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Ordinary Meeting of the Board
10.30am Monday 7th MAY 2018
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MINUTES - MEETING No. 375

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Albury City Council	Cr David Thurley
Moira Shire Council	Cr Peter Mansfield
Murray River Council	Cr Alan Mathers
Wentworth Shire Council	Cr Jane MacAllister
Alexandrina Council	Cr Barry Featherston
Northern Areas Council	Mayor Denis Clark
Leeton Shire Council	Mayor Paul Maytom
Gunnedah Shire Council	Cr John Campbell
Balonne Shire Council	Mayor Richard Marsh

1.2 Apologies

Town of Walkerville	Cr David Shetliffe
Wentworth Shire Council	Mayor Melisa Hederics
Renmark Paringa Council	Cr Peter Hunter

1.3 Declarations

Nil

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Meeting 374 held 10.30am Monday 26th March 2018

Motion: That the minutes of Meeting 374 held 10.30am Monday 26th March 2018 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

D Clark/B Featherston

Carried

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report

Welcome to new board members – Cr Alan Mathers of Murray River Council as Chair of Region 3, and Cr Jane MacAllister representing Mayor Melisa Hederics as chair of Region 4.

3.2 Finance Reports

Attached

Pete George spoke to the finance reports.

Motion: That the board approve transfer of funds from the LGFA account if required.

3.3 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Emma Bradbury spoke to a range of current issues and engagements, most outlined in the April newsletter

Scott Bourne, a journalist with the Gannawarra Times has been appointed to the position of Communications and Administration Officer. Scott will commence in the role in mid-June.

The CEO will be on leave 28th May to 08 June.

Invitation to Board members to support the *Joint Industry Statement on 605GL* proposed by the NFF – board members determined that the MDA show their support by referencing the statement and highlighting its alignment to local government's position on the disallowance, rather than becoming a signatory to the statement, recognizing local government's commitment to industry and all interests across community.

3.4 Region reports

Region chairs spoke to current issues in their regions.

Motion: That the reports be received and noted.

P Maytom/B Featherston

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 House of Representatives Hearings on the Use and Management of Environmental Water
Brief on the hearings provided by E Bradbury and D Thurley.

4.2 Social and Economic Impacts Assessment Response and Framework
Discussed in the CEOs report.

4.3 Conference Planning Progress
Progress report by CEO. Platinum and gold sponsorships sold. Special event sponsorship opportunity created for the Night Glow.

4.4 Action Trackers
On the table.

4.5 Flying Minutes
The use of Flying Minutes was approved as a swift and timely way to establish consensus at board level. B Featherston suggested that a protocol be developed to support the process, and to establish guidelines for instances where there is dissent. CEO noted that currently, a flying minute is considered resolved, and is/will be actioned only in circumstances where there is consensus.

Motion: That the following Flying Minutes be endorsed

- i) On 26/04/2017 it was resolved via a Flying Minute that the item *Socio-economic neutrality – a key requirement under the Basin Plan* be included in the April 2018 Newsletter.
- ii) On 27/04/2017 it was resolved via a Flying Minute that the MDA Submission to the Royal Commission be approved.

- iii) On 02/05/2018 it was resolved via a Flying Minute that the media release Basin Plan essential to the health of the Coorong, clearly outlining the MDA's position of the disallowance motion be approved for release.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Budget 2019

Attached:

