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# RDA NEWSLETTER

Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) Raymond Terrace and Lower Hunter Connections



SAVE THE DATE – TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2023 –  
MELBOURNE CUP DAY

RDA are partnering with one of their sponsors, The Imperial Hotel Maitland, to raise funds for Riding for the Disabled Raymond Terrace and Lower Hunter.

Join us at the Imperial Hotel from 12pm on Tuesday 7 November. \$10 door entry will get you a lucky door ticket and a glass of champagne or beer upon arrival.

There will be plenty of mini games, a major raffle and of course Melbourne Cup sweeps.

100% of proceeds from tickets, raffles and games will be donated to RDART&LH.

Bring along a friend (or ten) and join us for fun and games whilst raising funds.

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



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# BUNNINGS TO THE RESCUE

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You may recall in our term 2 newsletter that one of our Coaches, Hayley, had a wish list item for retractable cone bars. She had seen these bars in use at a training session at Ryde.

In July her wish came true with Bev, from Bunnings Heatherbrae, donating 10 x retractable cone bars to be used in our programs. We have since made use of these bars in many different scenarios.

Thanks again Bunnings



# NEW PARKING

When we returned to RDA for term 3, I am sure you all noticed the new parking pad in front of the arena 😊 What a difference it has made not only visually, but also to the convenience and comfort for our amazing riders, carers, parents and volunteers. 😊

The new parking pad was made possible due to a grant we received earlier this year supported by a donation of concrete from Hansons, labour from De Prinzie, materials from ReoWorld and all necessary plumbing / drainage kindly donated by Murphy Plumbing.

The visual side continued with a general tidy up plus new signage donated by Kevin Martin Signs.

There were also two new pathways installed – one from the yards to the road and one from the road to the wash bay. This is a huge benefit to our volunteers and out horses during muddy times when our horses need to be hosed down prior to our programs. They are now able to walk to and from the yards without having to traipse through further mud.

A huge shout out to all our sponsors 😊 Thank you!!!



# LED LIGHTS

In August RDA obtained a quote to replace the lights in Murphy, the arena, the carriage room and outside the arena to LED. This quote was provided by Penman Electrics who reduced the cost by \$2k to assist RDA. The assessment that was completed during the quoting process said that the ROI (return on the investment) would be 2-3 years – a cost saving is always of benefit with many mouths to feed

The thought process was to look for a grant for this cost and energy saving initiative. However, one of our sponsors, Maitland Toyota was keen to assist RDA in improving their carbon footprint and generously sponsored the entire project.

What a difference the new lights have made! A huge shout out to all who supported and made this project possible.  
Thank you!!!



# BUNNINGS BBQ

On Saturday 12 August we held a fund-raising sausage sizzle at Bunning in Heatherbrae. This was the first time we had held a sausage sizzle on a Saturday – and we were very fortunate that it was the off weekend for the Saturday program as quite a number of the volunteers would have been unavailable.

It was a glorious day and as per usual, the sausages were very popular. Business was ticking along then suddenly we were convinced that a coach had just dropped off a coachload of people as the queue for our snags was back to the wood / trade section!!! The stock of sausages and drinks were rapidly reducing and we had to make phone calls to get incoming volunteers to bring more bread, sausages and cold drinks!!

We finished the day, our most successful by far, with very little left over.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the amazing volunteers who give up extra time to help raise funds. Without you, these days would not be possible.

And a huge thank you to our sponsor for our Sausage Sizzles, The Imperial Hotel in Maitland. One of our customers is also sponsored by you.



# WINE DRIVE

Earlier this year we applied for a grant to assist with some of the many costs that are incurred looking after our wonderful and amazing horses.

In August we received some very exciting news that we had won a Clubs Grant which gave us enough money for 2 deliveries of hay plus basic horse feed for one year

Thank you to all those involved in researching and applying for the grant.

RDA are partnering with Tamburlaine Organic Wines.

These organic wines are sulphur free  
The RRP is \$25 per bottle, however through RDA you can purchase for \$16 a bottle - \$9 per bottle saving.

Orders are by the dozen – if you don't want to purchase a dozen, club together with a few friends or family.

\$192 per dozen including freight (delivered to your house) and \$50 from every dozen sold comes back to RDA.

You can order by:  
using the order form and scan in (or take a photo of the form and send to Lou), OR  
phone and speak to Lou Davidson and mention RDA  
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