

GROTE

Business Precinct

GBP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Wednesday 15 September @ 6pm – 8pm
held at Hilton Adelaide

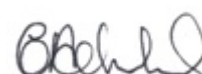
1. Welcome by President GBP Charlene Ackland. President acknowledged special guests MP Rachael Sanderson, the Honourable Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor, Councillors Simon Hou, Phillip Martin & Keiran Snape, Nikii Goven & Craig Holden from AEDA, Greg Ratsch City of Adelaide, committee members, members and friends of Grote Business Precinct. President gave thanks to Rupert Hallam and his staff at the Hilton Hotel for accommodating the meeting in the Balcony rooms overlooking Victoria Square.
2. **Apologies** were read by coordinator Yvonne Merendi
3. **Acceptance of 2020 AGM Minutes** Moved by Kat Lister, seconded by Cathy Chong, accepted by all.
4. **Financial Report and Reinstatement of financial auditor** presented by Timothy Haines. Moved by Kat Lister, seconded by Cathy Chong, accepted by all. Financial auditor Hayden F Edwards was reinstated.
5. **President's Report.** Presented by Charlene Ackland Moved by Cathy Chong, seconded by Eileen Faglioli. Accepted by all.
6. **All Committee Positions Declared Vacant by President.** Coordinator Yvonne Merendi chaired the meeting reading nominations as below.

Charlene Ackland	Quest on Franklin
Richard Armour	Armour & Allen
David Buenfeld	Belle Property Commercial Adelaide
Cathy Chong	Chinese Welfare Services
Samuel Dickinson	City Brief
Rupert Hallam	Hilton Adelaide
Timothy Haines	Emulink Migration & Intercultural Consultancies
Elizabeth Marks	Marksman Training
Ivan /Alex Oulianoff	Central Market Traders Association
David Packer	Makerspace Adelaide
Craig Wilkins	Conservation SA
Peter Veld	Kwik Kopy
Sue Cvijanovic	St Mary's College
Hamilton Calder	Adelaide Festival Centre
Cos Matteo	Holidays of Australia and the World

No other nominations were received from the floor. All 15 nominees were duly elected. Coordinator handed back to President to chair meeting to its conclusion.

7. **Any other Business** – none arising
8. **Close of AGM** at 6.30pm GBP President thanked all for attending and handed over to Craig Wilkins to introduce guest speaker Martin Haese and then chair the Q & A session "Navigating our way out of COVID19. Panelists included Rupert Halam – Hilton Adelaide, Cathy Chong – Chinese Welfare Services, Jasmin Parasiers – St Mary's College, Greg Ratsch - Adelaide Economic Development Authority.

Signed by President



GBP AGM President's Report 2021 by Charlene Ackland

Thank you again for coming out this evening, it's been an interesting 12 months alternating between face to face and virtual meetings and facing another two lockdowns. We have been fortunate to carry out our calendar of events beginning with the Christmas Wishing Grove. It was a great community installation involving students from St Mary's college, the artists and creators of Makerspace Adelaide and multicultural performances from the Chinese community and Star Academy. It gave us the opportunity to come together and lift the community spirit.

This year, we saw a reinvention of our annual Chinese New Year pavement art with an updated culturally relevant and interactive installation of the Ox. It was a great success with plenty of media attention and community engagement. Thanks to Cathy for taking the lead and assisting with a new artist, a direction I'm sure that will continue to evolve in 2022.

With a break in Covid restrictions we successfully pulled off our delayed 'coming of age' celebration at Her Majesty's Theatre in June. The photographic display was a great presentation capturing the past 21 years and was thoughtfully collated by Coordinator Yvonne & long-time member and past President Bill Marles. The support of Sue and the St Mary's College band provided outstanding entertainment throughout the evening and the catering from the Franklin Hotel was also on point. The support from council, committee members past and present was terrific in a perfect backdrop of the iconic theatre

In June I accepted a position on the Market District Advisory Board which is an opportunity to share information and identify challenges and opportunities associated with the Central Market Arcade Redevelopment and Market Square. I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to feed them back to me to raise at these meetings.

