



## MINUTES

### Murray Darling Association Inc. Region 6 Meeting

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

*Venue*

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



#### **Indigenous Acknowledgement**

“The Murray Darling Association acknowledges the Ngarrindjeri People,  
the traditional owners of this land & the waters on which we meet”

#### **1. ATTENDANCE**

##### 1.1. Present –

BAGLEY, Bill  
BARRIE, Julie  
LENG, Vern  
LOESER, Keith  
MANN, Ian  
SCHUBERT, Clem  
SCOTT, Michael (10.21am)  
Neville Jaensch

##### **GUESTS**

Lesley Fischer  
Michael Fischer  
SMITH, Peter OAM  
TUCKWELL, Frank

##### 1.2. Apologies – Barry Featherston, Adrian Pederick MP

#### **2. WELCOME**

- 2.1. Welcome to this meeting of Region 6, including a welcome to visitors.
- 2.2. Housekeeping items covered
- 2.3. Conflict of interest

#### **3. CONFIRMATION of MINUTES:**

Moved Bill Bagley Seconded Clem Schubert the minutes of the April 2017 meeting be accepted.

**Unanimous, Motion carried.**

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING: ACTION LIST**

4.1. April 17' Item 4. -----Board & Regional Minutes

Moved Keith Loeser seconded Clem Schubert the CEO of the MDA be asked to post the minutes promptly for ease of access and reference..

**Unanimous, Motion Carried**

4.2. April 17' Item 4. -----DEWNR turning off 'Monitors'

**Moved Keith Loeser Seconded Julie Barrie** that the Chair draft a letter to DEWNR regarding the turning off of the readers (monitors), and it be put to membership for input and approval.

**Unanimous, Motion Carried**

4.3. April 17' Item 4. ----- Barrage Management

**Moved Julie Barrie Seconded Bill Bagley** that a short discussion paper be drafted, regarding the replacement of Barrages, and this be used as media campaign (jointly with CDC, Alexandrina Council and RCMB.)

**Unanimous, Motion Carried**

4.4. April 17' Item 4. -----Council Report Template on Climate Change

*Shen getting the template to Vern next week.*

4.5. April 17' Item 6. ----- Membership Renewal Invoicing

*Members noted getting their invoices for Membership, cost of membership fees.*

4.6. April 17' Item 9.1 ----- National Conference Date & Venue

**Moved Keith Loeser Seconded Clem Schubert** that a letter be written to the Board expressing concern with inconsistency in the dates for the conference being confirmed for October (after they were announced for another date in September), also asking that "Remark" be corrected to "Renmark"

**Unanimous, Motion Carried**

4.7. April 17' Item 9.5 -----Dubbo National Conference Action List

**Moved Clem Schubert Seconded Michael Scott** that a letter to be written to the CEO and the Board asking that an update be provided for the Dubbo National Conference Action List.

**Unanimous, Motion Carried**

4.8. Feb 17' Item 9.4 ----- Parnka Point Weir

*Mayor notes an informal meeting to take place between CDC delegates, MDA delegates and Mr Payton, 2.00pm on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Leslie Fischer asks that the Mayor bring up the Lake Albert Connector at this meeting.*

4.9. Feb 17' Item 9.5 ----- Lake Albert Connector – Letter to DEWNR (April 17' Item 9.4)

*Vern Leng and Julie Barrie to take care of this item.*

4.10. Dec 16' Item 6. -----Inter Regional Meetings Region 5 & 6; All SA Regions

**Moved Clem Schubert Seconded Michael Scott** that a letter be sent to LGA President requesting they host the next meeting jointly with other South Australian MDA regions at the earliest time frame possible.

**Unanimous, Motion Carried**

***ACTION LIST ~ Others***

**016/16 Aug 9.3**

MEMORIAL: Frank Tuckwell updated: Met w. MDA Chief Phillip Glyde and Neil Andrews recently, they were unaware this had happened in the construction of barrages. Develop a report to Council with recommendation that the National Trust & Alexandrina Council meet with the authority as to what the proposal will be. Discussions can then commence to bring this about. Memorial will be located in Goolwa barrage site. Vern notes a memorial could be added at Pelican Point (or similar), Julie and Vern to bring this matter to Council – liaise with Alexandrina Council on this matter.

#### **006/15 October 5.4**

Support for a paid position as a “Secretary/Research Officer Role”, Michael Scott has noted Alexandrina Council has noted they are in support of this, as Coorong District Council are. Clem Schubert cannot confirm if Rural City of Murray Bridge is in support of this role.

Discussion: Other MDA regions need to get together to move cohesively forward. Julie notes it would be helpful to have all other MDA regions list their minutes on the website, so they could be referred to easily. Ian Mann to supply Region 5 Minutes of their last meeting to the Membership.

**5. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:..... Nil**

**6. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE: Nil**

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION: .....Nil**

**8. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE: NIL**

#### **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

9.1. Chairman’s Report - National Board

9.2. Secretary’s Report-

9.3. Useful Basin Data Websites

9.3.1. National Climate Change - [nccarf.edu.au](http://nccarf.edu.au) and Sea Level Rise [coastadapt.com.au](http://coastadapt.com.au)

9.3.2. SA Water Management - [Waterconnect.sa.gov.au](http://Waterconnect.sa.gov.au)

9.3.3. SA Enviro Data –[data.environment.sa.gov.au](http://data.environment.sa.gov.au) including

9.3.4. Naturemaps - [naturemaps.sa.gov.au](http://naturemaps.sa.gov.au) and

9.3.5. Real-time Water Data - [waterconnect.sa.gov.au/Systems/RTWD/Pages/Default.aspx](http://waterconnect.sa.gov.au/Systems/RTWD/Pages/Default.aspx)

\*\* Discussion: While reviewing this website (above) and the data of the “readers” online, Clem Schubert questions if a University would do a study to help back us up regarding aquifer flows and salinity In response, Vern notes the water from the SE flow in North West direction parallel to coast confined by the dunal system, ending up at the River Murray between Wellington and Taillem Bend, Vern further notes the history of the area in terms of geography/geology and water behaviours.

9.4. Interstate Media Lesley Fischer was commended for bringing to our attention recent interstate newspaper articles appearing in the Deniliquin Pastoral Times concerning attacks on the MDBP and comments by Senator Leyonhjelm again attacking the evaporation from the lower lakes and the Barrages.

#### **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

10.1. Nil

**11. NEXT MEETING**

11.1. Date: .....August 18th

11.2. Venue:.....Coorong District Council Chambers

**12. CLOSE**

Meeting closed at 1:00pm.

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