



Murray Darling Association Inc.

Ordinary Meeting of Region 6
24 February 2023
10:00 am – 13:00 pm

Murray Bridge Town Hall.
Rural City of Murray Bridge.
17 Bridge Street Murray Bridge
MICROSOFT TEAMS (see Meeting Invite for link)

AGENDA – 24 FEBRUARY 2023

- 1. WELCOME**
 - 1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

- 2. ATTENDANCE**
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- 3. PREVIOUS MINUTES**
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- 4. REPORTS**
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 - 4.2. MDA CEO's Report – Mark Lamb
 - 4.3. Murray Darling Basin Authority – Kate Bartlett/Monique White
 - 4.4. Commonwealth Environmental Water Office – Richard Mintern
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 - 4.6. Member's Updates (written or verbal)
 - 4.7. 2023 Conference and AGM Planning – Mark Lamb/Carol Muzyk

- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
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- 8. MURRAY RIVER FLOODING**
- 8.1 Update on Council flood issues
- 8.2 Community Support

- 9. NEXT MEETING**
- 9.1. Agenda Items
- 9.2. Guest Speakers

- 10. CLOSE**

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

Attachment 1 Membership as of 14 February 2023

2023 REGION 6 MEMBERSHIP				
As of 1 st January 2023				
Position	Name	Council	Executive Member	Voting Member
Outgoing Chair	Melissa Rebbeck	Alexandrina Council		
Coordinator	Carol Muzyk	Region 6		
Council Representatives	GM Heather Barclay	Rural City of Murray Bridge		
	Mayor Wayne Thorley	Rural City of Murray Bridge		
	Cr Airlee Keen	Rural City of Murray Bridge		
	Stephen Packer (Proxy)	Rural City of Murray Bridge		
	CEO Bridget Mather (Proxy)	Coorong District Council		
	Cr Jonathon Pietzsch	Coorong District Council		
	Cr Brenton Qualmann	Coorong District Council		
	CEO Nigel Morris	Alexandrina Council		
	TBA	Alexandrina Council		
	Cr Milli Livingston	Alexandrina Council		
	TBA	City of Victor Harbor		
	TBA	City of Victor Harbor		
	TBA	Tatiara District Council		
	TBA	Tatiara District Council		
	TBA	Southern Mallee District Council		
	TBA	Southern Mallee District Council		
Individual Member	Adrian Pederick, MP JP			
	Colin Grundy			
	Warren Jacobs			
Life Members	Graham Camac			
	Phillip Moore			
	Barry Featherstone			
	Frank Tuckwell (TBA)			

Attachment 1. Murray Darling Association Region 6 – Membership 2023

2023 REGION 6 MEMBERSHIP				
As of 15th February 2023				
Position	Name	Council	Executive Member	Voting Member
Outgoing Chair	Melissa Rebbeck			
Coordinator	Carol Muzyk	Region 6		
Council Representatives	GM Heather Barclay	Rural City of Murray Bridge		
	Mayor Wayne Thornton	Rural City of Murray Bridge		
	Stephen Packer	Rural City of Murray Bridge (proxy)		
	Cr Airlee Keen	Rural City of Murray Bridge		
	CEO Bridget Mather	Coorong District Council (proxy)		
	Cr Jonathon Pietzsch	Coorong District Council		
	Cr Brenton Qualmann	Coorong District Council		
	CEO Nigel Morris	Alexandrina Council		
	TBA	Alexandrina Council		
	Cr Milli Livingstone	Alexandrina Council		
	CEO Victoria MacKirdy	City of Victor Harbor		
	Kathy Hayter	City of Victor Harbor (proxy)		
	TBA	City of Victor Harbor		
	TBA	Tatiara District Council		
	TBA	Tatiara District Council		
	TBA	Southern Mallee District Council		
	TBA	Southern Mallee District Council		
Individual Member	Adrian Pederick, MP JP			
	Colin Grundy			
	Warren Jacobs			
Life Members	Graham Camac			
	Phillip Moore			
	Barry Featherstone			
	Frank Tuckwell (TBA)			



Murray Darling Association Inc.

Ordinary Meeting of Region 6
13 January 2023
09:30 am – 1 pm

FINAL MINUTES – January 2023

1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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 Airlee Keen	Rural City of Murray Bridge
GM Heather Barclay	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Sue Reynolds	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Cr Milli Livingston	Alexandrina Council
CEO Bridget Mather	Coorong District Council (Proxy)
Warren Jacobs (Virtual attendance)	Individual Member

2.3. Guests

Mark Lamb	CEO MDA
Tim Phillips (Virtual attendance)	MDA Communications and Engagement Officer
Mayor Wayne Thorley	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Carol Muzyk	Coordinator MDA Region 6
Monique White	Murray Darling Authority
Kate Bartlett	Murray Darling Authority
Richard Mintern	CEWO
Greg Burns (Virtual attendance)	OIGWC

2.4. Apologies

CEO Nigel Morris	Alexandrina Council
Cr Michael Scott	Alexandrina Council
Cr Jonathon Pietzsch	Coorong District Council
Cr Brenton Qualmann	Coorong District 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 - Ordinary Meeting held 12 August 2022 be approved as an accurate record of that meeting.

