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Exciting Charge Forward 2YO - SOLAR CHARGED

ARROWFIELD STALLION BAND STRIKE A BEAT ACROSS AUSTRALIA

Champion Sire **Redoute's Choice** heads the 2009/2010 season's sire table for individual stakeswinners after **Broadway Belle** (ex Antique, by Metal Storm (FR)) won the **Listed Jungle Dawn Classic** at Ascot on Saturday and became the season's 8th individual stakeswinner for her sire. On the same day **Red Hot Choice** (ex Red Hot Mama, by General Nediym) finished second in the **Listed Aquanita Stakes** at Ascot, becoming his sire's 15th black type performer for the season.

Already the sire of this season's G1 winner **Headway, Charge Forward** looks to have unveiled an early favorite for next month's lucrative Magic Millions 2YO race. The John O'Shea-trained **Solar Charged** (ex Soul Singer, by Danehill (USA)) ran a class record time in the Jim Beam Handicap at Randwick last Saturday, careering away from her rivals for a facile five-length triumph and stopping the clock in 57.97 seconds for the 1000m journey.

O'Shea has compared the filly's explosive turn of foot to that of her sire, and jockey Corey Brown said "For mine she's the most impressive juvenile I've ever won on. The top of the ladder by far. We were highballing and she quickened off a hot tempo, amazing."

As a racehorse **Starcraft** had little to prove after retiring the winner of five G1 races in four countries, Champion 3YO of Australia and 2005 World Champion Older Turf Miler. As a sire he appears poised to carve a more impressive dynasty. His first North Hemisphere starter was a stakeswinner, **Don't Tell Mary** (ex Only in Dreams, by Polar Falcon) winning the **Listed Hilary Needler Trophy** (5f) in the UK. Last month additional black type was added when 2YO colt **Keep Cool** (ex Kirov (GB), by Darshaan) finished third in a G3 race in Germany.

The stallion has had just three starters in Australia and last Saturday Starcraft posted his first winner when **Star Witness** (ex Leone Chiara, by Lion Hunter) was an impressive debut winner of the Tatts Group Plate over 1000m at Moonee Valley. This followed the two placings achieved by the stallion's first two starters (at Doomben and Eagle Farm respectively) last month.

Trainer Danny O'Brien suggested Star Witness' race on Saturday will stand up as one of the better early form race for juveniles this season, and said of Star Witness, "He's still very, very new. He'd only come into the race today with one trial. I think there was enough word out about the others that it was quite a nice little race."

Hussonet has moved into the top 10 Australian Active Sires List recording his 43rd individual winner (and seven blacktype performers) for the season and prizemoney in excess of \$1.7m.

In Hong Kong **Danzero** has another potential champion on his hands. A runaway winner of the **HK-3 HKJC Sha Tin Sprint Trophy, Happy Zero** (ex Have Love, by Canny Lad) demolished the opposition at his next start in the HKJC International Sprint Trial (1200m) on 22 November and is now listed as an early favorite for this month's **G1 International Sprint** at Sha Tin, with jockey Darren Beadman suggesting the 5YO gelding is potentially Hong Kong's next international star.

Not to be outdone, Arrowfield's second first season sire – **Snitzel** is also making news. The G1 winning son of Redoute's Choice is the sire of dual metropolitan winner **Intertidal** (ex Miss Rainmaker, by Hurricane Sky), and dual placegetter **Bouzy Rouge** (ex Blurrta (NZ), by Bahhare (USA)), and heads the First Season Sires List with earnings of \$140,500.

Did you know? In a recent Racenet online poll the question was asked readers "Which horse rates as the best two-year-old produced at the races so far this season?" 453 votes were cast and the winner with 241 votes (53.1%) was the Charge Forward juvenile Solar Charged.

