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Region 1 Ordinary Meeting

Date: Friday 25 August 2017, Start Time: 10.30am
Location: Robert Brown Room, Albury City Council
Address: 553 Kiewa Street, Albury NSW 2640

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Mayor Kevin Mack	AlburyCity Council
Cr David Thurley	AlburyCity Council – Chairman Region 1
Mark Verbaken	Wodonga Council
Ron Mildren	Wodonga Council
Geoff Lucas	Independent Member for Beechworth
Brad Ferris	AlburyCity Council
Ray Stubbs	Chief Executive Officer RAMROC
Tony Quinn	Greater Hume Shire Council
Kerry Weston	

1.2 Apologies

Paul Sullivan	Sarah Nicholas
Adrian Wells	Emma Bradbury

2. WELCOME

2.1 Cr Kevin Mack – Mayor, AlburyCity Council

Mayor of AlburyCity Council, Cr Kevin Mack, welcomed all to the meeting.

2.2 Cr David Thurley - Chair Region 1

Cr Thurley welcomed members to the meeting and declared the meeting opened. Apologies were noted.

3. MINUTES

Moved: Ron Mildren Seconded: Tony Quinn

Motion: That the minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 1 Meeting held on Friday 26 May 2017 be accepted. **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Call for Member Councils Briefing Papers

Brad Ferris provided a brief update on the AlburyCity Council papers provided, being Water Security and Constraints Policy.

4.2 Update on the 2017 Conference Program

An electronic invitation has been sent to all member and non-member councils to attend the 2017 National Conference to be held in Denmark.

4.3 Call for Motions to the National Conference

No motions received.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chairman's Report

Nil

5.2 CEO's Report

Nil

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Letter of condolences to be sent to the family of Arch McLeish following his recent passing. Arch was a past chairperson of the MDA.

6.2 David Thurley passed on an invitation to all to attend the MDBA Basin Plan Update Information Session to be held at the Cube Wodonga, 8 September 2017.

6.3 Greater Hume Shire Council resolved at the July Council Meeting:

"That as a policy position, Council seeks to promote Lake Hume as a supply source for domestic water throughout the Murray Valley with access to irrigation for agriculture and water supply to stimulate industries associated with agriculture and tourism within the Murray Valley."

Moved: Tony Quinn Seconded: David Thurley

Motion: That the motion presented to the Greater Hume Shire Council Meeting on 19 July 2017 be accepted. CARRIED

6.4 David Thurley to attend the MDBA Peak Group Meeting on Thursday 31 August in Canberra.

6 STAKEHOLDER PRESENTATION

7.1 Dr Terry Hillman AM, provided an update on the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists Report, June 2017.

7 NEXT MEETING: 24 November 2017

8 CLOSE

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