



GROTE
Business Precinct

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

Held Wednesday 1 August @ 6pm

at Holidays of Australia and the World 18 Grote Street Adelaide

- 1. Welcome** by President GBP David Buenfeld. Welcomed Councillor Abiad, Other ACC representatives, committee, members, Rotarians, friends. The Honourable Lord Mayor Martin Haese and Rachel Sanderson MP, Councillor Wilkinson, Councillor Hender were acknowledged upon their arrival.
- 2. Apologies** read by coordinator Yvonne Merendi Deputy Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor, Committee members Richard Armour, Peter Veld, Terry Peacock. Robyn Brown – Adelaide Festival Centre, Martin Ding – Bendigo Bank, Paul Thorne – Central Market, Kat and Ron Lister – Katron Creative, Anastacia Karatassa – Geogiadis Solicitors, Matt Farmer – Metropolitan Hotel, Lisa – Shibui Dessert Bar, Steve Fulton – SoHo, Rita Franzl – 5EBI, Julie Moralee – East End Precinct
- 3. Guest Speakers** President announced changes to the agenda to accommodate the guest speakers other commitments. **Tom McCready – City of Adelaide** gave an update on the **Central Market Arcade Redevelopment**. Tom gave an informative presentation stating that expressions of interest have now closed and Council are entering into Stage 3 with exclusive agreements regarding the design and commercial aspects. The redevelopment will incorporate a small supermarket, speciality shops and will bring in an extra million visitations a year when Her Majesty's Theatre reopens across the road. There will be new opportunities to stay longer, enjoy shopping and dining on Grote Street. There will be flexibility of space to invite events in such as the Fringe. It will be something quite unique. September 2020 the Arcade will be ready for demolition and Council is working on minimising disruptions to traders. Council are committed to getting it right and moving it along. Tom answered questions from the floor and Bill Marles congratulated Tom on the amount of detail and new information given in the presentation.
- 4. Guest Speaker Cath O'Loughlin CEO Childhood Cancer Association** was introduced by President David Buenfeld as a passionate advocate for children with cancer and their families. After thanking the two guest speakers and acknowledging the presence of the Honourable Lord Mayor, Rachael Sanderson MP, and Councillor Megan Hender the President opened the **Annual General Meeting**.

5. **Acceptance of 2017 AGM Minutes.** Accepted by Peer Norsell, seconded by Franz Knoll.
6. **Financial Report and Reinstatement of financial auditor** presented by Treasurer Eileen Fagioli (see separate report). Accepted by Kym Green, Peer Norsell.

Bill Marles from Katron Creative raised concern that the Association is suffering hardship at the end of each financial year. As we run out of money 2 months before the new funding is granted, it is of great concern. He stated that the budget today is not much more than when the Association first started. An increase of \$3,000 to each precinct was rejected in Council this week. He asked CrAbiad if he could explain what happened at the Council meeting with regards to Precinct funding. Cr Abiad said a motion was put forward and rejected. Councillors supported revisiting the financial model and providing more support to Precincts. He went on to say that Council is seeing other groups coming in and Council are looking at how these new players fit into a policy model. He said it is important to put our ideas forward to Council. GBP President said, this was discussed at the last Presidents meeting with concerns that there are no additional funds available and Council is now in caretaker mode until after the Elections delaying any action. Bill responded that we are hearing the same thing again as in previous years and asked if this can be fast tracked. As a volunteer I don't think it is acceptable. A further challenge is that funding is allocated on a year by year basis and it is hard to plan ahead.

Reinstatement of Auditor The Treasurer stated she was happy with Hayden F Edwards as the Financial Auditor. Hayden F Edwards was reinstated.

7. **President's Report** (see separate report below) Accepted by Charlene Ackland, seconded by Craig Wilkins.
8. **All Committee Positions Declared Vacant.** Nominations (below) read by Yvonne Merendi

David Buenfeld	(Belle Property Commerical Adelaide)
Kym Green	(Ethnic Broadcasters Inc)
Richard Armour	(Armour & Allen)
Peer Norsell	(Hilton Adelaide)
Peter Veld	(Kwik Kopy)
Charlene Ackland	(Quest on Franklin)
Elizabeth Marks	(Marksman Training)
Craig Wilkins	(Conservation SA)
Matthew Scott/Cos Matteo	(Holidays of Australia)
Gary Neave	(Uniting Communitites)
Terry Peacock	(individual member)

Franz Knoll

(Barossa Fine Foods)

Ivan Oulianoff

(Central Market Traders Association).....

Call for any other nominations from the floor. Noted: Alexander Oulianoff to share position with Ivan Oulianoff. All nominations were accepted and coordinator handed back to President.

9. Any other Business City of Adelaide was congratulated on the recent street beautifications making it safer and more attractive for visitors.

