

## **Grote Business Precinct President's Report AGM 2023**

It has been a great honour to serve as the President of the Grote Business Precinct for another term through this year. With the aid of our Committee we have had the ability to undertake a number of activities in what is an ever evolving landscape for our precinct. Each of the members of the committee as I have expressed in prior years provide a varied mix of experience and expertise which collectively allows for really engaged and insightful collaboration and advocacy for our members and the wider precinct, and I thank them all for their ongoing contribution.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Yvonne Merendi and Cathy Chong in particular for their assistance throughout the year, as they have been an incredible support for our precinct and myself during this period. I'd also like to extend our gratitude and best wishes to Rupert Hallam of the Hilton, after 5 years on our committee and valuable contribution to our precinct it is sad to see him leave, but we know he will do well in his new role.

This year as foreshadowed in my report last year we saw the commencement of works on two major construction projects being the Market Square and Victoria Tower Developments, with both due for completion over the next 2-3 years. It was also of note the announcement of projects at the old Australia Post Mail Centre and old Bus Station sites, with works on those projects to commence over the next couple of years.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank the City of Adelaide. The Lord Mayor, Elected Members, Administration, and AEDA who continue to be a great support to our precinct. We are incredibly grateful for their engagement, advocacy, and financial support.

As a committee with the support of the Council we were able to deliver on our Lunar New Year – Year of the Rabbit and our 'Festive Tunes' activation. We received strong positive feedback on both of these activities and the aspiration is to continue to build on these events in the years to come. I'd also like to acknowledge at this time the incredible support we receive from St Mary's College under the co-ordination of Sue Cvijanovic; with the students involvement on various projects throughout the year. It has always been incredibly well received by the community in attendance at each of the events.

During the year we also hosted a well attended Lord Mayor Q & A forum which was highly engaged. In support of this forum we conducted a business survey which has informed us on their priorities, and it has been pleasing to see the actions that have followed from the questions raised by our members to the Council being addressed.

Our Market Quarterly publication has been well received this year, and I would like to acknowledge the large amount of work that goes into its publication. We are very appreciative of the advertisers who help sponsor the cost, and the valuable and incredible support we receive from Kwik Kopy to continue this initiative.

We have continued to build on our advocacy with the Gouger Street Traders Association and Chinatown Adelaide of SA Inc, with a number of Market Quarter meetings held with a view to continuing to increase our collaborative advocacy approach for the precinct. We also acknowledged and appreciate the increased advocacy with the Adelaide Central

Market. During a period of immense change in our precinct the ongoing communication and collaboration of these key stakeholders will be imperative to the future success of the precinct.

This year we were fortunate to have the benefit of the ongoing attendance of SAPOL at a number of our committee meetings. Phil Moss, who is our keynote speaker tonight has been able to provide the committee with useful insights that we have been able to share with our precinct. I thank him for the presentation tonight.

Further I would like to thank Deputy Lord Mayor Phil Martin for his attendance, and for kindly facilitating a Q & A from our members tonight.

Lastly I would like to thank our hosts this evening ActNow, and thank them for their presentation this evening.

In closing I would like to extend our deep gratitude to all of you our members; we thank you for your continuing membership of the Grote Business Precinct and encourage you to attract and welcome new members as we work to deliver additional benefits and activities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Oulianoff', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Ivan Oulianoff**  
**President**  
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