

# MARKET QUARTERLY

Winter

GROTE BUSINESS PRECINCT

2023



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## Council listens and responds to Precinct concerns

*Our networking Q & A session at Crafty Robot Brewing in May, raised a number of issues with Lord Mayor, the Right Hon. Dr Jane Lomax-Smith and Councillors.*

One of these was increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic in Franklin Street adjacent to Elizabeth Street. This follows the opening of a new IGA supermarket there (very welcome following the closure of Coles on Grote Street). There is also a hotel, chemist, Star Academy and St Mary's College generating foot traffic in the area.

Local traders and residents support the installation of a pedestrian crossing or safety island before an accident happens.

Council has since investigated installing a zebra crossing between Elizabeth Street and Byron Place, however this does not meet the requirements laid down by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's Operation Instructions. Council staff are now investigating alternatives, with Elected Members and Grote Business Precinct keen for a speedy solution.

Other topics raised at the Q&A included the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Grote and Pitt Streets (since converted to a scatter crossing), and progress with planning improvements to the Pitt Street streetscape.

# What's the future for outdoor dining?



The reintroduction of outdoor dining fees at significantly increased rates has riled some hospitality traders, particularly café operators whose premises have limited outdoor seating.

One local owner says that he appreciated Council waiving these fees during the pandemic, when hospitality was hard hit by restrictions, and he understands the need to reintroduce them. What he's finding hard to swallow is the hefty increase over what he paid pre-COVID.

"I'm totally fine with them bringing it (the fee) back but this change is nearly a 400% increase", he commented.

"Where we paid approximately \$180 before COVID, under their new plan it's going to come in somewhere around \$800 for the space we use, maybe more.

"Business is harder than I've seen in a long time, with 12 interest rate rises in the past 14 months, apparently to "slow down spending"... well it worked! So maybe it's time to remove outdoor dining completely."

Grote Business Precinct took the matter up with Council and you can read their response on the Market Quarter website:

[MarketQuarter.com.au/news](http://MarketQuarter.com.au/news)

# See you at the AGM!

All businesses and residents are invited to attend our 2023 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August starting at 6pm.

As well as introducing ActNow Theatre, one of our newest members, the AGM is an opportunity to learn more about the work of Grote Business Precinct.

Our President Ivan Oulianoff will report on the past year's activities and share some plans for the future.

Financial members are encouraged to get involved by nominating and voting for our 2023-24 committee. Nomination forms are available from our Coordinator - email her at [Coordinator@GrotePrecinct.com.au](mailto:Coordinator@GrotePrecinct.com.au) or message her on 0413 381 728

Snr. Constable Phillip Moss from SAPOL will be Guest Speaker addressing the topic of personal and business safety.

Changes mean challenges and new ways of doing things. Let us know what concerns you about doing business or living in the Market Quarter area.

Deputy Lord Mayor Phillip Martin will be on hand to answer questions from the floor.

It promises to be an informative and enjoyable network evening.

*Note the time and date in your diary.*

## Alternative reality on Grote Street



Zero Latency VR Adelaide opened in December 2021 offering the most advanced and immersive free-roam virtual reality (VR) experience.

This year they opened a second namespace with a fully licensed bar to cater for large events and team building activities, with a new set of free-roam VR experiences available.

Free-roam VR technology allows multiple users to move around freely in an open room virtual environment – everyone in the same space at the same time.

You'll find Zero Latency VR Adelaide at 162 Grote Street, just west of the Morphett Street intersection

*It is now the leading VR entertainment venue bringing the latest engaging free-roam VR experiences to Adelaide.*



## Diverse-City is back!

Diverse-City is back in an intimate new space at 163 Gouger Street.

A popular Market Quarter venue for several years, Diverse-City provides an inclusive and safe social hub, live entertainment, a café, library and regular social events.

Sue and Sarah Gallpen are excited about their brighter and more uplifting space. It is well suited to their mission of bringing the LGBTQ and wider communities closer together.

The kitchen is much larger than they had previously, which opens up their capabilities for catering.

Sue and Sarah would like to thank their loyal regulars for setting up a GoFundMe page to help them with the move.

