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## Region 7 Ordinary Meeting No 110 21 November 2019 MINUTES

1. **WELCOME**  
Meeting commenced at 6:30pm

2. **ATTENDANCE**

2.1 Present:

Cr Andrew Tilley	Chair, City of Mitcham
Mrs Jamie Barrett	Secretary, City of Mitcham
Cr Stephen Coppins	City of Playford
Ms Pauline Frost	Life Member
Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross	City of Mitcham
Cr John Kennedy	Campbelltown City Council
Mr Peter Bice	Adelaide Hills – Director Infrastructure and Operations
Cr Robin Coleman	City of Tea Tree Gully
Cr Peter Jamieson	City of Port Adelaide Enfield
Cr Clare Lindop	City of Holdfast Bay
Mr Gary Goland	Private Member
Ms Lynda Yates	Member of the Public

2.2 Apologies:

Cr Darren Kruse	City of Mitcham
Cr Jessica Lintvelt	City of Tea Tree Gully
Cr Sue Irvine	Campbelltown City Council
Thornton Harfield	City of Tea Tree Gully
Cr Shirley Halls	City of Playford

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

Cr Andrew Tilley from the City of Mitcham and Chair of Region 7 welcomed all members of the Murray Darling Association Region 7 to the meeting and ran through general housekeeping matters

4. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no Declarations of Interest declared

5. **MINUTES**

MOVED Ms Pauline Forst

That the Minutes of Meeting No 110 of Adelaide Metro Region 7 held on Thursday 22 August 2019 be confirmed

SECONDED Cr John Kennedy

CARRIED

**6. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Board Meeting No 389, 390, and 391 held on August, September and October 2019 respectively can be viewed by clicking on the following link.

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

**7. REPORT FROM THE CEO**

Ms Emma Bradbury, CEO, was an apology from the zoom link.

[Chief Executive Officer Reports](#)

**8. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Cr Andrew Tilley engaged the group in an open conversation about taking less water from the Murray by opening the de salination plant in Adelaide. The conversation included discussion around maintaining environmental flow.

The group felt that more information regarding the details of this and the foreseeable outcomes from opening the plant need to be communicated to the wider community including this group. The Chair also advised that he will be circulating the strategic objectives of the group that he found from past years and hopes to get feedback to make it a relevant document to the current Region 7 goals and direction.

The Chair also spoke about the current issue of the membership rate and how it is impacting South Australian Membership to the Murray Darling Association. It will be raised with the board and Cr Tilley is hoping to petition the board to permanently discount the membership fee for South Australian Councils given our unique relationship with the Murray.

**9. GUEST SPEAKER**

**Ms Sylvia Clarke**

Citizen Science Project Officer  
Department Environment Water Natural Resources

Ms Clarke introduced the Citizen Science department of DENWR and discussed the Water Watch and Waterbug Bioblitz events that they run that involves public participation and collaboration to increase the data base of knowledge.

**10. MDA National Conference and AGM**

**Ms Pauline Frost, Cr Stephen Coppins, Cr Robin Coleman, Mr Peter Bice, Cr Andrew Tilley**

Region 7 Delegates  
Murray Darling Association

All members of Region 7 in attendance that attended the National Conference and AGM held in Toowoomba on October 22-24 gave a brief summary of their highlights and learnings from the event.

It was also raised that Cr Darren Kruse's written report (included in the correspondence section of the agenda) was a fantastic tool to help promote the event to other Council's and members and the Chair encouraged those present to table the report at their Council meetings to support the importance of this group.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Noted in above discussion

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**12.1 Location / Schedule of Meetings for 2020**

The meeting schedule will remain the same as 2019 so to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in February, May, August and November.

**ACTION:** Cr Lindop to consult with her Council in regards to holding the February meeting.

MOVED Cr Clare Lindop

That Holdfast Bay host the February 2020 meeting provided that Holdfast Bay Council Administration approve this.

SECONDED Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross

CARRIED

**13. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the MDA Region 7 will be held on Thursday 20 February 2020 at a location to be confirmed, commencing at 6.30 pm.

**14. CLOSE 8:55pm**

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks the City of Mitcham for its support in hosting this meeting of Region 7.*