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Including the 2014-15 Annual Report
of the Murray Darling Foundation

It's in the Balance



71st annual report of the Murray Darling Association Inc: 2014-15

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VISION

That the resources of the Murray Darling Basin are managed so as to deliver sustainable social and economic benefits, maintaining a healthy natural environment and thriving communities, now and into the future.

MISSION

To ensure that local government and community interests are properly recognised and represented at all levels of government; to develop and influence policy; and to ensure that the decisions that affect local communities are informed and influenced by the people they affect.

VALUES

The Murray Darling Association values the natural, social, cultural and productive resources of the Murray Darling Basin. We value the rights and responsibilities of local communities to inform and participate in the decisions that affect their community. We are committed to best practice in management; community engagement; public participation; and balanced and informed representation.

ENSURING BALANCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BASIN PLAN TO DELIVER ON THE TRIPLE BOTTOM-LINE

ENSURING SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS FOR OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

OPENING STATEMENT

The Murray Darling Association was formed in 1944 to provide sufficient, consistent and sustainable water supplies to support viable production in agriculture, business and industry across the basin while maintaining a healthy natural environment. Over 70 years on, a balanced approach to managing our natural and other resources is essential to deliver sustainable economic, social and environmental benefits to our local communities and future generations.

“IT’S IN THE BALANCE”



FOREWORD



The past year has seen a great deal of change at the Murray Darling Association. It has been said that there is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more challenging to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to embark upon a process of change. But, in order to ensure success and to maintain relevance, we must continually change and progress. And so, with a plenty of planning, courage, and commitment the Murray Darling Association has this year embarked on an ambitious program building on solid foundations to show that from the seeds of change comes renewal and growth.



The year has seen the introduction of contested election processes at the regional levels. With a battle of talent and ideas continuing to engage the most committed and progressive councils, individuals, and delegates. Memberships have increased slightly, and the momentum continues to build.

The re-launch of our website and social media has provided a new platform to engage with our stakeholders, members and the community.

We are proud to present sound financial statements that have been subject to the most rigorous analysis and audit. And we are pleased to deliver a tight but balanced budget for the busy and productive year of growth and renewal ahead.

This year has seen a commitment to centralized representation. With the head office located in Echuca, and our satellite projects based in Albury, the Murray Darling Association is well positioned to engage in a future that is the history we, the Basin community, have yet to write.

And so, with regard to the rich legacy that over 70 years continuous operation brings, the Murray Darling Association continues to learn from and value our rich history to inform and guide our bright future. John F Kennedy once said "Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." I think we can all agree... "It's in the Balance"

Cr Greg Toll
National President

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive

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ADVOCACY

The impacts of the Basin Plan on local communities, and other factors, demands strong and constructive advocacy to ensure local government participates effectively in making the decisions that affect their community. Positions prosecuted by the Murray Darling Association on behalf of members this year have delivered strong results, including contribution to the development of policy, review of legislation, including:



(L-R) Justine Elliot MP, Member for Richmond, Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Member for Hunter, Emma Bradbury, CEO MDA, Greg Toll, National President MDA, Lisa Chester MP, Member for Bendigo

- Review of the Basin Plan to ensure balanced weighting of economic, social and environmental impacts
- Greater flexibility for the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder to facilitate investment in water efficiency infrastructure and initiatives.
- Price of temporary water and its trajectory over recent seasons is constraining agriculture and is unsustainable.
- Legislation to cap buybacks at 1,500 Gigalitres.
- Ensuring that the 2750GL of environmental water to be recovered under the plan can be efficiently, effectively and safely delivered, and can achieve the intended outcomes.



Senators, MPs and guests at a Public Meeting in Barham to discuss the Senate Inquiry into the Basin Plan.



CEO Emma Bradbury discussing the Murray-Darling Basin Plan with Senators Leyonhjeln & Madigan, Dastari and Southern Riverina Irrigator's, John Bradford.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2014 - 15

The Murray Darling Association's board is constituted by the Regional Chairs of the twelve regions of the Murray-Darling Basin.

Each region is comprised of local government areas and municipalities that share common interests, resources, catchments and environmental systems.

