

JANUARY 2018

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

LONG HOT DRY SUMMER!

Dear valued clients and friends,

I must report Wade's hip replacement was a great success, and he will be nominated for the Wilberforce veterans running race next month – only joking. Now I'm due for the same op. His was the right mine is the left, so we have obviously rubbed each other the wrong way over the past 46 years. I'm sure there have been more than a few witnesses to that! All correspondence is being sent early, due to my op being Thursday the first of Feb.

A long hot dry summer is prevailing, so having to race but a few times this month has been a blessing, for us and the horses.

STRADAZZLE, had his first ever go over 2400 mts at Randwick New Years Day at Randwick. He was not to be disgraced in a slowly run race, after Clare hooked him back to his usual position, last. Suddenly the pace slowed and Stradazzle was trapped. They sprinted home from the six hundred and left him flat footed. He put in an honest effort in the straight to be beaten just over four lengths.



Guess who this is, or what it is?
Our Granddaughter Arianna took this photo.
As you can see there are no flies on Veni.

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

A freshen up saw him back at Hawkesbury on the 24th, over 1800mts. We certainly didn't expect the same, slow run race, but Murphies Law prevailed. Stradazzle will race at Bathurst mid Feb over 2700mts. This will be interesting, but only so if Clare allows him to be where he's comfortable, it's the only way to see if he really stays.





I alone shared news year eve with dear friends Mabs and Rob at Loxley's on Bellbird Hill. (Wade needed to protect the horses from the fireworks displays).

Paul Mayer owner of Loxley's stands beside Mabs, the other gentlemen and Paul are members of the Kurrajong Historical club.

Celebrating Loxley's 185th anniversary, as well as the new year, 160 guests enjoyed fabulous cuisine, a great band and a spectacular view of Sydney alight!

OUR ANNIVERSAIRE, had an unofficial, but pleasing trial on the 5th, then an official trial, 15th where she was beat 4 lengths in a strong field, clocking 2 seconds faster than any other trial. Meaning near 14 lengths the difference. Annie accompanied Vencedora to Bathurst Monday 22/1 where she raced over 1300mts. Robbie Brewer, reported she made noises and didn't find the line. Disappointment prompted many tests to be done. All have resulted in - no problems. Wade has since used different bits, as we did with Vencedora when he had the same issue. It seems Annie's comfort zone is the same as Veni's, he and she are happy with a T-bar up lifter bit. She will either run at Hawkesbury or trial at Hawkesbury mid-February.

The bookmaker told me this horse would walk in. It did, but unfortunately all the others galloped.



VENCEDORA, as I have reported is a very happy chappy, loving his dressage and jumping. It's certainly put a spring in his step and the proof was in the pudding at Bathurst when he ran a good third, being beat 1.1/2 lengths. He ran home like a hungry kid at dinner time.

Trialling well late January were Trades Star and Jewell of Honour. They will both race in February.

All horses spelling are doing well and avoiding the midday heat under the shade of the old gum trees.

