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Minutes - General Meeting

6:30 pm, Thursday, 27 September 2018
Venue 114, Lake Kawana

1 Opening, and Acknowledgment of Country

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm.

2 Attendance and apologies

- i. Attendance: Greg Smith (PSRA), Keith Sweatman (YADCA), Tony Barry (CRA), Ken Mewburn (TAPP), Simon Cracknell, Pam Rogowski (PLHS), Mark Jones (CRA), Tony Gibson (C&NSCC), Nigel & Robyn Anns (YADCA), Heather Cardaci, Christine & Wayne Smith (BAG), Megan & Brian Dreves, Leanne Wolff, Angela Wilson (AMCS), Rob Thatcher (MSPA).
- ii. Apologies: Lex McCarthy, Vonnie Burton & Fay Wiggins (SCAI), Charles Toms (MRA), Nola Dunbar (SCAAN), Peter Ryan (SCAAN), Trevor Rice (SCAAN), Lyn Saxton (DW), Bob Joubert (PSRA), Melva Hobson (MRA), Narelle McCarthy (SCEC), Gillian Hall (DF), Mark Bizzell (CRA), Kris Bullen (YCPA), John Hare (PBCA), Max Standage (MADCA), Peter Baulch (YADCA), Mike Goss (PBCH), Richard Dennis (SSCA), Kathryn Hyman (TTWS).

3 Minutes of previous meeting –23 August 2018 (distributed via website)

That the previous Minutes be accepted as an accurate recording

Proposed: Keith Sweatman

Seconded: Greg Smith

Carried

4 Business arising

- 4.1 Update on OSCAR submission re Site Specific and other Planning Scheme amendments
Submissions had closed on 7 September and the Council had failed to agree to an extension of time and OSCAR had written to the State Planning Minister.

It was discussed there was a lack of recognition by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council that community groups needed more time to respond to such extensive changes as they did not have dedicated research staff.

- 4.2 For noting: Executive proposed process re OSCAR involvement in future elections at local, state and federal level will be forwarded to members prior to the October meeting. Note: John Hare's paper available on the Member Only section of the website.

It was noted that there had only been a few responses to the paper and it appeared that the focus would be on providing member information on policies and candidates for the local government tier of government.

Action: Executive will advise a recommended process for OSCAR's involvement in elections.

4.3 For noting: Date for proposed workshop on Ideas for OSCAR action 2018 and beyond – document is on the website in the Members Only section.

Action: Executive to plan and establish a date.

4.5 Update on any response to RTI action re Brisbane Rd Carpark.

It was discussed that there was a potential \$60 million transfer to developer ABACUS in terms of land value and outright payment.

Action: All review the RTI documents which will be placed on the website.

4.6 Update on OSCAR response to Palmview Urban Development Investigation Areas item from 19 July SCRC Ordinary Meeting.

There was discussion on the development on flood prone land and differences of opinion within member groups. The development of a community centre and sporting facilities would not be fully borne by the developer and there were potential costs to Council. OSCAR has been invited to participate as a stakeholder.

4.7 For noting: Sunshine Coast Business Council (SCBC) Think Tanks Workshop presentations.

Kathryn Hyman represented OSCAR at this workshop. As Kathryn was unable to attend tonight's meeting this will be deferred until October's meeting.

4.8 SEQA update – report from Redlands and Ipswich presentation by CCC re preventing corruption in LG.

Tony Barry represented OSCAR at this meeting.

Motion: That OSCAR approach the CCC re having a similar presentation on the Sunshine Coast.

Moved: Tony Gibson

Seconded: Mark Jones

Action: Secretary to write to CCC with an invitation.

5 Correspondence

Inwards

SCRC – re Party house letter
Claudia Baldwin – rates and SCRC Social Strategy
Angela Wilson – Shipping container levy proposal from SCRC
Tim Dunne DLGRMA – clarification on LGAQ's role
Tim Dunne DLGRMA – consultation on Operation Belcarra reforms
SCRC RTI Officer – Brisbane Road Carpark Decision notice to OSCAR
Simon Cracknell – PS amendments and public consultation
SCRC RTI Officer – extensions on time for Brisbane Road RTI application
Tim Dunne, Department LGRMA – consultation on Operation Belcarra reforms
SCRC CEO – details re closed sessions at SM 10 Sep and OM 13 Sep
SCRC – OSCAR Planning Scheme Amendments submission extension request
Noosa Mayor – Party house letter response
DSDMIP response – letter re Planning Amendment for south west Yandina

Outwards

OSCAR email updates – 27 August, Newsflash-28 August, Newsflash-31 August, 3 September, 16 September, 23 September

OSCAR response to DLGRMA consultation on Belcarra reforms
– OSCAR feedback on Belcarra recommendations
Planning Minister – Sunshine Coast PS amendment consultation extension
SCRC CEO – Party house letter
Noosa CEO – Party house letter

General discussion ensued on the items of correspondence. It was noted that there were now responses from both Noosa Council and Sunshine Coast Regional Council on party houses.

