

## REPORTS TO OSCAR General Meeting 26 June 2025

### 6. Financial Report

#### 6.1 Treasurer's Report:

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This report is for the period 20<sup>th</sup> May – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Cash Balance May 25 <sup>th</sup> 2025		\$1005.64
Receipts:	\$ 00.00	
Payments:	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
Cash Balance June 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2025		\$1005.64
Receipt Details:		

Organisation Memberships from each of: \$0

Individual Memberships from: \$0

#### Payment Details:

\$0

#### 6.2 Accounts for payment:

\$0

#### 6.3

2025 -2026 Annual Subs \$60 (\$10 individuals) are payable from July.

### 9.1 Standing Agenda items

- a) **SC Airport & Community Aviation Forum** – Next meeting August 2025.
- b) **SEQCA – Feedback from the SEQCA forum:** Tuesday 24 June  
Brisbane Olympics 2032: Is there a way forward for the community?
- c) **Transport: TMR/SIG. (Lindsay Holt/Quentin Brown)** – no meetings yet this year
- d) **2025-26 Planning Scheme** - it is anticipated that the Planning Scheme will be out for consultation in the middle or second half of the year.
- e) **Pacific Paradise Service Station appeal** – The Hearing is now planned for early August 2025 – First Day 5 August - onsite visit.
- f) **Biosphere Update – Biosphere community awards.** The 2025 Award Recipients were announced at a ceremony held on Friday 20 June 2025. These awards celebrated individuals, organisations and businesses, making a positive contribution to the community in our special region. Check out the nominees and winners on council's website at:  
<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/living-and-community/awards-and-citizenship/community-awards>

There were 152 nominations this year, double last year's number and way more than any other award ceremony for the Sunshine Coast.

- g) **Parklakes P&E Court** - This appeal will be case-managed by His Honour Judge Williamson.
- h) **Birtinya TLPI Update** – No response yet from Minister
- i) **Dulong and Image Flat quarries (Lindsay)** – The Hinterland Quarry Action Group is continuing to develop plans for responding to the Draft Planning Scheme. HQAG has also arranged to meet the SCRC CEO on 12 August to discuss various Planning Scheme and quarry operational and financial issues. The recently released review of Council's financial position revealed that the quarry losses in recent years are primarily attributable to about \$1m in depreciation held against the old, inoperable asphalt plant at Image Flat, which realistically has nil value. Rectifying this accounting

anomaly suggests the Council quarries can operate profitably, which supports our case for Council to continue being the operator of the quarries (rather than privatisation/ leasing).

- j) **2032 Olympics** – Note the Olympics Vision survey as outlined in the last 2 Updates.  
“We want to involve as many people as possible so we would ask you to share the Vision Community survey with everyone in your networks. We want to be sure the vision is real and relevant so every response counts”

- k) **Friends of Buddina (FoB)** - nothing to report this meeting (Lesley Dimmock)

- l) **Point Cartwright - Point Cartwright Update** - nothing to report this meeting. (Quentin Brown)

- m) **Council updates- Dark Sky Reserve consultation** (see letter from Dr David Moore in correspondence)

*We are pleased to share the second stage of community consultation for the [Sunshine Coast Dark Sky Reserve Project](#) which commenced this week and will remain open until **5pm, 11 July 2025**.*

#### **Project update**

*Since our last community consultation in May 2024, the project has progressed through Phase 2: Phased Community Engagement and Supporting Technical Documentation. Key activities have included:*

- *Ongoing stakeholder engagement*
- *Collection of night sky quality measurements*
- *Preparation of lighting inventories*
- *Development of a Draft Lighting Management Plan.*

*The Draft Lighting Management Plan is a critical requirement for [Dark Sky Reserve designation](#) by [Dark Sky International](#). It outlines best practices for the selection, placement, installation, and operation of new and replacement/retrofitted lighting within the proposed reserve area.*

#### **Get involved**

*We encourage you and your networks to participate in this important phase of consultation. You can:*

- *Review the Draft Lighting Management Plan, project fact sheets, and other updates on the [Council's project page](#).*
- *Share feedback and night sky images via the [Have Your Say page](#)*

*Your input is invaluable in shaping the future of this initiative and helping us preserve the natural night environment within our Sunshine Coast Biosphere.*

## **9.2 Emerging issues**

- a) Update re meeting with Mayor Natoli re request for support of SCRC Federal Election Issues – see questions out to the Mayor below. We still need to seek responses to the questions from the government.
- b) Noosa Shire Council changes to reporting on confidential Items from Council meetings- we are awaiting the council response by the CEO Noosa Council
- d) OSCAR Strategic Issues framework and timeframes. Call for members of the subcommittees. OSCAR Sub-Committees – Areas of focus agreed – PS, Transport, Climate Change - it is proposed to have some subgroups under Climate Change.
- f) Discussion about PS working group
- h) Community Engagement

