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## Region 7 Ordinary Meeting No 122 MINUTES

### *Indigenous Acknowledgement*

*"The Murray Darling Association acknowledges the traditional owners of this land and the waters on which we meet"*

**Location:** Campbelltown City Council  
172 Montacute Road Rostrevor  
**Time / Date:** Conclusion of AGM Thursday 11 May 2023

### 1. ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Present:

- Mr Mark Lamb, CEO
- Cr Andrew Tilley, City of Mitcham
- Cr Joanna Wells, City of Mitcham
- Cr Therese Britton – La Salle, Campbelltown City Council
- Cr Claude Scalzi, Campbelltown City Council
- Mr John Kennedy OAM
- Mr Robin Coleman
- Ms Lynda Yates
- Ms Pauline Frost OAM
- Mr Gary Goland
- Mr Ray Najjar
- Mr Peter Shepherd

#### 1.2 Apologies:

- Cr Pia George, City of Mitcham
- Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross, City of Mitcham
- Mayor Jill Whittaker, Campbelltown City Council

### 2. REPORT FROM THE CEO

The Chair welcomed Mark Lamb, CEO who gave the group a verbal update on the below topics:

- Cr Tilley and Mark met with Tea Tree Gully Council's CEO, Mr Ryan McMahon and Mayor Marijka Ryan who were very excited to hear about future plans of the Murray Darling Association and will be considering joining Region 7 again.
- Recently met with the Queensland Council of Mayors to emphasise the importance of all Council's being a member of this organisation. We cannot achieve without full support and Council's cannot rely on other Council's to advocate on their behalf. The meeting was positive with Council's considering re-joining. There are 167 Council's in the Basin – the more members we have, the bigger the voice.
- Motions – have been working in the background to ensure transparency so that all members can easily know where a motion has gone and where it is up to.
- Have built a new website, it is secure and has the functionality to book within it without having to rely on an external site. Actions as a result of motions are now searchable on the site and a new newsletter has been created (*circulated with minutes*)
- Waste reform taskforce

- Patnership: CSIRO has grown and lead to more work, extension on the Circular Economy Project – Waste to Energy.
- The organization is working on the image that they are representing Local Government, but broader than water expertise.
- Collaborations in the works with SQ&NSW and OneBasin CRC – hoping to get funded intel to Council to achieve goals – this gives us access to PHD researchers
- Northern Basin Mayors tried to hold an inter-region forum, unfortunately The Hon. Rose Jackson, Minister for Water was not able to come as planned so this has been postponed.
- Planning for the National Conference going well:
  - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome Reception at the Murray Bridge Rowing Club
  - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Study Tour: Lower Coorong / Barrages
  - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Conference – Murray Bridge Town Hall
  - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Gala Dinner – Bridgeport Hotel
  - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Annual General Meeting
  - Locking in speakers, The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Environment and Water. Also looking for farmers and industry to give attendees a broader view of ate reg almond farmers. The goal is to promote healthy discussion and debate
- MDB Review, 103.7million allocated to do a review of the Basin Plan by 2026  
Mr Lamb then took questions from the floor.

### 3. MINUTES

**MOVED:** Ms Frost

That the Minutes of Meeting No 121 of Adelaide Metro Region 7 held on Thursday 16 February 2023 be confirmed.

**SECONDED:** Mr Coleman

### 4. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

Noted

### 5. REPORTS FROM THE CEO

Noted

### 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 6.1 – Membership Fees

**MOVED:** Mr Coleman

1. That the Board of the Murray Darling Association consider and approve two types of membership for our association:
  - a. Type 1: Riparian Membership \$0.305 per head of population capped at \$6,682.82 per year
  - b. Type 2: Non-Riparian Membership \$0.15 per head of population capped at \$3,286.63 per year
2. That the Board introduces: Corporate membership, tiered membership, pensioner membership.

**SECONDED:** Ms Yates

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MDA Region 7 will be held at City of Mitcham Council on Thursday 17 August 2023 commencing at 6:30pm.

### 8. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.