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To Centres

CC: Regional Representatives
Key Committees
RDA NSW Board

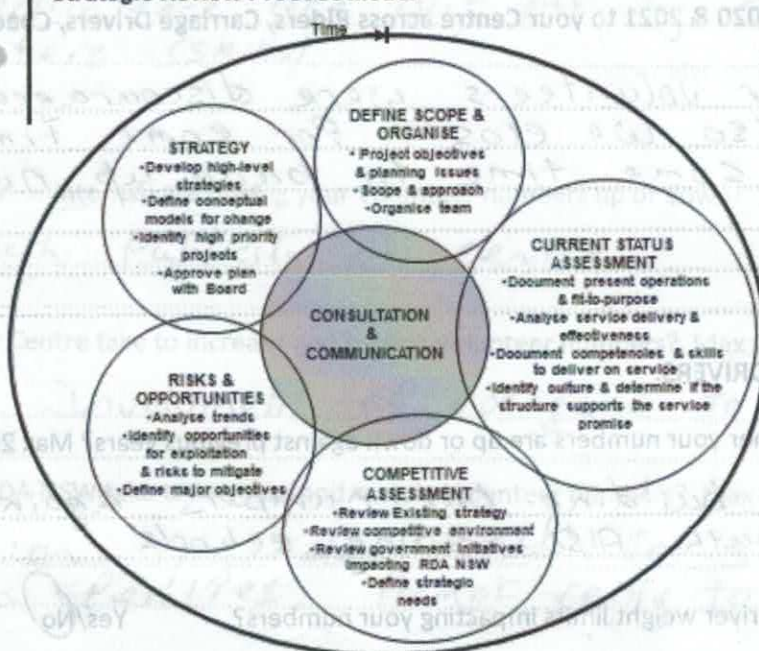
RE: Min-Strategic Review Letter to Centres and Questionnaire

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.

Strategic Review Process Model



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: Orange

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

Year	Riders	Carriage Drivers	Coaches	Whips	Volunteers
2019	Stranded 6-8	/	1	/	about 20-30
2020	—	/	1	/	30
2021	10-20 on and off	/	1	/	35-40
2022	38-40	/	1	/	40 ish.

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

Alot of older volunteers were discouraged from coming. Also we closed for some time due to Covid took some time to build up numbers again.

3) RIDERS AND CARRIAGE DRIVERS:

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

We are now building our numbers again through word of mouth. Also visiting schools

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

N/A

4) COACHES AND WHIPS:

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

N/A

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

Interested volunteers are put off by study (amount of) and computers (skills)

5) VOLUNTEERS:

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

Word of mouth. Publicity of centre.

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

Team work. Involvement of everyone to participate. Task asked.

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

Communication upgrade. Listen to suggestions made from centres. Prompt reply to requests.

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

But community donations are still coming in to our centre

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. *Have volunteers experienced in this field.*

For and on behalf of the RDA NSW Board,

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