

MINUTES

of General Meeting held

3rd June 2024

at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

Item	Heading	Description	Action
1	Opening	Meeting opened at 7.31. Tony Freeman in chairing for President Sophie Lever.	
2	Attendance	See attached Attendance Sheet Apologies: Sophie Lever, Karen Stapelfeldt, Michael Stapelfeldt, MP Fiona Simpson, June Saxton	
3	Guest Speaker	The Honourable Mayor for the Sunshine Coast, Rosanna Natoli	
	Guest Speaker	Mayor Natoli gave a presentation of her vision for the Sunshine Coast.	
		<p>Mayor Natoli spoke briefly of her long association with the Sunshine Coast from working as a waitress here at the Novotel many years ago (1992) to having a restaurant in Caloundra for 2 years. She has been here since 1989 moved to the coast and did work experience at Sunshine Television News in Maroochydore. To get what she wanted career-wise she has had to work hard and so understands what it takes to get somewhere. The Mayor wants to be open, accountable and accessible – she is willing and able to relate to people. She wants to be known for her listening skills and presenting a balanced view.</p> <p>The Mayor went on to speak about:-</p> <p>Population growth – there are many issues related to this. In June 2023: 365,000 people on SC. Over last 20 years - 2.6% annual growth, bigger than state average of 1.8%(Australia – 1.5%) From 2011-2021: 80,000 chose to come here By 2041 – pop of SC forecast to be 500,000 people</p> <p>Where will they live? Why do we want to let them come here? Council looking at the new planning scheme atm. Council plan cannot contravene South-East Queensland State plan by legislation. People may not want increase in population but we must do what state govt. says. We have a housing crisis and a cost-of-living crisis which makes things difficult.</p> <p>Infrastructure and public transport – we are behind here.</p>	

