

The Junction Community Centre Incorporated

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Annual Report 2023



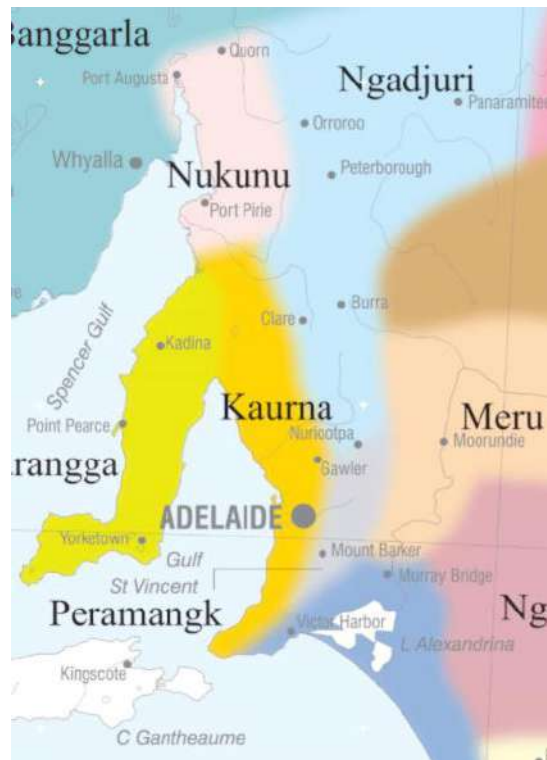
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Statement of Acknowledgement

We would like to Acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional land for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.



Source: Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. 2002. The AIATSIS Map of Indigenous Australia, <https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/map-indigenous-australia> accessed 24 September 2022.





Vision

Access, Equity, Diversity, Belonging, Connection

Mission

The Junction Community Centre Incorporated aims to create a welcoming, responsive, inclusive, and supportive environment. Working with the Community to help it meet the needs of individuals, families, and community groups in the local area.

Values

Building Trust: between individuals and diverse communities

Respect: treating everyone with dignity

Inclusivity: valuing and welcoming the diversity in our Community

Connection: individual and Community

Responsiveness: supporting people flexibly and holistically

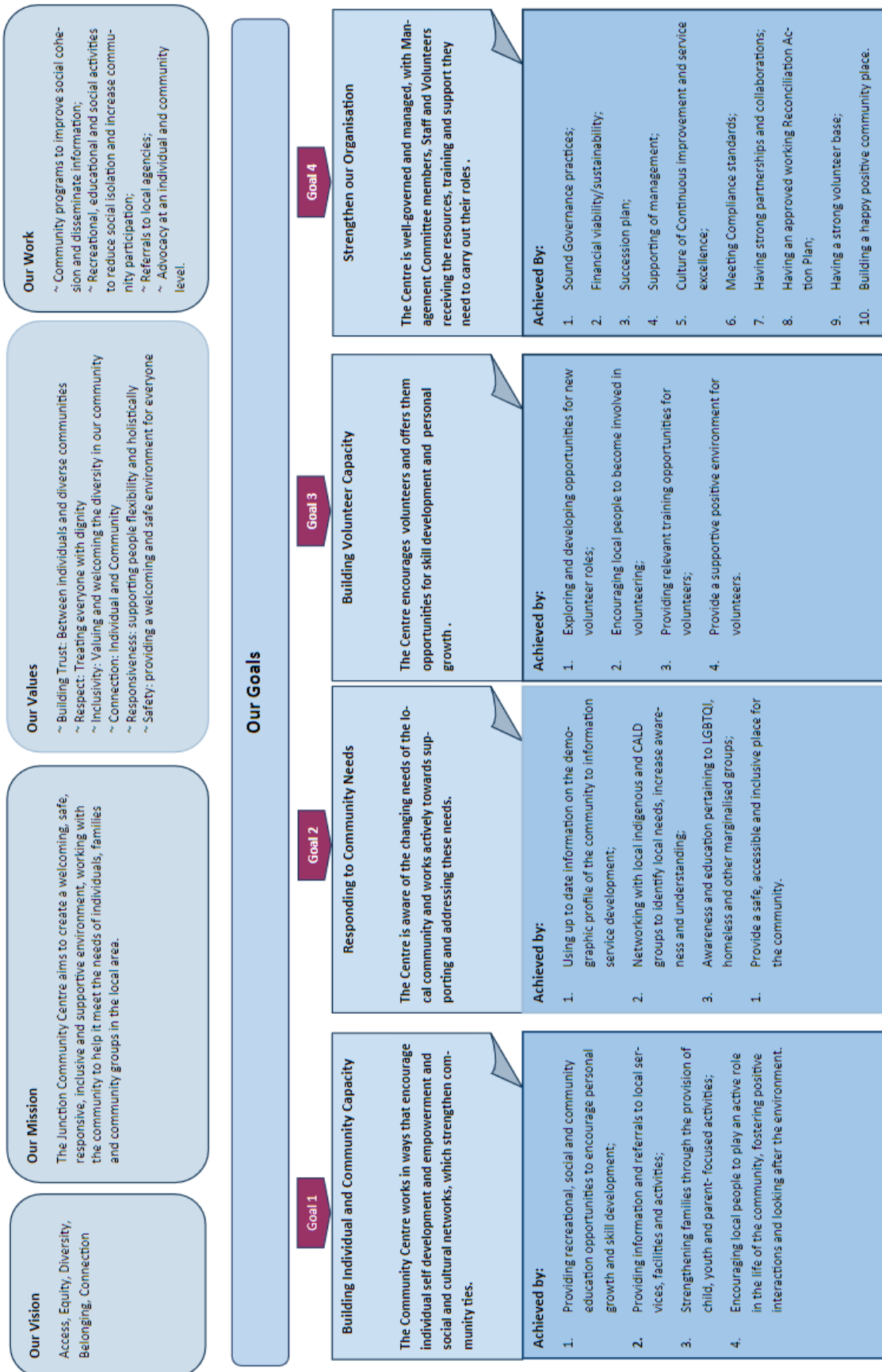
Safety: providing a welcoming and safe environment for everyone



The Junction Community Centre Inc Strategic Plan



The Junction Community Centre Inc. Strategic Plan 2021-2026



History and Management of The Junction Community Centre Incorporated

The Junction Community Centre Incorporated was officially opened in 1986 after community consultation with the people of Rosewater, Ottoway and Pennington. The Reverend Dean Eland (Port Adelaide Uniting Church), Sister Marie Victory (local Catholic school headmistress) and Rex Searle (local government councillor) were instrumental in setting up the Junction's Constitution, and each of them remained on the Committee of Management for many years.



