



Murray Darling Association Inc.

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Region 6 Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 26 August, 2014 - 10.00am

Library Complex, Murray Bridge, SA

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Emma Bradbury	CEO Murray Darling Association
Cr Alan Oliver	Chair – Alexandrina Council
Peter R Smith OAM	Secretary
Cr Frank Tuckwell OAM	Alexandrina Council
Cr M Gardner	Alexandrina Council
Cr B England	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Mr B Bagley	Private Member
Mr K Loeser	Private Member
Mr I Mann OAM	Private Member
Mr K Scobie	Private Member
Mr T Franklin	Private Member (Murray Watch)

1.2 Apologies

Cr Greg Toll	National President (Shire of Campaspe)
Cr Y Smith	Karoonda East Murray Council
Cr P Wright	Coorong District Council
Mayor A Arbon OAM	Regional Council of Murray Bridge
Michelle Lensink MP	MHR
B & J Patterson	Private member
L & M Fischer	Private member
L& M Barber	
V Ball	
G White	
S Bradley	Regional Council of Murray Bridge

2. WELCOME

2.1 From Alexandrina Council

Cr. Tuckwell OAM welcomed those in attendance to the Alexandrina Council area.

2.2 Welcome to new MDA CEO

The chairman extended a warm welcome to the new CEO C. E. Bradbury to her first Region 6 meeting and to SA.

3. CONGRATULATIONS

3.1 Congratulations extended to Cr. L. F. Tuckwell of his being awarded an Order of Australian Medal in the recent Queens Birthday Honours.

4. MINUTES

Motion: The minutes of the Region 6 meeting, held on May 9 2014 be taken as read and confirmed. M. Gardner/I. Mann – carried

K. Loeser noted an amendment to item XX of the minutes: and moved the minutes be accepted with the amendment seconded B. Bagley - Carried.

B. England moved that his Governance Paper be attached to the minutes of this meeting seconded I. Mann - Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST REGION 3 MEETING

5.1 **MDA Board Meeting at Swan Hill:** Report already tabled at last meeting.

Moved B. England. "That R6 is quite a different situation than R5 with areas of far different concerns. While R6 is not in favor of an amalgamation with R5, R6 welcomes the opportunity to work with R5 on matters of shared interest where collaboration can enhance the outcomes." seconded by B. Bagley – Carried.

5.2 **Meeting between Regions 5 and 6:** On-going.

5.3 **Freshwater Research Station:** - F. Tuckwell to supply motion for next LMWG meeting.

5.4 **Motion for rescission at MDA National Conference/AGM:** "Any Regional Executive and or Council appointed delegate, shall be entitled to be nominated for the executive positions of the Region as follows: Chairperson, Vice Chair (up to two positions), Secretary and such other officers as it sees fit."

After some discussion it was agreed that the original motion is unable to be implemented, and is therefore void.

5.5 **Lake Albert Scoping Study:** Two (2) years have still not yet yielded any clear action or outcomes. R6 endorsed that the matter be discussed with Minister I. Hunter MP at a meeting on the 26th July being attended by Mayor K. McHugh, Crs Oliver and Tuckwell.

Moved B. Bagley seconded K. Loeser that the Minister be updated on the Lake Albert Irrigators and the MDA 5-point plan that was put to the S.A. Government some years ago – Carried.

5.6 **State Reference Committee:** R6 is disappointed that the State Reference Committee was just allowed to lapse and will do all possible to have the SRC re-instated.

5.7 **Costs of National Conferences/AGM:** Discussion re the expenses incurred and it was pointed out that we believe the high costs were to balance the event budget.

Moved B. England seconded B. Bagley that the MDA look at the Conference/AGM costs – Carried.

E. Bradbury pointed out the MDA was at this time in a stable financial position and would look into costs of attendance for Association members.

5.8 **Henry Jones Memorial:** P. Smith informed he was meeting with G. Jones in the near future.

5.9 Motions for MDA National Conference/AGM: To be sent to secretary ASAP so they can be tabled for discussion and approval at the next R6 meeting prior being forwarded to National Executive.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary informed he had written to the below list of politicians seeking their permission to add them to our Region 6 email list and informing them that they would be welcome to attend any of our meetings and if they wished to be a guest speaker at a meeting to please let him know.

Senator Hon N. Xenophon, Hon S. Birmingham, Hon S. Hanson-Young, A. Ruston MP, C. Pyne MP, J. Briggs MP, T. Pasin MP, Hon M. Lensink MHR, Minister I. Hunter MP, R. Brokenshire MP, G. Brock MP, M. Pengilly MP, S. Knoll MP, T. Whetstone MP, M. Parnell MP.

It was noted that while R6 appreciated the undertaking by the secretary to get this invitation out, it should be noted that outgoing correspondence must at the direction of the region prior to being sent.

Moved K. Loeser seconded K. Scobie that the action of the secretary be ratified - Carried.

NEXT MEETING –

Next MDA R6 meeting: TBA

10. MEETING CLOSE - 1.30pm

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks
Alexandrina Council
for hosting this meeting of Region 6*