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*** Recent OSCAR submissions and Presentations

OSCAR has recently made submissions on the following:

- Historic Cultural Heritage Planning Scheme Amendment
- DLGRMA – Financial Reforms for local government

OSCAR recently prepared a presentation for the QLGRA AGM re LG Reforms.

The bushfires the weekend 7-8 September closed Stanthorpe where the AGM was being held. Greg and Melva set off to attend the AGM but did not get past Brisbane. We thought you might be interested in the presentation re Local Government Reforms prepared for that conference.

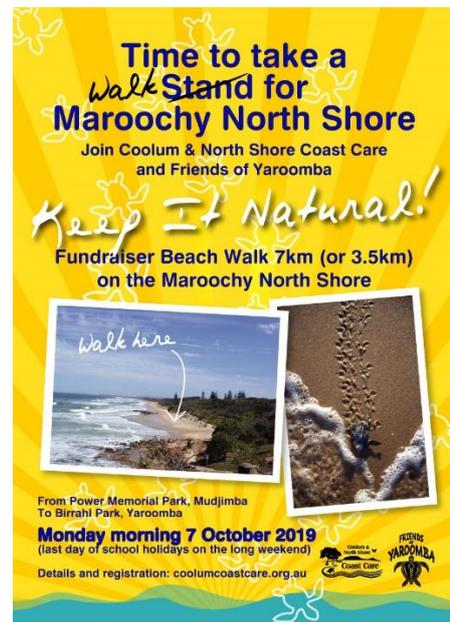
These submissions and the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

*** Walk for the North Shore

Join a morning WALK along the beautiful NATURAL beaches north of the Maroochy River, from Power Memorial Park Mudjimba north to Birrahl Park, Yaroomba, a distance of about 7 km. A shorter walk can also be completed, by starting at the Marcoola SLSC, about 3.5 km.

This event is being run by Coolum and North Shore Coast Care and Friends of Yaroomba, as a fundraiser for the Court Appeal against the outrageous approval

of Sekisui’s high-rise high density hotel and apartments beside Yaroomba Beach.



But more than that, it is an opportunity for you to show how much you care about keeping the Sunshine Coast’s beaches unspoilt for residents and visitors and friendly to our native wildlife, particularly our endangered loggerhead turtles.

How much do you value your natural beach – blue ocean, golden sand, green backdrop along the dunes? Registration costs \$25. Your registration provides a lovely morning on the beach with family or friends, a swim between the flags to cool off at the end (or on the way), good company when you arrive at Birrahl

Park, a sausage (or vegetarian) sandwich and soft drink at the end and a completion certificate.

Also we ask you to try to raise another \$100 per person. How? Have a BBQ, do a car boot or garage sale, pass the hat around at work or school.

More details and registration at [Eventbrite](#).

*** Climate Week at USC

The link below takes you to the range of activities during Climate Week at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

<https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/sustainable-usc/global-climate-change-week#saturday-12-october>

On the webpage you can click on each different day to find out what's happening. Of particular interest is the symposium on Saturday 12 October 9.30-2.30 regarding *Implications of climate change for legal liability and insurance*, which Dr Claudia Baldwin (OSCAR honorary member) is facilitating. It features specialist guest speakers from the Insurance Council of Australia, UQ, QFES and others in the morning and discussion groups in the early afternoon. Free lunch.

Also OSCAR members may enjoy the expert talk on science and technology actions addressing climate change on Monday the 14 October and the pub talk by Patrick Nunn and Claudia on Tues 15 Oct.

Please register soon as there is limited capacity at some of these venues.

*** Local Government Change Commission proposed boundaries for Sunshine Coast Regional Council

There are significant changes proposed for SCRC divisional boundaries for the 2020 Local Government elections.

<https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/local-government-boundary-reviews/divisional-boundary-reviews/sunshine-coast-regional-council>

Comments on the proposal are invited until 11 October 2019. Late submissions cannot be accepted.

*** Council airport water release update

26 September 2019 - JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT
The keenly anticipated update of the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project Water Release fact sheet is cause for great disappointment for the six community groups who organised a public information meeting on September 10th in Maroochydore attended by over 300 people.

This updated fact sheet appeared unannounced on the project website on Wednesday 18th September with very few land-based options and an obvious lack of supporting information on options despite this being a clear request of the organisers and hundreds of community members who attended and responded through other means.

Most disappointing to the community organisations is the fact that the ocean discharge still appears as the most preferred of the fifteen options offered.

Coolum and North Shore Coast Care, Mudjimba Boardriders, Surfriider Foundation Sunshine Coast, Marcoola Community Group, Sunshine Coast Environment Council and OSCAR collectively renew the call for the Sunshine Coast Council to listen to the strong prevailing sentiment of the community to deal with this environmental, economic and social challenge in a more sustainable, respectful and transparent way.

*** New Local Government Remuneration Commission chair announced

**Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs
The Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe**

Former Sunshine Coast and Noosa mayor and widely respected local government identity Bob Abbot will chair the new Local Government Remuneration Commission.

Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said the commission would establish categories for Queensland's 77 councils and the amount of remuneration payable to councillors and mayors in those categories.

He said Mr Abbot would be joined by Andrea Ranson and Reimen Hii, both of whom are part-time

mediators for the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT).

"Bob, Andrea and Reimen not only bring a wealth of experience in local government and the law, but I know they will also ensure that Queensland's diversity will be well represented in their recommendations.

