

Annual General Meeting

Supporting Uganda's Re-Growth Efforts Incorporated

Here in known as S.U.R.G.E Inc Australia

Time: 12:30pm – 3:00pm 26th of MARCH 2017

**At: Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ
165 Beach Road Christies Beach SA**

*S.U.R.G.E. AGM invitees will meet in the
Oasis Building rear of the church*



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For FY Nov 2015 to 31 Oct 2016

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AGM AGENDA EOFY 2016

Board 2015-16 Monica Willoughby (MW) Chairperson; Jarna Hill (JH) Secretary; Mel Hull (MH) Treasurer; Lorraine Ridderhof (LR) Programme Coordinator; Peter Hill (PH) also Public Officer; Moira McMillan (MM); Mike Colliver (MC) and Helena Johnston (HJ) Jean Hilton (JHilt)

Welcome, Apologies & Outline of meeting agenda (MW)
Acceptance of the Previous AGM minutes from March 2016 (JH)
Business Arising from Minutes
Chairperson's Report (MW)
Secretary Report (JH)
Treasurer's Report (MH)
Programme Coordinator's Report (LR)
General Business (submitted items) (MW)

- Formal Nominations received and Board approved: Moira McMillan for Chairperson
 - Future Fundraising Events ...

Other Business/Question time (Items without notice) (All)

- Nominations from the floor at AGM for vacant positions

Declare Vacant Board positions: (MW/MC)

These positions if filled will be for the next 2 yrs.

Monica Willoughby; Peter Hill; Moira McMillan; Melinda Hull; Helena Johnston **re-standing**
There is a need for more Board Members

The board has the power to make the decision, among the current and newly elected board members for the positions required. - In the best interest of SURGE Australia (as per our Constitution)

New Chairperson takes the Chair and calls for nominations from the floor

NB: All new nominees (other than those re-standing) need to sign a document agreeing to be nominated either before AGM or at time of nomination at AGM

Nomination of Auditor:

Suggestion: Green Pritchard & Co. Accountants – they are our current Auditors.

Thanks, Close in Prayer - (*Proposed Finish before 3.00 pm*)

Supporting Uganda's Re-Growth Efforts Inc

AGM MINUTES March 20th 2016

FY 2014 to FY 2015

held in Oasis Building, Noarlunga Centre Churches of Christ Inc.

PRESENT

Lorraine Ridderhof (LR); Monica Willoughby (MW); Melinda Hull (MH);
Jarna Hill (JH); Helena Johnston (HJ); Moira McMillan (MM); Mike Colliver (MC);
Jean Hilton (JHi); Deb Osman (DO); David Mitchell (DM); Brian Spencer (BS);
Peter Hill (PH); Lynne Hill (LH); Grant Hull (GH); Janet Hughes (JHu);

APOLOGIES

Peter Chambers; Lila Newman; Kay Dallow; Rosey Olbrycht, Kit Densley

Meeting opened at 1:05pm with prayer by Lorraine Ridderhof

Acceptance of previous AGM minutes

Proposed: MC

Seconded: LR

Minutes accepted by those who were present at the 2015 AGM

Then the following reports were presented

- **Chairperson's Report:** As tabled in reports – Monica Willoughby added comments about previous fundraising events and included updates of a pending Karaoke Night later this year. MW proposed acceptance and it was seconded by MC and accepted by all present
- **Secretary's Report:** As tabled in reports. Peter Hill highlighted some of the things in his report. Also, that from this AGM he would not be re-standing for Board Member. PH proposed acceptance of his report which was seconded by JH and accepted by all present.
- **Treasurer's Report:** As Tabled: Mel highlighted the fact that even though our books showed a loss in the P&L this was snapshot of our accounts in that financial year. Our books were audited and a snapshot was provided by the auditor's.
- **Auditor's Report:** As tabled:
MH proposed acceptance of her report and the Auditor's Report which was seconded by MW and accepted by all present.