**Transport and infrastructure**

**1. Commit to working with the Queensland Government to extend the Direct Sunshine Coast rail line to Maroochydore by 2032.**

- Neither the Review nor the Delivery Plan provide any costing for individual projects nor the total cost of venues, transport, services etc. Both documents refer often to co-operative arrangements with the private sector, notably Public Private Partnerships. The cost of venues is given - split 50/50 Feds/State within a \$7.1B limit + another \$1B from the Feds for unspecified purposes. The Review Report notes that the Games Agreements make the State primarily responsible for transport and other related operational costs, but elsewhere describes the Feds as a funding partner.
- The Auditor General commented that the previous Labour State Govt had no consolidated costing of the Games either, and that the record 2024/25 State Capital Works Budget was \$22.9B with considerable project cost overruns. This compared with the previous year when it was \$16.4B. The 24/25 State Budget benefited from a huge spike in coal royalties, which will be lower now with lower prices. State Budget capacity to 2032 is likely to fall far short of likely Games costs in current environment - Rosanna's comment on that assertion might be worthwhile..
- The publicly available material put out by the LNP Govt (the 100 day Review Report and the Games Delivery Plan) and an email notification by Fiona Simpson about the SC Plan being a \$10B infrastructure bonanza. The Auditor General's comment on the Games and the 2024 Capital works Budget and the Infrastructure Australia website (notably the IA assessment of Stage 1 of the Direct Rail project (Beerwah to Caloundra).
- I have looked at the publicly available material put out by the LNP Govt (the 100 day Review Report and the Games Delivery Plan) and an **email notification by Fiona Simpson about the SC Plan being a \$10B infrastructure bonanza**. I have previously read the Auditor Generals comment on the Games and the 2024 Capital works Budget and the Infrastructure Australia website (notably the IA assessment of Stage 1 of the Direct Rail project (Beerwah to Caloundra). I cannot see any update on that).

**Questions**

- A. What is the mayor's understanding of the capacity of State and Federal Budgets to pay for the Games, the likely need for debt and deficit funding, the extent to which PPP project funding will be required ( and likely for what projects)?**
- B. Has SCRC considered the risk that it will be asked or required to contribute funding. SCRC and the Election candidates cannot ignore big questions like project and overall Games costs?**

**Note:** Budget affordability, risk of cost overruns, who pays, and deliverability risks. At present there is no transparency or accountability or stringent governance arrangements (although the Review does attempt tighter governance, but Delivery Plan is silent).

**C) Birtinya "hub"**

The Delivery Plan refers to a bus and rail interchange "hub" at Birtinya – "hub" is not further described i.e. no info about related transport infrastructure and services, routes, operational detail or cost estimates.

**Question:** Do you have any additional info about this and if so can it be released?

**D) "The Wave " Metro**

**Note:** "The Wave" also includes a "metro" style articulated bus route using CAMCOS corridor with stations only at Birtinya Rail and metro), Mountain Creek, Maroochydore and the Airport – images suggest it's on separate dedicated dual lane infrastructure rather than shared infrastructure such as using road /Motorway space with other vehicles.

**Question:** What is your understanding of this, particularly given the potential compromise of the CAMCOS corridor north of the Maroochy R. Bridge and the reduction of buffer approved by SCRC in the TWW approval?

The 100 day Review says the final link from Birtinya to Maroochydore, and a link to the Sunshine Coast Airport, needs to be planned as a priority and be operational by 2032 and this should be undertaken with minimal impact to the community. The replacement of Direct Rail to Maroochydore with a Metro style bus system came as a surprise, as did the State LNP commitment to include Metro to the Airport. However, in addition to planning, a Business Case/s is needed and funding secured before commencement of construction. It's unclear how the Metro compares with Direct Rail in terms of construction complexity and costs. As battery electric articulated buses involve heavy vehicles like the original rail project, the projects probably face similar challenges, including engineering, cost and deliverability in the time available.

**Question:** Do you have any further info on the project and the process for approving, funding and delivering it? It could well be a candidate for a PPP like Brisbane's Air Link train?

**E) European Train Control System (ETCS)**

**Note:** While apparently not mentioned by local LNP MPs, the 100 day Review supported an expanded ETCS, specifically planning and delivering ETCS Level 2 on the Sector 1 network (Sunshine Coast to Gold Coast rail line). This advanced technology will improve speed and headway required to deliver much needed capacity improvements on the SEQ rail networks during the Games. This might help solve apparent capacity bottleneck problems at Caboolture station and rail sections between Beerwah and Nambour thereby improving capacity and travel time on the new Direct Rail to Birtinya and services from Nambour.

**Question:** Will council support this project? Again there are NO cost estimates, however OSCAR gives "in principle" support as a worthy project.

## ***2. Commit to implementing the findings of the Sunshine Coast Public Transport Detailed Business Case.***

**Question.** Is this the BRT proposal for Caloundra to Maroochydore via Nickin Way? Does that Include the Public Transport Strategy for the North SC? Has that one been released?