Sending Rainbows.
Dor and Wade



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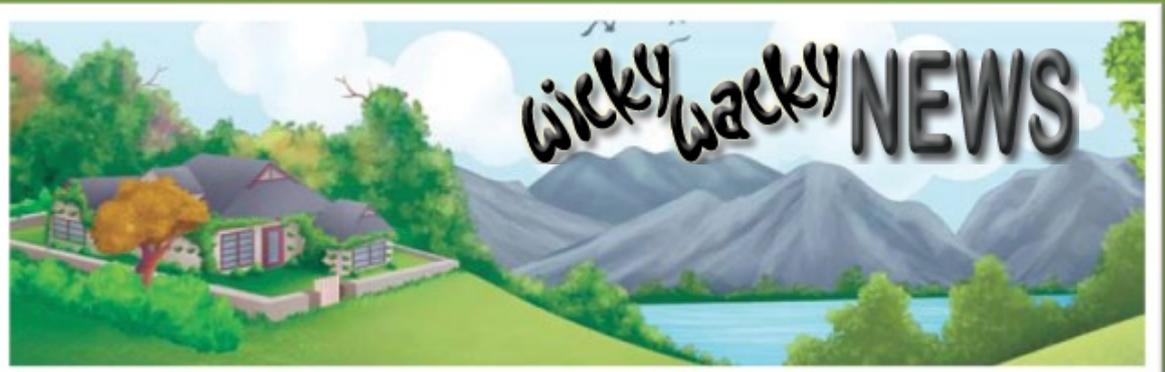
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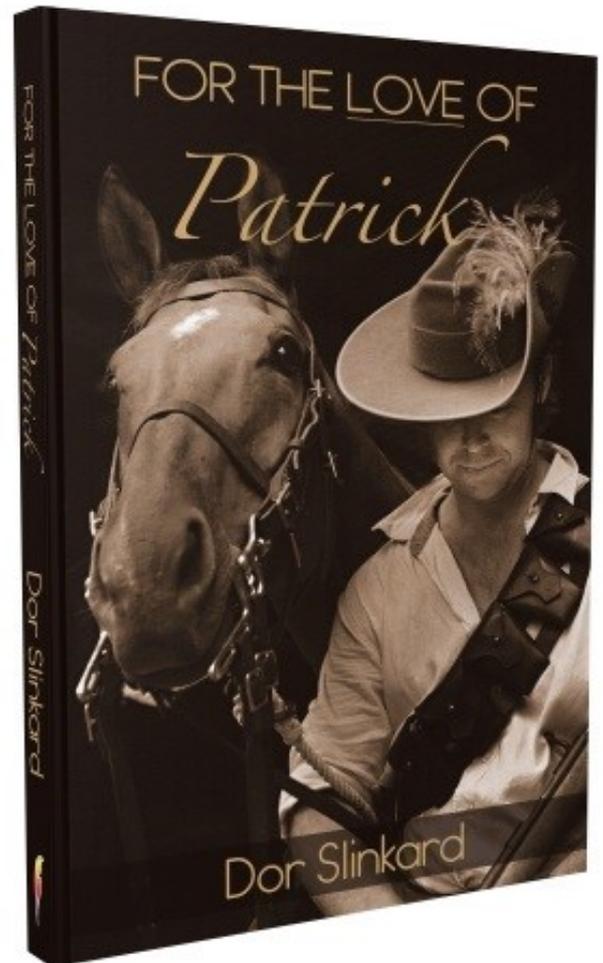
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The article, on the next page, in the Hawkesbury Independent, was well written by Greg Marin. It did the trick as far as sales went, especially at Wilberforce Newsagent, where they were under siege to produce my book. They had sold out before we could please all the customers. But another load will arrive this Wednesday, thank heaven. I do hope all of you who are reading For the Love of Patrick are enjoying it enough to pass on the good word. I would much appreciate it.

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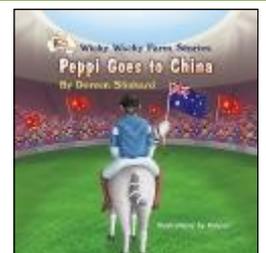
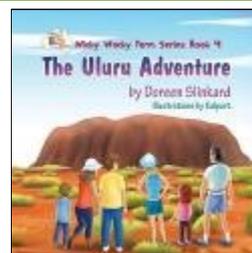
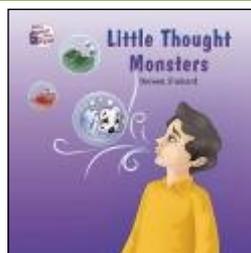
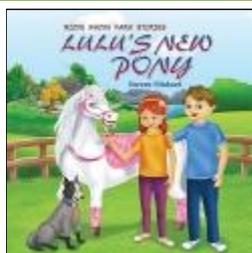
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