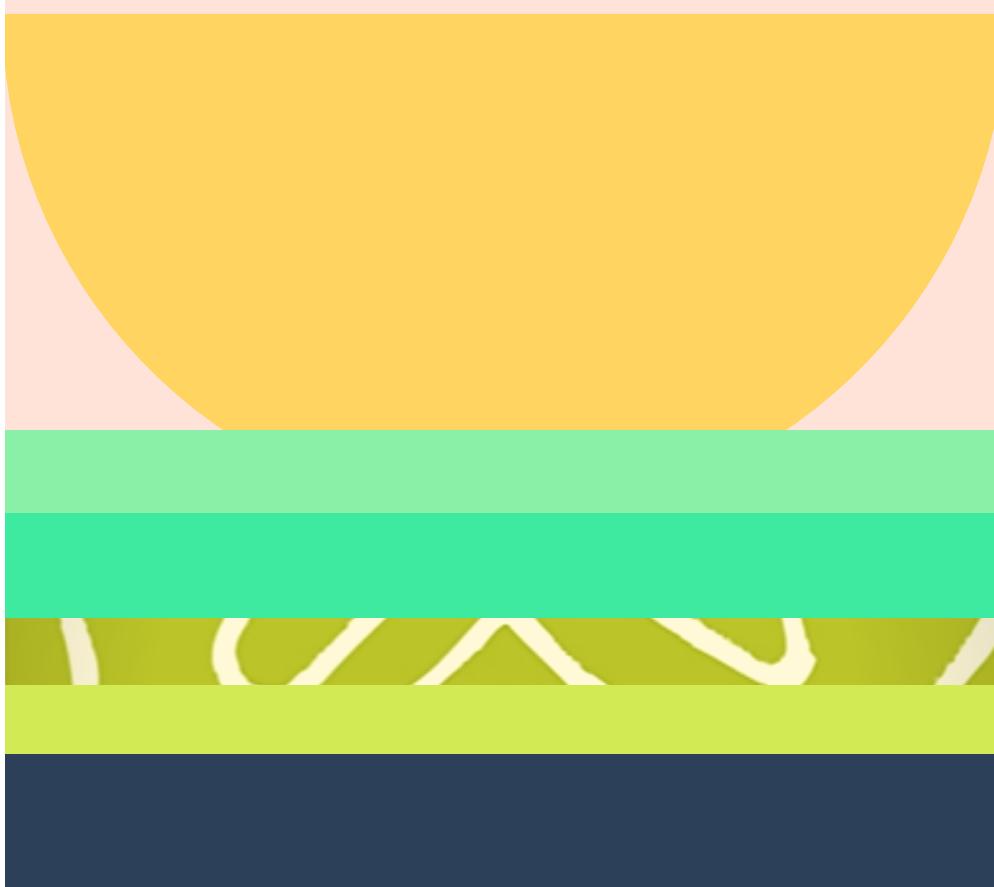


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2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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STUDENT PLACEMENTS

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Wenqi Wang, Wendy (Bachelor of Social Work)



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Chairperson's Report 2018-2019



Michael Keenan, Tim Campbell & Don Connor

This is the 40 years Report of Goodwood Community Services. It has been a good year in keeping with the ruby, its birthstone. The four years of transitioning GCS from being all but defunct into its present situation of having a small surplus and being the stand-alone operator of the Goodwood Community Centre has been a remarkable effort.

This year we celebrate the refurbishment of the Goodwood Open Space or common (yet to be named) alongside the Centre. The funds for the program were won by GCS in the My Community Grants, designed by GCS and the community and the work, after some negotiation, was undertaken by Council.

None of this is to overlook the work of Craig Lovering of Clover Greenspace Inc in overseeing the project and making the green a more open and welcoming space with upgraded features and most importantly better sheds.

GCS itself has been refurbished. It is now a defined membership organization, (cheap at \$1) and growing every month.

The Management Committee is also changed. It is now made up of appointed expert skills (Accounting, legal and Community Services) and Community representation elected at the AGM. It has seen a stable and hard-working Committee with the skills to deploy as needed.

GCS administration has also changed. After many years Vicky Day moved on to a full-time position closer to home. She was replaced by Genevieve (recommended by Vicky) who has been outstanding and a very quick learner in managing the idiosyncrasies of a mainly volunteer service organisation.