HUSSONET: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Hussonet was news in Europe last week when 4YO mare, **Jaconet** (ex Radiant Rocket, by Peteski) convincingly beat her rivals on the all-weather surface at Lingfield by 2 ¼ lengths in the six furlong **Golden Rose S. (Listed)** and become Hussonet's first stakes winner in UK & Europe.



Purchased for USD\$50,000 at the 2001 Keeneland Yearling Sale, Jaconet was exported to the UK and is now trained by Mr R G Toes. His son, Patrick, emailed us a photo of the winning mare last week (photograph supplied by David Williams of DW Images) and the additional news that in addition to Jaconet's stakes victory she equalled the track record at Lingfield (over six furlongs) on her last visit to the track.

Patrick wrote "Congratulations John for the foresight you have shown in buying Hussonet and taking him 'down under'. Wish it were the case that UK stud farms showed that same foresight. We do think Jaconet looks every bit like her sire and I seem to recall seeing a strong resemblance to his dam Sacahuista, who I believe also had good quarters on her."

Jaconet is likely to be campaigned on the all-weather through the European winter at stakes level.



Jaconet (by Hussonet)

PEDIGREE MUSINGS: AN ARROWFIELD AFFINITY AND THE AGA KHAN INFLUENCE

Saturday's success by **Broadway Belle** in the **Listed WATC Jungle Dawn Classic** saw her become the 57th stakeswinner for her sire. From a pedigree perspective Broadway Belle progresses two interesting theories with regard to **Redoute's Choice**.

Firstly Redoute's Choice is showing a strong affinity with mares carrying a line of Bletchingly close up in their pedigrees. Thrice Champion Sire Bletchingly appears in the pedigree of Redoute's Choice as the father of his damsire Canny Lad. To date Redoute's Choice has produced six stakeswinners who carry a duplication of Bletchingly, who died just 16 years ago. These include the dual G1 winner **Fashions Afield** and the very promising colt **Tickets** who was runner-up in two legs of the Sydney G1 juvenile Triple Crown and looks highly likely to capture a G1 prize at short notice.

Interestingly, all six stakeswinners who carry a duplication of Bletchingly do so individually through a different line (son or daughter) of Bletchingly in the mare. Bletchingly's 5 x 3 duplication of Fair Trial (whose dam was a half-sister to Nasrullah's granddam Mumtaz Mahal) no doubt plays a pivotal role in meshing with the numerous other lines of this family carried by Redoute's Choice within his pedigree (see below).

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Secondly, despite an extremely limited opportunity with mares by sons of Kenmare, Redoute's Choice is achieving a spectacular strike rate with mares from this line. There are only seven foals of racing age by Redoute's Choice from mares by sons of Kenmare (either Metal Storm or Keltrice) and yet four of them (an astonishing 57.1%) are stakes performers. These four are the stakeswinners **Miss Mooney Mooney** (twice Group-placed) and **Broadway Belle** and the stakesplaced mares **Megadeal** and **Albaicin**. Of the three out of seven who have not achieved black type, one – Broadway Belle's full sister **Arcadia** – has been placed 4th twice in stakes events including the **G2 MVRC Champagne Stakes**, less than two lengths from the ill-fated winner Antarctic Miss.

It's no surprise from a pedigree perspective that Kenmare blood should cross well with Redoute's Choice. Former Arrowfield stallion Kenmare was famously inbred to the full Aga Khan-bred siblings Nasrullah (through a son) and his full sister Rivaz, both of whom were by Nearco from Mumtaz Begum.

Redoute's Choice's pedigree perfectly complements this by carrying a son of Nasrullah - Thicket through Lunchtime; Nasrullah's ¾ blood-brother Royal Charger through Sir Ivor's sireline; five lines of Mahmoud, the ¾ blood brother to Mumtaz Begum; while his damsire Canny Lad's granddam Beautiful Dreamer is inbred 3 x 3 to Dodoma, a half-sister to Nasrullah and Rivaz. That's a veritable raft of compatible factors which is now manifesting itself in a very high black type strikerate.

