As a supporter of Riding for the Disabled Association South Australia (RDA SA), you know what an amazing charity it is.

However you may not know that I have been a patron of RDA SA for 33 years (since 1981), and that after I retired as a jockey, I was an RDA SA volunteer for 10 years, working with people with disabilities and the horses.

Nothing could replace the thrill of riding two Melbourne Cup winners, but teaching the riders for almost a decade gave me far greater satisfaction. To see them make their first attempt to ride a horse, and later succeed, has been one of the most rewarding things in my life.

RDA SA is a voluntary, not for profit organisation dedicated to providing horse riding and associated activities to clients with disabilities. RDA SA is affiliated with RDA Australia and is part of an international movement.

RDA SA began operations more than 40 years ago (1972) and over this period has enabled thousands of clients to benefit from therapy and enjoy sport and recreation.

The organisation has 13 centres across South Australia and cater for around 400 clients, who are assisted by more than 700 volunteers per year. RDA SA centres work closely with schools and disability service groups to provide activities in set sessions on a weekly basis.

The riders (mainly children) suffer from diverse disabilities including: autism, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, etc. Horse riding provides beneficial therapy in many ways, both physical and psychological including:

- Improved health and wellbeing
- Improved balance and posture
- Increased hand-eye coordination
- Social integration
- Development of language and communication skills
- Motivation and learning, especially reading and speech, through games
- Memory improvement and concentration
- Improved self confidence and self esteem
- Personal challenges leading to achievements
- Clinical exercises executed in challenging but pleasant surroundings
- Overcoming phobias such as heights, animals and water

RDA SA is a small charity (it has four full time and three part time staff) that achieves much with little. The Association is run by a Board comprised entirely of volunteers, with oversight of the 5.0 fte office staff. The state office staff supports centres through administration, reporting to government, assisting with coach accreditation and training, fundraising, grants management, client records and management, etc.

The inspirational stories about the effectiveness of RDA SA programs could fill a book. From the autistic boy who had never spoken a word until he called his pony’s name, to the boy who was pronounced dead at the scene of a quad bike accident, spent four months in a coma and has now learnt to walk and talk again with the help of RDA SA, this charity produces some incredible outcomes for some incredible people.

Yours sincerely

John Letts
Patron
Riding for the Disabled Association South Australia Inc.
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Pictured on the front cover: Oakbank volunteer Marie Roma
THANK YOU

Thank you to all RDASA volunteers for your dedication and hard work. Without you, we would not be able to provide the RDA programs that help and are enjoyed by hundreds of people with disabilities, every year.
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RDA SA CENTRE LOCATIONS
Barossa & Light
Barossa Pony Club Grounds
Angaston Road, NURIOOTPA

Jennibrook Farm
72 Pine Road, WOODCROFT

Mount Gambier
Sunnybrae Centre
Wandilo, via MOUNT GAMBIER

Murray Bridge
1 Coolibah Drive, MURRAY BRIDGE

Northern Area
Northern Adelaide Regional Horse Centre
Cnr Whites and Ryan Roads
GLOBE DERBY PARK

Oakbank
Oakbank Racecourse, Shillabeer Road, OAKBANK

O’Halloran Hill
3a Majors Road, O’HALLORAN HILL

Port Lincoln
Ravendale Pony Club Grounds
Proper Bay Road, PORT LINCOLN

Port Pirie
Senate Road, PORT PIRIE

Riverland
Old Berri Racecourse
Moritz Road, BERRI

Victor Harbor
15 Lipizzaner Drive, MORGAN PARK

Whyalla
Racecourse Road, WHYALLA NORRIE

Yorke Peninsula
Kadina Equestrian Centre
Waltaroo Road, KADINA
For RDA SA, 2013 commenced with a focus of attention on the new National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), for which the South Australian government had nominated SA to be one of five launch sites.

When it commenced in July 2013, NDIS brought with it a level of uncertainty as there was very little detailed information available about the practicalities of implementation. With the close of our financial year in December 2013, we were still struggling to come to terms with the short term and long term implications for the association and our clients. We are aware that the NDIS will mean unprecedented change not only for RDA SA, but for the entire disability and community service sectors.

Due to the age range included in the launch in South Australia, we were subjected to minimal impact for this reporting period, but identified a need for business remodelling in order to meet the needs of our clients, both NDIS eligible and those who will fall outside of the eligibility criteria. We envisage an approximate 50 to 65 percent of our clients will not be eligible for NDIS funding packages. To allow RDA SA to remain sustainable, an NDIS Individualised Business Support Project Grant was successfully applied for and we have worked with the Consultants to identify how best to prepare for the full implications of the NDIS. This process was not completed during this reporting period.

Given the focus on NDIS and the changing landscape of the disability sector in South Australia it was important that RDASA maintained the strong financial position reported at the end of 2012. Although RDASA has reported a deficit for the year end 2013, this was mostly the result of the large asset base of RDASA and the resulting high amounts of depreciation. It’s important to fund depreciation with cash revenue as depreciation represents the costs associated with the consumption and maintenance of assets, it’s also important to note this is a non cash loss.

State office continued to support the Centres through the Hero Fund (Horse Purchases) and the establishment of the Centres’ Fund. For the first time, in 2013 we saw every Centre with a horse float: an asset that facilitates transportation for speedy healthcare for the horses in our care where/when it cannot be delivered as quickly on site and provides opportunity for that centre to participate in equestrian competitions.

A number of significant construction projects also pushed forward in 2013, resulting in several grants being moved from liabilities to revenue as the payments were made in accordance with grant agreements. The financial position of state office remained relatively strong and there were sufficient liquid assets (cash and receivables) to pay RDASA’s liabilities as and when they fell due.

We look forward to identifying new funding streams and continuing to implement strong financial management procedures to ensure the financial position of state office continues on an upward trend in 2014.

It is very easy for us to get caught up in the management of the Association and the business side of things, but it is vitally important that we stop and reflect on why we are here. We operate to provide therapy, sporting and recreational opportunities to our clients in the form of riding/vaulting, carriage driving and the pure joy of interaction with our equine friends. Once again, thanks to the whole of our RDA SA community, (encompassing every person contributing to the delivery of the services, the volunteers and staff that attend to the ‘behind the scenes’ duties and the generosity of our various partners donors and sponsors), we have continued to deliver joy in the lives of our clients. We have provided ongoing opportunities to develop skills and grow in confidence which can influence ability to function meaningfully in the broader community; in addition to offering competitions to enable riders to test their skills and more importantly, simply have fun. We take this opportunity to also acknowledge many other community service/recreational and sporting organisations with which we have formed alliances. These alliances provide significant opportunities to enhance the services we deliver and learning outcomes in the business of the association. The Board thanks each and every one of you and acknowledges your contributions, especially our volunteers and staff. Individually you are each an element in the equation; collectively we make a difference in some very precious lives, and that is so very rewarding for us all.

