



Goodwood
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GOODWOOD

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22



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**Annual General Meeting of
Goodwood Community Services
Tuesday 12 October 2021**

Present: Heather Brown, Michael Keenan, Maria Konstantopoulos, Arthur Konstantopoulos, Pamela Brangwen-Jones, Megan Berghuis, Helen Vassos, Helen Bogias, Jen Frith, Michael Hewitson, Shirley Moriarty, Gina Patelis, Diana Jukes, Tim Campbell, Kathy Kariagiopoulos, Sasi Ilangovan, Ilangovan Subramaniam, Li Fang Lin, Ben Stokes, Sarah Guille, Mike, Annie Mitchell, Gurveen Kan, Celia Karpfen, , David Pisano,

1. Welcome and Recognition of Place

Michael acknowledged that our AGM is on the traditional land of the Kurna people and the recent gift of a Kurna name for where the Centre is located. Michael welcomed all to the AGM – including Michael Hewitson as Mayor of Unley and several Council staff notably Megan Berghuis and Jen Frith, members of the Goodwood Board and all those present.

2. Apologies:

3. Minutes of the 2020 AGM

After noting that the 2020 AGM Minutes was delayed due to covid. It was moved that Minutes of the 2020 GCS AGM held on 4 December 2020 be accepted. Moved – Tim Campbell, seconded – Heather Brown – carried

4. Annual Reports

- a) Michael Keenan spoke to the **Chairperson's Report**, affirming that the last two years have been difficult due to COVID and other challenges. Michael paid tribute to how hard GCS staff had worked and acknowledged Gina Patelis for stepping in as Coordinator earlier in the year and for all that she has achieved, together with Centre staff – collectively this has enabled the Centre to keep going.
- b) At Gina Patelis' request, Michael Keenan spoke to the coordinator's report highlighting some of the challenges over the last year and the range of activities being undertaken at the Centre.
- c) Tim Campbell spoke to the Financial Report thanking Diane Jukes for her work as GCS bookkeeper. Tim noted that once again the important role that Job Keeper and State Government assistance had played in enabling the Centre to keep functioning and employing its staff.

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

5. Election of two members of the Committee by Heather Brown as GCS Public Officer
 - a) Nominations Shirley Moriarty and Helen Vassos – with Shirley Moriarty nominating for a two year position, and Helen Vassos a one year position following a vacancy as a result of Nikki Wallace resigning from the Board. Other vacancies can be filled outside of the AGM
 - b) Nomination for Chairperson: Heather Brown as GCS Public Officer noted Michael Keenan’s nomination for Chair and on the basis of no further nomination, Michael (re)elected as Chair with acclamation.

Michael resumed the position of chairperson conducting the meeting and called for nominations for the remaining positions.

- a. Annie Mitchell (current Board member seeking re-election) – nominated Celia Karpfen, seconded Heather Brown – carried
 - b. Sarah Guile (new member – brief biography – local parent and Pilates instructor) – nominated Annie Mitchell, seconded Tim Campbell – carried
- Two vacancies remaining that may be filled by co-option.

6. Setting of the membership fee – That the fee remains at \$1 for the 2020/21 year. Moved Michael Hewitson, Seconded Heather Brown – carried
7. Meeting ended at 6:18pm.

VOLUNTEER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Michael Keenan - Chairperson

Tim Campbell – Treasurer

Amy Grantham

Celia Karpen

Heather Brown

Helen Vassos

Sarah Guille

Shirley Moriarty

This is our amazing board who give their time so effortlessly and generously. They each specialize in a range of diverse skills such as, governance, human resources, law, finance, entrepreneurship, indigenous culture, aged care, health and community welfare, multi-cultural inclusion, business operations, welfare of mothers and babies, disabilities, and sport.



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 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 broader to the Unley Council area and surroundings.

GCS is largely self-funded and self-reliant and provides its services at the Goodwood Community Centre supported generously by the City of Unley through a lease arrangement.

The ongoing sustainability and success of GCS is supported by many, notable being the City of Unley, the Department for Education, the Goodwood Road Traders Association, Community Centres SA, and the Department of Human Services.

