Riding for the Disabled
Association South Australia Incorporated

Year Book and Annual Reports 2010
Pictured on the front cover are two riders enjoying the action at RDA Port Lincoln.
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RDA Blackwood volunteers pictured helping a young rider into the saddle at RDA Jennibrook Farm centre, which they shared pending their move to O’Halloran Hill.

RDA Riverland pony Buddy (right) makes the acquaintance of Smiley.
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RDA SA CENTRE LOCATIONS

Barossa & Light
Barossa Pony Club Grounds
Angaston Road, NURIOOTPA

Blackwood
Majors Road, O’HALLORAN HILL

Jennibrook Farm
5 Pine Road, WOODCROFT

Mount Barker
Jeff Evans’ property “Fieldbrook”,
Cnr Daniels & Wellington Roads, WISTOW

Mount Gambier
Sunnybrae Centre
Wandilo, via MOUNT GAMBIER

Murray Bridge
Bob & Ella Nance’s property,
1 Coolibah Drive, MURRAY BRIDGE

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

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
Victor Harbor Riding Club Grounds
Bacchus Road, VICTOR HARBOR

Whyalla
Racecourse Road, WHYALLA NORRIE

Yorke Peninsula
Old Kadina Racecourse
Wallaroo Road, KADINA
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.

Objectives:

**Governance**
- To strengthen unity within RDA SA throughout its centres and membership
- To seek continuous improvement of governance, administration and financial management at all levels of the organisation

**Modelling and Benchmarking**
- To substantiate the value of RDA SA services as measurable data

**Funding & fundraising**
- To develop independent income streams to support specific activities and projects
- To encourage and help all centres achieve sheltered and shaded riding arenas, with an aim of at least four centres having such by 2014.

**Centres of Excellence**
- Centres to aspire towards the next (higher) standard as defined by RDAA accreditation
- To improve practices of managing each centre

**Education and Therapy**
- To facilitate hippotherapy services to be provided by each centre

**Integration and Engagement**
- Rider participation in national competitions

**Communication and Promotion**
- Improved efficiencies in communicating with our stakeholders
This was the culmination of a journey that started in 2007. I wanted to investigate the “pathways” for our intellectually disabled riders for state, national and international competitions – similar to what Equestrian Australia has in place for physically disabled riders, so I floated the idea of Equestrian becoming a Special O sport to a meeting of the RDAA Board and the other State RDA presidents.

Our State Coaching Coordinator, Karen Aspery and myself then made this germ of an idea actually happen.

In April 2010, 26 riders from across Australia came to Adelaide to participate in the games.

It was one of the proudest days of my life walking into the opening ceremony with our Equestrian team all smartly attired in their riding outfits. We received a rousing welcome from the audience and the other SO athletes – the smiles on our riders’ faces were priceless.

The smiles during the closing ceremony were even bigger. With medals round their necks and ribbons adorning their chests our riders again received stirring applause as they marched into the arena in their red and black team shirts, big red cowboy hats and enormous sparkly bow ties.

It was an amazing week of competition, making new friends, experiencing new challenges and absolutely “doing our best”.

Many, many thanks to all...
our South Australian RDA volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure a spectacular and safe competition.

We have now moved to the next phase of our relationship with Special Olympics. The President of Special Olympics SA and I have signed a Memorandum of Understanding between our two organisations.

We can now offer competition pathways and activities for our intellectually disabled riders through SOSA.

This is a significant step with opportunities for state, interstate, national and international competitions for equestrian becoming available. When at least two other States sign their MOUs with their State SO organisations, Equestrian will be recognised as an official SO sport.

It has been an amazing journey with more to happen in the future.

Strategic Plan

You will remember the famous quote from Martin Luther King “I have a dream ...”

In RDA SA we also have a dream. By 2015 RDASA will:

- Operate with covered arenas
- Have multi/maxi use facilities
- Develop workforce plans for staff and volunteers
- Be located in all key population centres across SA

So where are we currently with our “dream”?

All our statewide fundraising events are now focussed on building up the covered arenas fund. As I visit various RDASA centres the need to have covered arenas is very obvious. These will enable us to provide our services when right now weather conditions dictate that we can’t.

Karen continues to provide the highest quality training opportunities at both the State and National level for our coaches.

Ella Kos (finance manager) and George Holroyd (internal auditor) provide ongoing support and training to our centre treasurers in the use of MYOB Enterprise and putting solid financial practices into place.

It is essential that we have well qualified and supported volunteers at our centres.

Some centres are also extending and growing their services with extra lessons to provide more opportunities for riding and carriage driving. Other centres are re-establishing their facilities to provide even better amenities for our riders.

Volunteers & Staff

I am continually humbled by the dedication and efforts of our volunteers across the State and our team of staff (Kay, Ella, Karen, Rosalee, Theresa and Ian) who provide excellent service to everyone.

Also our State Board provides direction and strategic thinking to enable RDA SA to prosper and grow.

Together we have a very, very strong team. And a big thank you to our riders who continue to inspire me.

Thank you one and all for your drive, energy and support and for making 2010 a very memorable year.

Jill Ribbons

State President

LEFT: At the Special Olympics. BELOW: Special Olympics rider Sara Cann from WA celebrates her achievement.
For RDA SA the year 2010 was pretty tumultuous.

Early in the year we offered help to RDA Australia to help it through a rough period.

I knew RDA SA had people capable of meeting RDAA’s practical needs and we had spare office space for a new home if the Werribee premises became inoperable.

About this time, my husband Mark and I realised we needed to visit family in the UK, so treated ourselves to a holiday in what became “around the world in 48 days”.

