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## Minutes

### Region 5 - Ordinary Meeting

Mid Murray Council  
Cnr Fourth & Eighth Street, Morgan

Monday 7 March 2016 commencing at 10.03am

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

##### 1.1 Present

Cr Kevin Myers (Chairperson Region 5)	Mid Murray Council
Cr Mark Ward (from 10.15am)	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Cr Allan Maddocks	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Jack Gibb	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council
Peter Smith	Mannum Private Member
Kelvin Goldstone (Secretary)	Mid Murray Council
Melissa Marschall (Minute Secretary)	Mid Murray Council

##### 1.2 Apologies

Stephan Knoll MP	Member for Schubert
Tony Pasin, MP	Member for Barker
Malcolm Wilksch	Berri Barmera Private Member

Cr Peter Raison moved that the apologies be received.  
Seconded Cr Allan Maddocks.

CARRIED.

#### 2. WELCOME

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

#### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGION 5 MEETING

Cr Peter Raison moved that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.  
Seconded Cr Jack Gibb.

CARRIED.

#### 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

##### 4.1 Murray Darling Association 2016 Strategic Planning Workshop

A copy of the summary overview was attached to the agenda.

General discussion ensued.

##### 4.2 Murray Darling Association Ordinary Meeting of the Board – 21 February 2016

A copy of the minutes was attached to the agenda.

General discussion ensued.

Annual Conference to be held in 18-21 September 2016 at Dubbo (to be confirmed).

10.15 AM Cr Mark Ward entered the meeting.

##### 4.3 Murray Darling Association Press Releases

A copy of the following press releases were attached to the agenda:

- MDA adopts position on the Basin Plan
- MDA Strategic Plan 2016-19 heralds a new era for an old warhorse
- MDA Elects a new National President and Vice President.

##### 4.4 Chief Executive Officer's Report to the Regions

10.20 AM

Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer of the Murray Darling Association, presented her report via Skype.

Emma discussed a range of issues including the Strategic Planning Workshop held on 19-21 February 2016 in Echuca and the financial position of the organisation. Emma also answered a range of questions posed by Region members.

10.57 AM

The Chairperson thanked Emma for her presentation.

Emma Bradbury thanked Region 5 members for their continued support and endeavours. The Skype session concluded.

##### Voting Rights

Resolved that Region 5 is supportive of the membership categories as outlined in the Strategic Planning Workshop Overview.

##### Dual Memberships

Cr Mark Ward moved that Region 5 does not support Dual Memberships and that the Board be advised accordingly.

Seconded Cr Peter Raison.

CARRIED.

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS CONT'D**

Draft Strategic Plan 2016-2019

Cr Mark Ward moved that comments on the Draft Strategic Plan 2016-2019 (once circulated) will be provided to the Board by the end of June 2016 to allow time for members to meet and discuss.  
Seconded Cr Allan Maddocks.

CARRIED.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

To be held at the Loxton Waikerie Council, Strangman Road, Waikerie on Monday, 6 June 2016, commencing at 10.00am.

**6. CLOSE**

11.24 AM                      The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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