



Minutes – Annual General Meeting

Thursday 7.12 pm, 26 November 2020

Held online via Zoom

1. **Opening,** Welcome to Attendees and **Acknowledgment of Country**
2. **Attendance and apologies**
 - i. Attendance: Richard Dennis (SSCA), Melva Hobson (MCG), Susie Chapman (MCG), Debbie Day (Assoc), Maxwell Standage (MADCA), Charles Toms (MRA), Lindsay Holt (BRLUP), Ken Mewburn (TAPP), Brian Anker (DW), Kathryn Hyman (TWWS), Rowan Stanley (MRA), Mike Goss (PFAFA), Tony Philbrick (DW), Estelle Blair (C&NSCC), Nigel Anns (YADCA), Reg Brine (TWWS), Brody Sullivan (Caloundra RA), Brian Raison (DW), John Hare (PBCC), Ken Leech (Landsborough Group), Ken Husband (Landsborough Group), Mark Evans (Assoc).
 - ii. Apologies: Greg Smith (SCAAN), Tony Barry (Caloundra RA), Lesley Dimmock (FOB), Keith Sweatman (YADCA).
3. **Minutes of the Last AGM - 28 November 2019** (distributed via website)

Motion: That the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting
Moved: Charles Toms
Seconded: Max Standage
Carried
4. **President's Report** – see appendix 1
Motion: That the President's report be accepted
Moved: Melva Hobson
Seconded: John Hare
Carried
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - 5.1 Presentation of audited accounts - Appendix 2
Motion: That the financial report and audited financial statement be accepted
Moved: Charles Toms
Seconded: Ken Mewburn
Question from John Hare as to why we have public liability insurance. Response is that it needed for hall hire and co-host with member groups.
Carried
 - 5.2 Appointment of Auditor 2020-2021
Motion: That Stephen Geils CPA be appointed as auditor for the year 2020-2021
Moved: Charles Toms
Seconded: Estelle Blair
Carried
6. **Membership fees**
Motion: That the annual membership fee for Community Associations be set at \$50 per annum for the 2020-2021 financial year.
Moved: Charles Toms
Seconded: Brian Anker
Carried

Motion: That the annual membership fee for Individual classes of membership be set at \$10 per annum for the 2020-2021 financial year.

Moved: Charles Toms

Seconded: Brody Sullivan

Carried

- 7. Election of Executive** – all positions were declared vacant and Melva handed over to Tony Philbrick to conduct the election. Tony congratulated Melva on the year and thanked her for the President's Report.

Properly made nominations were received from the following who were declared elected:

President – Melva Hobson

Treasurer – Reg Brine

Executive – Greg Smith

Executive – Kathryn Hyman

Kathryn Hyman nominated Debbie Day as Agenda & Minute Secretary. Seconded Brian Anker.

Kathryn Hyman nominated Estelle Blair as Membership & Email Secretary. Seconded Charles Toms.

Kathryn Hyman nominated Mark Evans to the Executive. Seconded Charles Toms.

All 'from the floor' nominees were elected.

Melva welcomed Reg, Mark and Estelle to the Committee and looks forward to handover in the next 2 weeks.

- 8. General Business**

Nil

- 9. Next Annual General Meeting:** 25 November 2021 is proposed.

- 10 Meeting close:** 8.06 pm

President's report

OSCAR Inc. AGM November 2020

Well what a year we have shared! We have seen at LG level: Local Government elections; new councillors settling in; greater transparency by SCRC; a shift in approach to some issues in SCRC as a result of new councillors; and a change in representation in Noosa Shire Council with differing opinions.

Then there was the State election with resulting representation changes on the Sunshine Coast that say to both sides of politics "don't take us for granted".

Of course all of this has taken place in the midst of a pandemic!

An organisation such as OSCAR does not operate in a vacuum, particularly when the work of the organisation continues. COVID-19 and executive members working arrangements has taken its toll on the executive. We thank Kris and Gillian for their contributions to OSCAR over the last year and wish them well in the future. Kris spends much of his working time in remote areas of Queensland and generally out of internet range. Gillian is in the process of developing an alternative model of funerals with some exciting possibilities on the horizon. She also is undertaking a project with USC. We wish them both well in their future endeavours.

Charles Toms has been treasurer of OSCAR since its revitalisation in 2016. He has been a loyal member and treasurer and a great support this year. We thank him for his contribution and reliability. I will miss him as he is always available to discuss current issues. We welcomed Kathryn back to the executive following her election experience. We look forward to being able to use her knowledge and experience in our participation in the TWW Appeal.

