

# **Murray Darling Association Inc.**

553 Kiewa Street P.O. Box 359 Albury, NSW 2640

# Region 7 Ordinary Meeting No 124 MINUTES 23 November 2023

#### 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.

# 2. ATTENDANCE

- 2.1 Present: Cr Andrew Tilley, Mayor Marika Ryan, Cr Joanna Wells, Cr Pia George, Mr Mark Lamb (via Teams), Mr Tim Phillips (via Teams), Mr Peter Shepherd, Mr Ray Najar, Mr Robin Coleman, Mr John Kennedy OAM, Cr Therese Britton La-Salle, Mr Gary Goland, Cr Blake Lawrenson, Ms Lynda Yates, Mr Tom Mooney, Mr Greg Burns, Ms Carol Muzyk, Ms Ingrid Wilkshire
- 2.2 Apologies: Mayor Holmes-Ross, Cr Claude Scalzi, Ms Pauline Frost OAM
- 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Nil

# 4. MINUTES

MOVED Mr Coleman

That the Minutes of Meeting No 123 of Adelaide Metro Region 7 held on Thursday 17 August 2023 be confirmed.

SECONDED Mr Kennedy 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 and took questions from the floor.

## 7. **PRESENTATIONS**

#### 7.1 – Mr Tom Mooney – Waterfind

Mr Mooney is a new member of Region 7 so gave an introduction regarding himself and his interest in the water industry. Has designed software which is used by the Australian water market.

#### 7.2 – Ms Carol Muzyk – Manager, Environment – Care of our Environment (COOE)

Ms Muzyk is a new member of Region 7 so gave an introduction regarding herself and Local Government history. Become a member to help bolster membership for this Region. Organisation looking to do more Local government project support. Very interested in targeting corporate membership

\*\*Presentation circulated with the minutes\*\*

#### 7.3 – Mr Greg Burns – Inspector General – Water Compliance

Greg Burns presented to the group regarding Inspector-General of Water Compliance and the role of Field Officer Roles. Retired police officer of 24 years. Troy grant from 2021. 6 teams within IGWC Audit, Investigations, Performance / Compliance, Field Officers, Governance, Media Regularly attends Region 5 and 6 meetings.

\*\*Presentation circulated with the minutes\*\*

#### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 8.1 National Conference Hghlightes

Members that attended the conference were given two minutes to give their highlights / insight.

- Peter Top 3 speakers Dr Jackie Hickey Dpt Climate Change and Environment, \$165 submissions on smart ideas for 50L. Dr Nadine Kelly from SA DEW in charge or Healthy Coorong program, connection between Lake Albert and blue lagoon
- *Robin* Well done to everyone involved, it was a very enjoyable experience
- Ray the program was excellent, could only attend one day good intellectual speakers (mostly) and very well run by Mark and Tim and handouts appreciated
- *Tom* Attended as a paid bystander, found the people were a really strong organised book. Dr Alan Royston from Goyder Institute heard speak elsewhere and recommends he come to R7 and present.
- *Marika* would love to attend and listen and has a great relationship with other Mayors so happy to assist, especially R8 Mayors
- *Carol* Background work, Murray Bridge very excited about it and hopes a metro Council in Adelaide would one day host. First time attending as individual member, first time voting, also from a sponsor perspective great networking and able to hear so many different speeches and points of view. R6 all CEOs and Mayors is a member
- *Gary* didn't go but would like this group to focus on collaboration and learning all levels of water, would be good to include NRM and Greening Adelaide
- Lynda Attended second day, it was amazing, good caterin. Zoom sessions on day 1, nice to be able to listen without missing out
- *Blake* From a new persons perspective, nice to get up to Murray Bridge, some family up there dairy farmers, railways. Recognising the basin and the importance to the river and our city. Connection in my ward, great hearing all the speakers.

#### 8.2 2024 Meeting dates

Region 7 will meet on the following dates:

- Thursday 15 February Hosted by Campbelltown City Council
- Thursday 16 May AGM and Ordinary Meeting
- Thursday 22 August
- Thursday 21 November

Calendar invites will be circulated to the Region.

#### CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:06pm

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#### 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.