Region 1	Mr Darryl Jacob OAM (ret. May 2015) Cr David Thurley	Albury, Vic Albury City Council, NSW
Region 2	Cr Greg Toll - National President	Campaspe Shire Council, Vic
Region 3	Cr Oscar Aertssen	Gannawarra Shire Council, Vic
Region 4	Cr Judy Harris	Mildura Rural City Council, Vic
Region 5	Cr Mike Fuller (res. April 2015) Cr Kevin Myers	Berri Barmerra Council, SA Mid-Murray Council, SA
Region 6	Cr Frank Tuckwell	Alexandrina Council, SA
Region 7	Cr Peter Jamieson – Treasurer	City of Port Adelaide Enfield, SA
Region 8	Mr Rodney Button – Vice President	Port Vincent, SA
Region 9	Cr Paul Maytom	Leeton Council, NSW
Region 10	Director Murray Wood	Dubbo City Council, NSW
Region 11	Vacant	Qld/NSW
Region 12	Vacant	Qld
Public Officer	Mr Bill Gorman	Mulwala, NSW

OUR STAFF

Ms Emma Bradbury	Chief Executive Officer	Echuca
Mr Adrian Wells	Manager Upper Catchment (Retired)	Albury
Ms Linda Deans	Executive Assistant (Jan 2015)	Albury
Mr Stan Gibney	Finance Manager	Echuca
Ms Sandra Adams	Executive Assistant	Echuca
Ms Alice Russell	Communications and Marketing Officer	Echuca

The 2014/2015 year saw further changes to staffing of the Murray Darling Association as the organisation completed its restructure. We have a close and committed team, working hard to deliver strong results for the organisation.

After almost 25 years service, Adrian Wells spent most

of the year on leave for health issues and will retire in September 2015. While no longer working in the organisation, Adrian remains an active member, and a valued source of knowledge and history. We thank Adrian for his service and contributions to the Murray Darling Association over the past 25 years.



Emma has a strong background in business management, with experience in both private enterprise and the public sector. She is committed to the principals of good governance and public participation.



Sandra joined the team in December 2014 as Executive Assistant, ensuring the smooth operation of the office. Sandra is an experienced EA with science background, having worked in the Environmental Science sector.



Stan came to the role of Finance Manager in April 2015, bringing a wealth of experience having worked internationally in finance management; internal and external audit; and governance processes across a range of industries.



Alice commenced June 2015 in the role of Marketing and Communications officer. Alice is already adding value with the launch of our new website, and reactivation of our online presence.

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

The current Constitution, while sound in its intent, has not kept pace with the requirements of the governing legislation, the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. Various drafts and amendments over the years have resulted in a number of inconsistencies that have tended to create confusion, and even divisions, Particularly regarding member's voting rights, and responsibilities.

In order to address these deficiencies, the board of the Murray Darling Association this year resolved to undertake a review the Constitution, to ensure good governance and compliance with our legal obligations.

The Murray Darling Association have partnered with Russell Kennedy Lawyers, though Andrew

Sherman to assist with this process. Andrew is a Law Institute Environmental, Planning & Local Government Law Accredited Specialist. Andrew has particular skills in Water Law. RK Lawyers is a valued partner and sponsor of the Murray Darling Association.

A revised draft of the Constitution will be circulated to all members later this year. The executive will undertake a comprehensive consultation process before circulating the final draft for approval prior to consideration for adoption at the 2016 AGM.

It is anticipated that changes will be minimal, with basic structures and principles remaining consistent with the intentions of the Associations forebears.



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Russell Kennedy is proud to continue its long association with the Murray Darling Association.



Andrew Sherman
Principal

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Andrew is a Law Institute Environment, Planning & Local Government Law Accredited Specialist. Andrew has particular skills in Water Law. His skills include major property and infrastructure projects with emphasis on negotiation skills and delivery of project outcomes.

Andrew was named Best Lawyers' 2014 Melbourne Water Law "Lawyer of the Year" and was recognised in 2012 - 2016 for his expertise in Water Law.



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70TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE AND AGM - FROM LITTLE THINGS, BIG THINGS GROW



Cr Greg Toll, CEO Emma Bradbury, Senator Simon Birmingham, Mayor Trina Thompson, and MDBA Chairman Hon. Craig Knowles.



The 2014 conference was a gala event held in Tumut Shire in Region 1 on Tuesday October 14. The event celebrated the Murray Darling Association Inc's 70th Anniversary.

The Conference was themed "From little things, big things grow", reflecting not only on the journey of the MDA as an organisation, but also on the nature of the very river systems that are our life force. It was a wonderful conference and the Study Tour through the Snowy Hydro scheme is still being talked about for all the best reasons today!

Hosted by Tumut Shire Council, Mayor Trina Thompson and General Manager Bob Stewart presented a dynamic and engaging event on behalf of their community.

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Darling Association Conference.*

OUR ONLINE PRESENCE

With the employment of a full time Marketing and Communications Officer, the Murray Darling Association has a new capacity to manage our online engagement. This capacity will ensure our members and interested public are informed of projects, meetings, opportunities and partnerships throughout the Murray Darling Basin which relate to the core business of the MDA.

The recent launch of a new website and the rejuvenation of social media will provide members with real time online communication platforms, in addition to providing the MDA with an opportunity to increase visibility to existing and new members and stakeholders.

Our current online presence consists of the website of the Murray Darling Association – www.mda.asn.au, Social media pages Twitter – twitter.com/MurrayDarlingAs and Facebook – facebook.com/pages/Murray-Darling-Association-Inc and websites for Save The Murray (savethemurray.com.au) and Discover the Darling (discoverthedarling.com.au).

