



**OSCAR GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 27th August 2026 at Northshore**

MINUTES

1.0 OPENING & WELCOME	Meeting opened 7:15PM Graham Reid took the Chair as Melva Hobson was partially indisposed but attended.	
2.1 PRESENT	Melva Hobson (MCG), Reg Brine (PPP)(Treas), Graham Reid (PF&F), Jennie Curry (Cal RA)(Joint Sec), Brian Raison (DW), Tony Barry (Cal RA), Max Standage (MADCA), Jackie Steele (CRA), Mike Goss (PFAF), Rod Jenman (MCAG), Tony Azzopardi (MCAG), Brian Raison (DW), Susie Chapman (MCG), Narelle McCarthy (SCEC), Darcy Ringland, Tony Philbrick (Jt Sec)	
2.2 APOLOGIES	Ken Mewburn (TAPP), Mark Evans (Assoc.), Trevor Rice (SCAAN), Michael Yeates, Brian Anker (DW), Kathryn O'Donnell (MRA), Renay Wells (TAPP), Greg Smith (SCAAN), Keith Sweatman (YADCA), Marie Reeve (YADCA), David Campin (Eumundi R. A), Jo Justo (Assoc.)	
3.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	MH re membership of Brighter Super	
4.1 MINUTES PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING	See website for Minutes of GM held 23 rd July. Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting are a true and correct record. Moved: JC Seconded: JS	Motion Carried
4.2 BUSINESS ARISING	Business arising from the Minutes dealt with under Standing Items	
5.0 CORRESPONDENCE	For Inwards and Outwards Correspondence see website.	
5.1 BUSINESS ARISING	Business arising from the Correspondence dealt with under Standing Items	
6.0 FINANCIAL REPORT	See website.	
7.0 MEMBERSHIP REPORT		
8.0 SPECIAL GUEST	The Chair suspended normal business early to welcome to the meeting John Baker, CEO of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and invited him to speak to the meeting and answer questions. Mr Baker commenced by outlining his background and experience and then spoke at length to a Powerpoint presentation of his views about the Sunshine Coast dealing with growth. His themes: <i>1. A Coast that stays itself – only 15% of Coast area within the urban footprint.</i> <i>2. A Coast that our kids can afford – 20% affordable housing in new communities. Not averse to proposals to subdivide flood prone sites provided properly engineered.</i> <i>3. A Coast that moves – Long awaited rail coming to Caloundra.</i> <i>4. A Coast that works – The basics done properly every day and paid for honestly.</i>	

	He spoke about the importance of maintaining a sound working relationship with the State and getting a fair share of Olympics related funding. He explained why he believes the recent Rates increase of 9.7% was justified. Mr Baker spoke about the Citizens' Panel and his enthusiasm for more community consultation. He said that the division of responsibilities between SCRC and SCWA was yet to be clarified. Responding to questions about the budget process he said he would be happy to receive an OSCAR letter recommending Council engage independent consultants to review and make recommendations on Council's Budget and Budget formulation processes. After over an hour of conversation the Chair thanked Mr Baker for his attendance and willingness to interact and respond and Mr Baker left the meeting.	
	9.0 GENERAL BUSINESS	
	Standing Items (see Reports to Meeting for more details)	
9.1.a S C Airport	See website	
9.1.b SEQCA	.	
9.1.c SCRC Transport CRG		
9.1.d PS 2025	Council reviewing public submissions	
9.1.e Coochin Creek		
9.1.f Biosphere		
9.1.g Parklakes	P&E Court Case continues slowly.	
9.1.i Olympics Legacy	Monitor	
9.1.j Council Updates		
9.1.k State Government	Recent legislation see website	
10.0 Other Business	Future Meetings: • September by Zoom • October at Caloundra Power Boat Club • November at Northshore - AGM	
MEETING CLOSE	9:15PM	
NEXT MEETING	24 th September by Zoom.	