**This question will be dealt with separately**

## ***3. Commit to fund and deliver the Mooloolah River Interchange upgrade.***

**Note:** It's intended to unlock the Sunshine Coast's number one bottleneck and improve the Sunshine Motorway (LNP says previously unfunded by the Federal and State Labor Governments, but funding for the first two of many stages was removed from Infrastructure Australia's priority list only following the funding policy change and cost blowouts). The project involves positive improvements for the Sunshine Motorway North/South and East/West, Kawana Way, Nicklin Way/Brisbane Road, the future Mooloolah Motorway, local roads and active transport in Mountain Creek and Mooloolaba, and facilitates the proposed Metro bus on the CAMCOS corridor. Planning was well advanced for the various stages. It's not clear what planning changes arise from the decision to use Metro to Maroochydore and the Airport. Again there are NO cost estimates available.

**Question:** Do you have further info including costs and the process to be followed.

**OSCAR supports**, including Federal co-funding given its regional significance in several respects.

**4. Commit to co-fund the development of Sunshine Coast Airport international terminal expansion to facilitate its opening by 2032.**

**Questions:**

- i) Given the concern of all the communities on the North shore of the intense development across the whole site of the airport approved PDA Development Plan are you only seeking support for expansion of the International terminal?
- ii) Is it intended that Council make any contribution to this initiative?
- iii) What role (if any) Council play in the DA process for any airport projects?

**OSCAR supports** as long as only international terminal and aviation –related projects

**5. Commit to fund a new business case for the Sunshine Coast Performing Arts and Convention Centre with a further commitment to contribute to the construction.**

**Notes:** The Maroochydore PDA Horizon Centre V the previous proposed Kawana Indoor Sports Centre The proposed transformation of the Maroochydore CBD /Priority Development Area involves a new hotel, Athletes Village, arena and cultural/events precinct. The announced Games Delivery Plan appears to have scrapped the proposed new 10,000 to 12,000 seat Kawana Indoor Sports Centre and the original plans for a 1400 person Athletes Village at Maroochydore CBD. In their place is a conceptual \$1B - 7000 seat multi format arena, Athletes Village and 5 star hotel project put forward by the Walker Corporation as a Public Private Partnership in the CBD. The arena would evolve into a world-class arts, music, convention, entertainment and exhibition centre and the Village would convert to residential accommodation. The Horizon Centre concept project was proposed towards the end of the Review process and had no business case or operational model at that time, leaving the final outcome and planning to be negotiated between the State, SC Council and the Walker/ Sun City CBD developers.

**Questions:**

- i. What are Council's and Councillors' views on the pros and cons of each proposal and do you have further info on the Walker Corp project?
- ii. Given reference is being made to funding by PPP what contribution is expected by Council? How much of the land does council own – is that SCRC's contribution?

**OSCAR Support not given yet**

## **Other Venues**

**Questions:** Does council have any issues with the other Venue proposals?

**a) Upgrades to the Sunshine Coast Stadium in Kawana Sports Precinct**

The Review refers to raising the size of the stadium from 1,046 to 10,680 permanent seats and improving public transport accessibility such as shuttle bus services to hubs.

**b) Upgrades to the Sunshine Coast Mountain Bike Centre at Parklands Conservation Park near Nambour and Yandina –**

The Review says project is providing temporary facilities for 10,000 spectators and requires Public Transport infrastructure, including bus shuttles to connect to a park 'n' ride and transit hub facilities at Nambour. There's very little info available on what that means. Further info could be sought.

The Project appears to have community support. **OSCAR Supports**

**Question:** Is there any further information available? Will public consultation occur?

**c) Temporary event "overlay" at Alexandra Headland – detailed planning by mid-2025.**

**Question:** Will there be community consultation? As any development at Alex tends to attract community objections/controversy could OSCAR be informed and that early public consultation to occur.

**6. Coastal hazard protection:** Commit to continuing the Disaster Ready Funding program until at least 2029-30 and to increase the existing \$200 million funding pool to \$300 million. **OSCAR Supports**

#### **Policy and statutory**

**7. New housing:** Commit to fast tracking the Housing Australia Future Fund for social and affordable housing on Sunshine Coast.

**OSCAR Supports**

**8. Fairer funding:** Commit to restoring the value of the Australian Government Financial Assistant Grants to Local Government to the equivalent of 1 per cent of total Australian Taxation Revenue.

**OSCAR Supports**

**Questions:**

- i) Is SCRC advocating to the Federal Govt for restoration of the 80/20% split on Infrastructure?
- ii) What role does the Federal Govt compared with State Govt play in regional PT eg bus E/W transport?

#### **Supporting our industry**

**9. Commit \$27.5 million to deliver significant innovation outcomes on the Sunshine Coast. Commit \$5.2 million to support the advancement of manufacturing in the Sunshine Coast region.**

**OSCAR supports**

**Question:** For what is this funding intended – eg projects, new industries etc?