Deb Ophof
Acting Chair, RDA SA Board (May 2014)
I saw a child who couldn’t walk,
Sit on a horse, laugh and talk.
Then ride through a field of daisies
and yet, he couldn’t walk unaided.

I saw a child, no legs below,
sit on a horse and make it go
through woods of green
and places he had never been
to sit and stare, except from a chair.

I saw a child who couldn’t crawl
mount a horse and sit up tall.
Put it through degrees of paces
and laugh at the wonder in our faces.

I saw a child born into strife,
Take up and hold the reins of life
and that same child, I heard him say
“Thank God for showing me the way…”

by John Anthony Davies (c. 1600)
EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S MESSAGE

It’s such a pleasure to write this message in my new role as the EO of RDA SA (commencing in May 2014).

I’ve spent the last 20 years in community development working alongside vulnerable people, most recently with World Vision seeking to help children and their families overcome their obstacles and enjoy full lives.

My experience in talking with people is that Riding for the Disabled SA is held in very high regard throughout this state. From politicians and government representatives and other community sector leaders through to families that have engaged with RDA SA, I have been overwhelmed by the enthusiastic feedback and goodwill of so many people from outside the organisation as my appointment was made known. This is such a great vote of support from the wider South Australian community in the amazing work that the people of RDA SA continue to do in our state – something really wonderful to build on as we boldly embrace our shared future.

So I want to start by saying a heartfelt thank you to you - the “RDA SA team” - who volunteer your time, serve the wider community through our 13 centres and state office, engage as riders, passionately work as members of our board and staff, who generously give financially and partner together with us through your businesses and government departments, and who continue to make a difference in the lives of South Aussies in so many ways.

I’m so glad to be part of this team with you, recognising that although each person’s contribution is unique and diverse, everyone’s contribution is vitally necessary and is therefore incredibly valuable.

As someone who cares deeply about standing alongside and seeking justice with those in our society who face great challenges and who, at times, get overlooked as a result, my focus will be working with you all so that we can achieve what we’re all here to do as part of this community organisation – to brighten the lives of others and to impact our society for good.

I look forward to a fantastic 2014.

Regards,

Matthew Anderson
Executive Officer
A MESSAGE FROM RDA SA STAFF

2013 was a year of changes and challenges for the staff at RDA SA State Office.

The staff is as committed as ever to providing support to centres, volunteers and riders. But support goes both ways and we really appreciate the support we have received from centres and volunteers over the past 12 months. We also understand that volunteers have lives outside of RDA SA and that it is a juggling act, balancing RDA with family life and work.

Whether you’re on a centre committee, assisting with riding sessions, undertaking grounds or horse maintenance, a Board member or working in the Maylands office, we are all part of the RDA SA family.

And like all families, we’ll occasionally have our ups and downs but at the end of the day we pull together for the benefit of our riders, who often put our day to day worries into perspective. Volunteers and staff work for RDA SA because it is such a unique organisation and our riding programs change people’s lives – that’s why we’re here.

All staff members are enthusiastic about the year ahead and look forward to working with centres, volunteers and the RDA SA Board in meeting future challenges and opportunities.
The RDA Barossa & Light centre has had a consolidation year; we welcomed new clients and volunteers and had a good continuation of support from our existing volunteers.

Highlights for the year were:
- Successful completion of our accreditation audit from RDA SA
- 3 coaches, Laurel, Sally and Kathy in training
- Coach Natalie continuing to drive our program in her usual professional manner.

The committee continues to look at ways of improving our centre. Our fundraising has not been a focus but will be over the next 12 months with an aim to raise at least $12,000 per annum on an ongoing basis to support the maintenance of our 6 horses. This will augment the funding we receive from Variety.

I would like to thank the committee members for their continued support and time, particularly Sally our Secretary who works tirelessly on our client days and during the week on general management of the centre. Also thanks to our Treasurer Luc, who now has MYOB under control and a special thanks to Laurel and Kathy for their work on Mondays at the centre. To our coach Natalie we would not have a centre without you, so thank you so much.

Next year our major focus will be to:
- Run a major fundraiser with the help of the Beer family, this has been confirmed for September.
- Establish a horse sponsorship program with local businesses.

Thanks to all our volunteers for their continued support.

Andrew Murphy
President
We have had an amazing year at Jennibrook Farm for 2013. My thanks go out to our wonderful maintenance crew who have completed many projects this year and to the committee who have worked together cohesively throughout the year.

Our successes this year include the Jennibrook Team winning the State Mounted Games Competition in May. We entered 16 riders for the Mounted Games Competition and 8 riders in the State Dressage Competition. Our riders trained hard in preparation for these two competitions and enjoyed successful days out on both occasions. We are also pleased to announce that two Jennibrook riders were selected for the Special Olympics National Games to be held in Victoria in October 2014. Congratulations to Andrew Tanner and Kayla Houltham. We are very proud of both of you.

Our maintenance crew worked hard to complete a number of projects this year which included installing our new mounting platform and wheelchair lift. Our riders in wheelchairs are enjoying the new lift and it has streamlined our mounting processes. Next year we will add a hoist to assist with transferring riders from their wheelchair to the horse. Thanks to Oakbank Centre for donating their hoist to us when they no longer needed it. The mounting area was re-vamped with new paving and new tie-ups for the horses. The volunteer carpark area was cleared of old tree stumps and levelled out and a new wheelchair reserved park was created in the client parking area. Our paddocks were fertilised and reseeded to improve the pasture for next year.

Animal Studies students from Marcellin Technical College attended a Horse Care Workshop and volunteered every week in term 1 assisting with property management projects and the employees of Magain Real Estate, Woodcraft volunteered each fortnight in the RDA program, donating $5,000 through workplace giving.

I took a term off, travelling around Queensland and NSW and I thank coaches Merridee and Karen for ably taking care of lessons in my absence. I would also like to thank our Assistant Coaches Pauline, Sandy, Kerry, Anita, June and Claire for all their work supporting the coaches this year and welcome our two newest trainees Shaylee and Sue.

Jennibrook hosted visitors from other centres this year with O’Halloran Hill volunteers and horses attending for a day and trainee coaches from Pt Pirie coming to our Orientation to Coach Training Workshop. We also had visitors from the Holly Retirement Centre come to meet the horses and in December we provided pony rides at the Variety Children’s Christmas Picnic.

