

# Annual General Meeting

## **Supporting Uganda's Re-Growth Efforts Incorporated**

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

**Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm 20th of MARCH 2016**

**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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# AGM AGENDA EOFY 2015

Board 2014-15 Monica Willoughby (MW) Chairperson; Peter Hill (PH) Secretary; Mel Hull (MH) Treasurer; Lorraine Ridderhof (LR) Programme Coordinator; Jana Hill (JH) Board Member/Acting Secretary; Moira McMillan Board Member (MM); Mike Colliver (MC) Board Member and Helena Johnston (HJ) Board Member

Welcome, Apologies & Outline of meeting agenda (MW)

Acceptance of the Previous AGM minutes from March 2014 (PH)

Chairperson's Report (MW)

Secretary Report (PH)

Treasurer's Report (MH)

Programme Coordinator's Report (LR)

General Business (submitted items) (MW)

- Formal Nominations received
- 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)

These positions if filled will be for the next 2 yrs.  
Jana Hill; Mike Colliver and Lorraine Ridderhof 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)

Chairperson takes the Chair and calls for nominations (MW)

NB: All nominees 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 and Close in Prayer

*(Proposed Finish before 3.00 pm)*

# 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 2014-2015**

This year has been a quiet year. We didn't have anything in particular as far as fundraising is concerned, we did however have a lovely donation of just over \$1000 given to us from donations sent through the church. We have also had some regular donations which have come from the Thursday Bible Study group over the last several years, until it folded recently due to the ill health of Joan Wray. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to them for their great support of the last few years.

This year we have continued our partnership with Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ, but have declined at this point in time to a partnership with GMP (Global Mission Partners). Over the next year we are hoping to hold a couple of major fundraisers

1. Karaoke night - June 25<sup>th</sup> 2016
2. A film night - October 15 2016
3. An ongoing "NO CAKE" cake stall (which you will be able to pick up an envelope from the library)

Unfortunately, our recipe book had to be put on the back burner for a while, but still hope to get it ready for printing by the end of 2016, so if you have any favorite recipes you would like included please feel free to send them on to me at [monwill@gmail.com](mailto:monwill@gmail.com) as soon as you can. The one project we had last year was to have the roof repaired on the girls' dormitory. This was made possible by money we had from donations along with the donation from the church congregation and the Thursday Bible Study Group.

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 Peter Hill**  
**S.U.R.G.E. Inc. Australia**

**S.U.R.G.E. Inc Australia**  
**Secretary's Report 2014-15**

It's been another exciting and busy year. We are now in our Second year of partnership with the Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ. It has been of great benefit to both Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ and SURGE Inc. and we hope and pray that continues.

We continue to meet on a monthly basis and these meetings are very informative as well as productive. It has been a busy year lots of paper work for example Charity License, OCBA changes, ATO changes, critical decisions regarding support in Bulunga, managing trust funds etc. We have also been busy working on some fundraising, we had some interesting fundraising activities including selling beads and pens and I've appreciated some very yummy no bake cake stall items, I'm still drooling on the paper describing the cakes.

S.U.R.G.E. INC It continues to meet the challenges it faces every day. Until then our commitment remains the same, but the focus will be more on education (particularly vocational education) and economic development. It is a great challenge and we count on your support in the coming year. We thank all sponsors and supporters for your help and encouragement and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

**Peter 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 2016 – Treasurer's Report for 2014-2015**

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. Hopefully we have them in time for the AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Lorraine Ridderhof has continued to support me in learning the treasurer's role, with much thanks to her.

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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 to October 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.**

Melinda Hull  
Treasurer

**TRIAL BALANCE  
BALANCE SHEET  
And PROFIT AND LOSS**

**Printed from the books on 2 Feb 2016 and currently with books and accountant – will be attached separately to this document.**

**The audit findings will be presented at the AGM 16**

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

**Program Coordinator's Report 2014-15**

A quieter year, with the Board, having the privilege of being part of the journey to help 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 11 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 but have declined at this point after talks with and much discussion to a partnership with GMP (Global Mission Partners).

Our sincere condolences go to Bob Spencer's family – Bob (99yrs old) was an inspiration and mentor of mine over the last 20 years and especially with SURGE and will be sadly missed. He is now with his Lord.

Thank you to his family's ongoing support to the work of SURGE.

Bob had a child whom he has sponsored through the Spencer Fund and she is able to go on in her education. She will be starting High School in March 2016.

I have also enjoyed the privilege of serving on the board in the capacity of Program Coordinator; and still currently serving on the Board – and willing to re-stand this coming AGM - Maintaining the Vision of what we are about has also been in the forefront of my mind.

At the time of this report we have all children on our current list supported with only three currently being looked after by our contingency fund. They hopefully will have new sponsors soon.

Natural attrition is one way our list is getting smaller – the other way is that 3 of our children/young people that were being sponsored have now got employment.

HCCP has grown with each year. Buildings have been erected and the new Vocational school is now operational. Over 524 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 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.

**As of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 – monies are being sent quarterly – so if you are able to change your debit cycle please do so.**

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

**Provision of forms of electricity** - 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 hopefully by end of April 2016

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

**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!

Exciting and challenging times are still ahead!

Would you consider joining us as a Board member?!

**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**

**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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