



Board Meeting 417 MINUTES

5 September 2022

Murray Darling Association Incorporated
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Meeting Commencement Time

9:30am

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	AlburyCity Council	Region 1
Cr Geoff Dobson	Greater Shepparton City Council	Region 2
<i>Vacant</i>		Region 3
Cr Jason Modica	Mildura Rural City Council	Region 4
Cr Andrew Kassebaum	Berri-Barmera Council	Region 5
Cr Melissa Rebbeck	Alexandrina Council	Region 6
<i>Vacant</i>		Region 8
Mayor 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
Cr Andrew Tilley	City of Mitcham	Region 7
Mayor Phyllis Miller	Forbes Shire Council	Region 10

2.3 Declarations

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

(A Kassebaum / G Andrezza)

That the minutes of MDA Board Meeting 416 held on 18 July 2022 be accepted as an accurate record.

Refer to - Attachment 3

4. Reports

4.1 Chairman's Report

The Chair, D Thurley, noted that Dartmouth Dam was at 99%. Indicated that the water level was attracting numerous tourists.

Referenced low level flooding occurring downstream, with the BoM output for the next three months signalling above average rainfall, with wet weather coming.

The Chair noted that they were looking forward to the MDA's National Conference Study Tour.

[The Interim Treasurer Peter George arrived 9:35am]

MOTION

(D Thurley / G Dobson)

That the Chair's report be noted.

4.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

The CEO, M Lamb, to provide their report for noting.

- The CEO noted that following the MDA's National Conference the MDA would be focussing on an ongoing Membership Drive.
- The CEO indicated that the CSIRO Circular Economy project had opened doors for future projects.
- M Lamb noted that One Basin CRC was looking for signatures for the Partnership Agreement.
 - Noted that some members had pulled out of the partnership.
 - Indicated that the MDA's contribution was not funding, rather 'in kind' contribution, with the initial contribution having been one Full-Time Employee (FTE).
 - M Lamb noted that the MDA was exploring how they could contribute, including ascertaining whether there were funds available for one FTE.
 - M Rebbeck noted that if the MDA could find the initial funds to support the FTE, the MDA could request funds from the CRC to support that person's employment. Proposed that the MDA could outsource a Consultant initially.
 - M Lamb affirmed, queried how much the MDA must commit before the MDA could received funds.
- D Thurley commended the Board Chairs to contact their Region Members and contacts and encourage them to register.

Refer to Attachment 4.2

MOTION

(D Thurley / G Dobson)

That the CEO's report be noted.

4.3 Finance Reports

The Treasurer supplied the Finance Report for noting.

Refer to Attachment 4.3

MOTION

(D Thurley / G Dobson)

That the Finance report be noted.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Incoming

Refer to Attachment 5.1

Date	Received From	Subject
19/7/22	Senator Perin Davey – Shadow Water Minister	MDA 2022 National Conference – Guest Speaker Invitation
10/8/22	CEO Rod Knight – Water Stewardship Asia Pacific	MDA 2022 National Conference – Sponsorship Form
10/8/22	Shannon Symons – Bureau of Meteorology	MDA 2022 National Conference – Sponsorship
10/8/22	Martina Cusack – Goulburn-Murray Water	MDA 2022 National Conference – Study Tour
29/7/22	GM David Webb – Hay Shire Council	Murray-Darling Basin Plan – 450GL Up Water
5/8/22	Belinda Perrett – Edward River Council	Murray Darling Association Membership
8/8/22	Interim GM Dennis McIntyre – Glen Innes Severn Council	Membership of Murray Darling Association 2022/2023
10/8/22	Interim GM Dennis McIntyre – Glen Innes Severn Council	Membership of Murray Darling Association 2022/2023
12/8/22	Mayor Neville Kschenka – Narrandera Shire Council	Murray-Darling Basin Plan – 450GL Up Water
	MDA Membership – Remittance Advice	Narromine Shire Council Hay Shire Council Greater Shepparton City Council City of Victor Harbor District Council of Karoonda East Murray City of Mitcham Coorong District Council Mid-Murray Council Goondiwindi Regional Council Alexandrina Council Rural City of Murray Bridge Gunnedah Shire Council Leeton Shire Council Narrandera Shire Council

