

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 25th of MARCH 2018

**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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Annual General Meeting 2018 *For FY Nov 2016 to 31 Oct 2017*

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Board 2016-17 Moira McMillan (MM) Chair; Monica Willoughby (MW) Vice Chair; Jarna Hill (JH) Secretary; Mel Hull (MH) Treasurer; Lorraine Ridderhof (LR) Program Coordinator; Peter Hill (PH) Public Officer; Mike Colliver (MC) and Helena Johnson (HJ) Jean Hilton (JHilt); Bevan Skinner (BSk) and Myra Skinner (MSk)

Welcome, Apologies & Outline of meeting agenda (MM)
Acceptance of the Previous AGM minutes from March 2017 (JH)
Business Arising from Minutes
Chairperson's Report (MM)
Secretary Report (JH)
Treasurer's Report (MH)
Programme Coordinator's Report (LR)
General Business (submitted items) (MM)

- Formal Nominations received, and Board approved:
 - Future Fundraising Events ...

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

- Nominations from the floor at AGM for vacant positions

Declare Vacant Board positions: (MM)

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

Jana Hill, Michael Colliver and Lorraine Ridderhof - **re-standing**

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)

Chairperson 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)*

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AGM MINUTES March 26th 2017
FY Nov 2015 to FY Oct 31 2016
Held in Oasis Building, Noarlunga Centre Churches of Christ Inc.

PRESENT

Monica Willoughby(MW); Melinda Hull (MH); Jana Hill (JH) Moira McMillan (McM);
Lorraine Ridderhof (LR); Michael Colliver (MC); Peter Hill (PH); Lynne Hill (LH);
Brian Spencer (BS); Adele Coles (AC); Kay Dallow (KD); Janet Hughes (JH);
David Mitchell (DM); Bevan Skinner (BSk); Myra Skinner (MSk); Noela Beenham (NB);

APOLOGIES

Geoff Colton; Jean Hilton; Alison Owens; Grant Hull;

Acceptance of previous AGM minutes March 20th 2016

Proposed MW - 2nd MC - Those who were present – motion carried.

The following reports were presented:

Chairpersons Report: As tabled in reports – Monica Willoughby read out report as this was her last report in position of Chair.

Moira McMillan thanked Monica for all her work.

Secretary's Report: as tabled and read out by JH

Acceptance of above Reports: Proposed PH 2nd MC – Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: as tabled in reports – Melinda highlighted that the books show a loss in the Profit and Loss – this is a snapshot of our accounts in that financial year. Our books audited and snapshot provided by the auditor.

Discussion followed.

Acceptance of report: proposed MW; 2nd PH – motion carried

The Treasurer moved that

motion – Moved that GreenPritchard Accountants & Co. be used for next year's Audit of Financial Year Nov 1 2016 to October 31 2017.

This was Proposed by MH, seconded by MC: - Motion Carried

Program Co-Ordinator Report: As tabled in reports: Lorraine highlighted certain areas and took questions on the report from the floor. Critical decisions in 2019-2020.

Discussion held and questions taken.

All reports were accepted - Moved PH; 2nd MC – motion carried

General Board Positions:

The following Board positions were declared vacant: Monica Willoughby, Helena Johnson, Peter Hill, Moira McMillan, Melinda Hull.

Monica Willoughby vacated the chair.

Lorraine Ridderhof **took the chair** until new Chairperson elected.

Lorraine then stated that the following people were willing to re-stand for general positions on the Board. There is need for up to 12 board members.

Moira McMillan, Helena Johnson, Melinda Hull, Monica Willoughby for another 2 years and Peter Hill for a year.

Moved – AC, 2nd MC – motion carried.

It was noted and the appropriate forms filled out (and tabled) and signed by persons nominated and persons nominating – that Bevan Skinner, Myra Skinner and David Mitchell are standing for the vacant general board member positions.

Moved – PH, 2nd MC – Motion carried.

Moira McMillan was the only candidate from the above elected Board to stand for Chairman of the Board. (appropriate nomination form completed and tabled.)

Moved MW, 2nd MC – Motion carried.

Moira McMillan(McM) was **declared as New Chairman of the SURGE Inc Board**. Lorraine Ridderhof vacated the chair and Moira McMillan took over the meeting as Chair.

General Business:

Melinda Hull and 2nd Peter Hill – all present at AGM welcomed Moira McMillan to the Chair.

Moira then stated that

“The Board recognised Peter Hill as our Public Officer – ad infinitum.”

McM also talked about our current Fundraiser's – No Cake – Cake Stall, and High Tea and invited Peter Hill to share about Unchained and Free in Uganda with the persons present and how our Pens Fundraiser will be a joint venture with a logo of “I [Love heart] Uganda”

The new members were advised that the next Board meeting is Tuesday 4th April, 2017 at 7pm at MW's home.

Next AGM will be in March 2018 for FY 2016-2017

McM closed the AGM in Prayer at 1:39pm

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 Bulanga 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.



