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## Minutes of General Meeting – 25 January 2018

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

### 1 Meeting opening, welcome and introductions

The President noted that the correct phrase in agenda and minutes should read “Acknowledgment of Country” as opposed to “Welcome to Country” and indicated the correct form of words would be used in future.

The recent and sudden death of Barry Meek was also noted. Barry was a long term stalwart of the Friends of Lake Weyba and was present at the meetings in late 2016 that led to the revitalisation of OSCAR.

### 2 Attendance

#### 2.1. Present

Tony Barry (CaIRA), Tony Gibson (C&NSCC), Bob Joubert & Greg Smith (PSRA), Peter Baulch (YADCA), Lex McCarthy (SCA), Gillian Hall (Dulong Futures), Richard Dennis (SSCA), Charles Toms (MRA), Mark Jones (CoIRA), Barry McDowell (MCG), Kathryn Hyman (TWWS), Anna & Martin Neep (SPA), Narelle McCarthy (SCEC), Pam Rogowski (PLHS), Max Standage (MADCA), Kris Bullen (YCPA)

#### 2.2. Apologies

John Hare (PBCA), Christine Tainsh (FOLW), Heather Cardaci (BAG), Ken Leitch (LACA), Peter Bryant (CaIRA), Keith Sweatman (YADCA), Vonnie Burton & Fay Wiggins (SCA), Lyn Saxton (DW), Mark Bizzel (CoIRA), Susie Chapman (MCG), Warren Fraser (PPPA), Martin Peelgrain (MRA)

### 3 Minutes of previous meeting (distributed via website)

The attendees accepted the minutes of the general meeting held on 30 November 2017 subject to the addition of Peter Baulch as an apology for the meeting.

*That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.*

*Moved: Pam Rogowski*

*Seconded: Gillian Hall*

*Carried.*

### 4 Business arising from previous minutes

#### 4.1. Financial Auditor Appointment, and Public Liability insurance and Gambling Fund Application

The Treasurer reported that Stephen Geils had agreed to provide the financial auditing services to OSCAR on a pro bono basis. Charles elaborated that it is not a complex exercise given the lack of cash handling and special controls for such expenditure.

*That Stephen Geils provide auditing service to OSCAR for 2017*

*Moved Charles Toms*

*Seconded Tony Gibson*

*Carried.*

There was an extended discussion on the merits or otherwise of Public Liability insurance. Charles quoted \$700+ for PL and liability cover for the executive committee at \$938. It was agreed to continue to glean better options and a decision regarding liability cover for the executive remained open to discussion. Discussion turned to the benefits of having an ABN, including that it is required for domain name registration and makes it easier for seeking grants.

***That the Treasurer apply for an ABN for OSCAR***

***Moved Charles Toms***

***Seconded Peter Baulch***

***Carried.***

***That OSCAR apply for a funding grant through the GCBF***

***Moved Charles Toms***

***Seconded Kathryn Hyman***

***Motion lost.***

The Treasurer undertook to seek other grant sources.

#### **4.2. Response from Mayor re Financial Transparency issues 2017/18 budget**

There was discussion on what follow up action OSCAR should take.

***That OSCAR writes Council to request a copy of the Airport lease***

***Moved Charles Toms***

***Seconded Tony Gibson***

***Carried.***

#### **4.3. Response re Council restructure**

Correspondence was tabled in relation to this matter.

Discussion led to the benefits of member groups having access to OSCAR correspondence. It was agreed that the Members section on the website would now contain such correspondence for perusal prior to meetings.

#### **4.4. Sekisui submission**

Four member groups (Development Watch, SCEC, Coolum & North Shore Coast Care and Friends of Yaroomba) have been invited to give a presentation to Council. It was reported that the pro-forma submissions endorsed by Sekisui house were not planning based, and that the DW submissions were very good. It was agreed that if Sekisui was to be approved, it will mean there is no planning scheme – of which all residents of the Sunshine Coast will be affected by this precedent as it will “re-set the Coast’s DNA”.

