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## Region 7 Ordinary Meeting No 116 MINUTES

### **Indigenous Acknowledgement**

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

**Location:** City of Tea Tree Gully Civic Centre – Banksia Room  
571 Montague Road, MODBURY

**Time / Date:** At the conclusion of the AGM, Thursday 17 June 2021

**Guest** **Ms Deana Mildren**

**Speaker:** Regional Engagement Officer, Lower Murray, Murray-Darling Basin Authority

**Chair:** Cr Andrew Tilley, City of Mitcham

**Secretary:** Jamie Barrett, City of Mitcham

### 1. **WELCOME BY HOST COUNCIL**

### 2. **ATTENDANCE**

#### 2.1 Present:

- Cr Andrew Tilley, City of Mitcham
- Mr Thornton Harfield, City of Tea Tree Gully
- Mr Gary Goland
- Cr Robin Coleman, City of Tea Tree Gully
- Cr Therese Britton – La Salle, Campbelltown City Council
- Cr Joh Kennedy OAM, Campbelltown City Council
- Cr Lyn Petrie, City of Tea Tree Gully
- Ms Lynda Yates
- Ms Deana Mildren
- Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross, City of Mitcham
- Mr Ray Najar
- Mr Peter Shepherd
- Ms Pauline Frost

#### 2.2 Apologies:

- Cr Darren Kruse, City of Mitcham
- Mr Peter Bice, Adelaide Hills Council
- Mr Stephen Coppins
- Cr Peter Jamieson, City of Port Adelaide Enfield

**3. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome the new Executive Committee members and all members to the meeting, spoke of his appreciation of the help and support that we get in this Region in addition to the large effort the Committee as a whole gives.

**4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**5. MINUTES**

**MOVED: Cr Kennedy**

That the Minutes of Meeting No 115 of Adelaide Metro Region 7 held on Thursday 18 February 2021 be confirmed.

**SECONDED: Cr Coleman**

**CARRIED**

**6. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Board Meeting No 406,407 and 408 held in February, April and May respectively can be viewed by clicking on the following link.

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

**7. REPORTS FROM THE CEO**

Dealt with in the AGM portion of the meeting.

**8. PRESENTATIONS**

**8.1 Ms Deana Mildren – Murray Darling Basin Authority Update**

Deana spoke to her presentation and took questions from the floor. The presentation is to be circulated with the minutes.

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**9.1 Cr Robin Coleman – Notice of Motion – Inland Diversion Options**

**MOVED: Cr Coleman**

In light of the improving understanding and science of climate change, the Murray Darling Association advocates further independent further independent detailed studies into inland diversion options to increase flows in the Murray Darling Basin

**SECONDED: Pauline Frost**

**CARRIED**

***\*\* All Notices of Motion that are endorsed by Region 7 are then forwarded for consideration at the next appropriate Board Meeting\*\****

**9.2 Mr Ray Najar – Coorong Project update**

Mr Najar provided an update on the Department for Environment and Water: Project Coorong that he has been involved with, they have completed community consultation and after analyzing the

feedback have shortlisted five infrastructure options for a detailed feasibility assessment investigation:

1. Permanent connection between the Coorong South Lagoon and Southern Ocean, including temporary pumping from the Coorong South Lagoon to the Southern Ocean (Salinity reset)
2. Coorong Lagoon dredging to improve connectivity
3. Further augmentation of South East Flows to the Coorong (SEFA)
4. Coorong Lake Albert – connector
5. Additional automated barrage gates

Options 2,3 and 4 are the most feasible.

This project currently has \$70 million in allocated funding.

More information can be found here: [Department for Environment and Water | Project Coorong](#)

### 9.3 National Conference – Around the Room

Members who attended the National Conference were invited to give a two (2) minute summary of their experience, highlights and learnings:

Pauline Frost:

- Seeing Lake Menindee with water in it was a highlight, last time went it was dry.
- Venue was unequal, radio announcer a great touch,
- Speakers were excellent and the opportunity to approach them between sessions for a chat was great.

Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross:

- Excursion to Menindee Lakes was fantastic to see and to help understand what we all talk about

Cr John Kennedy:

- Bus trip was magic
- The whole experience was brilliant
- Speakers were good

**MOVED: Cr Kennedy**

That Region 7 write to Wentworth Shire thanking them for their wonderful hospitality, amazing venue and conference layout.

**SECONDED: Cr Tilley**

**CARRIED**

Cr Robin Coleman:

- Venue was excellent, as was the welcome to conference
- Cr Thurley was interesting and made an important point about trust
- The presentation by Rosalie Auricht BA (Acc), FCPA – General Manager of Renmark Irrigation Trust was the standout
- Too many presenters
- Interesting to attend

Cr Andrew Tilley:

- Seconded that the presentation by Rosalie Auricht was very good and commented that

they had one another award just this week.

- Pikes Creek with MDBA Regeneration Project was very eye opening and well timed to do after the conference and the use of CENH.
- Suggested that next conference we send Representatives of Region 7 to share our ideas on Water Sensitive Urban Design.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the MDA Region 7 will be held on Thursday 19 August 2021 at City of Campbelltown commencing at 6.30 pm.

**11. CLOSE**

9:30pm

