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WELCOME

Welcome to RDA Top End's 2023 wrap-up newsletter!
We have been amazed at what we can achieve in just one year! Have a read of the highlights in numbers for 2023.

We acknowledge that we can't do what we do without the support from our wonderful RDA Top End community. Thank You!
Let's roll into 2024 like our new horse Duckie!



COACH DEVELOPMENT AND CENTRE ACREDITATION



What a difference a year makes..

in 2023 our amazing volunteers Daisy and Julie completed their training to become Level 1 Coach!

Leigh also completed her training to become a Level 0 Coach.

We also have two more volunteer training to become Level 0 coaches, Alena and Tianne. Congratulations on all the hard work involved in completing this training!

We also had our centre go through accreditation in October and we received our certificate!

HIGHLIGHTS IN NUMBERS 2023

OVERVIEW

- 🐾 5 staff
- 🐾 9 horses
- 🐾 3 x Level 1 Coach
- 🐾 40 Volunteers
- 🐾 1 x Level 0 Coach
- 🐾 59 Participants
- 🐾 2 x Coaches in Training
- 🐾 1760 hours of equine experience

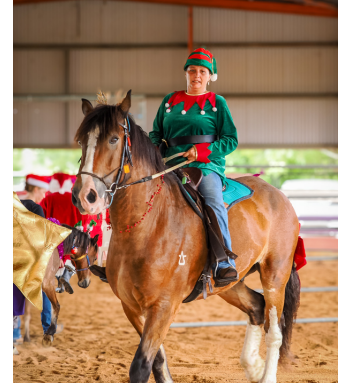
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THANK YOU TO OUR HORSE SPONSORS



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HORSE SPONSOR
ONLY 2 HORSES LEFT - CONTACT US TO DISCUSS



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



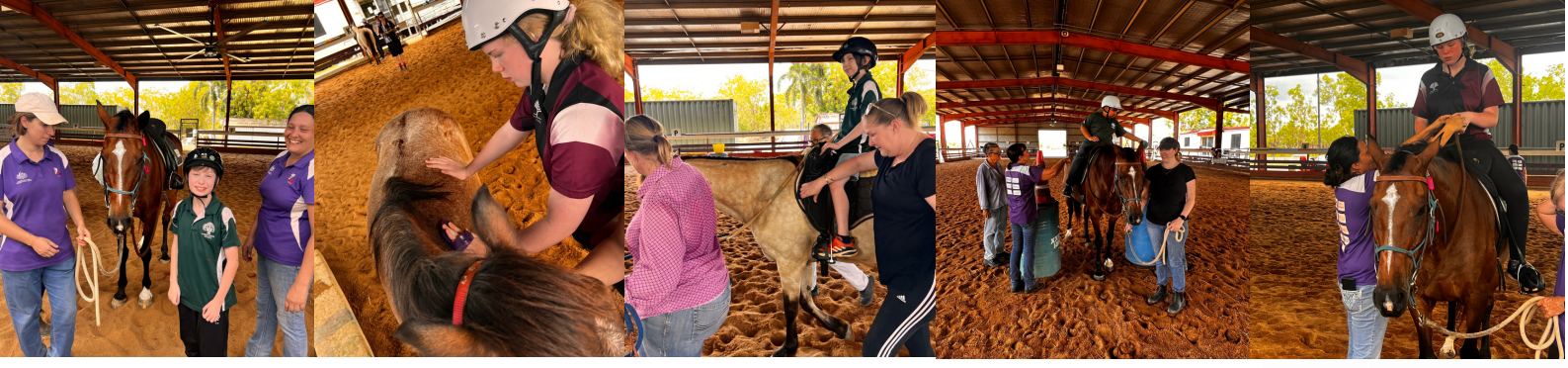
AND CLIENT AND VOLUNTEER END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

On the 9th of December, we celebrated the end of a fantastic year and presented our volunteers and clients with a certificate acknowledging their commitment and achievements over the past 12 months. This year we also acknowledged and celebrated the International Day of People with Disabilities, (IDPWD), a United Nations observed day held annually. Our guests included our 2023 participants and their families, valued volunteers and families, our sponsors and partners and the local MLA's, His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie and his partner Ms Ruth Jones, and Mayor Anthina Pascoe-Bell. We enjoyed pizzas from Luigi's Pizzeria van and joined in Christmas-themed activities. Thanks to all those who attended, please leave us some feedback on your experience by emailing us at admin@rdatopend.org.au



Thanks to the Northern Territory Government, David Bradley Images, ImagineThat Face Painting and Luigi's Pizzeria for supporting our event!