#### **4.5. Underwater sea cable**

The sea cable was a topic of discussion on today’s Council agenda, however it held in closed session. Greg reported that Mayor Jamieson was invited to the OSCAR AGM to discuss this issue, however he declined. It was agreed that the Mayor should attend an OSCAR general meeting in 2018 for members to question matters such as the sea cable project among others. It was pointed out that he regularly attends the TWRA GMs.

#### **4.6. Maroochydore Casino proposal**

There was discussion around the lack of information regarding this proposal and the pros and cons. It was resolved that the casino proposal should be monitored and remain on our radar.

#### **4.7. Pelican Waters Golf Course**

It was agreed that as a letter of support was not a time consuming exercise for OSCAR to undertake, though they are not a member group. It was deemed appropriate for OSCAR to weigh in because essentially it is to protect sport and recreation zone land.

***That OSCAR supports the affected residents of Pelican Waters by writing to the Premier, and the State Ministers for Planning and Local Government:***

- ***Setting out the facts and requesting that the State Government withdraws and rescinds any approval or endorsement of the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 relating to the Material Change of Use of all or part of the Pelican Waters Golf Club (PWGC).***
- ***Requesting the Minister carries out a review of Council’s procedures and reasons for including such a change in a wider ranging Planning Scheme in lieu of a DA process.***
- ***Pointing out that such action by Council clearly damages the integrity of the planning scheme process, and also denies the rights of local residents to be heard and is, therefore, a denial of Natural Justice under Administrative Law.***

**Moved**      **Greg Smith**  
**Seconded**    **Narelle McCarthy**  
**Carried.**

## **5 Correspondence**

### **5.1. Inwards**

Letter from Premier's Office re Belcarra reforms \*  
Contributions from DF and Seaside Shores CA for Verge Parking Workshop  
CEO SCRC, Cr Cox – responses in relation to Confidential Sessions letter \*  
Mayor, SCRC – Response to our letter re Council restructure \*  
SCEC – EDO/SCEC Event: donations and other Dangers to Democracy (1 March)  
SCRC – invitation to participate in Verge Parking workshop (12 February) \*  
CEO, Noosa Council – historical Councillor Registers of Interest  
Christmas cards from Cr Jason O'Pray and SCEC \*  
Mayor, SCRC – Response to our letter re budget clarification and financial transparency re airport, solar farm and SunCentral \*  
Responses to congratulation emails to successful state candidates received from Jarrod Bleijie, Dan Purdie, Andrew Powell  
Chris Allen, SCRC - MRECG follow-up and confirmation of MRECG's on-going role  
Barbara Greenlees, SCRC – Registers of Interest  
CEO, SCRC – confidential session of Council on 7 December relating to Proposed Round 5B Amendment to Planning Scheme – Rooftop Bars and Restaurants \*  
Philip Hattersley – letter re Pelican Waters Golf Course in response to resolution at last meeting \*

### **5.2. Outwards**

Lake Kawana Community Centre & Community Halls re PL Insurance (ref: Candidate Form)  
SCRC re attendance at Sekisui presentation to Councillors on Monday, 29 January 2018 \*  
SCRC Councillors re Confidential sessions \*  
OSCAR submission to Sekisui's Yaroomba Beach Development Application  
Noosa Mayor re reported media comments on housing affordability  
OSCAR email updates – 20 December, 5, 14 & 21 January  
Email to Sandy Bolton seeking meeting to discuss local government issues – meeting scheduled for next week  
Response to SCRC accepting invitation to Parking Workshop  
Invitation to Mayor Jamieson to attend our AGM – no response yet  
Response to Noosa CEO re historical Rols  
Tim Dwyer supporting his stand in voting against changes to Council Meeting order of items  
Letter to Premier urging reintroduction of the proposed Belcarra related legislation in relation to developer donation and councillor conflict of interest. Follow-up letter also sent. \*  
Emails of congratulations to the 8 successful candidates following state election  
Email to Chris Allen, SCRC – feedback re MRECG  
Follow-up letter to Mayor, SCRC – seeking further budget clarification \*  
Thank you email to Susie Chapman for her contribution to the MRECG on behalf of OSCAR  
Letter to SCD re MRECG (published as letter of the day, 9 December)  
Letter to Office of Fair Trading seeking extension to hold AGM

\* Circulated at meeting.

