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WE INTERRUPT THIS TRANSMISSION...

This edition of Chaff was delayed due to unplanned closure of state office on Friday 30 October, due to planned electrical upgrading on Thursday being extended into Friday.

Our phone system was also affected, so anyone who tried to contact the office by phone would have only heard the phone ring without answer! We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. It was downright inconvenient for us, too.

As you would realise by now, all is back to normal, so call us 9am – 4.45pm Mon-Fri, or email us anytime.

CENTRE VISIT

State office staff visited RDA Mount Barker centre last Thursday, a valuable experience for those who rarely see a centre in action.

They were captivated by the riders' responses to the horses, and by the teamwork displayed by the volunteers. And the setting at Jeff Evans' Wistow property was at its breathtaking best on a mild spring day. The visit ended with lunch in Mount Barker.

The question among staff is which centre they should visit next, and when? All offers considered.

ACCREDITATION OVER... FOR NOW

Thank you to the volunteers, riders and parents who participated in last week's service appraisal as required under the terms of RDA SA 's HACC (Home and Community Care) agreement.

RDA SA has been given an interim score acknowledging improvements made to policies, procedures since last assessed in 2006. The final report will be uploaded to our website once it's available.

RDA'S AUSSIE STORIES

RDA Australia would love to record people's stories to highlight some of the achievements and the lives that have been touched and improved through their connection to RDA.

To do this RDA is seeking stories and case studies they can publicise and include in a book or booklet, upload onto the RDA website or use as a podcast.

Whatever your role or connection with RDA, it is likely you can recall at least one incident or activity, or have a comment, that sums up your feelings for the organisation. Everyone will have their own story that captures the essence and strength of RDA.

It may be ten words or two pages (preferably not more!). If you have an RDA story you would like to share, email it direct to Rosemary at RDA Australia: fundraising@rda.org.au.

NEW HORSE FLOAT FOR NORTHERN AREA

A new horse float was delivered to RDA Northern Area centre on Saturday, donated by Lions Club of Golden Grove and Lions International Foundation. Driving force behind the donation was RDA volunteer Lyn Webb, who is also a Lions Club member.

Most of the funds (\$12,000) were raised by sausage sizzles run by the Lions Club at Bunnings Parafield Gardens over the past year. The float was built by The Floatman, Michael Buckley, of Nairne.

SURVEY OF CHAFF READERS

We have had a steady response to the RDA SA "Chaff" reader survey. Please do it if you have not already. The survey can be found at: www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=blb2BpMqfFziE3wbI9lrig_3d_3d. It will close on November 10.

VOLUNTEER SURVEY – WHAT NEXT?

Yes – we now have **another** on-line survey ready to go. This one is for RDA SA volunteers and will be "live" until November 30. It will take only a few minutes to complete and is limited to 10 questions.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=RfGycDsez5d9npRq7LURog_3d_3d If the link does not work, copy and paste this hyperlink into your internet browser, and hit the "enter" key.

CHAFF FOR ALL

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Chaff is available to anyone via email. Ph: 8331 1833 or email admin@rdasa.org.au to be added to the list or if you no longer wish to receive Chaff.