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**OSCAR - General Meeting 7.00 pm Thursday, 26 July 2018
Caloundra RSL, 19 West Terrace, Caloundra**

1 Opening, and Acknowledgment of Country by President

Thanks to the Caloundra Residents Association for the invitation to hold OSCAR meeting
Greg extend sympathy to CRA for the recent loss of Vice President John Smith, former Caloundra Council
CEO

2 Attendance

Attendance: Greg Smith (PPSA), Max Standage (MADCA), Tony Barry (CRA), Pam Rogowski (PLHS), Lyn Saxton (DW), Gillian Hall (DF), Melva Hobson (MCG), Mathew Druce (SDDCA), Narelle McCarthy (SCEC), Ian Hope (LACA), Ken Husband (LACA), Peter Baulch (YADCA), Keith Sweatman (YADCA), Simon Cracknell (N/A), Martin Peelgraine (MRA), Charles Toms (MRA), Ken Mewburn (TAPP), Michael Yeates (Visitor), Brady Sullivan (TAPP), Ian Smyth (CRA), Ruth Carmichael (Visitor), David Carmichael (Visitor), Trevor Rice (SCAAN), Barry McDowall (MCG), Ken Kebys (MCG), Richard Dennis (SSCA), Tony Gibson (CNSSC), John Hare (PBCA), Peter Ryan (CRA), Peter Ryan (CRA), Peter Bryant (CRA), Kris Bullen (YCPA), Mike Goss (PBCH), Bob Joubert (PSRA), Julie Failor (FoY), Warren Fraser (PPPA), K Tlyner (TWWS).

Apologies: Vonnie Burton & Lex McCarthy (SACI), Brian & Megan Dreves, Peter Ryan & Nola Dunbar (SCAAN), John Roberts & Jill Chamberlain (WPSQ), Susie Chapman (MCG).

3 Minutes of the previous meeting – 28 June 2018 (distributed via website).

Motion: That the Minutes from the previous meeting be accepted as a true record noting that Mike Goss should have been shown as an apology.

Moved: Trevor Rice

Seconder: Tony Gibson

Carried

4 Business Arising

4.1 Site Specific and other Planning Scheme amendments proposed by SCRC

Amendment response relating to predominately hinterland towns. Council brief was relatively useful, and OSCAR made a submission (on website). Advised this week another round is around the corner. A briefing has been offered on proposed amendments.

Public consultation start this Monday and concludes 7 September. Greg asked for interested parties who would like to join the OSCAR delegation – 4-6 people. Lyn suggested reaching out to groups that are not members. Narelle was seeking advice re state interests and the planning Act processes compared to the previous round 5. Discussion around how difficult it is to access information in the public domain. The public is on the back foot with such short notice to make valued input.

Motion: That we contact Mayor and CEO urgently and cc Councillors to ensure they inform communities, continue to keep communities informed and take responsibility for their role as councillor – and to lobby for extended time frames.

*Moved : Melva Hobson
Seconded : Matt Druce
Carried*

4.2 Party Houses on Sunshine Coast – update

Mayor of Noosa is on the committee to investigate issues – what was discussed in that forum? Gold Coast zone entertainment venue – What is the definition of Party House – GC = occupancy of more than 10 people. A difficult topic to solve with many competing interests on going.

4.3 “Have Your Say” opportunities from the SCRC

- Local Law Review: Mooloolaba Parking - no OSCAR response
- Draft Sunshine Coast Arts Plan 2018-2038 – no OSCAR response
- Draft Integrated Transport Strategy – OSCAR made a submission - Greg was thankful for member groups' input

Bob Joubert provided a report on a meeting held with Tom Jamieson, SCRC Group Executive, Built Infrastructure – see Appendix A.

4.4 Any action by OSCAR from the Presentation by Hinterland Green Alliance

Should OSCAR write to Council re the lack of action when advised of breaches at 50 Abbotts Rd. It was agreed that the question should be posed 'how this breakdown occurred?', in order that it may be prevented from happening again. It was pointed out that neighbours did not oppose the development because they were assured the buffer of trees would remain, had they known the buffer would be removed in its entirety there would have been substantial opposition at the DA stage.

4.5 Date for proposed workshop re Draft paper on potential OSCAR involvement in future elections

Has been on the agenda for quite some time – a workshop is proposed. Future elections (member section by John Hare) not practical to discuss fully at GM's. Greg asked for support and practical help and OSCAR will advertise. Subcommittee exploration could be a viable option. It is not supported that Oscar will endorse running candidates. Much discussion followed re the scope of a workshop – formulating questions for candidates. Holding LG to account re process – election will take a lot of resources within Oscar. Fresh blood is key – agreed need to find suitable candidates. Need to meet half way with younger more innovative input – under resourcing is an issue.