Contact the President if you would like a copy of any other correspondence.

## **6 Financial report**

### **6.1. OSCAR funds**

Two transactions for the period, namely a \$20 donation from Beerburum Action Group and printing costs of \$11.36, resulting in a marginal increase in the bank balance to \$3086.66, as reflected on the bank statement.

A comprehensive Treasurer's report is attached (Attachment 1).

## 7 Membership report

### 7.1. Membership applications

The Beerburum Action Group have asked to put their membership application on hold. There were no other applications.

## 8 MRECG update

As Susie Chapman was not at the meeting this item was deferred. Susie's report has been circulated in an OSCAR email update.

## 9 General business

### 9.1. Verrierdale Residents Group – presentation on Doonan Bridge Road upgrade

Mark Jones made a very good presentation in relation to this matter. Attention was drawn to some of the major issues displaying pictures of what was once a dirt road in rural landscape, which is now fully sealed and excessive guard rails which creates a trap for wildlife, as reported by residents. Issues raised; sharp corner with crash history (the group had sought two independent engineering reports stating the gradient of the corner was dangerous, but council moved forward with the original design regardless), natural flow of flood waters has been disrupted and diverted, lack of transparency and consultation with residents, ignoring residents' concerns, the 100kph speed limit, breakdown of communication and trust – Council will not give access to their independent review as agreed. The group held a protest and received wide media coverage of their issue.

### 9.2. SCRC Vehicle Parking on Road Verges Workshop – OSCAR involvement and submission

It was agreed that it was a positive sign that Council invited OSCAR to be involved. The perceived issue is that development approvals for new estates in terms of building standards not allocating room for vehicle parking. This affects a resident's quality and quiet enjoyment of their property. At the most recent Council meeting a development was approved at Palmview with road width standard at 7.5m – it was suggested that this is a good sign that Council is beginning to recognise and address the issue of adequate parking provision. Martin neep raised the issue of compliance and noted that council are approving building developments in the absence of adequate parking.

### 9.3. QLGRA meeting 24-25 February 2018 in Redcliffe

OSCAR will be in attendance – the President and Vice President will attend. Other members were encouraged to attend.

### 9.4. Executive position nominations for AGM

The President urged members to consider nominating for Executive positions. Nomination forms are on the website.

### 9.5. Motions for AGM

The following motion re membership classes was foreshadowed for consideration at the AGM next month:

**Motion to amend clause 5 Classes of members to add 3 new classes of members Associate Member, Honorary Member and Student Member. To remove redundant wording namely "is not associated with developers" to reflect the conflict with developers interests is understood in line with the OSCAR mission and vision statement. Clause 5 Classes of Members will now read as follows:**

## 5. Classes of members

The membership of the association consists of the following classes of members – (the names of the classes (if any) should be stated fully)

### i. Community Associations.

A community association is a formal group of people who meet as an association on a regular basis and who have as their prime concern the interests of residents of the Sunshine Coast region and commit to the OSCAR mission and vision statement. This association is eligible for admission as a community association member and is subject to nomination and a general meeting approval. A community association is represented on this Association (i.e. OSCAR) by two delegates with two alternate delegates eligible to be appointed. The two delegates have full voting rights and are considered ordinary members. The number of Community Association members is unlimited.

**ii. Associate Member.**

A person with a specific interest in the community who has as their prime concern the interests of residents of the Sunshine Coast region and commits to the OSCAR mission and vision statement. This person is eligible for admission as an associate member and is subject to nomination and a general meeting approval. This class of membership has no voting rights and Associate Members are not considered as ordinary members.