Motion: That the budget be adopted

D Clark/P Maytom

Carried

6. MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS

7. CLOSE

Balance Sheet

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED As at 30 April 2018

30 Apr 2018

30 Apr 2017

Assets

	30 Apr 2018	30 Apr 2017
Bank		
ANZ Business Extra ...6893	30,102	51,694
ANZ Commercial Credit Card 359	4,448	-
ANZ MDF Gift #9052	1,601	1,508
ANZ MDF Ops #7503	4	4
Total Bank	36,154	53,206
Current Assets		
LGFA 01 Account	42,282	42,282
LGFA 01 Environmental Fund	2,497	2,497
Petty Cash/Cash On Hand	-	200
Trade Debtors	23,209	847
Total Current Assets	67,988	45,826
Fixed Assets		
Art Work at Valuation	5,000	5,000
Computers Accumulated Depreciation	(364)	-
Low Value Pool	1,761	1,761
Low Value Pool Accumulated Depreciation	(1,224)	(1,008)
Motor Vehicles	34,718	34,718
Motor Vehicles Accumulated Depreciation	(21,168)	(17,111)
Office Equipment	4,798	4,798
Office Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(2,280)	(1,574)
Software At Cost	16,550	-
Software at Cost Accumulated Depreciation	(3,301)	-
Total Fixed Assets	34,491	26,585
Non-current Assets		
High Security Water Shares MDA	115,100	112,600
High Security Water Shares MDF	54,000	54,000
Sundry Debtor	167	-
Total Non-current Assets	169,267	166,600
Total Assets	307,900	292,216

Liabilities

Current Liabilities		
ANZ MDA Visa Credit Card	-	549
GST	2,110	(3,048)
Rounding	(1)	-
Sundry Creditors	-	10,000
Trade Creditors	-	4,232
Total Current Liabilities	2,110	11,733
Non-Current Liabilities		

Balance Sheet

	30 Apr 2018	30 Apr 2017
Annual Leave Benefit	10,911	4,198
Debenture Loan	1,500	1,500
Hire Purchase Liability	2,666	6,664
Hire Purchase Unexpired Charges	(100)	(764)
PAYG Withholding Payable	18,930	2,232
Superannuation payable	7,275	821
Total Non-Current Liabilities	41,182	14,651
Total Liabilities	43,291	26,384
Net Assets	264,608	265,833
Equity		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	25,050	22,550
Current Year Earnings	45,959	70,137
Retained Earnings	193,599	173,145
Total Equity	264,608	265,833

Profit & Loss

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED 1 Apr 2018 to 30 Apr 2018

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Income								
Conference Income	8,960	-	8,960▲	0.0%	75,460	45,000	30,460▲	67.7%▲
Donation/Gift Income	5	-	5▲	0.0%	85	-	85▲	0.0%
Income - Memberships	-	3,500	(3,500)▼	-100.0%▼	218,894	251,500	(32,606)▼	-13.0%▼ ¹
Income - Projects	450	-	450▲	0.0%	1,636	-	1,636▲	0.0%
Interest Income	-	-	-	0.0%	602	-	602▲	0.0%
Other Income [82000]	3,220	-	3,220▲	0.0%	5,765	-	5,765▲	0.0%
Total Income	12,635	3,500	9,135	261.0%	302,441	296,500	5,941	2.0%
Gross Profit	12,635	3,500	9,135	261.0%	302,441	296,500	5,941	2.0%
Less Operating Expenses								
Accounting/Bookkeeping Fees	-	80	(80)▼	-100.0%▼	282	800	(518)▼	-64.8%▼
Advertising & Marketing	3,282	100	3,182▲	3181.8%▲	9,903	6,110	3,793▲	62.1%▲ ³
Bank Fees	130	40	90▲	224.9%▲	965	400	565▲	141.3%▲
Business Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	408	980	(572)▼	-58.3%▼
Computer Expenses	69	100	(31)▼	-31.4%▼	1,771	2,800	(1,029)▼	-36.8%▼
Conference Expenses	773	-	773▲	0.0%	27,320	25,000	2,320▲	9.3%▲
Depreciation - Computer	40	-	40▲	0.0%	404	-	404▲	0.0%
Depreciation - Low Value Pool	23	-	23▲	0.0%	233	-	233▲	0.0%
Depreciation - Motor Vehicle	343	465	(122)▼	-26.3%▼	3,892	4,650	(758)▼	-16.3%▼
Depreciation - Office Equipment	25	10	15▲	153.4%▲	257	100	157▲	156.7%▲

