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Region 6 Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday 7th August 2015

9:30am for 10am start

Following the AGM, the R6 Ordinary Meeting will be held

Location: Coorong District Council Civic Centre
"Sturt Board Room"

Address: 95-101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend SA 5260

AGENDA

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Present:
- 1.2 Apologies:

2. WELCOME

- 2.1 Welcome to Coorong District Council
- 2.2 Conflict of Interest

3. MINUTES OF 2014 AGM

- 3.1 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 26 August 2014 at Murray Bridge
(Refer to Attachment 3.1)

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- 4.1 From minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 26 August 2014 at Murray Bridge
(Refer to Attachment 4.1)

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2014/15

- 5.1 Region 6 Chair Frank Tuckwell Chairperson's Report 2014/15
(Refer to Attachment 5.1)

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2015/16

In accordance with the Murray Darling Association Inc. Constitution 2006 The Returning Officer will now conduct the Election for Regional Executive positions for Region 6 of the Murray Darling Association Inc. Positions are: Region Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8. NEXT MEETING

The next AGM of the Murray Darling Association, Region 6 will be held in August 2016. Date and Venue to be advised.

9. CLOSE

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Region 6 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 26 August, 2014 – 1.30pm
Library Complex, Murray Bridge, SA

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Emma Bradbury	CEO Murray Darling Association
Cr Alan Oliver	Chair – Alexandrina Council
Peter R Smith OAM	Secretary
Cr Frank Tuckwell OAM	Alexandrina Council
Cr M Gardner	Alexandrina Council
Cr B England	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Mr B Bagley	Private Member
Mr Keith Loeser	Private Member
Mr Ian Mann OAM	Private Member
Mr Keith Scobie	Private Member
Mr T Franklin	Private Member (Murray Watch)

1.2 Apologies

Cr Greg Toll	National President (Shire of Campaspe)
Cr Y Smith	Karoonda East Murray Council
Cr P Wright	Coorong District Council
Mayor A Arbon OAM	Regional Council of Murray Bridge
Michelle Lensink MP	MHR
B & J Patterson	Private member
L & M Fischer	Private member
L& M Barber	
V Ball	
G White	
S Bradley	Regional Council of Murray Bridge

2. MINUTES of 2013 AGM

Moved B. England seconded B. Bagley – Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST REGION 3 MEETING

Nil.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2014/15

Chair declared all positions vacant and requested that CEO Emma Bradbury assume the Chair for the conduct of the elections.

M. Gardner declared she would not be participating in the voting, as whilst she represented the Alexandrina Council she was a proxy for both Cr Oliver and Cr Tuckwell and they were both present.

The following nominations have been received and accepted by the returning officer.

Chairman:

Nominees: A. Oliver and K. Loeser **Alan Oliver elected**

Deputy Chair:

Nominees: P. Smith, F. Tuckwell and B. England **Bob England elected**

2ND Deputy Chair:

Nominees: F. Tuckwell and K. Loeser **Frank Tuckwell elected**

3rd Deputy Chair:

Nominee: K. Loeser **K. Loeser elected**

Secretary:

Nominee: P. Smith **Peter Smith returned**

P. Smith moved seconded B. Bagley that **A. Oliver, B. England, F. Tuckwell, K. Loeser and P. Smith** be declared as the Office Bearers for 2014/2015 – Carried

Alan Oliver resumed as the Chair and thanked the Returning Officer.

Moved I. Mann seconded K. Loeser that Bob England remain as the Chair of the Lower Murray Working Group and the LMWG hold its own election for their Officer Bears – Carried.

