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Region 6 Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

Location:	Chambers, Alexandrina Council 11 Cadell Street Goolwa SA 5214
Time/date:	10.35am – 3.10pm, Friday 7 August 2020

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country

MDA Region 6 and its communities acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of the Lower Murray, Lower Lakes and Coorong region.

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 In Attendance

Mayor Brenton Lewis, Heather Barclay, Stephen Packer (Rural City of Murray Bridge)
CEO Bridget Mather, Councillor Vern Leng, Councillor Bruce Qualmann (Coorong District Council)
Cr Melissa Rebbeck, CEO Glenn Rappensberg, Councillor Michael Scott (Alexandrina Council)
Bruce Brooks (Individual Member)

1.2 Guests

Emma Bradbury (MDA CEO)
Deana Mildren; Monique White (MDBA)
Monika Rhodes (Secretariat)
Tania Baldock (Minute Secretary)

1.3 Apologies

Frank Tuckwell, Keith Loeser (Individual Members)
Jason Taylor (CEO, Southern Mallee District Council)
Councillor Marilyn Henderson (City of Victor Harbor)
Cr Brenton Qualmann

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

3. MINUTES

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the MDA Region 6 committee meeting held on 15 May 2020, as circulated to members on 2 June 2020, be received as a true and correct record.

Moved: Cr Leng

Seconded: S Packer

CARRIED

4. GUEST PRESENTERS

Nil

5. REPORTS

5.1 CEO's Report – Emma Bradbury

Verbal report provided (refer to Attachment 1).

5.2 Chair's Report – Cr Melissa Rebbeck

Verbal report provided:

- Strategic Plan – sent to members for their noting and comments required by 16 August, 2020, Cr Rebbeck has already added some comments and notes. MDA Region 6 members to submit their comments and rankings in document sent on Thursday 6 August. Return to Monika to collate.
- Membership – discussion during Emma's report.
- Conference & AGM - encouraging all to register for the event.
- Science and Education sub-committee terms of reference reviewed and feedback provided.
- National water infrastructure plans updates noted.
- ACCC – 28 August feedback (water sharing) individual submissions.
- Executive Officer position endorsed in Executive Meeting. Advert will be to be sent to all stakeholders for distribution.
- Attended the Coorong Lower Lakes advisory committee meeting.
- MBDA myth buster documents.
- Advocacy by Emma – NSW Water plans.
- Barrage Tour and Symposium – will be arranged when new Executive Officer commences.
- Inter- regional meeting to be held – Mitcham Council – Cr Rebbeck to follow up.
- Climate ready statement finalised and sent.
- Motions developed and sent.

5.3 Strategic Advisory Group Report – Mayor Lewis

Verbal Report provided:

- Involved in two strategic advisory meetings since last MDA Region 6 meeting.
- Advisory group had significant input into the Virtual AGM.
- Advisory Group provided an opinion that the decision of Board sitting fees should be a Board decision.
- Interface with Board members – non-members and board members.
- Boundary realignment – should be driven by the region to provide benefit to their region.
- MDA was set up for local government. Membership of independent members should focus on attracting members that bring value to the committee, strategic views and expertise.
- MDA Region 6 – promoting work throughout the community.

5.4 Murray Darling Basin Authority Report – Deana Mildren

MDBA report provided via Powerpoint presentation (Attachment 2).

- Carp management – Fisheries research – no progression.

Action: Add Carp management to next MDA Region 6 agenda.

5.5 Secretariat Report – Monika Rhodes

Verbal report provided:

- Considerable work went into summarising the Motions and Region 6's Climate ready communities statement based on feedback received from the members.
- Provided overview of proposed advertising of Executive Officer position.
- Information on regular catch-ups with the MDA and region secretariats; ongoing background work, media updates, etc.

Recommendation

That reports 5.1 to 5.5 be received.

Moved: Cr Vern Leng

Seconded: Cr Michael Scott

CARRIED

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Region 6 motions for the Annual Conference

That the Motion 1, as per Attachment 1 presented at the meeting, be endorsed by the MDA Region 6 Committee.

Moved: Glenn Rappensberg

Seconded: Mayor Brenton Lewis

CARRIED

That the Motion 2, as per Attachment 1 presented at the meeting, be endorsed by the MDA Region 6 Committee.

Moved: Stephen Packer

Seconded: Cr Vern Leng

CARRIED

6.2 Motions proposed by MDA National

- Motions were read and discussed one at a time and classified into three categories (Supported; Supported with amendments; Not supported).
- There was considerable discussion re Motions 2. Cr Rebbeck, as the chair, to get further information on this motion from CEO MDA, Emma Bradbury, and provide alternative wording if required.
- Re Motion 3: That the MDA invite the NFF and other relevant peak groups to establish and develop strategic partnerships to strengthen the relationship and alignment, and optimise the benefit to communities of nations plans to include the National Ag Plan and the Murray Darling Basin Plan. To reaffirm Region 6 motion from last year regarding research support.
- Re Motion 5: Funding for MDB National Outlook: That the MDA seek to partner with the CSIRO in the development of MDB National Outlook. That the MDA seek to partner with the CSIRO and other science agencies in development of MDB National long term outlook.

