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## Minutes of Meeting No. 101 of Region 7 (Greater Adelaide) On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Mitcham Council City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Rd, Torrens Park SA 5062

### 1. ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Present

Cr Lynda Yates	Secretary, Holdfast Bay Council
Cr David Shetliffe	Region 7 Chair, Walkerville Council
Mayor Glenn Spear	Mitcham Council
Director Howard Lacey	Mitcham Council staff
Russell King	Mitcham Council staff
Mayor Ann Ferguson	Mt Barker Council
Cr Andrew Tilley	Mitcham Council
Cr Karen Hockley	Mitcham Council
Cr Vern Leng	Vice Chair Region 6 MDA, Coorong Council
Cr Peter Jamieson	Port Adelaide Enfield Council
Cr Robin Coleman	Tea Tree Gully Council
Josh Bowen	Walkerville Council staff
Director Thornton Harfield	Tea Tree Gully Council staff
Cr Arthur Mangos	West Torrens Council
Cr Carol Muzyk	Playford Council
Cr Shirley Halls	Playford Council
Rex Adams	
Pauline Frost	
Gary Goland	
Frank Verrall	
Emma Bradbury via SKYPE	CEO, MDA
Di Mead via SKYPE	MDBA

#### 1.2 Apologies

Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg	Onkaparinga Council
Mayor Gary Johanson	Port Adelaide Enfield Council
Cr John Kennedy	Campbelltown Council
Barbara Hardy	
Ray Najar	

### 2. WELCOME

- 2.1** Mayor Glenn Spears welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mitcham Council is very proud of its water sensitive urban design (WSUD). As a fisherman, the Mayor is keen to reduce seagrass loss by efficiently using storm water. Mitcham, with 4 other councils, will also be involved with the recently finalized project to floodproof Brownhill and Keswick creek catchments.
- 2.2** Cr David Shetliffe opened the meeting.

### **3. MINUTES**

The 100th meeting of the region was held on 02/03/17 at Adelaide City Council.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the last Region 7 meeting be accepted.  
Cr Arthur Mangos / Cr Shirley Halls – Carried

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

Ray Najar apologised for his absence by email. He also asked that it be recorded in the minutes that he congratulated the SA team, particularly Mayor Dennis Clarke and Cr David Shetliffe, for reactivating Region 8.

### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Mitcham, the Water Sensitive City by Russell King**

A copy of the Powerpoint presentation is attached.

#### **Basin Plan Update by Di Mead, Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) via SKYPE**

A copy of the Powerpoint presentation is attached.

Several members questioned the efficacy of the audit process in relation to licence holders.

### **6. REPORTS**

#### **6.1 CEO's Report**

Motion:

That the report be accepted

Moved Cr Shirley Halls, Seconded Cr Arthur Mangos, carried

#### **6.2 Chair's Report**

David added that Emma Bradbury, CEO and David Thurley, National President were in Canberra last week to represent the MDA.

Motion:

That the report be accepted

Moved Cr Robin Coleman, Seconded Cr Carol Muzyk, carried

### **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **7.1 Future Meetings**

There was a discussion about daytime meetings. It was decided that this would exclude those with jobs and other duties. There may not be rooms available in Council offices then. The Chair noted that the host council usually provides a speaker and this is still useful, but other stakeholders could be asked to present. Gary Goland suggested a Citizen Science presentation could be interesting. The chairman thought we might devote a specific meeting to environmental issues.

## **7.2 Membership Growth**

The Chair encouraged members to invite appropriate staff to attend meetings. This would further emphasise that it is the Council that is the member and would also provide continuity of knowledge exchange. Mayor Ferguson indicated that she believed that Mount Barker Council would be better placed in Region 6 rather than Region 7 as currently. The chairman advised that it is the practice for MDA that councils choose which Region is most appropriate for them.

Cr Lynda Yates said her council offered to buy individual memberships for elected members wanting to attend meetings rather than renew corporate MDA membership. Councillors from member councils cannot become individual members but those from non-member councils can. However, the possible impact of this approach should be considered.

## **7.3 Regional Plan Framework**

Cr Peter Jamieson said there was a workshop in Echuca at on regional plans.

## **7.4 SA Regional Forum with LGA**

The Chair advised he was meeting with Stephen Smith from the LGA to encourage the LGA to convene a forum of SA regions.

## **7.5 AGM**

The next AGM is in Renmark 11th-13th Oct. A draft program is being prepared.

Cr Arthur Mangos suggested that at the AGM several staff speakers from local councils be invited to give short talks highlighting the work their councils do to efficiently use water.

## **7.6 Region 7 Motions for National Conference**

**PLEASE PREPARE AND BRING THESE TO THE NEXT MEETING.**

## **7.7 Region Name**

The Chair advised that the MDA wished to apply descriptors for the regions rather than numbers. It was agreed that **Adelaide Metro** would be appropriate for Region 7.

Cr Vern Leng handed out some USB sticks with presentations from the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office and the MDBA on them.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

24<sup>th</sup> Aug 6pm for 6.30pm at Walkerville Council Offices with talks on ERA (Eastern Region Alliance) Water and possibly also the carp issue.

Future dates are all 4th Thursdays in the month - 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug.

## **6. CLOSE 9.30pm**

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