It should be mentioned that Kenmare arrived at Arrowfield as an early shuttle pioneer in 1988 but was enjoying his retirement when the stud career of Redoute's Choice began in the year 2000. Today Kenmare is buried in the cemetery at Arrowfield rather fittingly just a few metres from the statue of the stallion who is finding the daughters of Kenmare's sire sons such a good match.

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MAKING NEWS

Breednet launched their inaugural Foal Gallery in 2007 and at the end of the breeding season they selected one foal to feature on their Christmas card. The colt – now known as **Spirited Eagle** – was from the first crop of Not a Single Doubt out of Rezidencia (a half-sister to G2 winner Society Beau, from former brilliant racemare Society Bay, winner of the G2 VRC Edward Manifold Stakes and second in the G1 QTC Stradbroke Handicap).

Bred by Arrowfield and Belford Productions, Spirited Eagle was purchased on behalf of his owner Wolf Blass by astute bloodstock agent Adrian Hancock for \$85,000 from the Arrowfield draft at the 2009 Magic Millions Yearling Sale.

Having his second race start on 21 November Spirited Eagle improved on a close up debut fourth at the same track on November 7, settling off the pace and finishing with a late rush to score a stylish victory in the 1000 metre dash as a well backed favourite.

Arrowfield will offer a half sister (by Hussonet (USA)) to Spirited Eagle at the 2010 Magic Millions Yearling Sale – Lot 531.

Editor of Breednet, Tara Madgwick (who kindly supplied us with a copy of the 2007 Christmas photo), reported after the win "Spirited Eagle has been a character from day one delighting the staff at Arrowfield with his playful antics as a foal, captured by Katrina Partridge in this gorgeous shot which (with a little help from us!) went on to become our 2007 Christmas Foal."



STAR STUDDED - AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE 2010 MAGIC MILLIONS CATALOGUE

Group 1 Winning Dams

Lot	Sex	Yearling Sire	Yearling Dam	Arrowfield/Bellerive consigned
151	F	Redoute's Choice	COVERTLY (G1 WATC Railway S.)	
219	C	Danzero	FLITTER (G1 STC Winfield Classic)	
333	F	Redoute's Choice	LA BARAKA(G1 AJC Galaxy H.)	
526	C	Flying Spur	REGIMENTAL GAL (G1 VRC Lightning S.)	

Group 2 winning dams

Lot	Sex	Yearling Sire	Yearling Dam	Arrowfield/Bellerive consigned
144	C	Starcraft (NZ)	CONQUISTAR (G2 Cambridge JC Travis S.)	
148	F	Redoute's Choice	COUNTESS CHRISTIE (G2 STC Magic Nights S.)	
238	F	Redoute's Choice	FREESTYLE (G2 SAJC Breeders' S.)	Arrowfield
277	C	Redoute's Choice	MAGIC MUSIC (G2 MVRC Schweppes S.)	
390	F	Redoute's Choice	MEDIA (G2 STC Magic Night S.)	
425	F	Flying Spur	MY SIENNA (G2 VRC Edward Manifold S.)	
473	F	Redoute's Choice	PIPER STAR (G2 MRC TS Carlyon Cup)	
819	C	Hussonet (USA)	MISS KARIBA (G2 STC Canterbury S.)	

Group 3 winning dams

Lot	Sex	Yearling Sire	Yearling Dam	Arrowfield/Bellerive consigned
73	C	Flying Spur	BASHFUL (G3 Cambridge Breeders' S.)	
101	C	Flying Spur	BRIEF EMBRACE (G3 MRC Blue Diamond Prelude (F))	
113	F	Not A Single Doubt	CARD QUEEN (G3 VATC Blue Diamond Prelude (F))	
328	C	Redoute's Choice	KIROV PREMIERE (G3 Meadowlands Rutgers H.)	Arrowfield