- **Program Co-ordinator's Report:** As tabled in reports: Lorraine Ridderhof highlighted the latest project of 2015 – the replacement of the Dormitory girl's roof at HCCP Inc. Uganda. She also told us that 5 of the registered sponsored children have since moved on to employment – which meant that we have made a difference to those children's lives in Uganda. Lorraine also talked about Bob Spencer and the loss we felt at his passing in January 2016 – he was 99yrs old and had put aside money in the Spencer Fund for the educational, boarding and medical welfare of his child for as long as it lasts. Discussion to be held with his son later.

It costs \$310aud approx. per term to educate a child in high school and \$2000aud per term for University/College.

LR proposed acceptance of her report and it was seconded by MM and accepted by all present.

Board recommendation for Auditor. The board recommends Green Pritchard & Co Accountants as Auditor for 2015-16 –

This was Proposed by MH, seconded by PH: And Accepted by all.

Board Positions

Monica declared that positions of Mike Colliver; Lorraine Ridderhof, Jarna Hill and Peter Hill vacant – the following will re-stand: Mike Colliver, Lorraine Ridderhof and Jarna Hill.

The Nominations are:

- Secretary: Jarna Hill – accepted unopposed
- Program Co-ordinator: Lorraine Ridderhof – accepted unopposed
- General Board Member: Mike Colliver – accepted unopposed

Peter Hill (PH) proposed to accept positions of re-election to JH; LR; and MC

MW seconded and it was accepted by all.

Mike Colliver also recommended that Jean Hilton (JHi) be nominated to the board. Jean agreed and so PH proposed Jean Hilton (JHi) be accepted as a General Board member. MM seconded that proposal, and Jean Hilton was accepted by all.

General Business: MW let us know that the Karaoke Night advertising will be for June 25th 2016; the Film night will be TBA; and she will be able to get the "No Cake Stall" up and running again. LR highlighted that we would be using the funds raised to help our Working Fund and Contingency Fund for our non-sponsored children approx. 3-4 children who no longer have a sponsor.

Next AGM will be in March 2017 for FY 2015-2016

MW closed the AGM in prayer at 1:45pm

AIMS

(As per current Constitution)

S.U.R.G.E. Vision: Reaching out to the world one village at a time.

S.U.R.G.E. Mission: To work in partnership with the Hope Child Care Programme Inc. in Bulunga and Rakai District, South West Uganda

S.U.R.G.E. Objectives: The Association is a Christian Based, not-for-profit charitable organization formed to achieve the following objectives;

- 3.1 To work with and empower HIV/AIDS affected ORPHANS and the needy children/families in the poverty stricken rural areas of Uganda.
- 3.2 Sponsorship of orphan /needy children in the poverty stricken rural areas of Uganda.
- 3.3 Supporting educational infrastructure in Uganda.
- 3.4 Supporting physical and spiritual health of Ugandans.
- 3.5 Promoting the activities of the Association and the impact on the lives of Ugandans.

For full expansion of these above Objectives please read our Constitution.

**Chairperson's Report
From Monica Willoughby
S.U.R.G.E. Inc. Australia**

Chairperson' Report 2015-2016

This year started with our annual planning day and board meeting. This year we have continued our partnership with Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ.

This year our main fundraiser was our Karaoke night on June 25th 2016. My son Mark was to be MC, but due to unforeseen sickness he was unable to, but thanks to Rob McCarthy (a friend of my daughter's) who filled in for us, the night was a great success, with lots of singing, fun and laughter.

The film night in October was cancelled due to problems with getting a license.

The "NO CAKE" cake stall was postponed until 2017.
Our recipe book has once again been put on the back burner for now.

We had the opportunity to have a mission spot at the morning service in August and through that we now have new sponsored for 4 out of 5 children which were waiting to be sponsored. Thank you to those who have chosen to sponsor these children

I would like to also thank the board for all their support of the years I have been Chairperson, as I am stepping down. I am willing to continue on the board as a board member.
I wish all the board of 2017 God's blessing as they go into another year.

Please pray that the new board will be inspired to go forth with God's plans for SURGE with renewed passion.