10. Close of Meeting at 7.05pm President gave thanks to outgoing Treasurer Eileen Fagioli, thanks to supporters and sponsors, City of Adelaide, Kwik Kopy, Adelaide Hilton, 90 Mile Wines, Foodprint Experience, Katron Creative and coordinator Yvonne Merendi. Thanks to Holidays of Australia and the World for hosting the AGM and guests were invited to see the new artwork commissioned by Holidays of Australia at the Grote Street Entrance to Trades Hall Lane.

Signed by President David Buenfeld

President's Report 2018

I am pleased to report briefly on our organisation's past activities, our Vision for the future and our key objectives.

Our activities are always undertaken with the clear intent of continuing to foster and strengthen our relationships with business and the community and to support our members and our community.

Throughout the past year we have continued to promote our members and the precinct through our various branding and marketing initiatives and promotional activities.

This has been achieved through various mediums and methods such as Market Quarter website which is used to increase representation of businesses, to Service tourists and to Preserve and promote the local history of the area. The website continues to grow with new content including heritage, art and events. Visitation to the website also continues to grow. If you haven't visited the website recently then I encourage you to do so.

In support of our members and our precinct we continue to promote events and activities and trader news on Facebook and other social media platforms.

Over the past year we continued with the production of our quarterly newsletters, advertising members services and special promotions. The newsletter is always filled with informative stories on things that are happening in the precinct including new businesses opening, achievements by our members and events and activities.

The newsletter is delivered to businesses and residents in the Grote area and sent out electronically.

Over the past year Grote Business Precinct has continued to represent our members and stakeholders in sharing the vision of making this great place even better. We have participated in the Lord Majors Precinct forums, Precinct group meetings, Market District Reference Group meetings and Chinatown Precinct meetings along with attending numerous other meetings and functions.

Through these group meetings and through our own initiatives we have continued to strengthen our relationships with our partners and members and activate the Precinct through events, openings and activities.

Over the past twelve months we held several information nights and networking events which were well attended. These events encourage people to get to know their business neighbours and encourage collaboration. Events included a Winter Networking night at The new Foodprint Experience at the Joinery on Franklin Street, a safety night with SAPOL talking about business and personal security and a Business Booster Networking event at the fantastic Soho Coffee.

During the year we reviewed and amended our constitution to bring this more in line with our values and with the modern age. Meetings may now be conducted by conference telephone call, email, SKYPE, Facebook, any other form of social media or any other electronic form of communication approved by the Secretary from time to time.

Our objectives going forward are to connect people together. We feel this is more important than ever before in this transient time of change.

e. With the potential redevelopment of the market arcade and the changing physical landscape in Grote Street from its bulky goods homewares past to its reinvention to a more populated place with new development and new businesses opening but also many long-established and iconic businesses closing such as the antique market on Grote Street, these disruptions and interruptions must be carefully managed.

We recognise that there are some great things ahead of us including the incredible restoration and opening of Her Majesty's Theatre and proposed upgrades to Moonta Street. But there are also challenges. Homelessness in the area is at an all time high and so is crime and new cultures can make it harder to connect.

Our vision for the area is a prosperous attractive and vibrant Precinct where people come to work, rest and play, shop, dine and socialise day and night. I believe the future for our precinct is indeed very bright.

Thank you.

On behalf of the Grote Business Precinct I would like to offer our sincere thanks to our retiring Treasurer Eileen Fagioli for her many years with Grote Business Precinct. We will certainly miss having you as a part of our organisation.

David Buenfeld

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List of Attending

Rachael Sanderson	MP
Honourable Lord Mayor Martin Haese	
Cr Hender	City of Adelaide
Cr Abiad and guest	City of Adelaide
Cr Wilkinson	City of Adelaide
David Bailey	City of Adelaide
Sue McKenzie	City of Adelaide
Tom McCready	City of Adelaide
David Buenfeld	Committee
Kym Green	Committee
Peer Norsell	Committee
Eileen Fagioli	Committee
Charlene Ackland	Committee
Elizabeth Marks	Committee
Craig Wilkins	Committee
Gary Neave	Committee
Cos Matteo	Committee
Ben Mead	Holidays of Australia
Ivan Oulianoff	Committee
Alexander Oulianoff	Committee
Franz Knoll	Committee
Cassandra Tombs	Broadcast Bar
Mark Roe	Fusetec
Bill Marles	Katron Creative
Cathy Chong	Rotary Club of Adelaide West/Chinese Welfare Association
Eric Lai	Chinatown SA
Melissa Rayner	Foodprint Experience
Anthony Hutt	Georgiadis Solicitors
Rebecca Duff	Georgiadis Solicitors
Valdis Dunis	North Adelaide Precinct
Yvonne Merendi	coordinator
Cath O'Loughlin	Childhood Cancer Association