



Murray Darling Association Inc.

Region 5 Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

Monday 12 September 2022

Commencing 10.09am at the Berri Barmera Council Chambers
and via zoom Video Conferencing

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1. **COMMENCEMENT** Cr Andrew Kassebaum opened the meeting at 10.09am

2. **ATTENDANCE**

Present:	Cr Andrew Kassebaum	Berri Barmera Council
	Cr Ella Winnall	Berri Barmera Council
	Mark Lamb	Chief Executive Officer, Murray Darling Association (via zoom)
	Tim Phillips	Communications & Engagement Officer, Murray Darling Association (via zoom)
	Mr Jeff Hall	Mid Murray Council (via zoom)
	Cr Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council (via zoom)
	Cathy LeMaistre	Administrative support, Berri Barmera Council

Apologies:	Cr Kym Webber	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
	Mayor Neil Martinson	Renmark Paringa Council
	Mayor Leon Stasinowsky	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
	Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council
	Cr Peter Walker	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
	Cr Margaret Howie	Renmark Paringa Council
	Carron McLeod	CEO, Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association
	Deana Mildren	Murray Darling Authority

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

4. MINUTES

Moved Cr Kassebaum

That the Minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 5 Ordinary Meeting held on the 20 June 2022 are a true and accurate record of the meetings.

Seconded Cr Raison

CARRIED

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION REPORTS

6.1 CEO Report

Key notes:

- BCLP – have been able to deliver the remainder of this program to the satisfaction of external auditors, which has made the program eligible for extra grant funding.
- Working with CSIRO on the Circular Economy, this collaboration has assisted CSIRO by enabling engagement with LGA's and Local Governments across the Basin. CSIRO advised that the "work done in a couple of months would have taken them a couple of years to do".
- Membership – new membership dues were sent out in June. The MDA have been working hard to engage with non-member councils to ensure they are aware of the benefits of members and the work that is undertaken.

- **Conference – Albury September 2022**

- The conference has a great line up of speakers, however, registrations lower than expected.

Cr P Hunter suggested providing discounted registration fee to build registration and potential membership.

Mark Lamb advised that there are several non-members coming to the conference, but he will reach out to regional chairs to ascertain their interest

o Conference highlights:

- Conference starts on Sunday with a civic reception in Albury.
- Monday there will be a study tour Dartmouth Dam, which includes stopover at Hume Dame
- Key speakers including Shadow Water Minister, Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water, CSIRO representatives.

6.2 MDA Board Meeting

Nil

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 National Annual General Meeting resolutions

- Cr A Kassebaum advised that he felt Motion 6.7 as controversial – the consideration to assign traditional names for dual naming on all replacement signs within districts.
- M Lamb also has concerns and suggested that the motion encouraging councils to take down names of streets and replacing signage with dual names (English and Indigenous names) could be cost prohibitive and could potentially open a can of worms.
- Cr Winnall pointed out there was a call out for State Government to ensure funding for replacement signage to encourage dual naming.
- Cr E Winnall also advised that there was a typo in Motion 6.3 Menindee Lakes – Ramsar Site. There is reference to “Menindee Lakes are a refugee for people” – should be “refuge”. M Lamb was aware of this and will get T Phillips to amend.

7.2 Inter – regional meeting outcomes

- Cr A Kassebaum advised that it was a good meeting and that Professor Mike Young presented well.

8. GENERAL

- Cr J Hall advised that neither himself nor Cr P Raison have renominated for councillor – following elections will need to seek replacement members.

9. NEXT MEETING

Next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 12 December 2022 at the District Council of Karoonda East Murray offices and via zoom.

10. CLOSURE

10.28am The Chair declared the meeting closed.

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