The Junction has an 'open door' policy in that it is open to everyone. However, our primary focus is our local Community of Rosewater, Pennington, Ottoway and surrounding areas. The Junction is an incorporated body for which the members of the Committee of Management, as defined in its Constitution, are responsible.

The Committee employs staff to handle the day-to-day running of the Centre, and they are required to keep the Committee informed through their monthly written reports. The Manager of The Junction Community Centre is responsible for community development, funding applications and consultation with funding bodies. Tutors/Group Leaders are responsible for program development, delivery and evaluation.



Message from the Chairperson



Chairperson's Report

It is my privilege to present the 2022-2023 Annual Report for The Junction Community Centre Incorporated (JCC).

I really enjoy being involved with JCC. The welcoming environment when walking in, the smiles and greetings, people busy doing things in groups, working quietly caring for others, engaging in social, recreational and educational activities, and with no two days the same. It's a vibrant centre.

I recently spoke to the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Council Members in a formal deputation. I called JCC an extraordinary community asset. I stand by that statement. The Junction is an amazing community centre that actively engages with the local community in all its diversity and works hard to meet the needs of this community.

We have all experienced the extraordinary changes and challenges brought about by the Covid 19 Pandemic over the past three years. JCC has adapted and gone through significant changes in the way we operate. The last year has been significant in working towards 'a new normal' as we adapt to the 'post Covid' world. I commend our wonderful staff and volunteers for their continued efforts to make the centre a safe place to be and to build back to pre-Covid numbers in our programs. We are fortunate to have very stable staffing with very low turnover which reflects both staff passion and commitment as well as a strong community response.

This last year, however, has been challenging behind all the very positive activity and fun. The Department for Human Services (DHS), the major funding body for JCC, changed its funding model for community centres to take effect in July 2023. JCC had to competitively tender along with other centres for the new funding. Unfortunately, under the new model JCC was to lose more than a third of its previous funding, almost \$60,000 annually. The competitive aspect of the tender added difficulty as community centres have a history of cooperation in their commitment and responsiveness to community need. Altogether this was extremely stressful for our two permanent staff who had to apply for funding that would not cover their existing wages, meaning their ongoing work was uncertain.

We were subsequently successful in our DHS application, but how to meet the funding shortfall?

The Committee of Management (COM) have worked to manage a difficult transition with the aim of retaining our long serving and highly successful permanent staff members. The positions held by Sophia Katari and Rose Dunn are predominantly funded by the DHS grant.

The Suzanne Elliot Charitable Trust had previously supported Centre programs and responded to our situation with a very generous one-off donation of \$50,000 to assist with this difficult transition. We are very grateful for their support.

More recently we have been notified of one-off DHS transition funding for 2023-24. JCC has also approached the Port Adelaide Enfield Council for assistance in the longer term. The Council is currently considering their response.

Midway through this stressful year Sophia Katari was awarded the 2023 Australia Day Citizen of the Year by the City of Port Adelaide Enfield. This was a significant and well-deserved honour which also reflects well on the Junction.

Acknowledgements:

I must acknowledge and thank Monica Chiappe, our immediate past Chairperson who has had some health issues this year which interrupted her strong commitment to volunteering at the Junction.

Thank you to the COM members of the community who have helped to guide the ship that is the Junction for the past 12 months. Farewell to our retiring members Deidre Knight, Roger Levi and Sarah Aylett. We thank them for their valuable contributions to the Centre.

Our volunteers are an important part of the Junction. We have approximately 40 volunteers who contribute enormously as they assist with the many tasks necessary to keep the Junction running smoothly. Many thanks to all.

I would also like to thank our tutors and ancillary staff who often contribute more than they are paid for and provide continuity and support for our community.

We are extremely fortunate to have Sophia and Rose leading the Centre from strength to strength. It's been difficult in these uncertain times. Their passion for the Centre also inspires us to live up to their examples. A big thanks.

Junction has strengthened its connection with Port Adelaide Uniting Church, a major supporter of the centre through the continued provision of our Uniting Church premises as well as other programs. We look forward to continuing to work with them.

Thank you to the network of local organisations that we partner with in various ways. We would particularly like to thank PAE Council who listen to us when we identify gaps in services and respond to community need.

Finally, thank you to the people here tonight who are members and supporters of The Junction Community Centre.

Together we have contributed to this wonderfully cohesive and supportive community with all its diversity and willingness to help each other. I think that's something worth striving to preserve and promote.

Rille Walshe OAM

Chairperson

25/10/2023

Treasurer's Report

Report from the Treasurer

The Junction Community Centre has had another successful but challenging year. Some of these challenges were due to changes of Government policies and grant assistance.

The Centre had a deficit of \$4,995 for 2022 – 2023. Even though we ran at a loss this figure actually equates to 1.6% of overall income. Total Income received during this period was \$300,807. The Junction Community Centre received \$30,753 less in grants for this financial year. Total expenditure was \$305,802.

The Junction Community Centre has gone from strength to strength during the past year catering to the local community. The Centre offers an extremely safe and inclusive hub that makes a difference to the many visitors and participants who pass through our doors each week.

