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Region 6 Ordinary Meeting - Agenda

AGENDA

Date:
28th of June 2019
10am – 3.00pm

Venue

Rural City of Murray Bridge – Council Chambers
2 Seventh Street, MURRAY BRIDGE SA 5253

Guest Speakers :

Deana Mildren Regional Engagement Officer, Lower Murray Murray-Darling Basin Authority
Monique White Assistant Director, Engagement Partnerships, Engagement and Strategic Policy
Murray-Darling Basin Authority

Chair: Councillor Melissa Rebbeck

Executive Officer: Tracey Strugnell, Coorong District Council

1 WELCOME & WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mayor Brenton Lewis, Rural City of Murray Bridge

2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Present:

Voting Members:

Guests:

Apologies:

3. HOUSEKEEPING

- 3.1 Welcome to the meeting
- 3.2 Housekeeping: safety, toilets and catering.
- 3.3 We will break for lunch at 12.30pm.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

5. MINUTES

Minute check of the previous Ordinary Meetings held on April 5th 2019– [Attachment 1 page 7](#)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 INCOMING

- **Statement of Intent** – Tracey Strugnell resigning from Executive Officer role
- **Notification of Murray Darling Association AGM – 23rd of October 2019**
Motions for the AGM – 23rd October 2019 must be in by the **21st August, 2019**
- **Coorong District Council Appointment of proxy Region 6 Murray Darling Association**
[Attachment 4 page 29](#)
- **Response from Department of Agriculture and Water Resources 15th May 2019**
& **Original Letter to Minister Littleproud - MDB Plan Royal Commission MDB R6 14th April 2019** [Attachment 5a & 5b page 30 - 33](#)

Response from Minister Littleproud. No response from Minister Speirs at this stage.

- **River Lakes & Coorong Action Group AGM** Sunday 2nd June 2019
- **South Australia's River Murray Water Allocation Statement** 15 May 2019
<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/river-murray/water-allocation-and-carryover/water-allocations-and-announcements>
- **Coorong Environmental Trust Bill 2019**
https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/B/CURRENT/COORONG%20ENVIRONMENTAL%20TRUST%20BILL%202019_HON%20TAMMY%20FRANKS%20MLC.aspx
- **Barrages Fact Sheet Murray Darling Association Fact Sheet**
<https://www.mdba.gov.au/publications/brochure/fact-sheet-all-about-barrages>

6.2 OUTGOING

Thankyou letters to Mayor Neville Jaensch, Mayor Keith Parkes, past Region 6 Chair Barry Featherstone, Julie Barrie, and Councillor Vern Leng.

Invitation to South Australian Region Chairs to Inter Regional meeting on 9th of August. Now cancelled.

6.3 NEWS / INFORMATION OF NOTE

News Update 17th of June - [Attachment 6a page 34](#)

See tabled Stock Journal article re; ACCC inquiry into water trading in the Southern Basin & independent panel into soci-economic impacts of water reform

News Update 21st of May contains links to - [Attachment 6b page 36](#)

ANAO Audit into the procurement of strategic water entitlements: looking at the design of the current policy for water buy-backs, and whether its implementation has been effective

Emma Bradbury - MDA 9th of May 2019

South East Drainage and Wetlands Strategy: Draft for Comment

Littleproud flags possible government intervention in southern water market ahead of ACCC inquiry ABC Rural Thursday 30th 2019
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2019-05-30/new-water-minister-ready-for-accq-inquiry/11161730>

Project Coorong bringing new life to a natural icon
<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/coorong/rescue-package>

Our Coorong –Our Coast
https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast/projects/our-current-projects/Our_Coorong_Our_Coast

Murray-Darling Basin Plan: Five-year assessment
Australian Government – Productivity Report Link received 13th April 2019
<https://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/basin-plan/draft>

7. BUSINESS ARISING

Ordinary Meetings Action List – *Attachment 2 page 18*

8. REPORTS

8.1 Murray Darling Association CEO’s Report – via phone conference Emma Bradbury

<https://www.mda.asn.au/agendas-minutes.aspx>

At the time of sending, the minutes were not uploaded at this hyperlink. But may be by now.

8.2 Chair’s Report

Executive Group Meeting Minutes and Action Sheet – *Attachment 3a page 22 and 3b page 26*

8.3 Executive Officer Report

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Recent Events Those in attendance to report back

River Lakes & Coorong Action Group AGM	Milang - Sunday 2nd June 2019
Others?	

9.2 The Post Federal Election Murray Darling Basin Space *Attachment 6a page 34*

At the Commonwealth level keep an eye out for;

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission into water trading in the Southern Basin,
- Independent Panel into the socio-economic impacts of water reform.

9.3 Working toward the Murray Darling Association 75th Jubilee National Conference and AGM in Toowoomba – October 22-24, 2019 Julie Barrie

<https://www.mda.asn.au/annual-conference/2019-toowoomba.aspx>

- Motions for considerations to be sent around by Glenn Rappensberg
- Who will attend the Toowoomba Murray Darling Association National Conference and AGM
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9.4 Region 6 Groups Symposium Planning – 26th of July *Draft Program Attachment 7 page 39*

Cr Melissa Rebbeck

Fleurieu Function Centre booked, fee \$900

Funding:

NRM Volunteer Grant won for \$1000 to contribute toward event

Alexandrina Council Grant for \$1000 funding contribution

\$1000 funding offered from Rural City of Murray Bridge

Alexandrina Council to invoice Coorong District Council for \$1000 toward the Groups Symposium event. Attention: Nat Traeger.

Allocate activities to assist in event delivery.

Catering available - \$1-\$2 all day tea and coffee.

Alexandrina Council to coordinate the catering and the facilitator.

Send final agenda to Emma Barclay to design the flyer, and put on the Murray Darling Association web page.

Invite the other South Australian Regions to the Symposium to spark conversation.

Seek ratification of invitations to politicians and symposium program.

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- Faith Coleman – Ecologist, Coorong Trust
- Focus on integrated water management i.e. utilisation of alternative water sources such as recycled storm water and wastewater
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- Gary Hera Singh – Lake & Coorong Fishery
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- 11 MEMBER REPORTS**
- 12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 13 NEXT MEETING:**
 Ordinary Meeting on Friday 9th of August – venue to be confirmed
- 14 CLOSE**

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	Councillor Vern Leng	Coorong District		
	Councillor Brenton Qualmann	Coorong District		
	Glenn Rappensberg	Alexandrina		
	Councillor Michael Scott	Alexandrina		
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MINUTES - Region 6 Ordinary Meeting

Location: Coorong District Council Chambers
95-101 Railway Terrace, TAILEM BEND

Time/date: 10am, Friday 5th of April 2019

Guest Speaker : **Barb Cowey**, Drought Response with Regional Coordinator
Murraylands and Riverland - PIRSA / Regions SA

Chair: Councillor Melissa Rebbeck

Executive Officer: Tracey Strugnell, Coorong District Council

At 12.04pm Julie Barrie and Frank Tuckwell left the meeting.

At 12.40pm Peter Smith left meeting.

In attendance:

Apologies: Adrian Pederick (Member for Hammond), Vincent Cammell, Councillor Tracy Hill, & Mayor Paul Simmons (Coorong District Council), Heather Barclay and Mayor Brenton Lewis (Rural City of Murray Bridge), Keith Loeser, Glenn Rappensberg & Councillor Michael Scott, Shen Mann (Alexandrina Council), Monique White & Deana Mildren (MDBA), Michelle Campbell (CEWH), Councillor Steven Wilkinson (Mid Murray Council).

1. WELCOME

Provided by Councillor Brenton Qualmann of Coorong District Council.

Chair Melissa Rebbeck welcomed new private member Bruce Books.

Round table introductions.

2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

2.1 Present:

Voting Members:

Alexandrina Council

Councillor Melissa Rebbeck

Anne Liddell representing CEO Glenn Rappensberg

Rural City of Murray Bridge

Malcolm Downie

Coorong District Council
Councillor Vern Leng
Councillor Brenton Qualmann

Individual Members

Julie Barrie
Bruce Brooks
Frank Tuckwell

Guests

Councillor Peter Smith –Mid Murray Council
Geoff Gallasch - Coorong Shack Owners
Councillor Neville Jaensch – Coorong District Council

Executive Support

Executive Officer - Tracey Strugnell (Coorong District Council)

3. HOUSEKEEPING

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests declared.

5. MINUTES

Minute check of the previous Ordinary Meetings held on February 15th 2019

Councillor Vern Leng moved to accept these meetings as true and correct.
Seconded Julie Barrie. Carried.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

INCOMING

- **Irrigation Information Meetings, 13-18 March** (via email)

More information about water allocations will come out on the 15th of April. Water trading workshops will follow. Jarrod Eaton's presentation was excellent and is available on the DEW Murray Darling Basin Workshop website.

ACTION: Ask Jarrod Eaton of DEW to produce a fact sheet about why we need the Barrages.

Moved: Councillor Vern Leng. Seconded: Bruce Brooks. Carried.