5. MEETING CLOSE - 1.30pm

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Region 6 Ordinary Meeting

Date: Friday 26th June 2015, Time: 9:30am for 10am Start

Location: Rural City of Murray Bridge Local Government Centre
"Mobilong Suite"

Address: 2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge SA 5253

MINUTES (draft)

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 **Present:** Cr Barry Featherston (Acting Chair), Cr Michael Scott (Alexandrina Council), Vern Leng (Member), Ian Mann OAM (Member), Lesley Fischer (Member), Mick Fischer (Member), Terry Franklin (River Watch), Cr Peter Wright (Coorong District Council), Danae Cates (Acting Secretary – Alexandrina Council)
- 1.2 **Apologies:** Cr Frank Tuckwell - Chair (Alexandrina Council), Robert Sexton (Mayor Southern Mallee), Brenton Lewis (CE – Regional Development Australia), Keith Scobie (Member), Bill Bagley (Member), Keith Loeser (Member), Sam Dodd (Chair Meningie Narrung Lakes Irrigators Association), Lindsay Barber, Simon Grenfell (Alexandrina Council)

2. WELCOME

- 2.1 Welcome to Rural City of Murray Bridge
- 2.2 Cr Barry Featherston (Alexandrina Council) – *Acting* Chair Region 6
- 2.3 Conflict of Interest

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 Minutes of the previous R6 Ordinary Meeting held on 20th March 2015 at Strathalbyn
- 3.1.1 No lock below Blanchtown – opposed to being at Coolcha
Moved Ian Mann, Seconded Vern Leng
CARRIED
- 3.2 Minutes of Special Meeting held on 5th June 2015 at Goolwa
- 3.2.1 Add list of members present – to be re-circulated
TABLED – No formal resolution required.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- 4.1 From minutes of previous meeting on 20th March 2015
- 4.1.1 Federal Money \$24m is no longer available.
- 4.1.2 Broken Hill Council – Re: SA taking our water, this is just a statement from Broken Hill, not official.
- 4.1.2.1 **ACTION** - Danae to research information and circulate to R6 for further discussion with the view to allow us to send a formal response back to Broken Hill Council and Region 4 in response to these comments. Peter to assist.

Moved Michael Scott, Seconded Vern Leng

CARRIED

4.1.3 Region 6 write to Minister of River Murray – there has been correspondence – Refer to Correspondence response received.

4.1.3.1 To be discussed in detail at first meeting, after AGM, as Lake Albert has not recovered. (Coorong to assist DC in prep of Agenda item for this)

4.1.3.2 Fur Seals – Discussions been held, report received from Southern Fisheries, an update was provided, Danae will circulate information.

4.1.3.2.1.1 Need to push through RAMSAR for support

4.1.3.2.1.2 Letter of support from R6 to support Fisheries industry

4.1.3.2.1.3 R6 to respond to letter from Minister Hunter, urging state government to reconsider it's policy – Also send copy of letter to R5 seeking their support and also letter to Federal Exec stating not happy with their response (as detailed in paragraph 4)

Also provide CC copy of correspondence to inform Federal Fisheries Ministers to raise the issues on how the Southern Fisheries are being affected for their information.

And send copies to those who have responded to us on this issue.

Moved Ian Mann, Seconded Vern Leng

CARRIED

4.2 From minutes of Special Meeting on 5th June 2015 – for information, no endorsement required as it was Special Meeting.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Chairman's Report from Chairman Frank Tuckwell – Noted and Tabled.

Moved Ian Mann, Seconded Terry Franklin

CARRIED

Any feedback please refer to Frank Tuckwell

- Need copy of minutes of National Board Meeting (MDA) which outlines Mid-Murray to go to R5.

ACTION: Chairman Frank Tuckwell to table at next meeting for discussion.

5.2 Formulation of R6 Response regarding MDA Governance Model Review discussion paper

5.2.1 Is there any late submissions

5.2.2 Finalise R6 Response to MDA Governance Model Review

FINAL FEEDBACK / RESOLUTION

- 1. We reject the currently proposed model of board of directors and therefore the Committee of Regional Chairs.**
- 2. The Board to be made up of all Regional Chairs at this stage would be a 12 member board.**
- 3. The Chair to be elected from the board and by the board.**

