

# GOODWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022- 2023



**Goodwood  
Community  
Services Inc.**

**Goodwood Community Services Ltd.  
Special Meeting  
and Annual General Meeting 2003**

In accordance with Clause 7 General Meetings and Clause 11 Amendment to the constitution which require a 21-day notice, this is a **Notice of a Special Meeting of the members of GCS** to be followed by the **Annual General Meeting** of Goodwood Community Services Inc. members to be held on **Tuesday 21 November 2023** commencing at 7.00 pm at The Goodwood Park Hotel Goodwood Road Goodwood, SA 5034.

**AGENDA-**

1. Welcome and recognition of place.
2. Apologies
3. Business

Part One: Special Meeting

***to amend or otherwise the constitution of Goodwood Community Services such that.***

- i. Clause 5: Management Committee: amended to have the committee be a minimum of 3 persons and a maximum of 9 persons. (*presently 7-11*)
- ii. Clause 5 Management Committee amended to have all Management positions as an annual term ending with the close of the relevant AGM. (*presently there are three staggered positions of three years and 4 staggered two-year positions*)
- iii. Clause 6 Committee Meetings: amended to have the minimum number of Management Committee Meetings as four.
- iv. Clause 7: General Meetings: To set the quorum for a General Meeting to be five (*previously 10*).
- v. Clause 7. General Meetings: To permit the Management Committee to be the quorum for an AGM after the failure of two attempts to form a Quorum for an AGM (*Presently the AGM lapses with no remedy*)

Part Two: Annual General Meeting

4. Minutes of the 2022 AGM
5. Annual Reports –
  - a. The Chair Report
  - b. The Financial Report.
6. Election – Either

*If the existing constitution the election will be for*

- a. **two members of the community to serve a two-year term**

*Or If the new constitution the election will be for*

- b. **a minimum of Three (3) persons or a maximum of nine (9)**

7. Setting of the membership fee (Clause 4.5)  
*It is recommended that the fee remain at \$1*
8. Notification of business  
*Any notification had to be given with 21 days' notice*
9. Close

**Annual General Meeting of Goodwood Community Services Inc.  
Held Wednesday 12 October 2022 at the Goodwood Community Centre  
Rosa Street Goodwood Commencing at 6.00 pm**

**Present:** Tim Campbell, Amy Grantham, Heather Brown, Helen Vassos, Gina Patelis, Diana Jukes, Sarah Guille, Shirley Moriarty, Paul Prior, Ryan Harrison (Jayne Stinson's office), Bob Schnell, Michael Keenan, Arthur Constantopoulos, Rosalyn Chataway, Michael Hewitson, Kay Anastasiadis, Rebecca Rodger, Scott McPhee, Celia Karpfen, Joanne Di Giocci, Helen Merigis, Chris Crabbe Wallace

**1. Welcome and Recognition of Place**

Michael welcomed all to Goodwood's AGM in the wet and rain. Michael acknowledged that our AGM is held on the traditional land of the Kurna people and that GCS is proud to have been gifted a Kurna name. Unley Council Mayor Michael Hewitson acknowledged, and all appreciated for making it to the AGM.

**2. Apologies: Bec Cox**

**3. Minutes of the Tuesday 12 October 2021 AGM**

It was moved that the Minutes of the GCS AGM held on 12 October 2021 be accepted. Moved – Tim Campbell, seconded — Heather Brown – carried.

**4. Annual Reports**

- a) Michael Keenan spoke in response to the Chairperson's Report – noting that current circumstances mean that we cannot discuss the lease agreement for Goodwood Community Centre. Michael acknowledged the amount of paperwork needing to be completed and the impact of COVID that sat alongside the day-to-day running of Goodwood Community Services and the Goodwood Community Centre and paid tribute to GCS staff as a whole and Gina as Coordinator.
- b) Gina Patelis, in addition to commending the coordinator's report to those present and encouraging all to read it highlighted several programs that had been or were about to be offered at the Centre. These included general health and wellbeing sessions, multicultural lunches, and personal development courses being offered in partnership with Community Centres SA.
- c) Tim Campbell spoke to the Financial Report thanking Diane Jules for her continuing work as GCS bookkeeper. Tim noted that while the Report is about dollars, what isn't shown is the contributions made by people and the community development undertaken.

