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## Minutes of Meeting No. 103 of Adelaide Metro Region (7) On Thursday 23<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 at the City of Campbelltown Campbelltown Council Chamber, 172 Montecute Rd, Rostrevor SA 5073

### 1. ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Present

Cr Lynda Yates	Secretary, Holdfast Bay Council
Cr David Shetliffe	Region 7 Chair, Walkerville Council
Mayor Simon Brewer	Campbelltown Council
Cr John Kennedy	Campbelltown Council
Henry Haavisto	Campbelltown Council staff
Monique White	Regional Engagement Officer, MDBA
Cr Robin Coleman	Tea Tree Gully Council
Cr Shirley Halls	Playford Council
Cr Andrew Tilley	Mitcham Council
Cr Karen Hockley	Mitcham Council
Director Thornton Harfield	Tea Tree Gully Council staff
Cr Garth Palmer	West Torrens Council
Pauline Frost	Life Member
Gary Goland	
Frank Verrall	

#### 1.2 Apologies

Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg	Onkaparinga Council
Cr Carol Muzyk	Playford Council
Cr Arthur Mangos	Region 7 Vice Chair, West Torrens Council
Ray Najjar	

### 2. WELCOME

2.1 Cr David Shetliffe welcomed those attending.

2.2 Mayor Simon Brewer arrived from another function after the first presentation and gave a welcome to MDA attendees.

### 3. MINUTES

The 102nd meeting of the region was held on 24/08/17 at Walkerville Council.

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

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING Nil

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

### 5.1 High Water Event River Torrens Sep 2016 – Henry Haavisto

Henry showed photographs of the river in flood. After 10 hours of rain, there were 10 hours of high water. It was not helped by the release of more water from a dam which was at one-third capacity and was emptied for scheduled maintenance work.

The water caused considerable damage to the built and natural environment. 9 bridges in Campbelltown's stretch of linear park were damaged (only 2 surviving). Of those, 8 were replaced with similar wooden structures but one was replaced as a trial with more expensive recycled plastic. The insurance claim paid for like-to-like replacement so Campbelltown paid the difference on this and is waiting to see if it was worthwhile. A boardwalk in Alder St had to be replaced as well, but this work was done by SA Water. White clay was used to partition off the waterflow while the boardwalk was replaced (at a cost of \$200,000 to SA Water).

45 significant and many smaller trees were lost. Most of the trunks have been left as habitat (there is an echidna family in the Gorge that likes to find trees containing termites). The water eddied around many of the remaining standing trees, digging out soil from the roots – up to 2.5m deep in one spot – so work had to be done to return soil and stabilize these trees. Stormwater catchments ie. small ponds dug out next to the banks and cleared in 2013 for the first time since their creation in the late 1980s, were again filled with silt so had to be dredged out once more. A lot of rubbish also had to be removed.

Fortunately, in 2014 the River Torrens Recovery Project commenced. This gave councils along the river a total of \$1m funding, with no requirement for council co-contributions, to remove exotic species like woody bamboo, willows, desert ash and olives from the floodplain. 8 of the 9 river councils took up this grant (all except Adelaide Hills Council). Campbelltown and Tea Tree Gully Councils jointly received \$237,000 and worked together from 2014-16 clearing weedy vegetation. Without this work, much more rubbish would have accumulated after the flooding. The NRM Board is providing further funding to continue this work. Campbelltown looks after 10km of the river. The linear park goes through all 9 river councils and contains 363 exotic species of which 84 are declared weeds and a further 38 are Red Alert weeds – up-and-coming threats.

### 5.2 Sustainable Adjustment Limits – Monique White, Murray Bridge REO, MDBA

Monique looks after the area below Lock 1. She comes from Murray Bridge and her focus is agricultural impacts on the River Murray. The 6 REOs are at Wentworth, Murray Bridge, St George, Leeton, Wodonga and Shepparton. They liaise between the community and the MDBA.

The presentation is available so I will not report it. However, Monique did mention that of the submissions to the MDBA on the SDL Adjustment Mechanism, only 30 or 40 were from SA. If SA is to have a strong voice, it needs to engage more.

## 6. REPORTS

### 6.1 Chair's Report

Motion: That the report be accepted  
Moved Cr Robin Coleman, Seconded Pauline Frost - Carried

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 MDA Conference at Renmark**

The two reports included in the agenda were noted. Each member who had attended gave a view of the conference and all the comments were very favourable. David undertook to advise members as soon as possible of the date for the 2018 conference at Leeton.

**7.2 MDA Draft AGM Minutes**

It was noted that the motion put up by Region 7 had been passed unanimously.

**7.3 Regional Plan Framework Update**

David said he had revised his first dot point to add WSUD but had inadvertently omitted number 11, which he will rectify. Members noted the draft overview of Adelaide's water supply and encouraged David to continue developing it.

**7.4 SA Regional Forum – Murray Bridge**

David advised that a forum is planned for Murray Bridge in February. He would provide further details when they are known.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2018 confirmed for Holdfast Bay Council:

6pm for 6.30pm at Kingston Room, Brighton Council Offices, Jetty Rd, Brighton 5048

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

**6. CLOSE 9.30pm**

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