



Minutes of General Meeting – 25 May 2017

Held at North Shore Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba

1 Meeting opening, welcome and introductions

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with President, Greg Smith in the chair. Greg welcomed the attendees and acknowledged the Kabi Kabi (Gubbi Gubbi) people, traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting.

He invited new attendees to briefly introduce themselves and the association they represent.

2 Attendance

2.1. Present

Greg Smith, Bob Joubert (PSRA)
Ken Husband, Ken Leitch (LACA)
Pam Rogowski (PLHS)
Martin Peelgrane (Mudjimba RA)
Warren Fraser and Kathryn Hyman (STWWD)
Lynn Hohenhaus and Susie Chapman (Marcoola CG)
Michael Perritt (Eudlo Creek Neighbours)
Charles Toms (ResDev)
Melva Hobson (MCG)
Lyn Saxton (DW)
Mark Bizzell (Coolum RA)
Gillian Hall (Dulong Futures)
Tony Gibson (C&NSCC)
Bernard Keays (GMAN)
Mike and Resi Fuessel (ECN)
Mark Jones (Coolum RA)
Mike Gibson and Johanne Wright (EDV)

2.2. Apologies

Debbie Day (Mudjimba Residents Association), Tony Barry (Caloundra RA), Claudia Baldwin, Simon Cracknell, Marie Reeve (YADCA), Greg Chambers (Kawana Forest Residents Association Inc), Keith Sweatman (YADCA), Christine Tainsh (Friends of Lake Weyba), Peter Baulch (YADCA), Peter Brown (Coolum RA), Angela Wilson (AMCS), Adriana Adamska-Bland (MRA)

3 Urgent issues

3.1. Right to Information application and request for financial assistance

Greg reported on his correspondence with the SCRC on a Right to Information (RTI) application for the reports and submissions relating to Twin Waters West and Mooloolaba Master Plan amendments that were debated at council's confidential Special Planning Meeting held on 13 April 2017. Council estimated a charge of between \$670 and \$864. OSCAR's executive team decided to appeal to OSCAR's database for donations. More was raised than is needed, so Greg sought the attendees' views on how to use the surplus. After discussion, the following motions were proposed:

That surplus funds above the amount needed for the RTI application should be taken to general funds and not accounted for separately.

Moved: Charles Toms

Seconded: Johanne Wright

Carried unanimously

That the SCRC invoice for the RTI application should be paid when received, on the understanding that the amount will be similar to the estimated amount.

Moved: Charles Toms
Seconded: Johanne Wright

Carried unanimously

Matter arising:

Council should be asked why submissions to Planning Scheme amendments are not published in the same way that submissions on Development Applications are published. OSCAR executive will follow this up.

3.2. OSCAR committee changes

Greg welcomed Secretary Melva Hobson back from her long trip around Australia and went on to say that she and her husband have taken up an opportunity to work on a station west of Alice Springs. Melva is keen to remain active in OSCAR remotely, but cannot take meeting minutes. Greg also mentioned that he would be absent overseas in Oct/Nov, although he will stay in contact electronically. Accordingly there is a need for volunteers to be Minutes Secretary and Vice President, especially for any press/media issues that arise. Lyn Saxton stepped up to the Vice President role until end-2017 and Kathryn Hyman volunteered to be Minutes Secretary, so the following motion was proposed:

That Lyn Saxton be appointed as Vice President and Kathryn Hyman as Minutes Secretary

Moved: Bob Joubert
Seconded: Ken Husband

Carried unanimously

4 Minutes of previous meeting (distributed by email)

The attendees accepted the minutes of the general meeting held on 20 April 2017 (no motion and vote needed – see March minutes). Greg mentioned that recipients of the emailed minutes and notices should consider circulating them to members of their own associations.

5 Business arising from previous minutes

5.1. Sunshine Coast Business Council follow-up

Greg reported on his contact with the SCBC and said he would attend the next “Think Tank” meeting being held. Community representatives are himself and Narelle McCarthy of SCEC, the rest are councillors, businesses and developers. Lyn Saxton advised that Development Watch started these Think Tanks by approaching the SCBC to open up a dialogue between community associations and business.

5.2. Rules/constitution review

Greg advised that OSCAR’s rules are in need of revision and updating. Melva Hobson has agreed to start this process and will circulate a draft for input by the member associations. The changes must be agreed by resolution at a general meeting.

5.3. Communications Strategy review

Melva has made some revisions to this “living document” which was developed by Melva and Claudia Baldwin in late 2016. This will be circulated soon for further input from members. She noted that the strategy calls for various actions to be done by each member association.

5.4. Second Facebook page administrator is needed

Greg sought at least one volunteer to supplement him, but there were no takers at this stage. This led to a discussion about social media (FB and Twitter) and website content generally.

Matter arising:

The attendees agreed that Melva Hobson will coordinate a social media strategy and policies document, with help from Gillian Hall and Mike Perritt.

5.5. Specks of Sand forum report

Greg reported that the forum was a good event, well organised by Coolum & North Shore Residents Association. One council staff member attended as planned, and stayed for the Q&A session, but no

councillors attended – sadly, because this was an ideal showcase to refute Mayor Jamieson’s remarks in the March edition of *Backstory* magazine (and repeated on ABC Sunshine Coast radio on 25 May) that “I am yet to see a single, cogent and viable opportunity put forward by some of the community groups ... which would advance prosperity and opportunities for this region”.