GCS would not be anything if it was not for the amazing team of volunteers and our community support. Thank you.



OUR HISTORY

Goodwood Community Services Inc (GCS) had its origins in, and around the Goodwood Primary School in the 1970's.

Urban regeneration was yet to hit this inner suburban area: families were not considered wealthy or even aspirational. There was a range of services in place to assist the community which had a high proportion of people from non-English-speaking backgrounds. However, these services were somewhat fragmented.

A group of people active in the community, including local residents, school and kindergarten parents, staff and the local community health nurse were instrumental in formalizing the body that became Goodwood Community Services, which was incorporated on 31 August 1978.

The programs and services offered then reflected the needs of the community – programs around early childhood and parenting.

Tilbrook House Child Care was one of those early programs, together with the Toy Library, Staines Child Development Program, Playgroup and Kinder gym.

As the surrounding areas have become more affluent the emphasis on need has turned to the well-being of the elderly, and GCS attracts Home and Community Care funding. However, many of those original programs still exist although in a somewhat different format. Tilbrook Child Care for instance is now an independently run Centre, but the core values of a community-based facility remain.

Goodwood Community Services moved to new premises in 2000 to the Goodwood Community Centre, a modern facility built and owned by the City of Unley.

Indeed, the collaboration with the local council has been pivotal in assisting this community-based organization to meet the increasing demands of management and service delivery.

We are sited within a vibrant and busy neighbourhood, and current strategic directions include working more closely with both the Goodwood Library and the Goodwood Traders to continue to enhance and diversify the programs and services for the benefit of many.

With more than 40 years of history, GCS has had many partners to achieve its goals. They include State and Federal government bodies, as well as other non-government agencies, service clubs and private individuals.

However the success of Goodwood Community Services would not have been possible without you, the community.

Firstly the people who have volunteered with enthusiasm and dedication in the programs and contributed to the management structure so that the organization continues to be vital, responsive and adaptable.

Secondly the participants of our program who give us great feedback, and through their interactions make this local area of Goodwood a dynamic and welcoming place to live, work and play.

GOODWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES

There was a 20% increase in the number of regular hall hirers. This was achieved despite cancellations due to COVID restrictions. Overall, by using resilience contacting and support, GCS still managed to increase the number of regular hall hirers.

2021-22 new regular hall hirers

- Phoenix Counselling psychotherapy Services
- Art Classes for kids
- Australian Convivial backyard civilisation
- Cactus and Succulent Society
- GOSPO Collective Pty Ltd
- Creative Buds
- Hillside Paediatrics
- Marisa Peluso – Italian classes
- Hittman Group
- Sam Morris Guitar Lessons
- Sumbaloz (Zumba classes)
- Let's Talk Together – Russian Volleyball
- Victory International Church Group
- Adults painting classes
- Passare Tempo

Chair Report 2022 AGM

At the last AGM, I called on the community to celebrate the gift of the naming of this GCS place Wirraparingga. It was Senior Kurna Elder Rodney O'Brien who graciously handed over the name, which translates to "Forest Place"

When Facebook posts were made, it caused a slight stir, and GCS was chastised for having an unapproved fixed sign by the door that recognized the First Nations. Agreed, the lease says we need permission to affix a sign, but it had been there for years and was an endorsed product by both First Nation communities and various governments. We were forgiven and allowed to have the sign. As a result, the sign of recognition of the naming has diplomatically not been permanently affixed but it is plentiful.

The naming is a recognition that for many, and First Nations in particular, that land is a place that completes identity and provides security and a place in the cosmos. In the western capitalist bureaucratic culture, we have lost that emotive spiritual link and replaced it with a monetarized relationship -a mortgage.

Sadly, even the mortgage is also out of reach for many and so they rent, they have a lease.

For GCS a lease is difficult.

GCS has been in this building, managing, or co-managing since the Centre was built. This was well before 2000 when GCS helped the community drive the Centre's build, its plan, and its uses. Always the purpose was to have a community space.

At present, GCS has a further extension of a lease signed over six years ago. It ends in June 2023 but is subject to a 90-day termination notice.

