

Notice is hereby given
that the eleventh Annual
General Meeting of GWA
International Limited will be
held in The Grand Ballroom,
Stamford Plaza Brisbane,
Cnr Edward and Margaret
Streets Brisbane on
Thursday 30 October 2003
commencing at 10:30 am.

The business to be considered by the meeting is set out below.

### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

#### Reports

To receive and consider the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position and statement
of cash flows of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2003, together with the reports of the directors and
auditors thereon.

#### **Election of Directors**

- 2. Mr J J Kennedy retires in accordance with the Constitution and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- Mr D R Barry retires in accordance with the Constitution and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
   The Board supports Mr Kennedy's and Mr Barry's re-election.

### Issue of Shares to Mr Peter Crowley pursuant to Employee Share Plan

4. To consider, and if thought fit to pass, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

That for the purpose of ASX Listing Rule 10.14, approval be and is hereby given for the issue at market price under the terms and conditions of the GWA International Limited Employee Share Plan, of 500,000 fully paid ordinary shares to Mr Peter Crowley, Managing Director, the main terms of which are set out in the explanatory memorandum.

Note: The Company will disregard any votes cast on this resolution by Mr Crowley or any of his associates. However the Company need not disregard a vote if it is cast by a person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with the directions on the proxy form, or it is cast by the person chairing the meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the proxy form to vote as the proxy decides.

## **Termination of Directors' Retirement Scheme for Non-Executive Directors**

5. To consider, and if thought fit to pass, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

That approval be and is hereby given for the termination of the Directors' Retirement Scheme for non-executive directors, with the allowance currently accrued to each director to continue to be held on behalf of that director. The main terms of the Directors' Retirement Scheme are set out in the explanatory memorandum.

Note: The Company will disregard any votes cast on this resolution by all non-executive directors and any of their associates. However the Company need not disregard a vote if it is cast by a person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with the directions on the proxy form, or it is cast by the person chairing the meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the proxy form to vote as the pro xy decides.

# OTHER BUSINESS

6. To transact any other business which may be brought forward in conformity with the Company's Constitution.

## **Proxies**

A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy and, if entitled to cast two or more votes, is entitled to appoint two proxies. Where two proxies are appointed, each proxy may be appointed to represent a specified proportion of your voting rights. In the absence of any apportionment of voting rights, each proxy shall be taken to be able to exercise 50% of your voting rights. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Unless instructed to the contrary, proxies in favour of the Chairman will be used in support of the items of business set out in this Notice of Meeting.

For an appointment of a proxy to be effective, proxy forms and, if applicable, the powers of attorney (or certified copies of the power of attorney) under which they are signed must be lodged at GWA International Limited Share Registry, Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited

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no later than 48 hours before the meeting. A proxy form is provided with this notice.

## **Corporate Representatives**

A company shareholder may by resolution of its directors authorise a person to act as its representative to vote at the Annual General Meeting. A certificate of appointment of a corporate representative must be executed in accordance with the relevant company's constitution and must be available for inspection at the Annual General Meeting. Where the certificate of appointment is signed on behalf of the company by only one signatory and that signatory is not the sole director and sole company secretary, a certified copy of the company's constitution must also be available at the meeting.

## **Determination of Entitlement to Attend and Vote**

The Board has determined that all quoted securities of the Company shall, for the purposes of the Annual General Meeting, be taken to be held by those persons who hold them as at close of business on 28 October 2003.

By Order of the Board

R J Thornton Secretary

Brisbane, 2 September 2003



### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The purpose of this Explanatory Memorandum is to explain to members the reasons for proposing each of the resolutions to be considered by the Annual General Meeting.

#### Voting

Resolutions 1 to 5 (inclusive) are all ordinary resolutions and will require the support of at least 50% of the votes cast at the meeting in order that they be passed.

## **Resolution 1 - Reports**

This resolution deals with the consideration of the Company's statement of financial performance, statement of financial position and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2003 and the directors' and auditor's report. This is in the usual course of business for an annual general meeting.

#### Resolutions 2 and 3 - Flection of Directors

The Company's Constitution provides for the retirement of one-third of the directors from office at each annual general meeting. The directors who are to retire are determined according to the length of time each director has spent in office since their last reelection, with the director having spent the longest time in office retiring. By virtue of the Company's Constitution, Mr J J Kennedy and Mr D R Barry are retiring. Mr Kennedy and Mr Barry offer themselves for re-election.

### Resolution 4 - Issue of Shares to Mr Peter Crowley pursuant to Employee Share Plan

Mr Peter Crowley was appointed Managing Director of the Company on 6 May 2003, on the retirement of Mr Geoff McGrath.

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 10.14, the Company may not permit a director to acquire securities under an employee incentive scheme without shareholder approval.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Company on 30 October 2002, the Chairman, Mr Barry Thornton, advised the meeting that shareholder approval would be sought at the next Annual General Meeting of the Company for the issue, at market price, of 500,000 fully paid ordinary shares to Mr Crowley under the terms and conditions of the GWA International Limited Employee Share Plan ("Share Plan").