There was concern on the Sunshine Coast Regional Council debt from Financial Reports. The Council Debt was now almost \$500 million with major projects such as the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion and Maroochydore/Sun Central.

There was a discussion on a meeting by OSCAR and SCEC representatives with Tim Dunne from the Queensland Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs (DLGRMA) on implementation of further recommendations from Operation Belcarra.

There was also discussion about how the Local Government Association of Queensland represented all Local Councils in Queensland.

Motion: That OSCAR write to the DLGRMA in relation to the implementing the Operation Belcarra recommendations and further local government reforms.

Moved: Tony Barry

Seconded: Angela Wilson

6 Financial report

Opening bank balance	\$3128.16
Receipts	
Donations	\$0.00
Membership renewals	\$60.00
Expenses	
Media workshop facilitator	\$180.00
Venue hire – Venue 114	\$45.00
Closing bank balance	\$2963.16

Outstanding accounts:

\$871.65 to SCRC for RTI application re Brisbane Street Carpark

7 Membership report

New member application received from the Beerburrum Action Group.

Beerburrum Action Group indicated that they had been fighting against a quarry and they had 800 people against. The Beerburrum State Forest is heritage listed and the development of a gravel pit has growing impact on the forest. The quarry has yet to be voted on by the SCRC.

Associate memberships applications from Nat Sullivan, Richard Brown and Rod Stringer.

That the applications for membership be accepted.

Proposed: Tony Gibson

Seconder: Pam Rogowski

Carried

8 Member organisation presentation – none

9 General business

9.1 Mock 'how to' (methodology). re formal, regular OSCAR media broadcasts (Kris Bullen).

Kris was absent so this item has been deferred to the October meeting.

9.2 Feedback on discussions with Tim Dunne, Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs (Greg).

Greg outlined the reform agenda we were intending to put to the DLGRMA. The document will be distributed to members for comment before being sent the Department.

It was resolved to write to the Noosa Council in support of live streaming of their meetings.

9.3 Discussion re due diligence and duty of care by SCRC Councillors (Tony Barry).

Basis of ideas:

- Councillors are obliged to undertake due diligence and consult professionally – see new code of conduct.
- Have continually failed to do so.
- Officers are not providing evidence essential for proper consideration by community.
- OSCAR and CRA are consulting adequately and properly.
- Many of our concerns are adversely affected by failure in process. Eg Sekisui, Twin Waters, Mooloolaba, etc and recently town plan changes.
- Refusal to extend consultation time and provide evidence and discuss with both community and Councillors may breach a number of Laws.
- Officers have not been delegated the proper authority to determine issues and make decisions. The authority is full Council and then endorsed by Ministers Local Government and Infrastructure.

During a discussion there was support for the ideas put forward.

9.4 Discussion re SCRC 10 September "Region making projects" Special Meeting – Only 15 mins of a 5-6 hour meeting held in open session.

The Secretary had proposed the following motion:

Motion:

- that OSCAR write to the Mayor, the Minister for LG and the Premier re this issue;
- that OSCAR write a media release to be sent widely re this issue;
- OSCAR members be encouraged to write letters to the editor; and
- that if OSCAR decides to take up the Media broadcasts as per item 10.2 that this topic form the basis of one such session.

It was decided to seek further information from the Secretary who was not at the meeting. It was noted by the President that OSCAR had already received some good media coverage on this issue.

9.5 Report from QLGRA forum in Ipswich on 25 & 26 August

Tony briefly discussed the issues much of which related to corruption in Local Government. The Report prepared by Tony is attached to these Minutes (see Appendix 1).

10 Other items from the floor

The issue of the Big Pineapple Development was raised for review and monitoring given the environmental values on that site.