This is not a good place to be. It has been a saga:

February 2021

GCS was informed that

- *As the Lease Agreement between GCS and the City of Unley due to expire on 16 May 2021, a Deed of Extension of Lease has been prepared for a period of six months to enable sufficient time for community consultation and consideration by Council.*

April 2021

Council required an expression of interest within seven days. After push back the deadline was extended, and a lease extension was granted subject to

- *information on the financial sustainability of GCS and*
- *Council undertaking community engagement (using a consultant) with current and previous hirers and the broader community to gather perspectives on the model in place.*

In August 2021

GCS was informed that

- *Elected Members requested a rigorous community engagement project to identify the cultural, social, recreational, and educational needs and interests of the community relative to Goodwood Community Centre.*
- *Democracy Co will undertake the consultancy.*
- *The current lease agreement will need to be extended to accommodate this.*

GCS spoke and met with Democracy Co. and then commented on the subsequent problematic report.

October 2021

After representations, GCS met with Council management. It was agreed

- *They would progress a report to Council seeking a new Deed of Extension of Lease, with the previous inclusion of an early termination clause removed. This extension will be proposed until 30 June 2022. We anticipate this report being presented to Council on 8 November 2021, or earlier if possible.*
- *The Holding Over clause in the existing lease will be enacted until this Deed is endorsed by Council and signed by both parties.*
- *Reporting on these remains a requirement, however it should be noted there was no expectation that GCS would necessarily achieve the targets set if impacted by Covid-related restrictions.*
- *Council will consider their preferred operating model for Goodwood Community Centre at its meeting on 13 December 2021.*

What happened – GCS is not sure as **it was all confidential** BUT:

December 2021

Council resolved:

A tender for management of Goodwood Community Centre for a 2+3-year term is prepared with the outcomes returned to Council prior to negotiating a Lease Agreement and Service Agreement.

GCS was informed that the tender will be open to public submissions and GCS can respond at that time if they wish.

GCS did.

January 2022

A tender was let via the Tenders SA website

The process saw no contract awarded. GCS believes it complied with all aspects of the Tender

May 2022

GCS was offered a 12-month extension to the current lease Agreement (noting the current extension lease expires 30 June 2022.)

July 2022

An extension was offered and agreed with a termination notice period extended, after representation, to 90 days from 60 days.

August 2022

Almost immediately on signing the extension, Council let an Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the management of the Centre, via Tenders SA to conclude COB 17 August 2022.

Which is now.

As anyone can appreciate this process has frayed the Board and the staff of GCS. I thank the staff and many volunteers for their capacity to work under such distraction and particularly Gina the Co-Ordinator.

GCS has asked itself why? And as it is excluded from the discussion of the issues by the Council closing its meeting, GCS still waits outside to hear its fate. It is not as if GCS management costs Council; in comparison to other centres, it saves the Council many hundreds of thousands of dollars and allows the community a direct say in what they want and do.

Regardless of the distraction, GCS has grown as it recovered from Covid lockdowns and restrictions. Gina the coordinator has been assiduous in re-establishing GCS' revenues through the Hall Hire and community use of the facilities. Regardless of the lease saga GCS is working hard at deserving and making a community place – Wirraparingga.



Co-Ordinator's Report Gina Patelis

Another year has passed, and it would be fair to say that there was still a reasonable amount of change and uncertainty lingering around but I guess you could equally say that there was a lot of new and wonderful experiences too.

I must say, I am proud to be part of a Centre that is of a vibrant and diverse community. One which provides many programs and services that support general health and wellbeing, education and encourage social and community development.

Over the last year, it has been a pleasure to see the sense of community grow through the development of strong networks being formed, and the participation and commitment of residents and members to the programs and services provided at the Centre. I have been extremely fortunate enough to be embraced whole heartedly from the community and be able to make many meaningful connections - building a strong community.

Last year in September 2021, GCS won a community resilience grant proudly sponsored by the Unley Council. This event brought many multi-cultural groups together to share their stories and experiences of COVID. A complimentary luncheon was provided and guest speakers from diverse cultures spoke individually about the positive and negative impacts of COVID. Strong friendships and networks were formed, appreciation letters were received and from this event, new programs and events were implemented. Reminding us all, how we all play a vital role as a meeting place full of meaning in our community.