Things then became hectic. State coaching co-ordinator Karen Aspery was appointed acting national coaching co-ordinator, later in the year also became acting national manager.

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At a national meeting in Adelaide in April, RDAA Board members took up the offer to sub-lease part of our premises and set a tentative moving date of September. Then the sole remaining RDAA office staff member in Werribee gave notice she would finish in June!

The obvious solution was to move RDAA office to Adelaide immediately – and less than a month before I was to start two months’ leave!

The big move happened. I was relieved to board the plane, but aware staff would face more pressure in my absence.

They handled it like troupers, professionally and capably. What else can I say but “Thank you” to Rosalee Cearns, Ella Kos, Karen Aspery, Theresa Moore, Ian Beaton.

While RDAA machinations impacted, RDA SA also hosted the demonstration sport of Equestrian for the 2010 Special Olympics National Games.

Adelaide turned on fine April weather to impress our guests and some centres met the challenge of providing horses for interstate riders as well as their own. It was a wonderful event and I felt proud to be part of RDA and see how well it was run by our people.

Particular credit for the success of RDA’s involvement at the Games must go to our State President Jill Ribbons. Participating in the Games was Jill’s initiative and she worked tirelessly to ensure RDA was involved at both state and national levels. Her efforts began in 2006, so it was a long and ultimately successful quest.

RDA SA state coaching and safety committee provided significant material support, most of the admin co-ordinated by Karen, assisted by all state office staff at various times.

As a result, Equestrian sport has been admitted as an official SO sport – good news for our athletes with intellectual disabilities, for whom SO provides a pathway to national and international competition.

New RDA SA Board members joining in late 2009 brought fresh thinking to our strategic vision and policies. We’ve some way to go, but have started the journey.

A new Constitution was drafted by a Board sub-committee comprising Denise Watkins, Melissa Kaharevic and myself. Denise and Melissa are legal practitioners, and I appreciated an opportunity to work with them. A draft Agreement for Centres has since been prepared and both documents are being circulated for comments and feedback.

RDA SA continues to operate on a sound financial basis, recording a surplus for the year.

In 2010 we changed our MYOB accounting software to MYOB Enterprise, using a grant from the Department of Families and Communities in 2009 to buy the software.

This enabled RDA SA to migrate to a single software program on a centralised terminal server. Most centre treasurers quickly realised the benefits far outweighed a need to log-in to a remote server.

The new system means data is available to view when needed by our auditors or the Board. Security is improved as the data is included in daily back-ups at state office.

These management items, integral to smooth operations, are in the background of RDA SA’s true work, to provide
clients with rewarding and beneficial experiences through being with horses.

**All centres** have volunteers who have witnessed miracles wrought by bringing people with disabilities into close contact with horses.

Soon after I joined RDA, I received a phone call from a volunteer at RDA Whyalla centre. She was on the verge of tears.

“Kay, Kay, I just have to tell you,” she said breathlessly. “Liam’s mum came to RDA with him today. When he got out of the car, he ran across the yard calling out his pony’s name: ‘Mickey, Mickey’.

“His mum burst into tears, and we asked her what was wrong. She said, ‘That’s the first time I’ve ever heard my son’s voice.’”

Liam was seven years old. This wonderful story is the embodiment of RDA.

So many of us witness daily miracles of children learning to talk, unlocking their voices, learning to sit tall, grasping the reins, learning to trust and love an animal who trusts unconditionally in return.

These achievements are not measurable. They give us a warm feeling, but our funding bodies require harder facts.

We can’t prove a rider spoke for the first time because of a pony, or someone sat up with no help because their back muscles were stronger due to riding horses. We believe it, but cannot prove it.

Which is where a **new partnership with University of South Australia** comes into the RDA picture. Late in 2010 Uni SA and RDA SA signed an agreement allowing researchers to engage in projects of benefit to RDA, particularly in terms of being able to measure what we all believe to be true.

Dr Kirrilly Thompson (also a horse-owner, rider, competitor) leads a team of researchers seeking suitable RDA projects. We look forward to working with them.

In my two months away I took opportunities to visit RDA centres in the UK and Ireland.

These included: Chigwell Riding Trust in Essex (oldest RDA centre in the world); Clwyd in Wales (a residential riding centre); Digswell, Herts (an outdoor centre entirely run by volunteers); and Festina Lente in Ireland (a full time enterprise with a name meaning “Hasten slowly”).

Chigwell, Clwyd and Festina Lente are professionally run with paid staff, paid coaches, and full-sized indoor arenas.

Mark and I were warmly welcomed everywhere and felt instantly at home.

This proved to me one thing at the heart of RDA: no matter where you go in the world, you can instantly understand and recognise what is happening at an RDA centre and what is being achieved for people with disabilities.

The one thing common to all was the smiles on the faces of the riders.

And as we draw a line under the turmoil and achievements of 2010, it is the smiles that truly count.

**Kay Milton**

*State Manager*
Liz Sobecki

Natalie Mellors

Meletia-Ann Boon

Matthew Davis

SOME RDA ACHIEVERS
This has been a year of consolidation for the committee; we have continued to operate at Dallwitz Reserve weekly, providing horse riding opportunities to more than 36 people with disabilities.

Our achievements this year have been:

- Purchased three horses to bring the number to five under our management and control.
- Purchase of a horse float.
- Consolidation of equipment to be self-sufficient.
- Maintaining our financial position at more than $30,000 at bank.