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SURGE Inc Report from the Chairperson 2017-18 (FY2016 to 2017)

Over the past year the SURGE board has worked hard to continue our support of the children at Hope Childcare Programme Inc. We have successfully sent financial aid to children that will keep them in school and so offer them hope for the future. This has always been our aim, and that will not change until the day SURGE no longer exists. As always, we are grateful to Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ for their partnership and ongoing support both financially and in prayer. Our major fundraiser last year was a, very successful, High Tea. While I was unable to be present, Monica Willoughby ensured that the Tea was fun and well catered, thank you Monica. Other fundraising was not as obvious but collecting cans and bottles for recycling is another of the tasks that Monica has under control. Thanks again, Monica.

We had the honour of welcoming three new board members, David Mitchell and Bevan and Myra Skinner. Bevan and Myra have been invaluable in their support and advice and we hope that they will continue with us into the future. Jean Hilton, Helena Johnson and Peter Hill have also proven to be a great support and we are grateful for their help and insights. Mel Hull has, once again, kept our books in order, even after a catastrophic failure of the SURGE computer Mel still had the books ready for the auditor on time.

Jana and David Mitchell have injected a youthful point of view into many of our discussions and, even though he is quite shy, David has made level headed and useful comments that have made some of our decisions much easier.

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Now for the bad news, sadly our Programme Co-ordinator has had serious health issues. While Lorraine will continue for the foreseeable future, we had been concerned for the outcome of her treatment and our prayers continue to be for her recovery. Michael Colliver, her husband and a valued member of the SURGE board, has been her carer and we have all been touched by his vigilance for his wife and his belief in her. As previously said, we continue to pray for Lorraine, and we add to that, prayers for Michael, his health and his wonderful support for Lorraine and SURGE.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we bid farewell to a long serving board member, Monica Willoughby. Monica accepted the Chair at a time when SURGE was struggling to gain members. She has been fundraising co-ordinator and poster and advertising creator while always being willing to stand up in public to introduce others to SURGE and to gain more sponsors and other support. We will miss her for so many reasons and we pray that Monica will be as much of a blessing in every other walk of her life as she has been to us.

Many people outside the board have worked to make our year fruitful and I take this opportunity to especially thank Carol Trowse, Kay Dallow, Grace Russell, Fiona McCormick, Jack Humphries and Members of the Girl's Brigade Noarlunga Branch for their support of our High Tea. Without their input, the High Tea would have been a cup of tea and a biscuit instead of the luxurious fare and wonderful entertainment that made the day such a success.

Finally, I to every sponsor, donor and prayer we thank you. Your support has ensured that our children are fed, clothed and educated as well as provided with medical support. Without you, we cannot succeed, with you we can give hope to children who would otherwise be forgotten. God bless you.

Moira McMillan – Chairperson to the Board of SURGE Inc.

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

S.U.R.G.E. Inc Australia
Secretary's Report 2018 for FY2016-17

I would like to say thank you to the Surge Board for being patient with me.

This is my second full year as Secretary and I'm beginning to get in the full swing of things.

We are now in our fourth 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.

The donation of a Surge Secretary's laptop has been invaluable, allowing us a Third place to store and Backup documents and making minute-keeping during the meeting much easier.

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.

I would like to thank the Surge board for allowing me to practice my hospitality on them by hosting the board meetings.

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

Treasurer's Report
From Melinda Hull

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Treasurer's Report for 2016-2017

We are continuing to use Cashflow Manager for our SURGE Inc Books. There has been a delay in sending our books in to the accountants for auditing.

This is due to the SURGE computer breaking down in mid to late January 2018. Repairs were attempted but some data was lost from Cashflow Manager. Therefore, we have been re-inputting this data, which has been time consuming.

The books have now been sent into the accountant on time, in Feb 2018. We are currently waiting for the books to be audited.

The audit reports will be presented at the AGM.

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

We have had a more successful financial year of raising funds for the Working Fund which supports the running costs of SURGE Inc, including payment of audit fees and bank transfer costs. This fundraising continues to need to occur in order to support the Working Fund.

I recommend that we ask the current accountant's 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 2017 to October 31 2018.

Melinda Hull
Treasurer

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

Program Coordinator's Report 2016-17

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!

We have come a long way over these last 13 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 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.

Although my health took a steep curve in September/October 2017 which resulted in surgery and radiation treatment for Breast Cancer – thank you to my husband Mike who has been there for me in this journey.

Maintaining the Vision of what we are about has still been in the forefront of my mind. We are coming closer 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 from Jan 2018 being looked after in a small way by our contingency fund. 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. We have been able to supply medicines for the medical clinic, mosquito nets and school uniforms in October for the children we support plus anything over helps other children/young people at the School in Bulanga.

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

In 2017 – we had a No-Cake Cake Stall and High Tea Fundraiser. Both very successful and already we have been able to help with medicines for Medical Clinic for HCCP Inc; new school uniforms for the children attending school at HCCP and new mosquito nets for our supported children.

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 2018 - 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 and supplies for fencing HCCP Inc land.

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](#)

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

PROJECT 8:

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

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

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

PROJECT 10: 2014 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TOOLS – ongoing

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

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

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

Provision of forms of electricity - 2016 Electricity is close to HCCP now. They are still 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.

#PROJECT 12: 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. **2016 saw us finding new sponsors for 4 of 5 children**

#PROJECT 13:

In 2017 - we have been able to help with medicines for Medical Clinic for HCCP Inc; new school uniforms for the children attending school at HCCP and new mosquito nets for our supported children.

Other Areas:

A Special Booklet for Pauline: sent early 2009.

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

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 in line 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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