



KOORINGAL STUD MAY 2016

Weaning Coming to an End

The Weaning of the 2015 foals is coming to an end with the last groups coming into the purpose- built yards for their handling and education. Towards the end of the season, mares and foals were moved into paddocks of similar age, size and gender, where they would stay until well after the weaning process so that the foals are settled and comfortable in their environments. The process began towards the end of February with the older foals being moved away from their mothers in groups of 3-5 into the farms covered and rubber lined yards , where they are then allowed to settle for a few days before beginning a two week intensive handling program with Peter Cowell from Conundrum Horse Handling. The handling program includes catching, leading, tying up, hoof handling and general confidence and obedience around their handlers. Upon graduating from the program the weanlings are then returned to their allocated paddocks with their mates where they continue to grow and mature with a close eye being kept on their nutrition and condition. The weanlings are then brought back into the yards every eight weeks for routine hoof trimming, drenching and a brief handling refresher session.

Yearling Breaking well underway



The breaking of the 2014 yearlings is also gaining momentum with resident breaker Matt Butt already having several horses going under saddle. Matt's process is based around natural horsemanship, which builds on the foundation set down by Peter Cowell in the weaning process, making it a seamless continuation of their education. The yearlings have all taken to this new role very willingly and Matt is very pleased with their process both on the ground and under saddle, stating, "I have found that the breakers have had an exceptional foundation of groundwork which is a real credit to Kooringal staff for the effort that has been put into each horse."



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