Many thanks to our wonderful donors this year which include Magain Real Estate, Myer Colonndades, Adelaide Airport Shuttle Service, People’s Choice Credit Union, Variety Children’s Charities and Colin Brown.

I thank the great team at Jennibrook Farm. Every week your hard work makes it possible to put the smiles on our riders faces!

Lorna Ellery
President
RDA Mount Gambier had an excellent year. Client numbers were up due to other schools coming onboard.

We were accredited and rated as Level One - Centre of Excellence. This has been due to our Committee, Coaches, Volunteers and the great work by the Lions Club of Mount Gambier which has done lots of maintenance at the centre. This has included: cleaning up trees, fixing the electrical fence, fixing the fences and replacing lots of posts.

We now have four qualified Coaches. One level 2, 3 Level 1 and Nicola Scrivener becoming an Assessor. This has made a big difference in having extra client numbers.

Fundraising has been very successful with our Gymkhana and our involvement in the RDA Horse Trials held in August. The monies raised has enabled us along with a grant and donations to install a client lifter at the centre.

Our plan for the future is to set up carriage driving, so the goal is to get that organised in the next two years.

Thank you to our committee members and the wonderful volunteers who keep our riding program going.

Natalie Zwar
Committee Member
RDA MURRAY BRIDGE

RDA Murray Bridge is in its 27th Year of operation on private property at 1 Coolibah Drive, Murray Bridge.

The horses are happily stabled on site making it very convenient for access on session days. At present we have 6 horses for RDA which are used for 2 sessions and consist of 6 riders. Wednesday sessions are mostly adult riders and Thursday consists of adult & junior riders.

We have a good number of Volunteers this year thanks to a good result from advertising in our local paper. Our Volunteers are a very happy and proficient group. We have 2 trainee coaches this year, a prospective coach and myself.

The saddling stalls are in need of painting as is the portable mounting ramp. Resurfacing of the arena would be great and a cement floor in the storage and shelter shed is planned. Upgrading of the horse yards around the stables is currently being attended to at our expense.

We have a great group of people who come in and help with feeding the horses 3 times a day as well as rugging and cleaning of the stables.

It suits my lifestyle to feed and check my horses at around midnight; it keeps them in better condition to feed 3 times a day, as well as maintaining regular surveillance. I have done this for nearly all of the 30 years we have had the property.

It is a lifestyle for myself and my husband and it keeps us young at heart.

RDA has been and still is a great joy to our lives as well as a pleasure and definitely benefits our riders with a disability.

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who help with riding sessions and on our centre committee.

Ella Nance
President
Facility
The covered arena project was at the forefront for most of the year. Public consultation by Salisbury Council for the lease extension had stalled on two occasions after requests by UniSA students to meet to discuss a soil test report that was commissioned by Salisbury Council in 1992. That report had confirmed that potentially dangerous chemicals were dumped on our site, however the clay capping had provided a barrier and no gasses were detected. Students requested council to pay for further testing but council did not respond and communication ceased. Following the intervention by Salisbury Mayor, Gillian Aldridge, the council approved the lease extension to 21 years on condition that the covered arena is built. Northern Area proceeded with soil testing which was conducted in October and the report was released in December. That report indicated that hydrocarbon contamination was found but the 2 metre clay capping had provided a barrier. Shallow footings were proposed to avoid disturbance. The report was forwarded to council for consideration. Council advised us that a decision will be made early in 2014 to determine if we can proceed to the next stage.

Fundraising
We raised just over $3,800 for the year. As usual, Peoples Choice Credit Union Community Lottery tickets provided a reliable source of fundraising dollars and made $2,420. However we are facing more competition, as more clubs are participating, making it more difficult to sell extra tickets. Large donations were received from Roseworthy Agricultural Student Campus Union - $1,500, Lions Club of Golden Grove Inc - $500 and Mallala Lions Ladies Aux - $500. Thanks to our catering group we made over $400 at the State Dressage Championship. We also received a grant of $990 from Semaphore Masonic Lodge for the purchase of 10 plastic traffic barriers for a permanent raceway for riders riding off lead.

Horses
Ebony was finally sold early in the year to a young girl who proved to be a perfect match. We purchased Sam, a welsh cob, who was already broken into harness. Sam needed some work to settle into our routine. Jock has settled in a lot better into classes with continuous work by Di Underdown. During efforts to find a home for Puzzle, his owner had surfaced and finally claimed him. Unfortunately we had to return Storm to her owner at the end of term 4.

We had a change in Horse Management Committee early in the year after Diane Turner, Gillian Neeson and Natalie Mellors resigned. We thank them all or their involvement. Jill Shelton, Jody Richardson and Katherine Raspa shared that responsibility for the rest of the year. This also required a change of volunteers to help feed and check horses. Our horses were agisted out over the Christmas break with transport costs coming out of the Roseworthy Student Campus donation. This enabled our volunteers to finally have an extended break from daily feeding and checking.

Driving
Northern Area had a Driving Workshop as part of its Band 1 accreditation, with Sam & Storm passing their accreditation. New local volunteer, Sue Gordon, joined our driving program and brought a lot of driving experience to the group. We also gave two groups of wheelchair clients from SCOSA one off rides during October.

Riding
Northern riders Natalie Mellors, Dian Thalbourne and Sammy Quick attended the State Dressage Championships at Malalla. Natalie got 1st and 2nd in her events, Dian Thalbourne 1st and 2nd and Sammi Quick came 4th. Well done to all. Natalie Mellors won ribbons at the National Championships. A group of 7 sight impaired teenagers from SA Guide Dogs Transition Program experienced horse riding on a Come & Try session. Thanks to Jill and volunteers in giving their extra time.

We reviewed our waiting list and found many no longer wished to proceed or had relocated. We reduced the list to 52 from 82 in December 2012. However numbers have slowly increased. Northern Area needs to work on a long term goal to increase coach numbers to address our ever-growing demand for services. Our dedicated volunteers continue to do a great job in providing a much needed and valued service. However, we do need more volunteers to not only join our committee and to take over administration duties but to add more energy to the program.