11 Meeting date and location for next OSCAR General Meeting

25 October 2018, 7:00 pm at the North Shore Community Centre, Mudjimba.

12 Close of meeting 8.35 pm

Appendix 1

Queensland Local Government Reform Alliance (QLGRA) AGM and Forum 25 and 26 August, 2018 at Raceview, Ipswich

Opened by Cliff Thomas (Vice Chair - QLGRA)

Daniel Thompson – Welcome to Country by Traditional Owners

Welcome to Ipswich Gary Duffy

Speaker 1 - Jannean Dean – Fraser Coast – *“Citizens Curing Corruption”*

- Early history protecting Cottonwood Trees on front at Hervey Bay.
- Petition for ICAC current push
- Only 3 Percent of complaints are investigated by CCC
- There is no silver bullet for fighting corruption

DIVIDED BY TRUTH OR UNITED IN ERROR?

- There are always options
- Options have consequences

BIG IS NOT BETTER on Fraser Coast loss of representation for people of Maryborough in particular

There is a need to enforce the principles of the Local Government Act and 4 Points for Action follow:

1. END IMPUNITY

- Effective law enforcement is essential to ensure corruption is addressed and to break the cycle of impunity, or freedom from punishment or loss
- Successful enforcement approaches are supported by a strong legal framework, law enforcement branches and independent and effective court system is required.
- The explosive CCC Operation Belcarra report identified that braking of rules was so widespread and the oversight so pitiful, that it could not possibly prosecute.

2. REFORM PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Reform focussing on financial management and strengthening the role of auditing agencies will achieve a greater impact than public sector reform on curbing corruption
- One such reform is disclosure of budget information which prevents waste

3 PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

- Follow Local Government Act Principles including: transparent and effective processes and decision and in the public interest

4. EMPOWER CITIZENS

- Strengthening citizens’ capacity as the demand grows for addressing corruption
- Monitor local elections and irregularities
- Ensure measures for detection, investigation and prosecution

IMPORTANT DRIVERS

- Individual choices in enabling or resisting corruption. All successful corruption efforts ultimately change how individual behave around rules and laws.

REGULATORS AND RULE MAKERS are needed to address corruption (e.g. CCC, ICAC and Parliament)

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE – USE YOUR VOICE –WALK THE TALK – RESPECT – CONSIDER WHO YOU VOTE FOR

CALL FOR NO CONFIDENCE IN COUNCIL IF RATES GO UP (Example 3.5 percent on Sunshine Coast)

LGAQ- Money is going directly from the State Government to the LGAQ (Local Government Association of Queensland) and can't be traced so action is required. LGAQ has a favoured/monopoly position.

Speaker 2 - Narelle Dawson- Wells – Psychologist, former CMC Director

“How the system is stacked against ordinary people”

- What you say can be taken against you
- Sexual assault and death threats have resulted in hyper vigilance
- David Longey NZ PM in debate at OXFORD UNIVERSITY said you can smell uranium on their breath so being aware of intent is important
- You can see the corrupt intent of powerful and wealthy men
- Women's brains are different to men and there is the possibility of talking more to resolve issues
- Courage is not the absence of fear but something that is more important than fear
- Defamation is frightening so it is really important not to name people even with truth be careful
- Many sick people in the world including politicians, police, priests.....
- Ethical Standards Command of the Queensland Police Service (QPS) – Tony Fitzgerald claimed was for the Comfort of Corrupt Police
- QPS is not a corrupt organisation and there are people there who cannot be corrupted
- Many police would put their life on the line for the community
- QPS is an organisation of corrupt individuals not a corrupt organisation
- Mental shortcuts are taken by police and we should be looking at accountability
- Meat eating corruption or grass eating corruption – low level – free coffees is the toe in the water - Power corrupts – grass eaters become meat eaters
- Research was undertaken of 2029 police who have attempted suicide

QLD POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY TASK FORCE – QPAT has been formed

- The theories of Prof Daniel Kahneman include types of decisions which indicate potential to become corrupt
- Decision 1 and 2 approaches 1 Quick Decision or 2 Slow/Reflective Decisions
- How they believe they would respond to moral issues varies
- Ethical Fading – look the other way and yet maintain a good self-image. Corrupt police officers so give a favour today backed up tomorrow.
- Many police officers go into CCC and take on investigation role in corruption complaints
- Some will not budge on their judgement – committed and judgement stays even with overwhelming evidence the other way
- Once they have the foot in the door they cannot back out to achieves their aims
- Bystander effect – will take cues from colleagues

