



Murray Darling Association Inc.

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Location: Robert Brown Room

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1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Cr David Thurley	AlburyCity Council – Chairman Region 1
Mayor Kevin Mack	AlburyCity Council
Mr Brad Ferris	AlburyCity Council
Mr Andrew Lawson	AlburyCity Council
Mr Greg Whorlow	AlburyCity Council
Cr Tony Quinn	Greater Hume Shire
Cr Terry Weston	Greater Hume Shire
Mr Mark Verbaken	Wodonga City Council
Cr Ron Mildren	Wodonga City Council
Cr David Wortmann	Towong Shire Council
Mr Ray Stubbs	CEO, RAMROC
Cr Bernard Gaffney	Indigo Shire Council
Mr Geoff Lucas	Beechworth (Private Member)
Guest: Paul Childs	Office of Environment & Heritage

1.2 Apologies

Cr John Rooney	Snowy Monaro Council
Cr Sarah Nicholas	Alpine Shire
Mr Adrian Butler	Federation Council
Ms Emma Bradbury	Murray Darling Association

1.3 Declaration of Interests

There was no Declaration of Interests received by the Chairperson.

2. WELCOME

2.1 Cr Thurley declared the meeting opened and noted the apologies received.

Moved, David Wortmann, Seconded Geoff Lucas

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting on 30 January 2018 in Albury.

Moved: Cr Tony Quinn, Seconded: Mr David Wortmann

MOTION: That the minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 1 meeting held on 30 January 2018 in Albury be accepted.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no Business Arising from the Minutes

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chairman's Report

Moved: Cr David Thurley Seconded: Mr Geoff Lucas

MOTION: That the Chairman's Report be received, noted and accepted and will be distributed with the minutes.

CARRIED

5.2 Update on NSW Water Reform Action Plan

Moved: Cr David Thurley, Seconded: Cr Terry Weston

MOTION: That the update on the NSW Water Reform Action Plan be received, noted and accepted and will be distributed with the minutes.

CARRIED

5.4 Motions on Annual Conference

Moved: Cr David Thurley, Seconded: Cr David Wortmann

MOTION: Cr Thurley to reword the following suggested motion to include preference to be given to environmental water, in light of Cr Quinn and Geoff Lucas's comments and circulate to the members, and bring back to August meeting.

"That the Manager of River Operations, Murray Darling Basin Authority take into account the dates of public holidays such as Australia Day and Easter and regulate river flows to the greatest extent possible so that there is adequate flow to support tourist activities in towns along the Murray River".

CARRIED

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Bottled Water

Moved: Cr Bernard Gaffney Seconded: Cr David Wortmann

MOTION: Bernard Gaffney suggested inviting Goulburn Murray Water to the next meeting to provide information to the meeting with respect to the relevant legislation governing the use of groundwater.

The Chair, Cr Thurley to ask Goulburn Murray Water to present to August meeting.

CARRIED

7 STAKEHOLDERS PRESENTATION

7.4 Environmental-social-economic opportunities that can be derived from environmental watering and associated works, largely focussing on native fish outcomes – Paul Childs, Senior Environmental Water Management Officer, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage

The Chair, Cr Thurley thanked Paul Childs, from Office of Environment and Health for the presentation.

Moved: Cr Thurley **Seconded:** Geoff Lucas

MOTION: That the presentation on Environmental-social-economic opportunities that can be derived from environmental watering and associated works, largely focusing on native fish outcomes be received and noted.

CARRIED

8 NEXT MEETING

8.4 The next meeting of the Murray Darling Association Region 1 will be held on Friday 24 August 2018 in the Robert Brown Room, AlburyCity Council.

9 CLOSE

9.4 The meeting closed at 11.38am

The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks AlburyCity for arranging and hosting this meeting of Region 1.