In addition to Online Engagement listed above, the Murray Darling Association also maintains an email list of members interested in receiving our newsletter directly. If you would like to be placed on this mailing list please provide your details to a.russell@mda.asn.au.



OFFICE LOCATION

The 2014 restructure of the organisation saw the consolidation of multiple office locations, to a more centralised, modern and cost effective arrangement.

The Murray Darling Association's Echuca office is modern, spacious and accessible, providing a safe and comfortable work environment. This office was officially opened by the Hon. Sharman Stone earlier this year.



The Echuca Office Official Opening was attended by Murray Darling Association staff, Parks Victoria staff, traditional owners, Members of Parliament and Murray Darling Association Board and members.



Campaspe Shire Mayor Cr Leigh Wilson, Senator John Madigan, CEO Emma Bradbury, Hon. Sharman Stone MP, Cr Greg Toll, Vice President Rod Butler, and Hon. Peter Waslsh.

The MDA still retains a direct connection with our foundations in Albury. This year saw the Murray Darling Association move from our long held premises above the NAB in Kiewa St, to an office space with the Albury City Council. Close to partner organisations including RAMROC, and the Albury City Council, the move serves to increase efficiencies and strengthen partnerships.

PUBLICATIONS

Up and Doing Wells A, 2014, A brief history of the Murray Valley Development League and the Murray Darling Association from 1944 to 2014. Murray Darling Association, October 2014.

Dr Dave Outback Series Education Resource. Murray Darling Association & Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, 2014.

Creative Catchment Kids: Local Land Heroes. Murray Darling Association & Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, 2014.

Promoting Agricultural Careers in NSW Murray Region. Report prepared for the Murray Local Land Services, March 2015. Murray Darling Association & Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, 2015. EDUCATION RESOURCE.

Annual Report of the Murray Darling Association and Murray Darling Foundation: 2013-14. Murray Darling Association, October 2014.

Social and Economic Impacts of the Basin Plan Local Government Data Collection Project 2014 Murray Darling Association's Report and recommendations to the MDBA, June 2015.

Water Act Amendment Bill 2015 Murray Darling Association submission.

2014 Review of the Water Act 2007 Murray Darling Association submission.

DVD


Cultural Heritage at Lake Victoria. Murray Darling Association & Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre 2014.



Adrian Wells with student authors at the Henty Field Days.



Stacey Staunton-Lettimer, Adrian Wells, Gerry Rodda, Hon Katrina Hodgkins NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Rob Kelly, Ms. Alex Anthony.




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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

Murray–Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)

and

Murray Darling Association Inc. (MDA)

The parties seek to establish a strategic alliance which will maximise their collective energies, engagement and influence for the overall benefit of the Murray–Darling Basin and the communities dependent on the basin's resources, via the implementation of the Basin Plan.

The parties recognise the importance of mutual cooperation, consultation and knowledge sharing, and through respect and commitment to their ongoing relationship have hereby reached the following understanding:

The Parties

The MDBA was established under the Commonwealth Water Act 2007 as an independent, expertise-based statutory agency. Its role includes advising a six-member Authority, of which the Chief Executive is a member, about Basin-wide strategy, policy and planning. MDBA undertakes activities that support the sustainable and integrated management of the water resources of the Murray–Darling Basin in a way that best meets the social, economic and environmental needs of the basin and its communities.

The MDA was founded in 1944 as the Murray Valley Development League. It is an association of local government municipalities in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Victoria, as well as community groups, businesses, individuals and agencies with an interest in ensuring that the Murray–Darling Basin continues as a viable and valuable asset for all Australians.

The MDA provides a focus for local government and community participation in the major natural resource issues of the Murray–Darling Basin. It provides information, facilitates debate, identifies needs and priorities, undertakes projects and education initiatives, and promotes research. Since 1944, the MDA has contributed to a number of important initiatives. These include water conservation, decentralisation, tourism, the Snowy Scheme, catchment management, water quality, regional development, formation of the Murray–Darling Basin Ministerial Council, promotion of dry land salinity control measures and developed awareness and managed pest plants and animals.

The Nature of the Collaboration

Local government clearly plays a key role in the governance of the Murray–Darling Basin. The MDBA places a great importance on knowledge generation and access to that knowledge by its community partners so that effective water management decision making is supported. The MDBA thereby recognises the valuable role of the MDA in drawing on local government knowledge from across the basin and respects its insight, expertise and understanding of its more than 100 member local government councils and of the wider community membership throughout and beyond the Murray–Darling Basin. The importance of working closely with the MDA will remain crucial as the MDBA continues to advance water reform activities in the basin.

