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## Minutes of Meeting No. 104 of Adelaide Metro Region (7) On Thursday 22nd Feb 2018 at the City of Holdfast Bay Kingston Room, Brighton Civic Centre, 24 Jetty Rd, Brighton SA 48

### 1. ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Present

Cr Lynda Yates	Secretary, Holdfast Bay Council
Cr David Shetliffe	Region 7 Chair, Walkerville Council
Dr Anne Jensen (Speaker)	Environmental Consultant and Regional Engagement Officer, MDBA
Mellissa Bradley (Speaker)	Program Manager, Water Sensitive SA
Cr Robin Coleman	Tea Tree Gully Council
Cr Andrew Tilley	Mitcham Council
Cr Arthur Mangos	Region 7 Vice Chair, West Torrens Council
Director Thornton Harfield	Tea Tree Gully Council staff
Cr Peter Jamieson	Port Adelaide Enfield Council
Pauline Frost	Life Member
Gary Goland	
Frank Verrall	

#### 1.2 Apologies

Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg	Onkaparinga Council
Mayor Glenn Docharty	Playford Council
Cr Garth Palmer	West Torrens Council
Ray Najar	
Rex Adams	
Cr John Kennedy	Campbelltown Council
Cr Karen Hockley	Mitcham Council
Chris & Linda Franklin	RMBOA
Deputy Mayor Cr Amanda Wilson	Holdfast Bay Council

### 2. WELCOME

2.1 Cr Lynda Yates of Holdfast Bay welcomed those attending.

### 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS           None

### 4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The 103rd meeting of the region was held on 23/11/17 at Campbelltown Council.

**Motion:**           That the minutes of the last Adelaide Metro meeting be accepted.  
                          Moved Cr Robin Coleman, Seconded Cr Shirley Halls – Carried

## 5. CEO'S REPORT

**Motion:** That the CEO's report be noted.  
Moved Cr Shirley Halls, Seconded Pauline Frost – Carried

## 6. PRESENTATIONS

### 6.1 A Healthy Working River - How to Return the Water to the River - Dr Anne Jensen

Anne talked about the volunteers who are Healthy River Ambassadors – people from various walks of life – fishermen, scientists, artists – who are united in wanting the Murray Darling to be healthy and flowing so as to support Basin communities. Her presentation spoke of the need for floods to refresh wetlands and floodplains. The Millennium Drought 2000 -10 killed or severely stressed 75% of mature trees and decreased the resilience of the river ecosystem. There has been some recovery since with natural floods in 2010 -12 but environmental watering is essential. As Dr Anne Poelina, a Kimberley Elder, said at the International Rivers Symposium in 2017 'No river, no people, no life'. Please ask me for the full Powerpoint Presentation if you interested.

### 6.2 Water Sensitive Urban Design – Mellissa Bradley, Water Sensitive SA and WSUD civil engineer

Water Sensitive SA helps WSUD practitioners through their website and giving advice. As of 2017, managed aquifer recharge schemes have constructed 58 water harvesting sites in SA with 750km of alternate pipe to distribute this water. 33% of rainwater, about 35GL a year, is currently reused and can be shared with daily wastewater. Biofilters are useful as they allow filtration vertically rather than horizontally and so require less space. WSUD can be used by inner city councils with no room for wetlands. WSUD not only provides water for irrigation but also gives amenity value in urban areas. Please ask me for the full Powerpoint Presentation if you interested.

### 6.3 Speakers for Next AGM and Conference

**Motion:** That the region recommends to MDA Head Office that speakers Dr Anne Jensen and Mellissa Bradley be asked to present at the next MDA AGM and Conference.  
Moved Cr Shirley Halls, Seconded Pauline Frost – Carried

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.1 Report from Region Chair

**Motion:** That the report be noted.  
Moved Cr Arthur Mangos, Seconded Pauline Frost - Carried

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 8.1 Royal Commission Submissions

**Motion:** That submissions to the Royal Commission be undertaken by each region as well as by the MDA as a whole.  
Moved Pauline Frost, Seconded Cr Shirley Halls

### 8.2 Ernst & Young Report

**Motion:** That the Ernst & Young Report be noted.  
Moved Cr Robin Coleman, Seconded Cr Peter Jamieson – Carried

**8.3 Adelaide's Water Supply**

Motion: That the Chair's overview of water supply to Adelaide be noted.  
Moved Cr Shirley Halls, Seconded Cr Robin Coleman – Carried

**8.4 Feedback from Adelaide Metro Region on NSW Access Regulator**

Motion: That the Chair's feedback on the NSW Access Regulator representing Adelaide Metro Region be accepted.  
Moved Cr Shirley Halls, Seconded Cr Arthur Mangos – Carried

**8.5 Meeting Attendees**

Gary Goland wants to invite NRM staff who look after wetlands, DEWNR staff and member council staff to regional meetings. David suggested they be asked to attend when there are presentations relevant to them. Thornton will try to bring along staff from his council who work on water – practitioners not just executives.

**8.4 River Murray Flows Impact Ocean Phytoplankton**

Pauline Frost mentioned an Advertiser article (River's Deep-Sea Impact dated 08/12/17) stating that reduced River Murray outflows are affecting marine life up to 60KM out into the Southern Ocean. Adelaide University researchers analysed 15 years of satellite images to determine the amount of phytoplankton outside the Murray Mouth during various flows. During the last drought, phytoplankton blooms completely vanished, prompting researchers to call for river management plans to include the potential impact on Southern Ocean ecosystems.

**8.5 Regional AGM**

Motion: That the regional AGM be postponed until after the Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> SA council elections.  
Moved Cr Shirley Halls, Seconded Pauline Frost – Carried

**9. NEXT MEETING**

Future dates - 4th Thursdays in the month - 24<sup>th</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. Venues to be confirmed.

**10. CLOSE 9.30pm**

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*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks  
Holdfast Bay Council for arranging and hosting this meeting of Region 7.*