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SADDLE UP NEWS



This term we hosted three groups of students. Two Taminmin College groups and one group from Forrest Parade. Students were thoroughly engaged in the program, with the addition of some new elements that included join up in the round yard with Kinder! Thank you to the Northern Territory Government for their support with the Inclusive Education Grant. We look forward to the 2024 Saddle Up program and continued partnerships with the specialist schools across Darwin and palmerston.



WOOLWORTHS COMMUNITY

ACHIEVERS AWARDS

President Tania and committee members Lorrain & Nicole attended the Woolworths Community Achievers Awards. RDA Top End was nominated Community Group of the Year. We didn't win, however, it was exciting to be recognised with so many other amazing organisations.

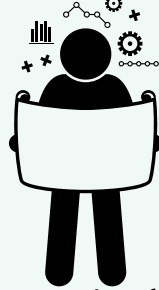


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MASTER PLAN

'THE FIRST SECRET OF GETTING WHAT YOU WANT IS KNOWING WHAT YOU WANT'

ARTHUR D. HLAVATY.



Late last year we received the final Master Plan for the RDA Top End site! It has been a few years in the making with contributions from the committee, staff and volunteers. We now have a clear vision for the RDA Top End in the coming years. We know our centre has eminence potential and opportunities for the community. We have submitted the plan to the NTG, Sport and Rec Infrastructure, asking that they assist us in developing our vision.

Huge thanks to Harris Kmon Solutions for pulling it all together!

Watch this space!



Riding for the Disabled Association in the Top End - Staged Redevelopment of Equestrian Centre
Initial Business Case | October 2023



CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

RDA is an internationally recognised brand with a positive reputation. We support a diverse range of community groups and deliver inclusive activities that benefit the community.

We can help you achieve your corporate responsibility strategy, provide meaningful corporate team experiences and exciting sponsorship opportunities.

Get in touch for a chat!

2024 PLANNING



Ending 2023 on a positive note, the RDA Top End Committee, along with our dedicated staff and volunteers, gathered to reflect on the past year and to develop our plan for 2024. As we bid farewell to an incredible year, we took the time to acknowledge our achievements, celebrate victories, and learn valuable lessons from the challenges we encountered.

Keep an eye out for these events in 2024:

- Volunteer Induction evenings
- AGM in April
- Volunteer Week 20th - 26th May
- RDA Open Day in June
- School Holidays programs

and many more - check out our website for upcoming events

Here's to another incredible year!

Thank you to Ute Coyne-Pollig from ASAP Coaching for facilitating a team awareness session.



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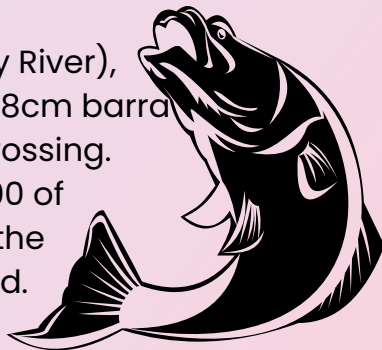
PARTNERSHIPS – MILLION DOLLAR BARRA

RDA Top End is excited to be included as one of four charities of choice for the Million Dollar Barra Comp.

For every \$10,000 red-tag fish caught, the lucky fisho gets to donate an extra \$1000 to the Million Dollar Fish Official Charity Partner of their choice.

Thankyou Jack Daly!