The MDA recognises the MDBA as the primary body for the coordinated management of water resources in the Murray–Darling Basin, with the responsibility for establishing and pursuing the directives and policies as set out under the Water Act, the Basin Plan, the Murray–Darling Basin Agreement, and as directed by the Murray–Darling Basin Ministerial Council.

This Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed after five years of its date of signing.

Shared Objectives

In recognition of the commonality of the work undertaken and therefore the mutual challenges faced, both parties agree:

1. The inter-relationship between an informed basin community and good decision making is acknowledged and both parties will strive to reach excellence in information exchange and collaboration. This may include providing advice, if possible, on relevant matters if requested by the other party, regularly providing relevant and up-to-date information to the other party and cooperating to provide the best possible local government and community engagement and representation on key water management issues.
2. Local government issues within the Murray–Darling Basin should be given due consideration in the implementation of basin policies and programs.
3. To attend, where possible, or provide opportunities to disseminate relevant material at each party's respective meetings, forums and conferences.

Specifically:

- the MDBA chairman and/or chief executive will confer quarterly with the MDA president and/or general manager to provide updates and exchange information.
- the parties will mutually support and, where appropriate, promote information exchange between themselves, constituent members (local authorities) and government agencies as appropriate.
- involve the MDA in the gathering and collection of data as it relates to the MDBA's monitoring and evaluation framework and reporting requirements dealing with social and economic impacts. The MDBA will consider resource implications of such work and will assist where appropriate.

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Resourcing and Financial Arrangements

This document is not intended to create binding or legal obligations on either party. Neither party has any authority to act on behalf of other parties unless specifically granted.

Both parties shall ensure that there is a direct reporting line in their respective organisations to facilitate efficient and timely information exchange.

Both parties agree to make available and cover any costs of such of their staff and resources, as they may separately find possible and appropriate, to work on and mutually benefit from the collaboration.

Intellectual Property

Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding amounts to a license or transfer of any intellectual property or information disclosed. Each of the parties agrees to keep as commercial-in-confidence information disclosed by the other party on a confidential basis.

Marketing and Publicity

Both parties agree to consult each other and gain consent before publicly promoting any joint collaboration that may arise from this Memorandum of Understanding.

Review and Evaluation

Parties shall endeavour, where possible to regularly visit local government bodies for proper review and evaluation of the benefits of infrastructure investments made as a result of Basin Plan initiatives or other factors that have resulted in new investments for those local government communities and regions, where multiple local councils are sharing investment and working together.

For and on behalf of MDBA


The Hon Craig Knowles – Chairman MDBA
Date 12-12-2013

For and on behalf of MDA


Dr. Greg Todd – National President MDA
Date 12-12-2013

For and on behalf of MDA


Mr. Ken Rogers – Immediate Past President MDA

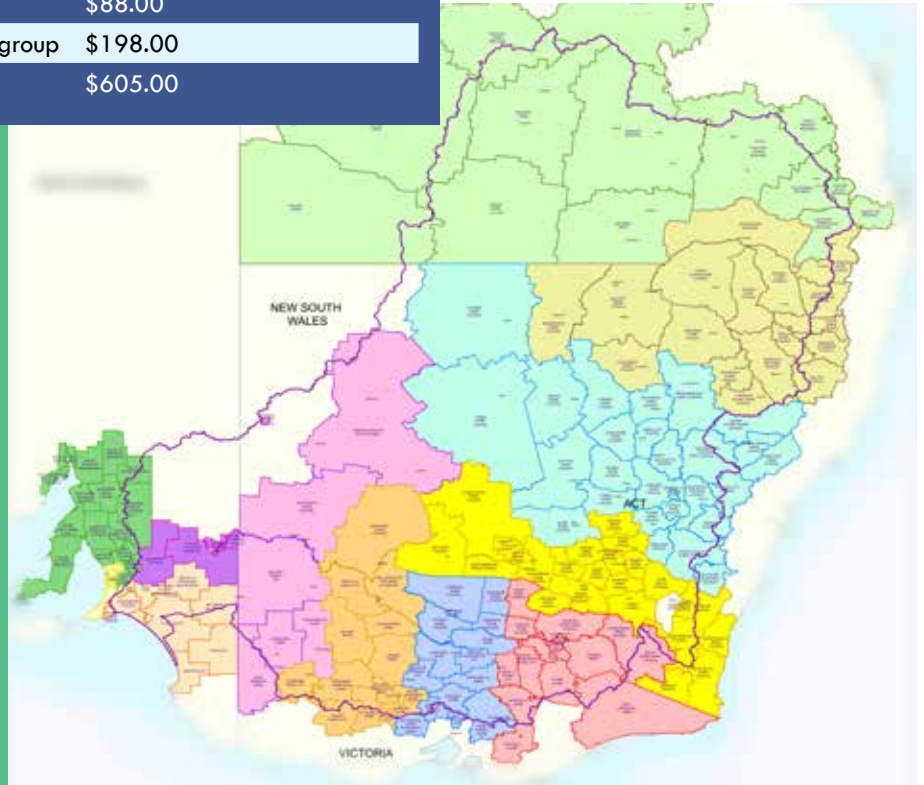
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Working together with the MDA for the overall benefit of the Murray Darling Basin and its communities.