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		<p>Rail to Caloundra – we need it to come to Maroochydore to activate our city centre. Better public transport system needed. We need to get cars off the road to reduce traffic and have a more sustainable future.</p> <p>Business-36,800 businesses on the coast. 97.5 % are small businesses. We need to support them. Regional Economic Development Strategy has been developed to help: a local business support team available that will provide one to one tailored business support and connect owners to key people and networks and also to grants, workshops, resources, etc. Council wants businesses to do well as that helps everyone. Information on emergency event preparedness also an area where there is a team to support business.</p> <p>Tourism – economic growth relies on it. The sector supports 10% of our direct jobs on the SC. Expenditure of \$5.2 billion from tourism. More than 10 million visitors (not including Noosa) to our area last year. This area will continue to grow as we approach the Olympic Games. We must make sure we are ready to capitalise on this (the Olympics) – it’s the legacy infrastructure that we are interested in (roads, public transport, stadiums) State and Federal Govt. guarantees this legacy infrastructure. This is why council is so supportive of the Olympics. The tourism benefits of the two weeks are a bonus.</p> <p>Bonza – unfortunate situation for all. Council helped affected Bonza staff with a drop in event to help them get jobs and employed some of the staff. Many local businesses have been impacted by the closure. 11 SEQLD based suppliers sold on board products to Bonza.</p> <p>Growth, transport, economic development and tourism are the pillars key issues on which council strategy is focussed.</p> <p>The Mayor encouraged everyone to email her with concerns/comments as she wants to hear from people.</p> <p>Questions from the floor:-</p> <p>Q: The govt. said in 2000, that the motorway from Pacific Paradise to Noosa was going to get widened but has never happened. Also Coolum roundabout very dangerous. Answer: It’s a state road but the Mayor has met with Dan Purdy, State Member for Ninderry, and has been talking about what to do about the dangerous intersection near the school and the Coolum roundabout. There is money for traffic lights, but this will bank up traffic to roundabout. Some planning for an exit further along, but gets complicated with issues that mean nothing has happened. The Mayor said she will find out how far down the priority list widening is on the State list.</p> <p>Q: Why not have cameras to collect data so we can see what is going on at the roundabouts near school and Coolum? Many accidents occur there.</p>	
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		<p>Answer: Not sure what Dept. of State Roads does to collect data. More education on driving through roundabouts needed.</p> <p>Q: Lack of 4- and 5-star accommodation for tourists and businesspeople here on the Coast. Council also needs to look at its approval process so that it takes a reasonable time with due consideration and also considering the needs of the people.</p> <p>Answer: Council is aware, and with the Olympics coming up, adequate accommodation will be important. Cost of construction since Covid has skyrocketed. Not as many developers are interested because of this. We need to incentivise developers to come here, and attract the big names too like The Sheraton, etc.</p> <p>Q: Accommodation – have we envisaged an Olympic style village on the SC? Then use it for the homeless, etc. afterward.</p> <p>Answer: We are building a village in the Maroochydhore CBD. It will be unit type accommodation for the athletes so we can't have kitchens, so post the Games, they will need refitting before general use. Not prefab.</p> <p>Q: Rail project (State and Federal funded) How much is Council lobbying to get it to Caloundra and Birtinya by the Games?</p> <p>Answer: The Mayor is constantly asking for the rail to go to Maroochydhore and at the very least, to Caloundra.</p> <p>Q: Transparency around TWW. Was the Mayor aware of this project? Mayor: Yes. Resident continues: Project has changed a lot over time, how many houses is Stockland going to build in various stages? How large?</p> <p>Answer: While aware of the project, the Mayor had some information with her but would need to get more specifics and that Cr Bunnag will have more information.</p> <p>Q: With the expansion of the airport, tropical gardens like Singapore would be great to show case out area.</p> <p>Answer: Airport is under Priority Development Area - not under council jurisdiction unfortunately.</p> <p>Q: With the development of TWW what will be the effect of flooding in the area? Insurers will not insure for flood.</p> <p>Answer: Flood and storm water is of primary concern to the Council. Can't build something that will flood other people's property.</p> <p>Q: Removal of flood gates at Cook Rd in 2021/2. What is happening?</p> <p>Answer: Council is looking at what will happen if gates are put back on, they are aware of them. Looking at it currently.</p> <p>Q: What do you hope to achieve personally in your term?</p> <p>Answer: To make sure the Community feels heard and that the elected reps represent them. Council wants to deliver a planning scheme. Can't say we won't have any development – not reality. There are lots of economic opportunities that come with growth. You can have increased infrastructure with growth. Council's focus is on the opportunities. Send any questions to Mayoral office.</p>	
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4	Reports		
	(a) Secretary	Date	From/To/Description
		Various	Audit reports from SCC regarding maintenance
		Various	Emails from residents on various maintenance issues and follow up responses.
		Various	Emails notifying of lost and found items.
		Various	Invoices (newsletter, NSCC room hire)
		Various	Emails regarding events such as the Winter Cocktail party and Christmas in July
		16.5.24	Copy of an email sent to council alerting them of a fall caused by a path requiring maintenance and reply from Cr Bunnag expressing his concern and that he would follow up the repair.
		16.5.24	Email chain and copies from a resident in Anchorage Place asking about updating play areas for children and Cr Bunnag's reply
		17.5.24	Email chain to council organising a guest speaker from the waste management division for our October general meeting.
		Various	Emails regarding Community Safety Forum held last Wednesday.
		Various	Emails informing us of change of email address.
		Various	Emails from residents expressing interest in joining the committee.
		3.6.24	Email from LJ Hooker Grant Ormond addressing what was said at a recent TWRA meeting about memberships and community support.
		3.6.24	Copy of email sent to council regarding an overflowing bin near exercise equipment and response from Cr Bunnag.
	(b) Treasurer Report and Membership	<p>Nathan delivered the Treasurer's Report. Cost summary report for May: current balance is \$6,868.62, (Includes the \$5,000 in term deposit not shown in figures below). This is \$9,213 less than the April report. Main expenses for May included \$5,550 paid to Loose Goose for the Winter Cocktail Party, \$2,161 for our yearly Insurance, \$968 for newsletter printing and \$440 for Website costs. Income consisted of only \$530 which was late Cocktail money.</p> <p>Membership households have increased to 537.</p>	
5	State Govt Report	MP Fiona Simpson was an apology.	
6	Local Govt Report	<p>Cr Taylor Bunnag spoke of his background – born and raised here. Went to school locally. Grew up in Coolum and so is very aware of the Coolum roundabout issues. Background as lawyer specialising in medical negligence and industrial law. Has a young family. New planning scheme time is happening now, and it inspired him to run for office. He has a strong vision for the coast: Smart, Connected and Coastal</p>	