This year GCS has had 60, 942 visitors come through the Centre and a 20% increase in regular hall hirers. KPI's were met accordingly, new programs were implemented, and a variety of events were held (refer to our highlights).

In saying all this though, we also faced many challenges, the usual time, money, resources etc. and endured another year of COVID, with continual restrictions and uncertainty. This caused further financial and personal challenges, and as if that wasn't enough, there was the uncertainty of the tender.

Prices also continued to skyrocket and yet there was no more access to job keeper or job seeker to accommodate with the significant increases. Grants, funding, and state vouchers had almost become scarce and many in the community struggled to keep afloat, significantly impacting on people's mental health and general wellbeing.

GCS reviewed its reach and offerings and made some strategic decisions about delivery and communication with clients and members. Refining its delivery measures, by making programs more affordable, where feasible, and supporting its community base and delivery of activities. Concessions were made to individuals and groups struggling with financial challenges and support was offered by waving cancellation fees and pro-actively referring to our mental health clinician. Monthly newsletters and information were expanded, keeping the community well informed and connected.

I am very proud of how GCS has managed to navigate the financial struggles and the uncertainty of the tender and still, continue to maintain joy and resilience. GCS has shown once again that it can rise above all challenges.

Even though there have been many challenges, the most rewarding part of my job is knowing that I have contributed to making a positive difference in the community. Something that I am truly grateful to be a part of.

On that note, I would like to extend a huge thankyou to all the community members. To my amazing team at GCS who work vigorously every day to overcome all challenges and keep GCS prospering. All the wonderful volunteers who give their time so generously, your support is paramount to the successes of GCS.

Diana Jukes, our finance officer. You bring such a beautiful energy to our workplace and have been a huge asset to our team. Thank you for all your continual hard work and wonderful support and guidance, much appreciated.

Thank you to all our ongoing supportive board members. I am grateful to work alongside you all to achieve our goals and better the community. Your support has made this all possible and has personally encouraged me to keep steering as a leader for my team. Special thanks to Michael Keenan for your continual guidance and support.

Likewise, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Unley Council, the Council Library, depot staff and Community Centres SA. Special mention to Jen Frith – Thank you for your continual support and guidance and making me feel part of the team, much appreciated.

I am truly honoured and grateful to be a part of this amazing team and appreciate everyone's efforts and commitments to our success.

Together as a team, we can all make a positive contribution and give back to the community. Everyone's support is paramount to the success of GCS, thank you.



HIGHLIGHTS

INCREASED REGULAR HALL HIRERS

There has been an increase of twenty per cent. This increase was achieved despite groups cancelling due to COVID restrictions. Fifteen new programs have been implemented and KPI's had been met.

CELEBRATING NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE WEEK

Neighbourhood Centre is a nationwide initiative celebrating the role of neighbourhood centres. GCS celebrated this with a special morning tea and nibbles which was provided for Strength for Life, Playgroup and Goody gym members to be able to interact and connect with one another. A free mindful seminar was also held for the community to attend, an art workshop for children and a fun Zumba class. Building resilience by bringing people together and sharing.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DAY

This day was celebrated on the 27th of March, "Chalk it up" art packages were provided from the Unley Council where people could reach out to their neighbours using their driveways to write and create a friendly neighbourhood message.

MOTHER'S DAY MASTERCLASS

A free special masterclass duo run by our amazing Eksha Patidar who regularly runs art programs at GCC. This was a special moment where mum and child could bond and interact with one another whilst creating a beautiful piece of Mandala Artwork for Mother's Day. It was so beautiful to see them bonding. GCS thanks the Goody Road Traders for sponsoring this event.

PHOENIX COUNSELLING PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES – Pamela is an accredited Mental Health Clinician and a qualified as a social worker. Pamela assists many people with crisis situations, she has experience in training working with loss, grief, trauma, depression, anxiety, stress, workplace issues, relationship issues, domestic violence issues and many more. Pamela helps many people struggling and is an asset to have at GCC.