Last year we set ourselves the following goals (all but one of them achieved):

- Finalise training of at least two new coaches.
- Increase our volunteer base to support the program.
- Find permanent agistment for horses, closer to the centre.
- Increase the number of RDA-owned horses to at least 50 percent of our requirement.

The training of coaches remains difficult, as time and commitment needed is large, particularly for volunteers already giving up valuable time for the organisation.

The coming year will again be one in which we consolidate by setting up processes and systems, so the successful running of the centre is shared with more people to allow committed volunteers respite from weekly requirements.

I would like to particularly thank Judith Hackett, Maria Brett, Kathie Scobie and Ivars Vulfs, the backbone of weekly running of sessions, who have been with us since the start.

This year Laurel Symes has also contributed greatly with agistment and horse transport; she is now one of the “gang of five” who make the place run week in week out.

I also must mention Sandra and Mary-Ann, who also provide horse transport every week for the organisation.

Elli Beer continues to support us with free use of the “Farm” for our meetings and as treasurer provides us with great help in high finance and fundraising.

I must thank all our volunteers who show up every week in sometimes cold and sometimes hot conditions. Without them we would not have a centre.

Finally, active volunteers number 32; clients 36, plus a further 16 from Clare Lifestyle Options who attended a day in April and hope to attend once per school term (we cannot offer them anything more at this stage until we have more coaches).

Working bees have seen a truck ramp and some extra holding areas completed.
The past 12 months have been a challenging time for all and I thank our committee, coaches and volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

There are so many people to thank for their support: the Board of RDA SA Inc, state office and staff, our Project Manager Rob McBryde and Jennibrook Farm for accommodating us over the past 2 years.

At the end of 2010 we vacated Jennibrook Farm and moved to O’Halloran Hill. The site is still very much a work in progress and we hope to commence riding in Term 2.

At times it has seemed that progress has been slow, and we become frustrated. This is only because we miss our riders, and they miss being with our coaches, volunteers and horses, all of whom are waiting to see a new beginning.

The growth of O’Halloran Hill can be seen in the following achievements:

- The pouring of concrete slab and erection of framework for administration building
- A second container for storage and office area
- Wheelchair accessible portaloo
- 4 bay hay/implement shed
- Installation of mounting ramp
- Outdoor riding area
- Tie up stalls
- Internal roads
- Water connected to administration building

We still have a long way to go: roofing and cladding for the administration building, electricity and phone cabling. This will all be achieved in time by a dedicated team of volunteers.

We are still financial, however there are heavy expenses yet to come and fundraising is a priority.

I thank everyone for their tireless efforts to achieve.

Again, I thank everyone for their efforts over the past year and I congratulate you on your commitment.

Patricia Warde
President
RDA Blackwood

ABOVE: At the new O’Halloran Hill site, framework for the new administration building is complete. Cladding yet to come. The indoor arena will be eventually built onto the right-hand side of this building.
The opportunity has come when I can now thank all those at Jennibrook Farm in writing, for their commitment to a better RDA centre.

I wish to thank Merridee for her ongoing help with computer lessons, Sandy for her grand effort in taking and printing of the minutes, a special thank you to June for her work in treasury and keeping up to date with the new system and a big thank you to Bill who as soon as he alights from his vehicle is confronted by requests to fix or remove something.

Coaches

My thanks go to our coaches Lorna, Merridee, Karen, Sam, Sue and Tanith for their ongoing support and development to our riders progress throughout the year.

Centre Development

Unfortunately we still don’t have the funds to spend on the Centres’ many projects that await us. Tasks that have been completed or are underway as follows:

- The shelter erected in the waiting area
- A safety fence with self closing gate to the mounting area
- The southern paddocks have been divided into four
- A wheelchair port-a-loo has been installed
- A compost bay has been built for horse manure
- A magnetic notice board with pockets has been installed in the waiting area

Projects on hold:
- A new mounting ramp
- New front gates and driveway
- A new car park

Maintenance at the centre will never end.

Volunteers

I would like to thank our volunteers. Without their help we would not be where we are today as a viable working centre. They are the force without whom we cannot exist.

Our Riders

Signs of progress show when I see clients riding without a side walker or lead rope. To date some of our riders have entered dressage competitions, won ribbons and trophies and improved in their ability to remember each stage of the activity before them.

Activity in their games that are played have shown great improvement and in other

Grants

The grant applied for last time to develop an arena from Community Benefit SA was unsuccessful. We will however try others.

Fundraising

We held a BBQ at Woolworths at The Hub, Aberfoyle Park, and raised several hundred dollars. Jenny McDonald raised over one thousand dollars, proceeds from a concert held at a church hall in Aberfoyle Park.

Morphett Vale Bowls Club donated over $500, proceeds from foul shots.

Graham Crouch
President
RDA Jennibrook Farm

A special moment for RDA Jennibrook Farm rider Caitlin Appel at the Special Olympics.
I have been RDA Mount Barker president for seven months now.

During this time I have seen several changes at the centre.

A couple of working bees have resulted in some significant changes to improve our facilities.

A new ramp to improve mounting for clients and coaches has been built, new gates have been installed and our holding yards have been modified for easier access and to come into line with RDA requirements.

Thanks to generous donations from one of our volunteers we have been able to purchase a new shed, now being used as our administration office and general facility.

We have named this new building “Cooper’s Shed” after one of our much-loved Clydesdales.

During September we installed a disabled portable toilet, thanks to a grant through RDA (Aust Hotels Association Hotel Care Community Projects).

We also received donations of paving, put to good use for the floor of the new shed and for access to the disabled toilet.