- **Coorong Dire Straits Tinny Tour Flyer & Invitation – 30th March** (via email)
- **Correspondence between Minister Littleproud & Lifeblood Alliance re Darling River fish kill and failure of Basin Plan**
- **Region 5 Minutes and Priority Summary from Councillor Peter Hunter (via email)**
- **Murray Darling Association – Media Release Budget 2019** (via email)

- **Advance notice “The Future of the Murray-Darling Basin”- what is needed next? 2nd May in Adelaide**

OUTGOING *To be ratified

- **News Update sent out on 18th of March**
- ***Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee - Inquiry into the Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019**
Councillor Vern Leng moved that this be ratified, seconded by Frank Tuckwell. Carried.
- ***Region 6 - Murray Darling Association Letter of Support for MDA Basin Communities Leadership Program Application – 8th of March 2019**
Councillor Julie Barrie moved that this be ratified, seconded by Malcolm Downie. Carried.
- ***Region 6 response to the SA Murray Darling Royal Commission**
Amendments to these letters were discussed.
Frank Tuckwell moved that the letter to Minister Speirs be ratified, seconded by Councillor Brenton Qualmann. Carried.
Julie Barrie moved that the letter to Minister Littleproud be ratified, seconded by Councillor Brenton Qualmann. Carried.
- **Region 6 Report to MDA Board Meeting 384**
- **Letter of thanks to Neil Andrew – immediate past chair MDBA**
- **Media Release: new Chair Melissa Rebbeck**
- **Media Release: Murray Darling Association reaction to Budget 2019**

7. BUSINESS ARISING

7.1 Ordinary and Executive Meetings Action Lists

Tracey Strugnell asked that approval for completed items be removed from the Executive Meeting Action List. Moved by Councillor Vern Leng, seconded Julie Barrie. Carried.

Malcolm Downie asked about Council contributions to Murray Darling Association, and the contributions toward the Region 6 Executive Officer position. Discussion and clarification ensued.

Tracey Strugnell asked that approval for completed items to be removed from the Ordinary Meeting Action List. Moved by Julie Barrie, seconded by Councillor Vern Leng. Carried.

8. REPORTS

8.1 CEO’s Report – via phone conference

Minutes of Murray Darling Association Board Meeting No. 383 – Friday 1st February 2019 & CEO’s Report provided as separate hard copy documents at meeting.

Emma Bradbury announced that this project had been successful, and the positive feedback from Minister Littleproud and the funding body. This project will be enable provision of Murray Darling

Basin leadership at the local level. This project will target regional leaders across communities to improve their knowledge about Murray Darling Basin processes, and empower them to create projects.

The Murray Darling Association has changed website service provider which should improve the accessibility of the web site. James Marshall has commenced with the Murray Darling Association to work on development of member services, position papers, and communication.

Emma Bradbury and Chair David Thurley presented a Murray Darling Basin Business Case to several Ministerial Offices in Canberra in regard to the value proposition offered by the body

Councillor Melissa Rebbeck asked Emma Bradbury about the preparation process in the lead up to the Toowomba MDA AGM and National Conference.

Region 6 need to prepare in the lead up to Toowomba MDA AGM and National Conference ;

- State and Regional positions to present, motions to present, what presentations we would like to see.
- Region 6 need to ensure that all motions and positions are aligned with Member Council policy.
- A motion supporting work to ensure the ongoing health of the Northern Basin that is imperative to the ongoing health of the Southern Basin.

Councillor Peter Smith stated that we need to find ways to support the Northern Basin. This support may be a position to the next Federal Government that action must be taken or the Northern Basin may not recover. The problems in the Southern Basin will get worse if the Northern Basin is not fixed.

Emma Bradbury responded with;

- We need to keep looking at the system holistically. This is being done through the Catchments and Communities workshop series.
- This year's national conference is being hosted in the Northern Basin, to help improve basin wide understanding of this region. A lot of the discussions will be focussed on the Northern Basin.
- The importance of a holistic approach. We need to work as a whole Murray Darling Basin community, working at a high level.
- Working to support the NSW Government on their non compliance undertakings, and managing the sustainability of the expanding irrigation footprint.
- Murray Darling Association has made an approach to the incoming New South Wales Water Minister.
- The Murray Darling Association Board has resolved to seek responses from each Region Chair to contribute to an overall Murray Darling Association response to the Murray Darling Basin Royal Commission Report.

Councillor Vern Leng asked Emma Bradbury a question about boundary realignments.

Frank Tuckwell asked Emma Bradbury a question about the Upper House inquiry into the Clarence River Storm Water Basin Scheme. This may now have relevance to the Northern Basin. Emma suggested to have a look back through the resolutions of the last few AGM's, and for Region 6 to put forward a considered motion in regard to this matter to the AGM.

District Council of Yankalilla correspondence. Emma Bradbury has had an approach from this Council. She encouraged District Council of Yankalilla to attend Region 6 Meetings.

ACTION: Alexandrina Council to make an approach and invitation to District Council of Yankalilla. Councils are free to join the Region that best fits their identity.

8.2 Chair's Report

Councillor Melissa Rebbeck provided her impressions of her first Murray Darling Association Board Meeting. She expressed the importance of Board and Region Members having sufficient knowledge and experience to effectively participate on these organisations.

8.3 Executive Officer Report

- Application made as part of the Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan funding application to the Natural Resources SA MDB Community Grants to assist with running a Region 6 Symposium, and set up of a 'groups in the Lower Murray, Lakes & Coorong' web page.
- News update sent on the 18th of March
- Royal Commission on the Murray Darling Basin response
- Region 6 Executive Meeting held on 22nd of March
- Press Releases: New Region 6 Chair Melissa Rebbeck, & MDA Budget Response
- Trialing a Region 6 MDA web page
- Ongoing distribution of news and information as it comes in

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Recent Events

Reports were given by members who had attended these events.

Connecting Catchments and Communities	Renmark – 22 nd of February
Launch of NRSE Our Coorong, Our Coast NLP2 Project	Noonameena
River Murray Water Allocation & Carryover Workshops	Murray Bridge & Langhorne Creek 18 th March
River Murray Water Allocation & Carryover workshops	Goolwa Yacht Club Event
Coorong Dire Straits Tinny Tour	Goolwa to Seven Mile Road -30 th March

See Attachment 1, Coorong Dire Straits Tinny Tour Report from Bruce Brooks.

9.2 Continuity through Local Government Elections / Vice Chair position? Julie Barrie

Julie Barrie said that ongoing leadership is important to keep Region 6 running. This became an issue at the last Local Government election due to the non re-election of two key leading members of Region 6. Region 6 was not represented on the Murray Darling Association Board during this time, and Region 6 momentum was lost.

Julie suggested that we put forward to the two motions to change this process at to the Murray Darling Association Board level, rather than changing the Region 6 Constitution.

Julie Barrie moved that Region 6 write to the Murray Darling Basin Board asking for change in process whereby an existing Regional Chairperson be allowed to continue in the role of Chair until the following AGM of Region 6, regardless of their position in Local Government.

Julie Barrie moved that Region 6 write to the Murray Darling Association Board asking for a change to process whereby the deemed Vice Chair or nominated member be allowed to attend National Board meeting in the absence of the usual Chairperson.

Anne Liddell expressed concern about the governance of this approach in regard to the Region 6 relationship to Local Government.

ACTION: Malcolm Downie suggested that these motions are taken back to the Region 6 Executive to come up with some recommendations to go forward.

Moved by Malcolm Downie, seconded by Councillor Vern Leng.

9.3 Working toward the Murray Darling Association 75th Jubilee National Conference and AGM in Toowoomba – October 22-24, 2019 Julie Barrie

<https://www.mda.asn.au/annual-conference/2019-toowoomba.aspx>

- Start considering motions for the Toowoomba Murray Darling Association National Conference and AGM
- Who will attend the Toowoomba Murray Darling Association National Conference and AGM?
- Plan up to 2 Inter Regional SA meetings in the lead up to the Toowoomba Murray Darling Association National Conference and AGM

The meetings occur at LGA House. Councillor Neville Jaensch explained that he as past Coorong District Council Mayor, Mayor Keith Parks, President Telfer and Stephen Smith at the LGA can assist with organising these inter regional meetings. High quality speakers can also be attracted. Some LGA Board Members are also members of the MDA Regions.

Councillor Melissa Rebbeck asked whether Region 6 can ask for particular speakers who could represent the South Australian situation accurately at the National Conference. Councillor Peter Smith suggested that Jarrod Eaton (DEW) would be a terrific speaker.

ACTION: Executive Officer to email around a document to spark discussion for potential motions, speakers, and ideas for the Toowoomba AGM.

ACTION: Work toward a June Inter-regional Meeting. Topics to potentially include: South East Drainage Workshops, Barrages, Jarrod Eaton, surface and groundwater flows in the South East, a presentation from Professor Mike Young.

ACTION: Seek availability for speakers, members, other Regions, LGA. Start pinning down dates for Inter Regional Meetings and Symposium.

It was discussed whether the inter regional meeting and Symposium be run back to back.