Listed winning dams

Lot	Sex	Yearling Sire	Yearling Dam	Arrowfield/Bellerive consigned
30	C	Starcraft (NZ)	AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' (VRC Let's Elope S. L)	Arrowfield
132	F	Redoute's Choice	CINQUE (SAJC South Australia S. L)	Bellerive
134	F	Flying Spur	CLASS SUCCESS (ARC Champagne S. L)	Bellerive
136	C	Snitzel	CLEAR VIEW (SAJC Proud Miss S. L)	
193	C	Redoute's Choice	EGYPTIAN IBIS (VRC Waltzing Lily H. L)	
228	C	Flying Spur	FOLLOW THE TILL (VRC Ritzenhoff Ottawa S. L)	
250	C	Redoute's Choice	GET TO WORK (SAJC Cindarella S. L)	
311	F	Flying Spur	JADE DIVA (MVRC Silver Jubilee S. L)	
363	C	Snitzel	LIGHT SWEEPER (VRC Desirable H. L)	Arrowfield
376	F	Hussonet (USA)	MADE OF DIAMONDS (SAJC Be Discreet S. L)	Arrowfield
496	C	Redoute's Choice	PURPLE GROOVE (VRC Let's Elope S. L)	Bellerive
619	F	Flying Spur	SPORTIVO (WATC Gimcrack S. L)	Arrowfield
625	C	Danzero	STAR HIT (SAJC WH Wylie H. L)	
667	F	Hussonet (USA)	TRAIL OF GOLD (AJC James HB Carr S. L)	
683	C	Charge Forward	VIGNOR (SAJC Classic Mile L)	
707	F	Starcraft (NZ)	AUGUST QUEEN (Bay Meadows Charles H Russell H. L)	

Group 1 Winning Siblings

Lot	Sex	Yearling Sire	Yearling Dam	Arrowfield/Bellerive consigned
91	F	Hussonet (USA)	Blond Rocket (dam of ROCKABUBBLE (f. by Bubble Gum Fellow) G1 Te Aroha JC NZ Thoroughbred Breeders'S.)	Arrowfield
122	C	Charge Forward	Chatelaine (dam of HEADWAY (f. by Charge Forward) G1 VRC Coolmore Stud S.)	
193	C	Redoute's Choice	Egyptian Ibis (dam of DESERT EAGLE - GRAND DELIGHT (g. by Hurricane Sky) G1 VRC Emirates S.)	
328	C	Redoute's Choice	Kirov Premiere (dam of CESARIO (f. by Special Week) G1 Hollywood American Oaks)	Arrowfield
366	F	Not A Single Doubt	London Lights (dam of ONLY A LADY f. by Sir Tristram) G1 AJC Flight S.)	Arrowfield
386	F	Flying Spur	Marrego (dam of EREMEIN (c. by Timber Country) G1 Australian Derby)	
656	C	Redoute's Choice	They Say (dam of HASNA (f. by Snippets) G1 AJC Sires' Produce S.)	

Group 2 Winning Siblings

Lot	Sex	Yearling Sire	Yearling Dam
292	C	Danzero	Humour (dam of HAPPY MORNING (g. by Danehill) G2 SAJC Breeders' S., and FATAL ATTRACTION (f. by Zabeel) Western Australian Oaks, Gr.2)
262	C	Hussonet (USA)	Light of Erin (dam of BARBARICUS (g. by Lion Hunter) G2 MVRC Bill Stutt S.)
377	C	Redoute's Choice	Magic Music (dam of MAGICALLY (f. by Danehill) G2 SAJC Yallambee Classic)
638	C	Redoute's Choice	Strawberry Girl (dam of DANROAD (c. by Danehill) G2 WRC Wakefield Challenge S.)
667	F	Hussonet (USA)	Trail of Gold (dam of GOLD TRAIL (g. by Hussonet) G2 AJC Shorts H.)