Matters arising:

Greg noted that we should attend the SCRC’s Third Biennial Coastal Forum to be held on 30 June. He will circulate details.

He also advised he has asked that OSCAR be included in the SCRC’s Maroochy River Consultation group. He expects a response soon and will then call for volunteers to represent OSCAR.

6 Correspondence

6.1. Inwards

CEO Whittiker re MRECG

Glen Elmes re 13 April Special Council Meeting

Sandy Zubrinich from SC Business Council re Think Tank Series 3

Victor Catchpoole re RTI application

6.2. Outwards

Sandy Zubrinich, SCBC re attendance at Specks of Sand forum

SCRC re Draft ELS availability

Peter Baulch, YADCA re final version of OSCAR Vision statement

SCRC re formal request for representation on MRECG

Deputy Premier/Minister for LG re Planning Scheme amendments and governance issues arising from SCRC’s recent (13 April) meeting.

Matter arising:

Members commented that they would like to see a copy of the Trad letter - Greg undertook to circulate it.

There were no objections from the members regarding correspondence.

7 Financial report

7.1. OSCAR funds

Treasurer Charles Toms tabled the Financial Report and advised that the bank balance is \$2,443.82.

Income statement			
Income		Expenses	
Donations	\$1,350.00	OFT registration fee	(\$51.70)
RTI 16 donations	\$1,266.00	Old website file copy	(\$44.00)
		PO Box rental	(\$154.00)
		SCEC membership fee	(\$35.00)
		Poster printing	(\$32.00)
		SCRC RTI application fee	(\$46.40)
Total Income	\$2,616.00		(\$363.10)

Balance Sheet			
Assets		Liabilities	
Opening bank balance	\$190.92		
Plus Income	\$2,616.00		
Less Expenses	(\$363.10)		
Closing bank balance	\$2,443.82		\$0.00

There are no invoices for payment outstanding, but the payment to SCRC for the Right to Information request will be made when that invoice is received, estimated at below \$864.

There were no objections from members regarding the financial report.

7.2. Insurance policies

Charles asked if OSCAR should take out any insurance policies, especially public liability insurance cover, which is highlighted in the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) standard rules for associations. President Greg and Vice President Lyn advised that their associations (Peregrine Springs Residents Association and Development Watch) don't have such insurance and recommend against OSCAR doing so, saying that OSCAR holds no meetings with members of the public and the venue used for member meetings (SCRC's North Shore Community Centre) is covered by its own public liability insurance. However, the absence of public liability insurance must be explicitly made clear to any prospective members or office-bearers of OSCAR, as required by the OFT rules.

Matters arising:

Greg undertook to circulate the OFT's guide for operating incorporated associations to help representatives of the member associations decide on their own circumstances.

According to the Rules the responsibility to decide on insurance requirements rests with the Management Committee (our Executive group in OSCAR's case) but the matter will be decided by a vote at the next General Meeting of OSCAR.

8 Membership report

8.1. Membership applications

Greg tabled applications by two new associations for membership of OSCAR, so the following motion was proposed:

That Mooloolaba SPA and Dulong Futures be confirmed as members of OSCAR

Moved: Lyn Saxton

Seconded: Tony Gibson

Carried unanimously

9 General business

9.1. Report from member associations on campaigns and issues

Held over to future meeting.

9.2. Aims, vision and objectives document

The latest draft was circulated with the agenda for this meeting.

9.3. Report on Council Meeting on 18 May – Planning Scheme alignment

No one at the meeting attended this council meeting, but we are aware that the resolution to align SCRC planning Scheme with Qld State Government regulations was passed.

9.4. Website update

Charles reported that he has had a quote for about \$800 to build a new OSCAR website, but annual hosting and maintenance costs would be additional. He asked for help to get the task done and Gillian Hall volunteered to assist, after the social media strategy subgroup makes some progress. It was agreed that Charles would work closely with the media strategy subgroup as a result.

9.5. Proposed meeting with Brisbane Residents United and peak organisations like Queensland Local Government Residents Association (QLGRA)

Greg said he continues trying to engage with them, but it is a low priority at this stage.

9.6. Press/media reports and issues arising

Earlier on 25 May, ABC Sunshine Coast 90.3FM interviewed Mayor Mark Jamieson, during which the interviewer asked him about the comments published in the March edition of Backstory magazine, in which he was reported as having made denigrating comments about community groups. The Mayor confirmed that he had been quoted correctly, but said that the magazine had left out the specific groups he had named. This interview and an article in the SC Daily later that day arose because Caloundra Residents Association had circulated concerned comments to its membership. The SC Daily article confirmed that Mayor Jamieson had specifically named SCEC, Development Watch and ResDev. He went on to say that: "my comments were not directed at community organisations generally. I have enormous respect for the work undertaken by the more than 1800 community organisations that operate on the Sunshine Coast. They are an important part of the social and

economic fabric of this community. My comments refer to a small number of vocal organisations that are not representative of the broader Sunshine Coast community, although they purport to speak for the majority and who do not put forward ideas and suggestions that would lead to greater employment options or opportunities for the people who live in this region - particularly our children and young people”.

Members discussed the issue at length and agreed that efforts to denigrate community associations must be resisted and that good relations must be maintained with the media to ensure calm, informed discussion and to ensure that the community’s views are properly aired.

10 Meeting dates for future General Meetings

The next general meeting will be provisionally held at 7pm on Thursday, 22 June 2017 at North Shore Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba.

11 Meeting close

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.