"Bob has 32 years' experience as an elected councillor and mayor, and has held board and panel positions with the South East Queensland Council of Mayors and the LGAQ.

"Importantly, he has been willing to pass on his knowledge as a mentor to newly elected mayors and councillors, with a particular focus on Indigenous mayors."

"He will be very ably assisted by Andrea and Reimen, whose legal expertise, experience in public administration, and engagement with local governments will be of enormous value.

"I'd also like to note that Reimen is the 2019 recipient of the Australian Young Lawyer Award for his outstanding contribution to the law through his pro bono work.

"I wish them all well over the course of their four-year tenure and I have complete confidence they will do an outstanding job for communities across Queensland."

The role of the commission is to establish the categories of local governments; decide the category to which each local government belongs; and decide the maximum amount of remuneration payable to the councillors and mayors in each category.

The categories are reviewed every four years, while the remuneration is reviewed annually.

The commission, along with the new Councillor Conduct Tribunal replace the former Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal as part of the Palaszczuk Government's rolling reform agenda to improve integrity, transparency and accountability in the sector.

For more information visit www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/remuneration-commission

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*** Upcoming events and key dates

Minor community grants open - apply for a slice of funding to help your group make a positive difference. [Source: SCRC website]

Eligible local community groups can apply for funding for projects in one of seven categories:

- community development
- community events
- community facilities
- cultural development
- cultural heritage
- economic development; and
- sports, recreation and healthy living.

Applications close November 4. Groups will be notified of the outcome of their application by mid-December.

For more information and to apply visit council's [website](#):

<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Grants-and-Funding/Grants-Programs/Minor-Grants>

On-going

Free Online Governance Training- Community Door

You can access free online governance training materials and resources through this [link](#).

Sunshine Coast Coalition of Community Boards

Web: <http://cocb.org.au>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/coalitionvoice

14 October 2019

Noosa Council Ordinary Meeting

Federal Memorial Hall & Community Centre, 2 Skyring Creek Road, Federal commencing at 6 pm– view [agenda](#).

17 October 2019

SCRC Council Ordinary Meeting

9:00 am at Council Chambers in Nambour – view [agenda](#).

Intro to Strategic Planning for Small Community Organisations



A free workshop for committee members of small not for profits & community-based organisations

- Understand the benefits of a good strategic plan for your organisation and the process for developing a useful plan
- Learn the keys to successful organisational planning
- Hear how other small organisations plan and learn from their successes and challenges

Workshop 1 - Tuesday 30th July 8:30am for 9:00 to 12:30pm at BII BII Public Hall, 87 Willis Rd, BII BII, RSVP 26 July

Workshop 2 - Wednesday 2nd October, 8:30am for 9 to 1pm at Venue 114, 114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina, RSVP 20 Sept

Workshop 3 - Tuesday 29th Oct, 8:30am for 9 to 1pm at Baringa Community Centre, 20 Edwards Tce, Baringa, RSVP 25 Oct

Each workshop will offer the same content and outline the same process, however in the 2nd and 3rd workshops there will be a separate group for returning organisations that are actively working on their own strategic planning process to discuss progress. So organisations can choose to attend one, two or all three workshops. Likewise, organisations are welcome to have multiple members attend these workshops.

Questions or RSVP to Mark on 0414 519 047

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Workshop supported by



***** Current SCRC "Have your Say" opportunities**

Keep your eye on SCRC website for future opportunities for comment.

<https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/open-consultation>

***** Current "Your Say Noosa" opportunities**

Visit Council's [Your Say Noosa](#) page for current opportunities for comment.

***** Have you thought about joining OSCAR as an individual member?**

If you are not already an individual member of OSCAR (Associate or Student) please give consideration to becoming one. There is no membership fee for individual membership; while this class of membership does not give you voting rights you will have all other entitlements of membership.

WHY BOTHER? One measure of the credibility of OSCAR is the number of formal members, who have committed to OSCAR's aims and objectives, it has irrespective of whether you are already a member of one of our member organisations. It also means you can take part in OSCAR activities if you do not belong to a resident or community group.

HOW? Easy, just complete our [online application form](#).

***** Candidates for March 2020 LG elections**

Council elections due in 173 days ...

OSCAR will attempt to provide the names of people who declare their candidacy for the 28 March 2020 council elections as we become aware of them.

If any OSCAR member becomes aware of someone intending to stand for either council please let us know.

It goes without saying that listing a candidate's name in this context is for information purposes only and DOES NOT imply support or endorsement from OSCAR.

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Confirmed candidates

Incumbents recontesting

Cr John Connolly (Division 4)

Cr Ted Hungerford (Division 7)

New candidates

Mayor –

Division 1 – Jenny Broderick

Division 2 – Brady Sullivan

Division 3 –

Division 4 – Todd Forrest, Julian Porter

Division 5 – Richard Bruinsma, Tracie Sanim

Note: Cr Jenny McKay has announced she will not be seeking re-election.

Division 6 –

Division 7 – Cam Young

Division 8 –

Division 9 –

Division 10 –

Note: Cr Greg Rogerson has announced he will not be seeking re-election.

Noosa Council

Note: Noosa is an undivided council so councillor candidates represent the whole LGA.

Confirmed candidates

Incumbents recontesting

Cr Brian Stockwell

New candidates

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