We still need to do more jobs around the centre (e.g. paving and making our paddocks secure and safe for our horses).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our committee members and coaches for their tireless dedication and the hours of coaching work they put in week in week out to keep standards at the centre as high as possible.

For our volunteers, who come each week, a very big thank you.

Without your help we could not be an RDA centre doing such an important job within the community, helping to give children an activity which would normally be out of reach for them.

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers, so that we can continue the wonderful service we provide.

We continue to look for more suitable horses for our programs.

We are aware that some of our beloved four-legged friends are reaching their “use by” date.

It is not an easy process finding suitable bomb-proof ponies and horses to suit our purposes, so we are always on the lookout.

I look forward to the year ahead, for what we can achieve and the joy we can bring to the lives of our riders.

I am Foot
President
RDA Mt Barker

RDA Mount Barker rider Jayne Linke, happy to be in the saddle on the magnificent Clydesdale Lauchie. Assisting on the ground are volunteers Michelle Leach and Maria Roma, with Helen Linke on the mounting platform. In the background is volunteer Jaime Howie.
Ole Gardseni resigned as President from the Centre Committee in June 2010. We thank him for his efforts for the last three years.

Mr Leigh Wheatley replaced Ole as President. RDA MTG is pleased to have Leigh on board, as he brings expertise in many areas of business.

I would first like to thank Liz McKinnon for her job as minutes secretary over the last year. It was much appreciated. She is unable to continue in the role due to work commitments.

Thank you to Peter Rees, taking on the role of secretary in the last few months and for the coming year. Peter also brings lots of expertise in this area.

There has been a steady work load in the job, certainly made easier with the help of Jo Waters and Elaine Ditcham, organising and sorting client registrations, which at times can become onerous in getting paperwork filled out correctly. In the end all was sorted out. Other than that most things went smoothly.

Finanically things have been very positive. Much easier for all by sending accounts out to clients. Some we have to chase but on the whole it is working well.

After three tries we have received a grant ($11,965) to do a shed extension and with funds from both councils (Grant $2,500, City $3,000 and donations $2,000) the extension cost is virtually covered without us having to dip into general funds.

We also received $2,500 from a Volunteers Grant late 2009. This was used to purchase $1,000 fuel vouchers and $1,500 towards a new lawnmower.

RDA is looking much better financially. One of my goals has been to have about $15,000 in the Gift account as a back up – not quite there yet but close.

This means we can invest in the purchase of horses in future. Along with access to the Hero Fund which now is $4,000 every two years we can plan to upgrade the fleet “ in the coming year.

We held a gymkhana which was very successful with participants. Financially we made a small profit.

The last fundraiser for 2010 was our Horse Info Day. It was not easy to get a date but Graham Farley added Mt Gambier to his trip tour in October. There was a very positive response from horse professionals and it was low cost for us to hold.

We are now doing the books for the centre on REMOTE computer via the internet. Once access was sorted out it became much better for us as well as Ella, and all the centres are on the same page.

The coaches have done an excellent job over the last year and the clients certainly gained lots from their teaching.

The coaches have attended seminars during the year and Nicola achieved Level 2 RDA coaching certificate. Congratulations!

Vanessa and Nicola wish to pursue training in vaulting coaching and Cheryl in carriage driving. The committee supports them and the process will start to achieve this in the long term.

The centre has to be accredited and this comes with upgrading to specifications required. A long term plan.

We unfortunately had to put down one of our horses, Clippy, during the year. We currently have five horses and are constantly looking for others as we realise that in the not so distant future some will have to be replaced, e.g., Jester. We are very fortunate all our coaches are great horse people and are always on the look out for the centre.

A big thank you must go to the volunteers who come regularly. Their help with client riding and general maintenance is appreciated.

A big thank you also to Des Lattin and the Lions Club who are constantly holding working bees at the centre. Their help is appreciated and the centre and grounds are looking much better.

Thanks to everyone for help over the year.
First of all, “Thanks” to a very helpful and supportive committee. It sure makes it easier to operate when the work is shared.

As at December last year, I had doubts about continuing this wonderful venture, as a few people predicted and maybe hoped for.

However, with a fighting spirit and some wonderful responses from new sources, we formed a new committee, got ourselves inspired and, as the saying goes, “kicked butt.”

We have nearly doubled our client numbers. Some come, some leave, due to moving etc. but the number of registered riders has dramatically increased.

We started a class on Saturday mornings to cater for new clients. This increased our workload, but made it possible for riders who could not attend because of school to be able to participate.

While the workload has increased, after all, that’s what we are all about – helping clients ride horses.

Many years ago a head person [not someone currently with RDA, speaking on raising rider fees, stated that if increased fees meant less riders, that was okay, it would mean less work.

But that is not what RDA is all about. Those of us who are in a position to be able to commit ourselves to a few hours a week to give pleasure and benefit to less fortunate people, should feel gratified and rewarded.

Winter 2010 was the wettest and coldest for many years. Unfortunately, this meant many cancelled sessions, which had an adverse effect on our running finances.

Our very efficient treasurer Rosemary has done well, keeping us ahead and the accounts in order.

With the help of the ongoing bingo fundraising, run by my very supportive husband Bob, and with the help of volunteers (some not even connected with the horse side of it) we have kept up the finances quite well.

Even though sessions have been cancelled, meaning a loss of up to $160 a week, running costs continue. Horses still eat and need to be maintained.

Water rates have doubled, power is up, our property rates (while not a concern of RDA) have doubled meaning it is harder for Bob to maintain the property.

Our pensions have not risen in proportion – we just have to budget more carefully.

