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## Region 7 Ordinary Meeting No 119 MINUTES

### *Indigenous Acknowledgement*

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

**Location:** Campbelltown City Council  
172 Montacute Road Rostrevor  
**Time /**  
**Date:** 7:02pm, Thursday 23 June 2022

### 1. ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Present:

- Cr Andrew Tilley, City of Mitcham
- Cr John Kennedy OAM, Campbelltown City Council
- Cr Robin Coleman, City of Tea Tree Gully
- Cr Therese Britton – La Salle, Campbelltown City Council
- Mr Thornton Harfield, City of Tea Tree Gully
- Ms Lynda Yates
- Ms Pauline Frost OAM
- Mr Gary Goland
- Ms Val Maslan
- Mr Ray Najar
- Mr Peter Shepherd

#### 1.2 Apologies:

- Cr Lyn Petrie, City of Tea Tree Gully
- Mr Peter Bice, Adelaide Hills Council
- Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross, City of Mitcham
- Mayor Jill Whittaker, Campbelltown City Council

### 2. REPORTS FROM THE CEO

The CEO spoke to the meeting then took questions from the floor. Topics discussed included:

- Community Leadership Program: program was successfully delivered. Hoping to customize and deliver to different groups in the future eg dairy farmers
- Relationships: Still focusing on key relationships with "water family" stakeholders. Has reached out to Hon Tanya Plibersek, hoping she will speak at the upcoming conference.
- Membership: Focus at the moment, dues have been posted and hoping to do a membership drive to get back key members, currently speaking to a key Victorian Council about rejoining the organization.
- Motions: Attempting to close out old motions before new motions come with the conference.
- Partnerships: Working on developing partnerships, looking to sign an agreement with One Basin CRC and have signed partnership with Drought Resiliency Hub (with University New

England)

- Conference: Planning a Sunday night welcome reception, Monday will be a significant study tour which will include Lake Hume and Lake Dartmouth, go inside the dam wall. Conference will officially start on Tuesday and close Wednesday. Lining up exciting key speakers. Will have a trade hall.
- Circular Economy Project – CSIRO engaged us to deliver , been working with Dr Heinz Schandl the CSIRO Circular Economy Initiation Coordinator. Hope this leads to future collaborations. Building the report now and hopes to present the outcomes at our next Region meeting..

### 3. MINUTES

**MOVED:** Cr Kennedy

That the Minutes of Meeting No 119 of Adelaide Metro Region 7 held on Thursday 24 March 2022 be confirmed.

**SECONDED:** Ms Frost

### 4. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

### 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 9.1 New Member

**MOVED:** Mr Goland

That Val Maslen's application for membership be referred to the board for approval.

**SECONDED:** Ms Frost

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 9.2 Inter- Region Meeting

The Chair provided an update on this item.

#### 9.3 John Kell Proposal

**MOVED:** Cr Coleman

That the Chairman of Region 7 write to the CEO requesting that he contact the other Regions and the MDBA advising of the full potential of the John Kell proposal and that an appropriate motion of support be put before the MDBA

**SECONDED:** Mr Shepherd

**CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Cr Coleman

That the CEO correspond with the MDBA requesting as a matter of urgency to take steps to ascertain what water volume of the John Kell proposal should be secured for the future of the Murray Darling Basin.

**SECONDED:** Mr Shepherd

**CARRIED**

### 10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MDA Region 7 will be held on Thursday 29 September at Adelaide Hills Council commencing at 10am.

### 11. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 9:08pm