Under the very strong leadership of Sophia Katari, very limited paid staff and our valued volunteers the Centre has been recognised at a local, state and national level for its programmes. The ability to find appropriate funding and partnerships to develop programmes that meet the needs of our community add to the continued success at the Centre.

Many thanks to all who contribute their time and expertise in all of these areas.

Special thanks to Donna Knights, our talented bookkeeper who continues to improve and investigate options to improve our overall record keeping systems.

Jill Stacy
Treasurer



Words from the Centre Manager



Manager's Report, 2023 – A Year of Immense Uncertainty

This year was indeed the most challenging – not because of the pandemic, not because of the changing needs of the community, not because of the daily stresses – but because of the uncertainty of funding which would ultimately decide whether we would still be employed and able to continue doing what we do.

The lengthy wait times for responses caused much anxiety which we internalised rather than let it impact the centre or those we serve.

We are in an area where people have complex needs and often find each day a struggle. We thrive on being their staple – the service that they can attend as often as they wish, without referral, without restriction, without feeling like a number. This year we have seen 8 to 86 year olds present at the centre in need of charity, connection and/or emotional support.

We are grateful to have come through a most tumultuous time and still be standing strong for our local community.

We conducted and participated in many of our regular events including the Walk of Awareness, Harmony Day, our annual Community Haircut Day (which saw us offer 300 free haircuts in 5 hrs) and Refugee Week - in addition to adding new items to our calendar. We had a Multicultural Fashion Parade for Welcoming Week, Cultural Cooking Experiences for Refugee Week, a 'Conversation on the Referendum', and an oral history project called 'Wondering About Freedom' which included an exhibition at the Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

There's been more for kids – with our being involved in our first 'Play Street' event which saw us close off a street to allow the locals to come out to play! We've also partnered with the Port Adelaide Uniting Church to run a weekly Playgroup; plus had Reclink sponsor additional classes for youth including a FLO program...plus see our beautiful new cubby house and playground sponsored by Rotary Kidman Park!

It was also a year for Wellbeing Projects with the Grannies Group. We organised a number of activities for this amazing group of Aboriginal Elders who work tirelessly to advocate for their community. We also sourced funding on their behalf to increase their profile by designing and purchasing uniforms and merchandise.

Mental Health and Wellbeing was also a theme for much of the training we undertook and offered to our volunteer pool. We had activities that incorporated Art Therapy in its different forms – from drumming circles to Aboriginal Women's Healing Circles to the Topsoil Gardening Project hosted by MCCSA's DHS Community Connections program. We were also supported by SA Health to run a number of bus trips to break social isolation.

We've been very active on the Western Collaboration Against Family & Domestic Violence (WCAFDA) assisting to organise and host a sunset vigil, a series of Self Defence courses

including one with the Diamond Clubhouse, a forum on Perinatal Abuse, a series of Clothesline Projects and soon a community forum on Coercive Control (Nov 27th, 2023). We've also been very fortunate to have Rotary Regency Park and Rotary Largs Bay support other DV projects in the west – including a car maintenance course, home handy course, mural design workshop with a mural painting workshop coming up soon. We attended forums promoting the new 'See The Signs' campaign plus another to hear of the draft legislation drawn up re: Coercive Control.

We needed to reach out a little further this year for support. We connected with the City of West Torrens and City of Charles Sturt, participated in expos (including hosting the migrant mothers' 'Spring Bazaar' and the 'You Mob Should Know Expo' for the first time) and regional collaborations, strengthened ties with the Hon Susan Close and visited Neporendi (an Aboriginal community centre in Old Reynella to learn from their practice). We have also been very fortunate to have had many new individuals and organisations offering a constant flow of donations. We also participated in a podcast series, radio interviews, hosted quarterly regional meetings for community centre managers and conducted a number of presentations.

With the support of the City of PAE, we have been able to create 2 spaces that are more fit for purpose. This includes our Club Lounge and Indoor Dining Space. They have also included our centre in their free Sanitary Items project. Our volunteers participated in a photoshoot for the City of PAE's promotional material; and I was included in their International Women's Day 'Inspirational Women' listings and presented the City of PAE 'Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award' which was a great honour.

Much of our gratitude goes to the individuals who come in and make each day – and of course the volunteers, fellow staff members and Committee of Management. Thank you for the banter, the peanut cookies and the bags of dirty washing!

Here's to an easier year ahead,
Sophia Katari.

Sophia Katari
Centre Manager

Volunteer & Site Coordinator

It has been a very busy year since the last report in 2022.

We have said hello over 20 new volunteers and farewelled others. That is a lot of interviews, processing Working with Children Checks, paperwork and inductions. We have a great Team of approx. 40 regular weekly/monthly volunteers. New, tentative shy volunteers don't seem to stay that way for long – the Team welcomes, accepts, befriends, teaches skills, builds confidence and the Team grows! There are also a lot of group facilitators who volunteer within the groups who use the centre. We thank all those who give their time to assist our community.

There has been quite a lot of training for volunteers and staff including First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, Drugs Awareness, Mental Health Recognising the Signs, Support after Suicide, Sight for All – Eye Health presentation, Food Safety, Fire Safety and fire blanket demonstrations, and Food Safety.

There has been lots of maintenance, fixing, cleaning, replacing etc and other site coordination. We have introduced Colour Coded Cleaning, have had donated Laser boiler installed and fixed, dishwasher fixed, endless grounds work and gardening. We are busy preparing for the introduction of the Food Safety Management System to be compliant by 8th December 2023.

Due to hygiene and other issues we have farewelled the roosters that were living here, have fixed the pen so it should be fox proof and are ready to accept some new lady chickens!!

I have also been working through policies and procedures, updating of SDS sheets, asset list, and various volunteers have spent time working on the key register.

Throughout the year I have also contributed to several sub committees including hall hire, finance, constitution, DHS tender, and had involvement and built relationships with various forums including the LeFevre Community Services Group.