ACTION: Councillor Vern Leng suggested that Chair Melissa Rebbeck suggest to the Murray Darling Association Board Rydges at Tailem Bend as a potential future National Conference location.

9.4 Groups Symposium and Web Page concepts

Cr Melissa Rebbeck

<http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/region6mda>

Tracey Strugnell

Timing: May - June 2019.

Convened by: Region 6 Murray Darling Association.

Invitees: All River, Lakes and Coorong related groups in our region, other SA MDA Regions & potentially Mildura / Wentworth, RDAs, all Councillors, relevant staff, SABFAC.

Symposium Aim: This session is about collaboration and understanding between the Lower Murray, Lakes and Coorong Groups and our actions going forward as a region.

DRAFT PROGRAM

Speaker	Topic
Jarrod Eaton (DEW)	River, Lakes and Coorong scenarios for the coming season
Economic Development Managers (RDA's)	Potential low river scenarios and trigger points to roll out a community and economic response
Minister David Speirs Dept for Environment and Water	Our Coorong, Our Coast – Natural Resources SE (Commonwealth NLP2 funding - \$3 million plus), Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin (announced at the Ministerial Council Meeting in December- \$70 million).
Murray Darling Basin Authority	Economic Development Fund
Melissa Rebbeck	The Climate Change context

Councillor Melissa Rebbeck said this is a good opportunity to understand the ‘what if’ scenarios, and also to have a constructive forum discussion between groups to be clear about how we work together going forward.

Anne Liddell suggested that a facilitated discussion around advocacy and where groups are similar and different. The facilitator can then put together where they are similar and different. This could also be done through a panel discussion to share knowledge and understanding.

Tracey Strugnell suggested Wellington as a location for the Symposium.

ACTION: Councillor Melissa Rebbeck asked the group to think about what other outcomes Region 6 would like to see from that Symposium.

9.5 Suggestion to spend time of revisiting and reviewing Region 6 Strategic Documents at a future meeting **Tracey Strugnell**

To familiarise group and revisit the ideas in these documents in the current and changing Murray Darling Basin political environment.

Revisit Strategic Planning process, outcomes, and status.

Revisit Communication Strategy process, outcomes, and status.

Name & Tagline Adopted: “Murray to Mouth: Working together to secure a freshwater future for the Lower Murray, Lakes & Coorong”.

Councillor Brenton Qualmann commented that the Communication Strategy objectives looked very positive.

Councillor Vern Leng asked whether the Region 6 Strategic Plan could be promoted in the Council newsletters and via media release.

ACTION: Region 6 members to review the Draft Strategic Plan and Communication and Engagement Plan to come back to our next Ordinary Meeting to discuss and review.

ACTION: Consider input of Region 6 articles and promotions in local newsletters and Council Newsletters. Discuss promotional options vs governance considerations at the Executive Meeting.

9.6 Schedule of Potential Guest Speakers and Tours for Region 6 Ordinary Meetings

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It was agreed that there will be no guest speaker at the next meeting. The meeting focus will be on a revisit to the Strategic Plan and Communications and Engagement Plan.

12.30pm Break for Lunch

10 GUEST SPEAKER 1pm

Barb Cowey, Drought Response with Regional Coordinator, Murraylands and Riverland PIRSA / Regions SA

Barb Cowey discussed some recent Federal Announcements and programs;

- Taillem Bend has been announced as a 'trusted advocate network'. Businesses might be identified as advocates for mental health.
- The Murraylands Drought Network has been established which is attended by Tracey Strugnell and Mayor Paul Simmons (Coorong District Council). There is interest in targetting whole families in drought, not just the men.
- This work supports the work of the Farm and Business Mentors. Their aim is to ensure people are OK and are connected to the resources available.
- Barb is attending a Bureau of Meteorology big data workshop next week, and is looking forward to learning about the resources available.
- The data for the next few months both climatically is not terribly positive. Late breaks to the season are predicted.
- Barb was impressed with the tone of the conversation at the recent Irrigation Workshops. The River Murray Water Allocation Plan sign off by Minister Speirs has provided some safe guards. We are in a better position than we were 15 years ago. River management has improved.
- The importance of 'one river' thinking going forward. Already a better approach this time that during the millennium drought.
- Barb Cowey and Kym Walton have been completing work comparing irrigation crop water use and land footprint comparing 2009 and 2018 data. This information is available upon request. This includes work by Mark Skewes of SARDI about in what month what crop requires what water. Currently the Clare and Barossa Valley Irrigation areas are not included in this data.

ACTION: Barb Cowey to provide this presentation to Tracey Strugnell to forward to Region 6.

ACTION: Consider Tom Rooney and Stuart Peavor from Waterfind as potential Symposium or National Conference speakers.

- A key difference between this dry period and the the millennium drought is that commodity prices are in a better place now than they were then.
- Barb suggested that someone like Tom Rooney and Stuart Peavor from Waterfind would be a valuable speaker at a Symposium. Knowledge of water trading could be improved in the irrigator audience.

Councillor Melissa Rebbeck said that this body of work could be well worth presenting at the Symposium, or the National Conference at Toowomba.

Councillor Melissa Rebbeck commented that it would be valuable if stream flow reduction data could be demonstrated. This would be very powerful region by region.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Region Boundary Changes

ACTION: Councillor Vern Leng said that he would like confirmation of Murray Darling Association Board policy around Region boundary changes.

12 MEMBER REPORTS

13 NEXT MEETING:

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MDA Region 6 – Updated Minutes Action List - as at 23rd of June 2019

Minute	Item	Details	Responsible Person	Target Completion Date	Notes	Review
		Seek Region 6 Member Feedback on the Region 6 Groups Symposium. Proposed by Alexandrina Council; Date – 26th of July Venue - Fleurieu Function Centre	All	April 2019	<i>Response required</i>	April 2019
Ordinary Meeting April 2019		Book venue for Region 6 Ordinary Meeting on Friday 28 th of June – to be hosted by Rural City of Murray Bridge.	Cr Melissa Rebbeck	April 2019		April 2019
Ordinary Meeting April 2019	11.1	Councillor Vern Leng said that he would like confirmation of Murray Darling Association Board policy around boundary changes.	Executive Officer	June 2019		June 2019
Ordinary Meeting April 2019	9.5	Consider input of Region 6 articles and promotions in local newsletters and Council Newsletters. Discuss promotional options vs governance considerations at the Region 6 Executive Meeting.	Region 6 Executive	June 2019	<i>Media Policy required to progress</i>	August 2019
Ordinary Meeting April 2019	9.5	All Region 6 members to review the Draft Strategic Plan and Communication and Engagement Plan to come back to our next Ordinary Meeting to discuss and review.	All	June 2019		August 2019
Ordinary Meeting April 2019	9.4	Region 6 members to think about what other outcomes they would like to see from the Groups Symposium.	All	April 2019		April 2019
Ordinary Meeting April 2019	9.3	Suggest to the Murray Darling Association Board Rydges at Tailem Bend as a potential future National Conference location. <i>Response from Emma Barclay 24.06.2019: Hosting rights for the MDA National Conference 2019 and 2020 have already been awarded to R12 - Toowoomba and R2 – Shepparton.</i> <i>In order for the board to consider a proposal for a future conference, the Region and hosting council would need to resolve to, and subsequently prepare a bid to host. I will send out the process guidelines in coming weeks.</i>	Executive Officer	June 2019		June 2019



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Ordinary Meeting April 2019	9.3	Seek availability for speakers, members, other Regions, LGA. Start pinning down dates for Inter Regional Meetings and Symposium.	Councillor Melissa Rebbeck Executive Officer	May 2019	Ongoing	July 2019
Ordinary Meeting April 2019	9.3	Work toward a June Inter-regional Meeting. Topics to potentially include: South East Drainage Workshops, Barrages, Jarrod Eaton, surface and groundwater flows in the South East, a presentation from Professor Mike Young.	Councillor Melissa Rebbeck Executive Officer	May 2019	Scheduled for 9 th August, cancelled by Executive Group, suggested new date of 2 nd of October 2019. To be organised by interim EO.	May 2019
Ordinary Meeting April 2019	9.3	Executive Officer to email around a document to spark discussion for potential motions, speakers, and ideas for the Toowoomba AGM.	Executive Officer	May 2019	<i>Suggested Motions to now be sent around by Glenn Rappensberg as discussed at Executive Meeting on 21st of June</i>	August 2019
Ordinary Meeting April 2019	9.2	<p>Julie suggested that we put forward to the two motions to change this process at to the Murray Darling Association Board level, rather than changing the Region 6 Constitution.</p> <p>Julie Barrie moved that Region 6 write to the Murray Darling Basin Board asking for change in process whereby an existing Regional Chairperson be allowed to continue in the role of Chair until the following AGM of Region 6, regardless of their position in Local Government.</p> <p>Julie Barrie moved that Region 6 write to the Murray Darling Association Board asking for a change to process whereby the deemed Vice Chair or nominated member be allowed to attend National Board meeting in the absence of the usual Chairperson.</p> <p>ACTION: Malcolm Downie suggested that these motions are taken back to the Region 6 Executive to come up with some recommendations to go forward.</p>	Region 6 Executive	June 2019	<i>To be included in suggested Motions to be sent around by Glenn Rappensberg as discussed at Executive Meeting on 21st of June</i>	August 2019
Ordinary Meeting April 2019	8.1	Alexandrina Council to make an approach and invitation to District Council of Yankalilla. Councils are free to join the Region that best fits their identity.	?	June 2019		August 2019



