



# Board Meeting 413

## AGENDA

**31 January 2022**

Murray Darling Association Incorporated  
ABN 64 636 490 493

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## Meeting Commencement Time

9:30am

## Zoom Meeting Log in Details

[ZOOM LINK](#) (Meeting ID 755 547 2561, log in details are also included the diary appointment)

## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

Murray Darling Association acknowledges the traditional owners & custodians of country and pay our respects to the people, cultures, and elders past, present and emerging.

## 2. Attendance

### 2.1 Present

Delegate	Council	Region
Cr David Thurley	Albury City Council	Region 1
Cr Geoff Dobson	Greater Shepparton City Council	Region 2
Vacant		Region 3
Cr Tim Elstone	Wentworth Shire Council	Region 4
Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council	Region 5
Cr Melissa Rebbeck	Alexandrina Council	Region 6
Cr Andrew Tilley	City of Mitcham	Region 7
Vacant		Region 8
Cr Glen Andrezza	Griffith City Council	Region 9
Cr Phyllis Miller	Forbes Shire Council	Region 10
Cr Craig Davies	Narromine Council	Region 10A
Mayor Jamie Chaffey	Gunnedah Shire Council	Region 11
Mayor Samantha O'Toole	Balonne Shire Council	Region 12
Peter George	M&S Group	Interim Treasurer
Mark Lamb	MDA	CEO

### 2.2 Apologies

Delegate	Council	Region

### 2.3 Declarations

## 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Refer to - Attachment 3

#### Recommendation:

**That the minutes of MDA Board Meeting 412 held on 26 November 2021 be accepted as an accurate record.**

## 4. Reports

### 4.1 Chairman's Report

Chair to provide his report

**Recommendation:**

**That the Chair's report be noted.**

### 4.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO to provide her report

**Refer to Attachment 4.2**

**Recommendation:**

**That the CEO's report be noted.**

### 4.3 Finance Reports

Reports are provided for December 2021.

**Refer to Attachment 4.3**

**Recommendation:**

**That the reports be noted.**

## 5. Correspondence

### 5.1 Incoming

**Refer to Attachment 5.1**

Date	Received From	Subject
6/12/21	Hon David Basham MP	AGM 5.3 – Carp Mitigation
6/12/21	Hon Melissa Horne MP	AGM 5.3 – Carp Mitigation
7/12/21	Frank Zaknich, AlburyCity CEO	Support for Murray Darling Association 78 <sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference 2022 application to NSW Regional Business Event Development Fund –Attraction of an Existing Business Event
20/12/21	Gerard Van Emmerik, Manager Community and Economic Development	Support for Murray Darling Association 78 <sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference 2022 application to NSW Regional Business Event Development Fund –Attraction of an Existing Business Event

## 5.2 Outgoing

### Refer to Attachment 5.2

Date	Issued to	Subject
29/11/21	The Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP	Seeking support in retaining Minister Pavey in her current portfolio as Minister for Water, Property and Housing

#### Recommendation:

**That the correspondence be received and noted.**

## 6. Business Arising

### 6.1 Flying Minute – 7/12/21

The following two motions (one at national conference and one at board level) provide the pathway for the MDA to confirm David's tenure in the position of National President until such time as the board resolves otherwise.

National AGM 2019 - 5.10

**Motion:** That the MDA adopt a policy which facilitates continuity of Region leadership in Local Government election years, with the Region AGM to be held as soon as practicably possible after the outcome of Local Government elections is known.

*Moved: Cr M Rebbeck / Cr A Tilley (carried)*

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#### **Motion:**

That the Board:

- Acknowledge the importance of the role of the Immediate Past Chair, in providing continuity and support to the region
  - Affirm the status of the Immediate Past Chair
  - Approve membership of the Immediate Past Chair at no cost for a period of 1 year
  - Afford the immediate past chair one vote at the National Conference as a delegate of the region.
- Carried.

Therefore, the CEO would like to propose the following:

#### Recommendation:

**That the MDA confirms David Thurley as ongoing National President until the next Board meeting proposed for 31st January, 2022.**

### 6.2 Board Resolution Register

Board to review the motions and actions completed.

#### Refer to Attachment 5.1

#### Recommendation:

**That the report be noted.**

## 7. General Business

### 7.1 Notice of appointment of public officer and Notice of change of association address

As both the Chief Executive and the Public Officer for the incorporated association Emma's resignation effectively applies to both positions. This triggers a reporting requirement that the committee (board) appoint a new public officer.

Given that the resignation will be effective upon the appointment of a successor, and that the appointment of a new CEO will also trigger a change of address, this will need to be done as part of the handover.

The NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009 requires that

The committee must appoint a new public officer within 28 days of the position becoming vacant. The new public officer of an association must lodge this form within 28 days of taking office as public officer.

The public officer of an association must lodge this form within 28 days of the official address changing.

The public officer of the association must:

- be aged 18 years or more,
- reside in NSW,
- not be a bankrupt, and
- not be a mentally incapacitated person.

The official address must be an address in NSW where:

- the person who is the association's public officer can generally be found, and
- documents can be served on the association by post.

The official address CANNOT be a post office box.

For most associations the official address will also be the address where the register of committee members and other records of the association will be kept. The public officer must notify Fair Trading of a change in the official address within 28 days.

The declaration must be completed by the new public officer.

The notice is provided on a [Form A9 - Notice of appointment of public officer and Notice of change of association address](#).

Option 1: that the board appoint the Chairman as the new public officer.

Option 2: that the board appoint the new CEO as the new public officer.

#### **Recommendation:**

##### **That the board**

**Appoint xxx to the position of public officer**

**Note the address of the association as xxx**

## 7.2 MDA Basin Communities Leadership Program

The CEO will provide an update on the rollout of the MDA Basin Communities Leadership Program workshops in:

- Rochester,
- Mildura,
- Cobdogla, Berri-Barmera,
- Lower Lakes,
- Loxton, and
- Swan Reach.

**Recommendation:**

**That the report be noted.**

## 7.3 Membership and Engagement

The CEO will provide an update on recent membership and engagement activities.

## 7.4 Reports for Delegates

The report is provided for noting.

**Refer to Attachment 7.4**

**Recommendation:**

**That the report be noted.**

# 8. National Conference

## 8.1 Draft AGM Motions

The draft AGM motions are provided for review by the Board.

**Recommendation:**

**That the Board note the intent of the motions.**

# 9. Meeting Schedule

# 10. Meeting Close

The Chair to declare the meeting closed at \_\_\_\_\_.