Michael Sztekel
President
Facility
At last we have received a draft license from Oakbank Racecourse (ORC). After a meeting with ORC in January they are revising the draft, taking all of our concerns into account. I don’t anticipate any problems with this. ORC is turning out to be a much better facility for us than Wistow. We are in the public eye more & we have approx. 15 acres of paddocks available to us. One paddock has been split using portable solar powered fencing and we have fitted water troughs to those paddocks without a dam. We have had some water supply issues, these are periodically still ongoing but we have plans to resolve them.
Robert Brooks has built a new shed for us for storing hay, poles and “Tommy”. This came at a cost of $2700 but is well worth it. Sarah Watson is the new President for the Onkaparinga Pony Club and relations with them appear to be good.
The RDA Oakbank Committee has begun discussing the possibility of a covered arena, to be located in the Cross Country paddock. The racecourse is on board with this, but it is a long term project. So far we have decided what we’d like/need but haven’t yet obtained any costings.

Horses
2013 has been a productive year for finding new RDA horses, thanks to Kate Howie. Our herd numbers have now increased by 3, back up to 8 (the maximum we’d want). Tiara (April), Waki (May) & Lucy (June) are new. Tiara is an indefinite free lease; Waki is a free lease with an option to buy after 1 year. We purchased Lucy with a donation from the Woodside CWA. All horses have settled in well & have been integrated into the program.
Tiara had a bout of laminitis & Waki, Dash, Jimmy & Dibs have had a bout of Greasy heel but all are back in work & doing well. Horses went on a free vacation for 3 weeks to Liz Ball’s property during the Easter Racing Carnival.
On 9th July we took Tiara, Waki & Wally on a trip to Tilling Hill Equestrian Centre. This was very successful.
On 11th February 2014 lessons were cancelled due to temperatures in excess of 40 C, so we took Waki & Banjo to Aldinga beach. We had to be off the beach by 9.00am but it was a huge success, the horses loved it & we plan to go again with the other horses in future.
We are mindful that Jimmy is getting on but feel that he’s better staying in the program doing light duties rather than being put out to pasture as we feel he will go downhill quickly. He remains healthy but is looking old.

Donations
From February 2013 we received donations from:
Woodside CWA donated $2500 to purchase a new pony.
Anglican Parish of Onkaparinga Valley two donations, equalling $2400.
Stirling Hospital $500.
Nairne Lions Club made & donated Tommy the barrel horse.
Shade sail donated by Bunnings in Mt. Barker.
Concrete for shade sail footings donated by Direct Mix.
Bill Brooks – dug holes for Shade sail
Mart Liebelt – 4 galvanized posts for shade sail
Richard Shipman – Welding galvanized posts for shade sail
Craig Hicks – delivery of posts & assistance in erecting shade sail
Bill Spiller – Risk Management officer – coordinating shade sail team
Carly Hanniford continues to donate her services to RDA Oakbank, caring for the chiropractic health of our herd.
Doug Burd $225.
Ann Fryer.
Anonymous donation $500.
Mark Roberts organised for an ice-cream van to hand out free ice-creams to all riders, volunteers & parents at our show on 3rd Dec.
Landmark and Teampoly – donation & installation of 5400 ltr header tank (valued at $900)
Dallas Hutton – donated a western saddle.

Fundraisers
Since the last AGM we have hosted 2 successful fundraising events:
24th Aug 2013 – Dinner Dance, raised $9000.00
6th Dec 2013 – Pony rides at the Twilight Carols, raised $85.00
Grants
We applied for & received a grant of $600 from the Universal Fund to have 20 poles made & painted in the RDA colours.

Events
9th April Lisa did a presentation to the Woodside CWA – which resulted in the generous donation.
April 12th - 14th 3 of our coaches (Lisa, Kate & Liz) attended the State Coaches workshop in Yorke Peninsula.
20th April 6 committee members attended the RDASA Centres forum.
31st May RDASA AGM attended by Lisa, Marie & Ann.
9th July Flinders University Community Voice launch attended by Lisa & Kate.
24th August Dinner Dance Fundraiser.
19th Oct 2013 no one was available to attend the Centres Forum.

26th October visit to RDA Victor Harbor.
29th October RDA Victor Harbor visited us.
16th November Lucy made her debut as “Little Miss Cupcake of Woodside” at the Woodside market to promote the Woodside CWA.
3rd December we had our own in-house show where riders competed in the egg & spoon race, musical mats and the bending race. All competitors received ribbons. Nicole Robert’s husband (Mark) arranged for an ice cream van to visit that day & to hand out free ice creams to everyone. Mo Johnson from the Woodside CWA was invited to present the ribbons.
6th December Lucy & Wally gave pony rides at the Nairne Lions club Twilight carols.
8th December Volunteer Christmas Party at Marie’s house.
10th February 2014 Lisa & Kate did a presentation to the Onkaparinga Lions Club; we are hopeful that this will lead to a partnership & future funding.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other Coaches and Committee members for the tremendous job they have done throughout this past year. I have appreciated the opportunity to work alongside each one of you. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who come each week, for the great job they do. Without them there wouldn’t be a program.

Lisa Burd
President
The past year has yet again proved to be a busy one at RDA O’Halloran Hill. The work to establish the centre continues and much has been achieved but still more remains to be done! As always, funding is a challenge but we continue to seek avenues to support our project.

Our Riders
The riding program in the past year has been very much at the mercy of the weather, and many more days have been lost because of heat or inclement weather than we would wish. Our riders have continued to make progress and enjoy their riding program.

In September we took a team to Mallala. The weeks before saw the riders, coach Bill Hyland and our volunteers hard at work practicing. On the weekend the team put in a huge effort to ensure that the horses were looking their best and the riders were also beautifully turned out. Everyone really enjoyed the experience and we were delighted with the achievements of our riders.

We then fielded a team in the Mounted Games in May 2014. Two of our riders Billie Gordon and Abbey Haydon were placed in events and we are proud of the efforts of all riders.

Fundraising
The past year has been a difficult one for our horses. During this time we lost three of the stalwarts of our program Makushla, Dee and Ollie. All three horses were “elderly”, with the health issues which are perhaps inevitable with advancing age. They were however still participating in the program until their final illnesses and their loss was felt keenly.

Thanks to our horse welfare officers, Jane Jeffrey and Jenny Charlesworth who have a difficult task to keep our horses in the peak of health and condition, particularly during the winter months. The long hours that they put in, and their ongoing commitment to the horses’ well being, is deeply appreciated by both the two and four legged members of the O’Halloran Hill community.

Our Centre
In terms of the ongoing project to establish our “new” centre much has been achieved:

- The interior of the building is now clad with gyprock and most rooms have been flushed and painted.
- A kitchen has been installed.
- More fencing has been erected.
- The old tie-up area has been rebuilt after being damaged in a storm in January, with an expanded tie-up area and two adjacent sick bay shelters and yards being constructed.
- Further earthworks have been undertaken to deal with water run off and establish “all weather” roads.
- A new front gate has been constructed and the fence has been repaired and painted.