Monica Willoughby – chairperson for S.U.R.G.E. Inc. Australia

Secretary's Report
From Jana Hill
S.U.R.G.E. Inc. Australia

S.U.R.G.E. Inc Australia
Secretary's Report 2015-16

I would like to start out by thanking the Surge Board for being so patient with me as I learned this new role as secretary. I have now been the secretary for a full year and it has been an interesting, challenging and rewarding role.

We are now in our Third year of partnership with the Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ. It has been a great benefit to both Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ and SURGE Inc. and we hope and pray that continues.

I'm very proud of all that we have achieved and happy that the small amount that I can help, has gone so very far.

We continue to meet on a monthly/bi monthly basis. S.U.R.G.E. INC continues to meet the challenges it faces every day. Our commitment remains the same.

We thank all sponsors and supporters for your help and encouragement.

God does Big things with the little that we can offer.

Jana Hill - Secretary S.U.R.G.E. Inc Australia

Treasurer's Report
From Melinda Hull
S.U.R.G.E. Inc. Australia

S.U.R.G.E. Inc Australia AGM 2017 – Treasurer's Report for 2015-2016

We are continuing to use Cashflow Manager for our SURGE Inc Books. The reports are printed here. Our books are in to be audited by the accountants.

Lorraine Ridderhof has continued to support me in treasurer's role.

We are needing to fundraise for the Working Fund to support the running costs of SURGE Inc, including the payment of audit fees, and bank transfer costs.

I recommend that we ask the current accountants to continue to audit our accounts. Their name is Green Pritchard & Co. Accountants.

Therefore I propose for the AGM that:

Green Pritchard & Co. Accountants be appointed to audit S.U.R.G.E. Inc accounts for our next financial year of 1st November 2016 to October 31st 2017.

Melinda Hull
Treasurer

The audit findings are as follows for the AGM 2017

S.U.R.G.E INC
Trading Profit and Loss Statement

For the year ended 31 October 2016

	This Year	This Year	Last Year
SALES			
Donations Received	8,791		9,706
Sundry Income	273		118
TOTAL SALES		9,064	9,825
GROSS PROFIT		9,064	9,825
OVERHEAD EXPENSES			
Accountancy	486		486
Bank Charges	144		174
Donations	9,719		13,155
Fundraising Expenses	87		0
Printing and Stationery	0		20
Rent	110		155
TOTAL OVERHEAD EXPENSES		(10,547)	(13,990)
NET PROFIT		(1,483)	(4,166)



**GREEN PRITCHARD
& CO ACCOUNTANTS**
Beyond traditional accounting

S.U.R.G.E INC

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Scope

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report of the S.U.R.G.E Inc for the year ended 31st October 2016.

The Association's committee members are responsible for the financial statements and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of S.U.R.G.E Inc and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the association. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to members. We disclaim any assumptions of Responsibility for any reliance on the report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person Other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements (these policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and UIG Consensus Views.)

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis

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Audit opinion

It has not been practical for us to perform auditing procedures to satisfy ourselves that all monies received have been recorded. We have therefore had to rely on the information and documentation made available to us.

In our opinion, the financial statements represent fairly the financial position of S.U.R.G.E Inc. as at the 31st October 2016 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standard and the Associations Incorporation's Act 1985.



Shane Pritchard CPA
(Director)

10 February 2017



GREEN PRITCHARD
& CO ACCOUNTANTS

Programme Co-ordinator's Report
From Lorraine Ridderhof
S.U.R.G.E. Inc. Australia

Program Coordinator's Report 2015-16

I continue having the privilege of being part of the journey, with our donors and the Board in helping the HIV/Aids affected, and poverty stricken Rural Ugandans in some way, since Nov 2004 - embarking on its legal journey in November 2005!

What a long way we have come over this last 12 years – many achievements only made possible by those who have kindly made donations and given of your time.

This year we have continued our partnership with

Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ Inc. (Adelaide) and Hope Child Care Program Inc. in Uganda. Our Business Plan now only takes us to 2020.

