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MINUTES

73rd Annual General Meeting
Thursday 12th October 2017
Renmark Hotel
“Our Plan Our Future”

1. WELCOME

- 1.1 Welcome - National President, Cr David Thurley

Cr Thurley welcomed delegates to the 2017 AGM and declared the meeting open at 3.30pm.

2. SPECIAL MOTION

Amendment to the constitution I

Motion 1A: That Part 6, 17(6) of the Constitution be amended as detailed below:

- (6) Requirements for any MDA Meeting include the following:
- (a) must be arranged on behalf of the Board, including through the Chief Executive Officer or Public Officer;
 - (b) by sending by post or email a written notice of the MDA meeting not less than 30 days prior to the proposed MDA Meeting, to each Region chair, every Delegate of whose existence notice has been given to the MDA and each Member Council;
 - (c) by posting of the details of the proposed MDA Meeting on the MDA's website, not less than 30 days prior to the proposed MDA Meeting;
 - (d) details with notice or posting must include the date, time and place of the MDA Meeting;
 - (e) the agenda and any motions proposed, including those initiated by a Region, Member Council or any other Member must be distributed and posted on the MDA's website, not less than fourteen (14) days before the MDA Meeting.

Moved: Cr D Thurley/Cr Shirley Halls

Carried

Motion 1B: That the MDA validates the 73rd Annual General Meeting, and accepts the following business and motions in accordance with the revised constitution.

Moved: Cr D Thurley/ Cr A Mangos **Carried**

3. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Cr	Tony	Quinn	Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr	David	Thurley	Albury City Council
Cr	Terry	Weston	Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr	Paul	Phillips	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr	John	Campbell	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr	Jamie	Chaffey	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr	Andrew	Johns	Gunnedah Shire Council
Mr	Gary	Kerr	Balonne Shire Council
Cr	Richard	Marsh	Balonne Shire Council
Cr	Ross	Bodey	Berrigan Shire Council
Cr	Wendy	Buck	Moira Shire
Cr	Geraldine	Christou	Greater Shepparton City Council
Cr	Colin	Jones	Berrigan Shire Council
Cr	Peter	Mansfield	Moira Shire
Cr	Alan	Mathers	Murray River Council
Cr	Trevor	Jolliffe	Balranald Shire Council
Cr	Stephen	O'Halloran	Balranald Shire Council
Cr	Marion	Browne	Broken Hill City Council
Cr	Tim	Elstone	Wentworth Shire Council
Cr	Barry	Hollman	Bourke Shire Council
Cr	Jane	MacAllister	Wentworth Shire Council
Cr	Peter	Raison	Mid Murray Council
Cr	Andrew	Kassebaum	Berri Barmera Council
Cr	Sharon	Bland	Coorong District Council
Cr	Simon	Bradley	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Cr	Cr Clem	Schubert	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Cr	Robin	Coleman	City of Tea Tree Gully
Cr	Arthur	Mangos	City of West Torrens
Cr	Shirley	Halls	City of Playford
Cr	Lynda	Yates	City of Holdfast Bay
Cr	Russell	Campbell	Carrathool Shire Council
Cr	Wesley	Hall	Narrandera Shire Council
Cr	Paul	Maytom	Leeton Shire Council
Cr	Dino	Zappacosta	Griffith City Council
Mr	Bradley	Ferris	AlburyCity Council
Mr	Andrew	Lawson	Albury City Council
Mr	Des	Bilske	Murray River Council
Mr	Bobby	Brook	Moira Shire Council
Mr	Aaron	Drenovski	Balranald Shire Council
Mr	Mark	Jenkins	Mildura Rural City Council