Suggestions for reform in the QPS and monitoring performance

Speaker 3 - Renee Smith

- Renee is a single mum with a child
- A police officer kept arresting, assaulting, and imprisoned Renee
- Depression and overdosing resulted from this ordeal
- Renee recommended one foot in front after the other approach to keep going
- As a good fighter Renee is never angry
- Renee self-represented in the courts and was successful in suing the State of Queensland
- Now part of the QPAT Committee

QLGRA Meeting:

Election of office bearers including Greg Smith who joined the Committee to represent Sunshine Coast

Speaker 4 - Jim Dodrill - President Ipswich Ratepayers and Residents Association IIRA

“Ipswich Ratepayers and their experience”

Jim started with anti-nuclear and waste dump for Ipswich supported by Peter Garrett and Mike Higgins

From 2000 Onwards:

- ALP Targets Ipswich local government
- Corruption comes into the mix
- Council – Developers – Waste Industry ----- Ipswich Welcomes Waste
- Influx of waste – Council Approve TOXIC DUMP

SWANBANK – NEW CHUM

--Cleanaway

--BMI

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COUNCIL APPROVED - Destructive Land clearing and Habitat Loss – Sardine City Development – Koala Extinction

- No social infrastructure and wildlife corridors or wildlife e.g. Redbank
- Modus operandi – minimum outlay for Councils and Maximum Profits for developers
- Councillors delegate/offload to Planning and Development Department
- Jim indicated that they needed to use provisions of Sustainable Planning Act
- They formed IRATE – Ipswich Against Toxic Environment
- Dr Martin Taylor _ World Wildlife Fund helped with work at Springfield – Gliders, Microbats and Koalas were present
- Met with the Wilderness Society
- Dr Cameron Murray from Game of Mates supported them and presented
- Worked with Dr Rob Pine MLA and both of major parties saw the risk with Rob and got rid of him

Threat Story

- Attacked Jim and Father and lured into bushland and attacked by a gang. Called police and went to hospital.
- Councillors said that he/Jim Dodrill staged this
- No protection offered by CCC
- Stephen Potts a good friend who put a lot on the line to support Jim
- Jim provided input into Operation Belcarra CCC
- Jim Potts was able to provide a great deal of linkages to the CCC

\$50-\$80M went to developers from the Ipswich Council coffers

Observations and approach

- All you need is a handful of people and you keep up the fight
- Need to be factual do not embellish
- The battle is over but not the war in Ipswich with an administrator now instead of the Ipswich Councillors
- Sick and tide of parties ALP, LNP and One Nation has more ideas for more dumps

Post Fitzgerald – Causes:

1. Developers and waste industry seeking opportunities; and
2. New vice was found in local government and the new hot bed as there were people with big egos who could be bankrolled.

Development that is harmonious with the community and the environment is required.

Winning Points for the Corruption Battle:

1. **Building community – people together are strong and lots of different gifts/skills (engineers, academics, etc)**
2. **Don't embellish**
3. **Use the power of the media – keep engaged with the media**

Connie Turni – “Special Laws Made By Councils” – Ipswich Experience

Set up of council owned companies

- Ipswich announced taking over CBD and the company bought land for Ipswich City Plaza.
- This company was ICP – Ipswich City Properties
- Directors – Council and employees of Council are on the Board
- -Issues of conflict of interest
- -Not advising ASIC of insolvency
- Extensive expensive trip overseas searching for world best practice was a significant cost
- \$83 M losses and technically bankrupt with debt to Council

ASIC and CCC could not agree on jurisdiction to intervene after community complaints

- Lack of transparency and accountability
- State Government policy is made in accordance with Local Govt Act and Minister will not intervene except in exceptional circumstances

Regional Round Up

Greg Smith – Sunshine Coast

- **Sekisui DA approval against the Planning Scheme with large community rally at Coolum**
- **Change Projects and Sunshine Coast Council Debt of \$500M**
- **Community Consultation lacking commercial in confidence proceeding of Sunshine Coast Regional Council remaining high**

Ideas Generation Session

- **A Commission of Inquiry like the Banks Royal Commission into the LGAQ**
- **Culture change program for Democratic Citizenship Reform with leadership by Premier and Minister for Local Government with education and training**
- **More regulation to improve integrity**

- **Need for independents rather than political parties in local government**
- **Persistence in pursuing Councils**
- **Use overseas media/ press and groups if necessary as occurred in Ipswich to get action**

Note: Observation that LNP and ALP Government policy difference in Local Govt – Labor employees more in-house – LNP outsourcing tendering consultants and contractors.