**iii. Honorary Member**

A person who has made significant and sustained contributions to OSCAR or the community in general is eligible for admission as an honorary member. This person is eligible for admission as an honorary member and is subject to nomination and a general meeting approval. This class of membership has no voting rights and honorary members are not considered as ordinary members.

**iv. Student Member**

A person who is undertaking full time undergraduate or post-graduate studies such as public administration, political science, community development or other qualification deemed appropriate by the Association (i.e. OSCAR) and commits to the OSCAR mission and vision statement. Documented evidence of their status is required upon application and membership is subject to a nomination and a general meeting approval. This class of membership has no voting rights and student members are not considered ordinary members.

**9.6. SCEC/EDO Donations and other Dangers to Democracy event 01 March 2018**

The meeting felt this would be a worthwhile event and that OSCAR should be involved/attend. Members were also encouraged to also attend. Guest speaker: Cameron Murray (author: Game of Mates).

*That OSCAR support the EDO and SCEC seminar through participation as a presenter and a promoter of the event*

*Moved Narelle McCarthy*

*Seconded Gillian Hall*

*Carried*

**10 Other items from the floor**

Narelle McCarthy spoke about Coolum Ridges vegetation clearing – a court order in 2005 was supposed to protect the area from on-selling, recently a private entity has acquired the parcel (above Coles at Peregian Springs) and SCEC is trying to hold Project Urban (for the developer) accountable and compliant.

**11 Meeting dates for the AGM and next General Meeting**

The AGM will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, 22 February 2018 at the North Shore Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba. The next General Meeting will follow the AGM.

**12 Meeting close**

The meeting closed at 21:35.

# Attachment 1 – Treasurer’s Report

To 25 January 2018

## 1. Finance

Two transactions for the period, namely a \$20 donation from Beerburum Action Group and printing costs of \$11.36, resulting in a marginal increase in the bank balance to \$3086.66, as reflected on the bank statement.

Motion to accept the finance report.

## 2. Financial Transparency re 2017/8 budget expenses

We have received a reply from the Mayor, and once again the comments are only marginally helpful. An association, asking for an explanation of the budget figures showing a loss surely is called ‘accountability’, something this council does not appreciate.

We can confirm that the lease agreement and the sale contracts have been signed and I believe the first payment has been made.

The accounting standard on leases is to be replaced with a new Standard AASB16, and this explains why the land has been written off despite the fact that SCRC remains owners of the land. Hence the recording of the sale and the loss in the budget figures. An explanation in both the budget and the accounts would have been useful.

Recommended action: That OSCAR requests a copy of the lease be provided as soon as it has been registered, as well as a commitment that Council will consult with the community when considering the new master plan for the Airport.

## 3. Audit account 2017

Following the last meeting, I have approached Stephen Geils to carry out an audit of the OSCAR accounts, and he has agreed to it.

Regarding any audit, I need to point out that no audit will identify fraud issues involving cash transactions. It is therefore important that control system is in place to manage this risk. Issuing of cash receipts is a basic control that I have used for OSCAR.

## 4. Public Liability Insurance

I completed a risk analysis using Aon’s risk analysis and the system identified two types of policies that OSCAR needs to consider.

1. Protector/Association Liability, which covers professional, management and association liability and employee fraud or dishonesty. Cost \$1005
2. Public Liability cover cost \$938

If we intend to hold rallies or public meetings and hire halls, we will need to address the issue of PL cover.

Recommend I meet with a broker to achieve a lower cost solution.

## 5 Gambling Fund

I wish to table a Motion to approve OSCAR applying for an ABN number and then to apply to The Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) to fund the cost of a projector and a public address system.

Applications are assessed by the Dept. of Justice, using an independent committee who meet on a quarterly basis, namely 28 Feb, 31 May, 31 Aug and 30 Nov.

Applications are restricted to ‘not for profit groups’ who wish to enhance their capacity to provide services to the community.

While I appreciate some members concerns about gambling there will not be any link between our organisations and ‘gambling’ nor would there be any link to government or council. It’s an ‘indirect tax’ designed to assist NFP organisations.

Charles Toms