

Adelaide Hills Farmers Markets Chairs report -2022-23

The Adelaide Hills Farmers Market is held on the lands of the Peramangk People, and we acknowledge that they continue to be custodians of the region and pay our respects to their elders past and present

Thank you for your attendance at this AGM. We value your support and membership of the market. The market has performed well. We have had new customers and new stallholders. The market shows signs of refreshing itself and is gradually capturing new arrivals in the district to the market.

The committee has been united in rebuilding governance and operational processes. Over the years with manager changes, cloud storage systems and us struggling to find secretaries with strong admin overview skills we had lost and misplaced many policies and operational documents. We have now reproduced many of these and reviewed the remainder. Our financial position is strong, and we thank Janine for her efforts in getting our financial recording and reporting more professional.

This year we had our second winter indoor market. This was generally successful with a sense of community in the hall. It was testing for some stallholders but most likely been testing for all given the weather on Saturdays during July and August. We will most likely undertake another winter market indoors for a few months building on the experience of the first two years year. Hopefully a better and smarter winter market next year.

We do have one of the best markets for atmosphere during late spring and autumn with members and shoppers able to relax at the market on the lawn with great entertainment. We thank management for coordinating our buskers. As we come out of covid restrictions we can continue to develop and expand our demonstration and education program including cooking, gardening, and environmental management.

This year, we have been challenged with our manager having some health issues. Thankfully many past managers, staff and the committee were able to step up and help us continue to run the market. I especially like to acknowledge Rosie who jumped in when our manager first became ill. Without her efforts we would have had to cancel a market while we got stuff together. It did expose us for relying on the manager to do most things. We are cognizant of this and will take account in future management options.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Linden and Orland for the market set up work. We thank all those who stepped in to be day managers and our volunteers who ensure market day works well.

I do thank the committee for their support of me in continuingly managing change.

I would like to thank those committee whose term has expired or who have resigned. I thank Chris, Grant and Michelle who are not seeking re-election to our committee for their contributions in ensuring governance, food safety and electricity governance. Finally, I would like to thank you the members for supporting us through your membership and regularly shopping at the market. I would like to thank this last year's committee for their efforts in volunteering their time in governing the market and making significant contributions to the running of the market.

Dr Geoff Page

Chair