

## REPORTS TO OSCAR General Meeting 26 March 2026

### 6. Financial Report

#### 6.1 Treasurer's Report:

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**This report is for the period 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 22 March 2026**

Cash Balance 22 February 2026		\$1862.39
Receipts:	\$ 561.87	
Payments:	\$ 717.14	155.27
Cash Balance 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026		\$ 1707.12
Receipt Details: \$561.87 Donation from TWW&S on its closure		

Organisation Memberships from \$0

Individual Memberships from: \$0

Payment Details:

\$165.00 Reimbursement R Brine PO Box with Australia Post

\$552.14 Reimbursement R Brine PL Insurance

#### 6.2 Accounts for payment:

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2026 - 2027 Annual Subs \$60 (\$10 individuals) are payable from July 2026.

#### Standing Agenda items

- a) **SC Airport & Community Aviation Forum** – the CAF meets at 5.30 on Thursday 26 March – a report will be in the April OSCAR Meeting reports.
- b) **SEQCA** – Topics discussed:
  - i. Review of existing SEQCA – questions to the State Government - relationship to bioregional planning, statutory consultation, when and how long?
  - ii. Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority –multi jurisdictional; How waterways relate to the festival site and Membership and appointment process of the Board
  - iii. Heritage legislation – consultation to 31 March – issues of concern: removed reference to community concern re removal of heritage locations; reduced membership eg Heritage Council – Unions and Property Council
  - iv. Electoral redistribution – comments close 13 April.
  - v. Olympics – Ethics Committee of IOC – letter has been written to them re the number of breaches of contract already.
  - vi. Infrastructure Australia Report- water supply infrastructure in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney “dumped by the Wave”.
- c) **Transport: TMR/SIG- Motion: *that the OSCAR Executive to write TMR seeking a follow-up report to participants in the SIG and the workshops re Cycle and Active Transport*** Moved/Seconded
- d) **2025-26 Planning Scheme** – no further advice from SCRC
- e) **Coochin Creek Tourist Park and Music Festival Site Ministerial Call-ins.**

After the initial assessment by SARA and the public notification period, the **Planning Amendment Regulation 2025** was published on the website, on **28 November 2025** (10 days after submissions to the Festival site closed), significantly reducing the assessment criteria for such development and **taking away** the two conditions that **could not** be met along with other criteria that many submissions focussed on.

**For material change of use for tourist activity or sport and recreation activity, the Planning Amendment Regulation 2025:**

- removes matters from the referral agency's assessment where these matters are already assessed by the local government in its role as assessment manager to simplify and streamline the referral agency's assessment;
- For the RLRPA and RLA, removes the requirement for the development to demonstrate to the referral agency that there is a community and economic need for the activity;
- For the NIUB, removes the requirement to demonstrate to the referral agency that there is an overriding need and locational requirement for these activities in the NIUB;
- and to clarify that a material change of use for these activities does not include residential development, *except for tourist accommodation or staff housing*.

**This means that the Matters of State Interest that SARA has to consider for tourist or sport and recreation activity are assessed against went from twelve (12) to just four (4). These changes will also apply to any other State Assessment.**

**UPDATE:** The proponent has **NOT** referred the application to EPBC as there are several Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES). Federal Minister Watt has written Comiskey reminding him of his responsibilities. Comiskey maintains that there will be no significant impact on MNES and therefore he does not have to declare it to EPBC!

Comiskey has also sought changes to the conditions that he considers are "minor"!

- f) **Biosphere Update – Biosphere Award nominations** applications can be made until 4 May 2026. For application categories and process go to: <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/living-and-community/awards-and-citizenship/sunshine-coast-biosphere-awards/>

**There are many benefits associated with living in our Sunshine Coast Biosphere. (SCRC website)**

- **Lifestyle** - ensures we continue to have a healthy environment and thriving community.
- **Environment** - continues to maintain and enhance our landscape and character, biodiversity, waterways, wetlands, and coastal areas
- **Economy and business** - attracts more investment to our region and helps local business grow through the creation of niche markets for our region's products and services, facilities and practices.
- **Agriculture, forestry and fisheries** - showcases our regions local growers, producers, products and their commitment to sustainable practices.
- **Development and construction** - supports planning principles of urban consolidation and sustainable design to deliver inclusive and vibrant communities.
- **Partnerships** - increases collaboration between schools, academia, business and government with a focus on sustainability projects.
- **Tourism** - raises the profile of the Sunshine Coast and increases the desirability of our region as a holiday destination (domestically, abroad and to new market segments).

- g) **Parklakes P&E Court** - This appeal is being case-managed by His Honour Judge Williamson – next Review 8 June 2026

h) **2032 Olympics**

i) **Council updates - Dark Sky Reserve consultation** – Council officers are presenting the Dark Sky Reserve application to Council on Thursday 26 March Council Ordinary Meeting for approval.

j) **State Government** –SEQRP, SC Waterways Authority, Affordable Transport Legislation, Heritage Legislation, Electoral redistribution and Empowering LG legislation

k) **OSCAR Executive Report** and motions for consideration:

- i. SCRC CEO will attend April OSCAR face-to-face meeting
- ii. Write letter to TMR re SIGs
- iii. Olympics – OSCAR seek meeting with the Mayor and Debra Robinson re Olympics
- iv. Draft Conflict of Interest Policy and Draft Social Media Policy discussed –some further refinement/examples being done.
- v. Locations for future face to face meetings – June – Peregian Springs, August and October TBD
- vi. Empowering Local Government Legislation – which walks back some of the previous changes made following the Belcarra Report
- vii. Current representatives to various SCRC and State Government