Our priorities for the coming year are to finish the arena, deal with water drainage issues, complete all fencing on the site and to make a start on improving the soil quality at the centre. No small task and of course we still have all the standard maintenance tasks to attend to.

Our Volunteers
This year we welcomed many new volunteers to the centre. They bring a range of skills and experiences, all of which have proved invaluable. Volunteers are the backbone of the O’Halloran Hill Centre and we are constantly astounded at the degree of commitment that they bring.

Most of the construction work at the centre has been undertaken by a small but dedicated maintenance team who have put in long hours and plenty of hard work. With little money to spend the ingenuity they have displayed in recycling and “making do” is extraordinary. Thank you to all the guys! In addition, a couple of working bees have been well attended. We have also been fortunate to have had assistance provided by one of our volunteers, Travis, who comes along to the working bees together with his bob cat, achieving a lot and saving our volunteers from some of the “hard yakka”.

The centre’s fundraising team achieved great outcomes and their activities included:

- Regular market stalls throughout the year
- Sale of People’s Choice raffle tickets, both through the centre and at retail outlets such as Marion Shopping Centre, Noarlunga Shopping Centre and at the new Christies Beach Credit Union.
- A fabulously successful quiz night which raised more than $2,500.

Our coaches and volunteers who participate in the riding program have continued to perform under difficult circumstances. We seek to increase the number of our coaching staff, with two volunteers currently undertaking OTC training. Well done everyone.

Our Thanks
We have again received assistance from a number of outside bodies:

- People’s Choice Credit Union continue to provide valuable support to the centre. We look forward to a long and fruitful association.

- The Army undertook a training exercise at our centre. The Army Reserves personnel received valuable experience while in return we accomplished much needed earth works at the site.

- The Abbey Group completed site works in preparation for the erection of the arena. Their ongoing support has been gratefully appreciated.

- We have continued to benefit from the generosity of Springfield Charities with the previously received donation being used to finalise work in the admin building.

- TARGET Work, a division of the Department of Education and Children’s Services have provided teams of secondary school students throughout the year. The students have undertaken a number of maintenance jobs for. In return the students have gained valuable work skills to equip them for their future working life.

- The Morphett Arms Hotel have stepped up on three occasions when financial assistance has been sought and we are grateful for their support.

- The Ascot Park Active Elders Group kindly donated the proceeds from a fundraising event to the centre and we give them sincere thanks.

- The Unley and Norwood Lions Clubs provided assistance to paint the front fence and the tie-up/sick bay area. In their newsletter they described the project as “Upgrade to equine medical centre”. Creative with both words and paintbrushes! Thanks to everyone who assisted.

- We have also continued to receive donations and assistance from many supporters and we sincerely thank them all for their ongoing support.

Our volunteers, coaches and numerous supporters do such an amazing job for the centre and our thanks and appreciation know no bounds! We look forward to their continued support into the future.

John Dicker
President
The year started with the usual returning of horses to the RDA grounds from various holiday places.

The first training day of the year came, when we reconnected and put together strategies to further improve our service, and further increase our knowledge. Having three volunteers put their hands up to undertake the OTC training was wonderful news for me and the centre as a whole. Kylie Kotz (current treasurer), Kelly Norman (leader/sidewalker) and Leah Gilcrest (leader/sidewalker) all completed the theory component and much of the practical required in the course and all that is left is for them to do the final assessment with an RDA Assessor. This will be scheduled for first term 2014. Berni also started the next level of her training doing the Level 1, but took a break for the last 2 terms of 2013 to deal with family and personal issues. Berni was a wonderful help to me in the first 2 terms taking on much of the Tuesday coaching role to give me a much needed break. Hope to see her back in 2014.

Fundraising commenced with the yearly grape picking which is a fun and social way to spend some time on the weekends.

State coaches workshop was very successful for our centre with 5 coaches and trainee coaches attending the workshop in Wallaroo in mid April. It was great for the coaching team to take some time together other than Tuesday’s lessons. Lots of fun as well as lots of learning was enjoyed.

Once again the Long Lunch provided a great way to raise money and also raise the profile of RDA in our region. Much work was done in the lead up to this event and it was an amazing logistics effort too on the day of and days leading up.

RDA visit from Head Office in June was good, as we got to meet the new State Manager and Coaching Co-ordinator and we had the opportunity to show off our great centre and volunteers in action.

Training days in late June with Jill Shelton was received well as was the Bill Willoughby clinic in late July. Many lessons were learnt from both clinics with very different focuses. It’s wonderful to see how engaged and enthusiastic our volunteers are when it comes to training, and the feed back from both was very positive.

Tenth Anniversary was another wonderful achievement by our centre and having some familiar faces return to support us was terrific.

As with every year we have our ups and downs with the horses and the numbers we have available. We have seen some coming and going of horses, some not suitable for our program, and some retiring and some leaving us permanently which is always unfortunate. We always do the best by our horses and afford them every care needed, but sometimes it is just not enough.

The movement of horses at the start and end of each term is a huge thing and I thank all involved in moving, assisting and housing our beautiful creatures.

As with other years, we have had to say goodbye to some riders too. Riders moving on to other schools and others leaving the program for varied reasons. We wish them all the best for their futures and hope that we have made some improvements in their lives.

I feel that we have provided a fun and varied program in 2013 and with the addition of the round ring, some new horse riding experiences. Building on these achievements will be our challenge of 2014.

The Ravendale Pony Club went into recess prompting some changes. A meeting will be scheduled during the year to discuss the future plans of the club and the grounds which we share.

I think it is safe to say that this year has been focussed on training new coaches and improving the training of all volunteers. It’s been a great year for me as Coach Educator the see the trainee coaches really develop in their role as coaches and I see a great year ahead in 2014 getting these trainees through the level 1 training which will provide much more security for the centre.

I huge thankyou to Vicki Gould (Volunteer Co-ordinator) and Heather Paynter (Secretary) for their amazing efforts for their time with RDA Pt Lincoln. It can’t be easy chasing me around all the time, making sure I have done what I said I would do, or just doing it for me in many cases. Much appreciated ladies for your help and support. I appreciate the wonderful, strong and capable women I have been lucky enough to have in my life as role models.

Thanks everyone for a wonderful 10th year and I feel very proud and honoured to have made it this far with the faithful supporters of the Port Lincoln RDA Centre. The centre would not function as it does without your valued effort and support.

Jodie Porter
President and Coach Educator
Presidents Remarks

This past year has seen many highs and lows at our centre.

We lost a loved mate in Wilbur and two committee members resigned due to ill health before the end of their term.