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Ordinary Meeting April 2019	6	Ask Jarrod Eaton of DEW to produce a fact sheet about why we need the Barrages.	EO	June 2019	MDBA Barrage Fact Sheet found by Shen Mann	COMPLETE
		Executive Officer role and continuity	Executive	March 2019		August 2019
		Clarification of key contacts at each Council area for interim Executive Officer	Executive	March 2019		August 2019
AGM Feb 2019	8	Councillor Michael Scott moved to give thanks for their work and to acknowledge their contribution via letter to Mayor Neville Jaensch, Mayor Keith Parkes, past Region 6 Chair Barry Featherstone, Julie Barrie, and Councillor Vern Leng.	EO	March 2019	Councillor Michael Scott to provide comment.	April 2019 Meeting
Dec 2018 Feb 2018	6.2	City of Victor Harbor and Yankalilla Council New Chair to jointly approach new CVH CEO with respect to membership of the MDA.	New Chair	2019	R6 marketing collateral being developed to support recruitment drive.	August 2019
June 2018 Oct 2018	6.3	Ideas for guest speakers and tours for future meetings Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jarrod Eaton - Salinity Management - Goyder re alternative water sources for urban areas i.e. desal & recycled - Local irrigator who has participated in water recovery/efficiency upgrades - Use of the Adelaide Desalination Plant. What does it mean in relation to the 450GL. - Professor Mike Young – MDB Water Audits - Faith Coleman – Ecologist, Coorong Trust - Focus on integrated water management i.e. utilisation of alternative water sources such as recycled stormwater and wastewater - Drought Impacts - Livestock Water Security - Gary Hera Singh – Lake & Coorong Fishery - MDBA Regional Engagement Officer to provide future presentation to MDA-R6 on SA's three supply/constraint projects. 	EO	As appropriate	Review appropriate time/topic to invite speakers that aligns with Strategic Directions.	Ongoing



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		<p>Tours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise a visit for all MDA Region 6 and Councillors to the barrages, Organise with Ann Liddell at Alexandrina Council. 				
August 2018	6.3	<p>Future Inter-Regional Meetings</p> <p>Liaise with other SA Chairs re asking LGA to host future meetings – possibility two per year.</p>	Cr Featherston	ASAP	MDA organising joint meeting of Regions 4,5 and 6 re Menindee Lakes to be held in Renmark in 2019.	Executive to progress.
June 2018	5.4	<p>Council Briefings</p> <p>EO to brief RCMB and Coorong post-LG election. Note: proposal for tri-council induction tour of barrages. Liaise with Anne Liddell at Alexandrina Council.</p>	EO	August 2018	Alexandrina – briefing undertaken on 2 October Murray Bridge – briefing date?	Executive Group to discuss and organise.
April 2018 Aug 2018	6.3 7.4	<p>Engagement Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All MDA-R6 members to provide details to Tracey of industry & community stakeholder groups to be approached for Organisational Membership of MDA-R6 Region name and branding adopted August 2018: “Murray to Mouth: Working together to secure a freshwater future for the Lower Murray, Lakes and Coorong”. Web content, promotional flyer and media release to be developed. 	EO	Update in Dec 2018	EO to undertake recruitment drive in collaboration with Chair once new marketing material available <i>and media policy is developed</i>	Ongoing
Feb 2018	5.4	<p>Regional Secretariat Position Description / Task List</p> <p>Tracey to work with Emma to develop standardised position description/task list for regional secretariats.</p>	EO	As time allows	<i>Now redundant</i>	
Feb 2018	6.1	<p>Priorities from Strategic Directions Report</p> <p>EO to prepare Engagement Strategy (Priority 3), Scoping Briefs for Priorities 2a, 2b and 2d and a response to MDBA socio-economic data (Priority 4a)</p>	Interim Executive Officer and Executive Group	Ongoing	Engagement Strategy presented at April 2018 meeting and branding proposal at August 2018 meeting (Priority 3). MDBA Chief Economist invited to inter-regional meeting on 11 July 2018 (Priority 4a).	Executive Group to discuss and organise.



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MINUTES

Murray Darling Association Inc.
Region 6 Executive Meeting



Date:
21st June 2019
3pm – 5.30 pm

Venue

Rural City of Murray Bridge – Council Chambers
 2 Seventh Street, MURRAY BRIDGE SA 5253

ATTENDANCE

Present: Rural City of Murray Bridge - Heather Barclay

Alexandrina Council Councillor – Councillor Melissa Rebbeck, Councillor Michael Scott,
 Glenn Rappensberg & Shen Mann

Coorong District Council – Councillor Vern Leng, Tracey Strugnell

Apologies: None

Meeting Opened: 3.30pm

Meeting Closed: 5.30pm

1. Correspondence**Incoming**

- **Statement of Intent** – Tracey Strugnell resigning from Executive Officer role
- **Notification of Murray Darling Association AGM – 23rd of October 2019**
 Motions for the AGM – 23rd October 2019 must be in by the **21st August, 2019**

Heather Barclay said some good ideas should come out of the Symposium.

Glenn Rappensberg offered to email around some potential Motions for the Murray Darling Association AGM comment by the Region 6 membership, including item 5.3 in these Minutes.

Mayor Brenton Lewis has been appointed as a Strategic Adviser to the National Strategic Advisory Panel Murray Darling Association.

- **Coorong District Council Appointment of proxy Region 6 Murray Darling Association**
[Attachment 1](#)
- **Response from Department of Agriculture and Water Resources 15th May 2019**
& Original Letter to Minister Littleproud - MDB Plan Royal Commission MDB R6 14th April 2019 [Attachment 2](#)

Response from Minister Littleproud. No response from Minister Speirs at this stage.

- **River Lakes & Coorong Action Group AGM Sunday 2nd June 2019**
 Attended by Councillor Vern Leng.
- **South Australia's River Murray Water Allocation Statement 15 May 2019**
<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/river-murray/water-allocation-and-carryover/water-allocations-and-announcements>

- **Coorong Environmental Trust Bill 2019**
https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/B/CURRENT/COORONG%20ENVIRONMENTAL%20TRUST%20BILL%202019_HON%20TAMMY%20FRANKS%20MLC.aspx
- **Barrages Fact Sheet Murray Darling Association Fact Sheet**
<https://www.mdba.gov.au/publications/brochure/fact-sheet-all-about-barrages>
- **News Update 17th of June**
See tabled Stock Journal article re; ACCC inquiry into water trading in the Southern Basin & independent panel into socio-economic impacts of water reform
- **News Update 21st of May** contains links to - *Attachment 3*;

ANAO Audit into the procurement of strategic water entitlements: looking at the design of the current policy for water buy-backs, and whether its implementation has been effective
Emma Bradbury - MDA 9th of May 2019

South East Drainage and Wetlands Strategy: Draft for Comment
Natural Resources South East – May 2019

Outgoing / to be Ratified at Ordinary Meeting 21st of June

Thankyou letters to Mayor Neville Jaensch, Mayor Keith Parkes, past Region 6 Chair Barry Featherstone, Julie Barrie, and Councillor Vern Leng.

News / Information of note

Littleproud flags possible government intervention in southern water market ahead of ACCC inquiry ABC Rural Thursday 30th 2019
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2019-05-30/new-water-minister-ready-for-accq-inquiry/11161730>

Project Coorong bringing new life to a natural icon
<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/coorong/rescue-package>

Our Coorong –Our Coast
https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast/projects/our-current-projects/Our_Coorong_Our_Coast

Murray-Darling Basin Plan: Five-year assessment
Australian Government – Productivity Report Link received 13th April 2019
<https://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/basin-plan/draft>

2. Navigating the Post Federal Election Murray Darling Basin Space

At the Commonwealth level keep an eye out for;

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission into water trading in the Southern Basin,
- Independent Panel into the socio-economic impacts of water reform.

3. Climate Change Adaptation Plan Sector Agreement Heather Barclay *Attachment 4*

Heather Barclay and Shen Mann discussed the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Region Sector Agreement document, and how this works in the Southern Hills region. Heather Barclay will feed this background through to Michael Sedgman.

4. Review Executive Group Action List from 22nd March 2019 *Attachment 5*

Permission given to delete completed Actions.

5. Business Arising from Region 6 Ordinary Meeting Minutes & Action List – April 5th:

5.1 Region 6 Groups Symposium Planning – 26th of July *Draft Program Attachment 6*

Fleurieu Function Centre booked, fee \$900

Funding:

NRM Volunteer Grant won for \$1000 to contribute toward event

Alexandrina Council Grant for \$1000 funding contribution

\$1000 funding offered from Rural City of Murray Bridge

Alexandrina Council to invoice Coorong District Council for \$1000 toward the Groups Symposium event. Attention: Nat Traeger.