Mr	Peter	Kozlowski	Wentworth Shire Council
Mr	Russell	Peate	Mid Murray Council
Mr	Glenn	Rappensberg	Alexandrina Council
Mr	Graeme	Haley	Riverina Water County Council
Ms	Jackie	Kruger	Leeton Shire Council
Mr	Craig	Moffitt	Murrumbidgee Council
Mr	Steve	Oosthuysen	Griffith City Council
Cr	Mark	Hall	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr	Gen	Campbell	Murray River Council
Cr	Neil	Gorey	Murray River Council
Cr	Steve	Heywood	Wentworth Shire Council
Cr	Phillip	O'Connor	Brewarrina Shire Council
Cr	Darriea	Turley	Broken Hill City Council
Cr	Adriaan	Sakko	Mid Murray Council
Cr	Mayor Kevin	Burdett	DC Karoonda East Murray
Cr	Margaret	Evans OAM	Berri Barmera Council
Cr	Michael	Vowles	District Council of LoxtonWaikerie
Cr	Mayor Neville	Jaensch	Coorong District Council
Cr	Michael	Scott	Alexandrina Council
Cr	Frank	Tuckwell	Alexandrina Council
Cr	Vern	Leng	Coorong District Council
Cr	Carol	Muzyk	City of Playford
Cr	Andrew	Tilley	City of Mitcham
Mr	Terry	Hillman	Private
Ms	Pauline	Frost	Life Member
Mr	Adrian	Wells	Wodonga Council
Mr	Ray	Najar	ABC -Export Facilitation
Ms	Laura	Circuitt	Murray Irrigation Ltd
Ms	Nicole	Emara	CSIRO
Mr	David	Legge	Le Gob Pty Ltd
Mr	Hilton	Taylor	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office
Mr	Keith	Thompson	Murray Irrigation Ltd
Mr	Greg	Toll	Non-member
Mr	Malcolm	Hill	Non-member
Mr	Peter	Bond	Murraylands & Riverland LGA
Ms	Emma	Bradbury	Murray Darling Association
Mr	Angus	Verley	MDA
Mr	Gavan	Waters	Partner
Mrs	Claire	Waters	Partner
Mr	Ashley	Bland	Skillset
Mr	Bruce	Thom	Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
Mr	Pete	George	m+s group accounting
Ms	Annette	Waters	Murray Darling Association
Ms	Michelle	Campbell	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office
Cr	Jack	Gibb	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr	Peter	Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr	Allan	Maddocks	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr	Neil	Martinson	Renmark Paringa

Mr	Kym	Hume	Australian Institute of Company Directors
Cr	Leigh	Byron	Balranald Shire Council
Mr	Ian	Mann	MDA Region 5
Mr	Peter	Smith	Region 6
Cr	David	Shetliffe	Town of Walkerville
Cr	Mayor Denis	Clark	Northern Areas Council
Cr	John	Kennedy	City of Campbelltown

1.2 Apologies

Hon Geoff Brock	SA Minister for Local Government
Hon Niall Blair	NSW Minister for Regional Water
Hon Mick Veitch	SA Shadow Minister for Primary Industries
Tony Pasin MP	Federal Member for Barker
Suzanna Sheed MP	Member for Shepparton
Cindy McLeish MP	Member for Eildon
Stephan Knoll	Member for Schubert
Cr Barry Featherston	Chair Region 5 of the MDA
Cr Mark Ward	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Cr George Weston	Leeton Shire Council
Cr Paul Philips	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr Sharon Bland	Coorong District Council
Cr Julie Barrie	Coorong District Council
Cr Chris Bilkey	Murray Shire Council
Cr Melisa Hederics	Wentworth Shire Council
Cr Peter Hunt	Berri Barmera Council
Ian Church	CEO Lockyer Valley Regional Council
Donna Rygate	CEO Local Government New South Wales
Sean Halse	COS Office of the Hon Tony Burke MO
Merrill Boyd	REO Murray-Darling Basin Authority
Jenny Johnson	Private Member
Barbara van der Meer	Private Member
Ken Pattison	Private Member
Mark Gooden	Private Member
Cr John DalBroi	Griffith City Council
Joe Burns	Private Member

1.3 Declaration of Interests

None declared

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes of the 72nd AGM held 26th October 2016, in Dubbo NSW be adopted as an accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Cr S Halls/I Mann **Carried**

5. REPORTS

5.1 2017 Annual Report

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association receive the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2017.

Moved: Cr D Thurley/Cr N Gorey Carried

5.2 2017 Financial Report

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association adopt the 2017 Annual Finance Reports.

