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## Minutes of General Meeting – 27 July 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 (PSRA), Warren Fraser and Kathryn Hyman (STWWD), Charles Toms (ResDev), Melva Hobson (MCG – via Messenger), Lyn Saxton and Brian Raison (DW), Gillian Hall and Alan Kai (Dulong Futures), Tony Gibson (C&NSCC), Mark Jones (Coolum RA), Mike Gibson (EDV), Burnie Collins (MADCA), Adriana Adamska-Bland (MRA), John Hare (PBCA), Peter Baulch (YADCA), Kris Bullen (YCPA), Keith Sweatman (YADCA), Barry McDowall and Lynn Hohenhaus (MCG), Charlie Silcock (SPA), Vonnie Burlow, Fay Wiggins and Lex McCarthy (SCAI), Mark Evans (ECNA), Cam Young (Visitor, ONP Candidate for Maroochydore), Hamish Millar (FOY) (Note: The President advised the meeting that the Executive was not aware of the fact that Mr Young was attending the meeting but took the opportunity to ask him to provide us with information, after the meeting, on ONP's policy on Local Government.)

#### 2.2. Apologies

Bob Joubert (PSRA), Mike Goss (PBCH), Simon Cracknell, Christine Tainsh (Friends of Lake Weyba), Johanne Wright (EDV), Susie Chapman (MarRA), Bernard Keays (GMAN), Debbie Day (MRA), Anna Neep (SPA), Martin Peelgrane (MRA), Max Standage (MADCA)

### 3 Minutes of previous meeting (distributed by email)

The attendees accepted the minutes of the general meeting held on 22 June 2017 with the correction of the spelling of Cr Tim Dwyer's name and the correction in item 8.7.

The President indicated that minutes would be found on the OSCAR website from now on.

***That the minutes of the previous meeting, with the amendments note, be accepted.***

***Moved: Tony Gibson***

***Seconded: Peter Baulch***

***Carried.***

### 4 Business arising from previous minutes

#### 4.1. Right To Information request to SCRC

It was agreed that the documents were useful for groups to continue with their respective campaigns. It was agreed the matter is now closed.

#### 4.2. OSCAR Vice President

Greg announced Tony Gibson was agreeable and willing to take the role of OSCAR Vice President. It was agreed Tony has much to offer given his knowledge of the political arena and his significant contributions and community advocacy.

***That Tony Gibson's nomination for the position of Vice President be accepted.***

**Moved:** Mark Jones

**Seconded:** John Hare

**Carried unanimously.**

#### **4.3. Social Media Strategy and Policies – progress report**

The social media and website sub group has invited feedback and insight, preferably before August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. The aim is to have links to member sites to promote issues, and vice versa. The website is framed with a free template that appears functional and serves its purpose at this stage- it is still a work in progress. All OSCAR news can now be found on the website. The management of the Blog and Members only section will be used for discussion not published in the public domain – it will require login details. Adriana to facilitate a workshop which will help other groups in their endeavours, especially if they are building their own website.

#### **4.4. SCRC Third Biennial Coastal Forum – 30 June 2017**

It was reported that many community groups were represented, unlike council officials absent from the recent Specks of Sand Forum. Trigger point was identified with respect to councils climate change adaptation policy – ie, when the high water mark (the ocean) gets 15 m from a road the State and Local governments may attempt mitigation – however private property will not be defended or protected. It will be the responsibility of private property owners to defend their properties at their own cost. The Maroochy River Estuary Consultation Group (MRECG) is endeavouring to allocate a Chair person, and once this is finalised the full panel will be established and the selection process for three community groups will be completed.

#### **4.5. Follow-up letter to Deputy Premier re PS Amendments:**

Greg advised that the Deputy Premier Jackie Trad did not respond to correspondence from the OSCAR Executive. Subsequent letters were sent, alluding to the disregard for our region, but nothing more has been received at the time of the meeting. Further correspondence will follow.

### **5 Correspondence**

#### **5.1. Inwards**

SPA – re meeting dates and venue and brainstorm about how OSCAR can disrupt SCRC's determination to amend Planning scheme.

Michael Whittaker re 6 July Council meeting.

Peter Baulch, YADCA re error in previous minutes and documents relating to council submission to SEQRP.

Victoria Nelson, Coordinator Councillor Governance, SCRC re access to Councillor Registers of Interest.

Wendy Gordon re Submission writing workshop, this Saturday am.

Deborah McQuattie re progress on MRECG.

Chris Boyle, Mosaic Property Group re development at 1718-1722 David Low Way.

Victor Catchpoole, RTI Officer, SCRC re RTI – releasing material previously withheld subject to review rights of submitting parties.

CEO Whittaker re Registers of Interest.

Johanne Wright, EDV re QLGRA newsletter and should OSCAR approach MPs Rob Pyne and Joanne Miller re matters relating to SCRC they may be aware of.

Stephen Patey, Manager Strategic Planning Branch, SCRC re pipeline of approved housing

#### **5.2. Outwards**

Mark Furner re recent reforms – EDS and Independent Assessor.

