

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE RIVERINA AND MURRAY  
REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (RAMROC), HELD IN THE IAN  
GILBERT ROOM AT THE JERILDERIE OFFICES OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL ON  
WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2017**

**PRESENT**

<b>Albury City:</b>	Cr Kevin Mack (Chair) Mr Frank Zaknich
<b>Balranald:</b>	Cr Leigh Byron Aaron Drenovski
<b>Berrigan:</b>	Cr Matthew Hannan Mr Fred Exton
<b>Carrathool:</b>	Cr Peter Laird Ms Joanne Treacy
<b>Edward River:</b>	Cr Norm Brennan Mr Adam McSwain
<b>Federation:</b>	Cr Patrick Bourke Mr Peter Gall
<b>Greater Hume Shire:</b>	Apology
<b>Griffith City:</b>	Cr John Dal Broi Mr Graham Gordon
<b>Hay:</b>	Cr Mick Rutledge Ms Kirstyn Thronder
<b>Leeton:</b>	Cr Paul Maytom Ms Jackie Kruger
<b>Murray River:</b>	Cr Chris Bilkey Mr Des Bilske
<b>Murrumbidgee:</b>	Cr Ruth McRae Mr Craig Moffitt
<b>Narrandera:</b>	Cr Neville Kschenka Mr George Cowan
<b>Wentworth:</b>	Mr Peter Kozlowski
<b>RAMROC:</b>	Mr Ray Stubbs Executive Officer
<b>Guests:</b>	Mr Austin Evans – Member Elect Murray Electorate Mr Brenton Woolston – Managing Director Almondco Australia Mr James McTavish – NSW Cross Border Commissioner

**CONDOLENCE**

The Chairperson referred to the recent passing of long serving Councillor and RAMROC Chairperson Terry Hogan AM after a serious illness. Cr Mack spoke of Terry's achievements and in particular his outstanding 45 years of service to Local Government, the rice industry and the communities of the Riverina Murray region.

**WELCOME**

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to recently elected Mayors Cr Ruth McRae (Murrumbidgee), Cr Chris Bilkey (Murray River) and Cr Norm Brennan (Edward River); as well George Cowan (GM at Narrandera), Fred Exton (Acting GM at Berrigan), Peter Gall (Acting GM at Federation) and Graham Gordon (Acting GM at Griffith).

The Chairperson also welcomed the State Member Elect for Murray Austin Evans, the NSW Cross Border Commissioner James McTavish and former National President of Murray Darling Association Greg Toll.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cr Susan Nichols (Wentworth Shire), Cr Bill Sheaffe (Hay), Ms Steph Cooke (Member Elect for Cootamundra Electorate), Brett Stonestreet (GM Griffith), Rowan Perkins (GM Berrigan) and Ms Trudi McDonald (Regional Coordinator Department Premier and Cabinet)

**RESOLVED that the apologies be received and noted  
(Moved Edward River and seconded Hay)**

**2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT JERILDERIE ON 2ND NOVEMBER 2016**

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held at Jerilderie on Wednesday 2nd November 2016 be confirmed  
(Moved Griffith and seconded Leeton)**

**3. RAMROC ANNUAL REPORT FOR PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2016 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**RESOLVED that the Annual Report of RAMROC activities for the year ended 30th September 2017 be received and adopted  
(Moved Hay and seconded Griffith)**

**4. AUDITORS REPORT AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017**

**RESOLVED that the Auditor's Report, Management Letter and the 2016-2017 Annual Financial Statements as presented be noted and adopted  
(Moved Murray River and seconded Leeton)**

**5. REMUNERATION FOR CHAIRPERSON POSITION FOR 2017-2018**

**RESOLVED that the Chairperson's Remuneration for the year October 2017 to September 2018 be set at \$7,500 per annum  
(Moved Griffith and seconded Edward River)**

**6- ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2017-2018 (Executive Officer as Returning Officer)****a. Position of Chairperson**

The Returning Officer invited nominations for the position of Chairperson for the ensuing term. Only one nomination was received, that being for Cr Kevin Mack Mayor of Albury City.

**The Returning Officer declared Cr Kevin Mack elected unopposed**

**b. Position of Deputy Chairperson**

The Returning Officer invited nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson for the ensuing term. Only one nomination was received and accepted, that being for Cr John Dal Broi Mayor of Griffith City.

**The Returning Officer declared Cr John Dal Broi elected unopposed**

**c. Position of Secretary Treasurer**

The Returning Officer invited nominations for the position of Secretary Treasurer for the ensuing term. Only one nomination was received, that being for Des Bilske Acting General Manager at Murray River Council.

The meeting noted that the position of Secretary Treasurer traditionally is filled by the General Manager of the Administering Council, being Murray River Council.

**The Returning Officer declared Des Bilske elected as Secretary Treasurer during his tenure as Acting General Manager, the ongoing position of Secretary Treasurer to be filled in due course by the appointed General Manager of the Murray River Council**

**6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2017-2018 FINANCIAL YEAR.**

**RESOLVED that the Stubberfield Group (Accounting and Taxation), 25-31 Nish Street, Echuca Victoria be appointed as RAMROC's Auditors for the 2017-2018 Financial Year (Moved Berrigan and seconded Murrumbidgee)**

**7. TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018**

The meeting considered a report by the Executive Officer in relation to the setting of RAMROC meeting dates for 2018, subject to change as may become necessary.

**RESOLVED that the tentative meeting schedule for 2018 be as follows:-**

- Wednesday 14th February 2017
- Wednesday 9th May 2017
- Wednesday 8th August 2017
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Annual General Meeting

**(Moved Murrumbidgee and seconded Leeton)**

**There being no further business, the Annual General Meeting concluded at 10.24 am**