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND CATEGORIES 2014/15

	Fees (including GST)
Local Govt/Council	\$0.264php to \$6,050.00
Individual Member	\$66.00
Pensioner	\$45.00
Life Member	\$0.00
Member of Parliament	\$88.00
Small business & Non profit community group	\$198.00
Corporation and Statutory Entity	\$605.00



The Murray Darling Association has a membership that includes of local government municipalities, individuals and businesses across the basin. Taking in areas along the Murray, Darling, Murrumbidgee and other rivers in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia as well as communities that rely on water from the Murray-Darling Basin, our members represent a large and varied area of Australia.

Member councils include some of Australia's richest irrigated and dryland farming land, producing billions of dollars worth of produce for local and export markets. Water from the Basin contributes to social and economic health and wellbeing well beyond its boundaries and the area is of considerable heritage, environmental, tourism and recreational significance.

The basin footprint extends from central Queensland in the north, and south almost to Melbourne in the south. Spanning from the headwaters of the Snowy River in the east to Adelaide in the west, the Murray- Darling Basin incorporates 14% of the Australian continent.

The 12 regions of the basin are grouped according to communities of interest along river systems and wetlands, irrigation districts and by geographic distinction.

Regional boundaries are defined not by state border but by local government areas, reflecting our close connection with local government, communities and the people within them.

REGIONS OF THE MDA

We acknowledge our valued member councils, and extend an invitation to all non-members to consider the benefits of joining the MDA to ensure their communities are represented and they are able to inform and influence policy decisions that affect their area.

Interested councils or others can contact admin@mda.asn.au or phone 03 5480 3805 for more information on becoming a member.

* Current member counts

Region One

*Albury City Council	*Urana Shire Council	East Gippsland Shire Council
*Corowa Shire Council	*Wodonga City Council	Mansfield Shire Council
*Greater Hume Shire Council	Alpine Shire Council	Snowy River Shire Council
*Indigo Shire Council	Baw Baw Shire Council	Wangaratta Rural City Council
*Towong Shire Council	Benalla Rural City Council	
*Tumbarumba Shire Council		

Region Two

*Berrigan Shire Council	*Jerilderie Shire Council	Mitchell Shire Council
*Campaspe Shire Council	*Moirra Shire Council	Murrindindi Shire Council
*Congaro Shire Council	*Murray Shire Council	Strathbogie Shire Council
*Deniliquin Shire Council	Greater Bendigo City Council	Whittlesea City Council
*Greater Shepparton City Council	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Region Three

*Balranald Shire Council	Ballarat City Council	Mount Alexander Shire Council
*Gannawarra Shire Council	Buloke Shire Council	
*Loddon Shire Council	Central Goldfields Shire Council	Northern Grampians Shire Council
*Swan Hill Rural City Council	Hepburn Shire Council	Pyrenees Shire Council
*Wakool Shire Council	Horsham Rural City Council	
Ararat Rural City Council	Moorabool Shire Council	

Region Four

*Broken Hill City Council	*Mildura Shire Council	West Wimmera Shire Council
*Central Darling Shire Council	*Wentworth Shire Council	Yarriambiack Shire Council

Region Five

*Berri Barmera Council	*District Council of Loxton	*District Council of Karoonda East
*Renmark Paringa Council	Waikerie	Murray
*Mid Murray Council		

Region Six

*Alexandrina Council	*Tatiara District Council	Kingston District Council
*Coorong District Council	*Southern Mallee District Council	City of Victor Harbour
	*The Rural City of Murray Bridge	

Region Seven

*Adelaide City Council	*City of Playford	City of Marion
*Campbelltown City Council	*City of Port Adelaide Enfield	City of Salisbury
*City of Burnside		City of Prospect
*City of Holdfast Bay	*City of Unley	City of Tea Tree Gully
*City of Mitcham	*City of West Torrens	District Council of Yankalilla
*City of Norwood	*Northern Areas Council	Town of Gawler
Payneham & St. Peters	*Town of Walkerville	The District Council of Mount Barker
*City of Onkaparinga	City of Charles Sturt	

Region Eight

*District Council of Barunga West	*The District Council of Mallala	*Wakefield Regional Council
*District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton	*The District of Mount Remarkable	Adelaide Hills Council
*District Council of Yorke Peninsula	*District Council of Peterborough	Clair and Gilbert Valleys Council
*Light Regional Council	*Port Pirie Regional Council	District Council of the Cooper Coast
*The Barossa Council	*The Regional Council of Goyder	
	*Whyalla City Council	

