



MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION REGION 10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MEETING

**Dubbo City Council
Friday, 10 August 2012**

Ken Rogers assumed Chair of the meeting.

Meeting commenced at 10:00am

1. Attendance:

Ken Rogers	KR	Dubbo City Council - President
Murray Wood	MW	Dubbo City Council – Director Parks & Landcare
Troy Grant	TG	Local State Member Dubbo
Graham Falconer	GF	Forbes Shire Council – Councillor
Ron Penny	RP	Forbes Shire Council – Councillor
Russell Holden	RH	Mid Western Shire Council – Councillor
Allan Renike	AR	Orange City Council – Mgr Development Assessments
David Lane	DL	Walgett Shire Council – Deputy Mayor
Matthew Goodwin	MG	Walgett Shire Council – Director Planning
Rex Wilson	RW	Warren Shire Council - Mayor
Julian Campbell	JC	Warren Shire Council - Councillor
Ashley Wielinga	AW	Warren Shire Council – General Manager
Ray Najjar	RN	President MDA
Joan White	JW	Chair Zone 11 MDA, Queensland – Councillor
Mark Ward	MW	Chair Zone 5 MDA, SA – Councillor
Darryl Jacob OAM	DJ	Chair Zone 1 MDA, NSW
Keith Loeser	KL	Vice Chair Region 6 MDA, SA
Peter Jamieson	PJ	Port Adelaide Enfield Region 7, SA - Councillor
Paul Maytom	PM	Chair Leeton Region, NSW - Mayor
Tim Ferraro	TF	GHD
Audrey Tremain	AT	NSW Farmers
Mickaela Fairall	MF	Dubbo City Council (Minute taker)

2. Apologies:

KR acknowledged the apologies.

KR - Made a special welcome to the Admin & Policy members of the MDA who were in attendance following their meeting that was held the previous day Thursday, 9 August.

- Acknowledged and thanked Troy Grant for his time to attend the meeting.
- Thanked all MDA Region 10 members for attending.

3. Minutes of Meeting; 19 August 2011

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Moved: Julian Campbell
Seconded: Ashley Wielinga
All in favour: Motion carried

4. Election of Office Bearers

KR stated that it was now time to re-elect a Chair and Deputy Chair

RN suggested that two Deputy Chair be elected.

The Chair was vacated and Troy Grant assumed control of the meeting for the purpose of conducting the elections.

TG called for:

Nominations for Chair of the Murray Darling Association Region 10

Ken Rogers Nominated by: Julian Campbell
Seconded: Russell Holden
All in favour: Carried

There being no other nominations put forward. Ken Rogers accepted the position.

TG declared Ken Rogers Chair.

Nominations for first Deputy Chair of the Murray Darling Association Region 10

Murray Wood Nominated by: Rex Wilson
Seconded: Ashley Wielinga
All in favour: Carried

There being no other nominations put forward. Murray Wood accepted the position.

TG declared Murray Wood first Deputy Chair.

Nominations for second Deputy Chair of the Murray Darling Association Region 10

Graham Falconer Nominated by: Ron Penny
Seconded: Ashley Wielinga
All in favour: Carried

There being no other nominations put forward. Graham Falconer accepted the position.

TG declared Graham Falconer second Deputy Chair.

The Chair was vacated and Ken Rogers assumed control of the meeting.

5. Motions for the Association's AGM; Mildura on 24 August 2012

1. OROC

Motion: Calling on the Government to look at raising weirs in our region to ensure security of water.

TG suggested that the motion be amended to "relevant government bodies"

Moved: Rex Wilson
Seconded: Julian Campbell
All in favour: Carried

2. Mid-Western Council

The Murray Darling Association request to State or Federal Government to undertake a feasibility study for a new dam storage facility at Dixons Long Point.

Motion: To endorse motion to the AGM

Moved: Graham Falconer
Seconded: Murray Wood
All in favour: Carried

AW asked was it for a dam or bridge?

RH stated it was for dual reasons – helping with water problems and connections

3. Mid-Western Council

Motion: Seeking the association as to how to support one river to another prohibited. Treatment of the Macquarie and Cudgegong as two river systems.

GF asked why not all?

Moved: Russell Holden
Seconded: Ron Penny
All in favour: Carried

4. Toorale Stations

Motion: That the MDA approach the Federal and NSW government environment ministers as well as Federal Minister Crean, requesting that they either sell or lease Toorale so that it can be returned to agricultural production and that conditions be placed on the sale or lease to maintain and protect the wetlands.

Moved: Rex Wilson
Seconded: Julian Campbell
All in favour: Carried

6. Basin Plan discussion

KR - Put forward a submission

- Telephone conference with Authorities; Ministerial Council plan paper
- Plan to be reviewed in 2015

RW commented - good economically and environmentally over the past couple of summer. Water sharing has delivered a good outcome.

KR read a quote from - Proposed Basin Plan Authority's view and consultation on the matters raised by the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council – Volume 2 August 2012.

Discussion ensued – “communities require more water as they grow”
“treatment to cater”

RN – writing to question quote.

AW spoke of the Murray Darling Basin and explained the effects on MDA Region 10 with an emphasis on the Warren area and outlining in particular the changes in demographics.

Discussion ensued

TG (Secretary - Shadow Minister for Natural Resource Management Katrina Hodgkinson)
- Submission has been made for no more buybacks; through investments
Concluded by stating “watch this space”

7. Mining & Agriculture – Land access discussion

KR - Conference to be held in Queensland in September
Land access to miners on behalf of Region 10

Discussion ensued

TG stated that a “Strategic Regional Land Use Policy” has been produced and will be available within next 6 weeks. Government looking to find a balance between employment and attempting to protect the environment.

11:15am KR left the room – MW assumed the Chair.

8. NSW Government inquiry into management of Public Land in NSW

Handout distributed

TG strongly suggests through and encourages a local (MDA Region 10) submission and response to all issues raised.

RN to provide information for submission.

9. General Business

1. Wakool Shire Council Submission (handout distributed)
Discussion about the true impact of property purchases for the creation of National Parks creates for surrounding communities.

2. Muddied Waters A Clear Solution – Murray Darling Basin Documentary & Website Proposal (handout distributed)

Documentary – individual bodies to review the funding for the documentary. Cut off for funding in a couple of weeks.

Feedback to Chair

3. RW – Clean Up Macquarie to Orange; Ian Keenan wrote a letter RW to respond.
4. RN – commented that he considered this meeting extremely worthwhile with attendance of other Region members present.
5. AW – Weeds of National Significance (WONS)
State Government have dropped off noxious weeds funding – needs addressing
General discussion ensued noting that funding used to be for removal and now to inspect.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:10pm.