4. **The MDA should be a member driven board**
5. **That the State Regions as a collective liaise at least twice a year with their own State Government bodies on MDA matters.**
 - i. **In principal the board should negotiate with the federal government on MDA matters**
6. **That Board Chairs for each region serve no more than 2 council terms (6-8 years).**
7. **Each region should select it's chair so that person is aware of their obligations under the four dot points, of**
 - a. A stable succession plan, capturing and retaining the knowledge and experience of our current board
 - b. The development and implementation of a Corporate Plan to articulate the strategic direction of the organisation and provide clear direction into the future
 - c. The delivery of stronger, skills based financial, corporate and compliance oversight of the Association
 - d. Enhanced value to members through clarity of purpose and structured advocacy capacities
8. **The board can appoint skill based sub-committees as required.**
9. **It is expected that the board will appoint a CEO that can comply with the obligations,**
 - a. A stable succession plan, capturing and retaining the knowledge and experience of our current board
 - b. The development and implementation of a Corporate Plan to articulate the strategic direction of the organisation and provide clear direction into the future
 - c. The delivery of stronger, skills based financial, corporate and compliance oversight of the Association
 - d. Enhanced value to members through clarity of purpose and structured advocacy capacities

**Moved Ian Mann , Seconded Michael Scott
CARRIED**

5.3 Discussion Paper as supplied by the CEO Emma Bradbury and comments contained within, in regards to board member councils.

Resolution

That All financial member councils, associations and private members as per the constitution be entitled to have input into the Governance Model Review discussion paper. That the CEO ensures all above members are forwarded the discussion paper and are given appropriate time to respond.

**Moved Vern Leng, Seconded Michael Scott
CARRIED**

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 6.1 Annual General Meeting
Tentative – Date to be advised. *Originally announced for 7th August 2015*
At Coorong District Council – Civic Centre, “Sturt Board Room”
95-101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend SA 5260
**AGM Date to be clarified and may need to change
** Guest Speaker – Re Murray Mouth Dredging Project Jarrod Eaton (DEWNR) and also Paul Harvey regarding the effect of climate change on the barrages and Murray Mouth.
- 6.2 100% allocation has been announced for SA irrigators for 2015-16 water year.

- 6.3 That the Coorong Lower Lakes Tourism & Environmental Group, particularly notes relevant to murray darling flow report from Paul Harvey, be provided to Region 6. – Danae to circulate once received.

OTHER ACTIONS

- MDA to provide up to date mailing list for Council delegates within R6. As well as all contact details for private and business members, within our Region.
- Next Meeting – issues regarding climate change and the barrages be listed for discussion at the next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

AGM & Ordinary Meeting – Date to be advised.

8. CLOSE

Meeting closed 12:42pm

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REGION 6 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT August 7, 2015

The 2014 SA local government elections has had a dramatic effect on Region 6 during the year we've just ended. We lost Chairman Alan Oliver and vice-Chairman Bob England to those elections and as a result and suddenly I found myself in the R6 chair, pro tem. We can be proud of the long standing R6 succession plan which had a line-up of three vice-chairs providing stability in the executive structure and always worked well for us. However times and methods change and we need to adapt to those changes - where they are merited.

Both Alan and Bruce served the region well in their respective offices giving leadership and engendering a team spirit by their example, and I believe we should reflect our appreciation of their contribution by placing it on record. Bob is now a private member of the association and hopefully we may see Alan among our number sometime in the future. I would also like to record my thanks to Peter Smith OAM for the short time he acted as secretary for his support while I was going through a very rough time.

I would like to have had the opportunity to go on for a full term as R6 Chairman in my own right but that was not to be, due to the state of my wife's health. The past 25 years service in the MDA, could have only been possible by the support I have received from my wife Pat, who over a long period of that time accompanied me to all functions and conferences and kept me on time and at the right place. Inevitably when you rang my home number the cheery, friendly voice that first answered was Patty's. By the grace of God, may it be that it will continue to be so.

I will continue as one of Alexandrina's delegates until I retire from Council in 2018 and thereafter I plan to remain in R6 as a private member of the association. To the incoming administration I extend my best wishes for a successful year ahead and I pledge my support in achieving that outcome.

Regards to you all

Frank

Frank Tuckwell OAM

Chairman 2014-15

MDA Region 6.