Our trainee coaches are progressing with enthusiasm and, with Karen Aspery’s help and guidance, should attain their first OTC step by the end of 2010.

I can’t wait for them to take over from me. I’ll look forward, after 23 years, to a supervisory role. However, I do hope I will still be needed at times; after all, it has been a lifestyle for Bob and I and we don’t want to change too much – just do a bit less of the physical work, due to our ageing.

Our love of horses and riders has definitely not reduced.

Thank you again, everyone, for helping in whatever role you play. We look forward to an even bigger and better year ahead.

Ella Nance
President
RDA Murray Bridge
RDA Northern Area continues to operate with driving on Mondays and riding programs on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The driving team farewelled Don Abisolom this year. He announced his retirement and was presented with a picture of himself driving Alex (above), at a small lunch gathering at the centre where the driving crew were joined by some of those who volunteered with him in the riding programs, as well as Kay and Mark from state office.

Don was presented with his 10 year service badge.

Jo Anderson attended a driving workshop in Bendigo and continues to work toward level 1 assessment. Jody Richardson is also working toward driving accreditation, while John Freer continues as our whip. We continue to look for another driving pony.

Rachel, Diane, Vicki and Natalie coach on Wednesdays, and on Thursdays Jill, Natalie, Diane and Vicki coach, with Dian as a supervised level 0 when there is a class to take.

There is often capacity to have two smaller groups running at the same time, which helps address our waiting list.

Establishing a stable team of volunteers continues to be a challenge, with many new faces to be trained and, we hope, encouraged to stay and enjoy being part of the RDA Northern Area family.

The horse team has seen many changes this year. Midge, who joined us at the beginning of last year, needed more aged care than we could provide and we were sad to farewell a pony who passed accreditation in one day. He has been replaced by RJ, a 12.2hh 14yo Palouse pony.

Spice (age 32) and Ben were retired. (Bush) Fly found a new job at TAFE where he is not ridden but is used to teach horsemanship skills.

We purchased two black ponies: Paris will be sold as she has not settled into RDA, and Ebony needs lots of work.

Finding new horses takes lots of time, energy and LUCK. We were lucky with the purchase of Pete in February. A 16hh grey thoroughbred, he was quickly educated into RDA mode and ridden successfully in the Special Olympics National Games by Dian from our centre and Andrew from Jennibrook.

He was also ridden by Dian and Jackie Kennedy at the State dressage championships. Sasha, another new horse (at 15.2 a good height for our adult riders), debuted at the dressage with Natalie Mellors taking her on a training outing.

Rachel found an older pony, Bobby, leased to us as long as we need him.

I have been making the most of training opportunities made available by RDA SA, completed my lungeing, and jumping certificates as steps toward Level 2 Qualification which I completed at a workshop with Mary Longden at McLaren Vale in August.

This follows a surprise at the Government House evening when both Margaret Lee and I received 30 year service badges – not always week in week out, but involved in the background for many of those years, Margaret in judging and myself in training coaches.

The Management committee meets Thursdays. Three of us also meet as part of the horse centre management committee with Equus members on a Wednesday evening. This committee is now functioning well, sharing of tasks around the centre. The centre is getting more bookings on weekends which brings in extra funds.

A big thank you to ALL the volunteers, young and old, who make up the Northern Area team. May we continue to reflect on why we are involved in RDA, and how we can grow together to put smiles on faces, and horses in the lives of as many clients as possible.

Jill Shelton
President & Coach
RDA Northern Area
In term 2 holidays RDA Pt Lincoln horses spent time at “Duckponds” and came back refreshed and ready to work again.

It’s great for volunteers too, rostered volunteers only needing to tend horses once a day at these times.

Term 3 lessons were good. The arena was set up in three rows of games. Row 1 was blindfold shape game, row 2 beanbags on mats, row 3 bending and can/barrel game. Riders showed good progress. Lessons started with formation riding, followed by games and ending with trotting for those riders who were up to it. Lots of fun had by all.

One horse, Red, had problems with his private part, the vet revealing he had cancer. Regular cleaning of his appendage avoided his having to be euthanised. Now he continues doing well, with dedicated weekly cleaning by Beth. Just as well Beth likes Red. Thanks for her help in this delicate matter.

Two lessons were cancelled (too hot or raining). Term 2 holidays once again spent spelling at Liz’s. All good and all enjoyed the rest.

Term 4 started with me (Jodie Porter) being very sick. Volunteers were trained by Sam Cope at our term 4 volunteer training day. Sam recently passed coach level 1. Well done, especially considering the private pressure she has been under this year.

Some lessons were cancelled due to low volunteer numbers or hot weather.

On November 14 we conducted our major fundraiser for the year. “Taste of Summer” and it went off with a huge bang. With tastings from Wirra Wirra Wines, a monster auction and gourmet food by client father Damien Mrdjen, it was a fantastic night and raised many dollars. All present were impressed, so great work Susan Hooker and the team.

The effort by volunteers was extraordinary, from Susan’s overall organisation with Vicki and Heather, ladies preparing food in the “hot house kitchen”; Stella and Tom for an amazing, enchanting venue, wine pourers and waitresses. Extreme temperature made things difficult in the pokey (not air conditioned) kitchen but the balmy tropical night was amazing. The atmosphere was electric, with that friendly feeling for which RDA Port Lincoln is well known. Thanks team, a well deserved result.

Riders are always improving and we look forward to another year of this magical experience we call RDA.

The year 2010 began with the usual fundraising at an information tent at the annual Tunarama Festival. A beginner rider clinic for able bodied riders was another successful fund raiser.

