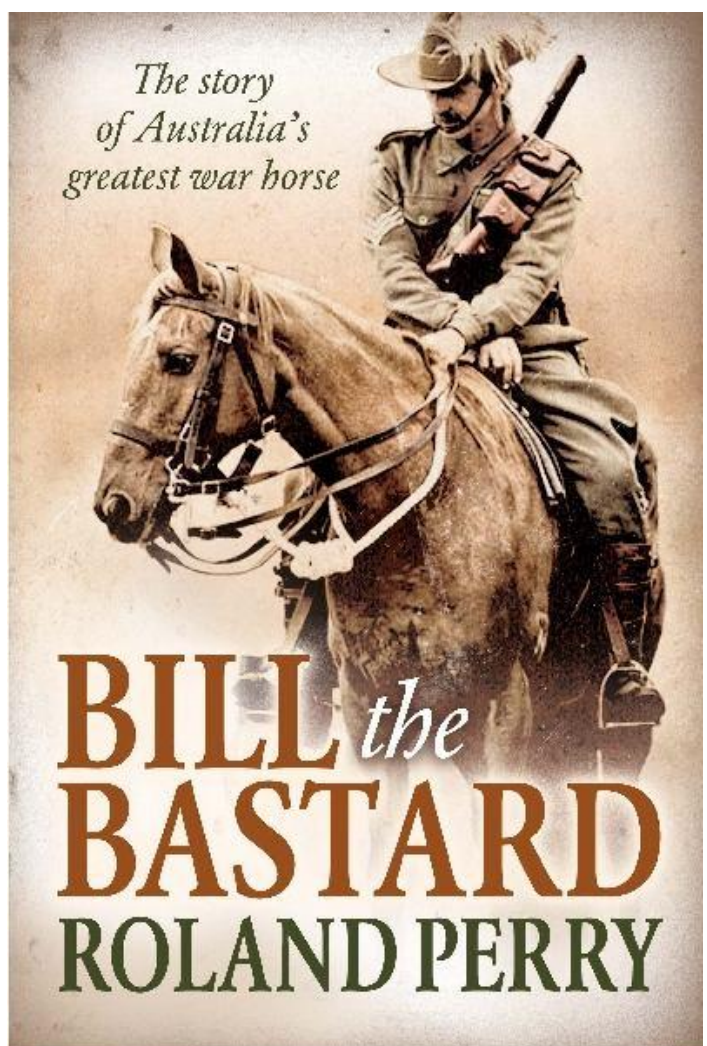
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Bill became the Pharlap of our Anzacs
And never did a day go by
The Light horsemen wouldn't laugh and cry
With stories told of Bill the Bastard
His courage and his will
And now his truth'll be everlasting still

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Thank you Roland

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"Bill the Bastard" by Roland Perry is available at
[Angus & Robertson](#) and all good book stores.