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As chair I cannot thank her enough for the hours she has put into GCS and its fundraising and her family who have joined into the work of GCS. Similarly, the other staff and volunteers have been generous with their time and application and they are thanked for making GCS a success.

This recognition also extends to the many community groups who loyalty used GCS and contribute to its vitality.

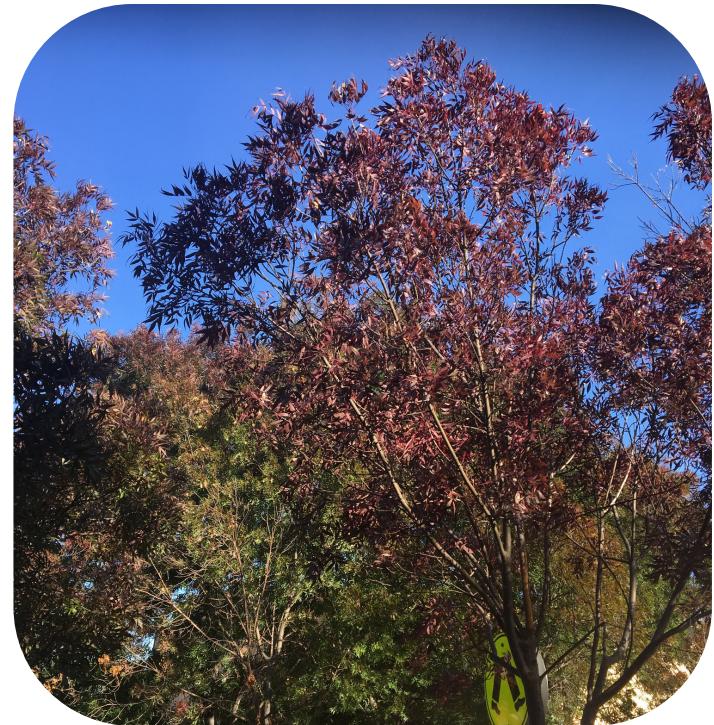
The Greek Pensioners Society is a stalwart. No Lights No Lycra (Claire Hyland) has gone from strength to strength despite being in the dark and the community sports teams of Volleyball and soccer along with active recreational pursuits fill out an extensive program that caters from community members from birth to retirement.

Our landlord, Unley Council, has stepped up to support GCS with the landscape works, networking to support our Administration, training and in providing spaces for facilities such as the Toy Library.

The Council Depot staff are especially thanked for their rapid response to issues many landlords would overlook.

The Council is also thanked for its prompt consideration of the extension of the lease for a further three-year term and we look forward to working in this space to help grow the Goodwood and surrounding Communities.

Michael Keenan



Coordinator's Report Genevieve Dawson-Scott

2018-19 in the Goodwood Community Centre

I begin my report on a personal note, as this role is always such a combination of both the personal and professional.

I entered the Goodwood Community first as a nanny in the area, attending Goodygym and Playgroup, then working for GCS casually since 2017, and since October 2018, working in the role of the centre coordinator.

I have come to understand merely the tip of the iceberg in regards to the complex nature of a community centre such as this, but I feel enthusiastic, ambitious and proud of what we have here.

I have found the past year in this new role challenging, rewarding and ever changing.

I have had the pleasure of building relationships with the surrounding businesses, schools, organisations and neighbours, all of whom have different needs and expectations of what a community centre can be. This can be more than a building, and I hope my contributions so far have made it feel this way.

We exist in the strange space between business, charity, drop in centre and venue. Our limitations and possibilities are in constant conversation, and we will need to look to creative solutions for the sustainability of this organisation.

I am grateful for the guidance and support of the Board of Management, the Staff of Unley Council and Libraries, my colleagues the incredible volunteers and community at large who have welcomed me, shared their ideas with me, and been patient with me as I navigate this role. I have high hopes for the way this community centre can become more things to more people over the coming years



Volunteers

Our volunteer numbers have grown this year, and I have made changes to the nature of volunteer roles, so that they may be more flexible for people with children, or more short term. After the restructure in staff in October 2018, Diana Jukes from Bendigo Bank has very generously stepped in to assist with the book keeping. She is invaluable, as is Eileen Connor who continues to go above and beyond as an employee and volunteer with our Toy Library. We have secured two new volunteers to assist on Saturdays with the Toy Library, and aim to make the weekend entirely volunteer led.

