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Region 4 Ordinary Meeting

Friday, 20 July 2018 – 4:00pm EST

Venue: The Midway Centre, 6 Midway Drive, Buronga, NSW

AGENDA

1. MENINDEE LAKES WATER SAVING PROJECT PRESENTATION

The Department of Industry – Lands and Water Division office Menindee Lakes Water Saving Project presentation and discussion. Attending by teleconference will be Executive Director, Water, Rachel Connell together with David Blacker, Mitchel Isaacs and Tegan Livingstone.

2. ATTENDANCE

3. APOLOGIES

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5. WELCOME

Mayor Hederics

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 April 2018

7. BUSINESS ARISING

8. REPORTS

8.1 Chairman's Report – Mayor Hederics (verbal)

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Set strategic priorities for the Region based on individual Council priorities

9.2 Discussion regarding possible folding of region 3 and whether to incorporate Balranald and Mid Murray Council into Region 4

9.3 Rundown of Board meetings and discussions

9.4 Response received from DPI in relation to 2017 motions

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11. CLOSE

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks
Wentworth Shire Council for their support in hosting*



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**Region 4 Annual General Meeting
11.30am Monday, April 18, 2018
Dareton Senior Seniors Centre, Dareton**

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Mayor Darriea Turley - Chair	Broken Hill City Council
Jacob Philp	Central Darling Shire Council
Greg Wright	Central Darling Shire Council
James Roncon	Broken Hill City Council
Cr Jane MacAllister	Wentworth Shire Council
Peter Kozlowski	Wentworth Shire Council
Mayor Melisa Hederics	Wentworth Shire Council
Cr Jason Modica	Mildura Rural City Council
Cr Anthony Cirillo	Mildura Rural City Council
Emma Bradbury	Murray Darling Association

1.2 Apologies

Cr Marion Browne Broken Hill City Council Gerard Jose
Mildura Rural City Council

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

M Hedericks/G Wright CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS

Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report – Mayor Darriea Turley)

Cr Turley spoke about the region's ideas, values and alignment with Bourke, Brewarrina and Mildura.

Motion: That the chairman's report be accepted.

D Turley/J MacAllister CARRIED

3.2 Chief Executive Officer's report - Emma Bradbury

The Murray Darling Association will lodge a submission to the Productivity Commission's assessment of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission.

In relation to future planning, if the Senate passes the Southern Basin disallowance motion it will cause uncertainty and instability. It may also signal the end of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan as New South Wales and Victoria will disengage.

It was noted that the position of Region 4 on many issues must be articulated in order to inform the broader position of the Murray Darling Association.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Mayor Darriea Turley vacated the chair.

Emma Bradbury - Chief Executive Officer - chaired the meeting during the election of office bearers, praising Cr Turley for her work, contributions and all that had been achieved during the past 12 months.

5.1 Chair

Nominations were received from:

Mayor Melisa Hederics - Wentworth Shire Council

Mayor Melisa Hederics was elected unopposed as Chair.

Mayor Melisa Hederics chaired the meeting.

5.2 Executive Committee

Nominations were taken from the floor:

Broken Hill City Council: Mayor Darriea Turley, seconded by Greg Wright

Wentworth Shire Council: Cr Jane MacAllister, seconded by Mayor Darriea Turley

Mildura Rural City Council: Cr Jason Modica, seconded by Cr Anthony Cirillo

Nominations were accepted and duly elected.

6. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2018-19

Region 4 will consider holding four meetings during 2018-19. Mildura Rural City Council and Broken Hill Council have offered to host two of these meetings.

Other suggested meeting times include the Australian Local Government Assembly National General Convention in June and Local Government New South Wales' conference (but this will exclude Mildura Rural City Council).

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Submissions to inquiries

Region 4 will consider drafting a submission to the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission, which the Murray Darling Association Chief Executive Officer will proof.

7.2 Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting

The 74th Murray Darling Association National Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held at Leeton from Wednesday, August 29 to Friday, August 31.

The program will include presentations from irrigators, agricultural producers and departmental representatives.

Motions for the Annual General Meeting are due by the second week in July.

7.3 Strategic priorities

Each member council will investigate the priorities of their municipality. Information collated will assist with the formation of strategic priorities, which is scheduled for the next Region 4 meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.