

Chief Executive Officer's Report

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1. Appointments

Date	Event/meeting	Location
26/03/2019	Office of Hon Bill Shorten: Guy Ragen	Canberra
26/03/2019	Office of Hon Scott Morrison: Paula Svarcas	Canberra
26/03/2019	Office of Hon David Littleproud: Nektarios Tsirbas	Canberra
28/03/2019	ABC Landline Coverage – Barmah Choke	Barmah
08/04/2019	Meeting Mayor Phyllis Miller and GM Steve Sloan – Forbes	Zoom
10/04/2019	Interviews – recruitment	Echuca
12/04/2019	EMFM Radio – Out and About	Echuca
23/04/2019	GV Grammar School – Yr 12 presentation	Echuca
24/04/2019	Harry McAnulty – Social Justice and Leadership	Echuca

2. Engagements

2.1 Canberra meetings

Cr Thurley and I met with the Senior advisors to the Prime Minister, Minister Littleproud, and Opposition Leader respectively to present the business case for funding of the MDA. Proposal was well received, although not funded. Some guidance and advice offered as tt how the proposal may be more likely to attract funding. Will develop the proposal to reflect that advice.

2.2 ABC Landline coverage

Took ABC Landline reporter and journalist Clint Jasper and a film crew up the narrows. Discussed challenges faced by Basin communities and the authorities in delivery and allocation of water, and total water availability under a range of development, drought and allocation scenarios.

3 National Conference

We have encountered significant challenges getting the 2019 Conference landing page finalised. Extensive work with Cvent is proving time consuming and difficult. Event registration page is expected to be launched this week.

4 Staffing

Cathy Keegan has been appointed to the position of EA to the CEO. Cathy brings with her extensive experience in managing and developing regional relationships across local government and complex community needs, having come from the role of Adviser: Indigenous Affairs Network - Department of Premier and Cabinet in the Northern Territory. Cathy will commence 1 May, with a primary focus of building membership and engagement through membership services.

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