

# Gold Coast Retirees Inc

## Supplementary Newsletter following July 2026 AGM

We are a non-political, not for profit Incorporated Association.  
We welcome self-funded or part-pension retirees who seek financial, investment and other information, with stimulating meetings and social activities.

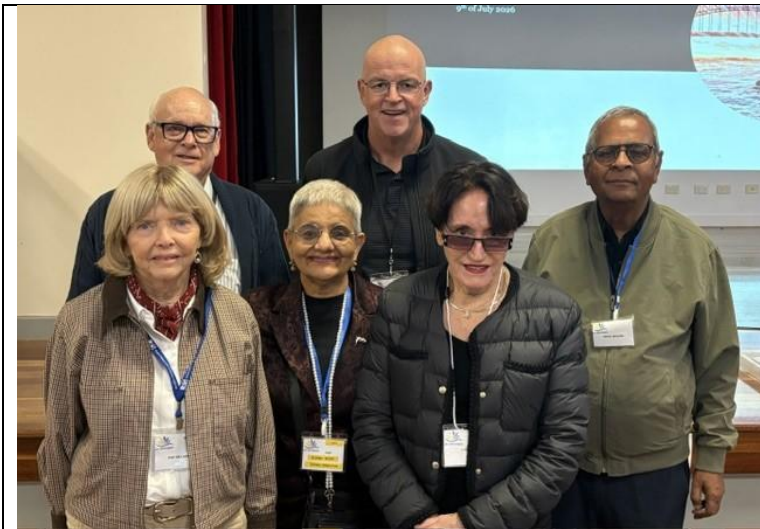
## GCR IS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

### RESULTS FROM OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At our Annual General Meeting today, our previous Treasurer, Arun Bhasin was elected President along with a new Management Committee and other volunteers. As we enter our tenth year, we look forward to an era for GCR of harmony, informative and interesting meetings, social fellowship and financial prudence.

Results of the Elections are as follows:

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



#### Front row left to right:

Hostess	Fay Nelson
Vice President	Suman Sood
Secretary	Lyn Joseph

#### Back row left to right

Consultant	Rob Grover
Treasurer/Mship	Michael Rapson
President	Arun Bhasin

### VOLUNTEERS

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## RESOLUTIONS

Three resolutions were passed at the meeting. In summary, they were:

1. **The annual membership fee for 2026/27 is to be \$50 per member, an increase of \$10.**
2. **Our past President and Life Member, Rob Grover, was appointed a non-voting consultant to the Management Committee**
3. **All future guest speakers will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. There will be no gifts for guest speakers.**

Full details of the resolutions will be shown in the minutes of the meeting which will be emailed to all members as soon as they are available.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE AGM

**09.07.2026**

**Namaste and good morning, everyone.**

Are you surprised to see me back again after five months?

Some of you may have thought I had retired from retirement! But after five months of rest, I am back, refreshed, re-energised, and ready to serve you once again.

I am truly honoured and privileged to have been elected as the President of one of the finest seniors' clubs in Australia—and, of course, the very best on the Gold Coast.

I sincerely thank each one of you for the confidence and trust you have placed in me. I assure you that I will serve our club with dedication, honesty, fairness and transparency, always keeping the interests of our members first.

At present, we have **128 paid-up members**, which is something we can all be proud of. During my **two years and seven months as your Treasurer**, I noticed that every year some members do not renew their membership. In most cases, this is because of health issues or because they have moved away from the Gold Coast.

However, if you are still living on the Gold Coast and are able to participate, I encourage you to renew your membership each year. Our club offers much more than meetings. It gives us the opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, enjoy companionship, and participate in the many social, recreational and educational activities planned throughout the year. Staying connected keeps us active, engaged and, most importantly, part of a caring community.

In just a few days, our club will enter its **tenth year of existence**. This is a significant milestone and one that deserves to be celebrated.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our founding members, especially **Rob Grover, Charles Dickson, Jim Fountain, Mary Edwards, Mark Mourell, Carolyn Waterson** and all those whose vision, commitment and hard work established this wonderful club. Without their efforts, we

would not be here today enjoying the friendship and fellowship that our club provides. **Please give a round of applause to our club founding members.**

I would love for us to celebrate our tenth anniversary in a memorable way. I invite your suggestions and ideas on how we should mark this special occasion. It will also give us an opportunity to recognise and honour members who have made outstanding contributions to our club over the past ten years.

On my own behalf as President and on behalf of all members, I extend my sincere congratulations and a warm welcome to all members of the newly elected Management Committee for the 2026–2027 year.

I thank each of you for accepting this responsibility and for your willingness to serve our Club. I am confident that, by working together as a united team, we will continue to build on the strong foundation laid by previous committees.

As our Treasurer, Mike, explained earlier, our financial resources are limited. Therefore, we must continue to manage our finances carefully and responsibly. Every dollar belongs to our members, and every dollar should be spent wisely.

At the same time, we should work together to strengthen our financial position. We need to seek sponsorships from local businesses and organisations, organise fundraising activities, and explore new ideas that will help us generate additional income. These efforts will enable us to continue providing quality activities and services for our members.

This is also an appropriate occasion to acknowledge and thank **Mark Mourell**, our outgoing President, together with his committee members, for the excellent work they have done during the past year. Their dedication and commitment have helped our club continue to grow and prosper.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to **Suman Sood** for quietly and efficiently ensuring that all the tea, coffee and refreshment supplies have been available for our break times over the past three years and also organising Xmas parties. Your dedication and support are greatly appreciated by all of us.

On behalf of all our members, thank you, Mark and your committee, for your valuable service.

There is another very special person whom we should not forget—**Jeff Convine**, the strong pillar of our Investors Group. Jeff has served our members faithfully for many years, generously sharing his knowledge, experience and time. His contribution has been greatly appreciated by everyone who has benefited from his guidance.

Although Jeff is moving away from the Gold Coast, I know he would have continued serving our club for many more years if circumstances had allowed. On my behalf, and on behalf of every member of this club, I wish Jeff good health, happiness and a long life. Jeff, thank you for everything you have done for us. You will always remain a valued member of our club family.

As President, I cannot achieve our goals alone. A successful club depends on teamwork. Every committee member, every volunteer and every member has an important role to play. I encourage you to share your ideas, volunteer your talents and participate actively in our activities. Together, we can make our club even stronger.

My vision is simple—to ensure that our club remains welcoming, inclusive, financially sound and enjoyable for every member. I want our club to be a place where friendships flourish, where everyone feels respected and valued, and where people look forward to attending every event.

I also make a personal promise to you today. I will always keep communication open with our members. I value your opinions, your suggestions and even your constructive criticism. Together with our committee, I will continue to seek new ideas and opportunities that will benefit our club throughout the coming year.

As we begin our tenth year together, let us celebrate our past, appreciate the present and look forward to an even brighter future. Working together with goodwill, mutual respect and a shared purpose, I am confident that our best years are still ahead of us.

Before we proceed further, I would like to inform members that I have invited **Rob Grover**, our Past President and Life Member, to serve as a **Consultant** to the Management Committee.

I believe his guidance and advice will be of great value to the Committee as we work together during the coming year. While he will not have voting rights, his experience and suggestions will assist the Committee in making informed decisions that are in the best interests of the Club.

In a few moments, I will be presenting a formal resolution for members' consideration to endorse this appointment. I hope you will give it your full support.

Thank you once again for the trust you have placed in me. I look forward to serving you, and I wish each and every one of you good health, happiness and many enjoyable moments in our wonderful club.

**Thank you, and God bless you all.**

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### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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