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## Region 7 Ordinary Meeting No 114 MINUTES

### 1. WELCOME

Meeting commenced at 6:31pm.

### 2. ATTENDANCE

#### 2.1 Present:

Cr Andrew Tilley	Chair, City of Mitcham
Ms Deborah Horton	Secretary, City of Mitcham
Mr Gary Goland	Individual Member
Mr Ray Najar	Individual Member
Mr Peter Shepherd	Individual Member
Ms Pauline Frost	Life Member
Cr Robin Coleman	Elected Member, City of Tea Tree Gully
Cr John Kennedy	Elected Member, Campbelltown City Council
Cr Shirley Halls	Elected Member, City of Playford
Mr Thornton Hartfield	Director Assets & Environment, City of Tea Tree Gully
Cr Lyn Petrie	Elected Member, City of Tea Tree Gully
Peter Mettam	Department for Environment
Wayne Meyer	University of Adelaide
Deana Mildren	Murray Darling Basin Authority
Angus MacGregor	Department for Environment
Cr Peter Jameson	Elected Member, City of Port Adelaide Enfield

#### 2.2 Apologies:

Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross	Elected Member, City of Mitcham
Cr Darren Kruse	Elected Member, City of Mitcham
Cr Mark Basham	Elected Member, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
Cr Steve Vines	Elected Member, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
Cr Matt Osborn	Elected Member, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
Cr Kat Mitchell	Elected Member, City of Port Adelaide Enfield

The Chair sought and was granted leave of the meeting to record the meeting for the purposes of minutes.

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

The Chair, Cr Tilley opened the meeting and welcomed new members.

Ms Pauline Frost gave the meeting an overview of the achievements and passions of Mr Rex Adams OAM – former Region Chair and delegate who passed away on Thursday 30 July 2020.

### 4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

**5. MINUTES**

MOVED Ms Pauline Frost

That the Minutes of Meeting No 113 of Adelaide Metro Region 7 held on Thursday 20 February 2020 be confirmed

SECONDED Cr Kennedy

CARRIED

**6. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Board Meeting No 399, 400, 401, 402 and 403 held in June, July, August, September and October confirmed.

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

That the Minutes for the Murray Darling Association Board Meetings Numbered 399 – 403 be confirmed.

**7. REPORTS FROM THE CEO**

Reports from the CEO for June to October can be viewed by clicking on the following link.

[Chief Executive Officer Reports](#)

**8. PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentations were made to the group with questions and answers provided;

**8.1 Mr Angus MacGregor and Mr Peter Mettam – Department for Environment and Water**

- 'Healthy Coorong Basin Plan'

**8.2 Professor Wayne Meyer**

- Water Management Projects

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**9.1 New Independent Member Application**

MOVED Chair, Cr Tilley

That Region 7 recommends to the Murray Darling Association Board that the application from Lynda Yates, Holdfast Bay be accepted.

SECONDED Cr John Kennedy

CARRIED

**9.2 Region Climate Ready Statement**

The Chief Executive Officer gave the meeting an overview of the Climate Ready Statement, which is a new initiative looking to engage with councils to better understand their climate change adaption mitigation strategies. Once collated, this information will inform the creation and implementation of a Region 7 Climate Change Statement. Chief Executive Officer requested this information from each council in the next month if possible and if not, early in the 2021 calendar year.

ACTION – Chief Executive Officer to clarify due date of the survey from Councils.

### **9.3 MDA name-change consultation**

Chief Executive Officer gave the meeting context for the MDA name change project. A name change FAQ's and LGA analysis has been developed to assist with the MDA name change consultation (attached). The Chair confirmed that consultation was occurring across the sector, however the meeting offered other suggestions that could be pursued including;

- Murray Valley Development League
- Murray Darling (for Conservation and Sustainable Development)
- Organisation of the Murray Darling Councils
- Murray Darling Association of Councils
- Murray Darling Regional Council
- Murray Darling Regional Group of Councils
- Association of Councils for the Development of the Murray Darling
- Murray Darling Councils Regional Development

A survey is being circulated with the Chief Executive Officer encouraging responses to be sent back to the Region for consideration at the 2021 Annual Strategic Planning Workshop.

### **9.4 National Conference Reports / Debrief**

Nil

### **9.5 South Australian combined Region Meeting**

The Chair advised the meeting that the Local Government Association of SA is willing to host a combined SA Regions meeting proposed for Friday 26 February 2021. Dates and times are to be confirmed early 2021.

### **9.6 2021 Meeting Schedule**

That the region determines the locations for the 2021 Region 7 Meetings with proposed dates of:

- Thursday 18 February, City of Mitcham
- Thursday 20 May, City of Tea Tree Gully
- Thursday 19 August, Campbelltown City Council
- Thursday 18 November, Port Adelaide-Enfield

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the MDA Region 7 hosted by the City of Mitcham will be held on Thursday 18 February, commencing at 6.30 pm at the Civic Centre (pending covid19 restrictions) or via zoom.

## **11. CLOSE 9:25pm**

The Chair wished all a Merry Christmas before closing the meeting.

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