Jack Daly, from Nauiyu (Daly River), reeled in his prize-winning 58cm barra while fishing at Daly River Crossing. He chose to donate his \$1,000 of charity money to Riding for the Disabled Association Top End. Check out the story [here](#)



THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, VOLUNTEER RECEPTION



President Tania and amazing Volunteer Leigh Moor attended the Administrator's Volunteer Reception. Volunteering NT SA and the Honourable Hugh Heggie host this reception to recognise the immense contribution volunteers make to our community.

TEAM SPIRIT

Name:
Tania Lesneuck



Volunteer since:
2019

What is your role at the RDA TE?
Chair of the committee

What do you like about RDA TE?
It makes a difference in so many peoples lives. It is a serene and nice place to spend time.

Who's your favourite horse?
Kinder, but it's hard to pick only one.

Name:
Mitch Brown



Volunteering since:
2022

What is your favourite volunteer duty?
Preparing and feeding the horses

What do you like about RDA NT?
I like being able to hug and groom the horses.

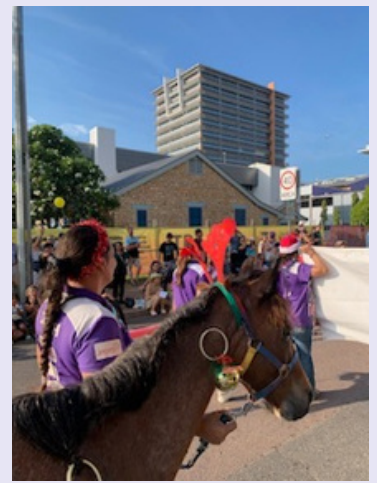
Who's your favourite horse?
At the moment its Josephine



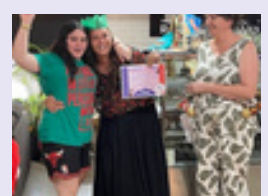
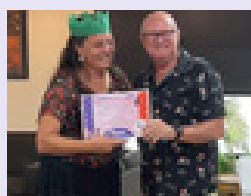
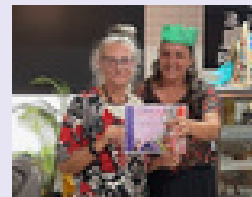
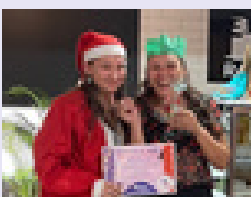
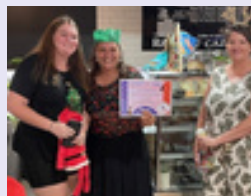
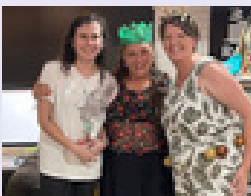
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PHOTO GALLERY FROM END OF YEAR EVENTS

A VERY DARWIN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



VOLUNTEER THANKYOU DINNER





VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED

No previous experience is needed. Training Provided!



Come join our fantastic Volunteer Team!

Monday - Friday, AM, at our centre in Marlow Lagoon.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- General Horse care and maintenance
- Client Support during sessions
- General centre upkeep and maintenance
- Other opportunities include – admin, social media, fundraising and events support, small projects, and land management.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- Reasonably fit,
- over the age of 12 years old,
- able to provide or obtain a working with children card,
- can provide 2 contactable references

RDA Top End is committed to providing a safe place for our volunteers and clients. All volunteers must adhere to RDA Child Safe Practices and Territory legislation screening requirements.



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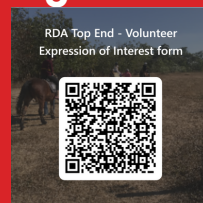
INFORMATION & INDUCTION SESSION

Time: 12.00 pm

Date: Saturday, 3 February 2024

Location: 38 Catalina Road, Marlow Lagoon

Come along to the information session or register your interest via the QR code and we will be in contact to arrange a chat.



VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK*

'Connecting with the horses is great for your own well-being and the clients get so much out of it as well'

'Hard work but rewarding and flexible'

'It is great fun and a great way to learn more about horses and make new friends'

'Very exciting, rewarding opportunity. Great group of people and fantastic facilities.'

*2023 Volunteer survey responses

