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# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

## MELBOURNE CUP!

Dear valued clients and friends,

Next Tuesday the Melbourne Cup will be run for the 155th time. This mighty race began in 1861, when an enterprising young man named Frederick Standish, suggested to the committee of the Victorian Turf Club, to accommodate a two mile race and name it, 'The Melbourne Cup.' The idea was taken up immediately. So a seventeen horse field lined up in the inaugural event. One bolted at the start and took no part. Three horses fell and two out of three had to be put down. Archer, after walking 500 miles to take his place, in the race, won by 8 lengths. It's still the record for the longest winning distance.

Nearly one hundred years later, 1951, yours truly at nine, went hand in hand with Dad to the Cup. It was a scary business, I felt like an ant at a free picnic lunch. Needless to say I clung to the enclosure fence all day, while Dad ferried drinks and food to me. I loved all the colour and the excitement of the magnificent race horses, not to mention, the ladies dressed to the nines. I vowed that night, I would not return to the Melbourne cup, until I owned one of the Cup horses and I looked like one of those nice ladies. Well, what do you know, I've kept my promise! But it aint over till the old girl (me) carks it!!





*Long-time client and friend, Rhonda Goodwin gives Matilda, (her Roman Emperor filly), a pat of congratulations on being joined up, showing intelligence and good manners.*

Now for some more truth about racing!

TOO CHIC refuses to tap the mat! She is still with us in this long preparation. 7/10 at Canterbury, Chic ran the 1900 metres, running home well into 4<sup>th</sup> place.

29/10, Chic contended another tight circuit, Gosford, over 2100mts where after the race, the stewards report took up 10 paragraphs. I won't bother to fill you in, only to say the wrong decision was made at the 600, which subsequently lost her the race. Chic had more stops and starts than the Olympic's, entire track and field events. She's earned a holiday, although we're sure she would have battled on racing regardless.

9/10 Wade went to Bathurst with LA CHIC. Unfortunately he should have taken a water cart! That's right, Bathurst has a habit of being too hard, or too soft. Goldie Locks would hardly ever find it, 'just right.' La Chic jarred up and will hopefully race on 5/11, Ladies Day at Hawkesbury.

LEGISTATE, yes it's spelt incorrectly, as Tom Sewell was refused 'Legislate.' We are half owners with Tom of this Aussie Rules youngster. Legistate is out of, the filly we trained, (some would remember) Royal Scarlet, anyway

Legistate, made his racing debut at Bathurst on the same day as La Chic. Legistate did everything right, except he too felt the hard track, but still ran a good fourth. On 22/10, he contended the opposite track conditions at Hawkesbury, where he ran an honest 5<sup>th</sup>. The fact was, the track was so bad after a couple of downpours; race stewards abandoned the meeting. Leaving Too Chic short of a run in the last race. Legistate will run again on, 5/11- Ladies Day at H.R.C.

On 11/10, Hawkesbury once again experienced heavy rain and the track became a ploughed paddock. Hence, the below standard performance of Vencedora. He travelled well when on the bit, but once off the bit and asked to chase, he floundered. However, he battled on despite' - and was only beaten 3.5 lengths. An honest effort I think. We were looking forward to perhaps another win at Kembla on 24/10, over 1400, but it was the first time Veni actually disappointed me and I'm sure the other owners. He ran 4<sup>th</sup> and maybe should have run 3<sup>rd</sup>? No excuses really. So he'll have another crack on his home turf in a 1500mt class 4, 'The Ted McCabe' handicap on 5/11, yes Ladies Day at Hawkesbury. I keep saying it, so maybe you'll decide to come and enjoy an eye full of lovely young ladies, all dressed to impress!



*Cousin Brian, a happy part owner of Vencedora. Brian travels all the way from Albury to watch Vencedora race.- most times.*



FOOTY FAN seemed to have picked up her act after her stint at the water walker. Wade was happy for Footy to contend the 1100mt, race at Warwick Farm on the 11th, knowing he had her fresh, but fit! Footy travelled well as usual for Clare Nutman until the home straight, where Footy started slowing up, looking for the way home to her paddock. The jury is still out. Footy may have another go at Hawkesbury, yes, you guessed it Ladies Day!

That was our racing this past month and we look forward to the next team, trialling, or racing within November, or early December. All owners will be informed during the month as to when, where and how their horses are going.

Cheers all and good luck with the MC!

Sending rainbows  
Dor & Wade



## Smurf's Corner



*Where to next for Smurf?  
It seems he has become Saint  
Monica's mascot.*

[Click here to watch video](#)

### Next Races

#### Footy Fan

Hawkesbury  
05/11/2015

**Nominations**

#### LANDER TOYOTA LADIES DAY CUP (Listed)

**Race Distance:** 1400, **Entry:** Hcp, **Jockey:** n/a, **Barrier:** n/a, **Weight:** n/a, **Field Limit:** n/a



#### Vencedora

Hawkesbury  
05/11/2015

**Nominations**

#### TED MCCABE CLASS 4 HANDICAP

**Race Distance:** 1500, **Entry:** Cl4 Hcp, **Jockey:** n/a, **Barrier:** n/a, **Weight:** n/a, **Field Limit:** n/a



#### Legislation

Hawkesbury  
05/11/2015

**Nominations**

#### MAIDEN PLATE

**Race Distance:** 1500, **Entry:** Mdn SW, **Jockey:** n/a, **Barrier:** n/a, **Weight:** n/a, **Field Limit:** n/a





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I went - I saw - and I was a little disappointed with the Book Expo at the Sydney Showgrounds-Homebush. Not only was it almost impossible to find the place, but the advertising on what, when, and where, for the Expo was nul-invoid.

However, I had a nice time and met some lovely people, mostly fellow authors. A few of my friends dared the incredible maze to find me sitting in booth with a bowl of sweets, enticing people to stop. I needed to tell them about my book. Which I'm pleased to say has accumulated excellent reviews and is already, after only two weeks, selling very well, not that it costs a fortune on Ebook, \$4.00? So now I wait for the print publishers and the movie makers to approach me, ha-ha.



By the way, The Wicky Wacky Farm, children's Chinese deal is still happening. Apparently we almost lost our illustrator with a serious illness. But fortunately she has recovered and is now back on the job. It will happen!



My dear friend Helena is helping out with the advertising of my book. The picture is inside her amazing Antique shop in Mossman.  
Thanks Helena XXX



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