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## Region 6 Ordinary Meeting

### AGENDA

<b>Location:</b>	Video conference
<b>Time/date:</b>	10.30am – 2.30pm, Friday 15 May 2020
<b>Presenters:</b>	Deana Mildren (MDBA) & Jarrod Eaton (DEW)

#### Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

##### Acknowledgement of Country

MDA Region 6 and its communities acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of the Lower Murray, Lower Lakes and Coorong region.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

##### 1.1 In Attendance

##### 1.2 Guests

Emma Bradbury (MDA CEO)  
Deana Mildren; Monique White (MDBA)  
Jarrod Eaton (DEW)  
Monika Rhodes (Secretariat)

##### 1.3 Apologies

#### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

#### 3. MINUTES (Attachment 1)

For the full minutes and attachments of the 14 February 2020 meeting please follow the link to the MDA website – Region 6 under “Meetings”: <https://www.mda.asn.au/regions/region-6.aspx>.

##### Recommendation:

That the minutes of the MDA Region 6 committee meeting held on 14 February 2020 as circulated to members, be received as a true and correct record.

#### 4. GUEST PRESENTERS

Deana Mildren (MDBA) and Jarrod Eaton (DEW) have been invited to present on Federal and State Government drought preparedness.

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 CEO's Report – Emma Bradbury

### 5.2 Chair's Report – Cr Melissa Rebbeck

### 5.3 Strategic Advisory Group Report – Mayor Lewis

### 5.4 Murray Darling Basin Authority Report – Deana Mildren

### 5.5 Secretariat Report – Monika Rhodes

#### Recommendation

That reports 5.1 to 5.5 be received.

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.1 Drought Preparedness (All Member Councils)

- Member Councils to update on Federal drought funding & Council drought preparedness

### 6.2 Climate-ready communities (Cr Rebbeck; Attachments 2a-c)

- MDA Board meeting 392 Motion 6.2 resolved That the MDA express a statement of climate ready communities. A position statement has been drafted, with provision for each region to contribute a region profile and commitment to support their communities to be climate ready (**Attachments 2a,b**). Refer to Region 11's profile as an example (**Attachment 2c**).
- A Region 6 statement for consideration will be distributed separately by Cr Rebbeck.

### 6.3 Forward planning for National Conference motions (Attachment 3 a-e)

- Voting of proposed motions that were provided (as per template; **Attachment 3d**).

N.B. Supporting comments for Region 6 endorsed motions will then be required to be provided to the Executive Officer by Tuesday, 2 June 2020. EO to collate and send final suite of motions to MDA Inc by 9 June 2020.

### 6.4 Working closer with LGA (Cr Rebbeck; Attachment 4)

For noting:

- Alexandrina Council submitted the Region 6 motion re Agricultural Productivity Target successfully endorsed at 2019 MDA National Conference to ALGA, calling for an increase in R&D re how to improve agricultural productivity in a water constrained future (**Attachment 4**). The existing Future Food CRC and proposed One Basin CRC were put forward as good examples.
- SAROC is currently consulting on their Draft 2020-21 Annual Business Plan. Submissions close on 22 May. The draft plan includes a \$2000 allocation to host and facilitate the annual MDA South Australian inter-regional meeting. Local government members of Region 6 are encouraged to note their support for this inclusion in their submissions to SAROC.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

### 7.1 For noting:

- On 15 April 2020, State Government [announced](#) that the projected minimum opening water allocation for the 2020-21 water year is 2%. This is a worst case scenario and there is a 45% likelihood that allocations will increase to 100% at some point in the water year. The next update is due to be released on Friday 15 May.
- The Interim Inspector-General Mick Keelty has completed the inquiry into the management of Murray–Darling Basin water resources. The [Report](#) was released on 17 April 2020.
- On 15 April 2020 the [Allocation Plan for the River Murray Prescribed Watercourse](#) was adopted with amendments:
  - The amendments to the Plan make changes to the private carryover policy, to provide greater flexibility in accessing carryover in dry years by allowing carryover volumes to roll over into future dry years. It continues to provide a form of insurance to boost allocation in dry years.
  - In addition, references to ‘Class 3’ water access entitlements have been updated to ‘Class 3 (High Security)’ water access entitlements. This better aligns South Australia’s River Murray irrigation water entitlements with similar products interstate, such as New South Wales High Security licences and Victorian High-Reliability shares.