Moved: Cr V Leng/Cr S Halls Carried

6. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Special motion

6.1 **Motion:** That the constitution be amended as follows

- a) Part 3, item 6 – remove the words *member council* and insert the words *local government entity*; and
- b) Part 11, item 38 – add the following subclauses
 - a. The amendment must be lodged with the executive six weeks prior to the MDA Meeting
 - b. The amendment must be listed as a motion and published in the agenda for the MDA Meeting.

Moved: Cr D Shetliffe/Cr D Clark Lost **

It was noted that the issues in this motion are important revisions, and further noted that a committee be established to review the issues and report to next AGM with a further recommendation.

6.2 **Meaningful inclusion of local government in Murray-Darling Basin related decision-making processes.**

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association:

- a. Nominate the National President of the Murray Darling Association on the Basin Community Committee; and
- b. Continue to pursue options for local government, as the third level of government in Australia to be formally included in the decision-making processes that underpin the continuing implementation of the Basin Plan.

Moved: Cr D Thurley/Cr V Leng Carried

6.3 Water management and compliance in the Basin

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association:

- a) Acknowledge the concurrent inquiries underway.
- b) Maintain its call for an independent Public Inquiry with the ability to compel witnesses to give evidence.
- c) Calls for consistent monitoring and compliance rules across all Basin states.
- d) Note that public confidence is essential to the effective implementation of the Basin Plan.

Moved: Cr D Thurley/Cr N Jaensch **Carried**

6.4 Independent auditing of MDBA compliance regime (Region 7)

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association calls on:

- a) all state governments currently responsible for compliance with water allocations to ensure that the compliance regime be subject to independent audit.
- b) all state governments to undertake and make public a comprehensive audit of all water extraction licences, including "sleeper licences".
- c) the MDBA to ensure that its compliance system, when introduced in 2019, is well resourced, robust and subject to independent audit.

Moved: Cr D Shetliffe/Cr A Mangos **Carried**

6.5 River flows for tourism (Region 1)

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association

- a) Note the economic importance of river related tourism to Basin communities.
- b) Pursue opportunities for continuing collaboration with the relevant authorities to maximise multiple benefits of flows, timing and available resources
- c) Explore strategies for enhanced communications and information sharing in relation to river heights.
- d) Note of thanks to all parties for their work in coordinating flows to maintain river heights Easter 2017.

Moved: Cr D Thurley/Cr V Leng **Carried**

6.6 The availability of timely flood information (Region 1)

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association

- a) Advocate for the formation of a working group comprising the MDBA Manager of River Operations, Councils, SES and other relevant parties across all affected Murray Darling Association regions to develop a comprehensive and reliable strategy to inform local residents, businesses, emergency management groups and other affected parties of the actions and outcomes to be expected as a result of management actions during times of flood downstream of Lake Hume.

Moved: Cr D Thurley/Cr T Quinn **Carried**

6.7 Local government involvement in the development of Water Resource Plans (Region 4)

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association call on the MDBA and the States to ensure local government has a key role in providing local knowledge to inform the development of the state-based Water Resource Plans.

Moved: Cr D Turley/Cr J MacAllister **Carried**

6.8 Management of the Menindee Lakes (Region 4)

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association call on the NSW Government to make available a detailed brief on the Menindee Lakes System Sustainable Diversion Limit Project, such details to include but not limited to:

- a) The storage capacity and evaporation losses of the Menindee Lakes;
- b) The methodology for calculating, monitoring and reporting on the storage capacity and evaporation losses of the Menindee Lakes;
- c) How do these volumes contribute to the Sustainable Diversion Limit;
- d) How will the SDL Adjustment Mechanism project for Menindee Lakes work;
- e) The Menindee Lakes Water Saving Plan.

Moved: Cr D Turley/Cr J MacAllister **Carried**

6.9 Moratorium on the Wentworth to Broken Hill Pipeline (Region 4)

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association calls on the NSW Government to:

- a) Place an immediate moratorium on the construction of the Wentworth to Broken Hill water pipeline;
- b) Make public the business case for the Wentworth to Broken Hill Water Pipeline.

Moved: Cr D Turley/Cr J MacAllister **Carried**

7. NEXT MEETING

6.1 Leeton - 2018 Date and location to be advised.

8. CLOSE