HILLSIDE PAEDIATRICS – Sophie supports children from birth to 6 years to develop their communication skills. Providing quality and tailored speech pathology supporting children to reach their individual potential. Offering assessments, diagnosis, and ongoing support in following areas. Early communication development, Language, and speech disorders, play skills, social communication, preverbal communication, and alternative and augmentative communication (AAC). Sophie helps many children struggling and contributes to making a positive contribution.

GOSPO – Charmaine and Jane have now become part of the Goodwood Community Centre. They run singing lessons on Monday evenings in both halls catering for juniors, starting from 4years old to adults. GOSPO performed at the fringe in 2020 starring in the Jackson show and were amazing. This year they were looking forward to performing again at the fringe but had to cancel due to COVID restrictions and deferred to having it outside in the Unley green area. I have been very fortunate enough to see their amazing talent and hear Charmaine’s phenomenal voice. I look forward to having GOSPO Collective hold events at GCS for the community.

COMMUNITY GRANT

“GOODWOOD TOGETHER” - Last year in September 2021, GCS won a community resilience grant which we thank the Unley Council for sponsoring. GCS recognized the impact COVID was having on people’s mental health and general wellbeing and saw this opportunity as a blessing.

A shared multi-cultural complimentary luncheon was held at GCC. Guest speakers were invited to share their stories and experiences with one another and the impacts of COVID, both positive and negative. This was a huge success and strong friendships, and networks were formed.

From this event further programs were implemented such as.

Multi-cultural markets day and night (Cancelled due to COVID)

Passare Tempo – Italian group

Mindful course – Claudia

Zumba classes – Jorge

Yoga – Melody

Body Check – Lisa

Greek Kafenio Day – Helen

Latino Quiz nights – Claudia and Jorge

Magic Mike Zumba class – Jorge

GREEK KAFENIO –

The "Greek Coffee Shop Day" took place on Sunday 12 December and offered to more than 250 attendees of various backgrounds the chance to experience a day at a traditional Greek coffee shop. Guests were able to sample delicious Greek coffees and desserts to the backdrop of Greek traditional music and to see how various Greek coffees are prepared and to learn more about the history of coffee and its cultural significance for the Greeks.

SA BONSAI SOCIETY –

Hold their annual show in October which runs for two days over the weekend. Amazing bonsai is on display for sale, Ikebana displays, bonsai demonstrations and sales of pots and accessories. There are also fun activities for the children and thousands of people line up for this event to be able to see the amazing displays.

ROUND SHE GOES MARKET –

Two-day event held on the 5th & 6th of March.

Forty stalls – preloved fashion, jewellery, accessories, and bargains galore. A created event for women's preloved vintage fashion.

ART CLASSES – Eksha has a passion for art and runs three sessions at the GCC for all ages from pre-schoolers to adults. Art promotes creativity, encourages neural connections, and has psychological benefits. Eksha offers a diverse range of artwork such as craft activities, marine life painting, play dough art, finger painting, canvas work, paint with watercolour, acrylic paint and much more.

ADELAIDE JUGGLERS – AJC ran a 4-day event on 22nd-25th of April during the ANZAC day long weekend at the Goodwood Community Centre in Adelaide. The was the Adelaide Juggling Convention third year in 2022. The AJC is all about juggling, unicycling, hula hooping, diabolo, and circus manipulation skills in general.

The AJC is a vibrant community event, with jugglers coming from all over Australia and leaders in the art form facilitating workshops and community events.

The AJC is a 4-day hot pot of new ideas for people with diverse skills and backgrounds to come together, learn, teach and skill-share everything about juggling, unicycling, hula-hooping and performing. During the day, AJC opens its doors to the public and there are workshops, performance classes and games. There is lots of entertainment and fun for all the community. This year was the first fire show which was held outside in the green grass area. This was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

WRIGGLE TIME & BABY TIME – Alternate Fridays with Unley Library Wriggle time.

Perfect for those wriggly toddlers. With action songs to keep busy toddlers moving, these fun sessions also include interactive play with beanbags, scarves, and shakers. Babies are also welcome, 30minutes of song, rhymes, finger play and stories with your baby in your lap. Cost FREE!

