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Encompass Community Services Incorporated (Administrators Appointed) (the “Association”)
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On 12 January 2023, Scott Andersen and Nathan Deppeler of Worrells were appointed voluntary administrators of Encompass Community Services Incorporated.

The decision to place the association into voluntary administration was one which was not made lightly and has been made to ensure the ongoing continuity and management of services to our staff, participants and families.

Encompass has been providing disability employment services since 1985, including education and training, disability employment services, life skills and independent living skills, support, recreation and travel, in home care and domestic support, support coordination, accommodation services, business enterprises (pre-loved clothing and furniture shops, café and farm), training, employment, work experience and volunteer work opportunities. The Association supports a significant number of clients, totalling almost 1,000 people, and has 299 employees, including full time, part time and casual employees.

Scott Andersen said “It is a sad day for the Geelong community when an organisation such as this has needed to enter Voluntary Administration. The organisation is providing much needed and valuable assistance to vulnerable members of the Geelong community. Unfortunately, there are many non-profit organisations that are currently battling to remain viable in a very difficult operating environment for the non-profit sector, particularly those involved in the National Disability Insurance Scheme.”

The Worrells teams are now investigating the Association’s financial position and operations and considering the options for the business moving forward. The Worrells team are particularly cognisant that some of the clientele are from vulnerable parts of the community and are therefore doing everything possible to ensure the best result for the clientele and other stakeholders. Currently all options are being explored in relation to the organisation’s future.

Encompass has received an outpour of support from many within the community including businesses who wish to provide help and support during this time, and this is so incredibly appreciated. Prior to the administration, the board had met with genU who were providing advice and corporate support to help maintain all programs and services at Encompass. The Voluntary Administrators will continue to liaise with genU during the administration process.

We understand this is a highly unsettling time for many and would like to acknowledge the hard work that continues from staff, volunteers and members on a day-to-day basis as we navigate this very challenging landscape, but can assure you our commitment remains to those who are service recipients of Encompass Community Services.

Whilst we can keep you as our socials updated as much as possible, any person with an interest in this can reach out to the team at Worrells for further information. Please direct all enquiries to encompass@worrells.net.au.

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