

## REPORTS TO OSCAR General Meeting 23 March 2023

### 6. Financial Report

#### 6.1 Treasurer's Report:

##### **BANK A/C #1 STATEMENT**

This report is for the period 21<sup>st</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023:

Cash Balance <u>21<sup>st</sup> February 2023</u>		\$ 1769.24
Receipts:	\$ 60.00	
Payments:	\$701.70	\$ 641.70
Cash Balance 21st March 2023		<b>\$ 1127.54</b>

##### Receipt Details:

\$60 - 1 organisation membership

##### Payment Details:

\$545.60 PL Insurance, \$148 AuPost Box #, \$8.10 Postage

##### **BANK A/C #2 SAVINGS**

This report is for the period 21<sup>st</sup> February to March 21<sup>st</sup> 2023:

Cash Balance <u>21<sup>st</sup> February 2023</u>		\$5893.34
Receipts:	\$ 4.97	\$ 4.97
		\$5898.31
Payments:	\$5865.00	\$5865.00
Cash Balance 21st March 2023		<b>\$ 33.31</b>

##### Receipts Details:

\$4.79 Bank Interest

##### Payment Details:

\$5865 Climate Change Grant Funds returned to SCC

#### **6.2 Accounts for payment:**

##### **BANK A/C # 1**

GM Approval Required - Nil

Bank Balance after payment of items in 6.2 **\$1127.54**

##### **BANK A/C # 2**

GM Approval Required - Nil

Bank Balance after payment and before return of balance to SCRC of items in 6.2 **\$33.31**

## 9.1 Standing Agenda items

**a) SC Airport & Community Aviation Forum** – the forum is meeting on the 23 March. A report will be in the Reports for April meeting.

**b) Climate Conference – A Climate for Change – an Unconventional Convention** – acquittal completed and funds returned to SCRC.

**c) SEQCA** –Neil Peach (SEQCA volunteer project officer)met with the new, especially recruited team undertaking the SEQRP Review. Information from that meeting included:

- all Regional Plans in Qld will be reviewed over the next 2 years
- there will not be any preliminary consultation
- focus of the SEQRP review is basically about “housing” – not opening the whole plan for review
- they (the team) have been collecting information and will put it on the website (SG)
- they are preparing an update to the SEQRP which will be out for comment for 30 days for public review mid-year (2023) – primary focus on housing
- the intent of the SEQRP is NOT being reviewed

Neil recommends that we share both good and bad practices across SEQ. He will develop a survey to collect examples from SEQCA groups of the good, the bad and the ugly!!

**d) Transport CRG.**

We are still waiting for an announcement of the CRG for the Southern Sunshine Coast Transport Strategy

**e) Update re Buddina** - nil to report this month

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

**g) PS 2024 development and SG Housing summit** – OSCAR completed a comprehensive response to the Housing Summit Outcomes Report and sent to the State Government in early March.

**h) Pacific Paradise Service Station appeal** – the first Court review was held on Thursday 9 March, Judge Everson presiding. The Respondent and Correspondents are to have their particularised reasons for refusal to the Court by 23 March. DW and OSCAR had a Teams meeting with Council legal team on Tuesday 21 March.

**i) Biosphere**-the fourth Community Advisory Group (CAG) is meeting this Thursday 5-7pm. It is hoped that we will be able to give short PP about the Biosphere at the next GM.

**j) Point Cartwright Care Group Inc (PCCG) Update, 2023 (Quentin Brown)**

### **1. Littoral Rainforest and Point Cartwright Reserve**

A meeting with state government was convened in response to a submission made by PCCG and SCEC regarding littoral rainforest management in Queensland and the current plight of a remnant stand of critically endangered forest at Point Cartwright Reserve. 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. The senior interdepartmental meeting heard oral arguments why enhanced protections were needed at the state level to ensure local government protect and implement recovery measures on all remaining stands that meet the federal criteria. Proposals for a state planning policy and other regulatory instruments were made along with the need to improve mapping resolutions in the narrow band along the SEQ coastline where these stands are found. Incentivisations for local governments to map these areas down to 1:5000 were also suggested.

## **2. Town Plan - Conservation Status of Point Cartwright**

As outlined in previous updates, the PCCG has been advocating for conservation status to be recognised over the Point Cartwright Reserve due the suite of nationally significant ecological attributes which are under serious stress from recreational uses. Recent reports prepared by Sunshine Coast Council (in support of the master planning process for the area) have concurred with the information provided to Council by the PCCG and formed the basis for PCCG's rezoning proposal for the site to be changed from the existing Open Space zoning to Environment Management and Conservation. Most notably we have argued that a site with remnant stands of critically endangered littoral rainforest recognised under the national recovery plan and the EPBC Act should not be designated Open Space. Other jurisdictions consulted have mapped and protected these remnant stands through a range of measures including designating the stands of state significance. They have also implemented recovery and maintenance programs under their reserves management frameworks. Indications are that Council's town plan team are not intending to make this important change in the new draft town plan, despite the information forthcoming from their own consultancy reports. Limited opportunities exist before the new town plan is forwarded to state government for their interest check. We strongly contend that the presence of rich Indigenous cultural heritage and nationally significant ecological attributes warrants a review of the zoning. Without this change in land use intent, changes in Council's management paradigm to match the heritage and conservation values present are unlikely and may lead to serious irreversible decline in the site's unique attributes. PCCG's advocacy has centred on the fact that existing sites with remnant ecological values of such significance should not fall victim to decades-long shortfall in planning for recreation and open spaces. New alternative sites need to be found and/or purchased including the re-wilding of some existing urban areas to achieve the necessary recreational needs of a growing population base. The EMC zoning is a natural fit for the site as it is intended for areas that have significant cultural heritage and ecological value. Importantly, conservation values can be more readily protected and restored within a zoning that recognises these values and the importance of constraints to the type, extent and intensity of uses to minimise impacts to biodiversity outcomes. Further advocacy is going to be essential if this important issue is going to be addressed as part of this town plan review process, otherwise it could be another 20 years of the same policy and management paradigms leading to a loss of these important values. A position by OSCAR could help to focus Council's attention on this important site.

## **3. Point Cartwright Master Plan**

It would appear from conversations with Council staff that the release of the draft master plan has been intentionally delayed to marry with aspects of the new town plan review processes. It is also understood that the consultation period for the new Draft Master Plan will be limited to 3 weeks. ie. it could come and go between OSCAR meetings. It is not enough time for community

engagement on such an iconic site. This is also very disappointing given the year and half off extensive work including a range of consultancies to uncover important cultural heritage and ecological knowledge about the Point Cartwright Reserve. Concerns are that insufficient time will be allowed for this information to be properly disseminated to the community before consultation and surveys are conducted. There has also been 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. A formal statement from OSCAR may go some way to getting the period of information dissemination sported from the consultation phase and have an extended consultation phase to ensure the community is fully informed and have an opportunity to contribute.

#### **4. Rock wall update**

As indicated in previous update, 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. It is understood TMR are also conducting various environmental, cultural heritage and social impact assessment of their rock wall extension proposal and examining alternative solutions raised by the community. TMR are planning to hold another SRG in coming months. Watch this space.

**k) Current SCRC and Noosa Engagement activities** – see last Update, with addition of Noosa Local Heritage Review (Your Say Noosa) and extension until the end of March for the Eastern Beaches Management Plan consultation.