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Region 1 Ordinary Meeting

Date: 18 November 2022 Start Time: 10.30am

Location: Councillors Meeting Room, Albury City Council,

Address: 553 Kiewa Street, Albury

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Cr David Thurley	Albury City Council -Chairman Region 1
Cr Bernard Gaffney	Mayor Indigo Shire Council
Geoff Lucas	Private
Cr Aaron Nichols	Federation Council (via MS Teams)
Cr Julia Ham	Snowy Valleys Council
Greg Whorlow	Albury City Council
Andrew Lawson	Albury City Council
Mark Lamb	MDA - CEO
Tim Phillips	MDA Engagement Officer (via MS Teams)

1.2 Apologies

Adrian Butler	CEO - Federation Council
Hon Sussan Ley MP	Member for Farrer
Brad Ferris	Albury City Council
David Wortmann	Towong Shire Council
Nicola Gleeson - Coopes	Ramjo

1.3 Declarations

Nil

2 WELCOME AND PURPOSE

Cr Thurley welcomed members and guest speaker Dylan McWhinney, Project Manager GMW Efficiency Projects (via Zoom) to the meeting.

4. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from previous meeting held on 5 August 2022

Moved: Cr Bernard Gaffney

Seconded: Geoff Lucas

4. GUEST PRESENTATION

Cr Thurley then handed the floor to Dylan to do his presentation (attached) regarding the Sunday Creek Reconfiguration Project.

Dylan spoke on his presentation and addressed questions.

Cr Nichols offered to assist GMW in their liaisons with the Bangarang people whose land the Sunday Creek flows through. Dylan was very happy to accept any assistance in this regard.

Cr Julia Ham from Snowy Valleys Council introduced herself to the attendees.

5. CURRENT ISSUES FROM REGION 1 COUNCILS

5.1 Indigo – Cr Bernard Gaffney

With the spill from Dartmouth dam into the Mitta Mitta, there has been a flood warning for the Kiewa River.

5.2 Towong

Not in attendance.

5.3 Federation – Cr Aaron Nichols

The Member for Farrer Hon Sussan Ley visited Corowa to view flooding first hand – a lot of stress on the SES during this time.

5.4 Albury – Cr David Thurley

Would like the MDA Region 1 to write to the MDBA, Federal Water Ministers and State Water Ministers asking them to review operating rules to take into account the levels of Dartmouth Dam and Hume Dam when the BOM are predicting large rain falls.

The Riverdeck in Albury's Noreuil Park has been flooded for 3 months.

5.5 Snowy Valleys Council – Cr Julie Ham

Would like a letter sent to the MDBA, Federal Water Ministers and State Water Ministers regarding the Blowering and Burrinjuck Dams

MDA CEO Mark Lamb to write to the relevant people mentioned above with this request.

6. CEO'S REPORT AND PRESENTATION

- Mark Lamb spoke on his report and can be read [CEO's Reports \(mda.asn.au\)](http://mda.asn.au)
- The MDA Conference in Albury was a great success. Thank you to AlburyCity for their assistance in making it such a great conference.
- AGM was held at the conclusion of the conference with 15 key motions – please refer to the MDA Website.
- The MDA will be attending the upcoming MINCO.
- Minister Plibersek is very keen to engage more with MDA.
- Tamworth has just become a member and Mark will continue the drive to attract more members.

7. STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP OF REGION 1

- Cr Thurley advised that there would be a drive for Wodonga, Wangaratta and Benalla to join – the three largest Victorian Councils in Region 1.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Bernard Gaffney emphasised that it is important the MDBA and GMW ensure community engagement when undertaking projects.

9. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting was closed 11.40 am. Next meeting 10 March 2023