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## NOTICE OF Meeting

The Murray Darling Association Region Eight Meeting will be held on

**Friday 26 June 2020 2.30pm**

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## AGENDA

- 1. Welcome by Chair Cr Brian Lockyer**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Attendance**
- 4. Apologies**
- 5. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Held **Friday 28 February 2019, 1-45pm** Valleys Lifestyle Centre Clare

- 1. Welcome by Cr Brian Lockyer**
- 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 A/CEO Graeme Maxwell (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 meeting**

Nil

## **6. Business Arising**

Not applicable

## **7. Reports**

### **7.1 Chairman's Report**

Cr Lockyer provided a report with the agenda and he spoke to the report advising that he will be attending the Strategic Planning Workshop on 12-13 March 2020.

Motion:

That the Chairman's report be accepted.

Moved Mayor Denis Clark Seconded Mayor Philip Heaslip CARRIED

### **7.2 CEO's Report**

Emma Bradbury provided a copy of her written report to MDA along with an update on specific items.

Motion:

That the CEOs report be accepted.

Moved Mayor Denis Clark Seconded Mayor Philip Heaslip CARRIED

## **8. General Business**

Simon Millcock the Secretariat for MDA Region 8 provided a report in the agenda on the Future Drought Fund.

## **9. Other Business**

Cr Brian Lockyer encouraged people to consider attending the 2020 MDA Annual Conference and that he will provide updates from the strategic planning workshop in March.

Mayor Denis Clark acknowledged the plaque which had been presented to him for his service as Chair to MDA Region 8 at the Legatus Group meeting which had just been held.

Suggestion to have MDA attending and presenting at Regional Forums to allow greater awareness.

## **10. Stakeholders Presentation**

Nil

## **11. Close**

The meeting was closed at 2.05pm

## **6. Business Arising Nil**

## **7. Presentations**

- a. Rgeion 4 MDA Cr. Jane McAllister. Wentworth Shire Council (tbc)
- b. Richard Mintern is a Local Engagement Officer based in Mildura with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office. He liaises with State Government agencies, community and industry groups on the best and most efficient use of the Commonwealth's environmental water entitlements. His work in building partnerships has facilitated delivery of environmental water to National Parks, aboriginal land and private conservation reserves

leading to the re-emergence of Southern Bell Frog and the successful reintroduction of Murray Hardyhead to NSW where it was previously extinct. Prior to this role he was the Executive Officer of the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area where he oversaw a major upgrade of the Mungo Visitor Centre, replication of the ancient fossil footprint trackway, and initiated processes for the return of Mungo Man to Country. He extended the reach of the Mungo Youth Conference as a celebration of Australian deep time bringing school students from across Australia to exchange learnings. Richard previously was the Head of Centre of Land, Food and Water at Sunraysia TAFE managing farming and science programs, and where he was a founding member of the National Centre of Sustainability building an innovative environmental centre. His field ecology work has protected habitat for endangered carpet python and he has a long history of working with aboriginal groups to improve natural and cultural resource management.

## **8. Reports**

### **8.1 Chairman's Report**

I attended the 2020 Strategic Plan Workshop Session 11 at Merinya Vic 12th 13th March 2020 and made the following observations.

The Murray Darling Association works hard to ensure the councils and communities of the Murray-Darling Basin have an effective voice at both state and federal levels to better inform policy supporting local solutions.

The Strategic Plan – Vision 2024 covers our vision, mission and values.

With in session 1 Dr Neil Lazarow/Research leader discussed how Science and MDA can partner on the bBasin Issues. Science has become an essential tool in the fight to save, protect and manage the Murray River Basin. We are excited with the partnership and look forward to the future.

Session 2.

Cr Jane McAllister - Wentworth

Cr Dennis Patterson - Shepparton

Matt Magin - Bayonne

Discussed roles in the region and MDA leading for change.

Session 3-4-5

Had and In-depth discussion on, Annual Review vision of 2020 SWOT analysis with a vast view of different ideas and comments. The brilliance of a large combined Regional group has a greater input towards ideas and thoughts, problems etc.

Sessions 5

A great discussion on the input/outcomes of Regional plans. As we are all aware the different Regions have different problems. But as a group the correspondence between Regions gives us a better understanding of their situation.

Session 6

Climate ready Communities - What was our Region Plan

Session 7 Tony Ward and Emma Bradbury discussed the role and progress of the Community Leadership Program.

The overall Sessions were very enlightening and interesting with lots of feedback and critical comments and concerns. One of several factors that arose numerous times, was, membership and how to retain and increase it. Another concern was the lack of communication between Regions as to what is happening and problems. We need this interaction and support to obtain a better understanding between us.

I as chair Reg. 8 am aware that I have to distribute and correspond more with Region 8 members. I have asked other chair persons to attend our meetings and address the meetings of their Region.

Over the past few days at the conference I have gain a better understanding of the Role of MDA. I am hoping to pass on this knowledge and information to all. We need you support with your input, does not matter how trivial our extreme. The Murray Darling is diabolical in danger and we are the voice.

## **8.2 CEO's Report**

## **9. General Business**

### **9.1 Futures Drought Fund – Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock**

The Legatus Group supports subject to the 2020/2021 Legatus Group Budget being approved that the Smart Irrigation Scheduling and Temperature Sensor System Project and Stormwater Harvesting Project are included in a proposed Regional Future Drought Fund Application. Conversations continue with the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board in progressing a regional funding application.

## **10. Other Business**

## **11. Close**

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