



Chief Executive Officer's Report

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1. Appointments

Date	Event/meeting	Location
21/05/2019	MDA National Conference Committee Meeting	Zoom Video
21/05/2019	Recruitment Interview – Communication & Engagement Officer	In house
22/05/2019	Rural Leaders Australia – Basin Community Leadership project	In house
23/05/2019	Dept of Agricultural & Water Resources – Community Leadership Project	Teleconference
28/05/2019	Region 6 Discussions	Teleconference
29/05/2019	Recruitment Interview – Communication & Engagement Officer	In house
31/05/2019	Federal Member for Murray – Damian Drum Meeting	Shepparton
31/05/2019	Attendance at AGM – Region 2	Shepparton
03/06/2019	Roy Morgan – Social Research – Cotton Australia	Teleconference
03/06/2019	CEO update for Region 5 Ordinary Meeting	Zoom Video
03/06/2019	CEO discussions with Region 6	Zoom Video
04/06/2019	Recruitment Interview – Communication & Engagement Officer	In house
06/06/2019	Community Leadership Project discussions with Committee for Echuca/Moama CEO Nina OBrien	In house
06/06/2019	CEVENT Meeting	Zoom Video
07/06/2019	Connecting Catchments & Communities Moira – Mildura discussions	Zoom Video
11/06/2019	MDA National Conference Committee Meeting	Zoom Video
13/06/2019	SEGRA 2019 – Networking Opportunities	Zoom video
14/06/2019	EMFM Radio Interview	
15/06/2019	Mayor Heather Holmes Ross – Mitcham City Council	Canberra
17/06/2019	Exhibitor ALGA 2019 National Conference	Canberra
18/06/2019	Exhibitor ALGA 2019 National Conference	Canberra
18/06/2019	Matthew Mullins – McArthur – Basin Communities Leadership project – Engagement Opportunities	Canberra
19/06/2019	Exhibitor ALGA 2019 National Conference	Canberra
19/06/2019	Tony Maher – CEO – National Farmers Federation	Canberra
20/06/2019	National Carp Control Plan Workshop	Canberra
20/06/2019	Rachel Connell Department of Industry Water	Video Conference
20/06/2019	Carmel Pollino – CSIRO – Principal Research Scientist	Canberra
21/06/2019	National Carp Control Plan Workshop	

2. Engagements

2.1 The Federal Member for Murray – Damian Drum MP

Valuable and Productive meeting; discussing the Minister’s breadth of perspectives in relation to Basin Communities.

Establishing quarterly or six-monthly meetings between MDA and the Minister’s office.

Sharing of the productivity Commission Inquiry report “*Overview of the Murray Darling Basin Plan: 5-year assessment and Sharing the Water: One hundred years of River Murray politics.*”

2.2 CEO – Nina Obrien – Committee for Echuca Moama

Collaboration strategies and idea sharing for project and funding initiatives.

Community Leadership Project discussions.

2.3 EMFM – Radio (Interview)

ALGA Conference

Connecting Catchment and Communities

Media Release – Total water availability for ag a welcome discussion

2.4 SEGRA

The MDA will present at the Sustainable Economic Growth ofr Regional Australia (SEGRA) Conference in Barooga on 20-22 August. Details pending.

2.5 NSW Farmers Conference

The MDA is in discussions with NSW Farmers – having been invited to address their National Conference.

3 National Conference

Study tour itinerary confirmed with logistical components underway.

Sponsorship drive proceeding.

Sourcing Presenters on track with program guide to be completed by the end of June.

4 Administration

Recruitment of **Jessica Maher** – *Communication and Engagement Officer* commenced on Monday 3rd June 2019. Jessica has settled in extremely well and has remarkable skills sets which complement the team, a bright new talent for the organisation.

5 Projects

Community Leadership Program

MDA Executive staff have provided all relevant requested documentation to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources enabling drafting of contract.

Detailed discussions and invitations extended to various organisations for open tender submissions to facilitate, design and deliver the program.



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