*"It is a lovely testament to the generosity of people and a wonderful show of how phenomenal our community is", said Sue.*

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## Surveys have impact

The Grote Business Precinct 2023 business survey told us a lot about what matters to our members:

- 61.5% want more activities to bring people back into the city;
- 53.8% want improved security and lighting;
- 46.1% want increased parking options;
- 38.4% feel that Council can do more to assist business; and
- 30.7% want reduced business fees.

This information will guide the Committee's work advocating with the City of Adelaide.

*GBP now invites you to complete a quick environmental survey. Follow this link: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/PH5DYG5](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PH5DYG5)*



# Record spending on children's development

Grandcarers SA, on Pitt Street, supports grandparents and other unpaid kinship carers, who are full-time, primary carers of children from their families.

They provide assistance to their 1,100 Grandcarer clients through a variety of group, personal and financial supports including their peer support group Villages that meet monthly at 13 locations across SA.

Earlier this year, Grandcarers SA's Villages initiative was awarded the prestigious Andamooka Community Project Award in the SA Volunteer Awards 2023.

Other initiatives are a telephone helpline and a very successful Education and Development Fund (EDF) that provides financial assistance for Grandcarers to fund school and life basics.

For the first time in its 21-year history, Grandcarers SA was able, in the last

financial year, to leap the \$100,000 hurdle with its EDF distributing \$107,000 to their clients.

CEO Mike Feszczak is thrilled, saying "This is a fantastic effort by the Grandcarers SA team, firstly all the hard work that goes into administering the funds, but also the difference it makes to the child beneficiaries who can go to school wearing the same uniform, shoes or equipment, or have the use of a laptop or not be left behind when their classmates are attending extra-curricular activities."

"We are giving children a chance, through their carers."

Grandcarers SA continues to seek financial and material support for the 2023/24 Financial Year and can be contacted at: [contactus@grandcarers.au](mailto:contactus@grandcarers.au)

More information can be found on their website: [www.grandcarers.au](http://www.grandcarers.au)



*Pictured following the Volunteer Award presentation are (l-r) Operations Coordinator Joanne Lauritsen, CEO Mike Feszczak, Linker Project Officer Kate Branson and Chair Wayne Turner.*

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# Celebrating 11 years on Morphett Street



Anytime Fitness opened its doors in 2012 and has steadily built an environment where members can reach their fitness goals in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

Having endured two years of COVID closures and restrictions our Anytime Fitness community has prevailed through tough circumstances.

Owner Taite Silverlock is excited to still offer a place for our members to visit and is looking forward to piecing together another brand new facility for members later this year.

"We have built a community that has supported each other to become healthier, happier and smash fitness goals no matter what the barrier," says Taite.

"Our team at Anytime Fitness at 251A Morphett Street is here to support you towards your Fitness, health and wellbeing goals.

"With access to over 500 clubs around Australia, 24/7 gym access to state of the art equipment, expert Personal Trainers, free group classes and access too over 1000 workouts through our AF workouts app, we can give deliver the best vehicle to drive members to the best they can be.

"If you're looking for a gym with everything you need along with a supportive environment where fun meets fitness: give us a try with a free session on us."

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## Market Parking Options

The Market Square development has necessitated the temporary closure of 260 spaces on Level 1 of the Central Market carpark, but there are alternatives close by.

Across Grote Street (next to Adelaide Central Bus Station) is the Andrew Street U-Park – you can't miss it with this stunning wall mural on the adjacent buildings.



The 'Handle Bar Mural' is by artists Whale Tail Art and was supported by one of AEDA's Citywide Shopfront Improvement Program grants.

## ActNow is a dynamic performance space

Adding to our entertainment precinct is the well-respected award winning local theatre company ActNow Theatre.

Being a not-for-profit organisation the group develops interactive, thought-provoking performance projects that engage and challenge audiences by unpacking contemporary social justice issues such as racism, Islamophobia, climate change and sexual assault.

You are welcome to drop in and say hi on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 10am to 4pm.

Better still come and meet the group at the Grote Business Precinct Annual General Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August starting at 6pm.

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**Annual General Meeting 2023**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 6–8pm**

Venue:

**actnow theatre**

253 Gouger Street, Adelaide (western end)

Guest Speaker:

**Snr. Constable Phil Moss, SAPOL**

RSVP for catering purposes by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August by email to:

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