There is a lot of work that doesn't get seen, rest assured that we are working as hard as we can to achieve all we can for our community. Sophia has had an incredibly hectic year, has organised many fantastic events, activities and information, written many reports and acquittals, worked very hard and for many many hours, so again this year I would like to mention that chocolate is always welcome in the office.

Thank you to Sophia, Rille, management committee and the wonderful volunteers and community members



Rose Dunn
Volunteer & Site Coordinator



The Junction Community Centre Inc.

Thank You!



2023

The Junction Community Centre Inc. would love to thank our amazing, hardworking volunteers that makes our community centre a fun, exciting and supportive place for everyone. Your contribution and time are very important, and we appreciate all your efforts, and we are greatly thankful for each one of you.

From Our Volunteers

Abigail

I have been involved in The Junction Community Centre as a volunteer, helping in the kitchen with cooking and handing out meals to the community. It was a great experience given back to the community as a refugee whom Australia has helped migrated to this beautiful country. My highlights, is that, seeing people being grateful and thankful about what they get and the friendship they made at the community centre.



Susanna

I been involved with the cooking program, sorting Oz harvest and handing it out to people. Also I have been doing a bit of Admin and door person. First person you enquire in to see when you come or do a course. It a great place to work. Wonderful group of people to work with. Very friendly and welcoming.



Jill

I retired in 2021 after 20 years in a not for profit Aged care organisation, as a Residential Admissions Manager. The Junction Community Centre was recommended to me as a fantastic hub for the local community. I joined The Junction Community Centre approx. 19 months ago, as a volunteer, 2 days per week. I am now a Committee member and Treasurer for the centre. I am mainly in the office answering phone, attending enquiries, helping distribute Oz Harvest to those in the Community. I help where needed.

Sophia (Centre Manager) and Rose (Volunteer and Site Coordinator) and all the other volunteers have made me feel very welcome and a valued member of The Junction Community Centre.

Rose has organised many courses for all volunteers eg First Aid and Mental First Aid just to name a few. These have been very well received by all who attended. She is always searching for interesting courses that will assist the volunteers in their various roles.

Sophia is always striving to find new and exciting activities that cater for our CALD community. I have been on a couple of bus trips and attended some evening events. It is interesting and a privilege to learn about some of our diverse cultures.



I am constantly in awe of Sophia and Rose and their tireless energy, compassion and respect shown, to all who come through the front door. No-one is turned away.

Thank you ladies for making The Junction Community Centre a safe and happy environment for the local community to come together, to have a coffee and chat or to attend one of the many activities on offer. You are making a great difference in many peoples lives. Cheers Jill



Steven Raeburn
Aged – 50

Throughout 2023 I have been volunteering at The Junction Community centre on a bi-weekly basis, assisting with the manual handling of the Ozharvest food distribution to the centre's clients. In parallel, I make myself available to the clients as a non-judgemental friendly face and ad-hoc counsellor as their need arises, to listen and be available for them. In that capacity, it is intended that those clients can participate, be included, be seen, recognised, valued and appreciated. It is this aspect of the work that I hope creates the greatest intangible value.



Centre Users

Community Members

Emelyn

I started at JCC almost 3yrs attending Zumba, special events and Bus trips if I get a chance and free from my work. Attending Zumba in the Junction is amazing apart from it is my de-stressing routine, I was able to build healthy friendship with my zumba mates and it's really fun plus the instructor is so funny! Bus trips are the most enjoyable ones as we got the chance to explore some places and always have a good laugh and great company.

All the staff and volunteers are amazing with always a big smile everyday.

And I really and will continue to be part of JCC

And would continue recruiting newbies to join, it's nice to go out from comfort zones sometimes! To have fun and those steps in Zumba.

The sweat and the good laugh that matters!

Emelyn Oates



Rotary (Largs Bay) - Irene

In the last 12 months I have been going to The Junction Community Centre to attend Zumba Classes every Saturday. It is a great group because it is very diverse, cultural, age and socio economic and I learn a lot from the group. My reason in attending the Zumba is mainly for fitness however I am also gaining more friends outside work. Coming to JCC for Zumba also opens other opportunities being offered in the centre such as open community lunches and bus trips.



One of the highlights being involved in JCC is the opportunity to go on a bus trip to visit place of worships. Being in the city of churches it was great to be able to finally see other religious places other than the only church I go to. It made me more understanding and more respectful to other people's religious practices and beliefs.

Dancing and being connected with other ladies and just being me is another highlight in itself. I am able to provide friendship to those who are lonely and isolated.

I highly recommend JCC to my friends who live in Port Adelaide area. Thank you Sophia and volunteers for your work commitments and sharing your talents to the local community Kudos to you



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**Nyrie**

Last year I was heavily involved with the Monday lunch and Oz Harvest food group...this year just a little bit...but have been attending the bus trips.

These trips are wonderful. So good to get out of city and breathe some fresh air. Sophia keeps us very entertained and there are others to chat with as well. Highlight so far this year was Hahndorf as there is plenty to see and do in this place.

NYRIE



Rhyllis

Been on bus trips, do 3 Zumba classes a week, lunches once a month and any special events. Love the all the people around us are happy all the time. Sophia is the backbone of everything we do. Great friend Thanks.

**Vincenza**

The Junction Community Centre is an amazing place. It appears as a small building from the outside but on the inside there are warm friendly people to greet you and inviting you to this palace of never ending hospitality, services, classes covering any subject you can think of and also dance and fitness programmes.

I have participated in the Zumba classes, bus trips, community lunches and special social events. The highlight would have to be having the privilege to meet people from all over the world learning and sharing with each other and coming together as one great Multicultural Australian Nation.

Congratulations Sophia and team for achieving an outstanding all encompassing Community. Vincenza Ferraro

**Debra Randall**

Hi Sophia. I have enjoyed the lunches. Bus trips have been very interesting and enjoyable meeting new people in the community. I am hoping to get involved in other activities at the centre.

**Naqib**

I started work at ARA and got busy sorry for delay of this report.