Allocate activities to assist in event delivery.

Catering available - \$1-\$2 all day tea and coffee.

Alexandrina Council to coordinate the catering and the facilitator.

Glenn Rappensberg moved to accept this Draft Symposium Agenda, seconded Heather Barclay.

Take Draft Symposium Agenda to take to the Ordinary Meeting. Finalise, send to Emma Barclay to design the flyer, and put on the Murray Darling Association web page.

Tracey to finalise the letters inviting Ministers Littleproud, Speirs, Ruston, and Member for Barker Tony Pasin.

Invite the other South Australian Regions to the Symposium to spark conversation.

Ratify invitations to politicians and symposium program.

5.2 Organise Inter-regional Meeting

The meeting proposed for the 9th of August will be cancelled.

Cancel the proposed Inter Regional Meeting on the 9th of August.

Suggest an Inter Regional Meeting in the first week of Wednesday 2nd of October 2019, to be held at either LGA House or Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Pass the task of organising this meeting on to the interim Executive Officer position.

5.3 Action requiring further refinement by the Executive

Julie Barrie suggested that we put forward to the two motions to change this process at to the Murray Darling Association Board level, rather than changing the Region 6 Constitution.

Julie Barrie moved that Region 6 write to the Murray Darling Basin Board asking for change in process whereby an existing Regional Chairperson be allowed to continue in the role of Chair until the following AGM of Region 6, regardless of their position in Local Government.

Julie Barrie moved that Region 6 write to the Murray Darling Association Board asking for a change to process whereby the deemed Vice Chair or nominated member be allowed to attend National Board meeting in the absence of the usual Chairperson.

5.4 Potential New Memberships

- Follow up with Kingston District Council in regard to interest expressed in regard to MDA Membership.
- Alexandrina Council to make an approach City of Victor Harbor CEO and District Council of Yankalilla.

6. Agenda Review for Ordinary Meeting – 28th of June

Correspondence

Action List

Items to be ratified

Board Update

Presentation from Deana Mildren (and invite Monique White also) – Engagement Officer MDBA – allow one hour to cover post election environment

Navigating the Post Federal Election Murray Darling Basin Space

Draft Groups Symposium Plan for comment and discussion

Motions for MDA AGM 23rd of October – Glenn Rappensberg and Shen Mann

Who is attending the MDA AGM

Member Updates

7. Clarification of key contacts in each Council area

Not discussed.

8. Executive Officer role and continuity

Resolve that Glenn Rappensberg as the CEO consult with the other partnership CEOs to consider resourcing a 0.5 FTE position at Level 6 to take the work of Region 6 forward. The request for an increase in budget will now need be taken to each Council for budget approval.

The employment relationship of the Executive Officer sits with the CEO of the employing Council. It needs to be called as a public role. The relationship between the Executive Officer and the Chair and Region 6 Members is a working relationship.

This process may take 6 months. In the interim period the role could continue at 1 day a week for the intervening period. From the 1st of July Alexandrina Council will work to cover this role in the intervening period.

9. Region 6 Media & Web / Social Media Policy

To be resolved as part of the expanded Region 6 Executive Officer role.

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Executive June 21st	1	Glenn Rappensberg offered to email around some potential Motions for the Murray Darling Association AGM comment by the Region 6 membership, including item 5.3 in these Minutes.	Glenn Rappensberg	Circulate for discussion at Ordinary Meeting on 28 th June 2019		Ordinary Meeting 28 th June 2019
Executive June 21st	5.1	Alexandrina Council to invoice Coorong District Council for \$1000 toward the Groups Symposium event. Attention: Nat Traeger.	Shen Mann Glenn Rappensberg	ASAP		
Executive June 21st	5.1	Alexandrina Council to coordinate the Groups Symposium event catering and the facilitator.	Shen Mann Glenn Rappensberg Melissa Rebbeck	ASAP		
Executive June 21st	5.1	Invite other South Australian Regions to Groups Symposium to spark conversation. Add contact details to the invitation list.	Melissa Rebbeck Tracey Strugnell	ASAP		
Executive June 21st	5.2	Cancel the proposed Inter Regional Meeting on the 9 th of August. Suggest an Inter Regional Meeting in the first week of Wednesday 2 nd of October 2019, to be held at either LGA House or Rural City of Murray Bridge. Pass the task of organising this meeting on to the interim Executive Officer position.	Tracey Strugnell Interim Executive Officer	ASAP		September Executive Meeting
Executive June 21st	6	Invite Deana Mildren and Monique White of the Murray Darling Basin Authority to speak and engage in discussion for up to one hour including questions to provide a Murray Darling Basin update and discuss what is happening in the post federal election environment.	Tracey Strugnell	ASAP		Ordinary Meeting 28 th June 2019
Executive June 21st	8	Executive Officer Position Resolve that Glenn Rappensberg as the CEO consult with the other partnership CEOs to consider resourcing a 0.5 FTE position at Level 6 to take the work of Region 6 forward. The request for an increase in budget will now need be taken to each Council for budget	Glenn Rappensberg			September Executive Meeting



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		approval.				
Executive June 21st	8	<p>Executive Officer Position</p> <p>The process of appointing the externally advertised Executive Officer may take 6 months. In the interim period the role could continue at 1 day a week for the intervening period. From the 1st of July Alexandrina Council will work to cover this role in the intervening period.</p>	Shen Mann Glenn Rappensberg Melissa Rebbeck			September Executive Meeting
Executive June 21st	9	<p>Region 6 Media & Web / Social Media Policy</p> <p>To be resolved as part of the expanded Region 6 Executive Officer role.</p>	Region 6 Executive			September Executive Meeting
Executive June 21st	2	<p>Approaching adjacent Council to become a MDA member</p> <p>Glenn Rappensberg to speak to Victor Harbor and Yankalilla Council.</p> <p>Coorong District Council to speak to Kingston District Council, and Mount Barker Council.</p> <p>Heather Barclay offered to organise a meeting between herself, RCMB CEO Michael Sedgman and Southern Mallee Council.</p> <p>Melissa offered to attend any meetings that eventuate.</p>	Glenn Rappensberg Vincent Cammell Heather Barclay Melissa Rebbeck	Ongoing 2019		September Executive Meeting
Executive March 22nd	2	<p>Approach to Regional LGAs</p> <p>Create a summary brief to go on top of the initial minutes that are sent through to the three Regional LGA's – Glenn Rappensberg</p> <p>Glenn to approach SHLGA. Vincent to approach MRLGA, Tracey to approach LCLGA through Anne Champness (Tatiara District Council).</p>	Glenn Rappensberg Vincent Cammell Tracey Strugnell	April to June 2019		September Executive Meeting
Executive March 22nd	2	<p>Lower Murray, Lakes and Coorong Symposium Concept</p>	Melissa Rebbeck Tracey Strugnell	Provide update at Ordinary Meeting on		Ongoing in lead up to Symposium on 26 th of July



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		Melissa Rebbeck to work on a Draft Plan for the Symposium. There may be a need to call a stand alone meeting to carefully plan out this event.		28 th June 2019		
Executive March 22nd	3.7 3.8	Keep on Region 6 Executive Meeting Agendas Region 6 Briefings to Council EO to brief RCMB and Coorong post-LG election. Communication Strategy Web Content, Promotional Flyer, Media Release	Tracey Strugnell	June 2019		September Executive Meeting
Executive March 22nd	6	Strategic Plan Revisit Executive Members to each review the Strategic Plan and compare notes prior to the next Ordinary Meeting.	Glenn Rappensberg Vincent Cammell Heather Barclay Melissa Rebbeck Michael Scott Tracey Strugnell	April 2019		September Executive Meeting



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30 May 2019

Cr. Melissa Rebbeck
Chair
Murray Darling Association Region 6
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Dear Melissa

Re: Appointment of proxy to Murray Darling Association Region 6

Owing to Coorong District Council's Chief Executive Officer, Vincent Cammell, currently being on a period of leave, the matter of appointing a proxy as Council's (non-voting) representative for Murray Darling Association Region 6 meetings and executive meetings has come to hand.

In consultation with Murray Darling Association's Chief Executive Officer, it has been confirmed that Tracey Strugnell (a Coorong District Council staff member and current Executive Officer for Region 6) is able to act as proxy in Vincent's absence.

We believe that Tracey is best positioned to act in this space on Council's behalf, with her sound knowledge of current issues and excellent leadership and support through the Murray Darling Association an asset to Council and Region 6.

We therefore authorise Tracey Strugnell to act as proxy in Vincent's absence. It is not anticipated that this role will impact Tracey's work as Executive Officer for Region 6.

We look forward to continuing to participate in important discussions relating to the Murray Darling basin through the Murray Darling Association.