Our thanks also go to other OSCAR members who represent OSCAR on various Council and community advisory groups, with particular thanks to Susie Chapman who has worked on the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS) CAG for 2 years. Another OSCAR Member Ken Mewburn from TAPP has also been on that group. Their involvement has included "participatory and co-design approaches at different stages of the process...The CAG participated in six full-group meetings and six sub-group meetings." (SCRC) Thank you for work and representation. The other active SCRC group on which OSCAR is represented is the Transport Community Reference Group, where Greg Smith continues to represent OSCAR. Lindsay Holt is acting as an OSCAR observer on the Coastal/Beachside Advisory group ensuring the voice of the whole Sunshine Coast LGA is heard.

We acknowledge the work of member groups Development Watch, Friends of Yaroomba SCEC, Friends of Buddina and Twin Waters West and Surrounds as they tackled and continue to call SCRC to account in relation to development approvals that were either NOT in accordance with the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (Sekisui) or did not apply the rules associated with code assessable developments (Friends of Buddina). In relation to TWW, SCRC refused the Development Application and is now part of the P&E court process. OSCAR along with a number of member groups and individuals is supporting SCRC in this decision as Co-Respondents. We wish all well in the deliberations presently underway. We wait with interest and wish Development Watch and Friends of Yaroomba well in their Supreme Court hearing re Sekisui. One of the very clear messages to SCRC from the Sekisui decision is that poor decisions such will garner community support as has happened in the Yaroomba community.

At a State level OSCAR has been very active as part of the Community 6 (OSCAR, SCEC, Surf Rider Foundation Sunshine Coast, Development Watch (DW), Coolum Residents Association and Friends of Yaroomba, in fighting the attempt by Consolidated Properties Group for a Priority Development Area declaration over part of the Maroochy floodplain at Coolum West for an intense residential development, commercial areas and wave pool. The residential development and shopping centre are "prohibited development under the SEQ Regional Plan 2017." We will continue to advocate to the State Government for a refusal to this long-term development wish by the developer and a landholder on this site.

OSCAR played a significant role in both the LG and State elections by providing a “one-stop” shop for election information, candidate details, questionnaire responses, forum dates, links to candidate web and Facebook sites and forum sessions – thanks Greg. A small working group developed candidate questionnaires for both elections with a 55% response rate for the LG election and 50% for the State election. All the election information is on the OSCAR website under the “Governance” heading at: <https://www.oscar.org.au/governance/elections/> and will be stored there indefinitely. Similarly recording of forums are also stored on the web.

OSCAR conducted 3 LG Mayoral forums, one co-hosted with Golden Beach/Pelican Waters at Golden Beach and the other 2 at Northshore Community Centre. The Mayor was unable to attend the forum with other candidates and was prepared to meet with OSCAR members at a different time. The recordings from the Northshore forums are on our website.

The outcomes of both elections has produced some surprising results. For SCRC it meant 4 new councillors who have brought a freshness to council not experienced for a number of years, but still only one female councillor. However, congratulations to Kathryn Hyman for taking the race right up to Jason O’Pray. For Noosa Shire it has meant 3 new councillors and a new Mayor, with 3 women out of 7 councillors (total).

For the state election: 5 out of 7 electorates returned the sitting LNP member, with 2, Caloundra and Nicklin returning new ALP members. We have maintained that the Sunshine Coast needs representatives from more than one party. Hopefully now we will see some real support from both sides of politics at the State level.

With the change of faces at SCRC, bringing both experience and fresh ideas we have seen greater transparency, fewer confidential items and as expressed yesterday by a council officer “a focus on core services”. (SCRC Officer at Northshore Drainage meeting) We have also seen the pausing on the Final Mass Transit Business case development so the community can comment. We will have that opportunity early next year.

Thanks initially to COVID-19, we now have live-streaming of SCRC Ordinary Meetings, something for which OSCAR had been calling for the last 4 years. This has allowed many more community members to see how council is conducted. It also allows time for community members to view at a later, more convenient time. Council is to be congratulated for maintaining this initiative well past the required time under COVID-19.

Of course Noosa council has been live-streaming for 2-3 years now – simple and effective.

Sometimes one has to be careful as for what one wishes. We have sought wider community engagement from SCRC with the outcomes being most welcome. However, we still need councils to understand that having multiple consultations on at the same time is problematic for community groups who want to be democratic in their decision-making but who also may only meet bi-monthly. We maintain that the CHAS is the most important document in this term of Council apart from than the next Planning Scheme. Feedback on the CHAS should have been the ONLY consultation conducted by SCRC in the Nov/Dec time frame. The amendments package was totally unnecessary at this time in the Planning Scheme cycle, and the Heritage Plan and other documents could have waited until 2021. OSCAR will be seeking some commitment from the Council that they will space the consultation programs out over the year in 2021.

