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Region 6 Minutes: Annual General Meeting

Location: Alexandrina Council Community Chambers
"Wal Yuntu Warrin", 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa

Time/date: 9.30am for 10am start, Friday 15 February 2019

Acting Chair: Heather Barclay, Rural City of Murray Bridge

In attendance:

VOTING MEMBERS: Malcolm Downie, Heather Barclay, Mayor Brenton Lewis (Rural City of Murray Bridge), Councillor Vern Leng, Councillor Brenton Qualmann, (Coorong District Council), Councillor Michael Scott, Councillor Melissa Rebbeck, CEO Glen Rappensberg, (Alexandrina Council), Julie Barrie, Keith Loeser, Frank Tuckwell.

NON VOTING MEMBERS: Emma Bradbury (CEO Murray Darling Association – via video conference), Mayor Keith Parkes, Shen Mann (Alexandrina Council), Mayor Paul Simmons, CEO Vincent Cammell, Councillor Tank Arthur (Coorong District Council), Peter Smith, Lorraine Leese, Lesley Fisher, Steve Wilkinson, Bruce Brooks.

Apologies: Tony Wilson (Rural City of Murray Bridge), Anne Champness and Councillor Miles Hannemann (Tatiara District Council), Adrian Pederick (Member for Hammond), Andrew MacDonald (Kingston District Council), Faith Coleman, Peter Mettam (DEW), Professor Mike Young (University of Adelaide).

1. WELCOME

Heather Barclay, General Manager Assets & Infrastructure (Rural City of Murray Bridge) welcomed everyone to the meeting, and highlighted that she has been appointed as Acting Chair until the new Chair is elected.

Mayor Keith Parkes of Alexandrina Council welcomed everyone to Alexandrina Council and gave a Welcome to Country. Mayor Parkes spoke of the importance of the environment, and wished the group all the best for the AGM and Ordinary Meeting.

1.1 Welcome to Alexandrina Council, Housekeeping (Fire safety, Toilets, Catering)

1.2 Conflicts of Interest - Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 14 November 2017 were presented for review. **Attachment 1.**

Councillor Vern Leng moved that these minutes be accepted, Julie Barrie seconded. Motion carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 14 November 2017.

4. CHAIRPERSONS'S REPORT 2018/2019

Refer to Region 6 Report – from Murray Darling Association Annual Report 2017-18
Attachment 2

Councillor Vern Leng Chairperson's Report from the Murray Darling Association be accepted, Julie Barrie seconded. Motion carried.

5. PROCESS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2018/19

As per advice, precedent, and a defined process from the Murray Darling Association the election process for Region 6 Chair will be conducted by secret ballot using the preferential voting system. The Murray Darling Association election process is based on Australian Electoral Commission process and materials.

There were no questions in regard to the election process.

6. ELECTION OF REGION 6 CHAIR

Region 6 Nominees for Chair

The following nominations for the position of **Region 6 Chair** were received:

- Councillor Vern Leng – Coorong District Council
- Mayor Brenton Lewis – Rural City of Murray Bridge
- Councillor Melissa Rebbeck – Alexandrina Council

Heather Barclay advised that there are 12 eligible voting delegates. All have been advised of their voting options both to take up video and teleconferencing. None have taken this option up. Councillor Miles Hannemann from Tatiara District Council is an apology for this meeting. 11 eligible voting delegates are present to vote for the position of Region 6 Chair.

Please refer to **Attachment 3** for the biographies of the nominees for the position of **Region 6 Chair**.

Vincent Cammell, CEO Coorong District Council stepped in at this point as the Election Officer, acting in cooperation with the Returning Officer, Emma Bradbury CEO Murray Darling Association.

Each nominee was given 5 minutes to provide a brief address to the members prior to the vote. During the presentation by each nominee the other two left the room.

The order of presentation was; Mayor Brenton Lewis, Councillor Vern Leng, and Councillor Melissa Rebbeck.

Vincent Cammell fully explained the preferential voting process to be undertaken.

Voting forms were distributed, collected, and the count conducted. Region 6 Executive Officer assisted Vincent Cammell. The vote result was communicated to the Returning Officer.

BREAK FOR MORNING TEA

Meeting Return

Vincent Cammell announced that Councillor Melissa Rebbeck was duly elected as Chair of Region 6.

Councillor Rebbeck assumed the Chair and asked Heather Barclay to continue to assist her during the meeting.

7. REPORTS

Murray Darling Association CEO's Report – via phone conference – Emma Bradbury

Emma Bradbury congratulated Melissa Rebbeck to the role of the Chair. Emma recognised the work of past Region 6 Chair Barry Featherstone, and also in his role of Vice Chair of the Murray Darling Association Board.

Emma Bradbury also thanked Mayor Brenton Lewis and Councillor Vern Leng for their nominations for the position of Region 6 Chair.

Report on the Murray Darling Association Strategic Planning Workshop – February 1st – 3rd 2019

Emma reported on the Strategy Planning Workshop, and commented that 55 Councils were in attendance. It was a rich and valuable opportunity for formal and informal networking opportunity. The participant's contributions were incredibly respectful and cohesive. Emma has provided Tracey with a summary of the Strategic Workshop Report that will be sent out to all members. This will go to the March Murray Darling Association Meeting.

A strong outcome of the workshops was the need for a Business Case to go to State and Federal Governments to strengthen the resource capacity of the Murray Darling Association. This is based on the premise that the MDA is providing a service that is relied on not just Local Government, but also State and Federal levels of Government.

Emma is engaging with a range of communities across the Northern Basin in regard to the outcomes of the MDA Strategic Planning Workshops.