We started doing the bulk of lessons with just one coach (Raquel took time out, Sam was working and Liz was away with family health issues). The increasing skills of our volunteers made this situation manageable.

A new pony, Tommy, joined us with his owner also registering as a volunteer.

We used volunteer training day to have a working bee and prepare grounds, tack and horses, to be ready for a new riding year. A good new “pooper” machine was sorted out to make that job quicker and easier.

We have new riders and need new horses to replace Red, Naishy and Simeon. Simeon has been returned to its owner and Red is resting at Duckponds.

It has been a good 12 months, sometimes struggling with low volunteer numbers and no back-up coaches. I am having troubles with my feet – so thanks to all our well-trained volunteers who made my job as coach so much easier.
The past year has seen our centre grow in a manner which I am sure makes us all feel proud.

We are continuing to get a great deal of community support and I think this is due to the presence we maintain through our various fund-raising activities, such as the “Smelters’ Picnic” and the “Come Fly a Kite” day.

We have had new volunteers join us and have four new members – Judy, Tammi, Kathryn and myself – working on their OTC, as well as Anne Byard having nearly completed her level one coaching.

Anne Rogers is continuing to expand her coaching resume by adding an OTC to carriage driving. This is an area Anne is passionate about and it will be great for us to be able to add this to our activities later down the track.

I must also thank Bill, whose “Work with the Dole” program has enabled so much work to be done throughout our grounds.

It’s amazing to see progress photos of the work that he has completed during the past 12 months.

I cannot thank our tireless volunteers and committee members enough for the effort they have put into our program.

No matter how big or small your contribution, please be aware that we do value each of you and the work you do. Our centre would not be as good as it is without you!

I have enjoyed the past year as president and hope in the coming year we can continue to see the development we have been working towards in both our centre and riders.

Kristy Quinlan
President
RDA Port Pirie

LEFT: Some face painting fun at RDA Port Pirie: matching rider to horse! It proved a fun activity under the supervision of coach Anne Byard.
The past year for RDA Riverland has had something of everything.

It started with our gaining accreditation. Bruce Fenwick passed level 1 coaching. We farewelled Berri Primary School students, who enjoyed showing off riding skills to parents.

Later, panic set in. For a long time we couldn’t find more riders. But we did find them and numbers kept increasing. Now we have 27 riders and are operating two days a week.

What a turnaround in one short year! We can all be proud of ourselves and our efforts to get so far in 12 months. All those sleepless nights were not in vain after all!

In fact we have had a most successful year. RDA Riverland has gained much needed local exposure, one result being money starting to trickle in. Madec started things with a “150 jobs in 100 days” promo. When they achieved their goal they presented us with a cheque for $5,000. $2,000 came from the Ulysses Club and along the way we’ve had many more donations of up to $500.

Horses have moved in and out. Some old faithfuls finally got the retirement they were waiting for.

We have had a couple of incidents with trespassers. The first appeared to be simply someone having a “sticky beak” and no damage done. But the second saw three rugs stolen off the backs of horses. On hearing about it, the community rallied round and lots of donations came in, including an envelope in our mailbox containing $400 cash.

After that, some volunteers kept an eagle eye on the place – thank you Les Woods, Paul McGuire and Tony Michalanney for weekend patrols.

Community involvement in the centre included school holiday riders from Riverland Respite and Recreation.

Riverland Special School placed three Duke of Edinburgh students with us for six months. Dylan, Tatum and Seema painted, weeded, pooper scoopered and did other general work under the watchful eye of carer, Di Sims. They have done a great job and we are most grateful.

Glossop High came out with 17 students and painted the entranceway white, making a great difference.

Most recently Riverland Special School brought 23 students who weeded and painted for us, then joined us for a sausage sizzle lunch.

We began fixing fencing. We won a grant to have a disabled toilet installed (now up and running). The local council supported us by mowing and slashing near the horse yards.

We have been busy socially too. In June we held a day to thank local businesses and trades people for help.

Heather Hartley did a Bowen Therapy demonstration on one of the horses. We took Buddy to the Riverland Field Days where he was patted and scratched to his heart’s delight.

Earlier in the year Hilda and I went to Government House for the RDA reception. What an inspiration to see people who had been with RDA up to 30 years!

I thank coaches Mary Wagnitz and Sharon Stewart for tireless efforts. Without them we could not operate.

To all feeders and lesson day volunteers, the centre does not run itself and without your support RDA Riverland would be a thing of the past.

I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year. Thank you for all your support to me this past year. I know at times it has not been the smoothest of sailing but we have certainly come out on top.

Jodie Pearn
President
RDA Riverland
RDA Victor Harbor members have been busy through the year raising funds, finding horses, raising awareness … the work is ongoing.

Thanks to Sue and John for their efforts as secretary, organising fund raising, standing as public relations officer, horse welfare officer and arranging horse transport, and Sue for your coaching. We thank you both.

To Sharon, thanks for your work as treasurer, to undertake and get to understand finances while also studying for coach level two. Sharon was also part of the horse welfare team, and influential in preparing the dressage team to be ready for the SA competitions.

Our horses have been well cared for. Thanks to Fiona for keeping a knowledgeable watch over them, also for providing horse transportation.

Thanks to Kate for all your involvement with horse welfare. Your insight has been invaluable, as also has your contribution to horse transport.

Thanks Brian and Victoria for bringing Dylan from Yankalilla. Your commitment is so much appreciated.

Thanks Di for making sense of committee meetings, with minute taking, as well as your work as volunteer co-ordinator.