Critical that OSCAR is non-partisan – though there is a need for political involvement. Oscar can provide an important role such as the last state election. Good people need to be encouraged to run member groups can endorse / facilitate as they see fit – Ted Hungerford urged community to source good people to run as candidates- under the guise of Oscar or individuals

Motion: That Oscar remains nonpartisan in respect to endorsing candidates, but this does not preclude OSCAR from holding forums to inform the public at election time – suggestions/input referred to the Executive for consideration and upon review will make recommendations at a future meeting.

*Moved: Peter Bryant
Seconded: Lyn Saxton
Carried*

4.6 Date for proposed workshop on Ideas for OSCAR action 2018 and beyond

On-going. The discussion document is on the website in the Members Only section. Members were encouraged to look at the document and make further contributions as Melva is still refining it; a workshop is proposed outside of a GM to advance this further.

Valued comments from people – spoke to Claudia Baldwin who is happy to facilitate a workshop look to at possible viable actions – ideas are great but need to implement actions. Workshop – platform for the next election. OSCAR wishes to follow strategic approach regarding impact communities as a whole.

Determine possible workshop dates and send out as an update for people to confirm attendance.

Moved: Melva Hobson

Seconded: Pam Rogowski

Carried

4.7 Collation and logging of issues of dissatisfaction and non-compliance with relevant ACTS

Dissatisfaction at large among member groups– save Yaroomba flyer was circulated re community rally. (Greg announced those Individuals who are not a recipient of OSCAR updates can ask that updates are sent to them in their own right). On Sekisui – whole approach – OSCAR and others are wishing to support Save Yaroomba – Julie asked for Bio to represent all issues from in every corner in 100 words or less. Groups are encouraged to attend, make comment and get involved. Free stalls are available to member groups. Speakers lined up and the event is set for August 11th. Input is welcomed.

4.8 “Engaging with the media and writing Media Releases” workshop

Not enough response which was surprising – the workshop is going ahead however.

4.9 RTI action re Brisbane Rd Carpark – update

RTI to be pursued regardless that the developer has withdrawn. Received today indication that the cost would be \$871.65. 20 days to proceed. There is no guarantee there will be any information as it could be redacted. The question was raised whether now that it has been withdrawn will commercial in confidence provisions prevail?

That Oscar spend \$871.65 to proceed with the application;

Moved Tony Gibson

Seconder: Joan Hare

Carried

5 Correspondence

Inwards

[SCRC re RTI Charges estimate notice to OSCAR](#)

[SCRC re update on Palmview Urban Development Area Investigation](#)

[SCRC invitation to briefing re next round of PS Amendments](#)

[SCRC re Business Units covered in Debt Policy](#)

[SCRC CEO – details re closed sessions at OM 19 July](#)

[Response to request to Cr O'Pray and Robinson re Yaroomba Conditions of Approval](#)

Outwards

OSCAR email updates – 1 July, 8 July, 15 July, 23 July

[Letter to SCRC Cr Dickson re Palmview](#)

[Noosa CEO – SCAAN Alternate Format campaign](#)

[Request to Cr O'Pray and Robinson re Yaroomba Conditions of Approval](#)

6 Financial report

Receipts for the 3 months totalled \$680.00 and expenses were \$149.20 resulting in a net gain for the period of \$535.80. The bank balance increased to \$2676.96.

Income:

18 receipts for full membership totalled \$600 and 2 association donations totally \$50. In addition \$30 has been received for the media workshop.

Expenditure:

Membership of SCEC \$55.00, a payment to Crazy Domains for OSCAR domain \$46.20 and \$48.00 to SCRC for RTI application fees. For the year total receipts are \$1058.5 and expenses are \$1709.56 resulting in a net loss of \$651.06. Details are provided on the accounts summary page.

Membership fees

28 members have not paid membership fees based on the list of members on our website. One payment has been received dated 20 July for \$30, no reference on deposit? Only 7 of the 18 members have sent their membership renewal form.

MOTION: That the Financial report be accepted

Moved: Charles Toms

Seconded: Melva Hobson

Carried

7 Membership report

7.1 Associate Member applications received from Colin Verrall and Michael Yeates.

MOTION: that these membership applications be accepted

Moved: Lyn Saxton

Second: Ken Mewburn

Carried

8 Member organisation presentation

8.1 No member presentation provided.

9 General Business**9.1 OSCAR response to Palmview Urban Development Investigation Areas item from 19 July SCRC****Ordinary Meeting**

Palmview investigation areas- internal discussion with the exec wrote to council to endorse the officer recommendation and was cc'd to all councillors. Prior to meeting SDDCA wished the issue to be deferred – inadequate time frame. Greg, felt he should have spoken to Matt prior to the email to councillors although it would not have affected the outcome.