Region Nine

*Carrathool Shire Council	*Wagga Wagga City Council	Junee Shire Council
*Griffith City Council	Australian Capital Territory	Palerang Council
*Gundagai Shire Council	Government	Queenbeyan City Council
*Hay Shire Council	Bega Valley	Temora Shire Council
*Leeton Shire Council	Coolamin Shire Council	Weddin Shire Council
*Lockhart Shire Council	Cooma-Monaro Shire Council	Yass Valley Council
*Murrumbidgee Shire Council	Cootamundra Shire Council	Young Shire Council
*Narrandera Shire Council	Eurobodalla Shire Council	
*Tumut Shire Council	Harden Shire Council	

Region Ten

*Bathurst Regional Council	*Warren Shire Council	Goulburn Mulwaree Council
*Bogan Shire Council	*Wellington Shire	Muswellbrook Shire Council
*Bourke Shire Council	Bland Shire Council	Oberon Council
*Cobar Shire Council	Blayney Shire Council	Orange City Council
*Dubbo City Council	Boorowa Council	Parkes Shire Council
*Forbes Shire Council	Cabonne Council	Singelton Shire Council
*Lachlan Shire Council	City of Lithgow Council	Upper Hunter Shire Council
*Mid-Western Regional Council	Corowa Shire Council	Upper Lachlan Shire Council
*Narromine Shire Council	Gilgandra Shire Council	Warrumbungle Shire Council

Region Eleven

*Brewarrina Shire Council	Armidale Dumaresq Council	Inverell Shire Council
*Coonamble Shire Council	Glen Innes Severn Council	Liverpool Plains Shire
*Gwydir Shire Council	Goondiwindi Regional Council	Narrabri Shire Council
*Moree Plains Shire Council	Gunnedah Shire Council	Tamworth Regional Council
*Tenterfield Shire Council	Guyra Shire Council	Uralla Shire Council
*Walgett Shire Council		Walcha Council

Region Twelve

*Balonne Shire Council	*Western Downs Regional Council	Goondiwindi Regional Council
*Maranoa Regional Council	Blackall Tambo Regional Council	Lockyer Valley Regional Council
*Paroo Shire Council	Bulloo Shire Council	Murweh Shire Council
*Southern Downs Regional Council	Central Highlands Regional Council	Quilpie Shire Council
*Toowoomba Regional Council		Scenic Rim Regional Council
		South Burnett Regional Council



Wakool Mayor Cr Neil Gorey, Lisa Chesters MP - Member for Bendigo, John Lolicato Wakool rice farmer, Roger Knight WMLIG, Greg Toll.



Region 8 Meeting in Port Pirie, Regional Council Rod Button.



Lisa Chesters MP - Member for Bendigo visiting Kogome Food Manufacturing, Echuca.

HONOUR ROLL OF THE MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION

LIFE MEMBERS

Mr Graham Camac – Meningie

Mr David Dalzell – Whyalla

Mr Max Moor – Barmah

Ms Pauline Frost – Adelaide

Mr Phillip Moore – Melbourne

Mr Don Oberin – Echuca

Mr Les Hill – Berri

Mr Brian J Grogan OAM – Mildura

Mr Kevin Pell OAM – Nathalia

Mr Bill Gorman – Mulwala

Dr Terry Hillman AM – Lavington

Mr Phillip Potter – Narooma

Mr Jim Hullick OAM – Adelaide

Cr Wulf Reichler – Brewarrina

Mr Jack James Larkin OAM – Spring Gully

Mr J Bede Mecham – Wagga Wagga

HONORARY PATRON – Mr E Noel Fitzpatrick, M Sc (Agric), AM, FAIS FAIM. Accepted 1995

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Ken Rogers of Dubbo City Council was responsible for that organisation joining the Murray Darling Association in 2005. Ken then led the establishment of Region 10 in NSW in conjunction with Life Member, Bede Mecham.

Ken served as National President of the MDA from 2009 to 2013, a period defined across the Basin community by the often controversial consultation process surrounding the introduction of the Basin Plan.

Perhaps Ken's greatest legacy

to this organisation has been his visionary recognition of the need for the organisation to embrace and manage change in order to stay strong, relevant and future focused. In February 2014, at a meeting in Forbes, Ken Rogers presented to the Board a comprehensive proposal titled "Change Management Package: A new era for the Murray Darling Association begins in 2014".

It is fitting then that, Ken Rogers is recognised in 2015 with the awarding of a Life Membership

to the Murray Darling Association.





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Region 7 Campbelltown Council Mayor, Simon Brewer, Region 7 Chair Cr Peter Jameson, CEO Emma Bradbury, National President Greg Toll.