Profit & Loss

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Depreciation - Software	544	-	544▲	0.0%	3,845	-	3,845▲	0.0%
Engagement and Communications	2,727	-	2,727▲	0.0%	3,593	-	3,593▲	0.0%
Entertainment (Meal)	-	-	-	0.0%	11	-	11▲	0.0%
Fuel Expenses	507	320	187▲	58.3%▲	2,518	3,200	(682)▼	-21.3%▼
General Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	0.0%	518	-	518▲	0.0%
Licences and Subscriptions	21	-	21▲	0.0%	1,251	200	1,051▲	525.5%▲ ²
Meeting Expense	-	200	(200)▼	-100.0%▼	121	2,000	(1,879)▼	-93.9%▼
Motor Vehicle Fuel/Oil	72	-	72▲	0.0%	254	-	254▲	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	865	840	25▲	3.0%▲
Motor Vehicle Interest Expense	39	-	39▲	0.0%	195	-	195▲	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	206	-	206▲	0.0%	633	1,200	(567)▼	-47.3%▼
Motor Vehicle Registration	-	-	-	0.0%	686	680	6▲	0.9%▲
Parking/Tolls Expenses	59	-	59▲	0.0%	372	-	372▲	0.0%
Postage	-	120	(120)▼	-100.0%▼	1,171	1,400	(229)▼	-16.3%▼
Premises Rent - Echuca	5,000	-	5,000▲	0.0%	15,500	15,000	500▲	3.3%▲
Printing	-	-	-	0.0%	1,150	980	170▲	17.3%▲
Pro Indemnity Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	811	860	(49)▼	-5.7%▼
Public Liability Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	654	700	(46)▼	-6.6%▼
Staff Amenities	-	-	-	0.0%	141	150	(9)▼	-6.0%▼
Staff Training Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	1,541	2,000	(459)▼	-23.0%▼
Stationery	28	200	(172)▼	-86.1%▼	613	700	(87)▼	-12.4%▼
Superannuation	2,030	2,136	(106)▼	-4.9%▼	13,705	13,657	48▲	0.4%▲
Telephone Expenses	819	400	419▲	104.6%▲	3,533	4,000	(467)▼	-11.7%▼
Travel & Accom. Expenses	585	800	(215)▼	-26.9%▼	8,482	8,000	482▲	6.0%▲
Wages & Salaries Expenses	22,169	22,479	(310)▼	-1.4%▼	147,478	143,727	3,751▲	2.6%▲

Profit & Loss

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Water Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	578	840	(262)▼	-31.1%▼
Work Cover Premiums	-	-	-	0.0%	1,800	3,500	(1,700)▼	-48.6%▼
Total Operating Expenses	39,489	27,450	12,039	43.9%	257,457	244,474	12,983	5.3%
Net Profit	(26,853)	(23,950)	(2,903)	-12.0%	44,984	52,026	(7,042)	-14.0%

Notes

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Anticipated increase not realised

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ADOBE, AICD, media subs and GoTo

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Advertising for Senior Office/admin role, and graphic design for membership collateral

