



# Murray Darling Association Inc.

## Region 5

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## Minutes

### Region 5 – Ordinary Meeting

Mid Murray Council - Morgan Community Hub

Meeting commenced at 10:00am

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

##### 1.1 Present:

- Cr Peter Raison Mid Murray Council
- Cr Adrian Sakko Mid Murray Council
- Ian Mann Mid Murray Private Member
- Cr Andrew Kassebaum Berri Barmera Council
- Cr Kym Webber Loxton Waikerie Council
- Cr Allan Maddocks Renmark Paringa Council
- Cr Jack Gibb Renmark Paringa Council
- Cr Peter Hunter Renmark Paringa Council (Chair)
- Mayor, Neil Martinson Renmark Paringa Council
- Ashleigh Baker EA – Renmark Paringa Council (Minutes)
- Barbara-Ann Cowey PIRSA Regional Coordinator

##### 1.2 Apologies:

- Myles Fauser EO – Renmark Paringa Council
- Mayor, David Burgess Mid Murray Council

##### 1.3 Conflict of Interest Declaration – Material / Actual / Perceived Nil

#### 2. WELCOME

We welcomed **Barbara-Ann Cowey** – PIRSA Regional Coordinator Murraylands & Riverland & all members to our July Meeting.

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Cr Adrian Sakko

That the minutes of the meeting of the MDA Region 5 held in Waikerie, on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 are a true & accurate record of the meeting.

Seconded: Ian Mann

**Agreed**

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING

### 4.1 SA / Regional Cooperation:

- SA Inter-regional Meeting in Adelaide – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Comments / Summary from attendees:
  - Minister Spear presented
  - SA MDA Regions well represented
  - Great to have as it is good to know other regions perspective and understandingsFuture support / frequency:
  - Ideally to be held twice a year.
  - Minister or Shadow Minister to be invited once a year.
  - Key stakeholders and Commonwealth Water Officer to be invited.

We paused normal meeting procedures (10:15am) to welcome Emma Bradbury, CEO MDA – via video link.

### (6.0) Emma Bradbury, CEO MDA

- Emma presented to SA Royal Commission & their focus was more about constitutional matters rather than water planning. They were very interested in MDA's advocacy.
- 450gig dependent on socioeconomic neutrality determination
- MDA Board have set up a Strategic Advisory Group, to provide advice to the board. Not a decision-making group. Comprised of CEO / GM's to provide clarity re mapping future directions. Peter Bond (MRLGA CEO) invited to provide input via membership of this group.
- National Conference & AGM – high profile speakers / based around us all understanding each other's position / background
  - Encourage attendance
  - Panel Session – Lessons from the Darling
  - 78 registered to date – ahead of previous years
  - Motions to conference presented for consideration prior.
  - Improved processes to enable motions supported by councils & regions in a timely fashion.

Emma was thanked for her continuing work for the MDA & for presenting to our meeting.

We resumed the meeting agenda at 10:40am:

### 4.2 Clarity re representatives with voting rights for the AGM in Leeton

- Ian Mann - Region 5 Private Member with voting rights
- Council Representatives with voting rights:
  - Loxton-Waikerie – Cr Mark Ward
  - Berri-Barmera – Andrew Kassebaum
  - Mid Murray – CR Adrian Sakko
  - Renmark Paringa – Cr Peter Hunter
  - Karoonda – East Murray – to be clarified

### 4.3 Future Meeting / Speakers

- DEW & New structures / Landscaping – Outcome unclear at this stage, with local departmental officers yet to know the new structures
  - Place on the Agenda for December meeting.
    - Invite NRM Sharon Starick and/or Mike Williams.

### 4.4 Karoonda East Murray – Not active within Region 6. Region 5 & continue to send Information. Council to decide re 'best fit' but no decision known at this stage.

## 5. MDA REGION 5 UPDATES

5.1 Correspondence to Members (as listed) was noted.

## 6. MDA NATIONAL AGM

6.1 MDA National Conference to be held in Leeton, NSW - 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

- Motions (16) to be presented to the AGM in Leeton were discussed & the following decisions noted as our position in regard to the motions:
  - Motion 1: Supported
  - Motion 2: Supported
  - Motion 3: Supported
  - Motion 4: Supported
  - Motion 5: Supported
  - Motion 6: Supported
  - Motion 7: Supported
  - Motion 8: Supported (*Neutral*)
  - Motion 9: Supported
  - Motion 10: Against (*Not prior to 2024, let plans settle in*)
  - Motion 11: Supported
  - Motion 12: Supported
  - Motion 13: Supported
  - Motion 14: Supported (*However, amend motion to include all weirs*)
  - Motion 15: Supported
  - Motion 16: Not supported in current form - (*Trigger point dead water, require engineering as vital first step*)
  - Motion 17: Supported

6.2 MDA Newsletter / information Flow – monthly & informative

6.3 MDA Board – covered with CEO discussion / presentation

6.4 Follow Up from CEO Presentation - nil

## 7. PLANNING & COORDINATION

7.1 Frequency / Location / Timing of Region 5 Meetings

- Future Meetings:
  - 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 – National AGM in Leeton, NSW
  - Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December @ Renmark
    - **NB – this is a changed date to enable newly elected members / representatives to attend**
  - Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Region 5 AGM – Berri Barmera

7.2 Topics / Guest Speakers:

- Potential Input / Guest Speakers & Priority
  - Meeting with Region 6 – 17<sup>th</sup> July & likely follow up meeting
  - PIRSA – 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018
  - Carp Update/s – 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018
  - December:
    - DEW Discussion as per 4.3
    - Carp Disposal Options / Discussion
  - Future Potential:
    - Mike Young
    - Jarrod Eaton & DEW
    - MDBA Representative – Monique White
    - CEWO Representative - Michelle Campbell
    - Fisheries

- 7.3 Future MDA AGM - Venues / Dates:
- Toowoomba based AGM in 2019
  - 2020 – Wentworth? & Region 4 as a possible option - broad expressions of interest will be called for this date.

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1 Barbara-Ann Cowey – PIRSA Regional Coordinator Murraylands and Riverland
- Introduction to Barbara's background.
    - Left the Riverland 10 years ago, but has now returned
    - Has since worked for the RAA focusing on policies
  - Looking at ways to expand her role and utilise MDA
  - Role within PIRSA.
    - Based at the Research Centre
    - PIRSA's aim within the community/region - 'anything that can improve the region'
    - Large and diverse region
    - Driven by the local region - back 'up' to Adelaide
    - Encourages suggestions on how we can help getting the public through the doors and utilising the Loxton Research Facility.

## 9. NEXT MEETING

Moved: Cr Adrian Sakko

That the November meeting be moved to **Monday, 10th December, 2018** to enable newly elected members to participate in MDA Region 5.

Seconded: Ian Mann

**Agreed**

Time: 9:30 for 10am

Location: Renmark Paringa Council Chambers

Room Booking / Morning Tea / Set Up & Preparation Responsibilities:

10. **CLOSE** 11.24am

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