PRESIDENTS

D G Padman – Albury	1944 to 1952	Jim M Hullick OAM – Adelaide	1986 to 1989
J G Strangman – Waikerie	1952 to 1956	Graham C Camac – Meningie	1989 to 1992
Henry Lester Smith OBE – Kerang	1956 to 1960	Max Moor – Barmah	1992 to 1998
E Verco Whyte – Wentworth	1960 to 1965	Ray Trestrail – Albury	1998 to 2000
Robert S Rankin OBE – Rochester	1965 to 1968	Brian Sharp OAM – Moama	2000 to 2003
Tom E Pearsall – Albury	1968 to 1971	Brian J Grogan OAM – Mildura	2003 to 2006
Paul Gerard Schmidt – Mannum	1971 to 1974	Bill Gorman – Mulwala	2006 to 2009
Jim W Gemmell – Cobram	1974 to 1977	Ken Rogers – Dubbo	2009 to 2013
Jack J Larkin OAM – Kooloonong	1977 to 1982	Cr Greg Toll – Gunbower	2013 to -
Don K Oberin – Echuca	1982 to 1986		

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

1	1945	Albury NSW	36	1980	Deniliquin NSW
2	1946	Shepparton Victoria	37	1981	Wentworth NSW
3	1947	Murray Bridge South Australia	38	1982	Murray Bridge South Australia
4	1948	Swan Hill Victoria	39	1983	Echuca Victoria
5	1949	Wentworth NSW	40	1984	Adelaide South Australia
6	1950	Berri South Australia	41	1985	Jerilderie NSW
7	1951	Corowa NSW	42	1986	Mildura Victoria
8	1952	Victor Harbor South Australia	43	1987	Albury NSW
9	1953	Albury NSW	44	1988	Renmark South Australia
10	1954	Mildura Victoria	45	1989	Barham NSW
11	1955	Kerang Victoria	46	1990	Murray Bridge South Australia
13	1957	Barmera South Australia	48	1992	Whyalla South Australia
14	1958	Deniliquin NSW	49	1993	Wentworth NSW
15	1959	Mt Beauty Victoria	50	1994	Yarrawonga & Mulwala NSW
16	1960	Renmark South Australia	51	1995	Broken Hill NSW
17	1961	Swan Hill Victoria	52	1996	Barmera South Australia
18	1962	Albury NSW	53	1997	Swan Hill Victoria
19	1963	Victor Harbor South Australia	54	1998	Strathalbyn South Australia
20	1964	Mildura Victoria	55	1999	Moama NSW
21	1965	Yarrawonga Victoria	56	2000	Brewarrina NSW
22	1966	Adelaide South Australia	57	2001	Buronga NSW
23	1967	Shepparton Victoria	58	2002	Whyalla South Australia
24	1968	Deniliquin NSW	59	2003	Corowa NSW
25	1969	Waikerie South Australia	60	2004	Renmark South Australia
26	1970	Mildura Victoria	61	2005	Dubbo NSW
27	1971	Kerang Victoria	62	2006	Barham NSW
28	1972	Murray Bridge South Australia	63	2007	Bourke NSW
29	1973	Echuca Victoria	64	2008	Leeton NSW
30	1974	Corowa NSW	65	2009	Elizabeth SA
31	1975	Loxton South Australia	66	2010	Beechworth VIC
32	1976	Wodonga Victoria	67	2011	Dalby QLD
33	1977	Camberwell Victoria	68	2012	Mildura VIC
34	1978	Swan Hill Victoria	69	2013	Goolwa SA
35	1979	Berri South Australia	70	2014	Tumut, NSW

RECOGNITIONS



Cr Bernard Curtin

Mayor of Berrigan Shire Council (NSW), Bernard is a strong and active member of Region 2. He was awarded an OAM this year for his outstanding contribution to the Berrigan community.

Adrian Wells

Adrian spent his working life in the Murray-Darling Basin. Committed to community engagement, participation and partnerships, Adrian maintained a strong focus on school and community education projects across the Murray-Darling Basin within the role of Upper Catchment Manager with the Murray Darling Association, commencing in 1993. Adrian ceased work with the MDA in November 2014 due to ill health, but remains an active member of the MDA.



Darryl Jacob OAM

Previously a councillor with Greater Hume Shire, Darryl Jacob continued as a member of the Murray Darling Association and chair of Region One until May 2015. Darryl is a passionate environmentalist and still chairs the management committee of the award-winning Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre at Burrumbuttock.

VALE

Roy Baird of Bethanga (VIC)

Roy was an active member of Region One for many years. Roy's great passion was to see improved and coordinated management of the Basin's rivers, not just the Murray River. He was pleased to have lived to see the introduction of the Basin Plan.

Neil McKinnon OAM (NSW)

A former councillor with Jerilderie Shire Council (NSW), Neil was a long-time and active member of Region 2. His wife, Dot, always accompanied him to Region meetings and national conferences. Both Neil and beloved Dot passed away in 2014. In the early 1980s, Neil played a pivotal role in broadening the focus of the organisation, to encompass the entire basin.



