

REPORTS TO OSCAR General Meeting 26 May 2022

6. Financial Report

Owing to the early posting of the meeting reports and surgery for the treasurer, the financial report may be available with an Update prior to the meeting. We wish Reg all the best with the surgery and Greg (who maintains the website) all the best on his surprise trip for his wife.

a) Airport Community Aviation Forum

No meetings since February meeting.

b) Climate Conference – A Climate for Change – an Unconventional Convention,

Nothing further re any future dates

c) SEQCA – Meeting 21 June 2022 – a brief report will be given at the OSCAR meeting,

d) QLGRA – No report this meeting

e) Transport CRG – The OSCAR e-petition to Parliament re transport across the Sunshine Coast is on line at:

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-the-Assembly/Petitions/Petition-Details?id=37>

f) Update re Buddina (Lesley Dimmock).

g) Twin Waters West Appeal – The long game

The court date is 18 July 2022.

h) Sekisui Appeal

Nothing further re the Court date in the P&E court. However the media is reporting that the Sekisui site is up for sale.

i) Coolum West - Members of the Community 6 met with Don O'Rorke on May 31.

The meeting with Mr Don O'Rorke from Consolidated Properties on May31 was an amicable meeting with members of the Community 6 continuing to oppose the construction of 1500 homes, shops, a school and a wave pool on the Maroochy River Floodplain at Coolum West.

We shared with Mr O'Rorke a recent photo of the flood from the February 2022 "rain bomb" which clearly shows the floodplain doing what floodplains are intended to do - store flood water which allows then a slower flow into the Maroochy River and related creeks.

It could also be said that this time we were lucky that there was not another 0.8 to one metre of rain in the catchment area as was the case in Cooran and Mount Glorious.

It was pointed out to Mr O'Rorke that the 1992 flood covered an even greater extent of the floodplain and was more significant than the February 2022 rain event. We understand that others have also relayed this information to Mr O'Rorke. It seems that everyone is telling him it's a crazy idea.

Mr. O'Rorke is seeking a Priority Development Area (PDA) Declaration by the State Government over this land as it is zoned rural **and** is outside the urban footprint. There are no development rights attached to the land in question.

A PDA also means that the community is excluded from any appeal processes.

Council and the Mayor have commented on many occasions that Council does not support the proposal in this location.

We are writing to both the Deputy Premier/Minister for State Development to relay the outcome of our meeting with Mr O'Rorke.

j) PS 2024 development –

SCRC has indicated that they are in the process of analysing the large number of responses received during the recent non-statutory consultation. They indicated that it may take several months to complete the analysis. Thank you to all OSCAR member groups and individuals who responded.

k) Biosphere nomination update Sunshine Coast Biosphere Planning CRG – Key Messages May 2022

- Council, in consultation with the Biosphere Planning Community Reference Group (CRG), is finalising planning and preparations in readiness to be potentially recognised as a UNESCO biosphere from mid-June 2022.
- The CRG recently convened for its fifth meeting (23 May 2022) where members provided further feedback on a suite of draft performance measures which align to the Sunshine Coast biosphere objectives.
- The CRG also provided input into a draft management framework for the biosphere, which consolidates proposed governance arrangements, performance measures, branding and communications.
- The Biosphere Planning CRG will culminate at the group's final meeting scheduled in June, noting further opportunities for members' and the broader community's continued involvement during the implementation if successful.
- The CRG's ongoing advice through this planning phase continues to provide valuable community input, ensuring our Sunshine Coast biosphere is well-placed for success.

l) Current SCRC and Noosa Engagement Activities SCRC and Noosa Shire Ordinary Meeting Reports

9.3 Emerging issues

- a) Coaldrake Review of Integrity Issues in State Government – the OSCAR response is on the website at: [Response-to-Interim-report-Coaldrake-Review.pdf \(oscar.org.au\)](https://oscar.org.au/Response-to-Interim-report-Coaldrake-Review.pdf)
- b) OSCAR Logo – ongoing
- c) SCRC Financial questions /issues - ongoing
- d) Purpose of Sun Central given Lang Walker's involvement – +tive and –tive – ongoing
- e) *SCRC classification and Management of Council Information* proposal – detail to come re specialist appointments to the Reference Group
- f) Expenditure Caps for Local Government Elections Discussion paper – the OSCAR response is on the website at: [OSCAR-submission-Expenditure-Caps-Scheme-May-2022.pdf](https://oscar.org.au/OSCAR-submission-Expenditure-Caps-Scheme-May-2022.pdf)