Bridget Mather /Heather Barclay /CARRIED

4. NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

4.1 MDA CEO Mark Lamb— Introduction to the Murray Darling Association

- MDA CEO Mark Lamb delivered a Powerpoint presentation on the Murray Darling Association, its purpose, partnerships, AGM and Conference, AGM Motion progress and upcoming projects

QUESTIONS:

Melissa Rebbeck asked

- How can Members can find information about previous Motions?
- Could speaker topics at the 2023 conference be pertaining to flood events and relative to the Motions?
- Where are the 2022 AGM Motions at?

ANSWER:

- Mark responded he could not find records of previous Motions when he commenced the position of CEO
- The 2022 AGM Motions can be viewed on the MDA website. He is currently working on each Motion and how it can be addressed. Updates will be provided on the MDA website.
- Speakers for the 2023 Conference have yet to be decided and he is happy to receive advice on potential speakers and speaker topics.
- Advised he is currently formulating a process to progress Motions and scheduling face to face meetings with relevant people including Members of Parliament.
- Mark advised all Members to regularly review the MDA website for updates.

ACTION

Coordinator to provide members with the link to the MDA website directing them to where updated of the Motions can be viewed.

COMMENTS:

Melissa Rebbeck made the following comments

- Suggested First Nations speakers be invited to the conference
- Suggested letters to Ministers and regular meetings with Ministers may be another means of addressing some of the Motions
- Suggested their needs to be discussion with Northern Basin Regions regarding the Southern Basin Chair presenting at the Northern Basin Symposium. This will improve connectivity and a greater understanding of Basin issues.

DISCUSSION:

Open discussion about recent flooding events and resulting issues with water quality. State Government tests the quality of the Murray River regularly. Water quality reports can be found on the SA EPA website.

ACTION

Coordinator to provide members with the link to the SA EPA website directing them to water quality results of the Murray River.

DISCUSSION:

Open discussion on how about Membership and the involvement of Financial Member Councils who are not frequently attending meetings or have not assigned Council representation. CEO network may provide an opportunity for Member Councils to discuss the MDA and its relevance to recent flood events.

4.2 Region 6 Coordinator Carol Muzyk – Introduction to MDA Region 6

- Carol provided a quick overview on the New Members Pack highlighting the Nomination Form for Chair and Executive Committee and the Constitution.

- 4.3 Former Chair Melissa Rebbeck – Roles and Responsibilities of the Chair
- Melissa provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Chair (including facilitating MDA AGM Motions, and supporting to the MDA CEO) and attending and/or organising MDA Board Meetings, Symposiums, Executive Committee Meetings, and Inter-regional meetings
 - Melissa offered to talk one on one with Members who may be interested in nominating for the role of Chair.

Richard Mintern left the Meeting
Chair declared a Meeting Break at 10:45am

Meeting Re-Opened at 11:10am

5. REPORTS

- 5.1 Outgoing Chairs Report
- Melissa did not re-elect for Council and therefore is no longer a Council representative.
 - 2022 Conference Reports have been released. Region 6 were successful in all Motions submitted at the 2022 AGM endorsed. All Motions are displayed on the MDA website.
 - Regional Report is in the AGM Papers.
 - Melissa thanked all members for their contribution to Region 6 during her reign as Chair

DISCUSSION:

Members thanked Melissa for her contribution as Chair of Region 6.

- 5.2 MDA CEO Report – Mark Lamb.
- Refer to material presented at 4.1
 - CEO provides regular reports to the MDA Board on his activities. Reports are provided on the MDA website.
- 5.3 Murray Darling Basin Authority – Monique White and Kate Bartlett
- Monique and Kate presented a Powerpoint display outlining their roles.
 - Kate Bartlett has replaced Deana Mildren in the role of Engagement Officer.
 - Engagement Officer role is to engage with the Community on Basin issues.
 - There are 7 Engagement Officers who work across the Basin. Engagement Officers meet every two weeks.
 - Fact Sheets are available on the MDBA website.
 - Four of the NSW Water Resource Plans have been approved.
 - A Panel has been appointed to review the MDB Plan. Regular updated are provide on the MDBA website.

ACTION

Co-ordinator to provide members with the link to the MDBA website

MOTION

Members of Region 6 support the MDA CEO presenting at the MDBA Conference

Bridget Mather/Heather Barclay/CARRIED

- 5.4 Commonwealth Environmental Water Office – Richard Mintern
- This Item was moved to proceed directly after Item 4.3 as Richard Mintern needed leave the meeting.
- Provided an overview of the role and responsibilities of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office.

