



Murray Darling Association Inc.

Region 5

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Agenda

Region 5 - Ordinary Meeting

Morgan Community Hub
Morgan

Wednesday, 27th September 2017 at 10.00am
(Morning tea available from 9.30am)

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present:

1.2 Apologies:

Stephan Knoll MP Member for Schubert

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declaration – Material / Actual / Perceived

2. WELCOME

Peter Hunter – Deputy Mayor, Renmark Paringa Council

We welcome Michelle Campbell as our guest speaker today. Michelle is the CEWH Local Engagement Officer, who will share with us some of the issues relevant to water management locally & across the basin.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - attached (also sent out 12th July)

Moved:

That the minutes of previous meeting of the MDA Region 5 held on the 10th July, 2017 be accepted as a true & correct summary of the meeting.

Seconded:

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 MDB NRM Board appointment of Monique White as Engagement Officer @ Murray Bridge – called to SDL Meetings & cancelled – potential for Dec Meeting?

4.2 Update on Boundary Review – MDA CEO

4.3 Other items not currently listed to be dealt with in this agenda

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5. MDA CEO REPORT - via phone link

5.1 General Update on recent issues & actions

5.2 Why Your Council's Membership Matters - **attached**

5.2 National AGM – attachments as below

6. MDA NATIONAL AGM UPDATE

6.1 Conference Update

- Conference Program - **attached**
- Study Tours
- Partner's Tours / Options & Tourism
- Awards / Presentations – volunteers list - **attached**
- AGM Motions - **attached**

6.2 Registrations

7. PLANNING & COORDINATION

7.1 Moved: Peter Smith

“The MDA calls for equal representation on the Murray Darling Basin Authority. As the Murray Darling Basin is owned by and belongs to all Australians' we believe all States and Territories should have a chair at the MDBA table.”

Sec:

7.2 Moved: Peter Smith

“The MDA seeks support from the Federal Government and the MDBA to have all of the locks along the River Murray up-graded to ensure the center panels (3) are remotely able to be opened from the bottom of the lock.”

Sec:

Over the 70 years the locks have been operating a massive amount of silt and residue from as far up the Murray River to and above the Hume Weir that the depth on the up-stream side of each lock (excluding Torrumbarry) and in some cases the depth have been reduced by as much as half. With the advent of the proposed European Carp eradication there could be a catastrophic build up of dead Carp which as they rot will reduce the oxygen levels in the water causing Black Water build up so we believe action must be undertaken to insure all rubbish, salinity etc must be relatively simple to wash through the system.”

7.3 Frequency / Location / Timing of Region 5 Meetings

- Future Meetings
 - Monday, 11th December, in Renmark / Mar ? / June ?
 - CEO Phone Link & regularity
 - Guest Speakers – Monique White / Fisheries / Carp / Mike Young / Jarrod Eaton /
- 11th to 13th October – AGM & Conference in Renmark

7.4 Our Priorities - Agreed Actions for Region 5 in 2017 / 2018

- Previous listing / Priorities & responses to date
- Submission for endorsement to Renmark Paringa Council - **attached**

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 State MDA / LGA Forum – River Councils & Links with Other Regions – 20th September – verbal reports from those who attended & discussion

8.2 MR LGA Forum – 29th September, Murray Bridge

8.3 One River Proposal Update

8.4 Any Other General Business

Urgent, Late Business

9. NEXT MEETING

Date: 11th December,

Time: 9:30 for 10am

Location: Renmark Paringa Council Chambers

Room Booking / Morning Tea / Set Up & Preparation Responsibilities: Sandy E.

10. CLOSE

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