

# MARKET QUARTERLY

Spring

GROTE BUSINESS PRECINCT

2025



## Committee takes first look inside Market Square

Grote Business Precinct committee members recently joined Elected Members and Council staff for a tour of the evolving, world-class Market Square.

The development is taking shape adjacent to the historic Adelaide Central Market, which is to expand to double its current size as part of the project. This will support specialty food and beverage outlets, fresh produce, artisan producers, uniquely SA offerings and superb shopping and dining experiences.

In addition to the retail expansion, 260 public car parks and basement loading/servicing will be retained.

The tour group (pictured) was guided through the ground and first floors of the 15-storey site. These floors are on schedule to open in late 2026.

A Coles Supermarket is to move into Level 1 with everyday retail services and specialist retail offerings.

Market Hall will support events and activities.

New connections between Grote and Gouger Streets will include an urban laneway supporting cultural activity and art.

More than an additional 1 million visitors per annum are expected resulting in a projected annual visitation rate of 10 million people.

*Adelaide Central Market Manager, Fabienne Reilly will be a guest speaker at our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October providing members with an update on the development's progress.*



# From the President



Grote Business Precinct was formed in 2000 under the guidance of Deb Lavis and her team – with the objects and purposes of:

- Focusing on and supporting economic and community growth in the Precinct
- Representing businesses and residents in the area

- Promoting safety for businesses and residents, and
- Linking with other precinct groups, Adelaide Economic Development, City of Adelaide, State government and other organisations to promote this area.

These values have not changed in the last 25 years!

I believe that we have achieved those objectives very well – especially during the turbulent few years of the pandemic.

Looking forward – I hope to continue our collaborations with the many organisations that we have developed close working ties. Focal points include:

1. SAPOL - with regular feedback and reports on safety issues relevant to our precinct.
2. Our regular meetings at Committee level with input from Adelaide Central Market management.

3. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and our precinct has a concentration of hospitality operators and performing arts venues.
4. Networking with local businesses, other precincts and decisionmakers is another important aspect of our activities and we will run sessions based on feedback from members and traders visited by our Coordinator.

I encourage anyone who is passionate about the Precinct to become a business or residential member and to consider joining the committee.

I look forward to seeing you all at our 2025 AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Her Majesty's Theatre with Adelaide Festival Centre CEO Kate Gould and Central Market Authority Manager Fabienne Reilly speaking on future developments.

Thank you.

*Cathy Chong AM JP*



Sergeant David Mitchell addressed Cyber Safety at the Business Security & Personal Safety forum held at Diverse-City on 25<sup>th</sup> June.



President Cathy Chong introduces Senior Constable Shawn McGregor to attendees.

# GROTE

Business Precinct



## Annual General Meeting 2025

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 5.30–8pm**

Venue:

**Her Majesty's Theatre**  
58 Grote Street, Adelaide

Guest Speaker:

**Kate Gould**, CEO, Adelaide Festival Centre

**Fabienne Reilly**, GM, Adelaide Central Market Authority, will provide an update on progress with the Market Square development.

RSVP by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October for catering purposes by email to:

**[Coordinator@GrotePrecinct.com.au](mailto:Coordinator@GrotePrecinct.com.au)**

or send an SMS to: **0413 381 728**



# A special celebration

On the 10<sup>th</sup> July the Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM and Councillors hosted members and supporters of Grote Business Precinct and VIP guests for a celebration of the Association's 25th Anniversary.

The Precinct has delivered years of dedicated service and strong community leadership. It has had only eight Presidents and three Coordinators across the years. Current Coordinator Yvonne Merendi took up the role in 2005.

Speakers included the Lord Mayor, Past President Bill Marles and current President Cathy Chong AM JP.

Since its establishment, Grote Business Precinct has evolved into one of Adelaide's most vibrant commercial and cultural hubs — home to more than 400 businesses, including retail outlets, entertainment venues, restaurants, cafes, multicultural eateries, grocers and professional services.

Anchored by the Adelaide Central Market and Chinatown, this business precinct reflects the rich diversity and entrepreneurial spirit of our city.



*Pictured above (l-r) Kate Gould, CEO, Adelaide Festival Centre; Fabienne Reilly, General Manager, Adelaide Central Market; Franz Knoll, Director, Barossa Fine Foods; and Christie Anthoney, Head of External Affairs, Adelaide Festival Centre.*



*Pictured left (l-r), Past Presidents Bill Marles and Tony Stacey, with George Chin, Chinatown.*

*Bottom left: guests during the speeches.*

*Below: MC Cr Mary Couros looks on as the Lord Mayor joins Precinct President, Cathy Chong, to cut the cake.*



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# Meet the new Central Ward Councillors

Carmel Noon, Patrick Maher, Eleanor Freeman and Alfredo Cabada fill the four Councillor positions that have been vacant on Council since April when a District Court Judge voided the Central Ward 2022 election results.

Cr Noon (top right) is the only previous Councillor to be re-elected, again winning the highest number of first preference votes as she did three years ago. She has been a resident, property owner and business leader in the City for four decades and is deeply connected to this precinct.

Working in the Public Service Cr Maher (centre) is well known as the strategy director for the 2023 Save the Cranker campaign. He is also a staunch advocate for the rights and needs of people with disability, particularly in the arts.

Cr Freeman is an experienced Urban Planner who delivers complex projects within the state government. She describes herself as "passionate about enhancing the qualities that consistently rank our city among the world's most liveable".

Cr Cabada is a Buyer's Agent who sits on the Adelaide Economic Development Agency.

All have been invited to the Annual General Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.



*As we go to print, Cr Cabada is overseas.*

## International Success

Katron Creative, a founding member of Grote Business Precinct, has again received international recognition in the Summit Creative Awards.

The Bronze award recognises the company's creative work developing WalkForRespect.au – a website devoted to Rotary Australia District 9510's campaign to promote respectful relationships and eradicate domestic violence.

The competition attracted thousands of entries from more than 20 countries.

## Farewell to The Joinery

Since 2014, The Joinery has been a place for South Australians to come together – united by a love for nature, sustainability, action and community. It has been a warm, welcoming space to connect, learn, share and create the positive change for the future.

From the beautiful garden managed by Common Ground and the Bikes for Refugees workshop to countless events and workshops, The Joinery was full of life. Grote Business Precinct was amongst the many organisations to utilise its facilities for Annual General Meetings, networking events and forums.

With the imminent redevelopment of the former Adelaide bus station site as a residential, commercial and retail precinct Conservation SA, host of The Joinery, is on the move to a new CBD location and left Franklin Street at the end of September.



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