

REPORTS TO OSCAR General Meeting 23 February 2023

6. Financial Report

6.1 Treasurer's Report:

BANK A/C #1 STATEMENT

This report is for the period 22nd November to 21st February 2023:

Cash Balance 22nd November 2022 \$ 1718.44

Receipts: \$240.00

Payments: \$ 189.20 \$ 50.80

Cash Balance 21st February 2023 **\$ 1769.24**

Receipt Details:

\$240 OSCAR x 4 organisation memberships

Payment Details: \$189.20 - \$100 SEQ All, \$58.60 OFT, \$30.60 Dom Name renew

BANK A/C #2 SAVINGS

This report is for the period 22nd November 2022 to 21st February 2023:

Cash Balance 22nd November 2022 \$ 5879.55

Receipts: \$ 13.79 \$ 13.79

\$ 5893.34

Payments: \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00

Cash Balance 21st February 2023 **\$5893.34**

Receipts Details: \$13.79 Bank Interest

Payment Details: \$0

Acquittal – SCRC Climate Conference Grant completed

6.2 Accounts for payment:

BANK A/C # 1

GM Approval Required

\$545.60 Public Liability Insurance – Annual

\$148 PO Box - Annual

Bank Balance after payment of items in 6.2 **\$1075.64**

BANK A/C # 2

GM Approval Required - Nil

Bank Balance after payment and before return of balance to SCRC of items in 6.2 **\$5893.34**

9.1 Standing Agenda items

a) SCAirport & Community Aviation Forum – the forum only meets quarterly. OSCAR in conjunction with the local groups around the airport have met with Airport staff and the Food & Agriculture Network (FAN) group representatives in attempt to clarify a number of factors relating to the Turbine precinct project proposed at the SC Airport. They appear to be unable to respond to a list of questions asked of both groups.

b) Climate Conference – A Climate for Change – an Unconventional Convention – the funds are being returned to SCRC with the acquittal form.

c) SEQCA –The 21 February meeting report will be included in the next Report when the Minutes are received, owing to signal issues for both Greg and Melva

d) QLGRA – nil to report

e) Transport CRG 22 February TCRG meeting.

Topics covered:

- Beerburrum to Nambour Rail upgrade project (TMR)
- Planning Scheme Project community consultation (SCRC)
- New Planning Scheme transport considerations (SCRC)
- E-Bus Fleet update (Kinetic)

More details and slide stacks will be provided in a later update.

f) Update re Buddina (Lesley Dimmock) – Have you heard the record-breaking news from the amazing Buddina TurtleCare team? Well, here it is: The previous record set for the largest number of confirmed sea turtle nests at Buddina was 31 which was set in 2009-10. This season that record has been broken and there may still be a few more nests. Nevertheless, the record now stands at 34 and there is a lot of excitement within the TurtleCare team and many other members of the community who are very supportive of protecting Buddina beach and the darkened nesting habitat.

NB update - That new record is now 36 nests laid on Buddina beach + 1 laid at Alex Heads relocated to Buddina - the current nest numbers as at 19/2/23.

g) Twin Waters West Appeal – TWWS and some of their team met with the CEO (absent), officers from the Planning groups re where to now with TWW. Mark and Kathryn will report to the meeting.

h) Sekisui Appeal – nil to report – awaiting the P&E court judgement

i) Coolum West – No doubt members have seen the Reports in the media re Coolum West. In the most recent conversation with Don O'Rorke of Consolidated Properties he indicated (and said this could be shared):

1. That he would have liked to build the wave pool
2. He recognised that he could only do such with the support of the 3 levels of government and the broader community
3. He sensed the tide was against the proposal and he would not stand against Council or the State compulsory acquiring the land.

j) PS 2024 development and SG Housing summit – OSCAR responded to the State Housing Summit (submission on the OSCAR website) and has almost completed a response to the Housing Summit Outcomes Report.

k) Biosphere-The third Community Advisory Group (CAG) met on February 15. It is hoped to be able to give short PP about the Biosphere at the GM

l) Current SCRC and Noosa Engagement Activities SCRC (see last OSCAR Update)

m) Point Cartwright Care Group Inc (PCCG) Update, February 2023 (Quentin Brown)

1. Point Cartwright Master Plan

The drafting of the proposed master plan for Point Cartwright has been underway since the end of last year following a final community reference group (CRG) meeting. Ahead in the not-too-distant future will be the release of a draft master plan and a new round of consultation. It is somewhat unusual and disappointing that Council has not decided to continue the CRG through the release of the draft plan and beyond the next round of consultation as would typically occur.

