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Region 7 Ordinary Meeting No 123 MINUTES

Indigenous Acknowledgement

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

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and welcomed Cr Blake Lawrenson and Mr Jonathan Foong from the City of Tea Tree Gully to the Committee.

2. ATTENDANCE

- 2.1 Present: Cr Andrew Tilley, Cr Joanna Wells, Cr Pia George (via Teams), Mr Mark Lamb, Mr Peter Shepherd, Mr Ray Najar, Ms Pauline Frost OAM, Mr Robin Coleman, Mr John Kennedy OAM, Mr Gary Goland, Cr Blake Lawrenson, Mr Jonathan Foong, Ms Lynda Yates
- 2.2 Apologies: Mayor Holmes-Ross, Cr Claude Scalzi

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

4. MINUTES

MOVED Mr Colemam

That the Minutes of Meeting No 122 of Adelaide Metro Region 7 held on Thursday 11 May 2023 be confirmed.

SECONDED Cr Wells CARRIED

5. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Board can be viewed by clicking on the following link.

[Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings of the MDA Board](#)

6. REPORTS FROM THE CEO

The CEO provided the meeting with a verbal update including the below and took questions from the floor.

- Focus on membership drive, particularly with Adelaide Councils – met with Tea Tree Gully previously which has resulted in the Council rejoining. Has had positive meetings with Burnside, Charles Sturt, Adelaide Hills, Unley and Onkaparinga.
- Engagement and partnerships still strong – working with CSIRO on Circular Economy and Water. OneBasin CRC – Professor Mike Stewardson will be giving a speech at the

conference

- This years Conference will be number 79. Seeking to have a good balance of speakers for this conference.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 – Mr Greg Burns – Inspector General – Water Compliance

Mr Burns was unable to attend due to illness, hopes to attend next meeting.

7.2 – Ms Anne Lucas – Assistant Director, Engagement Communications, First Nations and Strategy – Murray-Darling Basin Authority

Presentation included with the minutes.

7.3 – Professor Wayne Meyer – The University of Adelaide

Presentation included with the minutes.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Proposed Motions for National Conference

The following motions were discussed and supported within the meeting but 8.1.3-8.1.5 will be circulated outside of the meeting to finalise wording and rationale to provide to Tim for the Conference agenda.

8.1.1 Previous Motion Resubmitted – Foxtan Dam
MOVED Cr Tilley SECONDED Cr Wells CARRIED

8.1.2 Previous Motion Resubmitted – Aquifa Recharge
MOVED Cr Tilley SECONDED Mr Coleman CARRIED

8.1.3 That the MDA investigate potential for retro fitting existing infrastructures for hydro electric capability.

8.1.4 Region 7 seeks a commitment to the construction and completion of the proposed installation of the pipe connector between the southern part of the south lagoon to the ocean.

8.1.5 That the Mouth of the River Murray be investigated for the installation of correctly designed groynes to enable a safe entrance which will minimise the continual dredging.

8.2 Acknowledgment of Jim Hullick OAM

MOVED Mr Najar

That a letter of condolence and flowers be sent to Jim's wife in recognition of the extraordinary contribution Jim made to the Murray Darling Association and the Local Government Association South Australia.

SECONDED Cr Tilley CARRIED

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MDA Region 7 will be held on Thursday 16 November, hosted by the City of Tea Tree Gully.

10. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 9:36pm.