My family was involved to receive services like clothing, free haircut and attending fun programs like fashion shows and more.

We absolutely loved The Junction Community Centre door, which is always open to get support very happy with all the services and the lovely staff

The Junction Community Centre continues to provide a safe and engaging space for our communities

**Gordana (student)**

I come to Junction with the intention of meeting new people and learning English. Otherwise, I felt lonely at home, and my husband and I only speak Serbian because my husband knows very little English. As for other people I know, I have very few encounters with people who speak English. That's why I decided to come to The Junction centre. Of everything I have seen and experienced, I appreciate the effort and work of English teacher Mrs. Ewa the most. I also really liked it, ie. an amazing trip with a group where I really enjoyed myself. I felt that I was not alone and that I belonged somewhere. Speak English. That's why I decided to come to the Junction centre.

Anyway, THANK YOU for EVERYTHING!!!

Of course, I believe that it will be even better and more beautiful in our future friendship. Regards, Gordana

News from Our Group Facilitators

Thomas - Digital Literacy Tutor

I have been involved as a computer Tutor, leading both small groups and individual clients.

The experience as always is great as we are able to help many people from all walks of life. Highlight for me personally has been those people I have helped through the job seeking process to find employment



Daisybelle (Aboriginal artist)

I am a Volunteer at the JCC and my experience with JCC has been an eye opening experience

- It is a Very Unique Place.

1: Junction CC is a Safe and Friendly Environment

2: Different Cultures and Languages and we learn from each other, that we are all people of Spiritual and Social needs.

I also had forgotten to say: Different Programs for different groups of people that's suitable for them.

My involvement as an Artist is to share:

1: Art for Healing

2: To encourage Aboriginal Women's to use more of the Junction CC or other centres which will benefit their overall well-being.



Joy

Fitness Programs in The Junction Community Centre like Zumba for Women, Golden Oldies, Zumba for All and Music in Motion have helped people a lot to recover both mentally and physically after the Pandemic. As an Instructor my goal is to give them back their smiles and motivations to enjoy and live healthy life. Towards the years we have built a great relationship with people who are very much committed now. Gotta love the vibes and energy they bring in the centre. a big THANKS to Sophia Katari for your hard work and Reclink Australia for continued support with The Junction Community Centre. ❤️ 🙏

Other highlights were the ACE Hospitality and ACE Life Skills for Women Programs. These two have been very useful when I was asked to step up in the kitchen. To come up with different recipes and cook 50-60 meals each Monday for people together with wonderful volunteers who are always ready and happy to help in so many ways. It's always a good atmosphere in the kitchen when we do our Monday cooking. One thing I loved the most is they are all willing and that makes me feel inspired and loved what I am doing as a cook..

I am grateful to The Junction Community Centre running all these programs. As one of their trainees before, now I am using this knowledge and skills to lead in the kitchen, and I

love it!!! a big shout out to Sophia and Rose for their teamwork. You guys are amazing. and to all the staff and volunteers SALUTE!

Joy Beationg Bonello
Licensed Zumba Fitness/Gold Instructor
Volunteer/Facilitator/Cook



Franceska (Music In Motion)

Over the last 12 months I have been involved in running coffee and chat group. People came along and joined us, over a cup of coffee (often turkish coffee) we shared, experiences, laughed, had fun activities, shared cultural events, food, recipes, information about healthy life style, remedies, shopping, and many more. Sometimes found a shoulder to cry on, especially for a friend whom was going through tough times. This group brought people together, and made us to be grateful for each other and to value the time and coffee which we shared.

Through this group we learned a lot new things, about different cultures. traditions. We reached out for the people who needed to be listen by someone. We assisted them with coffee, food and lovely conversation.

Running coffee and chat group is one of the best experiences in the JJC

I really enjoyed having coffee and chat with them, understanding their needs, making them feeling: relaxed, safe, valued, home. A cup of coffee made their day.

Having coffee alone is ok having with a friend is better but having with a group of friends is the best.

Thank you!

With much respect and love

Franceska



The Junction Community Circus

(Circus & Fitness classes for all ages & skill levels)

Classes have been running for 22 years. Our aim is to help our participants achieve healthy minds and bodies through inclusive and fun circus and fitness classes. Our motto is 'All are Welcome'. Our experienced and caring coaches aim to assist participants fulfil their own personal goals and this is facilitated by the welcoming and supportive community in our classes.

Timetable

Monday

1.30pm – 3.00pm Homeschools General Circus

3.00pm – 4.30pm FLOW Healthy Minds and Bodies

5.30pm – 6.30pm Adult Aerial

Tuesday

2.00pm-3.30pm Healthy Minds & Bodies

3.45pm -4.45pm Kids Aerial Specialty

4.45pm -5.45pm General Circus

5.45pm – 7.00pm Adults Aerial



Healthy Minds and Bodies

Up to 20 participants

A low impact Adults fitness class and social get together. The class consists of Circus Games, low Impact Circus skills, (e.g. juggling) low impact Fitness comb of yoga/pilates, and mindful living exercises. This is a fun and accessible fitness class which ends with a cuppa and catchup chat.

Adults Aerial

All skill levels. Up to 8 participants.

An Aerial Circus class which encourages adults to achieve things they didn't think possible! Half the class works on building fitness in particular core strength through yoga & pilates. We then work on our aerial rig doing strength building exercises and spend second half of class learning aerial silks, hammock and trapeze.

Kids General Circus - up to 20 participants – a fun Circus class for all ages skill levels from 3-18 (children under 5 need to participate with a family member /carer

Kids get to try many different Circus skills and to choose to Specialise in certain areas.

