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To Centres

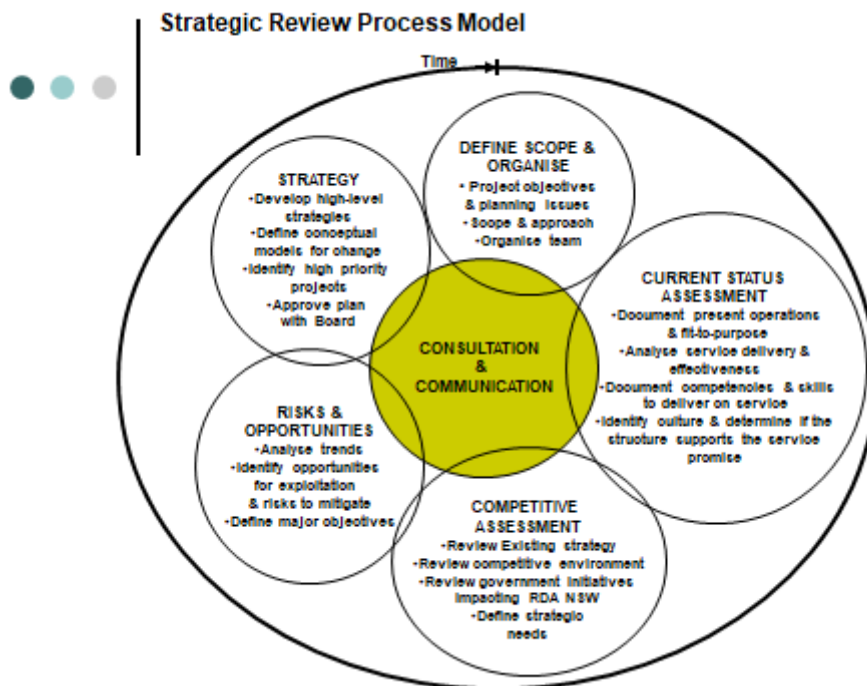
CC: Regional Representatives
Key Committees
RDA NSW Board

RE: Min-Strategic Review Letter to Centres and Questionnaire

Later this year I'll be engaging representatives from all Centres, Regional Representatives, Key Committees such as CASP, State Office, and the Board to provide further input and discussion; that will lead to a revision of the RDA NSW Strategic Plan.

The first step towards that goal is to collect data from the Centres that will inform and help understand the trends, threats and opportunities that may need to be accommodated within the revised plan.

The diagram below outlines broadly the processes that will be undertaken to arrive at the revised plan.



Please assist by completing the questionnaire over page on behalf of your Centre, and return it to State Office by **5PM Monday 19 September**? When completing the questions keep it simple, estimates are fine for the numeric answers, and key words will help the analysis more than long drawn out sentences. If you need help then call me for a quick chat.

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Mini-Strategic Review Questionnaire to Centre:

Your Centre: Wollondilly

1) ESTIMATED NUMBER OF; Riders including Carriage Drivers, Coaches and Whips, Volunteers for the following years:

Year	Riders	Carriage Drivers	Coaches	Whips	Volunteers
2019	21		2		24
2020					
2021	21		1 plus trainee		20
2022	21		1 plus trainee		21

2) IMPACTS OF COVID IN 2020 & 2021 to your Centre across Riders, Carriage Drivers, Coaches, Whips and Volunteers. Max 50 words:

We were closed unable to ride so no contact. Our riders that moved to High School missed out.
Volunteer doing Assistant Coach Course was stalled and has been hard for her to continue due to changes in circumstances.
No riding days 2020. 2 days early in year cancelled to weather then Covid cancelled rest of year.
Volunteers fed horses on grounds and did maintenance.

3) RIDERS AND CARRIAGE DRIVERS:

3a) Impacts on 2022; whether your numbers are up or down against previous years? Max 20 words:

Our numbers are constant. We could have many more riders-- but only one Coach.

3b) Are the rider/carriage driver weight limits impacting your numbers? Yes/No No circle one.

3c) Are riders joining the Centre because of NDIS? Yes/No No circle one

3d) Are riders leaving the Centre because they have more choice through NDIS funding? Yes/No No circle one

3e) Do you believe that RDA NSW needs to change its programs to attract more riders? Yes/No No circle one

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3f) If your answer to question 3e was Yes, please provide a brief explanation of how the programs might be changed? Max 20 words

4) COACHES AND WHIPS:

4a) What impacts (external or internal) are driving your Coaching or Whip numbers up or down? Max 20 words

We are having trouble getting Coaches either because course is too much or they work.

4b) Do you think that the training for RDA Coaches is too extensive? Yes/No circle one.

4c) Do you think that the training for RDA Coaches is just about right? Yes/No circle one.

4d) What changes should be made to the training? Max 20 words

There should be a shorter course for those who have previous experience with horses and coaching eg. they may have been or are a Pony Club Coach.

5) VOLUNTEERS:

5a) What impacts (external or internal) are driving your Volunteer numbers up or down? Max 20 words

Volunteers we have are getting older and most younger ones work either full or part time.
We are fortunate to have army personnel from Holsworthy Rehabilitation Unit volunteer.

5b) What actions can your Centre take to increase and sustain Volunteer numbers? Max 20 words

Maybe to have riding on a weekend but with one Coach- not possible.

5c) What actions should RDA NSW take to increase and sustain Volunteer numbers? Max 20 words

A lot of our volunteer enquiries have first seen RDA NSW website so that's good.
Perhaps RDA NSW could do some publicity to attract younger volunteers.

6) FUNDRAISING (Excluding Infrastructure and Capital Equipment Grants):

6a) Are your fundraising efforts covering your expenditures? Yes/No circle one.

6b) If your answer to question 6a was No; how long can your Centre continue to operate based on your current savings? Max 20 words

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6c) Are you finding it more difficult to fundraise since COVID? ☒ Yes/No circle one. Please explain? Max 20 words

We haven't been able to have eg. Pet Shows BUT local businesses and Service Clubs have been of great help.

7) SITE AND INFRASTRUCTURE:

7a) Is your Centre located on an RDA NSW owned property? Yes/No ☒ circle one.

7b) Does your Centre have a riding or dressage arena? Yes/No ☒ circle one.

7c) If your answer to question 7b was Yes, is your arena covered? Yes/No circle one.

7d) Do you have enough paddock space to house and feed your horses; accepting that they may need supplements? Yes/No ☒ circle one.

7e) Do you require assistance when applying for Grants? Yes/No ☒ circle one.

For and on behalf of the RDA NSW Board,

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