We remain financially stable but would really like to extend our club rooms and or create a shaded area for lessons so we are able to run more lessons and not cancel due to heat or rain.

Thanks to our new secretary and treasurer for stepping in and supporting the centre committee.

We have taken possession of our new horse float purchased by RDA SA and our new ride on mower thanks to a volunteer grant.

We purchased a new horse Ruby who seems to be fitting in to the riding program well.

We are still offering riding and carriage driving at our centre.

Many of our more experienced riders are riding off lead and enjoy their new found skills.

Blinds have been erected each end of our verandah viewing area, this stops the cold winds and makes parent waiting conditions much more pleasant. Additional trees and a new fenced games area are just some of the work completed. Our grounds are manicured and gardens constantly maintained by our maintenance men and we thank them for their valued contribution.

Our horse volunteers, leaders and side walkers all work hard and it is much appreciated.

We are registered with the Office for Recreation and Sport’s Star Club Program.

I wish to thank committee members and all volunteers for their continued efforts.

Anne Rogers
President
2013 has been mostly positive for our centre which proves that we are doing a great job for our riders.

We currently have 19 registered riders which at the moment are more than enough for our coaches and volunteers to manage. Some riders are progressing rapidly and others are plodding along enjoying the serenity. This last year we finally had a waiting list. Will competed at State Dressage again and came 4th in his events.

Horses

The horses have been mostly fit and healthy this year. Annette Noble our chiropractor has done some work with the horses and all seem to respond well. Buddy seems a little sore in his hips/backend but I think that is just old age. Obie is the ever plodding giant that just cruises around and does his job without complaint. Sammy’s still nodding away for whatever reason we can’t always see, but works well for his riders. Toy Boy is the little pocket rocket of the group who will do anything Di asks, he is most upset the others won’t run quickly around the paddock with him and I often see him round up the “old boys”. Unfortunately Zak has been diagnosed as blind in his left eye, we are all aware of this now and have learnt to be careful when approaching him, thanks to Di we have specially fitted blinkers (modified bras) for lesson days (I believe he is currently fitted in a 14c). Prophet aka Poppy is our newest horse and since arriving he has been a fantastic addition to the team. He loves people time and always stops for a pat and a cuddle. This year we farewelled our old boy Toddy who is happily living with Sharon Nichols as a first horse for her grandkids to play with, I am sure he will love all the attention and pats he is in line for.

Our ever obliging handyman Brian has yet again spent the year making our centre as user friendly as possible. Brian’s most brilliant achievement this year is the wheelchair path, the two quotes we had were both in excess of $13,000. Brian managed to do this for around $500. Ian Knight and Brian have worked hard on our arena and it is nearly there. The sand was put in and then thinned out and now it’s just a matter of grass control and I think we have it! A big thanks to you Brian for all the little bits and pieces that you fix that we don’t even nag about, without your skills we would be a shambles!

Our coaches Mary and Sharon have worked hard again this last year with preparations for the dressage and of course the week by week running of the centre. Weekly lessons have been going smoothly without having too many bad weather days. Horses’ birthday celebrations were held and all had great time. The “Berri Cup” held on Melbourne Cup Day was a stack of fun; the volunteers certainly are as competitive as the riders. As we are all aware, no coaches - no rides, so thank you to both Mary and Sharon for putting in another exceptional year organising both riders and volunteers.

Fundraising is also a big part of RDA and we have been very lucky that Lois Gray and her band of helpers have been a massive support to us donating $14,000 in the last year. These funds are certainly a big boost to our centre. We had a drink stall at the Field Days this year raising around $1000 and thank you to the WAG ladies for helping out for the 2 days. Barmera Top Catch had their reopening in November and had us join them for a sausage sizzle. We took Buddy for the day and raised around $500. Other donations were received throughout the year. The Riverland Rock and Roll group had a weekend event and have generously donated money to us.

Our centre’s lease has been rolled over for another 5 years, which means at this stage nothing changes for us and we carry on as per usual. Transpacific (waste management) have demolished and cleared their site and have now built their facility opposite the centre and I am happy to report that up till now, it has not impacted on our centre. It was nice of the Project and Works managers for taking the time to meet with me at the centre to see what we do and get an understanding of RDA SA.

In closing, I would like to thank each and every volunteer for the efforts that go into our centre. Some days run smoother than others and sometimes things are not always according to plan but we all do a fantastic job of readjusting and making the lessons and centre as great as it is. From feeders, to greeters, to handy man, coaches and everyone in-between a sincere thank you, without your efforts we would not be where we are today.

Jodie Pearn
President
Our fundraising efforts have been successful in achieving our financial goals and this has enabled the centre to erect a covered arena.

 Beautification and development of the RDA Victor Harbor site has also continued. We have erected fences and gates including safety fencing around the participants area and also installed an outdoor disability toilet. A 100,000 litre water tank is now in use and sixty trees have been planted with another sixty on order.

 A Development Committee has been appointed to implement strategies to raise funds for the upkeep and ongoing maintenance of the centre. We have also purchased 3 new horses to replace retired horses.

 Whilst retaining our core group of volunteers there has also been 11 new volunteers inducted over the past year and Victoria Selby has also achieved her OTC.

 John and Sue Vincent were both awarded the Premiers Award for outstanding volunteer service.

 There has been strong volunteer involvement in community events such as the Victor Harbor Pageant, Goolwa Pageant and the Port Elliott Show. We have also received strong support from the local media (both press and radio) with the RDA name and activities presented each week.

 Thanks to all our volunteers and supporters who help to keep our centre going.

 Brian Thorpe
 President
It’s that time of year again and I am looking back thinking, like you, where did that year go?

2013 has been a progressive year for our centre, building upon the foundations that had been laid over previous years. As I reflect on this year I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joan Lemmon for stepping in and taking control of the training of the new coaches that have come on board this year. To Bob Lemmon for his patience and expertise in training our new Treasurer, and resurrecting many of the files that have been missing. These files assist the Treasurer, Secretary and Coaches in keeping records. All of this work kept Joan and Bob from their travels for a few months but helped to get the centre back on its feet. Joan and Bob the Whyalla Centre thank you sincerely for the time that you put into this centre.

We are still looking for a horse suitable to carry heavier weights, as we have some clients who are above the weights that our current horses can carry. During the last 12 months we have had many horses here on a trial basis, unfortunately a few of them have been unsuitable for RDA work.

I would like to thank the volunteers who help our centre in so many ways, you help us to help our wonderful riders.

Ron Spargo
President
What a busy and eventful year we have had and once again I am amazed at what we have achieved.

