



MINUTES

Murray Darling Association Inc. Region 6 Ordinary Meeting

Friday 17th February 2017

9:30am

Venue

Coorong District Council Chambers
95-101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend SA 5260



Indigenous Acknowledgement

"The Murray Darling Association acknowledges the traditional owners of this land & the waters on which we meet"

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. Present

Vern Leng	Coorong District Council
Julie Barrie	Coorong District Council
Neville Jaensch	Mayor, Coorong District Council
Bill Bagley	Private Member
Keith Loeser	Private Member
Michael Scott	Alexandrina Council
Barry Featherstone	Alexandrina Council
Clem Schubert	Murray Bridge Council
Adriaan Sakko	Mid-Murray Council
Steven Wilkinson	Mid-Murray Council
Neville Pfeiffer	Southern Mallee Council
Lesley Fischer	Guest
Michael Fischer	Guest

1.2. Apologies: Frank Tuckwell, Peter Smith OAM, Simon Bradley

2. WELCOME

2.1. Welcome to Coorong Council

Special welcome to guests Adriaan Sakko and Lesley and Michael Fischer.

3. CONFIRMATION of MINUTES ~ Ordinary Meeting held 16th December 2016 (Appendix 'B')

Bill Bagley requested word 'Environmental' be removed from item 9.5

Moved: Vern Leng Seconded: Bill Bagley *'That the minutes be accepted with the change of removing the word 'Environmental' from item 9.5'*. **Carried**

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- **MINUTES ACTION LIST** (Appendix 'A')

- DEWNR doing a study re Parnka Point. Present to joint meeting.
- Other groups could be approached to join MDA if they are of like mind.

5. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE (Questions to the Executive not listed in the Agenda)

6. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Questions to the Executive not listed in the Agenda)

- 6.1. Neville Pfeiffer asked to be noted that Southern Mallee Council do not want to be involved with MDA. They do not feel they get good value for money.
 NJ suggested they remain as a member but attend infrequently.
 CS also added that underground water should be included in MDB.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

8. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- 8.1. **Moved Vern Leng, Seconded Julie Barrie** 'That we request LGA to host inter-regional meetings at LGA House. **Carried**
 BF to organise 2 dates, with potential guest speakers, David Paton, Minister Hunter.
 LF requested that Meningie Irrigators be represented at Inter-Regional meetings.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1. Chairman's Report -

New Exec is David Thurley as Chair, Barry Featherstone as Vice Chair. Treasurer's position is vacant.

EB has engaged with Northern Basin.

AGM 2017 and Annual Conference to be in Berri in October.

A standing item on our agenda should be to 'Upgrade regional priorities as per Strategic Plan'

9.2. SE Flow Restoration Project – Work to commence in March

9.3. Northern Basin Plan Amendments -

Alexandrina and Coorong Councils are submitting information to MDBA. BF – MDA want to look at implications of 'Buy Backs' on communities.

9.4. Separation of Coorong Lagoons – Recommendation of Ass Professor of Ornithologist, David Paton (Standing item on agenda)

9.5. Lake Albert Connector to be shelved by DEWNR

NJ and BF to meet with Sandy Pitcher (DEWNR) and formulate agenda for for LGA Inter-Regional meeting. Following that, organise a formal letter to state government.

9.6. Motion put at Dubbo as follows:

[5.12 Desalination and Clarence River diversions

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association promotes an investigation at a national level into the future needs of water users to accommodate the predicted population growth and economic development of the Murray Darling Basin and the towns and cities that rely on its water that will

- a) identify the conditional triggers for the use of desalination plants throughout the basin;
- b) consider schemes including Clarence River diversion. This investigation be coordinated with the Federal, State and Local Governments affected by need for more water.]

R6 need to put hard data 'paper' behind the motion. BF to take this to EB for Federal, State and Local governments.

Academics from Adelaide University may be able to begin discussion paper for this project.

9.7 Action List Numbering – VL requested Minute referencing number should be amended as from July 2016 meeting to reflect fiscal year of 2017.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10.1. **European Carp being dealt with by other agencies**
- 10.2. LNFS – unlikely to get a culling program even with a change of government.

11. NEXT MEETING

- 11.1. Date: Proposed 21st April 2017
- 11.2. Venue: Proposed - **Goolwa**

12. CLOSE **12:15pm.**

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