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# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

## "I don't go anywhere without my pussy!" .. Mrs Slocombe

Dear valued clients and friends,

As you would be aware, things were on high alert out this way these past two weeks, with the fires raging within the Blue Mountains and some quite close to us. We gave shelter to Jenny Churchill and her pussy Tarvi. Also a couple of mini ponies of which the racehorses thought hilarious, especially when one got loose and Wadey went chasing it all about. I suppose we have to find humour in most situations and so Jenny's nick name became Mrs Slocombe, remember her? "I don't go anywhere without my pussy!"



*Doreen, Jenny & Pussy (Tarvi)*

We must be thankful and give generously to our wonderful fire fighters. I'm quite sure it was their quick response and strategies that saved many a life that could have been lost.



*This is the beautiful filly by Danewin out of Ausbred Silk--- presented at the open day. All shares were immediately taken. Thank you Chris for your generosity at presenting such a lovely filly at such a great lease deal. GOOD LUCK ! Her name will be Ausbred Lace.*

We managed to hold the open day despite the threat of terrible weather, which never eventuated; instead it was a perfect day, except for the veil of smoke which reminded us of the people having to evacuate their homes. All who attended had a most enjoyable day and we were pleased to welcome some new faces to the farm.



*It was lovely to welcome some new friends to Windermere, as well as the treasured regular one's. This includes on the left Helena, Chris and then hidden behind the Lillie's is Lynn, Jill and Stasia.*







*It looks like blokes business, all discussing the new state of the art walking machine. Is that Wade trying to find his way out after a twenty minute walk?*

Our horses all performed very well this past month and we have an exciting time ahead, with Footy Fan holding her form well enough to have a go at the Grey Stars race on Oaks day at Flemington. FOOTY ran a commendable 2<sup>nd</sup> at Randwick on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. She carried 5kls more than the winner and was taken on for the lead for more than half the race, going under by less than half a length was a mighty effort under the circumstances.

SNIPAROSE had her first race start at Hawkesbury on Sunday then 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a great day. Hawkesbury hold the wine and food festival on the same Sunday each year, it adds a wonderful carnival atmosphere. Snip ran a bottler over the 1000mt journey. They set a cracking pace, clocking 56.03, she was beaten only 4.5 lengths to run 5<sup>th</sup>. This distance we knew was not ideal, plus the company was mostly city placed. So all in all it was a very good effort. She will now run at Bathurst on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December over 1200mts. We feel confident that she will improve enough to be right in the finish and with her matured attitude she will turn into a very honest, competitive race horse.

TOO CHIC took part in the same race as SNIP and was beaten for speed early, she settled second last and ran on well at the end. Chic is bred to run over distance and so we took the opportunity to run her again eleven days later, the 24<sup>th</sup> back at Hawkesbury in a 1300 mt maiden. She showed her talent by running an unlucky 5<sup>th</sup>; she should have at least run third. It was most pleasing to see her running strongly to the line. We have been patient with both these filly's, by allowing them time to strengthen

and now it's paying off, as Chic will back up at Bathurst on the 1<sup>st</sup> in a 1400mt maiden. She should also be hard to beat on her last effort.

APPLIANCES had his first start back at Hawkesbury on the 24<sup>th</sup>. He was also unlucky not to have run second, after being held up in the straight he ran a very commendable 3<sup>rd</sup> in a strong field. He will run back at Hawkesbury on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November (Ladies day) it coincides with FOOTY FANS Grey race on Oaks day in Melbourne. He will be hard to beat.

SHADE OF GREEN had a barrier trial Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>, winning by 6 lengths hard held. She certainly has returned this time in, as an exciting prospect. She just needed to strengthen a bit more to produce those extra two lengths she needed to be right in the mix every time. She will accompany APPLIANCES at Hawkesbury on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

What a great day we hope it will be, cheering Footy Fan on in Melbourne and Shade of Green and Appliances at Hawkesbury. For training such a small team, we have had a good run and we are confident it will continue with good horses to come back into work and also the good ones coming along.

BELL RULER the Aussie Rules filly has just finished her education prep. She has pleased us on every level, by doing everything right and showing us she can definitely gallop. We would love to have trialled her, but as young horses do when going through a growth spurt, she began to lay down nearly all day. It's certainly not a good idea to push them when this is happening. So BELL will have 8 weeks spelling and then be something special to look forward to on her return.

AUSBRED CUTIE came a long way this time in, after giving us some concern in her first prep due to her barrier manners. She has a tricky temperament, or a lot of spunk if you like, she needs to calm down a little before we can take her onto the next step--- racing. However, this prep, she passed in her two barrier trials, not perfectly, but well enough to show us she has the ability to win races, she just needs to grow up mentally and we'll have some fun for sure. Cutie is now out spelling and I suspect, having think about all that went before her. We are confident she will return with the right attitude. Patience is a virtue!!





**AUSBRED KEEPS ON FLYING**  
*3rd place in NSW Amateur Finals in Tamworth*

BLACK PIRATE is a prime example of giving horses a chance to mature. Some are born race horses; some take a few preparations and a lot of working out. The later was our Pirate, now we have him fathomed it will be full speed ahead. He will be ready to trial towards the end of October, or I may even find a race at Bathurst for a money earning trial. He has furnished into a magnificent individual, I'm thinking this could be his best prep yet!

RED REGAS, Josh's 2yr old, at this stage looks like he'll get to a trial in his first prep. He's a tough little customer; let's hope for Josh he's a winner!

All horses out spelling are doing very well, including Sacred Journey.

Horses coming into work on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov are VENCEDORA, MARCONI FILLY, SPINNING WORLD GELDING, just named ROVING EYE and AUSBRED LACE, (the filly Chris leased at the open day)

Good luck and good punting!!

Sending rainbows  
 Dor and Wade



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 NSW bushfires



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Doreen recently sent a copy of "Patrick's Women Horses & War - Book One" to Amanda Norton-Knight for a proof read review and this is the response received.

"I have finished your wonderful wonderful book. I thoroughly enjoyed it, thank you so much for allowing me to read the original copy! I feel very privileged.

It was captivating and moving and flowed beautifully. It has the ingredients of a quality read: humour, suspense, drama, friendship, loyalty, love & romance, twists, and developing characters that the reader can relate to.

The plot was strong and original, you have created an excellent foundation for the following 2 books. I loved the tone, the Australian setting, the era, all the characters and their unique (and sometimes quirky) personalities, the incorporation of historical and influential events. It was a good pace and entailed enough depth to give the plot substance without getting too philosophical or flowery.

I am already looking forward to reading book 2 and 3!!"

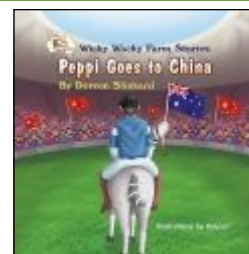
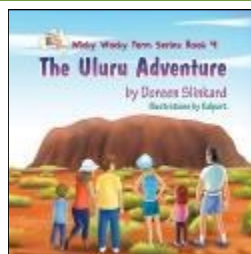
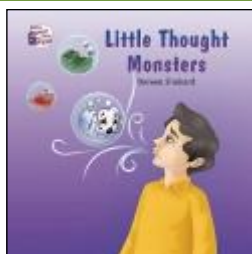
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