5.2 Outgoing

Refer to Attachment 5.2

Date	Issued to	Subject
15/7/22	Mayor Kylie King – AlburyCity Council	Invitation to the 2022 National Conference Civic Reception
15/7/22	Deputy Mayor Steve Bowen – AlburyCity Council	Invitation to the 2022 National Conference Civic Reception
15/7/22	Cr Daryl Betteridge – AlburyCity Council	Invitation to the 2022 National Conference Civic Reception
15/7/22	Cr Stuart Baker – AlburyCity Council	Invitation to the 2022 National Conference Civic Reception
15/7/22	Cr Darren Cameron – AlburyCity Council	Invitation to the 2022 National Conference Civic Reception
15/7/22	Cr Ashley Edwards – AlburyCity Council	Invitation to the 2022 National Conference Civic Reception
15/7/22	Cr Alice Glachan – AlburyCity Council	Invitation to the 2022 National Conference Civic Reception
15/7/22	Cr Jessica Kellahan – AlburyCity Council	Invitation to the 2022 National Conference Civic Reception
18/7/22	Senator Perin Davey – Shadow Water Minister	MDA 2022 National Conference – Guest Speaker Invitation
18/7/22	Sam Birrell MP – Member for Nicholls	MDA 2022 National Conference – Guest Speaker Invitation
28/7/22	Cr Glen Andreazza – Region 9 Chair	MDA-CSIRO Circular Economy Market Analysis Report

MOTION

(D Thurley / G Dobson)

That the correspondence be received and noted.

6. Business Arising

M Lamb noted that the 2022 Motions and AGM Papers would be circulated 14 days prior to the National Conference and Annual General Meeting

6.1 Board Resolution Register

The Board Resolution Register was provided for review.

Refer to Attachment 6.6

MOTION

(G Andreazza / S O'Toole)

That the report be noted.

7. General Business

7.1 Membership and Engagement

M Lamb reaffirmed the MDA's planned Membership Drive across the Basin following the 2022 National Conference.

- D Thurley indicated that Region 1 would be making a push with Wangaratta to attend the Conference and be more involved.
- J Chaffey queried whether M Lamb could supply firm dates. Noted that Tamworth is nearing membership. Proposed that the JO Meeting may be the best time.
 - M Lamb queried whether J Chaffey could provide preferred dates.

7.2 Report for Delegates

Region 6

- M Rebbeck referenced the upcoming Inter-regional Meeting 6/9/22 with the LGA SA.
 - Noted the importance of strengthening relationships, talk about water.
 - Noted that with this being likely their last Board Meeting, they look forward to their attendance at the National Conference. Noted retaining their Membership as immediate past chair.

Region 2

- G Dobson raised reviewing the structure of the MDA Regions.
 - Noted opportunity to discuss with Non-Member councils how they could fit in with the MDA.
 - Suggested a social event with Non-Member councils may be beneficial.

Region 9

- G Andreazza that, for the first time ever, the Prime Minister had come to Griffith.
 - Indicated that they had spoken to the Federal Water Minister.

- Noted that Burrinjuck Dam had been at 145% capacity, but now dropped to around 80%.
- Indicated that Water Allocations made it difficult for people to look at their cropping regime. Expressed that farmers needed to look at risk mitigation.
 - G Andrezza noted disappointment that, with the wet season, Water Allocations were so low.
 - J Chaffey queried why River Allocations were still at 50%, noted that there may be a chance for MDA Advocacy regarding this.
 - G Andrezza noted that NSW Water had indicated that allocations would not rise above 50% before November
 - D Thurley noted that G Andrezza could discuss with M Lamb regarding Advocacy to the Government and NSW Water.

MOTION

(D Thurley/ G Dobson)

That the reports be noted.

[Interim Treasurer Peter George departed 10:00am]

8. National Conference

8.1 Draft AGM Motions

M lamb thanked MDA Board Chairs for their contributions, thanked T Phillips for their hard work preparing for the National Conference.

9. Meeting Close

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 10:02am.