- Commented on Mark Lambs efforts to get LG Councils involved and the importance of encouraging Eyre Peninsula Councils to be involved.
- Opportunity to use the recent flood events as a reason for SA Councils to become members of the MDA.
- Provided a report on current issues in the Basin as a result of recent flood events e.g. bank slumping.

ACTION

Co-Ordinator to provide Members with link to Commonwealth Environmental Water Office website.

5.5 Office of Inspector General Water Compliance - Greg Burns

- Greg provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Inspector General Water Compliance.
- Provided that 4 of the NSW Water Plans have been accredited, 4 are currently under assessment and 7 are in the pre-submission stage.

QUESTION:

Melissa asked if the approved NSW Water Plans are publicly accessible

ANSWER:

Greg provided that all accredited NSW Water Plans are available on the Office of the Inspector General Water Compliance website.

ACTION

Co-ordinator to provide members with the link to the Office of the Inspector General Water Compliance website

5.6 Member Updates

Bridget Mather – Coorong District Council

- Provided an overview of the impact of the recent flood event including Council response, community engagement undertaken, closing of ferry crossings, and localised flooding.

Mayor Thorley – Rural City of Murray Bridge

- Provided an overview of the impact of recent flood event including Council response, restricting public access to Sturt Reserve, installing levees around infrastructure likely to be impacted, community anxiety and mental health impacts, and reliability of previous flow predictions. Due to planning and preparation impacts have been effectively managed.

Heather Barclay – Rural City of Murray Bridge

- Acknowledged the Murraylands and Riverland have been very different in their approach to addressing potential flood impacts and managing outcomes.
- RCMB commenced planning and preparing for the flood event in October, prior to the peak flow.
- Risk audits of Council infrastructure were undertaken to assess likely impacts.
- 80% of private levees are likely to fail or be damaged in a peak flow event.
- Roads in the Council have been inundated. Damage cannot be assessed until flood waters recede.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. BUSINESS ARISING

7.1 Actions from Ordinary Meeting

- Updated as necessary

7.2 Actions from Executive Committee Meeting

- Noted as presented

7.3 Recent Murray River Flood Event

QUESTION

Melissa Rebbeck asked:

- What role can the MDA play to support local communities and what are the learnings that can be shared among Member Councils?
- Is there an opportunity to share pre-planning protocols and recovery efforts?

ANSWER

MDA CEO Mark Lamb provided the MDA may be able to find some funding and some of this can be allocated to Region 6 Councils

Bridget Mather provided

- Conversation with the Recovery Co-ordinator asking what the MDA can do would be a first step.
- Communication between affected Councils would facilitate the sharing of information and ensuring there is not a double up on response efforts.
- Keeping a strong relationship with DEW who 'own' the River is important
- Information on how to manage slumping is needed.
- Presentation on the flood event and lessons learnt could be a topic at the 2023 MDA Conference. Water quality of lower lakes has not been affected however the Lower Lakes Recovery could also be included in the Conference presentations.

DISCUSSION

Cr Airlee Keen acknowledged councils preparation efforts.

Highlighted there are many impacts that are yet to be addressed including issues raised by Community members such as 'black water' and fish kill.

Heather Barclay provided Asset Management Plans need to be reviewed and amended in light of the flood event. Strategies such as the Riverfront Strategy will also need review and amendment.

QUESTION

Cr Airlee Keen asked how reliable is 1956 Flood Level that governs future development and how does the flood level affect future development?

ANSWER

Monique White MDBA provided the 1956 flood level across the border was significantly higher than the 1956 level.

8. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar of Events was noted.

9. NEXT MEETING

24th February AGM and Ordinary Meeting

CLOSE 1.00pm

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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1 February 2023

Mr Frank Tuckwell
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RE: RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – REGION 6 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION

Dear Frank

As the outgoing Chair, on behalf of Region 6 of the Murray Darling Association I would like to thank you for your many years of involvement and leadership with the Murray Darling Association.

It is my understanding you were a Council Delegate for Region 6 from 1989 to 2018. In recognition of your service, Region 6 Members have resolved to nominate you for Life Membership at the 2023 MDA AGM.

The 2023 MDA AGM and Conference will be held in Murray Bridge 19-21st September 2023. We would like to invite you as a Guest to the Gala Dinner. Once all details of the 2023 MDA AGM and Conference have been finalised you will receive an invitation to this event and be duly recognised.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa Rebbeck".

Melissa Rebbeck
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From: Mandy Clarke <MandyClarke@tatiara.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 February 2023 10:41 AM
To: Carol Muzyk <C.Muzyk@murraybridge.sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF AGM MDA REGION 6 AGM and AGM Agenda

Hi Carol,

Just a quick update after my meeting with our CEO this morning.
We will be putting a report to Council on February 14 seeking council representatives to the MDA and will let you know of the outcome after the meeting.

