

Annual General Meeting

Supporting Uganda's Re-Growth Efforts Incorporated

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

Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm 24th of MARCH 2019

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

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



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For FY Nov 2017 to 31 Oct 2018

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Board 2017-18 Moira McMillan (MM) 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); David Mitchell (DM)

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)

- Motion from Board of Management "That S.U.R.G.E Inc be wound up by Close of Business 30th of June 2020"

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.

Melinda Hull; Bevan & Myra Skinner; Jean Hilton, David Mitchell, Helena Johnson- 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 3.00 pm)*

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2018 Surge AGM Minutes 25/3/2018

Present: Monica Willoughby, David Mitchell, Fredda Benham, Helena Johnson, Myra Skinner, Bevan Skinner, Mel Hull, Grant Hull, Michael Colliver, Peter Hill, Brian Spencer, Lorraine Ridderhof, Jana Mitchell, Moira McMillan.

Apologies: Noela Beenham, Kay Dallow, Adele Coles, Lynne Hill, Janet Hughes.

Acceptance of Previous AGM minutes; MW proposed, DM seconded, all passed.

Treasurer's Report: As Tabled in reports –all records Recovered from computer crash, excellent fundraiser last year, auditors' report discussed.

Program Coordinator's Report: As Tabled in reports – Receipts of Uniforms, Mosquito Nets and Medical supplies provided. High Tea Fundraiser is Highly successful. Some Children supported in High School.

Chairperson's Report: As Tabled in reports

Secretary's Report: As Tabled in reports

All reports accepted: Proposed by MC, Seconded PH, All

General Business

Future Fundraising Events: Quiz Night Saturday the 2nd of June, Library Sales (CDs and Necklaces) and Golf Day in September.

Other Business

Monica's resignation letter was read. The Board officially thanks Monica for her service.

Positions declared vacant: Jana Mitchell, Michael Colliver, and Lorraine Ridderhof.

These positions were offered to the attendees

Chair moved that those mentioned above be accepted to the board. 1st Moira, 2nd Monica Willoughby, unanimous.

Chair declared the position of Program Coordinator: Lorraine Ridderhof. 2nd Michael C, All

Chair moves that Jana Mitchell be accepted as secretary for 2 years: 2nd David Mitchell, All

Chair call for the Nomination of Auditor- Green Pritchard and Associates -MH proposes, PH seconded, All

Closing in Prayer: Brian Spencer

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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 2018-19 (FY2017 to 2018)

As I write this report, I am both saddened and proud. Saddened because I was holding the chair at the time, we decided to end SURGE. At the same time, I am immensely proud of our achievements in the years since Lorraine Ridderhof first conceived the idea to reach out to Uganda.

Over the years we have created a safe environment for children, many of them AIDS orphans, to learn, to grow, and to hope for a future free from poverty. We have achieved much, through prayer and hard work, and now we prepare to hand 'our' children on to new sponsors who will continue the journey with them into their adult years.

In 2018 we held a Quiz Night that was fun, frenzied and very successful. Thanks go to our wonderful Quizmaster, David Richardson, whose wit and vocal talent entertained and amused the quizzers. This year we continue to raise funds to keep our children in high school. These funds will partially come from the sale of pens which are \$4.00 each and come in a variety of colours, however they all have black ink.

I thank everyone who has sponsored a child in Bulanga, everyone who has served on the board, everyone who has donated their time, produce or money and especially Lorraine, whose vision and heart has driven SURGE over the years.

As the outgoing Chairman, I pray for God's blessings as SURGE closes, I thank God for everyone who has been involved and I ask God to continue his care for the children that we can no longer support.

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 2019 for FY2017-18

This is my Third full year as Secretary, and I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve the SURGE board.

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. My typing speed has gotten quicker and easier with all the practice, making it easier to keep up.

We continue to meet on a monthly/bi monthly basis, and 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**

S.U.R.G.E. Inc Australia AGM 2019
Treasurer's Report for 2017-2018

We are continuing to use Cashflow Manager11 for our SURGE Inc Books.

The books were sent into the accountant on time in January 2019. The books have been audited and are considered satisfactory.

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 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.

Currently our fundraiser are pens with a recommended \$4 donation. The money raised from these pens will help pay costs for High School, Trade School and University fees.

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

Therefore, I propose for the AGM that:

Green Pritchard & Co. Accountants be appointed to audit S.U.R.G.E. Inc accounts for our next financial year of 1st November 2018 to October 31, 2019.

Melinda Hull
Treasurer

S.U.R.G.E.I.N.C
Trading Profit and Loss Statement

For the year ended 31 October 2018

	This Year	This Year	Last Year
SALES			
Donations Received	11,389		11,887
Sundry Income	509		417
TOTAL SALES		<u>11,898</u>	<u>12,304</u>
GROSS PROFIT		11,898	12,304
OVERHEAD EXPENSES			
Accountancy	500		514
Bank Charges	144		144
Donations	10,564		10,360
Fundraising Expenses	100		0
Printing and Stationery	91		0
Rent	115		113
Sundry Expenses	132		0
TOTAL OVERHEAD EXPENSES		<u>(11,646)</u>	<u>(11,130)</u>
NET PROFIT		<u>251</u>	<u>1,173</u>

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

Program Coordinator's Report AGM 2019 for FY 2017-18

I have continued 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 14 years – many achievements only made possible by those of you 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.

We may now have to think about winding up SURGE Inc as its purposes have been fulfilled. It would mean that we move onto another village and repeat the process. This would require someone to take that vision on and that we have a younger Board with expertise in some areas such as Lawyer, Accountant etc. If we merged or went under the banner of another charity Organisation, - if monies not spent exactly as stated HCCP Inc would have to return monies.

This is not how we operate in that, yes, monies are used as requested and with some flexibility for the benefit of our sponsored children.

There is only one child left in Primary school and a disabled young woman.

The rest are going to high school, Trade School, and University.

We have changed the lives of nearly 30 children and made a difference in their lives.

I have enjoyed the privilege of serving on the board in the capacity of Visionary/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, I have been cleared for first year, Praise God.

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 this year 2019. 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 also currently from Jan 2019 being looked after in a small way by our contingency fund.

Natural attrition is the way our list is getting smaller, as we, nor I, have not been able to get on the ground in Uganda in the last 10 years.

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 and help pay costs of high school fees for the children we support plus anything over helps other children/young people at the School in Bulunga.

Last Year 2018 Bright Hope Primary School in Bulunga was one of the top primary schools in Uganda. One Year 7 student received highest award on graduation. The whole class did extremely well. There are 3 school terms and they started this year on Jan 28, 2019.

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 October in time for Christmas.

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

In 2018 – we had a Quiz Night. It was 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 and helping pay secondary fees.

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 – Bulunga, Sthn Rakia District Uganda...

We need your prayers as we continue to serve our God in the coming 12 months or so and you the sponsors, members and supporters, with integrity and openness into looking to where SURGE Australia is to go from here in 2019. Thank you!

Lorraine Ridderhof
Program Co-Ordinator

PROJECTS COMPLETED OR ONGOING

1st Visit to HCCP Inc was in May 2005 by myself and Steve Coombe; 2nd Visit by Steve was in 2008.

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**

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.

#PROJECT 14

In 2018 – we have been able to have sent monies to help fray costs of secondary/trade school fees for those of our Australian sponsored children and for welding tools (**HCCP is now connected to the electricity grid**)

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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