



Chief Executive Officer's Report

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1. Appointments

Date	Event/meeting	Location
September 26, 2018	Strategic Advisory Subcommittee meeting	Echuca*
September 27, 2018	Perry McGrath – Department of Justice Office relocation	Echuca
September 27, 2018	MDA Region 4 Ordinary Meeting	Buronga*
October 2, 2018	Aventri demonstration	Sydney*
October 3, 2018	Anthony Massaro – Russell Kennedy Lawyers Review of CEO Contract	Echuca
October 5, 2018	MDBA – Nuffield Scholarship opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phillip Glyde – Chief Executive Officer, MDBA • Annette Blyton – Chief Operating Officer, MDBA • Murray Radcliffe – Director, Engagement, MDBA • Jodie Dean – Chief Executive Officer, Nuffield* 	Canberra
October 5, 2018	Australian Local Government Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrian Beresford-Wylie – Chief Executive Officer, ALGA 	Canberra
October 5, 2018	NSW Department of Industry – Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachell Connell – Executive Director • Ashraf El-Sherbini – Assistant Director, Strategic Relations 	Queanbeyan
October 5, 2018	National Carp Control Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Barwick – Co-ordinator, National Carp Control Plan • Jamie Allnut – Project Manager, National Carp Control Plan 	Canberra
October 8, 2018	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jody Swirepik – Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder • Mark Taylor - Assistant Secretary, Commonwealth Environmental Water Office 	Canberra
October 8, 2018	Dept Agriculture and Water Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Morris - First Assistant Secretary, Water Division • John Robertson - Sustainable Water, DAWR • Mary Colreavy - Water Recovery, DAWR • Richard McLoughlin - Assistant Secretary, Murray-Darling Basin Task Force and international engagement, DAWR • Andrew Weavers - DAWR • Kelly Noonan - DAWR 	Canberra
October 8, 2018	Dr Jackie Schirmer – University of Canberra	Canberra
October 9, 2018	Productivity Commission Stakeholder Working Group	Canberra
October 9, 2018	MDBA – review MOU for renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phillip Glyde – Chief Executive Officer, MDBA • Megan Winter - Acting General Manager, Engagement and Strategic Policy, MDBA • Nicholas Quigley - Executive Officer to CEO, MDBA 	Canberra

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Croucher - Assistant Director, Engagement, MDBA 	
October 9, 2018	Paul Morris - First Assistant Secretary, Water Division, DAWR	Canberra
October 9, 2018	Nicole Emara - Business Development Manager, CSIRO	Canberra
October 10, 2018	CSIRO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Keyworth - Business Development and Commercialisation Director, CSIRO • Nicole Emara - Business Development Manager, CSIRO 	Canberra
October 10, 2018	Andrew Lieschke - Manager, Land Services, Riverina Local Land Services	Wagga Wagga
October 11, 2018	Peter Waterman - Adjunct Professor, ILWS CSU	Echuca
October 12, 2018	EMFM Radio Program, monthly segment	Echuca
October 12, 2018	Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program webinar	Canberra*
October 16, 2018	Paul Osborn – Pimlico Writers	Echuca
October 16, 2018	Federation Council Councillor Workshop	Corowa
October 17, 2018	MDA Board Strategic Briefing	Echuca*
October 17, 2018	Strategic Advisory Subcommittee meeting	Echuca*
October 19, 2018	MDA Region 6 Ordinary Meeting	Tailem Bend*

* - Attendance by digital means

2. Engagements

Extensive engagement has occurred, as noted above, with formal responses pending.

An invitation has been received to meet with the South Australian Minister for Environment and Water, David Speirs and the Chair of Region 6 regarding 2018 AGM Resolution 5.6 (climate change adaptation).

A similar invitation has been received from the Victorian Minister for Water, Lisa Neville to meet with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning regarding 2018 AGM Resolution 5.18 (environmental impacts of commercial flows on Goulburn River).

Ongoing consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in relation to public consultation regarding additional criteria for on-farm efficiency measures.

3. Update on AGM Resolutions

See points 1 and 2 for details regarding outcomes from the 2018 AGM Resolutions.

The creation of web pages noting the progress of resolutions from past AGMs is occurring but has been challenging due to technical issues affecting the MDA website.

4. National Conference

Planning for the 75th National Conference is progressing, with monthly meetings proving to be valuable.

5. Administration



Training - School-based trainee, Annette Waters (right) completed her Certificate III in Business Administration on October 19.

Annette spent the past 18 months completing her studies as part of her Victorian Certificate of Education.

Meanwhile, MDA Communication and Administration Officer, Scott Bourne has started his Certificate IV in Business Administration.

Murray Mallee Training's Susie Stafford (centre) supervised Annette's coursework and will do the same for Scott's assessments.

Membes – The population of data into the MDA's Membes database is still not populated. Discussions are continuing.

ICT – This continues to be a significant risk to the MDA's operations.

6. Strategic Advisory Subcommittee

The Strategic Advisory Subcommittee held two meetings between Board Meetings 379 and 380 and are working on developing strategic advice on the regional boundaries review and financial capabilities.

7. Projects

Work is occurring to prepare a tender to be a delivery partner for the Murray-Darling Basin Water Infrastructure Program.

Discussions have occurred with the New South Wales Department of Industry regarding the development of a consultation standard.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Bradbury'.

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