



# AGENDA

## Global School Partners

### Annual General Meeting 2021

**21 September 2021**

**6.30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Jann Carroll, Simon Carroll, Philippa Brearley, Karen Achurch, Jenny VD Meeberg, Kathy Laudenbach, Alison Just, Drewe Just, Samantha Junor

**Proxies:** Paul McGinness, Glenda Wilkinson

**Apologies:** Paul McGinness, Christine Melican, Josephine Maunds, Julie Jobson, Glenda Wilkinson, Helen White.

**Accompanying Documents:** Global School Partners 2020/21 Annual Report, Agenda

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#### 1. Welcome

- Welcome to Country – Jann Carroll
- Welcome to the Global School Partners Annual General Meeting – Simon Carroll, CEO

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#### 2. Details of Proxy Forms

- Paul McGinness
- Glenda Wilkinson

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#### 3. Conflicts of Interest

- None declared

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#### 4. Annual report

- CEO Simon Carroll provided a summary of the Annual Report and some background information of the happenings in 2020/21:
  - 2020 was a tough year due to COVID – in Kenya other challenges made it even harder:
    - Food shortage and rising cost of food in early 2020 – floods, locust swarms
    - Schools closed April – Dec 2020 due to COVID
    - Various COVID restrictions applied to people in Kenya
    - Health system struggled to cope
    - Limited contact with GSP Australian Schools, due to COVID situation.
  - Full members of ACFID & signatory to code of conduct achieved - Major milestone for GSP
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- 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020 unfortunately couldn't celebrate due to COVID restrictions meaning no major events were possible
  - Strong financial performance– revenue up 11% on previous year
    - 25% of sponsors withdrew support due to COVID economic impact
    - Several different fundraisers used by GSP such as online raffle
    - Australian expenses <4% - this money was spent on ACFID membership, accounting, eTapestry CRM, bank fees
    - Conscia Pty Ltd Partnership is a highlight - 24 children in Kenya provided with scholarships, one for each staff member at Conscia Pty Ltd
  - Activity in Kenya
    - Kenya schools received funds to subsidise teachers' pay while schools closed
    - Early 2021 recommenced YWP, First aid and Treatment Programs
    - Some individual donors provided funds to facilitate these Programs
    - Fewer school projects – due to schools being closed
    - Some projects started in 2021, most completed or ongoing at EOFY
  - Overview of Programs & Impacts
    - YWP reduces absenteeism of female students by 88%
    - Environmental sustainability of YWP demonstrated through partnerships with Kenyan supplier Rentokil Initial
    - First aid – full kits provided to each school, including COVID compliant requirements – training of Health Officers ongoing
    - Health clinic partnerships initiated
    - New Textbooks Program, supply of 5,620 textbooks funded for 2021/22 FY.
  - Update on Schools
    - COVID economic effect resulted in the closure of two GSP-KC schools – School of Hope & Joe Maths Academy
    - School of Hope – Purchased by Surgeon Academy so infrastructure retained in GSP-KC
    - New growth in 2021 of students and schools.
  - Looking ahead
    - Application with DFAT for accreditation in ANCP
    - Fundraisers – 3 upcoming events planned
    - Partnering models with businesses to increase impact.
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## **5. Financial report**

- Strong year with revenue of \$184,970
  - Of which \$177,508 went to Kenya
  - Australian expenses <4% - this money was spent on ACFID membership, accounting, eTapestry CRM, bank fees
  - Small amount of funds retained - \$896
  - Audited ACFID compliant financial statements produced
  - Profit/Loss statement presented
  - Balance sheet presented
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## **6. Election of Directors**

- Board Members Karen Achurch and Paul McGinness stood down on rotation as per the GSP Constitution.
- Both Karen Achurch and Paul McGinness stood for re-election.
- No other candidates nominated for election.
- Karen Achurch & Paul McGinness re-elected as Board Members for 2021/22

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## **7. Other business or matters arising**

- Fundraising discussed:
  - Wine tasting online evening
  - Virtual coffee break and talk by local barista
  - 20km for 20 days cycle challenge and invitation to others to do a variation of 20 for 20.

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## **8. Meeting closed 7.20pm**

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