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## MINUTES - OSCAR GENERAL MEETING Thursday 22 February 2018

North Shore Community Centre, David Low Way, Mudjimba

### 1 Opening, Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome

### 2 Attendance and Apologies

**2.1 Present** – Charles Toms (MCA), Ken Leitch (LACA), Carla Clynick (TAPP), Ken Mewburn (TAPP), Tony Barry (Caloundra RA), Pater Baulch (YADCA), Lucia Hoermann (YADCA), Tony Gibson (Coolum and North Shore Coast Care), Bob Joubert (PSRA), Lynette Saxton (DW), Martin Peelgrane (MRA), Warren Fraser (PPPA), Mark Bizzell (CRA), Melva Hobson (MCG), Mike Goss (PBCH), Fay Wiggins (SCA), Vonnie Burton (SCA), Lex McCarthy (SCA), Rob Thatcher (MoolSPA), Greg Smith (PSRA), Barry McDowell (MCG), Ken Keays (MCG), Kris Bullen (YCPA), Gillian Hall (Dulong Futures), Kathryn Hyman (TWWS), Pam Rogowski (LHS), Max Standage (MADCA), John Hare (PBCA).

**2.2 Apologies** – Keith Sweatman (YADCA), Marie Reeve (YADCA), Richard Dennis (SSSCA), Jo Jenkins (SDDCA), Mark Jones (Coolum RA), Narelle McCarthy (SCEC), Peter Bryant (CRA), Ken Husband (LACA), Susie Chapman (MCG).

### 3 Minutes of the previous meeting (distributed via website)

The attendees accepted the minutes of the general meeting held on 25 January 2017.

*Moved*            *Peter Baulch*  
*Secunder*        *Bob Joubert*  
*Carried*

### 4 Business Arising

#### 4.1 OSCAR ABN application

The Treasurer reported that OSCAR had successfully applied for an ABN and a TFN. They can be accessed on the website.

#### 4.2 Request to Council for copy of Airport lease

OSCAR has requested a copy of the lease and as yet no response has been received.

#### 4.3 Sekisui presentation to Council

The Sekisui presentation was made to a full council except one councillor. Lyn Saxton of Development Watch thanked OSCAR for its participation and recommended that members view on the OSCAR website. It was reported that the presentations required very few questions which was seen to represent that the content relayed was comprehensive.

#### **4.4 Underwater sea cable proposal and invitation to Mayor to attend a future OSCAR meeting**

The President reported that the sea cable was discussed in confidential session that day. It was also reported that OSCAR representatives at the council chambers received direct acknowledgement and brief discussion with the Mayor, which was interpreted that OSCAR has positioned itself as an engaged and representative organisation. It is thought that the Mayor will attend an OSCAR GM in due course. Discussion led to the nature of closed sessions. The President reported that OSCAR'S position was that a closed session was occasionally necessarily, and pointed to the statistics between the Noosa Council's use of closed sessions compared to SCRC, i.e. since April 2017 Noosa had closed 11 sessions whereas SCRC held 134. It was noted that Noosa Council chambers allowed very detailed overview of financial figures and is viewed that Noosa Council take the position that Tender responses and business operations are transparent and that the message sent to developers and business interests had to be transparent if they want to do business with the Noosa council.

#### **4.5 Maroochydore casino proposal - anything further to report**

It was agreed that this would be an issue to monitor as the concept progresses.

#### **4.6 Pelican Waters Golf Course – update**

It was reported that OSCAR has written to the appropriate departments on behalf of residents (correspondence on website), and as yet there has been no response.

#### **4.7 Verge Parking Workshop report**

Members were advised all reports could be found on the website. It was reported that in OSCAR'S view the workshop was a success and recommended outcome was that adequate community consultation was integral to good governance. It was noted that Cr Dwyer was heard to refer to a contradiction between verge parking and verge gardens, and, that Cr Christian Dickson had made his stance known re verge parking and called for a 'relaxation' of verge parking infringement notices being issued on a discretionary basis. Discussion led to the Gympie Mayor's comments in that Gympie Council sees few infringement notices for verge parking.