The main terms of the share issue are:

- The price of the shares offered to Mr Crowley under the Share Plan is the market price for GWA International Limited shares as reasonably attainable on the Australian Stock Exchange as at the date of issue of the shares.
- 2. The Company will make a loan to Mr Crowley for the shares purchased and subscribed for under the Share Plan. The loan will be interest free and the Company will not require Mr Crowley to give security in respect of the repayment of the loan. The loan is repayable by Mr Crowley in accordance with its terms, although it must be repaid earlier in certain circumstances (for instance, where the shares purchased or subscribed for are sold or where the employee ceases to be an eligible employee).
- 3. The shares will rank pari passu in the capital of the Company.

The issue of the shares will occur no later than 12 months after this Annual General Meeting and will form part of Mr Crowley's remuneration package, the details of which were advised to the Australian Stock Exchange on 6 May 2003.

None of the other directors or their associates are entitled to participate in the Employee Share Plan.

# $Resolution \ 5-Termination \ of \ Directors' \ Retirement \ Scheme \ for \ Non-Executive \ Directors$

The Directors' Retirement Scheme for non-executive directors was approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on 23 October 1998. The main terms of the Directors' Retirement Scheme are as follows:

- 1. Directors shall be paid a retirement allowance.
- 2. A Director shall serve three years before any entitlement to any retirement allowance accrues.
- 3. The retirement allowance coefficient shall accrue at the rate of one-sixth per year of service from first appointment as director. The maximum coefficient shall be 1.
- 4. The maximum amount of the retirement allowance shall be the emoluments of the director during any consecutive three year period (whichever is the higher). "Emoluments" include allowances for committee work and special allowances for director's work, but does not include reimbursed expenses nor any payment by way of fee for professional services.
- 5. The retirement allowance shall be in addition to any amount accruing to the director under the Superannuation Guarantee system.
- 6. The amount of the directors' retirement allowance shall be the product of the coefficient (see paragraph (3) above) and the maximum amount
- 7. In the normal course, broadly speaking, the result shall be that a director will receive between 1½ and 3 times annual emoluments with a minimum service period of 3 years required. The emoluments are fixed at the highest three year period to avoid a run-off where work patterns alter.

Recommendation 9.3 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles of Good Corporate Governance and Best Practice Recommendations provides that companies must clearly distinguish between the structure of non-executive directors' remuneration from that of executives. The ASX Corporate Governance Council provides a number of guidelines for non-executive director remuneration. In particular, the guidelines provide that "non-executive directors should not be provided with retirement benefits other than statutory superannuation".

In order to comply with the Best Practice Guidelines of the ASX Corporate Governance Council, the Board resolved to terminate the Directors' Retirement Scheme for non-executive directors, subject to shareholder approval. The Board further resolved that the termination of the Directors' Retirement Scheme will be on the basis that the allowance currently accrued to each director will continue to be held on behalf of that director. At 30 June 2003, the total retirement allowance accrued to the non-executive directors of the company was \$1.214.700.

# PROXY FORM GWA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

**INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE** 

Insert name and address of member, as it appears in the register of members.
 Insert name and address of proxy. The proxy must be a natural person. The proxy need not be a member.
 A member is entitled to appoint 1 or 2 proxies to attend and vote at the meeting. If you appoint another proxy, you must insert the proportion of your voting rights given to the proxy named in this form. If the proportion of voting rights given to each proxy is not specified, each proxy shall be taken to be able to exercise 50%

THE PROXY FORM

of your voting rights.

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not less than 48 hours before the

appointed time for holding the meeting.

4. If a member appoints a proxy to vote on their behalf at the Annual General Meeting and does not record written instruction on the proxy form to vote "For", "Against" or "Abstain", then the proxy holder may abstain or vote at his or her discretion. The Company will take the instructions from all proxy holders and record their vote as a valid and binding exercise of the shareholder's vote, even if no boxes are marked. 5. If you wish to appoint two proxies then please photocopy this form and use one form for each proxy. Indicate the percentage of voting rights each proxy represents. Alternatively, you can ring the Company's Registrar on Tel: (07) 3237 2100 and ask for a second proxy form to be mailed to you. 6. If a joint holder, either shareholder may sign this form. A company may sign by its attorney or in accordance with the Corporations Act. Proxy forms and, if applicable, the powers of attorney (or certified copies of the power of attorney) under which they are signed, must be deposited at the GWA International Limited Share Registry, Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited:



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R J Thornton

2 September 2003

Secretary

Brisbane,

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Note: If a joint holding, either shareholder may sign. If this form is being signed by a person who is not the registered holder, then the relevant authority (e.g. power of attorney) or a certified copy of the relevant authority must either have previously been exhibited to the Company or its Registrar or be attached to this form.	Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary  Important Note: If only one signatory needs to sig on behalf of a Company and that signatory is not to Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary then a certified copy of the Company's Constitution must attached to this form.	the	RJ	1. The	

Proxies must be received by our share registrar, Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited, at least 48 hours before the time of holding the meeting. Proxies can be delivered to Level 27, Central Plaza One, 345 Queen Street, Brisbane Qld 4000, mailed to GPO Box 523, Brisbane Qld 4001 or faxed to (07) 3229 9860.