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Region 11 Meeting
2pm, Friday, November 9, 2018
Tenterfield Shire Council, Tenterfield

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2018

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Cr John Campbell - Chair	Gunnedah Shire Council
Emma Bradbury#	Chief Executive Officer, Murray Darling Association
Mayor Jamie Chaffey	Gunnedah Shire Council
Mayor Peter Pretty	Tenterfield Shire Council
Cr Don Forbes	Tenterfield Shire Council
Cr Greg Sauer	Tenterfield Shire Council
Terry Dodds	General Manager, Tenterfield Shire Council
Mayor Ian Woodcock	Walgett Shire Council
Cr Manuel Martinez	Walgett Shire Council
Annabelle Guest*	Regional Engagement Officer, Murray-Darling Basin Authority
Sarah Jarrett*	Tenterfield Shire Council

* Non-member– attendance by invitation

Attendance by teleconference

1.2 Apologies

Alec Lucke	Individual member
Mayor John Coulton	Gwydir Shire Council
Cr Frances Young	Gwydir Shire Council

2. WELCOME

Mayor Peter Petty of Tenterfield Shire Council delivered the Acknowledgment of Country and welcomed all attendees.

Mayor Peter Petty let the meeting at 2.10pm

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes of the Murray Darling Association Inc. held on [Tuesday, September 11, 2018](#) as typed and circulated, be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.
D Forbes/J Chaffey Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 2020 Murray Darling Association National Conference

Expressions of Interest for the 2010 Murray Darling Association National Conference have closed. Expressions of Interest from regions regarding hosting the 2021 National Conference are still available for consideration.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Chief Executive Officer (Attachment 1)

Murray Darling Association Chief Executive Officer, Emma Bradbury provided a brief overview on recent appointments she has attended.

Emma stated that the Local Assessment Panel needs to include Regional Councils as they can provide local knowledge and better policies.

Emma will be visiting Regions 10, 11 and 12 later this month.

6.2 Chairman's report

Region Chairman, Cr John Campbell discussed the NSW Land and Water Commissioner's Address at EIMEX Gunnedah.

Action: Emma Bradbury to distribute the Chairman's Report to all Region 11 members.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Schedule of meetings

The August 2019 meeting will be held on Friday, August 9 in Walgett, following from the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting scheduled for that day.

Dates, times and locations of other meetings to be held in 2019 are to be confirmed, with the aim of meetings to be held at locations throughout the region. Once these dates and locations are confirmed, members will be notified by e-mail.

7.2 Election of Region Executive

Nominations were taken from the floor:

Gunnedah Shire Council - Mayor Jamie Chaffey (nominated: Cr Greg Sauer; seconded: Cr Manuel Martinez)

Tenterfield Shire Council – Cr Greg Sauer (nominated: Mayor Ian Woodcock; seconded: Mayor Jamie Chaffey)

Walgett Shire Council – Mayor Ian Woodcock (nominated: Cr Don Forbes; seconded: Cr Greg Sauer)

Nominations were accepted and duly elected.

Cr Frances Young, who was an apology for the meeting, had indicated to Cr Campbell that she was interested in being Gwydir Shire Council's delegate to the Region Executive. Cr Young will be contacted at a later date to confirm this.

Terry Dodds let the meeting at 2.37pm

7.3 Outcomes of MDA Strategic Briefing 380

Emma Bradbury provided a brief update on all items listed in Strategic Briefing 380.

Further discussions occurred regarding the development of the 2020-24 Strategic Plan, with a workshop planned for either late January or early February regarding this documentation.

Emma Bradbury and Annabelle Guest let the meeting at 2.50pm

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Namoi Unlimited Joint Organisations

Mayor Jamie Chaffey, who is the Chair of Naomi Unlimited, gave an address regarding the three-year Consulted Strategic Plan that has been put together. There are three major projects:

1. Water for Future
2. Enabled and Connected Infrastructure
3. Engaged People Seeking Skills for the future

9. NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed

10. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 3.15pm.



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CEO's Report November 2018

Previous appointments

Date	Appointment	Location
October 5-10	Meetings with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New South Wales Department of Industry • National Carp Control Plan • Commonwealth Environmental Water Office • Department of Agriculture and Water Resources • Murray-Darling Basin Authority • CSIRO 	Canberra
October 24	Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program public meeting	Echuca
October 26	Productivity Commission <i>Murray-Darling Basin Plan: Five-year assessment draft report</i> public hearing	Canberra
October 26	Hon. David Littleproud, Federal Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources	Canberra
November 1	Independent review of the Murray-Darling Basin joint governance agreements	Canberra
November 2	Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program public meeting	Deniliquin
November 8	Hon. Tony Burke, Shadow Minister for Environment and Water	Melbourne
November 15	Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program local government consultation session	Echuca
November 21-27	Tour of Region 10, 11 and 12	Various locations

Productivity Commission *Murray-Darling Basin Plan: Five-year assessment draft report*

The MDA submitted a 10-page submission to the draft report, which is accessible on both the Productivity Commission and MDA websites.