That the Coordinator's, Chairperson's, and Treasurer's Annual Reports be accepted. Moved Heather Brown, Seconded Michael Hewitson – carried.

**5. Election of two members of the Committee by Michael Keenan as GCS Public Officer**

- a) Nominations received and accepted from Heather Brown and Helen Vassos Amy Grantham to be coopted to the Management Committee.

6. Setting of the membership fee – The fee remains at \$1 for the 2021/22 year. Moved Michael Hewitson, Seconded Rosalyn Chataway – carried.

7. Notification of Business

It was noted that the Deputy CEO had sent GCS a letter expressing concern that the Service was interfering with the current tender process being undertaken - by the Unley Council of GCC by seeking Candidate views on the proposal.

Michael Hewitson as Mayor advised that he and his fellow Councilors had been unaware that the letter had been written.

Michael Keenan advised as per the documentation accompanying the survey, it was individuals and not the Board that had sought the information. In addition, it is the Council and not the elected members who make the recommendation on the outcome of the tender – and that it will be a future Council that endorses or not those recommendation. Michael Hewitson undertook to follow the letter.

8. The meeting ended at 6:45 pm with Michael commending the refreshments.

# BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Michael Keenan ( Chairperson)

Tim Campbell (Treasurer)

Celia Karpen (Secretary)

Heather Brown

Ros Chataway

Amy Grantham (resigned April 2023)

Sarah Guille (resigned April 2023)

Kay Anastassiadis, (resigned May 2023)

Helen Vassos (resigned May 2023)

Shirley Moriarty, (resigned July 2023)

Co-Ordinator – Gina Patelis

Treasurer -Diania Jukes

# GOODWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES

*Goodwood Community Centre (GCS) recognizes that we are living and creating on traditional Aboriginal land, and we acknowledge our respect and appreciation to the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains.*

GCS is a not-for-profit community organization, managed by a voluntary elected board of management. We have been in existence since 1978 providing programs and services to the local community of Goodwood and its surroundings.

GSC is largely self-funded and self-reliant and until June 2023 provided its services at the Goodwood Community Centre (GCC) when the lease to run GCC was not renewed.

The ending of the lease by Unley City Council forced GCS to follow its constitution and divest itself of its resources to other like-minded Community Groups so that the services and community capital can still be realised.

## Chair Report 2023 AGM

At the last AGM, I reported on the confused and confusing process of Unley City Council's leasing of Goodwood Community Centre (GCC) to GCS.

In July 2022 an extension was granted to GCS until June 2023.

In the period 2022-2023, GCS increased its services and diversity. An impressive achievement given GCS was hobbled by the politics of the lease and threats to its existence. It is not without some irony that at the signing of the lease the Co-ordinator, Gina, turned up with a broken toe.

Once the ink was dry on the photocopier, (17 August 2022) the Council announced an Expression of Interest for GCC. This EOI dominated the relationship between GCS and Council until 30 June 2023 when Council ended the lease.

GCS submitted an EOI to run the centre.

In September 2022 the Council elections commenced. GCS was aware it may have no home and sought support from Council candidates to have them help provide a future for GCS.

GCS questioned the candidates. The sitting Councillors claimed they couldn't commit as the matter of the use of the GCC was before the Council.

As Celia (committee member) pointed out GCC is a building owned by Council and the EOI is about how it can be managed. In contradiction, GCS is a community body asking Councillors for support to exist. There was no probity issue in supporting GCS, such support does not need to refer to GCC. The basic differentiation was lost on the candidates.

In October 2022 the UCC acting City Manager wrote to warn GCS off approaching Councillors about the issue of supporting GCS. Again, confusing a building lease tender with a plea for support for a community group of long-standing. GCS replied pointing out the officer's error and as no response was made refrained from raising the concern with the electoral commission.