Kind regards,

Mandy Clarke Executive Assistant
Tatiara District Council

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Subject: FW: NOTICE OF AGM MDA REGION 6 AGM and AGM Agenda

Afternoon Carol

Further to our telephone calls, thank you for your email below, of which Matthew Sherman, Acting Chief Executive Officer has forwarded, due to a typo within my email address.

Unfortunately, due to the timeframes noted below and our discussions, on behalf of Matthew I relay that a report will be presented to the full Council in April 2023 where this matter will be included as to whether the Council would like to appoint two representatives to the board.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention and we will be back in touch after the April meeting.

Have a great day

Kindest Regards

Sheryn

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Murray Darling Association Region 6. Ordinary Meeting
Matters in progress arising from previous meeting

Description			Persons Responsible	Status / Conclusion
2022	MOTION	That the Region 6 Committee write formally to Mr Tuckwell acknowledging his service	Coordinator	COMPLETED
		Recommend the Executive nominate Mr Tuckwell to the MDA Board for life membership. Update: May 2022 Prepare lodgement for life membership.	Coordinator	ONGOING
2022	ACTION	Prepare a draft letter of acknowledgement of Mr Tuckwell's service for the consideration of the Chair.	Coordinator	COMPLETED
2022	ACTION	The current constitution does not seem to allow proxy voting rights, however the Chair believed that a region can nominate who has voting rights. Some attendees thought that a previous motion had already been agreed (2-3 years ago) that a proxy could have voting rights at a National Conference. Tim to follow up.	Tim Phillips	COMPLETED
2022	MOTION	That proxy representative of all regional Chairs at the AGM should be allowed to vote in the event a Chair is unable to attend.	Mark Lamb	COMPLETED
2022	ACTION	Heather, Bridget and Warren to report back on MRLGA Water Position Paper Workshop to be held 24 th May 2022.	Heather Barclay, Warren Jacobs	ONGOING
Jan 2023 4.1	ACTION	Coordinator to provide members with the link to the MDA website directing them to where updated of the Motions can be viewed. MDA Annual General Meeting results	Coordinator	COMPLETED
Jan 2023 4.1	ACTION	Coordinator to provide members with the link to the SA EPA website directing them to water quality results of the Murray River. River Murray EPA	Coordinator	COMPLETED
Jan 2023 5.3	ACTION	Coordinator to provide members with the link to the MDBA website Home Murray-Darling Basin Authority (mdba.gov.au)	Coordinator	COMPLETED
Jan 2023 5.4	ACTION	Coordinator to provide Members with link to Commonwealth Environmental Water Office website. Commonwealth Environmental Water Office - DCCEEW	Coordinator	COMPLETED
Jan 2023 5.5	ACTION	Co-ordinator to provide members with the link to the Office of the Inspector General Water Compliance website. Home Inspector General of Water Compliance (igwc.gov.au)	Coordinator	COMPLETED




Murray Darling Association Region 6. Executive

Matters in Progress arising from 2022 meetings

Description		Strategic Objective*	Persons Responsible	Status	Conclusion	
July 2022						
6.3	ACTION	<p>Chair and Region 6 Coordinator will meet every fortnight.</p> <p>Chair will directly conversed with Region 6 Coordinator on matters pertaining to Region 6, including providing additional support for MDBA Board matters.</p> <p>Region 6 Coordinator will inform GM Heather Barclay of outcomes of fortnightly meetings with Chair.</p>	1,2,3,5	Chair Coordinator	Ongoing	Meetings have been infrequent due to other commitments of both parties

*1: Maintain and Grow Influence, 2: Share Perspective, 3: Advocacy, 4: Drought Preparedness, 5: United Voice

 Denotes item completed.

Murray Darling Association Region 6 - Calendar of Meetings and Events 2023/2024.

Date	Event	Notes
13 January 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Rural City of Murray Bridge and Virtual
10 February 2023	Executive Meeting	CANCELLED
24 February 2023	Region 6 AGM	Rural City of Murray Bridge
24 February 2023	Ordinary Meeting 1	Rural City of Murray Bridge and Virtual
14 April 2023	Executive Meeting 1	Virtual
12 May 2023	Ordinary Meeting 2	Rural City of Murray Bridge and Virtual
7 July 2023	Executive Meeting 2	Virtual
11 August 2023	Ordinary Meeting 3	Rural City of Murray Bridge and Virtual
19-21 September 2023	MDA AGM and National Conference	Murray Bridge SA
13 October 2023	Executive Meeting 3	Virtual
10 November 2023	Ordinary Meeting 4	TBA and Virtual
12 January 2024	Executive Meeting 4	Virtual
23 February 2024	Region 6 AGM	TBA

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