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Region 5 Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

Monday 8 May 2023

Commencing 10.00am at the Waikerie Civic Centre (Chambers) and via zoom Video Conferencing

1. **COMMENCEMENT** Cr Andrew Kassebaum opened the meeting at 10.00am

2. **ATTENDANCE**

Present:

Mark Lamb	Chief Executive Officer, Murray Darling Association (via zoom)
Cr Andrew Kassebaum	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Margaret Howie	Renmark Paringa Council (via zoom)
Mayor Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council (via zoom)
Anne Lucas	Assistant Director, Engagement Communications, First Nations (via zoom)
Cr John Forrester	Mid Murray Council
Cr Victoria Hammond	Mid Murray Council
Richard Mintern	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Deputation)
Cr Craig Ferber	District Council of Loxton Waikerie (via zoom)

Apologies:

Mayor Ella Winnall	Berri Barmera Council
Greg Burns	Inspector General Water Compliance
Tim Phillips	Communications and Engagement Officer, Murray Darling Association
Cr Collis Marrett	Berri Barmera Council
Mayor Phyllis Miller	
Cr James John	Renmark Paringa Council

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

4. **MINUTES**

Moved Cr A Kassebaum

That the Minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 5 Ordinary Meeting held on 7 August 2023 are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Seconded Cr J Forrester

CARRIED

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1 DEPUTATIONS: Reflections of a Wet Year

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Discussed and presented the following:

- Presentation: Reflections of a Wet Year as per attachment
- Why do we need water for the environment.
- Visuals of Banrock Station 2014 compared to 2019 with significant changes.
- Plush's Bend, (near Renmark) before and after receiving water for the environment in 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- Flow to South Australia.
- Sentinel Imagery link <https://apps.sentinel-hub.com/sentinel-playground>
- SA Murray and Floodplains response.
- Murray Mouth.
- End of system flows in context.
- 14 years of South Lagoon salinity.
- Coorong response.

Richard can be contacted via Richard.Mintern@dceew.gov.au if you have any further questions.

5. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION REPORTS

For your information

5.1. CEO's report [online](#)

- Highlighting key issues with the first with memberships being a challenge. Feedback has been positive with a number of Councils not even realising they had dropped the membership and keen to re-join.
- Secondly Advocacy MDA engaged with its members and has submitted its feedback report outlining 21 recommendations. We have created a new website also where you can see all motions and correspondence.
- MDA hosts the 79th National Conference in Murray Bridge on 25 - 28 SEPT 2023. Easily book through the website or you can contact Mark.
- **Action:** Mark to forward Chair MDA AGM Region 6 draft Motions which will be circulated to Region 5 delegates.

5.2. MDA Board Meeting [Minutes](#)

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1. Apologies - Inspector General of Water Compliance, Greg Burns report.

6.2. MDBA Update presented by Anne Lucas:

- Presentation enclosed: Murray-Darling Basin Authority.
- Road map to the 2026 Basin Plan review.
- Presentation to help understand how the review works.
- Stay informed and be part of the process. Encouraged to use the QR code. Anne would like to hear from the delegates on how or what you would like to see from MDBA, email questions through to Anne.

6.3. MDA AGM, 25-28 Sept 2023, Murray Bridge.

- Cr Howie would like to know the process for Region 6 draft Motions. Cr Kassebaum advised that he will organise to send out MDA AGM Region 6 draft Motions to all delegates, then comments to be forwarded to Jodie Butler (jbutler@bbc.sa.gov.au) for collation before 18 August 2023.

7. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 4 December at Renmark Paringa Council Chambers.

8. CLOSE

11:23am 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.