I have once again enjoyed the privilege of serving on the board in the capacity of Program Coordinator and general assistant where required; and am still currently serving on the Board - Maintaining the Vision of what we are about has also been in the forefront of my mind. We are coming to a critical pathway by 2019-2020. Please pray for the Board's guidance in these matters.

At the time of this report we have all children on our current list supported with only one currently being looked after by our contingency fund. Hopefully will have a new sponsor soon.

Natural attrition is one way our list is getting smaller.

HCCP has grown with each year. Buildings have been erected and the new Vocational school is now operational. Over 500 children now attend the school and are fed 2 hot meals a day while at school.

2011 we were able to provide 100 mosquito nets for the children at HCCP Inc through the generosity of our donors.

2012 - Funds were raised and with other unallocated funds there was enough money for the purchase of one industrial stove for HCCP Inc. Uganda. \$1700usd

2013 - Fundraiser for the Agricultural Program at HCCP Uganda. We raised \$312.70 which combined with allocated monies held fund in O/Seas Aid and Dev Fund for a Stake-In-the Cow of \$140 totaled \$452.70 - was forwarded to HCCP Inc Uganda

- HCCP have bought seeds and planted them. Other seeds for the villagers will be given next season as they have already planted their crops with the little they had.

- 2013 we also entered discussions with the Elders of Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ re a partnership with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a view to also beginning enquiries into partnering with GMP (Global Mission Partners).

2014 – We officially signed the MOU with Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ.
We had discussions with John Gilmore of GMP
We had discussions also with Geoff Colton of Missions Interlink

We are looking forward to continuing past 2015 and have continued our MOU (partnership) with HCCP Inc for just another 5 years to 2020.

SPONSORING: Monies donated for the support of children and projects have been sent regularly every month. Except in December when those monies are forwarded in advance in time for Christmas.

Monies are being sent quarterly – so if you are able to change your debit cycle please do so. (1 Jan; 1 April; 1 July; 1 Oct)

The support of infrastructure and *training Program's* for Rural Ugandans is needed

Provision of forms of electricity - 2016 Electricity is close to HCCP now. They are waiting for the time that they can be connected to the National Grid. Their application is in and they now have a problem of the costs to connect. Initial connections costs \$25000usd.

2014 – Approval of a grant to kick start the Vocational School program with the tools required. The building has already been built by another charity Organisation.

In July 2014 Pastor Fred Matovu was able to visit with us in a short space of time

In 2015 – through generous donations from our members and supporters we were able to approve a grant of \$1200usd (\$1720aud) to repair and replace the roof on the girl's dormitory

In **2016** – we had another Karaoke Night Fundraiser – a great success supporting our contingency fund – and Judges were from LifeFM107.9 Kit from Kit and Pete morning show and Bec from the Night show.

Supporting any infrastructure, project - (within our guidelines) required to achieve our objectives.

To the Board of S.U.R.G.E. Inc Australia – Once again - I thank you for your dedication and support to this work. To all those who have faithfully given – YOU as a sponsor and supporter and member continue to have made so much difference to their lives and their surrounding communities.

YOU have made so many changes now for the improvement to the HIV/AIDS effected children, community and the Project at Hope Child Care Programme – Bulanga, Sthn Rakia District Uganda...

We need your prayers as we continue to serve our God and you the sponsor and members and supporters, with integrity and openness into looking to where SURGE Australia is to go from here in 2016 - and beyond. Thank you!

Challenging times are still ahead!

Lorraine Ridderhof
Program Co-Ordinator

PROJECTS COMPLETED OR ONGOING

PROJECT 1: SIGN POST Uganda - completed 2006.

PROJECT 2: SCHOOL

February 27, 2006 - Helping Ugandans Grow Stronger, Inc. (HUGS -USA) were pleased to announce the opening of **Bright Hope School in the Rakia District of southern Uganda**. This serves the village of Bulanga as well as other nearby areas.

Over 300 children are now attending the school, which currently provides instruction for primary grades 1-6. A second school building opened in late 2007 – through HUGS USA.