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Grants & Fundraising

The Education Department has renewed their funding for three years in support of our Toy Library.

From the City of Unley in collaboration with Joe from Soutar FC, we were able to secure some funding for new soccer goals. We have also been given some funds from Unley towards staff training, and exploring our offerings to children for more sensory based play, aiming for 2020 to make these changes.

With support from the Unley Council planning department (Gene Fong and Alan Johns) we were able to secure a grant from SA water for the installation of the new drinking water fountain located outside the centre.



Fundraising towards our children's programs in conjunction with the Capri theatre was a success, and I hope to make this a annual fixture.

Grinners Disco Club

Run by volunteer Lauren Hookings, the Grinner's Disco has been a wonderful addition to our GCS programs. Every Friday during school term, Lauren runs a kids disco for neuro-diverse and ability diverse children, and all who love dancing. She is raiseing funds through this for the GRIN2B foundation, and GCS.

NLNL

Volunteer Claire Hyland continues to offer a wonderful uplifting experience in dance through NLNL, supporting the cebntre with fundraising, and recently pairing with lifeline to raise funds there too.

Goody gym

Edith Holland, an OT student, has been welcomed to the Goodygym team, and is bringing here fresh ideas and energy to the program. Our two sessions now offered on Fridays have been a great success, with steady numbers.

Playgroup

Playgroup continues to be a joyful weekly activity, with coordinator Gurveen creating a very welcoming environment. We hope next year to refocus efforts to engage more with the wider community through invited guest to teach the children about their cultures.

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Flinders Uni Student Placements

For the first time this year we have hosted two Flinders Uni students for their placements. This is a way that we can include a social outreach element to what we offer as a service while we are without the option of funding an employee.

They have both brought different ideas and perspectives to the centre and our current student, Alice, is working on a very interesting project; a language play group for ESL children.

Hall Hire

In the 2018-19 financial year we have been fortunate enough to have a freshly painted hall and foyer, with the other meeting rooms scheduled for a touch up later this year.

Our Quiz Night packages are used frequently, with many groups returning annually and several new groups this year.

We have received new chairs from the Unley Council, replacing timber chairs which were becoming unsafe.

We have begun to offer Goodygym parties as a new package.

As our main source of income, the focus on venue hire is always of high priority.



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Events

In August 2019 we hosted two artists for the SALA festival, Don Conor and Josh Horton, both who had successful exhibitions. Josh worked with Catherine House to raise awareness around the topic of domestic violence, with his exhibition '64'. He sold all of hi work, donating the proceeds to Catherine House.

We have hosetd one car boot sale, and look to make this a regular fixture. A 'Family Dinner' in the park was also hosted, with community members bringing food to share.

The closing event of the Fund my Neighbourhood project, the Party in the Park, was a great success, with many community members, old and young enjoying the green space.

Areas for our attention in 2020 and beyond- based on survey results:

Co-op Shop for detergents.
Yoga and meditation.
A community choir.
Programs for youth and older children.
Planter beds for wheel chair access in park.
Funding for ongoing expenses and programs.



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2018-'19 Statistics-Annual Attendance

39549 Regular Hirers

31140 Casual Hirers

11694 GCS Program Attendees

Approximately 1191 Volunteer Hours



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Goodwood Community Services (GCSinc) recognises that we are living and creating on traditional Aboriginal land, and we acknowledge our respect and appreciation to the Kaurna people of the Adelaide plains.

GCS is a not-for-profit community organisation, managed by a voluntary elected board of management. We have been in existence since 1978 providing programs and services to the community in the Unley Council area and broader Adelaide.

Our guiding values are Respect, Empowerment, Passion, Humour, Integrity, Compassion, Equality, and Kindness.

The ongoing sustainability and success of GCS is supported by the generosity, funding and partnership of The City of Unley, The Department for Education, the Goodwood Road Traders Association and the Department of Human Services.

We would not be in operation were it not for the amazing team of volunteers who offer their time.



Photograph by community member Paul

