

**DRAFT**

**Minutes of Murray Darling Association Region 6 meeting held  
20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Strathalbyn Library Complex  
9:30am for 10:00am.**

1. **Meeting Opened** - at 10:00am.
2. **Welcome to Alexandrina Council area and Strathalbyn by** –
3. **Present** – Chairman Cr Frank Tuckwell OAM (Alexandrina), Vice Chairman Keith Loeser, Secretary Peter R. Smith OAM, Ian Mann OAM, Cr Sharon Bland (Coorong) , Cr Vern Lang (Coorong), Cr. Peter Wright (Coorong) , Bill Bagley, Cr Clem Schubert (RCMB) Terry Franklin (Murray Watch), Lesley Fischer, Simon Bradley (RCMB - Staff), Simon Grenville (Alexandrina – Staff), Visitors Jim Hullick OAM, Leon Broster, Trish Broster.
4. **Apologies** – Hon Tony Pasin MP, Hon Michel Pengilly MP, Adrian Pederick MP, Bill & Jill Paterson, Bob England, Keith Scobie.
5. **Declarations of interest** Nil.

6. **Minutes of Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> January at Tailem Bend** – Moved I Mann seconded K. Loeser with the following amendment: - “That Mid Murray be approached seeking their return to Region 6 and send representatives to R6 meeting.”

**Carried**

6.1 **Business arising from minutes:** -

Mid Murray Council re additional Lock in the Lower River Murray – pointing our total opposition.

7. **Correspondence:** - MDA CEO’s Reports – attached.  
It was reported that the R5 Chairman had resigned
8. **Chairman’s report:** - Verbal including his intention of not seeking re-election at the next meeting R6’s AGM.  
Secretary also informed those present he would also not be seeking re-election.  
(Nomination forms will be attached to these minutes)

9. **General Business:** -

Cr S. Bland sought information re our motion carried at the last MDA AGM re fur seals – Secretary is dealing with and information will be tabled at the next meeting MDA R6 AGM.

Chair F. Tuckwell is working on a paper re the MDA not be no split up into 3 over riding regions and that state Vice- Presidents be re-introduced.

That visits to our region (R6) only be undertaken after the region is fore warned and that the region be informed of what are the main points of discussion and those points only be our region’s policy.

Combined meeting of R5 & 6 – Ongoing.

Board Agendas and Minutes – Ongoing.

Lower River Murray (Lock 1 to The Barrages) bank collapse, wake boards a letter be sent to Minister’s for the River Murray & Transport.

State reference committee – Ongoing.

Broken Hill – there blaming SA for their water problems – On going - Secretary to follow up.

Lake Albert Scoping Study – Ongoing.

R6 write to Minister for the River Murray seeking Environmental Impact Study into the construction of the connector between Lake Albert and the Coorong.

(Explanation and seeking why the irrigators using Lake Albert as their water source are forced to use water with EC levels as high as 2000 whilst irrigators upstream of Lock 1 can procure water at no more than 500EC's – and that the piped water from Taillem Bend they have to use are paying thousands and thousands of dollars more than prior to the drought – especially when irrigators' using the pipeline for the River Murray are not disadvantaged)

The secretary to get guest speaker for our AGM suggested someone from NRM.

Freshwater research station in Region 6 area – Namely Wingate which is in a National Park.

Moved K. Loeser seconded B. Bagley that R6 continue to push for a Freshwater Research station at Wingate.

**Carried Unanimously.**

We should have LMWG meeting ASAP and for discussion Cultural Water 9(Speaker to be organised) – Secretary to contact LMWG Chair – B. England.

With reference the Federal money \$24m we should continue to follow-up.

Next Meeting MDA R6 AGM at RCMB on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – Venue to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed: - 11:50am



