



Murray Darling Association Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of REGION 6
24 February 2023
9:30 am – 10:30 am

MINUTES – AGM 2023

1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Former Chair Melissa Rebbeck

2. ATTENDANCE

2.1. Membership as tabled in attachment 1

2.2. RSVP (no less than 1/3 of Member Councils for a quorum (16.6(d) MDA Constitution 2019)

Cr Melissa Rebbeck (Outgoing Chair)	
Cr Airlie Keen	Rural City of Murray Bridge
GM Heather Barclay	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Mayor Wayne Thorley	Rural City of Murray Bridge
CEO Bridget Mather	Coorong District Council (Proxy)
Warren Jacobs (Virtual attendance)	Individual Member
Cr Jonathon Pietzsch	Coorong District Council
Cr Brenton Qualmann	Coorong District Council
Kathy Hayter (proxy)	City of Victor Harbour

2.3. Guests

Mark Lamb	CEO MDA
Tim Phillips (Virtual attendance)	MDA Communications and Engagement Officer
Stephan Packer	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Carol Muzyk	Coordinator MDA Region 6

2.4. Apologies

CEO Nigel Morris	Alexandrina Council
Cr Milli Livingstone	Alexandrina Council
Cr Michael Scott	Alexandrina Council
Colin Grundy	Individual Member
Adrian Pederick	Individual Member
Graham Camac	Individual Member
Phillip Moore	Life Member
Barry Featherstone	Life Member
Frank Tuckwell	Life Member (TBC)

2.5. Declarations

NIL

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the minutes of the Murray Darling Association (MDA) Region 6 – AGM held 25 February 2022 be approved as an accurate record of that meeting.

HEATHER BARCLAY/BRIDGET MATHER- CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1 Former Chair Melissa Rebbeck tabled and spoke to her report. (Report Attached)

MOTION

Region 6 acknowledge the leadership provided by Melissa Rebbeck over the past 4 years in her position of Chair.

Heather Barclay/Bridget Mather - CARRIED

4.2 MDA CEO Report

Mark Lamb provided the following information to Members

- Thanked Melissa Rebbeck for her leadership and input into Region 6.
- Attendance at MINCO has been delayed until next meeting.
- Traction at Federal and State level with issues presented by MDA.
- Partnerships and Collaborations have increased with other bodies such as SQNSW, CSIRO, One Basin CRC
- CSIRO report has been accepted
- Planning for 2023 AGM and Conference is progressing well – commitment from sponsors and speakers

QUESTIONS

CR Qualmann – congratulated Melissa on doing a great job

By 2050 the amount of available water will be less given the increase in populations. Asked Mark to comment on the issue

ANSWER

Mark Lamb provided this is a real challenge increasing demand on water in the Basin e.g. demands from almond growers. Discussions with MDBA have occurred however it has been determined that it is not the role of the MDBA job to tell farmers what to plant. Mark does not agree with this and believes we have a role to play to educate people about the future and water availability.

COMMENTS

Melissa Rebbeck provided that Minister Tanya Plibersek has announced an agreement to develop policy on circular economy. She has also announced the pathway to achieve the 450GL. Pathway is to buy back water. This has occurred in part because of the advocacy of Region 6 and Mark Lamb.

MOTION

That the reports be received

Cr Keen/Heather Barclay - CARRIED

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

5.1 Election of Chair

Only one nomination has been received - Cr Keen

Cr Keen appointed as the Chair uncontested

5.2 Election of Executive

Nominations from CEO Bridget Mather, CEO Nigel Morris and General Manager Heather Barclay

Five nominations are permitted. Minimum of a 3 Executive Members must be appointed.

As there are no positions contested all three nominee are appointed as Executive Members

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

None raised

CLOSE 10.00am

The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks to the Rural City of Murray Bridge for its support in hosting this Ordinary meeting and video conference of Region 6.

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