In October GCS was told it had made the second stage of the EOI, and a consultant was assigned to GCS whose role was to:

*liaise with you to request further information, conduct reference checks, and provide the information and an independent assessment of it to the City of Unley. I will not be making recommendations or decisions relating to the EOI process*

GCS submitted an EOI titled "Let100 Flowers Bloom" proposing GCC be run by a collaborative body drawn from the community sector. GCS would co-manage GCC as a learning centre for community development and resourcing while maintaining GCS services.

At the same time as the submission was made a large grant process was launched by DHS. GCS developed a response and submitted it by the end of November 2022. GCS made a presentation in February 2023 to DHS and in July 2023 GCS was told it was not successful.

On 3 February 2023, GCS was informed by the Council the EOI was delayed; but then on 17 February UCC procurement asked GCS to respond to the EOI as if it were a tender.

GCS pointed out the process was an EOI, not a tender, and that the Council consultant guided GCS' response to the EOI. GCS wrote to the CEO seeking a meeting.

The meeting request to the CEO was declined (14/3/23) and GCS was directed to present at the March 2023 Council Meeting. GCS wrote to the CEO asking for an April presentation. GCS noted that it didn't know what it was presenting to as everything was confidential. None the less the Council resolved (30/3/23) that

*The Council has now considered the outcomes of the Expression of Interest process for the management of Goodwood Community Centre, and unfortunately, the submission from GCS was unsuccessful.*

*This means that the Lease Agreement with GCS for the management of the Centre will conclude on 30 June 2023 and will not be extended.*

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GCS again reviewed its options and resolved to meet the conditions of the lease and close its services down.

Meanwhile, life went on - On Sunday 30 April 2023, GCS had a highly successful multicultural market day. There were some exciting moments as the power failed for some community stalls, solutions were found, and a good time was had by all.

At the April 2023 meeting, GCS began the process of making the staff redundant and making a transition to new arrangements for the services.

On 10 May UCC procurement made a series of excessive demands on GCS to comply with transitioning out requirements. GCS published the demands and in reaction Council agreed to a meeting to discuss a different transition arrangement.

GCS put a proposition for a more staged closure but was rejected by the Council.

As a result, GCS undertook a progressive shutdown:

- Good gym closed Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Playgroup closed Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June
- Toy Library closed Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

All other groups and services closed by 22 June 2023.

All staff were made redundant by 30 June 2023.

GCS donated its equipment to the peak bodies for their use (Playgroup Association, Gymnastics Australia [Kindergym Association] and Toy Library Association) or to women's and child services groups and charities such as Salvation Army in accordance with the GCS constitution.

As of 1 July 2023, GCS has been hosted by Campbell Law as it resolves its future direction.

In closing, I take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in GCS for the past year most notably at the closedown of GCS at GCC. It was gruelling and for many an emotionally draining undertaking. The staff were exceptional. Gina as Co-ordinator balanced conflicting roles to keep GCS functioning whilst winding up. The Board members, under significant strain, absorbed the tension and made well-balanced judgements when looking for compromises to keep GCS going in GCC, and when there was no hope turned themselves to the task of finding resolutions. Several past GCS persons stepped up notably Ange Stephenson who made sure nothing went to landfill that couldn't go to a community group or charity.

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# Wirraparingga

## “Forest Place”

On Sunday 11 July 2021, at a small ceremony, Kurna Elder Rod O’Brien officially gave GCS a Kurna name for the GCS buildings and surrounds – Wirraparingga.

GCS recognises that it is on Kurna land.

GCS is the first place in the City of Unley to be given a Kurna name.

The Kurna Nation were the first peoples to live on the Adelaide Plains - for over 40,000 years.

The Province of South Australia was founded with a proclamation by the King of England in 1836 – the Letters Patent, which contains the following condition for the settlement of South Australia:

*PROVIDED ALWAYS that nothing in those our Letters Patent contained shall affect or be construed to affect the rights of any Aboriginal Natives of the said Province to the actual occupation or enjoyment in their own Persons or in the Persons of their Descendants of any Land therein now actually occupied or enjoyed by such Natives.*

This condition of legal protection was obviously ignored.