Matt Druce, president of SDCA believed this raised more questions than answers – investigate the background of this recommendation – disparity between statements made by council and the developer. Community development and precincts – last chance to see if the proposal could be addressed. Developer informed SDDCA – 8 pages of questions off the cuff – hold council to account. As rate payers and constituents, we are not given the respect the legislation provides. Previously Oscar and SCEC made representations to the contrary and without consultation with SSCDA. On similarity with Twin Waters and SCEC media release endorsement – a 2 month review process was undertaken. It was a draft approval – SDCA wanted to post pone for two weeks. Developer assured flood would be mitigated. Opportunity to the facts on the table before a draft decision that has been made.

Much discussion around flooding experts being engaged by the developers (note disclaimers) – every floodplain would have had expert reports. Disparity in congruence is the problem SDDCA. SCEC – respect the position of SDCA – but insist their own assessment and endorsement was based on robust evidence-based science. It was agreed documents needed more time for analysis. It was not a DA – an opportunity for land owners to provide input to review at later date (approx. 8 weeks) to matt demonstrated a map which – included an acquisition in the millions – connectivity issues.

Future investigation – condition agreed allowed a future investigation if it was considered ecologically important or flood prone– and in the public interest. Additional investigations showed (as agreed) flood prone and ecologically important areas and that the developers flood mitigation measure was not adequate.

Matt pointed out that it was not just community facilities – much needed urban and aged care facilities were allocated. Opportunity for consolidation of some of those parcels – land owner has further opportunity to provide for changes in due course. SCEC has been involved for a number of years on this project area. Greg apologised and insisted the discussion was worth having and will continue and there are lessons to be learned. Acknowledge fundamental for all parties is the lack of time to understand these issues, as advised the Deputy Mayor was not aware until the night before. Two months to make submissions – from date of notice. Submissions will be made for council to consider. Coast wide implications – what can be retrieved – is there a compromise? This is yet to be discussed and decided.

Perhaps Matt would like to make a presentation as did Hinterland Alliance. There is a lot of common ground and this could be turned to our mutual benefit.

9.2 OSCAR participation in Sunshine Coast Business Council (SCBC) Think Tanks Workshops

Discussion around the attendees – it was agreed it was good to have OSCAR ‘in the tent’. The last two think tank sessions have been productive and of mutual benefit. Lyn suggests vocal support for Sekisui by SCBC is of concern, and perhaps another witness should accompany Greg to the think tank meetings. It was noted that OSCAR remind such organisations that residents groups are not anti-development as negative press would have people believe – and that SCBC is not a developer loaded participation. A wide variety of participants –more a discussion group to canvass ideas from differing sectors. It is best to be involved – a second (OSCAR) member/witness is at the discretion of Sandy Zubrinich. OSCAR’s continued participation is recommended.

9.3 Report from July SEQA meeting

Tony Barry attended the recent SEQ Alliance meeting as Greg could not attend.

See Appendix B for a report on the meeting.

9.4 The breaching by sea of Bribie Island and the impact on Caloundra / Sunshine Coast tourism (Simon Cracknell)

Deferred to next meeting.

10 Other items from the floor

None raised.

11 Meeting date and location for next OSCAR General Meeting

The August GM will held at the NSCC on 23 August 2018.

12 The meeting closed at 10.06 pm.

Appendix A

Meeting with Tom Jamieson – 9 July 2018

Group Executive, Built Infrastructure – Sunshine Coast Regional Council

Greg Smith (OSCAR) and Bob Joubert (PSRA) met with Tom at the suggestion of SCRC's CEO Mike Whittaker, mainly to discuss the *Draft Integrated Transport Strategy*, on which public feedback is being sought between Wednesday 20 June and Friday 13 July 2018. The tone of the meeting was cordial and it lasted about an hour, starting at 2pm. Tom is from Scotland (no relation to Mayor Mark Jamieson) and took up his position relatively recently.

Greg explained OSCAR's structure and membership, and its keen willingness to engage with Council and the developer community, and to cooperate where possible on suitable activities. Greg pointed out that the developers and their local association have resisted engagement so far.

Tom explained the role of Council itself as distinct from that of the councillors (rather unnecessarily!), but this was his first encounter with OSCAR. Tom's group "owns" the Draft Integrated Transport Strategy (his Built Infrastructure group has the following branches: Civil Asset Management; Fleet and Quarry Services; Parks and Gardens; Transport and Infrastructure Policy; Transport Infrastructure Management).

Greg averred that council doesn't do enough with State and Federal governments to fight for suitable infrastructure to support the population growth planned by 2041 (the end-date of the Transport Strategy), when the population is forecast to reach around 500,000, well up on today's 310,000 or so. Greg said that council could surely do more to push State government to prioritise and pay for necessary infrastructure projects; having a delegation that includes community associations would probably help to ensure better outcomes.