Reports commissioned by Council on issues of Indigenous cultural heritage and ecological values of the site have been completed, but not yet made public. Suffice to say, the findings of these reports support the PCCG's position on many areas of concern for the future of the site, as outlined in the PCCG report to Council on the new town plan (attached, and soon to be available on OSCAR website). There is concern that the tardy approach to the release of the consultant reports could hamper the community's capacity to be properly informed on the site's unique cultural heritage and nationally significant ecological characteristics prior to the next round of consultation. This is particularly surprising as commitments were made by the CEO to improve information dissemination, after the first round of consultation was not conducted in accordance with standard consultation practices to ensure dissemination of information before the survey was conducted. It is hoped that a comprehensive communication strategy will be developed and implemented prior to the commencement of the next round of consultation.

2. PCCG's Town Plan Submission (public release)

Back in March of 2022, the Point Cartwright Care Group (PCCG) submitted a 100 page report to the new town plan team seeking a review of the zoning of Point Cartwright Reserve and consideration of a conservation park designation. The report outlines the presence of rich Indigenous cultural heritage and nationally significant ecological attributes warrants a review of the zoning and Council's management paradigm. Since that time, Council has commissioned its own studies in support of the Point Cartwright master planning process.

Currently the PCCG is awaiting an update from the Executive for Planning, on the current deliberations for the site. The PCCG has argued that the Environmental Management and Conservation (EMC) zoning would be best suited for the site due to combination of rich Indigenous cultural heritage and the nationally significant ecological attributes present. Currently the site is zoned Open Space and there are serious concerns the new master plan and related management framework will foster an increase in recreational outcomes on the site to address the shortfall of other suitable sites in coastal suburbs south of Maroochy.

PCCG's advocacy has centred on the fact that remnant sites with such significance should not fall victim to decades long inadequate planning. Alternative sites need to be found and/or purchased and re-wilded to achieve some of these necessary recreational outcomes in a growing population base. The report submitted by PCCG (soon to be available on the OSCAR website) argues that the EMC zoning is a natural fit as it is intended for sites with cultural heritage and ecological value. Importantly, conservation values can be more readily protected and restored within a zoning that recognises constraints to the type, extent and intensity of uses are essential to achieving biodiversity outcomes.

3. Littoral Rainforest on Point Cartwright Reserve

A ministerial briefing submission on the state of littoral rainforest management in Queensland was submitted by PCCG and SCEC through QCC for the Minister's consideration. This submission included Point Cartwright as an example of the struggles to realise the national recovery plan objectives for littoral rainforest in a policy/regulatory space devoid of a clear framework in Queensland that is consistent with the federal EPBC Act provisions. This has been leading to potential lost opportunities for the retention of the last remaining small pockets of littoral rainforest in SEQ. A meeting with state government is due to be convened in coming weeks.

4. Rock wall update

It is understood that in light of information provided by PCCG and the findings of Council's recent consultancy reports prepared in support of the master plan for Point Cartwright, concerns about impacts of the proposed design and construction phases of a new rock wall project have been raised with TMR through the stakeholder reference group (SRG) for the project. TMR have now decided to pause further deliberations on the rock wall proposal until new reports have been forthcoming from an expanded series of investigations commissioned in relation to cultural heritage and ecological significance of the site. Other issues raised have included the scion-economic impacts that might arise from the destruction of a popular surf break and the reduced appeal of the area should new permanent structures be constructed to support sediment bypass - an issue raised by members of the boating community during the SRG meetings to date. In light of a community concept proposal submitted to TMR at the end of last year (and endorsed by OSCAR and numerous community groups), TMR have commenced an expanded dredging trial on the western side the harbour entrance to improve harbour entrance safety. This includes a new dumping regime to address a range of concerns raised about sand depletion at northern beaches. TMR are planning to hold another SRG in coming months.

9.3 Emerging issues – these will be considered as resources become available

a) Coaldrake Review of Integrity Issues in State Government – the final report from Professor Coaldrake can be found at:

<https://www.coaldrakereview.qld.gov.au/assets/custom/docs/coaldrake-review-final-report-28-june-2022.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 – from the recent meeting with SCRC, the CEO indicated that she was expecting a report on her desk in the near future. We await with interest the publishing of the report.

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://www.oscar.qld.gov.au/Work-of-Committees/Committees/Committee-Details?cid=172&id=4224).

On 31 January 2023 OSCAR presented as a Witness at the Public Hearing held by the State Development and Regional Industries Committee of the Queensland Parliament. SEQCA, OSCAR and Brisbane Residents United were the only community groups participating as witnesses. Other witnesses included 3 councillors (Redlands-2 Crs and Moreton Bay RC-1Cr), LGAQ, the Law Society and the Electoral Commission. All the submissions can be found at:

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-Committees/Committees/Committee-Details?cid=172&id=4224>

g) Time and location of future meetings – it was agreed at the November GM that:

- There would be no January GM (owing to Australia Day public Holiday)
- For 2023 every second meeting would be via ZOOM so - February face to face at North Shore, March via Zoom and so on.
- We welcome member groups offering to host an OSCAR General Meeting in their area at their cost (if a fee is required).