Minutes of Murray Darling Association Board Meeting No. 383 – Friday 1st February 2019 & CEO's Report – Attachment D

Emma Bradbury asked that the Minutes of the Murray Darling Association and CEOs report is presented at each Region Meeting.

Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Plan

The Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Plan has been released. Lower Lakes has been identified as an eligible region. There is some concern from other Regions in regard to the selection process of regions for this funding.

Julie Barrie moved to accept Emma Bradbury's report, seconded by Councilor Vern Leng. Motion carried.

8. ELECTION OF REGION 6 EXECUTIVE

Chair Melissa Rebbeck handed back to Heather Barclay to explain the process for the election of the Region 6 Executive.

The nominees for the Region 6 Executive are;

Heather Barclay, General Manager Assets & Infrastructure – Rural City of Murray Bridge

Councillor Vern Leng – Coorong District Council

Councillor Melissa Rebbeck – Alexandrina Council

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The Murray Darling Association Constitution at Part 5 s15 (4) states that regions will elect annually at a Region Meeting a Region Executive made up of: (a) a Chair; plus (b) not less than 2 and not more than 5 other Region Executive Members. As such, nominees to the position of Region Executive, may be considered duly elected immediately following the election of the Chair, and further nominations for the regional executive committee may be taken from the floor.

Heather explained that in the past term of Region 6 the Executive Group has included the CEO of each of the participating Council or their nominee. Heather confirmed that herself, Vincent Cammell, and Glenn Rappensberg are happy to continue in their role on the Executive Group.

Heather asked whether floor supported this suggestion.

Mayor Brenton Lewis clarified that the Chair is automatically part of the Executive Group.

Frank Tuckwell nominated Councillor Michael Scott to be a member of the Region 6 Executive. Seconded by CEO Glenn Rappensberg. Motion carried.

Keith Loeser nominated from the floor that he be considered as a nominee of for the Region 6 Executive.

At this point of the meeting the nominated members for the 5 positions were: Heather Barclay, Councillor Vern Leng, CEO Glenn Rappensberg, CEO Vincent Cammell, Councillor Michael Scott, and Keith Loeser. Region 6 Chair Councillor Melissa Rebbeck automatically assumed a role on the Executive as the Chair, as per the MDA Constitution.

The Chair suspended standing orders to resolve the best way to finalise the membership of the Region 6 Executive.

Meeting Return

Heather Barclay explained that there was a decision made at the last AGM to include the CEOs or their representatives to ensure a clear and simple way to direct resources to the Executive during the last term of Region 6.

Heather clarified that she attends Region 6 meetings as a representative of the Rural City of Murray Bridge CEO.

Councillor Vern Leng moved that the three CEO's or their nominees remain on the Region 6 Executive, with another 2 nominees from the floor. Seconded by Julie Barrie. Motion carried.

This left two remaining positions on the Region 6 Executive to be filled out of three nominations; Councillor Vern Leng, Keith Loeser, and Councillor Michael Scott.

Election Officer Vincent Cammell explained the voting process, which was to make a clear mark in two of the three boxes on the voting paper.

Councillor's Vern Leng and Councillor Michael Scott were successfully elected to the Region 6 Executive Group.

THE REGION 6 EXECUTIVE GROUP *for this term*

Councillor's	Councillor Melissa Rebbeck (Chair) Councillor Vern Leng Councillor Michael Scott	Alexandrina Council Coorong District Council Alexandrina Council
CEO's or their delegates	CEO Glenn Rappensberg CEO Vincent Cammell Heather Barclay - General Manager Assets & Infrastructure	Alexandrina Council Coorong District Council Rural City of Murray Bridge

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Michael Scott commented on the good work undertaken in the past term of Region 6. He particularly commended the work of past Coorong District Council Mayor Neville Jaensch and Alexandrina Council Mayor Keith Parkes, who have set us on the correct course for success and collaboration working through the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association.

Councillor Michael Scott moved to give thanks for their work and to acknowledge their contribution via letter to Mayor Neville Jaensch, Mayor Keith Parkes, past Region 6 Chair Barry Featherstone, Julie Barrie, and Councillor Vern Leng.

9. SCHEDULE: REGION 6 ORDINARY MEETINGS

Chair Melissa Rebbeck asked if there was any comment on this meeting schedule.

Glenn Rappensberg asked whether meetings could be moved to the second Friday of the month for August, October, and December.

Councillor Vern Leng commented that the Murray Darling Basin Board AGM is being held in Toowoomba in October.

Heather Barclay moved that the next Region 6 AGM date be set in due course. Moved Councillor Vern Leng, Seconded Julie Barrie. Motion carried.

Agreed meeting schedule for Region 6 for 2019	
Ongoing locations to be confirmed	Friday 9 th of August
Friday 15 th of February	MDA – AGM October 22-24, Toowoomba
Friday 5 th of April Coorong District Council Railway Terrace, Tailm Bend	Friday 11 th of October
Friday 21 st of June	Friday 20 th of December

10. MEETING CLOSE

Region 6 AGM supporting documents sent prior to meeting via email:

Guideline for Region Chairs and Board Members [Murray Darling Induction and Resource Kit](#)

Murray Darling Association Constitution [Murray Darling Association Constitution](#)

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 14 November 2017 **Attachment 1**

Region 6 Report – from Murray Darling Association Annual Report 2017-18 **Attachment 2**

Attachment 3 *Region 6 Nominees for Chair and Executive - biographies & contact details*

The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks the Alexandrina Council for their support in hosting this meeting of Region 6 Lower Murray, Lakes and Coorong