Public hearings were held in Mildura, Murray Bridge, Shepparton, Dubbo and Canberra during October, with the MDA speaking to its submission at the Canberra event.

Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources held 14 public meetings between October 22 and November 6 regarding this program. Four sessions will occur across northern Victoria and southern New South Wales between November 14 and 16.

The MDA has produced a submission regarding the program, available to download from the Our Reports section of the MDA website.

A local government consultation session occurred in Echuca on Thursday, November 15.

Progress on AGM resolutions

Progress relating to resolutions from the past five Murray Darling Association annual general meetings are now available to view online

A website has been created, documenting the outcomes of motions considered during previous AGMs held at Tumut (2014), Barooga (2015), Dubbo (2016), Renmark (2017) and Leeton (2018).

The website has been designed to allow members and stakeholders to track the work of the MDA. Copies of correspondence sent to the relevant government or agency regarding each resolution, as well as responses received, are available to download.

To access the pages, visit the MDA website and click on the "Conference Resolutions" link, located in the Annual Conference menu.

National Conference

Balonne Shire Council and Toowoomba Regional Council will co-host the Murray Darling Association's Jubilee 75th National Conference.

The three-day event will be held at Toowoomba from Tuesday, October 22 to Thursday, October 24, 2019.

The conference - themed *ReGeneration... for a healthy Basin* - will focus on various topics, including regenerative agriculture, renewable energy opportunities; climate change; and the continued implementation of the Basin Plan.

Registrations will open soon, with event details to be available on the MDA website.



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Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program Local government consultation session

Mercure Port of Echuca
Thursday, November 15, 2018
2.30pm-5.30pm

ATTENDEES

Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

Paul Morris	First Assistant Secretary, Water Division
Fleur Downard	A/g Director, Efficiency Measures Policy Section

Regional peak bodies

Murray River Group of Councils Mayor Cheryl McKinnon – Chair (Loddon Shire Council) Geoff Turner – Executive Officer	Member councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Campaspe Shire Council ○ Gannawarra Shire Council ○ Loddon Shire Council ○ Mildura Rural City Council ○ Moira Shire Council ○ Swan Hill Rural City Council
Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation Mayor Kevin Mack – Chair (Albury City Council) Ray Stubbs – Executive Officer	Member councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Albury City Council ○ Berrigan Shire ○ Carrathool Shire Council ○ Edward River Council ○ Federation Council ○ Griffith City Council ○ Hay Shire Council ○ Leeton Shire Council ○ Murray River Council ○ Murrumbidgee Council ○ Narrandera Shire Council

Council representatives

City of Greater Bendigo	Cr James Williams
Berrigan Shire	Cr Ross Bodey Cr Roger Reynoldson
Buloke Shire Council	Cr David Pollard
Campaspe Shire Council	Mayor Adrian Weston Cr Neil Pankhurst Cr John Zobec Jason Russell - Chief Executive Officer

Edward River Council	Mayor Norm Brennan Adam McSwain – General Manager
Federation Council	Mayor Patrick Bourke
Griffith City Council	Mayor John Dal Broi Brett Stonestreet – General Manager
Greater Shepparton City Council	Peter Harriott – Chief Executive Officer
Leeton Shire Council	Mayor Paul Maytom
Loddon Shire Council	Mayor Cheryl McKinnon Cr Neil Beattie Phil Pinyon – Chief Executive Officer
Moira Shire Council	Cr Peter Mansfield Mark Henderson – Chief Executive Officer
Murray River Council	Mayor Chris Bilkey
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	Paul Morris - First Assistant Secretary, Water Division Fleur Downard - A/g Director, Efficiency Measures Policy Section

APOLOGIES

Des Bilske	General Manager, Murray River Council
Adrian Butler	General Manager, Federation Council
Cr Melisa Hederics	Mayor, Wentworth Shire Council
Gerard Jose	Chief Executive Officer, Mildura Rural City Council
Anthony Judd	Chief Executive Officer, Buloke Shire Council
Craig Niemann	Chief Executive Officer, City of Greater Bendigo
Cr Dennis Patterson	Greater Shepparton City Council
Rowan Perkins	General Manager, Berrigan Shire
Ken Ross	Acting General Manager, Wentworth Shire Council

Thirteen councils and two regional peaks, covering 20 local government areas and representing 483,224 people across northern Victoria and southern New South Wales, met on November 15 with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources regarding the Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Project socioeconomic impact assessment criteria.