A personal highlight for me was attending the St Mary's Next Gen Illuminate Challenge where we heard the innovative ideas and start up business pitches from the year 10 students. Thanks to Craig we also successfully lobbied to retain our mature trees down Grote Street after some robust and somewhat misguided opinions about their public safety. It was a big win for the precinct given we are in desperate need of more tree canopies throughout our area. Also pleased to note we've had 7 new trees planted down Young Street last month.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead with our Christmas interactive installation with an opening event scheduled to occur mid-November - funding permitting. We'll look to repurpose some of last year's materials with a new cosmic theme capturing authentic cosmic rays. In addition, we'll be igniting a Cosmic Cocktail trail that will continue into the new year to boost business with local participating traders.

I hope to see our round table discussions with council begin in the near future and a reconnection of Presidents & Coordinators of all precinct groups - including growing our relationship with Gouger Street Traders Association. A heavier focus on initiatives to support our local traders given the disruptions to Moonta Street, the Market Arcade development along with increasing vacancies in the area. I hope that the traders will get behind the City of Adelaide to support the upgrades of both Bentham and Pitt Streets as it would be a missed opportunity to see the timeline further extended.

A special thank you to David & Luke from Makerspace for their ongoing support and commitment to some of our crazy creative briefs. To Rupert for his generosity providing us with meeting spaces throughout the year, Peter for his ongoing support with our printed marketing material, Kat from Katron Creative, Sue from St Mary's College and Cathy from Chinese Welfare for their passion and commitment to the committee, Craig & Ivan for their support of Grote Eco, Sam, David & Bill for their contributions to our new marketing direction, Eileen for continuing our important bookkeeping, Tim for taking on the role Treasurer this past year and Elizabeth for her ongoing support as Secretary.

After serving 3 out of the past 6 years as President of GBP, I would like to announce that I will not be running again. I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support – particularly our Coordinator Yvonne. Yvonne's unwavering commitment to our precinct is truly appreciated, I've really enjoyed working with her both personally and professionally. My time as President has given me a greater understanding and appreciation of local businesses and council. I hope to remain on committee for the foreseeable future and look forward to a brighter 2022.

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List of Attendees AGM 2021 Hilton Adelaide 15th September 2021

Rachael Sanderson	Hon MP State Member for Adelaide
Amy Grantham	Federal Candidate for Adelaide
Sandy Verschoor	Hon Lord Mayor of Adelaide
Cr Phillip Martin	City Of Adelaide
Cr Simon Hou	City Of Adelaide
Herman Chin	Chinatown Association President
Nikki Goven	Adelaide Economic Development Authority
Craig Holden	Adelaide Economic Development Authority
Greg Ratsch	Adelaide Economic Development Authority
Georgie Clarke	Adelaide Economic Development Authority
Martin Haese	speaker Business SA
Hamilton Carter	Adelaide Festival Centre
Charlene Ackland	President GBP
Eileen Fagioli	Finance Officer GBP
Cathy Chong	Committee GBP
Samuel Dickinson	Committee GBP
Rupert Hallam	Committee GBP
Craig Wilkins	Committee GBP
Ivan/Alex Oulianoff	Committee GBP
David Packer	Makerspace Adelaide
Dr Timothy Haines	Committee GBP
Sue Cvijanovic	Committee GBP
Jasmin Parasiers	St Mary's College
Yvonne Merendi	GBP coordinator
Bill Marles & Britney	Katron Creative
Michelle Tink	guest
Kat Lister	Katron Creative
Ava Abiad	Consortium Business Centre
Jenny and Cyril	Market Cottage
Tian Bo Zhang plus 1	Auta Group
Fabiene Reilly	Central Market Commerical Manager
Morag Horton	North Adelaide Precinct
Valdis Dunis	North Adelaide Precinct
Eric Ho	Media
Chris Keith	Media
David Siama	Business SA
Matt Lowe	Business SA
Spring Zhang	Chemist Warehouse

Apologies

Jing Lee MP	
Cr Greg Mackie	City of Adelaide
Elizabeth Marks	Secretary GBP
Richard Armour	Committee GBP
Peter Veld	Committee GBP
David Buenfeld	Committee GBP
Douglas Gautier	Adelaide Festival Centre
Sam Kennard	Kennard's Storage
Martin Ding	Bendigo Bank
Damian Peterson	Metropolitan Hotel
Genevieve Smith	U City/Uniting Communities
Cr Franz Knoll	City of Adelaide
David Riley	Committee GBP
Cos Matteo	Committee GBP
Tian Bo Zhang	AUTA