Thanks Ann Cansdale for time spent organising and initiating our volunteer information services.

Thanks to all our volunteers for your time, understanding and dedication to RDA. Without your efforts our family of riders could not realise the benefits a relationship with a horse can bring.

It takes a great team of enthusiastic people to cover all types of jobs – from keeping coffee coming, to planting trees, sorting seeds, helping other community groups raise funds, grooming horses, sidewalkking, leading, organising grounds maintenance and helpers.

RDA Victor Harbor riders have progressed well. One group attended the RDA SA state dressage in September.

Lessons have been diverse and fun, Saturday lessons extending riders and providing opportunity for new riders who cannot make Tuesday lessons.

Our riders are diverse, from therapy riding to dressage standard. But they all have something in common – the ability to reward us with smiles and joy; from small steps to leaps and bounds. We witness it all and find it truly amazing.

Thanks to our sponsors, including Port Elliott CWA, Middle Tavern Social Club, Fleurieu Philanthropy Foundation, Southern Agricultural Show Society and everyone who has donated.

News has just arrived that a grant which Sue and John have been chasing from Savings & Loans, involving hours of volunteering in the community, has been approved and funding of $5,000 is coming. Well done to all for your contributions.

Finally, to Victor Harbor Riding Club, thank you for your co-operation in the ongoing use of the Scott grounds, to enable RSA to utilise the facilities.

The past 12 months have been most rewarding to all, for which I say thank you.
There have been many ups and downs during the last 12 months.

The passing of Isaac, the longest serving horse at RDA Whyalla, was a sad time for everyone. As yet we have not been able to secure a replacement of his size or temperament.

I would like to thank the coaches, Mandy and Jill, and the many volunteers assisting them, without whom this centre would not function. The care and welfare of our horses has been at the forefront of all their activities. There have been many outings they have undertaken with the horses around Whyalla, not only raising money for RDA Whyalla but giving us much exposure to the general public.

Mandy and Jill have been invited to talk at many schools and organisations about RDA and their functions in the community, probably an activity not recognised by many people. I would like to thank them for their dedication.

To RDA Whyalla committee members, thank you for your time and energy, especially to those who are doing two or more tasks. I trust this year more people will join the committee to help spread the work load.

MAINTENANCE

We were successful in gaining a grant for a new 22,000 ltr water tank and pump in October 2009 from Whyalla City Council. The tank has been connected into the existing three tanks on the stables. This gives us the capacity to collect 62,500 ltrs of rainwater. At the start of last summer we were full with 40,500 ltrs of stored rainwater, but by the end of summer these tanks were empty. This water was used only for drip feeding trees and watering the front garden. We hope this summer we will get through. A 5,000 ltr water tank was moved from the stables onto the maintenance building.

Many small repair jobs keep our volunteers busy in an endeavor to keep the centre safe and tidy for clients and horses. We have between 3 and 5 people on either the Thursday or Friday from work for the dole participants from Employment Plus. With the happy band of maintenance volunteers now totalling 7, we were able to complete many jobs, eg, welding projects, paving the waiting area, our RDA sign, new table and seats, extending underground irrigation pipes, erecting new feed shed (80% of the cladding completed), extending concrete foundations for larger water tank, new gate from car park into North paddock (to give access for construction vehicles and materials) – and tedious and ongoing work of weeding and mowing.

50 more holes were dug on the south eastern corner and south fence line, for planting trees and shrubs. The planting was carried out by the Whyalla Rotary Club, an ongoing project from last year. We sincerely thank the Rotary Club for their continued support in beautifying and greening RDA Whyalla.

We were successful in gaining a grant from the Danks Trust of $10,000 through Whyalla Garden Centre who also donated $500. This was used to purchase and erect an activity shed – now awaiting planning permission to allow erection to start.

FUNDRAISING

Pony rides at the foreshore Fishy Fringe was a success, with a good time had by everyone. Sausage sizzles are held every second month outside Stratco, and occasionally outside Woolworths and Harvey Norman. Many Whyalla organisations use the same sites to raise money.

Many thanks to the cooks and their helpers, Ashley and his mates, Diane & Ted, Terry & Gayle and my good wife Carol for their continuous help and support. Help is always required so any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

To our many sponsors, Martelco Hire, Whyalla Tipper Hire, Growden Excavations, Stratco, Westlands Shopping Centre, Whyalla Rotary Club, Whyalla Tile and Hardware, Whyalla Garden Centre, Country Pets and More, Quality Sheet Metal and local radio stations, our sincere thanks.

In conclusion, I thank the committee and our volunteers for the strong commitment shown over the last year, in striving to better our services and presenting a clean and safe environment for our clients.
We have had a fantastic year in 2010 with lots to report on with our busy little centre.

Currently RDA Yorke Peninsula has 11 riders and 15 volunteers, all working well, looking forward to expanding riders and volunteers in the New Year when Council negotiations and relocation have been completed.

Two of our clients attended the Special Olympics in April. They came home bearing two medals each. We were all very proud of them and their fantastic achievement.

Thank you to everybody involved in helping our riders at the Special Olympics. Not every client at the centre will compete in these events, but it is just nice to know they love attending RDA on a regular basis. As volunteers we love being there to help them fulfil their riding dreams.

We like to keep promoting RDA, as this helps public awareness.

Here are some of the events in which RDA YP participates:

- Christmas parades (alternating between Kadina and Moonta).
- Annual Volunteer Expo, “Parks Alive” Teddy Bears’ Picnic, sausage sizzles.
- Bank SA annual charity day (featuring RDA), newspaper articles etc (for achievements, to thank people for kind gifts etc).