### 7.2 Correspondence

- Region 6 Submission on Draft Panel Report: Independent assessment of social and economic conditions in the Basin (**Attachment 5**)
- Email to CEO Emma Bradbury regarding MDA Strategic Workshop Priorities (**Attachment 6**)
- Lifeblood Alliance – Buyback campaign (**Attachment 7**)
- MDA Media Release on the Interim Inspector-General of Murray Darling Basin Water Resources Report (**Attachment 8**)
- Feature article “Working together for a healthy Murray Darling Basin” – Alexandrina Council Rates Newsletter, pages 8-9 (**Attachment 9**)
- Correspondence sent from Alexandrina’s Mayor Keith Parkes and CEO, Glenn Rappensberg to Mount Barker District Council Mayor and CEO inviting their council to join MDA Membership.

### 7.3 Agenda items – new format (Tania Baldock)

### 7.4 Strategic Directions & Minutes Action List (Attachment 10)

- Confirmation of finalised items.
- Outstanding action items.

### Recommendation:

That the Strategic Directions & Minutes Action List for the May 2020 meeting be received.

### 7.5 Member Reports

**8. NEXT MEETINGS (refer to Region 6 Calendar below)**

**8.1 Region 6 meetings:**

- **7 August 2020: Goolwa (Alexandrina Council)**
  - Executive meeting: 9 – 10 am
  - Ordinary meeting: 10.30 am – 2.30 pm.
- **6 November 2020: Murray Bridge (Rural City of Murray Bridge)**
  - Executive meeting: 9 – 10 am
  - Ordinary meeting: 10.30 am – 2.30 pm.
- **5 February 2021: Taillem Bend (Coorong District Council)**
  - Executive meeting: 9.30 – 10.30 am
  - AGM: 11am – 12pm
  - Ordinary meeting: 12.30 – 3.30pm.

**8.2 Stakeholder symposium:**

- **September / October 2020:** Date and venue TBA.

**9. CLOSE**

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges Alexandrina Council for its support in hosting this virtual meeting of Region 6 – Lower Murray, Lakes and Coorong.*

<b>2020/2021 REGION 6 MEMBERSHIP</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>Member of Executive</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Melissa Rebbeck	Alexandrina		
<b>Secretariat</b>	Monika Rhodes	Alexandrina		
<b>Council Representatives</b>	Mayor Brenton Lewis	Murray Bridge		
	Heather Barclay	Murray Bridge		
	Stephen Packer	Murray Bridge		
	CEO Bridget Mather	Coorong District		
	Councillor Vern Leng	Coorong District		
	Councillor Brenton Qualmann	Coorong District		
	Glenn Rappensberg	Alexandrina		
	Councillor Michael Scott	Alexandrina		
	Councillor Marilyn Henderson	Victor Harbor		
	Councillor Miles Hannemann	Tatiara District		
	CEO Jason Taylor	Southern Mallee		
<b>Individual Members</b>	Keith Loeser			
	Julie Barrie			
	Frank Tuckwell			
	Bruce Brooks			
	Adrian Pederick, MP JP			

## The 2020/21 calendar for MDA-Region 6

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
14 February 2020	R6 AGM & Ordinary Meeting	Topic: set region direction for 2020
12-13 March	MDA Strategic Planning Workshop	R6 attendance
15 May 2020	R6 Ordinary Meeting	Topic: Drought Preparedness Member councils to share info re use of Federal drought funds Seek relevant guest speaker *Forward planning for National Conference motions
<del>26-27 May 2020</del> postponed	Basin Communities Leadership Program (BCLP) – Lower Lakes	Lead: Alexandrina
<del>June/July 2020</del> Postponed	EM & Inter-Regional Tour of CLLMM	Lead: TBD, liaise with MDA Primary audience = Members & EMs of R6 member councils; Secondary audience = Members of upstream regions; BCLP Cohort
7 August 2020	R6 Ordinary Meeting	Topic: Consider National Conference motions
<del>12-14 August 2020</del> postponed	MDA AGM National Conference	R6 attendance TBD
Sept/Oct 2020	Annual R6 Stakeholder Symposium	Lead: Executive Officer Outcomes of Lower Lakes Independent Science Review + Shared Vision Statement + Drought Preparedness
6 November 2020	R6 Ordinary Meeting	Topic: TBD
5 February 2021	R6 AGM & Ordinary Meeting	Topic: Set region direction for 2021

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