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## Region 7 Ordinary Meeting No 115 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 5062  
**Time /** 6:30pm, Thursday 18 February 2021  
**Date:**  
**Guest** Deana Mildren – Murray-Darling Basin Authority  
**Speaker:** Peter Shepherd – Private Member  
**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	Cr Shirley Halls (Observer)
Mr Ray Najjar – Private Member	Cr John Kennedy – Campbelltown City Council
Cr Robin Coleman – City of Tea Tree Gully	Mr Peter Shepherd – Private Member
Ms Lynda Yates – Private Member	Mt Thornton Harfield – City of Tea Tree Gully
Mr Gary Goland – Private Member	Cr Stephen Coppins (Observer)
Ms Pauline Frost – Life Member	Cr Peter Jamieson – City of Port Adelaide Enfield

#### 2.2 Apologies:

Cr Kat Mitchell – City of Port Adelaide Enfield	Mayor Anne Monceaux – City of Burnside
Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross – City of Mitcham	

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

Welcome to the new individual member Lynda Yates

### 4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

## 5. MINUTES

MOVED: Ms Frost

Recommended that the Minutes of Meeting No 114 of Adelaide Metro Region 7 held on Thursday 26 November 2020 be confirmed.

SECONDED: Cr Kennedy

CARRIED

## 6. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

The Chair noted the link to the minutes of recent Board Minutes.

## 7. REPORTS FROM THE CEO

Emma virtually attended the meeting to give the Region some updates on recent activities and matters including:

- New Chair for Region 10A – Mayor Craig Davies – has been doing a recruitment blitz of all surrounding Councils, Emma is impressed with this approach and feels it could be beneficial for all Regions to try this.
- Emma has received a letter from Deputy Prime Minister Deputy McCormack in response to the letter sent by the MDA for Motion 5.15 of the 2020 MDA AGM. The letter acknowledged the motion and proposed to further meet to discuss how to progress.
- Webpage and registrations are now live for the 2021 National Conference
- Cathy Keegan is leaving the MDA family, Emma acknowledged how fantastic she was as an employee and that her replacement will be beginning next week.
- Emma key focus for 2021 is Regional Engagement, this will include a trip to South Australia in the near future.

Emma also answered questions from the floor.

## 8. PRESENTATIONS

### 8.1 Ms Deana Mildren – Senior Engagement Officer, Murray-Darling Basin Authority

The presentation will be circulated with the minutes, this led to an around the room discussion around water trade and the SA water market, temporary and permanent trades and the effect it has on the river systems.

**ACTION:** Questions that committee members have stemming from this presentation should be sent to the secretary for collation and to possibly form a Region Motion to be submitted at the National conference.

### 8.2 Mr Peter Shepherd – Private Member of Region 7

Mr Shepherd presented to the committee a map of the water delivery sites, this map will be circulated with the minutes

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 9.1 Potential Guest Speaker

It was suggested that Michelle Campbell, Local Engagement Officer, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder could be a good guest speak at a future meeting, if available.

### 9.2 MDA Proposed Name Change

Group discussion around the potential name change of MDA, as a Region we do not support the proposed name change and are in agreement with the three State Local Government Associations. The MDA was initially private members, the associated costs of membership have led to the group having more Council representation than private but changing the name does not reflect or support our individual members as it suggests they are "second class citizens"

MOVED: Cr Coleman

That Region 7 does not support the proposed name change to include Local Government.

SECONDED: Ms Frost

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 9.3 Region Climate Ready Statement

The group had an open discussion about the Climate Ready Statement in particular stormwater recovery and water sensitive urban design.

**ACTION:** Secretary to send the template to Region 7 members for input, the feedback will be collated and then redistribute for support to finalise.

### 9.4 Acknowledgment of the passing of Former Members

Mr Ray Najar informed the group of the passing of Mr Rodney Button OAM , former MDA Region 8 Chair Wulf Reichler OAM of Region 11 and spoke of their achievements within the MDA.

## 10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MDA Region 7 will be held on Thursday 17 June at City of Tea Tree Gully commencing at 6.30 pm.

## 11. CLOSE