Skills offered

Aerial: Silks, trapeze, hammock

Acrobatics: - group and partner Skills

Fire apparatus Staff, Double staff, Poi, Fans, Palm flames

Kids learn without fire but with parental permission can "light up " if necessary skill level is achieved

Hoops

Juggling

Kids Aerial Specialty

Age 8 – 18. Up to 8 participants

This class is offered to kids who aim to achieve higher skill levels and who commit to extra fitness training and developing self discipline and motivation. The class follows the Aerial Australia Silks curriculum and if they wish students do grading to work up through the ten levels. There is an emphasis on students supporting each other to achieve their own individual goals and the aim is for creative and artistic development not competition goals.

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Lucina Fogagnolo

Dance/Community Circus Skills

Updates from Local Supporters and Partners



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Port Adelaide Enfield

Alicja, Cultural Diversity Officer, the City of PAE

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Alicja, Cultural Diversity Officer, the City of PAE



Rodney

- As a community connections worker, we are tackling issues of racism and discrimination daily, and it is good to have an inclusive space where participants can feel safe and supported.
- The centre has an excellent trauma informed practice and is aware of the trauma clients/participants bring with them and this is handled with great skill and sensitivity.
- As a person from a Serbian background and born in the early 70's, I experienced and witnessed high degrees of racism and discrimination in Australia. As a worker, I find many places continue to provide culturally unsafe places and generally attribute blame to services users who don't feel safe to attend these spaces. Personally, I feel that when I attend The Junction Community Centre, my lived experiences and sense of self feel valued, validated, and appreciated and it is a place where I can feel rejuvenated. It is a centre that is very healing and supportive for all cultures.

Regards

Rodney Zivkovic (he/him)

Community Connections Coordinator - Community Connections - West



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Centacare recognises and acknowledges that we are living on traditional Aboriginal lands and we offer our respect and appreciation to all Aboriginal people.



Vietnamese Australian Veterans Service at The Junction Community Centre

Veterans Service is an important aspect in society today. The Junction Community Centre has provided facilities and supported the Vietnamese Veterans' Association (VVA) so volunteers within the Association can provide service to Vietnamese Australian veterans throughout the year.

Vietnamese veterans are Vietnamese veterans of the Vietnam War. Most of them are over seventy years old. Older adults are at increased risk for loneliness and social isolation, which are a risk factor for and may contribute to the deterioration in cognitive performance and the onset of dementia. Loneliness is also associated with negative feelings such as sadness, pain, or depression.

The Vietnamese Veterans' Association has provided positive activities to veterans every Saturday morning. We have provided brunch from 10 am to 12 noon with free coffee, tea and spring water. A Vietnamese traditional dish is also served each week and the meal is different every week. These are done in order to encourage seniors to get together to have coffee, tea and a meal with other people as a way to increase social connection and social interaction. They talk to each other openly, about their everyday life, about their life after the Fall of Saigon and/or their time in Communist Prison, and also from humorous stories to serious views on current political and military issues in Australia and in the world. They can also entertain themselves by performing and singing karaoke. By providing a positive environment, we hope they are able build up positive feelings for their daily life, and therefore are able to keep up a healthy life into old age.

Volunteers of the VVA have also

- visited veterans living in a nursing home or having treatment in a hospital,
- attended the funeral of a veteran or helped the family of a deceased veteran in organising his funeral,
- helped a veteran apply for a veteran status from the Department of Veterans' Affairs and to receive the age service pension.
- We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Junction Community Centre and the Management Team for providing us with a wonderful support. The management team are energetic and ready to provide help when needed. Recently, we took part in a Day Trip to Burra organised by The Junction Community Centre. We had a chance to visit the Red Banks Conservation Park with the tour guide and cultural information from an Aboriginal Elder. It was an exciting trip.

Reported by Dang-Thao Nguyen

President of the VVA SA

Attachment A – Agenda: Annual General Meeting 2022



Agenda for the Annual General Meeting for The Junction Community Centre Incorporated

Being held at 2A May Terrace, Ottoway SA 5013

Wednesday, 25 October 2023

Welcome & Welcome to Country	Rille Walshe OAM Daisy Wanganeen
Present & Apologies	Rille Walshe OAM
Guest Speaker	Mayor Claire Boan City of Port Adelaide Enfield
Performance	The Junction Community Circus – Aerial Silks
Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting	The minutes of the Junction Community Centre Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 October 2022, were tabled as a true and correct record. Moved by _____ and seconded by _____.
Business Arising from Previous Minutes	
Annual Reports	
Chairperson Report (See Page 6)	Rille Walshe OAM Chairperson
Manager Report (See Page 7)	Sophia Katari Centre Manager
Volunteer/Site Coordinator Report (See Page 8)	Rose Dunn Volunteer & Site Coordinator
Treasurer Report (See Page 7)	Jill Stacy Treasurer
Acceptance of reports	
Change of auditor 2022 2023 - Explanation and Ratification	

Adoption of Auditor's Report

Appointment of Auditor 2022/2023

Appointment of Public Officer 2023

Constitution Amendments

Election of Committee of Management

Returning Officer

Special Recognitions

Other Business

Annual General Meeting Closed

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at _____.

Attachment B – Minutes: Annual General Meeting 2022



THE JUNCTION COMMUNITY CENTRE INCORPORATED

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the Junction Community Centre Inc

Held at 2A May Terrace Ottoway SA 5013

Wednesday October 26th 2022.

Meeting opened	6.32pm
Welcome	Monica Chiappe - Chairperson
Welcome to Country	Daisy Wanganeen - Committee member
Performance	Howard and Leanne - Didgeridoo
Guest Speaker	The Honourable Dr Susan Close MP Deputy Premier - Government of South Australia
	Hon. Susan Close presented the 'Premier's Certificate – Recognition for outstanding volunteer service' award to Alex Huser.
Present & Apologies	
Committee Members	Abigail Chambers, Alison Archbald, Daisy Wanganeen, Dianne Oswald, Monica Chiappe, Rille Walshe, Roger Levi.
Staff	Sophia Katari & Rose Dunn
Other Attendees:	Hon. Dr Susan Close (Deputy Premier), Ludy Dowell, Robert Dowell, Huong Duan, Mai Nguyen, Ian Fleming, Richa Agarwal, Leanne Coaby-Underwood, Howard Underwood, Ewa Leydo, Sean Weigand, Dean Eland, Judy Eland, Joan Lodge, Helen Flader, Alicja Clisby, Alex Huser, Jenny Bonney, Surbi Surbi, Joy Beatiang, Susanna Prokos, Margarita Kreuger, Cr Steve Vines,

Fabio Boniardi, Darryl Poole, Naqibullah Hakim, Frashtha Ahmadi, Margaret Hapek, Julie Samuels, Paul Turley, Gabriel Chambers.

