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### **RDA (NSW) Media Release 10 October 2022**

Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW), turns 50!!

*RDA (NSW) is a volunteer organisation that provides horse - related activities to enrich the lives of people with disabilities.*

On 23 October 1972 RDA (NSW) was founded by Pearl Bachelor and commenced operations on the outskirts of Sydney at West Pennant Hills.

Fast forward 50 years and RDA(NSW) has 35 centres operating across the State from Tweed Valley in the North, to Albury/Wodonga in the South, and as far West as Griffith.

From just a hand full of volunteers, riders and horses in the early days; Pre-COVID-19, RDA (NSW) boasted 1,300 volunteers, 1,500 riders and 280 horses, delivering its services to NSW Communities.

We are slowly building our numbers up again following the impacts of COVID on our human and financial resources.

RDA (NSW) says Thank You to our Life Members, Volunteers, Horses, Sponsors, and Donors who have helped RDA (NSW) achieve this Milestone of 50 Years' Service to our NSW Communities. May there be many more!



"Riding Develops Abilities"

For and on behalf of the RDA NSW Board,

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