SCRC CEO re 6 July Strategic Discussion forum.

Bianca Clare, ABC re steaming of 90.3 Sunshine Coast.

Deputy Premier – follow up on non-reply to letter of 22 May re planning amendments.

Victoria Nelson, SCRC requesting access to archived Registers of Interest following on from letter to CEO.

There were no objections from the members regarding correspondence.

### **6 Financial report**

#### **6.1. OSCAR funds**

Treasurer Charles Toms tabled the Financial Report and advised that the bank balance is \$3,228.02.

Income statement			
Income		Expenses	
Donations	120.00	Part payment – website setup	(\$200.00)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$200.00)</b>

Balance Sheet as at 27 July 2017			
Assets		Liabilities	
Opening bank balance	\$190.92	Balance – website development	\$200.00
Plus Income	\$4,241.00		
Less Expenses	(\$1,203.90)		
<b>Closing bank balance</b>	<b>\$3,228.02</b>	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## 7 Membership report

### 7.1. Membership applications

The President tabled an application from one new organisation seeking membership of OSCAR, so the following motion was proposed:

***That Mapleton and District Community Association Inc be confirmed as a member of OSCAR***

***Moved: Gillian Hall***

***Seconded: Charles Toms***

***Carried unanimously.***

There was some discussion relating to the Sunshine Coast Alliance Inc's potential interest in joining OSCAR. Greg reminded members that any association wishing to join OSCAR must accept the OSCAR Mission Statement.

## 8 General business

### 8.1. Joining the Queensland Local Government Reform Alliance (QLGRA)

The President suggested OSCAR join the QLGRA and though most in the room were familiar with QLGRA and their recent LG survey, it was requested that as some attendees wanted more information on the QLGRA. A motion to join will be carried forward to the next OSCAR meeting. The QLGRA is holding its AGM in Gympie on 2 and 3 September and the President indicated his intention to attend even if we were not yet a member.

### 8.2. Developer donations

John Hare (PBCA) delivered a pre-drafted letter and media release to the group in relation to his motion that we lobby the State government in relation to developer donations. Among discussion was questioning relating to the success of this policy in NSW, and it was suggested that the content of the letter and media release may include those of developer affiliates. For example, Stockland have a policy to not make political donations, however, their affiliates including but not limited to sub-contractors, consultants and lobbyists do so on their behalf, hence, it was advised to broaden the scope of the content and context of the documents. There was much discussion as to donations being made in other non-monetary forms however this is immeasurable; it was also agreed that just because it can be difficult to enforce a law, this is not sufficient reason to not enact a law in the first instance. The timing of the next State elections was suggested as being important. It was moved that:

***That OSCAR calls upon the State Government to immediately enact legislation banning political donations from property developers to candidates at State and local government elections.***

***Moved: John Hare***

***Seconded: Greg Smith***

***Carried unanimously.***

### **8.3. Gecko approach re Development assessment and approval processes**

The issue of supporting Gecko's (Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council) letter to Deputy Premier deferred until next OSCAR meeting.

### **8.4. Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Reform (DGR status)**

It was brought to the attention of attendees as this reform can have implications particularly with respect to fundraising efforts. It was agreed the-OSCAR Executive would make a submission by the closing date of 4 August 2017.

### **8.5. Protocol for OSCAR meetings with developers**

There was discussion around how OSCAR will respond and liaise with approaches by developers following MOSAIC Group correspondence regarding a project in Coolumb. It was generally agreed that OSCAR can and should refer information and proposals to the relevant member association based on their locality and interests/agendas. OSCAR's role, as the Peak residents group, is to assist members with advice and direction with respect to their individual needs/campaigns and in some cases OSCAR may write to relevant bodies on their behalf.

### **8.6. OSCAR response to July 6 SCRC "meeting"**

There was a discussion about the legitimacy of Council process and motivations at a strategic planning discussion forum on 6 July 2017 – it was agreed that a decision should not have resulted from such a meeting. There was support among attendees that the OSCAR Executive further discuss and investigate what action to take, including making an official complaint through the appropriate channels to hold council officers and Councillors accountable for their processes. To be advised at the next OSCAR meeting.

### **8.7. Report from member associations – Development Watch (Sekisui)**

Brian Raison gave an excellent presentation demonstrating the density and scale of the Sekisui House proposal subject to their Development Application currently underway. It is outside the PS provisions in height, density and scale that is allowable under the planning scheme. Discussion related to impacts, traffic implications, environmental and scenic amenity. It was reported that the Sekisui proposal was essentially a high density residential development.

### **8.8. Other items from the floor**

The President advised that he would arrange a meeting with Tony Wellington – Mayor of Noosa, as we do have member groups from the Noosa Shire and we need to engage more with Noosa Council.

## **9 Meeting dates for future General Meeting**

The next general meeting will be provisionally held at 7pm on Thursday 24 August 2017 –provisionally at the North Shore Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba.

## **10 Meeting close**

The meeting closed at 9:50 pm.