Group 3 Winning Siblings

Lot	Sex	Yearling Sire	Yearling Dam	Arrowfield/Bellerive consigned
67	C	Redoute's Choice	Bal Des Sirenes (dam of BRITT'S BEST (g. by Danehill) G3 STC Frederick Clissold S.)	
476	C	Redoute's Choice	Platonic (dam of CARNEGIE HOUSE (g. by Carnegie) G3 AJC Frank Packer P.)	
496	C	Redoute's Choice	Purple Groove (dam of ZAPURPLE (f. by Zabeel) G3 AJC South Australia Fillies Classic)	Bellerive

Listed Winning Siblings

Lot	Sex	Yearling Sire	Yearling Dam	Arrowfield/Bellerive consigned
148	F	Redoute's Choice	Countess Christie (dam of I HAVE NO FEAR (f. by Rock of Gibraltar) GCTC Ken Russell Memorial Classic, L)	
200	F	Starcraft (NZ)	Endless Wonder (dam of WONDERER (f. by End Sweep) AJC Wenona Girl H., L)	
244	C	Flying Spur	Galway Lass (dam of OUTDO (g. by Exceed and Excel) VRC Anzac Day S., L)	
371	C	Redoute's Choice	Lunaliona (dam of LUNASPUR (f. by Flying Spur) SAJC Morphettville Guineas, L)	Arrowfield
548	F	Not A Single Doubt	Royal Snip (dam of ROYAL BABE (f. by Rory's Jester) Avondale JC 2YO Fillies S., L)	Arrowfield
608	F	Charge Forward	Soul Singer (dam of CAUSEWAY QUEEN (f. by Giant's Causeway) Tasmanian Oaks, L)	

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RACING NSW COUNTRY 2009 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Ramornie Handicap winner **Battlefield** returned to the Paul Messara Racing Stable this week, a timely coincidence with the eye catching chestnut being crowned **NSW Country Horse of the year** last Friday. Battlefield was one of four contenders for the title with the competition including stable mate **Obvious Choice (Redoute's Choice)**, Wasted Emotions and With A Chance.

Paul was on hand to collect the award and is hoping Battlefield's Autumn campaign will culminate in a Group 1 bid. The flaxen maned gelding spent the Spring Carnival in the paddock after sustaining an injury when shying at a bird during morning trackwork, and the stable are hoping this campaign will shine brighter for all concerned!

Paul states that Battlefield has returned from his 8-week layoff "in great order".



NSW Country Horse Of The Year - Battlefield

THE MESSARA FILE: BICKHAM BERSHEEBA

More than 500 people – the majority on horseback - took to the streets of Scone, Australia's Horse Capital last Saturday. Their message to the State Government and to Bickham Coal Company was clear: this mine poses too great a risk to high-value agriculture in the Upper Hunter Valley district.

A large group of leading thoroughbred horse studs were represented at the rally. The Upper Hunter represents the world's second largest thoroughbred breeding ground. It supplies not only 30% of all Australian thoroughbred foals born in Australia each year, 71.6% of yearlings sold at Australian yearling sales, 75% of Australian stallion service fees, but also in excess of 1000 local jobs. Familiar faces were spotted from studs including Arrowfield, Vinery, Darley, Bellerive, Cressfield, Willow Park, Yarraman Park, Coolmore, Murulla, Turangga, Kia-Ora, Invermien, and Middlebrook.

The Scone area is also home to the Australian Stockhorse Society, and hosts every equine pursuit from team penning, camp drafting, polocrosse, polo, dressage, and eventing, to showjumping, rodeo, show hack, pony club, and other breeds.

A number of regional identities were called upon to address the crowd from the steps of the newly completed Upper Hunter Shire Council headquarters. Local landowner Peter Haydon dismounted from his Australian Stockhorse to speak. Haydon detailed an expansive list of risks posed by the Bickham mine and made a passionate plea for the community to draft submissions to the Department of Planning by the closing date of 4 December.