Apologies:

Alf Strappazzon, Deidre Knight (committee member), Dianne Oswald (committee member), Ian Steel, Jillian Stacy, Sarah Cavaiuolo, Cr. Katharine Mitchell, Aleena Silby, Kay Buckley, Mayor Claire Boan, Renay Kowalewski, Betty Fry, Vass Hay.

Presentations

Rille Walshe
JCC Treasurer & Uniting Church representative
Introductions and opening of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of The Junction Community Centre Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 October 2021, were tabled as a true and correct record.

Moved by Rose Dunn and seconded by Dean Eland. All attendees were in favour of accepting the minutes.

Business Arising from previous Minutes Nil

Annual Reports

Chairperson's report

As written in the annual report and delivered by Monica Chiappe.
The chairperson' report was tabled. Moved by Joan Lodge and seconded by Judy Eland. All attendees were in favour of accepting the reports.

Treasurer's report

As written in the annual report and delivered by Rille Walshe.

Manager report

As written in the annual report and delivered by Sophia Katari.

Volunteer & Site Co-ordinator report

As written in the annual report and delivered by Rose Dunn.

The reports listed above were tabled. Moved by Roger Levi and seconded by Dean Eland. All attendees were in favour of accepting the reports.

Auditor Report

Adrian Selway CA
Handley Accounting Services
Auditor
As presented in the 2022 Annual Report

The Auditor Report was presented and tabled as a true and correct record. Moved by Abigail Chambers and

seconded by Rose Dunn. All attendees were in favour of accepting the reports.

Adoption of Auditor’s Report

Rille Walshe

Appointment of Auditor

Handley Accounting Services were nominated as the Auditor for 2022/2023. Moved by Ian Fleming and seconded by Ludy Dowell. All attendees were in favour of the appointment.

Constitution Amendments

Rille Walshe

Please see ‘Attachment F – Constitution Amendments’ on page 42 of the 2022 Annual Report for the proposed amendments.

The motion to accept and adopted the listed amendments to The Junction Community Centre Incorporated Constitution is moved by Roger Levi. The motion is seconded by Alison Archbald.

All attendees were in favour of these amendments.

Returning officer

Dean Eland was nominated as the Returning Officer for the Committee of Management election.

Election of Committee of Management

The Returning Officer declared all ten positions on the Committee of Management.

Membership nominations (up to four positions)

Abigail Chambers
Alf Strappazon
Alison Archbald
Jillian Stacy

User Groups Nominations (up to six positions)

Monica Chiappe
Daisy Wanganeen
Deidre Knight
Roger Levi

Uniting Church Representative

Rille Walshe

Council appointed representative

Nil nominations received

All nominations have been received as above, and no positions are contested. All nominations, therefore, have been elected to The Junction Community Centre Committee of Management for the next 12 months.

Presentation of flowers to Joan Lodge

Rille Walshe & Monica Chiappe

Presentation of slideshow

Prepared by Alison Archbald.

Presentation of Community Haircut Day video

Prepared by Daryl Poole from ‘It’s Port Adelaide’

Other business Nil

Meeting closed: There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.57pm

Attendees were invited to participate in the evening meal.

Signed as a true and correct record:

Chairperson Signature

Chairperson Printed Name

Date

Minutes prepared by:

Alison Archbald
Secretary

Attachment C – Constitution Amendments

The Junction Community Centre Incorporated

ABN: 86 295 472 012
2A May Terrace, Ottoway SA 5013



Constitution

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1. Name

The name of the Association shall be 'The Junction Community Centre Incorporated' and herein after called 'the Association'.

2. Objects

The objects of the Association shall be:

- a) to provide counselling and encouragement and to assist people to access emergency support
- b) to assist and provide support for individuals and families on low income particularly those who are suffering because of misfortune, sickness or unemployment
- c) to provide and facilitate active recreation and community education programs which increases opportunities for self development for minority groups, the elderly, the young, the unemployed and those who are socially isolated or disadvantaged.
- d) to provide a facility where the residents of Ottoway, Rosewater, Pennington and neighbouring areas can access programs for self development, mutual assistance.
- e) to promote a sense of community pride by encouraging local people to respond to community needs

3. Powers of the Association

The Association shall have all the powers conferred by Section 25 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

4. Membership

- a) Members shall be persons who have agreed to accept the above objects and who:
 - i) have been nominated for membership by an association member and who
 - ii) have been accepted as members by a majority vote of the Management Committee
 - iii) have been included in the Register of members
- b) Members may attend Management Committee Meetings as guests where they may participate fully in discussions, but will not have the right to vote.
- c) Membership shall cease on:
 - i) resignation in writing delivered to the premises of the Association

- ii) on the decision taken by the Management Committee or a General meeting by not less than two-thirds majority vote.