Notes: Prepared by Tony Gibson attending to represent OSCAR at the Conference.

Appendix 2

Appendix 3

Bribie Island Breakthrough - Simon Cracknell

A review of the Caloundra Centre Master Plan of March 2017 highlights the vision of the Caloundra Centre area as being one of visual and physical corridors via laneways and streets all leading from a new Town Centre and focussing on the sea and beaches a “City of Beaches”

There is a strong recognition that the water / beaches / tourism are a vital component of the character and the economy.

This brings us to the issue of the sea breaking through Bribie Island to the Pumicestone Passage.

There have been 4 locations identified. It is not a matter of IF but WHEN

After the breakthrough, no one can predict what nature will do, however general consensus is that the new channel will dominate, and the Northern end near Coast Guard / Caravan Park / Caloundra Beach towards Happy Valley will become one large tidal mudflat with no direct ocean access.

I don't think it is extreme to say that when this happens that the Caloundra economy will be decimated. How many tourists are going to stay in the area to visit mudflats?

I think it quite amazing that the Caloundra Centre Master Plan does not mention this threat and in fact has an entire section devoted to the “City of Beaches” theme and branding. “City of Mudflats” does not sound so appealing.

The Council have formed a Pumicestone Passage Advisory taskforce.

However the top of Bribie Island is a National Park, and the position from the Dept of Enviro and Science is to “let it happen”

The physical effort from Council seems to be devoted to hardening of the foreshore along Golden Beach for future increased wave action. Council seem resigned to “let it happen” as well.

As an aside, with the strong and likely inevitable push for an Entertainment, Convention and Exhibition Centre in Maroochydore Sun Central, the viability of the Caloundra Events Centre will be jeopardised. This is also not mentioned in the Master Plan despite the area around the Events Centre being earmarked as the Cultural Hub.

I accept that playing with nature is always risky

I accept that it is a National Park

The big question is can we just afford to “let it happen” as I truly believe the Caloundra economy and any Master Plan or City Of Beaches vision would cease to exist.

The impact on commercial property values and local businesses would be massive.

Summary of Ken Mewburn's discussion

The following points were mentioned:

1. The natural processes of erosion may not be acceptable for the local economy, on that point I agree fully with Simon. The north end of the passage could become a muddy swamp.
2. The response to erosion is a major concern as primarily it is likely to involve dredging.

3. There are other options such as some used in America which provide a far more natural response to erosion. The local engineers appear to be firmly locked into existing methodology in Australia and it is unlikely that other options will be considered. Alternatives would include “undercurrent stabilisers” or “active Berms” which would allow natural sand accretion on the shoreline.
4. The area opposite Bells Creek would overtop with 2 metre tides or above.
5. An area opposite Lamerough Canal... the island width is 12.5 metres from the top of the frontal dune to the water of the passage.
6. If either of those locations were to breach and become the new bar, water would cease to circulate in the top end of the passage which would then become swampland and only fill at high tide.
7. The area opposite Bells Creek has islands established in the passage which is an indication that historically the bar was located in that area.
8. Natural processes will eventually erode the top finger of the island and without human intervention, there will be an impact on Diamond head and Pelican Waters with increased tidal influence. Council response is to construct a seawall along the shoreline.
9. The seawall may introduce flooding issues not allowed for in development flood management plans.

In addition I spoke about the Halls Creek and Beerwah East IGA's. TAPP Inc. are strongly opposed to development of Halls Creek which is not solely Stockland owned as would be the impression from the comprehensive documents mentioned by Kathryn. These, written by Stockland, simply to promote the benefits of developing their land and to highlight the restraints on other sites/IGA's.

The reality is: Halls Creek is not all Stockland

The Government owns 832 hectares

Stockland owns 1242 hectares

Private land 352 hectares

Area suitable to develop 1311 hectares and of this 708 is owned by Stockland

Capacity of development 13000 dwellings Dwellings required 20705! Shortfall 7705

Beerwah East Capacity 20000 dwellings shortfall 705

Potential EDQ would take over control of development, additional land may be drawn from Government pine forests along Bruce Highway. This government lease as is the Beerwah East site which still has about 96 years on lease!