Well known bush poet and Scone resident Greg Scott recited a poem he had written specifically for the occasion whilst Martin Rush, Mayor

of neighbouring shire Muswellbrook, raised loud applause from the crowd when he stated that a small mine such as Bickham should not interfere with longstanding agricultural industries.

John Messara AM also spoke. He referred to the 'precautionary principle' needing to be invoked in the case of Bickham's application for this mine, and called "for ongoing balance in the State Government's approach to planning for the region".

The 37 degree temperature saw Australian equestrian rider Nikki Richardson - who led the parade - shed her Olympic jacket, but the mood amongst the crowd remained infectious.

"This isn't an anti mining rally per se," commented one of the day's organisers and 7th generation local Peter White. "It's anti THIS particular mine. Bickham proposes to build its mine 150m from the Pages River. Although much of this water system flows underground, the Pages River is the most historic tributary of the Hunter River which underpins our Horse Capital. This region has a proven longevity beyond the 25 years of this limited resource mine. We must protect our living water," added White.

STOP PRESS!!

On Wednesday 2 December the Upper Hunter Shire Council voted unanimously to oppose the proposal proceeding to mine application and will strongly oppose the proposed Bickham open cut coal mine in its submission to the NSW Department of Planning.

Upper Hunter Shire Council Mayor Lee Watts said Council's experts considered the water report produced by Bickham inadequate.

"Council believes the proposal should be stopped now and not proceed to a mine application, and we oppose the proposal proceeding to this stage," Cr Watts said.

"Whilst Council acknowledges the potential local economic value, the potential negative environmental impact highlighted by the deficiencies in the water report and the precautionary principle have guided Council to oppose the project proceeding to the next stage," Cr Watts added.

Cr Watts said Councillors agreed the potential economic benefits from the mine were negligible compared with potential negative impacts for the Shire.

"It is not logical nor in the interests of long term sustainability or rational planning principles to open a 36 million tonne coal mine in a location where no other mine currently exists within many kilometres north or south," Cr Watts said.

"The sustainability of the Upper Hunter region and its rich diversity must be maintained. The risks associated with a development such as Bickham are disproportionate to any benefits that could possibly flow from this mine."

Cr Watts said the mine posed an unacceptable risk to the upper water catchment area of Kingdon Ponds and the Pages River, a major tributary of the Hunter River.

Councillor Bill Howey stated "Establishing a coal mine at Bickham is a totally unacceptable risk to the sustainable ecology and pristine pastoral environment of the Upper Hunter Valley and to the long established industries of agricultural production and horse breeding in particular. The long term viability and absolute integrity of the internationally renowned marquee industry of horse breeding which has been over 175 years in the making must be protected at all costs. Any threat should be vehemently repulsed. It is not logical or nor in the interests of long term sustainability or rational planning principles ... The risks associated with a development such as Bickham are disproportionate to any benefits that could possibly flow."

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BICKHAM BERSHEEBA - THE ARROWFIELD CONNECTION

The combined Arrowfield/Bellerive/Arrowfield Training Centre teams turned out in force for Saturday's rally against Bickham mine. More than 50 staff walked or rode on the day (requiring 2 horse trucks to transport the large number of horses to and from White Park). A strong opponent of the mine, and an key member of the Upper Hunter Progress Group, **John Messara** drove from Sydney to march in the rally (**Kris** alongside him). John addressed the crowd and, not surprisingly given his role, was frequently quoted in the media that covered the 28 November events.