5. Management

- a) Management shall be vested in the Committee of not less than six members nor more than twelve members comprising:
 - i) minimum of four persons and maximum of six persons who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from the nominations received from groups using the Association facilities. No more than one nomination shall be accepted from any group.
 - ii) up to four other persons elected from the membership of the Association at the Annual General Meeting
 - iii) one person appointed by the Uniting Church in Australia
 - iv) one person invited from the Council of the City of Port Adelaide-Enfield
- b) Each elected Committee of Management member is to hold tenure for a period of two years with half of the members elected on alternate years.
- c) The office bearers shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Committee from its members at a meeting held within 2 weeks following the Annual General Meeting. These positions shall be for a period of not less than one year and not more than three years.
- d) In the event of an extraordinary vacancy occurring, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member to that position for the unexpired remainder of the term.
- e) The quorum shall be one-half the number of Committee members including one office bearer.
- f) Notice of meetings shall be given at the previous Committee meeting or by 7 days written notice distributed to all Committee members.
- g) The Chairperson or two members of the Committee shall have the power to call a meeting of the Committee.
- h) An office bearer or member of the Committee shall cease to hold such position upon:
 - i) resignation in writing
 - ii) absence for 3 successive Committee meetings without explanation acceptable to the Committee
 - iii) death

- i) The Committee may function validly notwithstanding any vacancies so long as its number is not reduced below the quorum.
- j) The Committee shall meet as often as may be required to conduct the business of the Centre and not less than 6 times in each calendar year.
- k) The Committee may appoint sub-committees of members for specific purposes who shall meet as they see fit or as directed by the Committee and who shall report to the Committee.
- l) The Committee may appoint an executive of the Office Bearers who shall meet to carry out the day-to-day business delegated by the Committee and who shall report to the Committee.
- m) Persons appointed to the staff of the Association shall be ineligible to stand as Management Committee Members.

6. General Meetings

- a) An Annual General Meeting of the Centre of which 14 days written notice has been given, shall be held within five months of the end of the Centre's Financial Year.
- b) Specific General Meetings of the Centre shall be held on such occasions as the Committee shall deem necessary.
- c) Members shall each be entitled to one vote at any General Meeting at which they are present.
- d) A quorum at any General Meeting shall be 10 members, 5 of whom shall be non Committee Members.
- e) If at any General Meeting there is no quorum within 30 minutes of the time allowed for the meeting, then a majority of the members present may decide to adjourn the meeting for a period not exceeding 14 days. The quorum for such an adjourned meeting shall be reduced to 5 failing which the meeting will lapse altogether.
- f) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - i) To confirm the minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
 - ii) To receive the Chairperson's report for the previous year.
 - iii) To elect or re-elect the Committee Members who must consent in person or in writing.
 - iv) To receive the Treasurer's report.
 - v) To conduct any other business placed on the agenda before the commencement of the meeting.

- vi) To appoint a public officer as required by the Act
- vii) To appoint a person to be auditor of the association. The auditor shall hold office until the next annual general meeting and is eligible for reappointment. If an appointment is not made at an annual general meeting, the committee shall appoint an auditor for the current financial year.

7. Voting

- a) Voting shall be a show of hands except that:
 - i) any contested election at an Annual General Meeting or otherwise shall be by secret ballot.
 - ii) the meeting may by show of hands require any other vote to be by secret ballot,
- b) Resource persons with special interests or knowledge relevant to the Centre may be invited to attend any meeting and to speak at the discretion of the Chairperson but such persons may not vote.

8. Chairperson

- a) The Chairperson at any meeting shall have a personal deliberative vote and shall in addition have a casting vote if votes are equal.
- b) The Chairperson shall chair Committee and General Meetings except that in the absence of the Chairperson or at the request of the Chairperson or of a majority of the meeting, another member may be elected as Chairperson of the meeting.
- c) The Chairperson together with the secretary shall prepare the agenda for the Committee and General Meetings.

9. Deputy Chairperson

- a) The Deputy Chairperson shall act in the role and assume all duties of the Chairperson during any periods of their absence.

10. Treasurer

- a) The Treasurer shall cause monies received to be paid into an account authorised by the Committee in the name of the Centre. Payments shall be as petty cash or by cheque signed by 2 authorised signatories of whom there shall be no more than 5 appointed by the Committee. Major or unusual expenditures shall be authorised in advance by the Committee or a General Meeting.

- b) The Treasurer shall cause records to be kept of all receipts and payments and other financial transactions, which records shall be available for inspection by any member.
- c) The Treasurer shall cause to be prepared financial statements and shall submit a report on the finances to each Committee meeting.
- d) The Treasurer shall present audited accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

11. Secretary

- a) The Secretary shall call meetings in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
- b) The Secretary shall cause records to be kept of the Centre including the constitution and policies, records of members, a register of minutes of the meetings and of notices, a file of correspondence, and records of submission or reports made by or on behalf of the Centre.
- c) In the absence of the Secretary another member shall be elected as minutes secretary.

12. Amendment of Constitution and Rules

- a) This constitution may be repealed, altered or amended by resolution of two-thirds of members present and voting at any General Meeting of which not less than 7 days written notice of proposed new rule or repeal, alteration amendment has been distributed to all members.
- b) A General Meeting may make, repeal, or amend Rules for the proper administration of meetings or business provided that not less than 7 days written notice including notice of the proposed new rule or repeal, alteration or amendment has been distributed to all members.

13. Finances and Property

- a) Persons who by authority accept or incur any pecuniary liability on behalf of the Centre shall be held indemnified against any personal loss in respect of such liability.
- b) The income capital, property and funds of the Centre shall be used and applied solely towards the promotion of the objects and shall not be paid or distributed directly or indirectly to the members or relative of members or associates except as bona fide remuneration of a member for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the association provided that:
 - i) nothing herein contained shall prevent any payment in good faith to any person in return for services actually rendered or to any person in furtherance of the objects of the Centre without undue preference

- ii) an employee of the Centre shall, notwithstanding that employment, be entitled to be a member of the Association.

14. Dissolution of the Association

- a) Any decision to dissolve the Association shall be taken by a Special Resolution at a duly convened General Meeting of the members of the Association.
- b) The Association shall not be dissolved except by approval of not less than three-quarters of the membership at a meeting called for that purpose of which not less than 21 days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution has been given to all member of the Association.
- c) On dissolution all property whether real or personal remaining after the payment of all debts and legal liabilities shall be transferred to the Uniting Church in Australia for purposes consistent with the objects of this Constitution.

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