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## Minutes of General Meeting – 16 March 2017

Held at North Shore Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba

### 1 Meeting opening, welcome and introductions

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with President, Greg Smith in the chair. Greg welcomed the attendees and acknowledged the Kabi Kabi (Gubbi Gubbi) people, traditional owners of the land.

He said that the executive that was elected at the AGM comprised Greg Smith (President), Charles Toms (Treasurer) and Melva Hobson (Secretary). Greg thanked Lyn Saxton of Development Watch for her work to reinvigorate OSCAR. He emphasised the need to focus on the future and invited the attendees to briefly introduce themselves and the association they represent, which they did.

### 2 Attendance

#### a Present

Mark Bizzell, Rob Hanson, Peter Brown (Coolum Residents Association)  
Kathy Dwyer, Lyn Saxton (Development Watch)  
Tony Gibson (Coolum and North Shore Coast Care)  
Peter Baulch, Marie Reeve (Yandina & District Community Association)  
Samantha Watson, Alex Watson (Yandina Creek Progress Association)  
Gerry Gibson, Barry McDowall (Marcoola Community Group)  
Kathryn Hyman (Stop Twin Waters West Development)  
Greg Smith, Bob Joubert (Peregian Springs Residents Association)  
Mike Perritt, Linda Perritt (Eudlo Creek neighbours Inc)  
Adriana Adamska-Bland, Charles Toms (Mudjimba Residents Association)  
Claudia Baldwin (USC)  
Gerry Gordon (Maroochy River Mouth)  
Christine Tainsh, Bill Tainsh (Friends of Lake Weyba Inc)  
Pam Rogowski (Palmwoods Living History Society)

#### b Apologies

Brian Raison (Development Watch)  
Peter Bryant (Caloundra Residents Association)  
Estelle Blair (Coolum and North Shore Coast Care)  
Angela Wilson (Australian Marine Conservation Society)  
Bernard Keays (Glasshouse Mountains Advancement Network Inc)  
Keith Sweatman (Yandina & District Community Association)  
Susie Chapman, Melva Hobson (Marcoola Community Group)  
Ken Husband, Ken Leitch (Landsborough Area Community Association)  
Greg Chambers (Kawana Forest Residents Association Inc)  
Warren Fraser (Stop Twin Waters West Development)  
Johanne Wright (EDV Residents Group)  
Narelle McCarthy (Sunshine Coast Environment Council)  
Peter Ryan, Simon Cracknell

### 3 Minutes of previous meeting

There were no minutes to be approved since this was the first general meeting of the “new OSCAR”.

### 4 Correspondence

#### a Inwards

There was none other than internal correspondence between Executive members.

#### b Outward

Greg said that he had written to SCRC Mayor Mark Jamieson and CEO Michael Whittaker to describe the re-establishment of OSCAR and seeking an introductory meeting. Mr Whittaker had replied

quickly, offering a date of 11 April 2017 (which neither Charles Toms nor Melva Hobson can attend), but with himself only and not Mr Jamieson. Greg sought the attendees' views on meeting with only Mr Whittaker. The consensus view was to persist in seeking a meeting with the community's main elected representative, to set the right tone for ongoing liaison between SCRC and OSCAR.

Apart from the discussion on the SCRC letter, there were no comments or objections from the members regarding correspondence.

## **5 Financial report**

Charles Toms described the contents of the Financial Report and advised that the bank balance is \$95.22 at present, with no outstanding accounts for payment. He said that a budget has not yet been prepared and will depend on the members' decisions on strategies and resource requirements, such as a new website. The Marcoola Community Group delegates presented a donation of a \$200 cheque to OSCAR, which was gratefully received by the President and Treasurer.

There were no objections from members regarding the financial report. In addition to the donation by Marcoola Community Group, there were comments on fees by participants (see details below).

## **6 Membership report**

### **a Membership update**

Greg reported that about 35 associations seemed to be members, but the final number is still uncertain. Desirably OSCAR will get member associations from all parts of the Sunshine Coast, from Landsborough to Noosa and inland, but considerable recruitment work must still be done.

Greg has had good interviews about OSCAR with Sunshine Coast Daily (Bill Hoffman) and along with others, coverage in the March/April edition of the Backstory magazine, which hopefully will trigger interest among other residents associations.

Greg circulated a membership details form for completion by each association that attended the meeting and emphasised that a comprehensive up-to-date database was essential for success.

### **b Membership fees**

Development Watch (Lyn Saxton) undertook to send a further \$200 donation to OSCAR, supplementing the \$200 donated by Marcoola Community Group. After some discussion about member donations versus membership fees and some uncertainty of relevant rules in OSCAR's constitution, the following motion was proposed:

***That a minimum donation of \$20 be made to OSCAR by each member association that was present at this meeting.***

**Moved:** Mike Perrett

**Seconded:** Charles Toms

**Carried unanimously**

OSCAR's bank account details will be emailed to each member association's delegates.

## **7 General business**

### **a Election of additional committee members**

Greg outlined the need for more committee members, or possibly just volunteers for ad-hoc projects as they arise. After some discussion, the participants agreed that OSCAR should meet monthly until further notice. Participants also agreed that member associations should send at least one delegate to each meeting, but votes cast at future meetings should be on the basis of one vote per member association (ie not one per delegate in attendance) – subject to clarification of the rules.

Note that these procedural matters must be checked against OSCAR's existing rules. Rule amendments may be needed to formalise these matters.

#### **b Aims, vision & objectives document**

Greg reminded participants that he had emailed a document describing OSCAR's aims, vision and objectives, as stated in existing documentation. He said Peter Baulch (Yandina & District Community Association) had replied with a briefer edited version, which Greg then circulated to the meeting and advised he would send by email also. He asked for more suggestions to improve it further and it was resolved that Peter would refine the document further, based on member feedback, and present the amended version at the next meeting.

#### **c Update on Communication Strategy document**

Claudia Baldwin suggested that finalisation of the document should be postponed until after the Coastal Forum being held on Saturday 13 May 2017, to which participants agreed.

Gerry Gordon (Marcoola Community Group) explained that the context for the Forum was the proposal in January by SCRC officers that a \$9m rock wall be built at the mouth of the Maroochy River to control erosion, which had caused much concern.

The Mayor successfully moved a motion in Council that the decision be postponed to June to allow further consultation. To that end, experts have been sought to present at a day long community information forum on 6 May. The event will be promoted by Coolum & North Shore Coastcare, University of the Sunshine Coast and OSCAR. Gerry submitted to the meeting a draft letter by OSCAR to SCRC, inviting them to attend. After some discussion, the following motion was proposed:

***That OSCAR will invite Sunshine Coast Regional Council to send a suitable speaker to the Coastal Forum, along with relevant council staff and councillors.***

**Proposed:** Gerry Gordon

**Seconded:** Tony Gibson

**Carried unanimously**

Greg undertook to send the invitation letter to SCRC.

#### **d Proposed meeting with Brisbane Residents United**

Greg explained that OSCAR had similarities to this group of residents associations in Brisbane and he planned to meet with them to discuss opportunities for learning and cooperation. Participants agreed that he should pursue this initiative.

#### **e Logos, website, domain name and email address/es**

Greg and Charles explained that the old website has been removed, but the contents have been stored electronically. The domain name has been registered and the existing logo will continue to be used, and a Facebook page has been set up (OSCARSunshineCoast). Participants agreed that a functional and attractive website is needed with links to member associations' websites and Facebook pages.

#### **f Other business**

None

### **8 Meeting dates for future General Meetings**

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday, 20 April 2017 at North Shore Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba.

### **9 Meeting close**

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.