OSCAR meetings have been via Zoom for most of 2020 and the executive congratulates members who regularly attend online. Numbers have varied with some meetings having 24 attendees. Thank you for your patience. Using Zoom opens a number of opportunities for OSCAR to investigate with the possibility that with appropriate technology we can do both at the same time – face to face and Zoom.

At a regional scale OSCAR has been active in the SEQCA (Melva) and QLGRA (Greg). Through both our own submissions and face to face meetings with State Government via SEQCA, the LG reforms have progressed. We hope that a new invigorated government will continue those reforms that are outstanding.

OSCAR has been active in the space of submission writing and presentation to Parliamentary Committees, State Government, Commonwealth Inquiries and Local Government initiatives and consultations

Since the 2019 AGM OSCAR has made submissions to the following consultation processes. All the submissions are on the OSCAR website at: <https://www.oscar.org.au/members/submissions/>

- **Sunshine Coast Regional Council December 2019**
Subject: Proposed Development: *Preliminary Approval for Material change of Use (Variation Request to Vary the Effect of the Preliminary Approval for the Wises Farm Mixed Use Development), Development Permit to Reconfigure a Lot (1 lot into 103 Residential Lots) for Lot 3000 on SP306280*
- **Economics and Governance Committee Parliament House-January 2020**
Subject: *Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Bill 2019 and Inquiry into the feasibility of introducing expenditure caps for Queensland local government elections.* This submission focussed on Chapter 5 – Amendments relating to dishonest conduct for councillors and other local government matters section and on proposed changes to Local government Regulations that will follow.
- **Policy and Statutory Planning Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP) January 2020**
Subject: *Creating healthy and active communities: mandatory provisions for neighbourhood design.*
- **Economics and Governance Committee Parliament January 2020**
Subject: *Inquiry into the feasibility of introducing expenditure caps for Queensland local government elections.* OSCAR also requested the opportunity to appear before the Committee at the Public Hearing to be held in February 2020.

OSCAR was invited to participate in the Public Hearing in February and did so.
- **Economics and Governance Committee Queensland Parliament February 2020**
Subject: *CCC proposals for serious offences Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2019*
- **Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs Local Government Policy February 2020** Bill Hastie Manager
Subject: *Proposed local government regulatory reforms – informal meetings*
- **Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee Parliament May 2020**
Subject: *Inquiry into the Electoral Commission of Queensland's online publication of the preliminary and formal counts of the votes cast in the 2020 quadrennial local government election and the Bundamba and Currumbin state by-elections held on 28 March 2020.*
- **Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee Parliament Public Hearing May 2020**
OSCAR was invited to participate and did so via Teleconferencing.
- **Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs (DLGRMA) July 2020**
Subject: *Proposed amendments relating to transparency and accountability of local government controlled entities and sale or acquisition of land for overdue rates.*
- **Airservices Australia (Oct 2020)**
Subject - Draft terms of Reference for Sunshine Coast Airport Flight Path Changes Post implementation review.

In conclusion, thank you all for your contribution to and support of OSCAR's work in 2020. I look forward to us continuing to make progress in achieving further reforms aimed at improving governance in Local Government in 2021 and beyond. I welcome the new executive and look forward to working with them through 2021.

Melva Hobson PSM

President (OSCAR)

OSCAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE****Y/E JUNE 2020****Y/E JUNE 2019****INCOME**

Membership Fees	780.00	579.81
Members fees prepaid	660.00	0.00
Donations	175.55	457.65
RTI 16 Donations	0.00	0.00
Media Workshop	0.00	270.00
Total Income	1615.55	1,307.46

EXPENDITURE

Council Expenses	0.00	0.00
Fair Trading	56.60	55.35
Hall Hire	45.00	247.50
Insurance	553.78	626.56
Media Workshop/Survey/Forums	165.00	228.80
Membership Fees	105.00	105.00
Other	0.00	0.00
Postage	134.00	130.00
RTI/SCRC	0.00	969.35
Website	193.80	229.49
Total Expenditure	1253.18	2,592.05
Nett Surplus	362.37	-1,284.59

BALANCE SHEET**JUNE 2020****JUNE 2019**

BANK - OPEN BALANCE	1246.57	2,531.16
Net surplus	362.37	-1,284.59
BANK - CLOSE BALANCE PER STATEMENT	1608.94	1,246.57
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1608.94	1,246.57
NON CURRENT ASSETS	0.00	0.00
LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
NETT ASSETS	1608.94	1,246.57

OSCAR Inc.

Audit review to members for the year ending 30 June 2020.

I advice members that, I have completed an audit of the accounts of OSCAR Inc. for the year ending 30 June 2020.

In my opinion the financial statements present a true and fair view of the operations of OSCAR, as disclosed in the books of account for the year ending 30n June 2020.



**Stephen Geils FCPA
Accountant
12 October 2020**

President

26 November 2020

Treasurer

26 November 2020