Children who are sponsored through the SURGE Program are automatically enrolled in the school. Our **Australian sponsored children can now attend this school** and have a higher standard of education - Besides receiving a quality education, the \$25/month (now \$35 current) sponsorship fee also provides each child with a daily hot meal, shoes, medicine and a school uniform. Children in need can also be boarded at HCCP for an additional \$25aud per month, now \$35.

We currently have three sponsored child who is boarding at the HCCP Project, because either family was physically abusing them or need to be at the school for medical reasons.

PROJECT 3: THE MEDICAL CLINIC

The Medical Clinic, **first stage** – with roof put on in 2007, **completed**.

Then the **second stage** was **completed** and **third stage completed** by end of Oct 2007.

In **November 2007 the clinic was able to be used** even though there are no internal fittings. All completed due to funds generously donated through S.U.R.G.E supporters.

FINAL STAGE: - furniture, fittings and medical equipment and electrical support still required. *Helping to provide necessary medications for the Clinic and equipment for the Pathology which will then become self-sustaining* through the cost of treatment that, those that are able to can afford. – **Completed soon after May 2008.**

PROJECT 4: ADDITIONAL BUILDING TO MEDICAL CLINIC IS NOW THE ANNEXE - This was completed early 2010.

These are some of other areas in the medical field we would like to give aid - Birthing Kits; immunization of children against childhood diseases; STD and HIV/AIDS medicine for pregnancy and new born children. This is in the thinking tank .

We were able to send woolen clothing to HCCP for use of new born babies to keep them warm at night – through generous donations.

PROJECT 5: THE WELL MAINTAINENCE FUND - for the village of Bulanga through HCCP Inc.

There is a need to **tackle Water shortages** for times of famine and disease. We were going to help put in **water well** through the HCCP Project **for the Village of Bulanga** and communities. It would **cost \$12000 to \$15000usd to complete**. As it has taken quite a while to build this fund up, we as a board have decided that the monies for this would be better used in maintaining the current well on HCCP Project. You can help by **donating any amount or in increments of \$50 - \$135** you can donate in lieu of a gift to a loved one, and we can send you a card with details for that person.

This project has now been started and is still **current**

PROJECT 6: *Agricultural* Needs:

We would like to help with the purchasing of plants and animals for the agricultural Program and the children of Bulanga and surrounding communities that will in turn provide the community as a whole, with long term and sustainable incomes to provide for their families.

Animals e.g. cow \$203aud; goat \$40aud; chickens \$10aud; seeds \$10aud - Ask us for further details. The animals are given to the children rather than the adults so that the animals are not sold for 'the drink' by the father or significant others in the child's life.

Through some of our fundraiser events we have been able to continue to contribute towards these things
Most of our sponsored children have already benefitted from this project. **Project is still current.**

PROJECT 7: *Educational* needs and the **provision of/or training of special aid teachers for disabled children in the HIV/AIDS effected rural areas of Uganda.** A teacher for this area is about \$300usd per month.

The school is long-term and sustainable – the children are learning agricultural subjects and work in the fields and also because of encouragement of self paying students also attending the school from Bulanga and the surrounding areas.

PROJECT 8: 2012 - We were able to hold a fundraiser in July last year 2012 that raised money for the purchase of an industrial stove (one of three needed).

PROJECT 9: 2013 - Funds were raised for help with the Agricultural Program.

PROJECT 10: 2014 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TOOLS – ongoing

#PROJECT 11: 2015 REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF GIRL'S DORMITORY ROOF

2016 saw us finding new sponsors for 4 of 5 children

Other Areas:

A Special Booklet for Pauline: sent early 2009.

Conclusion and Thank You

The S.U.R.G.E. Board wishes to thank all who have supported S.U.R.G.E. and also for your patience at times when we are facing new challenges. We also strive to improve our communications to you and our response to you. The next AGM is in March next year inline with our Constitution which states “An Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than 31st March each calendar year.” We hope to see you there! God Bless and keep up the wonderful support.

Regards

The S.U.R.G.E Inc Board

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