



## Region 1 Ordinary Meeting

# Murray Darling Association Inc.

Date: Friday 24 August 2018

Start Time: 10.29am

Location: AlburyCity Council  
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## MINUTES

### 1. ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Present

Cr David Thurley	AlburyCity Council – Chairman Region 1
Mr Mark Verbaken	Wodonga City Council
Mr Brad Ferris	AlburyCity Council
Cr David Wortmann	Towong Shire Council
Mr Geoff Lucas	Beechworth (Private Member)
Cr Terry Weston	Greater Hume Shire
Cr Ron Mildren	Wodonga City Council
Cr Bernard Gaffrey	Indigo Shire Council
<b>Guests: Scott Barber</b>	Goulburn Murray Water – General Manager
<b>Mark Bailey</b>	Goulburn Murray Water – Head of Water Resources
<b>Matthew Pethybridge</b>	Goulburn Murray Water – Manager of Groundwater & Streams

#### 1.2 Apologies

Cr Kevin Mack	AlburyCity Council - Mayor
Margaret Killalea	Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr Sarah Nicholas	Alpine Shire
Mr Ray Stubbs	CEO, RAMROC
Mr Greg Whorlow	AlburyCity Council
Mr Andrew Lawson	AlburyCity Council
	Snowy Monaro Regional Council
Cr Jenny O'Connor	Indigo Shire Council - Mayor
Cr Pat Bourke	Federation Council
Mr Adrian Butler	Federation Council
Cr Tony Quinn	Greater Hume Shire

**Cr Weston Moved, Geoff Lucas Seconded**

**MOTION:** That the Murray Darling Association Region 1 receive, note and accept the apologies of those read (refer to previous table) and grant leave of absence for the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**1.3 Declaration of Interests**

*There was no Declaration of Interests received by the Chairperson.*

**2. WELCOME**

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

**Cr Thurley Moved, Brad Ferris Seconded**

**MOTION:** That the apologies be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**3. MINUTES**

**3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting on 25 May 2018 in Albury**

**Brad Ferris Moved, Cr Weston Seconded**

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 1 meeting held on 25 May 2018 in Albury be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING**

**4.1 Motions for Leeton conference**

The two motions from Region 1 (Albury City and Indigo Shire) were noted.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 75th Conference 2019 will be held in Toowoomba**

The location of the 2019 Conference was noted.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.3 EOIs invited to host the 2020 Conference**

##### **Cr Thurley Moved, Cr Gaffney Seconded**

**MOTION:** That the Murray Darling Association Region 1 members are to liaise with their own Councils regarding EOIs to host the Murray Darling Association 2020 Conference.

**CARRIED**

### **5. REPORTS**

#### **5.1 Chairman's Report**

##### **Cr Thurley Moved, Brad Ferris Seconded**

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

**CARRIED**

### **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

The following items of general business were noted.

#### **6.1 Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Forecast**

Brad Ferris confirmed the upcoming BOM forecast. Transfers out of Dartmouth may have to be increased depending on the rainfall, which may create issues with water quality.

#### **6.2 Menindee Lakes**

Cr David Thurley confirmed that the low water in Menindee Lakes is causing issues with the water storage in Lake Victoria and this will be exacerbated by the difficulty of passing sufficient water along the Murray River because of the constraints of the Barmah Choke.

### **7. STAKEHOLDERS PRESENTATION**

**7.1** Groundwater Resources and Management in Northern Victoria by Scott Barber, General Manager Goulburn Murray Water (also in attendance from GMW were Mark Bailey and Matthew Pethybridge)

The Chair, Cr Thurley thanked Scott Barber, General Manager Goulburn Murray Water for the presentation. His colleague Mark Bailey, Manager Water Resources' business card has been scanned and attached to the Minutes as discussed.

**Cr Thurley Moved, Cr Gaffney Seconded**

**MOTION:** That the presentation on Groundwater Resources and Management in Northern Victoria be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**8. NEXT MEETING**

- 8.1** The next meeting of the Murray Darling Association Region 1 will be held on Friday 23 November 2018 in the Robert Brown Room, AlburyCity Council.  
It was suggested by Mark Verbaken & Cr Ron Mildren that any issues and motions arising from the AGM on 29-31 August be presented at the next meeting.

**9. CLOSE**

- 9.1** The meeting closed at 11.36am

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