Actions:

- Each member has until the 24 August 2020 to review and put forward motions and consult with respective Elected Member base; if required through their own portal mechanisms.
- 25 – 29 August 2020: Executive to harness motions.
- To organise Region 6 videoconference to discuss Region 6 response to motions proposed by MDA National. Proposed date: Friday, 4 September 2020.

6.3 Climate-ready communities statement for Region 6

Region 6's Climate Ready Communities Statement was presented as Attachment 3A.

Recommendation:

That Region 6's Climate Ready Communities Statement, presented as Attachment 3A at the Ordinary Meeting, be endorsed.

Moved: Mayor Brenton Lewis

Seconded: Glenn Rappensberg

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS**7.1 For noting**

- **National MDA Conference & AGM:** 14 -16 September <https://cvent.me/aQzvae>.
- **Basin Community Leadership Program:** 16 & 17 November, 2020.
- **Executive Officer position** – update provided from Executive Meeting.
- **Julie Barrie**, private member of MDA Region 6, has withdrawn her membership with the MDA due to personal reasons (thank you letter to be drafted for Julie Barrie).
- **Keith Loeser**, private member of MDA Region 6, will be taking a leave of absence until further notice.
- **MDA Strategic Plan and priorities (Cr Rebbeck).** Cr Rebbeck presented the new MDA strategic plan and asked for members to provide feedback on their priorities for her feedback to the MDA Board by 16 August 2020.

Recommendation:

That the items under 7.1 be received.

Moved: Glenn Rappensberg

Seconded: Stephen Packer

CARRIED

7.2 Correspondence

- Correspondence from Alexandrina Council to Minister Pitt for noting.
Action: Letter from MDA Region 6 (Cr Rebbeck as Chair) to Minister Pitt.

7.3 Strategic Directions & Minutes Action List

- Confirmation of finalised items.
- Outstanding action items.

Recommendation:

That the Strategic Directions & Minutes Action List for the August 2020, presented as Attachment 5 in the meeting, be received.

Moved: Bridget Mather

Seconded: Mayor Brenton Lewis

CARRIED

7.4 Member Reports

Nil

8. NEXT MEETINGS (refer to Region 6 Calendar below)

8.1 Region 6 meetings:

- **Murray Bridge (Rural City of Murray Bridge)**
 - **5 November 2020:** Executive meeting: 9-10.30am
 - **6 November 2020:** Ordinary meeting: 10.30 am – 2.30 pm.
- **5 February 2021: Tailem Bend (Coorong District Council)**
 - Executive meeting: 9.30 – 10.30 am
 - AGM: 11am – 12pm
 - Ordinary meeting: 12.30 – 3.30pm.

9. CLOSE : 3.00pm

The Murray Darling Association acknowledges Alexandrina Council for its support in hosting this meeting of Region 6 – Lower Murray, Lakes and Coorong.

2020/2021 REGION 6 MEMBERSHIP

As of August 2020

Position	Name	Council	Member of Executive	Voting Member
Chair	Councillor Melissa Rebbeck	Alexandrina		
Secretariat	Monika Rhodes	Alexandrina		
Council Representatives	Mayor Brenton Lewis	Murray Bridge		
	Heather Barclay	Murray Bridge		
	Stephen Packer	Murray Bridge		
	CEO Bridget Mather	Coorong District		
	Councillor Vern Leng	Coorong District		
	Councillor Brenton Qualmann	Coorong District		
	Glenn Rappensberg	Alexandrina		
	Councillor Michael Scott	Alexandrina		
	Councillor Marilyn Henderson	Victor Harbor		
	Councillor Miles Hannemann	Tatiara District		
	CEO Jason Taylor	Southern Mallee		
Individual Members	Keith Loeser			
	Frank Tuckwell			
	Bruce Brooks			
	Adrian Pederick, MP JP			

The 2020/21 calendar for MDA-Region 6

Updated 28 August 2020

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
14 February 2020	R6 AGM & Ordinary Meeting	Topic: set region direction for 2020
12-13 March	MDA Strategic Planning Workshop	R6 attendance
15 May 2020	R6 Ordinary Meeting	Topic: Drought Preparedness Member councils to share info re use of Federal drought funds Seek relevant guest speaker *Forward planning for National Conference motions
7 August 2020	R6 Ordinary Meeting	Topic: Consider National Conference motions
14 -16 September	MDA National Conference & AGM	Via video conferencing.
6 November 2020	R6 Ordinary Meeting	Topic: TBD
16 & 17 November	Basin Communities Leadership Program (BCLP) – Lower Lakes	Lead: Alexandrina Venue: TBD
5 February 2021	R6 AGM & Ordinary Meeting	Topic: Set region direction for 2021
March 2021	Annual R6 Stakeholder Symposium	Lead: New EO, Murray Bridge & Coorong Outcomes of Lower Lakes Independent Science Review + Shared Vision Statement + Drought Preparedness
March 2021	EM & Inter-Regional Tour of CLLMM	Lead: New EO, Alexandrina, liaise with MDA Primary audience = Members & EMs of R6 member councils; Secondary audience = Members of upstream regions; BCLP Cohort

R6 Meetings
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