Discussion turned to the bus service and Greg described the existing services as being quite sub-standard, which Tom agreed with. Both acknowledged that State government is responsible for remedial actions and the budget, but Greg suggested that council could do much more to press State for improvements before they become dire necessities.

Regarding the overall Transport Strategy, Tom commented that the plan relies on community association support, and personal attitudes and responses by residents. Debate on this theme went back and forth and can be summarised as follows:

- Bob asserted that the Transport Strategy lacks any obvious plans for publicity and community engagement or education to foster support and acceptance, especially of any items that may be contentious.
- Tom acknowledged that deficiency, but claims that actions will be expressed in many places and hence they are not in the Draft Strategy, and that there may be further changes in direction or emphasis after the council and state elections in March 2020.
- Tom noted that paid parking will be a hot topic, but is desirable in some locations to help pay for public transport services and to discourage private car usage.
- Tom also commented on some continuing problems with State and Council coordination, such as the narrowing of the esplanade in Mooloolaba, which discourages car usage, despite the absence of any increase in frequency of buses in the area.
- Tom said that research isn't showing that people are ready to give up private car usage, but acknowledged the chicken-and-egg situation that low bus frequency discourages bus usage, but claimed that council is constantly advocating for more frequent buses.

- Tom asked whether OSCAR would endorse the Draft Integrated Transport Strategy (part way through the meeting and again at the end), to which Greg replied that he would have to ask OSCAR's members, but that he would be surprised if there were significant adverse reaction.
- Tom returned to the paid parking issue and asserted that people should be prepared to pay for council facilities that they are currently using for free. Greg rebutted this reasoning, noting that the ratepayers are the owners, not Council, and going on to explain the community anger over the Brisbane Road car park issue, where citizens stood to lose free (but regulated) parking to the benefit of the developer in some sort of confidential arrangement. Greg said he believed that OSCAR and its members would support paid parking in some locations as long as public transport frequency was increased.
- Tom mentioned a consultative group on transport matters that is convened by Councillor Rick Baberowski every quarter and asked if OSCAR attends that. Its existence was not known to Greg, who said we would be keen to attend it and asked Tom for more details.
- Tom advised that council is trying to address some issues, such as building a park-and-ride facility at the BP station in Brisbane Road, as well as a huge (350 cars?) facility at Aussie World, the immediate purpose of which is for construction worker parking, but is already being used by car-pooling commuters to Brisbane, which is its long-term purpose. It's not yet publicised, being a project asset and not yet a council asset.
- Greg responded that with the planned long-term population growth, there will never be enough jobs locally for all residents and so commuting by car or rail to Brisbane will always be necessary.

We asked Tom for an extension of, say, a week beyond 13 July for public submissions, given the delayed timing of public consultation (it should have been open on 14 June). Tom said the decision is not in his remit, but he will check and respond.

The meeting closed with declarations to maintain contact going forward and Tom will keep OSCAR in mind when seeking feedback or comments on issues in his portfolio generally.

Greg will seek for OSCAR to participate in Cr Baberowski's quarterly group. Tom asked if OSCAR would endorse the Draft Strategy and Greg said he would canvass members and respond.

Appendix B Summary

SEQA members have extensive history of presenting issues in South East Queensland to both Councils and Queensland State Government. They are covering subjects that are different to actions by OSCAR members.

OSCAR should continue to support this lobby group. However, the effort may be large and member organisations will need to consider: if they have the time and expertise to help.

Help may be needed in evaluating typical development activities and in management integrity of Councils. Plus, some experience in any processes that may be created to reduce the impacts of adverse situations.

The group met on 17 July. There is considerable expertise in some previous issues in South East Queensland.

A meeting was previously held with Stephanie Challen, Senior Advisor to Minister Planning (attended by Greg Smith). The former Government Architect also attended.

SEQA minutes will be available soon. Plus:

- letter asking for meeting with Minister for Planning,
- a draft list of issues in South East Queensland,
- a petition to Parliament,
- Actions to publish formation of SEQA and plans for public Conference (possibly October)

The actions that will be requested from OSCAR are:

1. Confirmation and agreement to draft letter to Minister for Planning:
 - Participation expected in future discussion meetings.
2. Agreement to draft petition to Parliament to create better planning, development and management laws and process rules.
 - Publishing on OSCAR website and Facebook, and likewise on member organisation media interfaces.
 - Lobbying of local MPs.
3. Participation in public launch of SEQA as community organisation, and Conference
4. Endorsement, support and publishing of list of complaints:

Notes

- Meeting was intense with many situations briefly described. A considerable amount of discussion papers are available.
- The list of complaints / issues needs to be better explained, evidence made available and determination of suggestions for improved and resolution processes

Tony Barry, 22 July