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Minutes

*Murray Darling Association Region Eight Annual General Meeting
Friday, 29 November 2019, 02-00pm
Port Broughton Bowling Club*

1. Welcome by Mayor Denis Clark

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Attendance

Mayor Denis Clark (Northern Areas Council), Mayor Peter Matthey and CEO David Stephenson (Goyder Regional Council), Mayor Leonie Kerley, Cr Brian Lockyer and CEO Andrew Cole (Barunga West Council), Mayor Wayne Thomas and CEO Helen Macdonald (Clare and Gilbert Valleys), Mayor Philip Heaslip (Mount Remarkable Council) and Simon Millcock CEO Legatus Group.

4. Apologies

Emma Bradbury.

5. Minutes of the previous AGM

Nil

6. Business Arising

Not applicable

7. Reports

7.1 Chairman's Report

Mayor Denis Clark outlined the uptake in membership as a good result for the past 12 months. He noted the focus for Region 8 councils who fall outside of the basin is important due to the reliance on the River Murray for a majority of the communities. He advised he has spent time with Cr Brian Lockyer and discussed that efforts should be made to increase the membership for councils in Region 8. He outlined his interest and knowledge of the issues facing the MDA and the politics involved with the water from the Murray but they

have been enhanced since taking on the role as Chairman. He thanked the work of Emma Bradbury the MDA CEO.

7.2 CEO's Report

Nil Emma unable to attend the meeting.

8. Election of Office Bearers

Simon Millcock the Secretariat for MDA Region 8 advised the meeting that:

The constitution in respect of regions needs to be followed in that each of the members councils can have 2 representatives and the representative may be a councillor or council officer or another person selected and supported by the Member Council. And that he had been provided the names of the Mayors and CEOs of financial member councils along with Cr Brian Lockyer (Barunga West) as the members. Noted that Wakefield Regional Council have advised they don't have any representatives and in their mind are not members even though membership was paid.

There must be 4 meeting per year times per year and they require written notice of not less than 14 days to all members located within the Region.

Regions must elect annually at a Region Meeting a Region Executive and voting at the Region Meeting must occur as follows:

- (a) Member Council Representatives may vote through a Proxy provided:
 - (i) not less than one Member Council Representative appointed by the same Member Council, is present; and
 - (ii) the relevant proxy has been given, in writing, to that Member Council Representatives who is present;
- (b) one vote for each Individual Member of that Region and Life Member of that Region present;
- (c) one vote for each Organisation Member of that Region, through its Organisation Member Representative, who must be present;
- (d) a quorum of the Region Meeting will be not less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of Member Councils present in the Region; (in our case that will need to be 3 member councils)
- (e) voting will be by ordinary majority;
- (f) the chair will have an additional casting vote in the case of a tie in votes.

Each year prior to the 30th of June at a Region Meeting, the Region will elect by a vote, up to 3 Regional Delegates to attend and vote at any MDA Meeting occurring over the following 12-month period (to the next 30 June). A Region Delegate must not be a Member Council.

To be effective, details of the elected Region Delegates must be sent (together with the minutes of the relevant meeting) to the Board of the MDA, addressed to the President or the Chief Executive Officer not less than 14 days prior to the next MDA Meeting.

Simon Millcock advised that he had received notification from the MDA of the following:

Nominations have now closed for the annual election of the Region executive of Region 8, to be held at their AGM on Friday 29 November 2019 at Port Broughton Bowling Club.

The MDA Constitution at Part 5 s15 (4) states that regions will elect annually at a Region Meeting a Region Executive made up of: (a) a chair; plus (b) not less than 2 and not more than 5 other Region Executive Members.

As only one nomination has been received for the position of Region Chair I am pleased to declare Cr Brian Lockyer Barunga West Council duly elected to the position. Nominations for the regional executive committee may be taken from the floor.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Cr Lockyer, and I look forward to seeing you (via zoom teleconference) at the region AGM and ordinary meeting in Port Broughton next week.

Kind regards

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer.

Cr Lockyer then took over the role as Chair of the meeting and called for nominations for Executive and Delegates.

Motion: That Mayor Denis Clark and Mayor Philip Heaslip join Cr Brian Lockyer as the MDA Region 8 Executive and Delegates.

Moved Mayor Peter Matthey Seconded Mayor Wayne Thomas **CARRIED**

9. Schedule of Meeting for 2020

Motion: That the MDA Region 8 meetings follow after the Legatus Group meetings which are 25 Friday 28 February 2020 – Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, Friday 5 June 2020 – The Flinders Ranges Council and Friday 28 August.

Moved Mayor Denis Clark Seconded Mayor Philip Heaslip **CARRIED**

10. General Business

Cr Brian Lockyer advised he attended the MDA National Conference and the information provided was enlightening and informative with some good speakers.

11. Stakeholders Presentation

Nil

12. Close

The meeting was closed at 2.15pm