

**MURRAYWATCH**  
FRIENDS OF THE RIVER INC.

**MINUTES THE MEETING HELD AT MURRAY BRIDGE COUNCIL**  
**THURSDAY 18th November 2014.**

1. **Opening: Meeting** opened at 10.30pm
2. **Present:**
  - R. Burgess President
  - B. Tanner Committee
  - N. Pennington, Vice President
  - S. Pennington Committee.
  - C Bailey Committee
  - A Brown Committee
  - P Moffat Marine Safety
  - P Smith MDA
  - T Franklin Committee
  - A Claughton SAPOL
3. **Apologies** K Hall. Hon. A Pederick. T Weinmann. G Sutton
4. **Confirmation of minutes:**

Motion resolved the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved A Brown/ C Bailey Carried
5. **Business arising from minutes**
  - a. Website

The new newsletter has been added to our website after a long absence. Letter of thanks to go to Kevin Holloway for setting up the new site.
  - b. New pamphlets/Promotions

Dept Transport are looking at floating key tags with the Murraywatch phone number on the back of them. DPTI will purchase 1000 at a cost of \$1200 subject to Murraywatch allowing their phone number and logo to be used.

Motion resolved DPTI be permitted to copy the Murraywatch logo for the key tags. Moved P Smith seconded C Bailey.
6. **President's Report**

As read at the meeting. Copies provided

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Balance at 31/10/14 = \$3181.65

N Pennington moved the report be accepted and an outstanding account to Fauna Release be paid, seconded P Smith Carried

## **8. Marine Safety Officers Report**

Despite poor weather some activity occurred on the river since the last report. Our MSO is still unavailable.

## **9. Murraywatch Reports**

Over this period 3 expiations issued, 11 formal cautions and a report of a jet ski speeding at Mannum could not be addressed at the time of the offence, details not taken

## **10. Murray Darling Report**

Peter Smith gave an account of the last Murray Darling Meetings. Drought conditions are continuing to cause concern with little rain in the catchment areas. Lake Meningie is holding only 17% of its capacity. The Darling river is currently not flowing.

## **11. Correspondence**

Not for Profit Commission  
Fauna Release  
Bank statement  
Channel nine Young Achievers Awards

## **12. General Business**

- a. Council elections  
New Mayors and Chairmen have been elected, letter to go to the four Lower Murray councils congratulating them and inviting them to join us at meetings, copy of insurance with MDA to be attached.
- b. RMBRAG  
Permission sought from this river users group to use our logo on their proposed signage, committee agreed this is alright. Some concern councils may see us duplicating our roles. Suggestion that a group representative should be invited to a Murraywatch meeting regarding our concerns..

Next meeting is Thursday 19th February 2015 at 10.30 am