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**Mini-Strategic Review Questionnaire to Centre:**

Your Centre: TALL TIMBERS

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

Year	Riders	Carriage Drivers	Coaches (ACTIVE)	Whips	Volunteers
2019	141	0	15	0	80
2020	104	0	5	0	40
2021	103	0	5	0	35
2022	95	0	5	0	35

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

Hard covid lockdown (8 mths of closure); No school programs in 2020 or 2021 due to Dept of Education stipulations. Fear of public interaction/social interactions. Change of work circumstance, change of family circumstances.

3) RIDERS AND CARRIAGE DRIVERS:

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

numbers are down due to lack of coaching capacity and lack of volunteer capacity.

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

Tall Timbers has implemented changes to programs due to participant needs.

#### 4) COACHES AND WHIPS:

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

coaching numbers are down due to changing work & family circumstances, age and health

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

more focus on the supervising coaches

#### 5) VOLUNTEERS:

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

numbers are down due to age, and due to change of personal circumstances, fear of COVID.

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

we are actively engaging with community groups. We promote COVID safe practices. We need to focus on enrolling younger people

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

advertise & promote all Centres and target younger people to join the organisation.

#### 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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*Financial strategy is being reviewed and upon completion will provide clarity*

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

*A different strategy is required to fundraise post-COVID*

#### 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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