SUMBALOZ – Jorge runs two Zumba sessions at GCC on Saturday afternoons. Zumba gives you a total body workout combining all elements of fitness including cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility. Classes are open to all fitness levels. A place where people can exercise whilst having fun.

LATINO FIESTA QUIZ NIGHT –

A fun Latino event held for the community in May. There was plenty of games, entertainment, and fun. Lots of Latino dancing, Brazilian food and cocktails and a lot of celebrations. Tickets sold out fast.

WAR HAMMER HEADS –

Held in January over the whole weekend. Live tournament events where everyone builds armies, creates characters, and plays war games against each other live. Over four hundred people pop in and out to see the amazing skills and entertainment.

HIIT MAN GROUP FITNESS – Neil runs group fitness classes early on Saturday mornings at GCC. All levels of fitness welcomed catering for all ages. A bootcamp class that will get you up and going first thing in the morning and bringing all the good endorphins out setting you up for a great start to the day.

GUITAR LESSONS – Sam Morris runs private guitar lessons on Mondays at GCC. All styles and levels welcomed. He practices with electric and acoustic, open for ages 8 and above. There has been a demand for learning an instrument and Sam now runs four sessions.

GOODWOOD PROGRAMS – TOY LIBRARY, GOODYGYM AND PLAYGROUP

Our programs continue to run successfully and grow with demand. Catering to children’s development needs through a wide variety of play activities, play equipment and a diverse range of educational toys.

These skills assist with future learning and wellbeing and encourage children to interact and grow through play, fun and sharing. This is paramount for children’s growth and development.

Memberships continue to grow widely, welcoming many new families.

Toy library – 5307 attendees new members – 105

Play group – 2477 attendees new members – 140

Goody gym – 4683 attendees new members – 240

SOUTAR FC – Joe Maniscolo continues to run soccer programs every Wednesday evening at GCC run by volunteers and proudly sponsored by GCS. Offering friendly games and providing meaningful connections and team morality. Enabling physical activity and mobility in a fun and safe environment. GCS looks forward to implementing a youth soccer program for girls.

Soutar FC – 555 attendees

GRINNERS DISCO CLUB – Lauren Hookings runs a wonderful disco every Friday for neuro-diverse and ability diverse children and for all who love dancing at GCC during school terms. Lauren is so much fun and gives her time so effortlessly and generously. Lauren classes had declined due to COVID restrictions but are now slowly picking up again. A fun and energetic class proudly sponsored by GCS. Grinners Disco – 82

NO Lights No Lycra – A one hour lights off chance to dance in the dark for the pure joy of dancing. Letting go of all stresses and completely being yourself in a non-judgmental environment. Claire Hyland gives her time effortlessly and generously as volunteer and is proudly sponsored by GCS.

No Lights No Lycra – 1050

KIDS MUSIC AND MOVES –

Fun music and movement classes to engage and educate 1–5-year-olds. Lizzie is dedicated to helping children of all abilities grow through musical experiences. Exploring singing, rhythm, percussion instruments, piano mat, action songs, ear training, dancing, and jamming to music from diverse cultures and styles. Lizzie runs two sessions every Wednesday during school terms.

TUMMY TIME PILATES-

Sarah is a local mum and a board member. She is a qualified physio and Pilates instructor with an interest in Women's Health through the life stages. The classes continue to offer mums and mums to be a local and social exercise catch up that is safe and suitable for pelvic health and pelvic floor during pregnancy and postnatal period. Casual classes available, babies, toddlers, and new members welcome.

Strength for Life

– Continues to grow in demand as we start to understand the importance of exercise and how it affects our mental health and general wellbeing. Alan Wilkins and Maria Voulgarakis run vibrant and diverse sessions twice a week. A place where people can form friendships and networks whilst maintaining their strength and mobility. It is lovely to see the social interactions of exercising followed by a coffee at Gingers.