A large number of staff were also photographed/interviewed or quoted over the two week period:

- **Rebecca Musset** (broodmares) was the face of the pro-rally advertising campaign and her photograph appeared in all manner of shopfronts from Aberdeen to Tamworth, full page ads in the *Scone Advocate* and *Hunter Valley News*, rally signage, and the registration form for the ride.
- **Dave Harrison** (yearlings), **Janine Gandy** (broodmares), **Jess Bonn** (broodmares) and **Heidi Brown** (broodmares) appeared on *Breednet*, *The Northern Daily Leader*, *Horse Deals*, *The Upper Hunter Entertainer*, and *Bloodstock.com*
- **Sam Fairgray** (Operations Manager) appeared in *The Land*
- **Heath Nichols** (broodmares), **John Ryan** (serving barn), **Denis Griffin** (stallions) and **Katrina Partridge** (marketing) appeared on the front page of *The Newcastle Herald*, plus *The Australian Financial Review* and *The Northern Daily Leader*. Katrina was also interviewed for the *ABC*, *NBN* and *2NUR*, quoted in the *Hunter Valley News* and *Scone Advocate*, and her photos were used in a series of regional newspapers that covered the event.
- Mention should also be made of the staff horses who appeared in the main street of Scone for one photo shoot (Katrina Partridge's 17hh thoroughbred – 'Tommy'), and the horses that were transported along with a group of riders to the Pages River at Gundy for another photo shoot: Domindi (quarter horse, campdrafter, owned and ridden by Heath Nichols), Morris (Australian stockhorse, polocrosse, owned by Jess Hood, ridden by Katrina Partridge), Gilby (Australian stockhorse, polocrosse, owned by Jess Hood, ridden by Denis Griffin), and Scally Wag (Australian stockhorse, riding horse, owned and ridden by John Ryan).

The attached photo gallery pays tribute to just some of the 'Arrowfield faces' spotted last Saturday:



Save Australia's Horse Capital

Bickham Coal Company proposes to develop an Open-cut Coal Mine near the top of the Pages River and Kingdon Ponds near Blandford. The towns of Murrurundi, Blandford, Gundy, Wingen, Parkville & Scone depend on these for their water. They are the life blood of the area and our world renowned horse industry. BCC have released their long awaited water report and still there are concerns about the risk to our water.



Get concerned:

1 Bickham Beersheba

Saturday 28 November, 2009
at 12 pm. Kelly St, Scone

Just as the charge of the Australian Light Horse in WW1 famously saved the wells and turned the tide of the battle now is the time to ride and stop Bickham Coal from destroying our water. Walkers and riders welcome. Assemble by 11.30m at White Park, Scone.

For registration form or further details:
Kathryn Ludcke (kludcke@darley.com.au)
or 02.65.43.9019.

2 Write a submission

Write to the government and tell them what you think about this unwanted open cut coal mine at the top of the valley's catchment. Submissions close December 4, 2009.

Send your letter to
Mining & Industry
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001
or fax 9228 6466
or email: plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au
and cc to bcaginfo@bigpond.com.

Bickham Coal-mine Action Group
www.bcag.com.au

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BICKHAM - FARM CONNECTIONS

Charlotte Hamilton (yearlings) and 'Tommy' (owned by Katrina Partridge)



John Ryan (black t-shirt) rides his Australian stockhorse mare 'Sallywag' in the parade



The face of the parade' Rebecca Musset



(L-R) Dave Harrison (riding 'Creamy' owned by Stephen Irwin), Heidi Brown (riding 'Domindi' owned by Heath Nichols), Janine Gandy (walking) and Jess Bonn (riding her own horse 'Soldier')

L-R: Zach Johnstone (riding a horse owned by The Metcalfe family) and Louis Le Metayer



Harriette Gunn (daughter of Drs Allan and Vikki Gunn), looks on from the sidelines.



Leah Gavranich (riding 'Little Biddy' - ATC pony) and James Stitt (riding 'Annie' owned by King Langdon) from the Arrowfield Training Centre



Luci, Oscar, Mac and Jeremy Metcalfe

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BICKHAM RALLY



The thumbs up from Leah as the ATC truck heads back to the stud



Sam Fairgray's daughter (Holly) and son (Ethan) [Left] and an Arrowfield born and raised thoroughbred (now 3-Day Eventer) 'Charlie Brown' owned and ridden by Philippa Halcombe



Olivia Bentley (riding her pony 'Casper')

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