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		<p>Priorities –</p> <p>The Budget (short term) Wants a Council that delivers the basics right. Focus on service delivery.</p> <p>That Div 8 gets its fair share of infrastructure, especially with the growth that is happening atm.</p> <p>Public money to be spent deliberately and with intent, and on public services.</p> <p>Planning Scheme (short to medium term) – to protect the individual character of each individual community. Keep the character and distinctness of different communities. Reality is that approval of developments like TWW was made by previous Council. Can't reverse a planning decision once made. We must protect the conditions that have been put on that development. There is a push from state govt to increase density and yield for existing land available. Council needs to make sure the conditions on Stockland are enforced.</p> <p>Airport PDA – when public consultation happens everyone will have a one-off opportunity to have a say. Council will be out showing us what it will look like – we all need to be informed.</p> <p>Cr Bunnag wants to be an accessible and responsive councillor – to make sure we protect and look after the future of the SC. Wants to be a people focussed council.</p> <p>Cr Bunnag commented on points raised earlier: - Hotels – Council has tried to attract different hotel developers, but we also must get the balance right in terms of location. Coolum roundabouts – long standing issue. Money for traffic lights but it will be a nightmare. Council can/should invest in footpaths in the area that lack path connectivity to encourage kids using the paths to get to school. Rail and mass transit – have been trying hard to get the rail to Maroochydore. Very important to integrate public transport in all we do. If to Caloundra, that's a start.</p> <p>Questions from the floor.....</p> <p>Q: Coolum roundabout on the motorway– can we cut trees down in the middle of it so people can see better? Cr Bunnag will talk to Dan Purdy about it. He has spoken with MP Fiona Simpson about the Pacific Paradise roundabout on the motorway as well as it's a disgrace.</p> <p>Q: Is Council being strangled by state govt. ? Answer: Strangled by so many things, not just one level of govt. but not unique to us alone. Council trying their best to get the basic infrastructure right as well as encouraging development.</p> <p>Q: Clive Palmer – what is he up to?</p>	
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		<p>Ans: Clive has an application for a car museum on his site before Council now. Can't comment atm on this. The Palmer Resort – seems to be nowhere near reopening.</p> <p>Q: Issues with TWW and flood land. Why won't Council do something that prevents developers ever building on floodplain land in the future?</p> <p>Ans: It was zoned to emergent community which meant there was always going to be some development on it. Anyone, regardless of zone, can apply to council for development if it's in the urban footprint. All applications must be considered on merits. Planning scheme cannot ban any development ever on an area, unless it's outside of the urban area.</p> <p>Q: Are you aware that there are protected species in the TWW area? Eastern ground parrot and water-mouse. If a report is made to the UN, couldn't Council be in trouble in the future?</p> <p>Ans: Council's role in it is limited. It depends on who is in the Council at the time a decision was made. We cannot undo what has happened. It was noted that there are different views of what TWW means for this area. Once you open flood gates of re-visiting decisions made by former Councils, it will undermine confidence in all types of development.</p>	
7	Landscape Maintenance Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contractors have had extra people to catch up after we suggested they had fallen a bit behind 2. Mowing cycle starts again tomorrow and following the mowing will be some selective weed spraying ... some grass may brown off a little and grow back. 3. Weed spraying will include the emerging seasonal growth of Bindii 4. Maintenance committee meets with Council team 3 times a year Next meeting in a couple of weeks (Thursday 27th) where we will review performance of the contractors and discuss any issues 5. Recent audit reports have been comprehensive and realistic; on a scale of 1-5 there have been a few scores of 2 which have required action from the contractors! 6. The winter mulching cycle will be starting during June and mulch will be provided where required to the gardens in the public areas. <p>Not a Maintenance issue in the sense of the charter and levy, but we have had discussions with Council regarding the state of some footpaths The council have responded with some replacement and identified the paths to be replaced in next two financial years and those listed for attention over the</p>	

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8	Airport Forum	15 th August next forum	
9	Re-Painting Entrance Statements	At AGM – voting to be done on the colour change	
10	Events	<p>Christmas In July – Bookings opened 3rd July.</p> <p>Golf Day</p> <p>Gardening Comp</p> <p>Party in the Park</p> <p>Christmas Party</p> <p>Light Up Twin Waters</p> <p>Christmas Carols</p>	
11	Committee Nominations	<p>Deadline for nominations is 4th July. Forms were available for anyone interested. Please drop in to Sophie’s office, scan and send to TWRA email or contact a committee member.</p> <p>Must be a financial member to be nominated and to nominate.</p>	
12	Any Other Business	<p>Q: Entrance signs need re-painting –Can they be more colourful?</p> <p>A: Already addressed above.</p> <p>Q: Was there a due process to inform people of TWW as resident said he was never asked his opinion about it and as far as he is aware, others were not asked either.</p> <p>A: TWRA disseminated information as much possible. Everyone has a responsibility also to inform themselves. Historic information on the website.</p>	
13	Acknowledgement of Sponsors	<p>Thanks to the Novotel Sunshine Coast – they never charge us for room hire and we are grateful for their support.</p> <p>Lever Law also great support with copying, etc.</p>	
14	Next Meeting Closure	<p>Monday 5th August AGM Novotel 7.30 pm</p> <p>Cr Bunnag will be guest speaker.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.08 pm</p>	

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