### **5 Correspondence**

Inwards

[NewVote Letter to Stakeholders re Sekisui](#)

[ATO - ABN details](#)

[ATO - TFN details](#)

[SCRC CEO - additional details re closed sessions at OM 22 February](#)

[Cr Dwyer - response re confidential sessions](#)

[Cr O'Pray - response re confidential sessions](#)

[Cr McKay - response re confidential sessions](#)

[Cr Hungerford - response re confidential sessions](#)

[Cr Dickson - response re confidential sessions](#)

[Cr Cox - response re confidential sessions](#)

[Further correspondence with SCRC CEO re confidential sessions](#)

[SCRC CEO - thanks for Sekisui presentation](#)

Outwards

Member updates - 30 & 31 January, 6 & 17 February

[OSCAR to Planning Minister re Pelican Waters Golf Course](#)

[OSCAR members as addressed - update on Sekisui's use of corporate logos on their advertising](#)

[Premier - donation reform legislation follow-up](#)

[Greg Laverty SCRC - SC airport](#)

[Minister Planning requesting meeting](#)

[Response to invitation to Verge Parking Workshop](#)

[Thank you to Sandy Bolton](#)

## 6 Financial report

No change to income or expenditure for the month. Year to date we have a loss of \$241 with income of \$310 and expenses of \$551. Opening bank balance for the year was \$3328 and closing \$3087, as per latest bank statement.

## 7 Membership report

### 7.1 New member application

SCAAN (Sunshine Coast Access Advisory Network) is a volunteer organisation whose goal is to play a key role in supporting the Sunshine Coast to become the most accessible community in Australia for both residents and visitors. ([www.scaan.org.au](http://www.scaan.org.au)) It was agreed that SCAAN has met the requirements as per OSCAR objectives and mission statement and demonstrated diversity of membership.

**That SCAAN membership is accepted;**

*Moved*            *Tony Gibson*

*Seconded*       *Gillian Hall*

*Carried*

## 8 Member organisation presentation

N/A. Some discussion arose regarding 'Direct Democracy', a digital platform "New Vote" aimed at polling and data collection. It was agreed that it was too late to participate with respect to Sekisui as the proposal is now under assessment. Members were encouraged to familiarise themselves with the organisation for future discussion.

## 9 General Business

### 9.1 Update on Communication Strategy (available on members only Documents page on website).

The Secretary spoke to the focal points and the foundational rationale in early discussions regarding the invigoration of OSCAR as the peak resident's body of the Sunshine Coast, namely, protecting the primacy of the Planning Scheme. It was noted that big issues of 2017 regarding inappropriate amendments to the Planning Scheme such as Sekisui and Twin Waters West have resulted in successful community campaigns that have had some effect on decision making processes. Melva encouraged members to revisit the Communication Strategy with strategic planning in mind in terms of group / member planning and community / stakeholder engagement.

### 9.2 Ideas for bringing Planning Scheme issues (SCRC) to the attention of the Council and the community (mini workshop)

Members were encouraged to brainstorm ideas, particularly as a political platform for the

upcoming 2020 Local Gov't elections. For example, as a pre-election commitment to 'stick to the Planning Scheme'. Members were asked to think about novel ways to promote the community view regarding the importance of the provisions of a town plan.

### **9.3 Coalition of Community Boards (CoCB) request to speak at a future OSCAR meeting (Gillian Hall)**

The CoCB has formed in response to changes in the community services sector and works collaboratively, within localities and across Qld to strengthen our boards, engage in policy and planning discussions, and work with governments and larger organisations for the benefit of our communities. Members were advised to view the link on the OSCAR website. It was reported that a 'Treasurer's forum' was held some time ago and great benefits were evident. It was agreed that members were in agreement to extend an invitation for CoCB to present at a future meeting.

## **10 Other items from the floor**

### **10.1 Mooloolaba - approved development of the Brisbane Road car park.**

Members relayed the process to date and the outcome for the community. Questions and discussion around the community benefit and the fact that the land was gifted to council for parking purposes arose. It was confirmed that two Cr's voted against stating that they didn't see the community benefit. An extra 200 approx. car parks will be provided, but it is not known if it will be free parking for the public. Questions also arose whether Council was in a lease arrangement with Abacus given the land is public land.

**10.2 Reminder – MAGLEV integrated transport seminar 15 March 2018** will be attended by an OSCAR representative, and that information for members was available on the website.

**10.3 Reminder – SCEC & EDO 'Donations and other Dangers to Democracy' seminar – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at the Kawana Community centre 7pm.** Guest speakers; Cameron Murray, Revel Pointon, OSCAR representation. All encouraged to register and attend, link on OSCAR website.

## **11 Meeting date for next OSCAR GM**

Thursday 22 April 2018 at the North Shore Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba.

## **12 Meeting close**

Meeting closed at 21.48.