Budget 2018-19 Status Quo

	Budget Jul-18	Budget Aug-18	Budget Sep-18	Budget Oct-18	Budget Nov-18	Budget Dec-18	Budget Jan-19	Budget Feb-19	Budget Mar-19	Budget Apr-19	Budget May-19	Budget Jun-19	Budget Totals
Income													
Membership Income	249,900												249,900
Conference				75,000									75,000
Total Income	249,900	0	0	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	324,900
General Expenses													
Accounting system	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	420
Graphics and Marketing	0	0	4,500	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	0	0	0	7,000
Bank Fees	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	550
Business Insurance						408							408
Computer Expenses	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,100
Conference and events			20,000	2,000	2,000	2,000							26,000
Comms/Engagement	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	3,600
Fuel	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	3,840
General repairs and maint	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Licences/Subscriptions	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,200
Motor vehicle Insurance						865							865
Motor vehicle Interest	39	39	39	39	39								195
Motor Vehicle Maintenance				380								300	680
Motor Vehicle Rego					690								690
Postage	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	1,440
Premises Rent - Echuca	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	12,000
Printing	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	1,800
Professional Indemnity Ins						811					0	0	811
Professional Fees		3,500											3,500
Public Liability Ins						650							650
Staff Amenities	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	600
Staff Training Expense													0
Stationary	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	900
Telephone	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	5,400
Travel & Accommodation	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	8,040
Water Expenses	350	250				20	20						640
Total General Expenses	3,859	7,259	28,009	5,889	6,199	8,224	3,490	3,470	5,970	3,470	3,470	3,770	82,379
Weeks	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	26
Payroll Expenses													
Salaries	24,930	16,620	16,620	16,620	16,620	24,930	16,620	16,620	16,620	16,620	16,620	16,620	216,060
WorkCover				2,500									2,500
Training													0
Staff Amenities			0			0			0			0	0
FBT										400			400
Superannuation	2,368	1,579	1,579	1,579	1,579	2,368	1,579	1,579	1,579	1,579	1,579	1,579	20,526
Total Payroll Expenses	27,298	18,199	18,199	20,699	18,199	27,298	18,199	18,199	18,199	18,199	18,599	18,199	239,486

Budget 2018-19 Status Quo

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Depreciation Expenses													
Office equipment	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	1,080
Motor Vehicles	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	4,200
Total Depreciation Expenses	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	5,280
Total Expenses	31,597	25,898	46,648	27,028	24,838	35,962	22,129	22,109	24,609	22,109	22,509	22,409	327,145
Net Profit	218,303	(25,898)	(46,648)	47,972	(24,838)	(35,962)	(22,129)	(22,109)	(24,609)	(22,109)	(22,509)	(22,409)	(2,245)
Add back depreciation	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	5,280
Net Operating Surplus	218,743	(25,458)	(46,208)	48,412	(24,398)	(35,522)	(21,689)	(21,669)	(24,169)	(21,669)	(22,069)	(21,969)	2,335
Debtors Movement													0
Assets purchased													0
Creditors Movement													0
BAS Movement													0
Sundry Creditors Payable													0
Credit Card Payable													0
Superannuation Payable													0
Debenture Loan Repayment													0
X-Trail Payments	(340)	(340)	(340)	(340)	(340)	(340)							(2,040)
Net Cash Flow	218,403	(25,798)	(46,548)	48,072	(24,738)	(35,862)	(21,689)	(21,669)	(24,169)	(21,669)	(22,069)	(21,969)	295
Opening Bank Balances													
Closing Bank Balances	218,403	192,605	146,057	194,129	169,391	133,529	111,840	90,171	66,002	44,333	22,264	295	

Debtors													
Opening Debtors	0	174,900	69,900	35,000	85,000	50,000	40,000	0	0	0	0	0	
Sales	249,900	0	0	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	324,900
Receipts	(75,000)	(105,000)	(34,900)	(25,000)	(35,000)	(10,000)	(20,000)					0	
Closing Debtors	174,900	69,900	35,000	85,000	50,000	40,000	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	



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Management and use of Commonwealth environmental water

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

Monday, 30 April 2018

Members in attendance: Mr Broad, Mr Conroy, Mr Evans, Mr Howarth, Mr Craig Kelly.

Terms of Reference for the Inquiry:

To inquire into and report on:

The management and use of Commonwealth environmental water, giving particular consideration to the role of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in:

1. maximising the use of environmental water for the protection and restoration of environmental assets;
2. considering innovative approaches for the use of environmental water;
3. monitoring and evaluating outcomes of the use of environmental water; and
4. options for improving community engagement and awareness of the way in which environmental water is managed; and any other matter of relevance that the committee wishes to consider.

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