



# Murray Darling Association Inc.

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## Minutes

### Region 5 - Ordinary Meeting

Swan Reach Medical Centre  
Nildottie Road, Swan Reach

Monday 4 May, 2015 commencing at 10.04am

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

##### 1.1 Present

Cr Kevin Myers (Acting Chairperson Region 5)	Mid Murray Council
Cr Mark Ward	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Cr Allan Maddocks	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Andrew Kassebaum	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council
Mayor Dave Burgess	Mid Murray Council
Russell Peate, Chief Executive Officer	Mid Murray Council
Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer	Murray Darling Association
Trish Martin	Guest
Kelvin Goldstone (Secretary)	Mid Murray Council
Melissa Marschall (Minute Secretary)	Mid Murray Council

##### 1.2 Apologies

Stephan Knoll MP	Member for Schubert
Senator Anne Ruston	
Tony Pasin MP	Member for Barker
Cr Jack Gibb	Renmark Paringa Council
Peter Bond, Chief Executive Officer	Murray & Mallee LGA

#### 2. WELCOME

Cr Kevin Myers, Acting Chairperson Region 5 and representing Mid Murray Council, welcomed all in attendance.

### **3. EMMA BRADBURY – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC**

10.06 AM

Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer of the Murray Darling Association, gave a presentation on the role and responsibility of the Association. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

Items discussed included:-

- Refocus of what the Murray Darling Association is.
- Mid Murray Council now wholly aligned with Region 5, this was accepted by the Board on 1 May 2015.
- District Council of Karoonda East Murray a financial member of Region 5.
- Governance Model Assessment & Organisational Structure
  - 12 Chairs from Regions
  - 1 Regional Chair from each State
  - 1 representative each from irrigation, agricultural and social backgrounds
  - 1 Foundation Member (Chair)
  - Discussion paper to be sent to each Region for comment.
- Regions should include/invite developers/stakeholders and indigenous community members to meetings.
- 2015 National Conference to be held in Berrigan, NSW. Consideration should be given to at least one elected member and one staff member attending.
- Looking for united position on the management of the Murray Mouth and barrages.
- Five categories of membership
  - Local government
  - Community groups
  - Individual members
  - Corporate members
  - Statutory members.
- Motions for AGM need to be worked up by member Councils and should then be forwarded through Region 5.
- Code of Conducts has been endorsed by the Board.
- Constitution Review – will be forwarded to each Region and member Councils in mid June.
- New logo.
- Poor attendance. Database has been completed. MDA has invitation packs for anyone wanting to be involved.
- Murray & Mallee LGA – Emma to attend one of their meetings and will liaise with the CEO Peter Bond.
- Riverland Councils get together – Emma to also attend.

11.30 AM

Emma Bradbury thanked Mid Murray Council for their continued support and endeavours and returned to her seat.

Cr Kevin Myers, Acting Chairperson, thanked Emma for her presentation and information.

### **4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGION 5 MEETINGS**

Cr Mark Ward moved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

Seconded Cr Andrew Kassebaum.

CARRIED.

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGION 5 MEETINGS CONT'D**

Cr Mark Ward moved that the notes of the meeting held on 2 March 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

Seconded Cr Kevin Myers.

CARRIED.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Emma Bradbury took the Chair.

Mayor Dave Burgess moved that Cr Kevin Myers be appointed Chairperson of Region 5 Murray Darling Association Inc.

Seconded Cr Peter Raison.

CARRIED.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

Cr Allan Maddocks moved that Cr Mark Ward be appointed Deputy Chairperson of Region 5 Murray Darling Association Inc.

Seconded Cr Andrew Kassebaum.

CARRIED.

Cr Myers took the Chair.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mayor Dave Burgess raised the following:-

- Constitution needs to articulate voting rights and relevance of stakeholders.
- Strategic Plan – once constitution endorsed.
- Murray & Mallee LGA – strategic issues of each agenda.

Emma Bradbury raised the following:-

- Resolutions for National Conference – member Council's need to get them to the Executive by 30 June 2015.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

To be held at the Berri Barmera Council, 19 Wilson Street, Berri on Monday, 3 August 2015, commencing at 10.00am.

**9. CLOSE**

11.47 AM                      The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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CHAIRPERSON

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DATE

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks  
Mid Murray Council for hosting this meeting of Region 5*