RDA YP has been very fortunate to have received a number of grants this year, enabling us to take some items off our “wish list.”

These include a new toilet for the disabled.

Thank you Andy, Lib, Geraldine and Andy Esworthy for their grant-writing expertise.

And a very big thank you to The Australian Hotels Assn for making our loo dream come true!

Also thanks to the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs for a grant of $4,600 to help support our volunteers.

Another thing the centre has been able to purchase is a ride-on mower and “whipper snipper” – something else to come off the wish list.

Training will be provided for those volunteers who will be operating this machinery.

All horses have been refitted by Gary Slack and two more saddles have been purchased along with other resources.

As president I would personally like to thank all involved in RDA YP for making this centre the success it is today. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Deb Barker - Nolan
President & coach
RDA Yorke Peninsula

LEFT: Coach Andy Ford and leader Leona Jamieson with rider Georgia O’Brien.
RIGHT: Rider Gabriel Wilson at RDA Mount Barker, the horse led by centre president Ian Foot, with coach Kate Howie in attendance.

LEFT: RDA Yorke Peninsula volunteer Sara Stock gives pony Dee a workout under the direction of coach Kirsty Ford.
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 2010.

Board Members

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

Jill Ribbons
Melisa Kaharevic
Dennis Hall
Julie Burnes
Wendy Scullen
Denise Watkins
Karen Mugford
Deb Ophof
Viv Pippan-Brown

REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS
January 2010 to December 2010
As required by Riding for the Disabled Assoc. SA Inc. Constitution 2008 clause 32.7

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Kay Milton (state manager, ex officio) 9 11
Ella Kos (finance manager, ex officio) 3 3
Alison Rimmington (minutes secretary, ex officio) 1 1
**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

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<td>Volunteer Expenses</td>
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<td><strong>Profit/Loss from Ordinary Activities</strong></td>
<td>74,485</td>
<td>53,786</td>
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# RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION SA INC

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010**

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<td><strong>Total Current Assets</strong></td>
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<td>876,129</td>
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<td>Plant &amp; Equipment</td>
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<td><strong>Total Non-Current Assets</strong></td>
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<td>Trade and Other Payables</td>
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<td>GST Liabilities</td>
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<td>(174)</td>
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<td>Grants in Advance</td>
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<td>177,431</td>
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<td>Provision for Redundancy</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Liabilities</strong></td>
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<td>233,626</td>
<td>257,771</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets</strong></td>
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<td>1,041,761</td>
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### Members' Funds

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<td>Asset Revaluation Reserve</td>
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<td>Building Fund Reserve</td>
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<td>Retained Earnings</td>
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<td>906,198</td>
<td>663,966</td>
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<td><strong>Total Members' Funds</strong></td>
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<td>1,111,496</td>
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
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 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 1031 Materiality
AASB 110 Events after the Statement of Financial Position Date
AASB 1048 Interpretation and Application of Standards

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

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

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) Change in Financial Year End
   During 2009 the Board of Riding for the Disabled SA Inc changed the year end from 30 June to 31 December to more accurately reflect the operational year. The results in the statement of comprehensive income reflect 12 months of activity from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010 compared to the comparative results for the 6 month period ended 31 December 2009.

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

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

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

Depreciation
   The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a diminishing balance 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.

e) 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.

f) Revenue
   All revenue is stated net of any amounts of goods and services tax (GST).
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION SA INC

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

NOTE 1 cont.

   g) Goods and Services Tax (GST)
   Revenue, 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

   h) 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 sick leave, which will be settled after one year, have been

   i) 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

   j) End of Year Adjustment
   For one branch, an amount of $14,987.10 was required to be disclosed as sundry expenses and $8,709.97 disclosed as sundry income due to the fact that the bank account had not been reconciled for a 9 month period within the 12 months ended 31 December 2010. The true nature of the expenses was not known and hence could not be accurately disclosed.

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<td>General Account</td>
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<td>Investment Account</td>
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<td>Public Appeal</td>
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<td>Reserve Fund (VHAGC)</td>
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<td>Dooknock</td>
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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

NOTE 3: FIXED ASSETS

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<td>Plant &amp; Equipment – at valuation</td>
<td>93,814</td>
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<td>Plant &amp; Equipment – at cost:</td>
<td>1,124,733</td>
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<td>Less Accumulated Depreciation</td>
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NOTE 4: ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE

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<td>Opening Balance</td>
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<td>Less: Asset devolution</td>
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<td>Closing Balance</td>
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NOTE 5: RETAINED EARNINGS

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<td>Opening Balance</td>
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<td>542,812</td>
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<td>Add: Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</td>
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<td>(25,941)</td>
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<td>Add: Plant &amp; Equipment purchased by the Branches and transferred to Head Office</td>
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<td>Closing Balance</td>
<td>603,966</td>
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RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION SA INC

REPORT OF THE BOARD

The Board of Management reports that:

(a) During the year ended 31 December 2010, 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 2010, 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 2010 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 28/4/11
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 2010 as set out in pages 1 to 5.

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 amounts 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 by 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.

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 2010 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 opinions, 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 PETERSIN  
Principal  
Dated: 3 May 2011
Back cover pictures, clockwise from top left: young rider Callum Kemp enjoys the fun at RDA Yorke Peninsula; much loved RDA Mt Barker Clydesdale Lauchie; foundation work proceeding for the new RDA centre at O’Halloran Hill; a class lines up at RDA Port Lincoln. Bordering the photos are logos of some of our valued sponsors.