



Region 5 Ordinary Meeting

AGENDA

Location: Waikerie Council Chambers

Meeting ID: 812 0418 3458

Passcode: 571199

Time/date: 10:00am – Monday 7 Aug 2023

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81204183458?pwd=N200bldVQWxSakwvZ2dscyswOHZwUT09>

WELCOME

1. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Apologies:

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Material / Actual / Perceived

3. MINUTES

Moved

That the Minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 5 Ordinary Meeting held on 8 May 2023 are a true and accurate record of the meetings.

Seconded

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1. DEPUTATION: Richard Mintern, Local Engagement Officer, Commonwealth Environmental Water Office

5. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION REPORTS

For your information

5.1. CEO's report

5.2. MDA Board Meeting 421 minutes



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6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1. Inspector General of Water Compliance, Greg Burns report.

6.2. MDBA, Regional Engagement Officer, Lower Murray SA, Kate Bartlett report.

6.3. MDA AGM, 25-28 Sept 2023, Murray Bridge.

6.4. What happening at your locality?

7. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next ordinary meeting will be held on 4 Dec 2023, Renmark Paringa Council chambers.

8. CLOSE

The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks the Berri Barmera Council for its support in hosting this meeting of Region 5.



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Monday 8 May 2023

Commencing 10.00am at the Mid Murray Council offices and via zoom Video Conferencing

1. COMMENCEMENT Cr Andrew Kassebaum opened the meeting at 10.00am

2. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mark Lamb

Cr Andrew Kassebaum

Greg Burns

Cr Margaret Howie

Tim Phillips

Cr John Forrester

Cr Victoria Hammond

Cr Craig Ferber

Kate Bartlett

Carron McLeod

Chief Executive Officer, Murray Darling Association, via zoom

Berri Barmera Council

Inspector General Water Compliance

Renmark Paringa Council, via zoom

Communications and Engagement Officer, Murray Darling Association,
via zoom

Mid Murray Council

Mid Murray Council

District Council of Loxton Waikerie, via Zoom

Regional Engagement Officer Lower Murray SA

CEO MRLGA, via Zoom

Apologies:

Cr James John

Major Phyllis Miller

Mayor Ella Winnall

Renmark Paringa Council

Berri Barmera Council

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

4. MINUTES

Moved Cr Margaret Howie

That the Minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 5 Ordinary Meeting held on 13 February 2023 are a true and accurate record of the meetings.

Seconded Cr John Forrester

CARRIED

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 DEPUTATIONS:

Kate Bartlett, Regional Engagement Officer Lower Murray SA, Murray Darling Basin Authority



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Kate provided an outline of her role and discussed upcoming opportunities with the MRBA.

6. DARLING ASSOCIATION REPORTS

For your information

6.1 CEO's report [online](#)

Mark provided an outline of the report and affirmed the continuance of connecting and communicating with key parties, both state and federal.

Notes from the online report include:

- Website upgrade has been completed
- Engagement with CSIRO to explore a series of strategic growth areas and the opportunity to undertake a further project, an extension of the previous Circular Economy work
- Registrations open this week for the 79th National Conference and AGM
- Membership drive to try to secure new members as well as retain the current membership

6.2 MDA Board Meeting [Minutes](#)

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Inspector General of Water Compliance, Greg Burns report.

Greg has submitted a report (attached to the Minutes). There will be a new person starting in the role based in Mildura to look after the Sunraysia area.

7.2 Council membership vs Water literacy.

7.3 Federal Government Water buyback activity.

- Carron McLeod
- The Water Advocacy Paper and Regional Impact Statement had been placed on hold during the flood period
- After the election of a new board, engagement with a range of stakeholders has commenced to seek feedback on the draft documents
- Further consultation is still required with First Nation's groups

7.4 Fish Kill Darling River, Menindee NSW.

7.5 What happening at your locality?



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8. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next ordinary meeting will likely be held in late July. Cr Kassebaum will circulate proposed dates.

9. CLOSE 11.07am

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