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To Centres

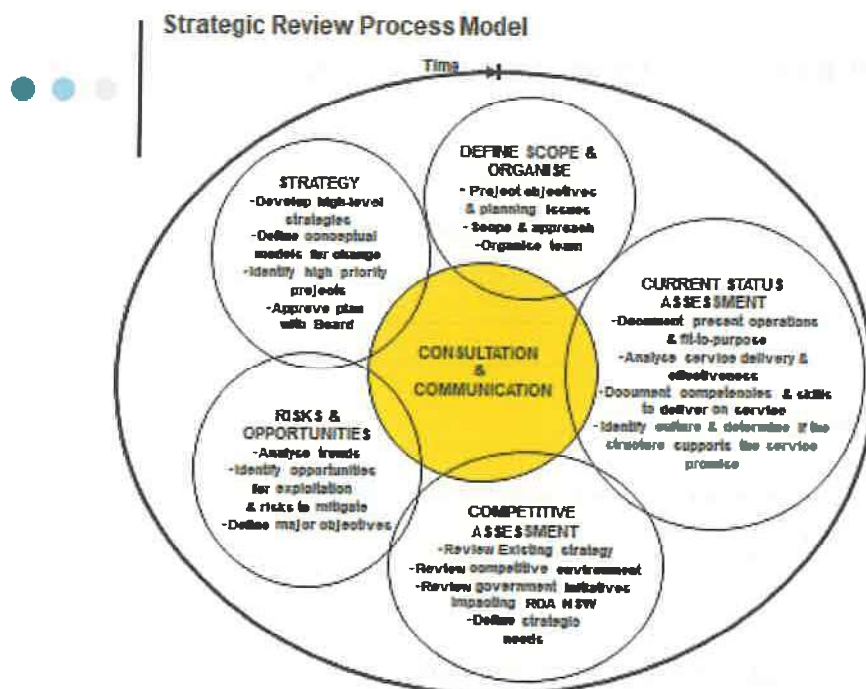
CC: Regional Representatives  
Key Committees  
RDA NSW Board

## 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: Cowra

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

Year	Riders	Carriage Drivers	Coaches	Whips	Volunteers
2019	77		1		35
2020	30		2		25
2021	75		2		25
2022	55		1		20

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

Cowra Centre continued through most of Covid but with only 4 in a class, when we were allowed. Volunteers were not as busy so felt unneeded & dropped off.

#### 3) RIDERS AND CARRIAGE DRIVERS:

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

Riders are still keen but Education Dept has clamped down on disability regulations.

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

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

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

3e) Do you believe that RDA NSW needs to change its programs to attract more riders? Yes/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

Pre-requisite is to be well educated + have free time to study. Coaching requires more time than most people have available.

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

Consider prior coaching experience to advance, first unit to be a horse unit not admin, intensive weekend for theory + practical experience

#### 5) VOLUNTEERS:

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

Unvaccinated cannot come

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

A new clubhouse will be enticing, + a clean kitchen

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

more publicity

#### 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

## 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 *Covered arena being built.*

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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