Strength for life – 87

LOOKING AHEAD –

As a coordinator, I would like to continue to bring more awareness on mental health and general wellbeing and keep reaching out and connecting with the community. Making strategic decisions in the way communication is delivered and refining its delivery measures to suit the needs and demands of the ever-growing community, by using a continual review mechanism.

I am proud to announce that GCS has successfully won another community grant, proudly sponsored from the Unley Council.

GCS will be running an 8-week “Community Wellness program” this year commencing on the 27th of September 2022. GCS proposes to encourage awareness on general health and mental wellbeing, which will not only educate people but also show people how to use the knowledge gained and apply it to everyday living, giving back control and power. I feel honoured to be able to provide this support for the community at a time of need where many are still struggling and suffering. We are the frontline and advocates for these people and together we can all help make a difference. Advancing the City of Unley commitment and reputation as an “Ageing friendly City.”

I am also looking forward to multi-cultural events and markets. Holding monthly Pipsqueak markets who use Australian artists and makers from across Australia.

GCS - Blue light disco for youth, cooking classes, GCS - girls’ soccer competitions, GCS – group fitness studio, music workshops, entertainment, meditation classes and implementing more innovative programs and community events.

I am also extremely excited to be able to collaborate with Community Centres SA (CCSA). CCSA will be offering and providing a wide range of free courses to the community to upgrade their skills and boost their confidence. This year we will be offering our first course in November following our 8-week Wellness program.

“Boost your confidence for work” will start in November on Tuesdays and run for 4-weeks from 9.30am -2.30pm and will commence again with new courses next year.

I look forward to having the Girls Rock Camp come back to the Goodwood Community Centre in July, which is so much fun and entertaining. Girls Rock Adelaide uses the medium of music to inspire confidence, encourage creativity, celebrate individuality, and ensure opportunity for young people. They run a week-long camp program for girls, all trans youth and gender-diverse youth ages 10-17 which will be held at GCC. Looking forward to having them back.

The Greek Pensioners & Aged Society of S.A. were established in 1982 and have been running sessions every Thursday at GCC and their numbers have continued to increase, with up to 80 -100 people attending each week. A bingo game is provided along with a morning coffee and lunch and desert. This is a place where people come together and interact and connect with one another whilst make meaningful connections in a safe, welcoming environment. They were semi-finalists in the "Loneliness Cure award" in 2019 and next year will be their 40th year celebration. I look forward to celebrating with them all.

I am also looking forward to holding a neighbourhood celebration event.

A celebration to be held at GCC inviting all the community and neighbours to come along and enjoy a fun night out.

Live entertainment with our amazing GOSPO Collective who rehearse at GCC on Monday evenings to perform outside in the carpark area whilst Markets will be held inside with Goody Road traders. Entertainment for children with face painting and Hanna work and balloons.

Connecting with the community and strongly building GCS's networks with all the businesses and members in the Goodwood area to build and represent a strong community.

A place, where people can feel safe and build social and meaningful connections.

Embracing and welcoming all – A Hub.

These are all suggestions based on feedback from the community.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

STAFF

Diana Jukes – Finance officer

Gurveen Kaur – Playgroup, Toy Library and Admin Support

Lih-Fang-Lin – Toy Library

Alison Currie – Goody gym

Gail Irwin – Toy Library

Ruby Hume – Toy Library

Sasi Ilangovan – Goody gym and Playgroup

VOLUNTEERS

Diana Jukes – Admin volunteer

Sasi Ilangovan– Admin volunteer

Michael Keenan – Board Chairperson

Heather Brown – Board Member

Tim Campbell – Treasurer

Helen Vassos – Board member

Amy Grantham – Board member

Shirley Moriarty – Board member

Sarah Guille - Board Member

Nikki Wallace – Board Member

Joe Maniscalco – Soutar FC Coordinator

Ilangovan Subramaniam - IT volunteer

Swati Priyadarshini – Playgroup and Goody gym volunteer

Claire Hyland – NLNL

Lauren Hookings – Grinners Disco

The Greek Pensioners & Aged Society of S.A.

The Greek Women’s Society of S.A. Taxiarches Inc.

GCS would like to thank everyone in the community, including our regular and casual hall hirers who help maintain and keep GCS running.