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## Region 7 Ordinary Meeting No 121 MINUTES

### **Indigenous Acknowledgement**

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

**Location:** City of Mitcham, Council Chambers  
131 Belair Road, Torrens Park

**Time / Date:** 6:30pm Thursday 16 February 2023

### **1. WELCOME:**

Cr Andrew Tilley opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, due to Local Government Elections there was a few new faces so the meeting started with an around the room.

### **2. ATTENDANCE**

#### **1.1 Present:**

- Cr Andrew Tilley, City of Mitcham
- Cr Pia George, City of Mitcham
- Cr Claude Scalzi, Campbelltown City Council
- Mr Robin Coleman
- Mr John Kennedy OAM
- Mr Gary Goland
- Mr Ray Najjar
- Mr Peter Shepherd
- Ms Pauline Frost OAM
- Ms Lynda Yates

#### **1.2 Apologies:**

- Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross, City of Mitcham
- Councillor Joanna Wells, City of Mitcham
- Ms Val Maslen, Independent Member

### **3. PRESENTATION**

#### **3.1 Ms Heather Barclay and Mr Stephen Packer – Murray Bridge Council**

Ms Barclay gave a verbal update to the group on the floods as a delegate of MDA Region 6, she spoke from the perspective of Murray Bridge Council and hopes to bring a presentation with more detail to our next meeting.

**MOVED:** Cr Tilley

A motion of appreciation to our guests from Murray Bridge for taking the time to come and speak to us.

**SECONDED:** Ms Frost

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. REPORTS FROM THE CEO**

The Chair welcome Tim Phillips, Communications and Engagement Officer who was in attendance for Mark Lamb CEO who was unable to attend. Tim spoke about this years National Conference which will be held in Murray Bridge, he also mentioned that the CEO is still writing letters as a result of motions passed at last years AGM.

He also spoke of the goal to re invigorate Region 8.

Tim then took questions from the floor including questions about potential membership drives to boost member Councils.

**5. MINUTES**

**MOVED:** Mr Goland

That the Minutes of Meeting No 120 of Adelaide Metro Region 7 held on Thursday 29 September 2022 be confirmed.

With the addition of adding John Kennedy as an apology from the meeting.

**SECONDED:** Ms Frost

**6. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES**

Noted

**7. REPORTS FROM THE CEO**

Noted

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**8.1 – Application for Life Membership**

**MOVED:** Ms Frost

Region 7 supports the life membership application of John Kennedy OAM and recommends it to the board for consideration.

**SECONDED:** Mr Najar

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.2 – Application for Membership**

**MOVED:** Cr Tilley

Region 7 supports the membership application of Robin Coleman and recommends it to the board for consideration.

**SECONDED:** Mr Najar

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.3 – Resignation – Independent Member**

**MOVED:** Cr Tilley

Region 7 notes the resignation of Independent Member Val Maslen and thank her for her contribution, they request that the Board send a letter of thanks.

**SECONDED:** Cr Scalzi

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **8.4 - Resignation – Member Council**

**MOVED:** Cr Tilley

Region 7 notes the withdrawal of Adelaide Hills Council from paid membership and thank Peter Bice for the contributions he has made, they request that the Board send a letter of thanks.

**SECONDED:** Ms Frost

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A discussion was then held about membership of Region 7 and what the group can do to create awareness of the importance of this organisation. Suggestions including deputizing at non member Council's meeting, requesting the CEO to address at the April LGA Conference.

#### **8.5 – Motion on Notice – MDA Constitution**

**MOVED:** Ms Frost

That this meeting of Region 7, held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023, authorizes the Executive Committee of Region 7 to analyse the current Murray Darling Association Constitution, dated 2020, with the aim of reviewing membership and any associated membership provisions.

**SECONDED:** Mr Shepherd

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **8.6 – Correspondence tabled**

Mr Najar tabled a Murray Darling Basin Authority Media release regarding the Basin Plan report card which can be found at this link:

<https://www.mdba.gov.au/news-media-events/newsroom/media-centre/bp-report-card-paints-clearer-picture-2024-deadline>

#### **9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the MDA Region 7 will be held at Campbelltown City Council on Thursday 11 May 2023 commencing at 6:30pm.

#### **10. CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 8:58pm.