We are continually improving and developing our grounds. We have laid and connected water pipe for more troughs, put up extra fencing, put the door in our office/social shed, erected 3 more shelters, planted more trees, and trained volunteers. Our centre has another L1 coach, 2 new trainee coaches, hosted the State Coaching workshop, plus running and maintaining the centre and still managed to provide riding sessions amazing!

I think sometimes we forget that so few can do so much!

Just a few highlights for the year (as there are many); another L1 coach, providing riding sessions, obtaining grants, hosting the State Coaching workshop, being the official charity for the 2013 Yorke Peninsula field days, acquiring another horse.

Having another qualified coach is an absolute asset to our centre. More coaches who are able to offer their time will enable increased rider participation. Having people interested in and willing to make the commitment and take on the responsibilities of becoming a coach is encouraging to see.

Our Tuesday riders enjoy many fun filled sessions and are progressing under the guidance of our newly qualified coach Deb and trainee coach Catherine.

Our Saturday AB rider sessions under the guidance of Coach Kristy cover all areas of horse mastership and riding skills, we hope that one day these riders may become RDA volunteers too.

Our success in obtaining grants (thanks to Lib’s amazing skills) has enabled us to purchase the materials needed for development and enable us to build our grounds to meet the needs of our centre now and into the future.

Hosting the State Coaching workshop, was a great experience and a lot of work but what a fantastic turnout and a chance to show off our centre and volunteers!

Being the official charity for the 2013 Yorke Peninsula field days was again another great opportunity to raise funds and awareness of RDA SA, RDAYP and have lots of fun doing it!

It was great to have Helen from State Office attend and I would like to thank all those who helped run the stand, especially Marilyn who encouraged all those who passed by to have a go at the prize wheel.

Acquiring another suitable horse may not seem much but I am sure everyone will agree how difficult it is trying to find them and what’s involved in locating and trialing them. Our horses are our foundation and are an integral and essential resource in enabling us to provide the best possible program to progress our clients. So we were fortunate to be able to add one this year to our centre.

We are also grateful to the businesses, service clubs and organisations in the community that have supported and assisted us in many ways. It is their support that also assists us to do what we do. We have a remarkable group of volunteers that enable us to provide a quality service whilst still doing all the things that need to be done to run an RDA centre.

As centre president I would like to thank all our committee members and each and every one of our hardworking, tireless and dedicated team of volunteers for their support and assistance over the past year and look forward to 2014.

RDA isn’t our whole life but it makes our life whole 😊

Andrea Ford
President
FINANCIAL REPORT

RDA SA's Strategic Vision 2010—2015

Vision:
By 2015, we aim for all RDA SA services to be integrated across the state maximising the use of all resources for the benefit of riders and to serve as a sound platform for growth.

Values:
• Planned. All of the actions of RDA staff and volunteers will be designed to assist riders in their continuous development.
• Volunteer driven. RDA is dependent on the generosity of its volunteers. We appreciate and support their contributions.
• Professionalism. All RDA staff and volunteers to display the highest levels of professionalism towards riders, their families, each other and RDA SA resources.
• Empathy. Staff and volunteers will display respect and empathy towards riders and their families.
• Safe environment. All those who enter an RDA facility will feel physically and emotionally safe.

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION SA INC.
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Your Board of Management submits the financial report of the Riding for the Disabled Association SA Inc for the financial year ended 31 December 2013

Board Members
The names of board members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

| Jill Ribbons | Melisa Kaharevic |
| Luke Williams | Julie Burnes |
| Deb Ophof | Denise Watkins |

REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS
January 2013 to December 2013
As required by Riding for the Disabled Assoc. SA Inc. Constitution 2008 clause 32.7

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RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION SA INC

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

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Riding for the Disabled Association SA Inc.

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

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**Other Comprehensive Income (Expense)**

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RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION SA INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

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<td>Plant &amp; Equipment</td>
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RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION SA INC

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In the opinion of the Board of Management, the Association is not a reporting entity as there are unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, this is a “Special Purpose Financial Statement” that has been prepared solely to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (SA).

The financial statement has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (‘AASB’) and the disclosure requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 1048 Interpretations and Applications of Standards
AASB 1031 Materiality
AASB 110 Events after the Reporting Date

These financial statements do not conform with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (‘IASB’).

The financial statement has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. No adjustments have been made to take into account changing money values or current valuations of non-current assets, or their impact on operating results.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

a) Income Tax
   The Association is exempt from income tax pursuant to the Income Tax Assessment Act.

b) Grants
   Government and other grants have been brought to account as income to reflect the extent to which the grants have been spent.

c) Property, plant and equipment
   Property, plant and equipment items over $1,000 are recorded as fixed assets at cost or at valuation.

Depreciation
   The Board has resolved to change the method of calculating depreciation from diminishing value to straight line. This change in accounting estimate has resulted in a decrease in depreciation expense of $6,140. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis over the useful lives of the assets to the organisation commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Impairment
   The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Board of Management to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these assets.

d) Cash and cash equivalents
   Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

e) Revenue
   All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION SA INC

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

NOTE 1 cont.

f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)
Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

g) Employee Entitlements
Provision is made for the Association’s liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year, together with, entitlements from wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave, which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount.

h) Economic Dependence
Riding For The Disabled Association SA Inc. is dependent on government funding and funding from Variety SA for the majority of its revenue. At the date of this report the Board of Management has no reason to believe that the government departments and Variety SA will not continue to support Riding For The Disabled Association SA Inc.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

NOTE 3: FIXED ASSETS

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NOTE 4: ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE

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REPORT OF THE BOARD

The Board of Management reports that:

(a) During the year ended 31 December 2013, no officer of the Association, firm of which the officer is a member, or body corporate in which the officer has a substantial financial interest, has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the Association; and

(b) During the year ended 31 December 2013, no officer of the Association has received directly or indirectly from the Association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value, except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

STATEMENT BY OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Officers of the Association have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial statement should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Officers of the Association:

(a) The accompanying financial statement comprising the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position and notes to the financial statements has been drawn up so as to present fairly the results of operations of Riding for the Disabled Association SA Inc for the year ended 31 December 2013 and the state of affairs as at that date;

(b) As at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Riding for the Disabled Association SA Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management for and on its behalf by:

[Signatures]

President

Board Member

Dated 2nd June 2014
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the members of Riding for the Disabled Association SA Inc.

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements, being special purpose financial statements, for Riding for the Disabled Association SA Inc., which comprises of the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position and accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the Statement by the Officers of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2013 as set out in pages 1 to 6.

