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## Region One Annual General Meeting

### AGENDA

**Location: Councillor Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Albury City Council, 553 Kiewa Street, Albury**

**Date/time: Friday November 20, 2020 10am – 12 noon (10.30 start)**

#### WELCOME:

Cr Kevin Mack, Mayor of Albury City, welcomed members and guests to the meeting and to the Albury City area and acknowledged that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Wiradjuri people and paid his respects to elders past, present and emerging.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

##### 1.1 Present

Cr David Thurley	Albury City Council (Region 1 and National MDA Chair)
Cr Kevin Mack	Mayor, Albury City Council
Brad Ferris	Deputy CEO, Infrastructure, Planning & Environment, Albury City Council
Greg Whorlow	Albury City Council
Andrew Lawson	Albury City Council
Cecilia Burke	Murray-Darling Basin Authority
Cr Bronwyn Thomas	Federation Council
Darryl Jacob	Private Member
Geoff Lucas	Private Member
Emma Bradbury	CEO, Murray Darling Association Inc.
<b>Guest:</b>	
Lucinda Corrigan	Stakeholder presentation: "The Work of Farmers for Climate Action"

##### 1.2 Apologies

Cr Pat Bourke	Federation Council Mayor
Cr Fred Longmire	Federation Council
Cr David Wortman	Towong Shire Council Mayor
Cr Bernard Gaffney	Indigo Shire Council
Adrian Butler	Federation Council General Manager
Cr Bernard Gaffney	Indigo Shire Council
Bridgett Leopold	Albury City Council

**Moved:** G Lucas, **Seconded:** Cr D Thurley that the apologies be received and noted.

CARRIED

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

## 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 22 November 2019 in Corowa.

**Moved:** B Thomas, **Seconded:** Cr Thurley

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 1 Annual General Meeting held on 22 November 2019 in Corowa be accepted.

CARRIED

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

CARRIED

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 Chairman's report – Cr David Thurley

The Chair gave a verbal report about his activities which included meetings with Ministers and departmental staff, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and Inspector General in Canberra. He also spoke about the Bureau of Meteorology Department's development of a new water portal and the need for Region 1 to develop a position paper on climate change for Councils in Region 1. The Chair will circulate the Murray Darling Association template to member Councils for input.

### 5.2 Report from CEO – Emma Bradbury – via Video Link

The CEO gave a verbal report which included commentary about the Basin Community Leadership Programme recently held in Warren and her visits to various Councils and groups along the Darling River.

- The One Basin CRC has progressed to the second round. Five out of 14 of bids have progressed to round two. Four new bids were established, so maybe not just one winner. MDA are most cautiously optimistic however.
- CEO touched on the Threat Resilience Adaption Innovation Hubs with the Department of Agriculture and the future throughout fund resilience package. The MDA briefly contemplated the idea of putting together a consortium approach as a bid as four of those bids are located in the Basin. However, it is an extremely onerous process and the MDA simply don't have the resources to undertake this and finally made that determination because MDA are continuing discussions with CSIRO and Charles Sturt University after being approached to participate in a programme being headed up by Nial Blair who is now a professor himself. MDA have a long and valued history of working with CSU.

**Moved:** Cr Thurley, **Seconded:** B. Thomas.

**MOTION:** That reports be received and noted.

CARRIED

## 6. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

### 6.1 Election of Chair

Only one nomination was received and Cr Thurley was elected and accepted elected Chair for 2020-2021.

### 6.2 Election of Executive Members

Nominations were received from Cr Wortman and Cr Gaffney. No other nominations were received and both were declared elected to Executive.

**Moved:** Cr Thurley; **Seconded:** B Thomas

CARRIED

## 7. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The meeting dates for 2021 are:

19 February

21 May

21 August

19 November

**MOTION:** The meeting endorsed the proposed meeting schedule and venue for 2021. Next meeting 19 February 2021 at Albury City Council.

**Moved:** Cr Thurley; **Seconded:** B Thomas

CARRIED

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

The matter of the possible name change of the Murray Darling Association was raised for the information of those present. The discussion paper has been circulated to Region One member Councils.

**Moved:** Cr Thurley; **Seconded:** B Thomas

CARRIED

## 9. STAKEHOLDERS PRESENTATION

Lucinda Corrigan gave a talk entitled "The Work of Farmers for Climate Action". The talk was very well received and was followed by a number of questions from those in attendance.

**Moved:** Cr Thurley moved a vote of thanks; **Seconded:** B Thomas

**MOTION:** That Lucinda Corrigan be thanked for her presentation.

CARRIED

## 10. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11.45am and the Chair thanked all attendees and Albury City Council for hosting the meeting.