Kind regards

David Mosel
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Coorong District Council

22 MAY 2019

TAILEM BEND OFFICE

Ref: MC19-003830

Ms Tracey Strugnell
 Executive Officer, Region 6 Murray Darling Association
 Coorong District Council
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Dear Ms Strugnell

Thank you for your letter of 15 April 2019 on behalf of the membership of the Murray Darling Association Region 6 to the Hon. David Littleproud, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, highlighting issues of concern arising from the findings of the Murray Darling Basin Royal Commission Report. As the government is currently in an election period, I am responding on behalf of the Minister.

The issues that you raise in your letter have also been highlighted by the Productivity Commission (PC) and the South Australian Royal Commission. On 25 January 2019, the PC released its final report on its inquiry into the Basin Plan. The PC's inquiry is a statutory requirement under section 87 of the *Water Act 2007* to assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the Basin Plan and associated water resource plans. The Government is carefully considering the findings and recommendations of the PC's report.

As you are aware, on 31 January 2019 the South Australian Government publicly released the final report of the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission. On 20 February, the board of the independent Murray-Darling Basin Authority released a statement in response to the Royal Commission, available at mdba.gov.au/sites/default/files/pubs/MDBA-response-SA-Royal-Commission-Feb-20.pdf.

The Prime Minister has agreed to Murray-Darling Basin First Ministers discussing the findings and recommendations of the PC inquiry and the Royal Commission. It is anticipated that the Basin First Ministers meeting will take place alongside the next meeting of the Council of Australia Governments to be scheduled in due course.

In regard to climate change, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) is working in partnership with the independent Advisory Committee on Social, Economic and Environmental Sciences (ACSEES) to design a research program to advance our understanding of climate change, and continue MDBA's collaboration with leading research bodies, scientists, government and independent experts. The MDBA has recently released a discussion paper which explains the impact of climate change across the Basin and explores how the current Basin Plan settings actively manage climate change. The paper also sets out some focus research questions the MDBA will be investigating through its climate change program in the years ahead.

As you point out, the Basin Plan is a critical reform. It aims to reset the balance between environmental and consumptive uses of water, and establishing a new framework for sustainable water resource management. Drought is the time to truly test the Basin Plan, and its

value is clearer now more than ever. This includes delivering positive environmental outcomes while still minimising the socio-economic impacts of the Basin Plan and providing more stability and security to Basin communities.

So far the government's water infrastructure efficiency program has recovered over 700 gegalitres (GL) of water for the environment. These are genuine water savings, transferred to the Commonwealth in the form of water entitlements. In total, more than 2100 GL of water has been recovered for the environmental health of the river system.

This environmental water has been used in over 750 planned watering events in the past four years, with environmental water holders working together to get water to priority areas at the right time. The MDBA's 2017 Basin Plan Evaluation has documented positive ecological responses from the delivery of environmental water. There are early signs that five years into the implementation of the Basin Plan the rate of decline of waterbird numbers has reduced, native fish have responded positively and the health of the Basin's rivers and floodplains are being revived. Further information on the outcomes of the 2017 Basin Plan Evaluation can be found on the MDBA website.

If you wish to raise your matter again you should do so by contacting the incoming government.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Dadswell', written in a cursive style.

Matthew Dadswell
Assistant Secretary
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15 May 2019



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15th of April 2019

The Honourable David Littleproud MP
 Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources
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Re: Murray Darling Basin Royal Commission

Dear Minister Littleproud,

We write on behalf of the membership of Murray Darling Association Region 6 (MDA-R6) to highlight those issues of most concern to our region arising from the findings of the Murray Darling Basin Royal Commission Report (the Report), and to seek your counsel on how a Federal Liberal Government will seek to address these concerns within the context of Basin Plan implementation.

MDA-R6 represents the interests of the Lower Murray, Lakes and Coorong region. Current membership of MDA-R6 includes Alexandrina Council, Coorong District Council, Rural City of Murray Bridge, and Tatiara District Council along with a number of individual members.

Our Region has been, and remains, a vocal and consistent supporter of the Basin Plan. We understand that the political compact giving rise to the Basin Plan was hard won, and would not be easily re-established should there be a push to either pause or rewrite the Plan. We also welcome the decision made last December to allocate \$70m million of South Australian State Priority Project funds to support the long-term health of the Coorong via delivery of the Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin Action Plan.

Nonetheless, the Commissioner's findings (many of which reflect issues raised by Region 6 during the consultation period) have generated feelings of deep concern within our community. Two months have now passed since the Report was handed down and our communities are anxious for both the South Australian and Federal Governments to respond **in full** to the Commissioner's findings and recommendations. We refer to the top three issues and recommendations of greatest interest to MDA-R6 as follows:

- Recovery of the 450GL
 For some time, MDA-R6 has been cautioning against "death by a thousand cuts" with reference to the increasing number of legislative and policy constraints being imposed on recovery of the 450GL. Whilst MDA-R6 continues to support the Basin Plan, the Commissioner's findings in relation to the environmentally sustainable level of take (ESLT) do reinforce the need for all Basin governments to remain sharply focused on achieving full recovery of the 450GL. To this end, MDA-R6 has indicated our support for a repeal of the 1500GL cap on water buy-backs in order to maximise the available options for achieving this water recovery target. We also express our continuing concern that the new socio-economic neutrality criteria for efficiency measures will in effect, set the bar so high as to

make recovery of the full 450GL unachievable. We also note the Murray Darling Association Board position on socio-economic neutrality criteria that seeks Local Government agreement.

- Climate Change

In our original submission, MDA-R6 expressed concern that current Basin Plan sustainable diversion limits (SDLs) will in fact become quickly *unsustainable* in a changing climate. Observed climate trends within the Basin include an 11% decline in April-October rainfall across south-east Australia since the late 1990s, an increase in evaporation associated with higher than average temperatures, and an exacerbated corresponding reduction in stream flows. It will be absolutely critical that future iterations of the Basin Plan properly account for projected climate change including trends and associated risks. We seek assurances that a Federal Liberal Government will support (1) resourcing of climate change research to inform future water management in the Basin, (2) the development of a comprehensive climate change adaptation plan for the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Barrages, and (3) the achievement of suitably ambitious 2030 and 2050 emission reduction targets at both State and Federal level with a view to meeting our internationally shared responsibility to minimise the scale of the adaptation challenge.

- Structural Adjustment & Regional Development

We agree that water recovery should be accompanied by complementary investment in Basin Communities. In a changing climate, communities throughout the Basin will need continued assistance to adjust to a future with less water. Grassroots community and industry groups in our region (such as Mallee Sustainable Farming, Fleurieu Farming Systems Incorporated, Coorong Tatiara LAP and Goolwa to Wellington LAP) are investing significant time and energy in adaptation research projects, with a view to ensuring a prosperous future for our primary production sector. We welcome the recent Budget announcements with respect to agricultural stewardship, innovation and drought response, and urge all Basin governments to co-invest in research and programs which will improve the long-term adaptive capacity of the Basin's agricultural sector and regional townships.

Hoping for rain is not enough. Rather, it is our hope that the Report will be treated by all Basin governments as an important catalyst for making meaningful improvements to Basin Plan implementation over the next five years to 2024 and beyond.

We call on the Federal Government to put aside jurisdictional formalities by providing a full and meaningful response to the Commissioner's findings and recommendations and trust that you will give due consideration to the issues raised in this letter whilst preparing that response.

Yours sincerely



Cr Melissa Rebbeck
Alexandrina Council
Chair, MDA Region 6



Mayor Brenton Lewis
Rural City of Murray Bridge



Mayor Keith Parkes
Alexandrina Council



Mayor Paul Simmons
Coorong District Council

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[Hon Tony Burke MP, Shadow Minister for Environment and Water](#)
[Emma Bradbury, CEO Murray Darling Association](#)

NEWS

Reform slows to trickle as MDB reviews pile up

BY MIKE FOLEY

DROUGHT and water costs continue to have an impact on rural towns and farming communities in the Murray-Darling Basin, but governments are yet to commit to cracking down on the water market, while the list of reports and inquiries grows ever longer.

Earlier this year, as an election approached, the federal government moved to address concerns and pledged two new inquiries - one from the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission into water trading in the Southern Basin, the other by an independent panel into the socio-economic impacts of water reform.

Last week the MDB Authority released a damning audit into water trading, which reiterated the known gaps in reporting of basic trade information and lack of market transparency.

National Farmers' Federation water taskforce chairman Les Gordon said communities were hurting, with so much dependent on water availability.

He said while all the reports promise valuable insights, government should respond to the findings from the Productivity Commission's five-year report into the MDB Plan, which

is the only formal review process for the \$13-billion water reform.

"I expect that the government would respond to the PC, given this is the only formal review process in the Basin Plan legislation," he said. "Even if it's not the federal minister, the Ministerial Council should respond."

The PC conducted a relatively comprehensive series of local stakeholder meetings across the MDB last year, releasing interim findings in August and the government received the final report in December.

The PC's findings call for drastic action - splitting the MDBA into two agencies to improve checks and balances. It also made two recommendations on water trading, which have flown under the radar.

The final report's recommendation 10.1 said trade rules were insufficient and inconsistent across basin states and governments should find out where these gaps sat and fix them.