The Responsibility of the elected Board of Management for the Financial Statements

The elected Board of Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of its members and of the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985. The elected Board’s responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amount and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the elected Board of the Association, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

The financial statement has been prepared for distribution to members for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of the Board of Management. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statement to which it relates to any person other than these, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Chartered Accountants

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Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Qualification

It is not practicable for Riding For The Disabled Association SA Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over non-grant revenue until its initial entry in the accounting records and accordingly our audit in relation to such revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the accounts.

Auditor’s Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of the matter referred to in the qualification paragraph, the financial report presents fairly in all material respects the financial position of Riding for the Disabled Association SA Inc. as at 31 December 2013 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction and Distribution of Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the fact that the financial statement is prepared to assist Riding for the Disabled Association SA Inc. to comply with the financial reporting provisions of the Associations Incorporations Act. As a result, the financial statement may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for Riding for the Disabled Association of SA Inc. and should not be distributed to or used by other parties other than Riding for the Disabled Association of SA Inc.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT ACCOUNTING SPECIALISTS

A PETERSEN
Director

Dated: 31 MAY 2014
One of the results from our last client survey showed that our members were uncertain or did not know that advocacy services are available to help them with any complaints they may have. So here is some information for you about advocacy services available in South Australia for people with disabilities.

**What is an Advocate?**

An advocate is someone who:

- Acts on your instructions;
- Support, encourages and stands beside you;
- Works solely on your behalf, and;
- Speaks on your behalf to promote your ideas and interests.

Riding for the Disabled SA accepts and promotes the use of advocates. So that means that when you would like to be helped or represented by an Advocate, we are committed to supporting you in that decision.

It would be appreciated though, that if you decide to use the services of an advocate, that you let us know so that we can record the name of the person or the agency that you use, on your file. In that way, we can ensure that there is no breach of your privacy.

**Who can be an Advocate?**

An advocate may be a relative, carer, friend, neighbour or someone from an Advocacy Service. For information on formal advocacy services, please phone 1800 088 325.

**What can an Advocate be Involved in?**

An advocate can be involved in your support and assist you in a variety of ways:

- Support you to ensure your rights are upheld;
- Find out information for you;
- Be with you at assessments or meetings which concern the services you receive from RDA SA;
- Help you to provide accurate information;
- Help you to tell us your ideas and suggestions for improvement of our services;
- Support you to work through a problem you may have with RDA SA;
- Help you make a complaint about RDA SA or members of our staff and volunteers.

**How Does an Advocate Support You?**

Advocates can work in a variety of ways, including:

- Over the telephone;
- Through supporting you to speak at meetings you may have with RDA SA;
- By talking on your behalf to staff of RDA SA.

**When can You Use an Advocate?**

You can ask to access an advocate to represent you at any time.

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**Contacting an Advocacy Service**

Disability Advocacy & Complaints Service of SA Inc.

3/178 Henley Beach Road
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Thanks to Variety the Children’s Charity and People’s Choice Credit Union for their ongoing support of RDA SA, it is greatly appreciated.

Sam the horse was the “I am Variety” champion for December 2013. Pictured with Sam are Variety CEO Mark McGill and Northern rider Samantha.

Grant Dolphin, Community, Sponsorship and CSR Co-Ordinator, and Annabel Hamilton, General Manager, Marketing and Product Management from People’s Choice Credit Union visited ‘Sox’ the horse which was purchased through a donation from PCCU.
AIDEN’S RDA JOURNEY

The story of Riverland Special School student Aiden is one of the many inspirational stories that come from the 13 RDA SA centres across South Australia every week.

Initially Aiden refused to ride a horse and learnt to overcome his anxiety by sitting on a wooden ‘barrel’ horse (pictured left).

Clipping coloured clothes pegs onto pony Zac’s (who is blind in one eye—hence the innovative eye patch) mane and draping coloured ribbons across his back helped Aiden to become more confident around horses.

Aiden also wrote on Zac with coloured chalk as part of therapy designed to encourage him to touch and pat horses.

“He didn’t realise he was actually touching the horse, he thought he was just drawing, and then of course he had to rub his drawing out, so he was patting, but he still didn’t realise that he was connecting with the animal,” coach Mary Wagnitz said.

The hours of persistence finally paid off.

In a rewarding moment for the volunteers at RDA Riverland, Aiden finally overcame his fear and rode Zac.

Your donation will help RDA SA to continue offering its services to riders with disabilities like Aiden.
MOUNTED GAMES
As a supporter of Riding for the Disabled Association South Australia (RDA SA), you know what an amazing charity it is.

However you may not know that I have been a patron of RDA SA for 33 years (since 1981), and that after I retired as a jockey, I was an RDA SA volunteer for 10 years, working with people with disabilities and the horses.

Nothing could replace the thrill of riding two Melbourne Cup winners, but teaching the riders for almost a decade gave me far greater satisfaction. To see them make their first attempt to ride a horse, and later succeed, has been one of the most rewarding things in my life.

RDA SA is a voluntary, not for profit organisation dedicated to providing horse riding and associated activities to clients with disabilities. RDA SA is affiliated with RDA Australia and is part of an international movement.

RDA SA began operations more than 40 years ago (1972) and over this period has enabled thousands of clients to benefit from therapy and enjoy sport and recreation.

The organisation has 13 centres across South Australia and cater for around 400 clients, who are assisted by more than 700 volunteers per year. RDA SA centres work closely with schools and disability service groups to provide activities in set sessions on a weekly basis.

The riders (mainly children) suffer from diverse disabilities including: autism, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, etc. Horse riding provides beneficial therapy in many ways, both physical and psychological including:

- Improved health and wellbeing
- Improved balance and posture
- Increased hand-eye coordination
- Social integration
- Development of language and communication skills
- Motivation and learning, especially reading and speech, through games
- Memory improvement and concentration
- Improved self confidence and self esteem
- Personal challenges leading to achievements
- Clinical exercises executed in challenging but pleasant surroundings
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RDA SA is a small charity (it has four full time and three part time staff) that achieves much with little. The Association is run by a Board comprised entirely of volunteers, with oversight of the 5.0 fte office staff. The state office staff supports centres through administration, reporting to government, assisting with coach accreditation and training, fundraising, grants management, client records and management, etc.

The inspirational stories about the effectiveness of RDA SA programs could fill a book. From the autistic boy who had never spoken a word until he called his pony's name, to the boy who was pronounced dead at the scene of a quad bike accident, spent four months in a coma and has now learnt to walk and talk again with the help of RDA SA, this charity produces some incredible outcomes for some incredible people.

Yours sincerely

John Letts
Patron
Riding for the Disabled Association South Australia Inc.