Recommendation 10.2 said a range of community members were concerned about the effects of the growth in trade on third parties and the environment.

Many community and farmer groups have banded together to campaign for action to reduce the pressures



DRIED OUT: The formal, legislated review process of the Basin Plan sits on a shelf as state and federal governments commission more reports into the water market.

on family farmers who are walking off the land.

Persistent drought has sent the cost of water skyrocketing and a range of local groups are arguing for action to curb the effect of corporate traders on water prices.

The PC said basin gov-

ernments should make the MDBA responsible for identifying and managing risks related to changes in water use and trade in shared resources and connected systems.

Mr Gordon said basin governments could use the

PC report, backed up by the ACCC inquiry and the Commonwealth socio-economic study, to act on concerning water market trends.

"We've got no quantum or understanding of what is really happening to the market," he said.

STATES NEED TO PUT IN WORK TOO: LITTLEPROUD

FEDERAL Water Minister David Littleproud said a governmental response to the Productivity Commission report into the Murray-Darling Basin would come, but the states also needed to pitch in.

"I anticipate a response to the PC report before the end of the year, but ultimately it is a matter for all basin ministers and the Commonwealth to respond to," he said.

"I have met with basin communities, who wanted greater confidence and accountability in water markets, which is why I will commission the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission inquiry.

"I am open to the recommendations of the PC report but they need to be carefully considered with the states to make sure there are no unintended consequences that could leave basin communities worse off."

The MDB Authority said Basin governments would need to form a consensus.

"We welcome the PC's call for stronger and more effective collaboration between all Basin governments because we'll get more success working together rather than working in isolation," MDBA said in a statement.

The Almond Board and SunRice chair Laurie Arthur have each called for caution ahead of new water allocations and developments, saying more research was needed.

- MIKE FOLEY

The Weekly Times June 2019.

Speculator gets say on basin



By PETER HUNT

ONE of Australia's biggest water speculators — Duxton Water — is helping the National Irrigators Council prepare its submission to a review into basin trading and transparency.

The NIC has put the company on its Water Market Reference Group, which is preparing the peak irrigator body's submission to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's review into water trading.

The group is even advising federal Water Minister David Littleproud on what they think should be in the ACCC's terms of reference.

Duxton is not the only speculator to join the NIC, with Blue Sky Investments also a member and each paying \$3520 annually for the privilege.

Irrigators have repeatedly accused both companies of squeezing massive profits out of water markets, but the NIC has welcomed them as members.

"They're conflicted," Vic-

torian Farmers Federation water council chairman Richard Anderson said. "This is what happens when you can buy a seat (on the NIC) as long as you've got dollars in your pocket."

NIC chief executive Steve Whan said Duxton and Blue Sky were just two of the council's 34 members.

And while Duxton sits on the reference group drafting the NIC's water market policies, Mr Whan said ultimately all policy had to be signed off by the council's majority.

Asked if non-irrigators should sit on the council, Mr Whan said both Blue Sky Investments and Duxton Water "are irrigators".

But Duxton Water's 2018 annual report and balance sheet show it owns no land on which to use the massive volumes of allocation water it buys and sells across the southern Murray Darling Basin.

Blue Sky owns properties, but its financials show no evidence it irrigates its own land.

Colliers International re-

cently reported Duxton Water produced total returns to shareholders of 40 per cent in 2018, while Blue Sky Water Fund returned 34.4 per cent, buying and holding large volumes of allocation water.

Duxton Water last year paid \$31.76 million for an estimated 100,000ML of water and gained another 61,000ML against its entitlements, giving it control of about 14 per cent of the total volume of annual allocation trade in the southern basin (excluding zero-value trades).

Water allocation too precious to float for profit

The Weekly Times June 2019

Water is not an investment to be bargained with, writes **ROB MCGAVIN**



I BELIEVE the most damaging and costly decision ever levied on irrigators and the communities in the Southern Murray Darling basin was implemented in 2014 when non-irrigator investors were legally allowed to buy temporary water (allocation water available for use by farmers).

This change then allowed non-irrigators such as traders, investors, managed funds, environmental groups, water brokers and even sovereign wealth funds to buy and hoard as much temporary allocation water as they liked with no legal requirement for these non-irrigators to use the water for productive use or sell it to an irrigator. They can let it run out to sea, sell it to another trader or in some cases carry it over to the next irrigation season, which has the effect of reducing supply and increasing the price irrigators have to pay for water. Irrigators are forced buyers. If they

don't buy water, animals, trees, crops and communities slowly die, and non-irrigators know it. This change, especially in dry years, materially lifts the price irrigators have to pay.

The conduct of non-water users in water markets is harming farmers, rural communities and ultimately consumers by artificially inflating prices in a way that does not reflect the natural forces of supply and demand. I estimate during this irrigation season non-irrigators have raised the temporary water price by between \$100 and \$300 a megalitre above a price that would otherwise prevail in current climatic and demand conditions.

This is costing farmers between \$157 million and \$472 million each

year. That cost is ultimately borne by rural communities as irrigators have less money to spend and in some cases are struggling to survive.

Non-irrigators who own permanent water entitlements have no obligation to sell the temporary allocations from these entitlements to irrigators, therefore increasingly having too much influence on water price.

Non-irrigators should be immediately banned from buying temporary allocation water as pure speculators and/or traders. Furthermore, there should be a legal requirement that with the privilege of non-irrigator investors being allowed to buy permanent entitlements (as opposed to temporary water allocation) must

come an obligation to sell the resultant temporary allocations to irrigators for productive use in a timely manner. Everyone in Australia knows that water is precious, and the water market is way too small and does not have the liquidity, regulation, transparency or normal checks and balances like futures, options and ability to short sell like all other properly functioning markets to keep traders honest.

It is simple for traders to raise the price: all they have to do is bid for water against irrigators and the price goes up. In California, for example, neither the state nor federal authorities allow for water transfers where the water is not being used.

Investment funds should not have the right to fiddle with the lifeblood of our nation's communities and food supply.

• **Rob McGavin is the chief executive of Boundary Bend Olives**

News Update – Tuesday 21st of May

Hi everyone,

Please find below and attached a Murray Darling Basin related news update.

This is not news articles, but information coming through email during May.

Listed by the most recent first.

You may wish to comment on the **South East Drainage and Wetlands Strategy: Draft for Comment**, particularly in regard to how it relates to the Coorong.

Kind Regards,

Tracey Strugnell

Executive Officer, Murray Darling Association - Region 6

Notification of Murray Darling Association AGM – 23rd of October 2019

Motions for the AGM – 23rd October 2019 must be in by the **21st August, 2019**.

Water Allocations and Announcements – 15th of May

The minimum opening allocation for River Murray irrigators in the 2019-20 water year is projected to be 22 percent of the number of entitlements held.

Because minimum opening allocations in April were projected to be below 50 percent, **private carryover** will be made available to eligible licensees, allowing up to 20 percent of unused water from 2018-19 to be carried over for use in 2019-20.

This reflects the extremely dry conditions across the Murray-Darling Basin.

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/river-murray/water-allocation-and-carryover/water-allocations-and-announcements>

ANAO Audit into the procurement of strategic water entitlements: looking at the design of the current policy for water buy-backs, and whether its implementation has been effective

Emma Bradbury - MDA 9th of May 2019

Please find following information in relation to a review underway into the current policy design for water buybacks, and the procurement of strategic water entitlements – both of which have been matters of particular interest to our members and the community at large in recent months.

On 29 April 2019 the [Auditor-General for Australia advised](#) that that an audit will be conducted into the procurement of strategic water entitlements following allegations concerning the purchases of water for environmental flows in the Murray-Darling Basin. This performance audit has now formally commenced and is currently forecast to table in Parliament in December 2019..

The criteria for this audit are listed at <https://www.anao.gov.au/work/performance-audit/procurement-strategic-water-entitlements>. The performance audit will look at the design of the current policy for water buy-backs, and whether its implementation has been effective. Input to the audit can be done through the following link: <https://www.anao.gov.au/work/performance-audit/procurement-strategic-water-entitlements> .

The objective of this audit is to assess whether the strategic water purchases by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources were conducted consistent with government policy, supported by appropriate program design, were planned and executed appropriately, and, achieved value for money. The auditor is seeking input from members of the public, with particular value placed on information that deals with significant matters or insights into the administration of the subject of this audit.

The board will be briefed on this audit at the upcoming board meeting on May 20th, with regions encouraged to put the matter on their regional agendas

Water Buybacks: The Sunday Project - The Project Took A Plane Over The Property At The Heart Of The Water Buyback Scandal
Emma Bradbury - MDA 6th of May 2019

The Sunday Project last night ran a story on the \$80m purchase of overland flows. In essence the story reveals that the purchase committed the owner to remove levees that divert overland flows to Kia-Ora – and allow them to flow back into the Balonne. The Project reveals that while the Qld Govt affirmed that the works had been undertaken, it would appear that the levees are still in place, with only one breach reported to have occurred during the last flood event. No further remediation works appear to have been done.

This is an 11 minute story – and essential viewing.

<https://tenplay.com.au/channel-ten/the-project/extra/season-10/hamish-took-a-plane-over-the-property-at-the-heart-of-the-water-buyback-scandal>

South East Drainage and Wetlands Strategy: Draft for Comment

Natural Resources South East – May 2019

Until now, the South East has not had a comprehensive strategy to guide the management of surface water and wetlands across the landscape. Now, this strategy will provide guidance to land managers, managers of water and the general community about the values, threats and management opportunities for surface water and wetlands of the region.

The South East Natural Resources Management Board is proud to present the draft Drainage and Wetlands Strategy, developed in collaboration with the South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board.

The draft strategy is now open for comment. We would love to hear any feedback, whether general or specific, on the strategy

https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast/water-and-coast/drainage_wetlands_strategy

Baby black bream fish return to the Coorong

Department for Environment & Water 2nd May 2019

Environmental water has supported a new generation of black bream fish in the Coorong.

The number of baby black bream in the Coorong estuary has recently increased thanks to environmental water delivery to the Lower Lakes and Coorong.

https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/news/News_Events_Listing/180502-baby-black-bream-fish-return-to-the-Coorong

*DRAFT for
discussion*



Working Together to Secure a Freshwater Future for the Lower Murray, Lakes & Coorong

Friday 26th July 2019
10.00am – 4.00pm

Fleurieu Function Centre
92 Barrage Rd, Goolwa Sth 5214

Comments added today during our phone conference in green font.

Pre survey for Shen to design next week and send link to Tracey to ask Emma to put on the for web site along with link into flyer.

Ask about what the groups what:

1. What best describes your group? Options from Shen
2. What other groups do you link with
3. Top 3 basin plan issues
4. Top 3 Icon..... issues
5. Prevent this information back in a time efficient way.

Survey link to go out the same time as agenda. .

- State/Federal government reps should be scheduled to attend the morning session and then asked to leave at lunch time so that community can have full and frank discussions in the afternoon.

Invited Groups: Tracey, Melissa, Shen, Heather to liaise on this.

Tracey to populate and email around 13.06.2019, 4.10pm.

See below agenda.

Chair, Host and Moderator: Councillor Melissa Rebbeck
Emma Bradbury, CEO – Murray Darling Association
Facilitators Independent Co-Facilitator

Shen to approach Becky Hind – to discuss the job and seek quote

Aims:

- Understand State and Federal Government Priorities re management of Lower Lakes, Coorong and Lower Murray Communities
- Identify how Region 6 can best represent Lower Lakes, Coorong and Lower Murray Communities at State & Federal level in the management of Basin resources
- Discuss how Councils and community might best work together to secure a freshwater future for the Lower Murray, Lakes & Coorong
- What would State, Federal, Agencies like to see communicated from groups in our region?

That Region 6 provide an advocacy event for the region
Reaching consensus as a region about the way forward.

Time	SESSION	Session Host
10.00	Welcome or Acknowledgement to Country Morning tea – Welcome & Introductions Hosts : Region Chair to introduce Facilitator(s)	Independent Facilitator Becky Hirst Shen to contact for a quote and discuss the agenda / layout Chair: Cr Melissa Rebbeck Murray Darling Association <i>The purpose and aim of the Symposium</i> <i>The role of MDA & Region 6</i>
10.10am 10 mins	Introduction and Overview of Regional Working Groups •	Region 6 – Cr Melissa Rebbeck
10.20am 30 mins	The Post Federal Election Murray Darling Basin Space – Panel Session - 5 mins each + 15 mins questions	Monique White – Murray Darling Basin Authority or New Chair? Emma Bradbury – Murray Darling Basin Association Minister Littleproud Anne Ruston?? – Senator for South Australia or Tony Pasin, Member for Barker Tony Pasin Tracey to Draft Letters to go out. For morning and lunchtime.
10.50am 30 mins 15 mins + 15 mins questions	State Government Priorities - Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin (announced at the Ministerial Council Meeting in December- \$70 million) - Our Coorong, Our Coast – Natural Resources SE (Commonwealth NLP2 funding - \$3 million plus), - Basin Plan/Royal Commission	Minister David Speirs Dept for Environment and Water or staff representatives Draft Letters to go out. For morning and lunchtime.
11.20 35 mins	River, Lakes and Coorong scenarios for the coming season 15 mins + 10 mins questions	Jarrold Eaton – River Murray Operations Manager Dept for Environment and Water
11.55 5 mins	Reflections on morning session	Co-facilitators
12.00 noon	Lunch 45 mins Add 15 minutes on to everything her on in	
12.45pm	Welcome Back -structure of arvo session	Co Facilitators
	Initial presentation on feedback from survey, ask a few more questions	

12.50pm 15 mins + 10 min questions	Current Advocacy Platform of MDA-R6 Councils - Strategic Directions of MDA and Region 6 - Position re Basin Plan - Priority CLLMM Projects Priorities for each Council and top 3 icon project priorities Advocacy policy	Emma Bradbury, CEO – Murray Darling Association Cr Rebbeck/Glenn/Heather/Coorong?
1.15pm 40 mins	Community Priorities – Facilitated Workshop Session - Present results of pre-event survey - Key skills and points of interest as a group - Small group/sticky-dot voting - Discuss collective priorities as a region	
1.40pm 20 mins	A Case Studies highlighting different alliances – eg. Great Australian Bight Alliance?	Independent facilitator to present these different case studies
2pm 50 mins	Facilitated Discussion How can we work together as groups in the Lower Lakes & Coorong to; - Have our views represented? - Work together to achieve common aims?	Independent facilitator
2.50pm 10 mins	CONCLUSION, NEXT STEPS & THANKYOU FOR ATTENDING	

For further information,

- Cr Melissa Rebbeck, Chair of MDA Region 6 on 0427 273 727 or
- Tracey Strugnell at tstrugnell@coorong.sa.gov.au
- Registrations are essential. Please [register here](#). Through 'event'

Use of new Murray Darling Association Web Page

GROUPS TO INVITE

Working Together to Secure a Freshwater Future for the Lower Murray, Lakes & Coorong

Friday 26th July 2019
10.00am – 4.00pm

Fleurieu Function Centre
8 Charles Street Goolwa

Group	Key Contact	Address	email	Phone
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Angas Bremer Water Management Committee				
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Cittaslow				
Clayton Bay Nursery & Environment Group	Carole Richardson		claytonbayneg@gmail.com	0488 465 043
Coorong Advisory Panel formed under the CLLMM				
Coorong Partnership				
Basin Communities Committee – Emily Jenke & Jo Pfeiffer				
Coorong & Lower Lakes Tourism & Boating Group				
Coorong Environmental Trust	Faith Coleman	4 Hazel Terrace TINTINARA SA 5266	faith@ecoprotem.com	0419 823 286
Coorong Lower Lakes Murray Mouth				
Coorong Shack Owners Group	Geoff Gallasch		coorongshacks@yahoo.com	
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Coorong Water Security Advisory Group	Henry Angas	PO Box 162 MENINGIE SA 5264	Forfar4@internode.on.net	0428 751 263
Creek Pipeline Company – Jervois to Currency Creek				
Currency Creek Wine Region Association				
Eastern Hills Murray Plains Local Action Plan	No longer exist			
Finniss Catchment Group				
Fleurieu Beef Group	Mark Higgins – Chair		Mhiggins6@bigpond.com	08 85554012
Fleurieu Farming Systems Group	Alice Moorley – Secretary		alice@fpag.com.au	0429 985 250
Friends of the Coorong	Samantha Blight		sblight@coorong.sa.gov.au	0447900001
Goolwa to Wellington Action Plan	Ross Oke		ross.oke@gwlap.org.au	0427917511

Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group				
Langhorne Creek Grape & Wine Lakes Hub				
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Meningie Dairy Group	Beck Burgess	Dairy SA		0438 262 966
Meningie Narrung Irrigators Groups	Sam Dodd		s.a.dodd@bigpond.com	0428 393 907
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Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority				
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Region 5 Murray Darling Association	via Councillor Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council	crhunter@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au	
Region 7 Murray Darling Association	via Councillor Andrew Tilley	Mitcham City Council	atilley@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au	
Region 8 Murray Darling Association	via Mayor Denis Clarke	Northern Areas Council	denis.clark@nacouncil.sa.gov.au	
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River Lakes and Coorong Action Group	Elizabeth Tregenza - Secretary		riverlakescoorong@gmail.com	
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Scientific Advisory Group for the Lower Lakes				
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Wellington Progress Association	Steve Morcom		Mork@senet.com.au	0418 833 516
Wind Surfers Group, Boggy Lake	Richard Hindle			0406 563 531

Additional contacts to chase up in the Murray Bridge area;

- Dairy SA Group(s) – Murray Bridge

IRRIGATION TRUSTS

- Pompoota
- Baysby
- Cowroota
- Wall Flat
- Central
- Toora
- Mobilong
- Burdett
- Long Flat
- River Glen
- Monteith
- Woods Point
- Jervois
- Woods Lane

My next call might be some the NR SAMDB Wetland Officers OR Brenton Lewis??