THE VISION OF THE MURRAY DARLING FOUNDATION IS TO PROVIDE FOR PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS, LAND AND RIVER CARE, REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE BASIN.

MURRAY DARLING FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2014 - 15

The Murray Darling Foundation, an initiative of the Murray Darling Association Inc., was established in 1998 to enable businesses, organisations and individuals to contribute in a tax-effective way to improve, maintain and

restore the land and water resources of the Murray- Darling Basin. The foundation is listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations, and enjoys deductible gift status.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Honorary patron

Professor John F Lovering AO, FAA, FTSA, MSC, PhD, DSc (Hon. Causa)

Committee members

2014 saw a significant changing of the guard on the Foundation Committee. Following the retirement from active participation on Foundation matters of both Brian Grogan and Adrian Wells during the year, the committee was unable to meet the obligations under the rules, and tendered their resignation in late 2014.

The Board of the Murray Darling Association thanked the Foundation Committee for their important contributions to date and said the

organisation will call for interested members and individuals to consider a position on the committee. It will be important that we ensure we have the best people with the right skills to guide and deliver on the important work and the objectives of the Foundation.

Cr Oscar Aertssen, Chairman Region 3 is currently serving as the Interim Chair of the Foundation.

Any members interested in taking a place on the committee have been encouraged to lodge an expression of interest in joining the Foundation. For further information, contact Sandra Adams at admin@mda.asn.au.

TAX DEDUCTABILITY

The foundation is approved under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, to receive tax deductible donations.

All gifts over \$2.00 to the foundation are tax deductible.

The foundation also has designated gift recipient (DGR) status.

All funds are receipted and acknowledged.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2014 - 15

The 2014 Local Government Travelling Bursary was awarded to Ms. Ruth Golden, to investigate the challenges of managing landfill in geographically remote regions.

McArthur Management Services is supporting a program of travelling bursaries to allow younger NRM and catchment management authority employees to expand their knowledge and skill base by visiting other areas of natural resource management significance across the Murray-Darling Basin.

In 2014, the foundation awarded the Albert Heslop Memorial Bursary in memory of Albert

Heslop, to Nathan free of Wattle Organic farms P/L. The bursary focuses on young growers in the horticultural industry.

In 2007, the foundation established a Water bank, to invest in water for environmental purposes. Small parcels of high security permanent water from NSW, Victoria and South Australia were being purchased for use in the long-term and will be added to over time. The foundation will use the water for works that benefit Murray-Darling Basin councils, environments and their communities. The program is being supported by a range of business and community groups.



Proud hosts of the 2015 Murray Darling Association Annual Conference

ACKNOWLEDGING THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS

The Murray Darling Foundation has adopted a scale of categories for donors to give recognition to foundation contributors. The categories listed overleaf, as at June 2015, recognise cumulative support over the years.

PRINCIPAL DONORS

Super Platinum

Principal super platinum donors have each contributed over \$100,000 to the foundation

Platinum

Principal platinum donors have each contributed over \$50,000 to the foundation

Reckitt Benckiser – Sydney NSW

Gold

Principal gold donors have each contributed over \$25,000 to the foundation

Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Services – Canberra ACT

Elliott Newspaper Group Pty Ltd – Mildura VIC

McDonalds Owners Coop, SA – Adelaide SA

Trentham Estate Pty Ltd – Gol Gol NSW

NSW Environment Trust – Sydney NSW

SunSalt Pty Ltd – Mildura VIC

Merbein Mushrooms – Merbein VIC

Silver

Principal silver donors have each contributed over \$12,500 to the foundation

Kingston Estate Winery – Kingston SA

Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority – Buronga NSW

Mallee Catchment Management Authority – Mildura VIC

McArthur Management Services – Melbourne VIC

Peat's Soils & Garden Supplies – Adelaide SA

Mildura Theatre Brewery Ltd – Mildura VIC

Murray Catchment Management Authority – Deniliquin NSW

Murray-Darling Basin Commission – Canberra ACT

Murray Goulburn Cooperative Co Ltd – Melbourne VIC

SunSalt Pty Ltd – Mildura VIC

Russell Kennedy Solicitors – Melbourne VIC

Bronze

Principal bronze donors have each contributed over \$6,250 to the foundation

Murray Goulburn Coop Ltd - Melbourne VIC

Savings and Loans Credit Union - Adelaide SA

Stefano's Restaurant - Mildura VIC

Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning - Melbourne VIC

Murrumbidgee Valley Water Users Association Inc. - Darlington Point NSW

Murray-Darling Basin Authority - Canberra ACT

HONOUR DONORS

Gold

Honour gold donors have each contributed over \$5,000 to the foundation

Brihelg Services - Mildura VIC

Broken Hill Community Credit Union Ltd. - Broken Hill NSW

Teys (Cargill Beef Australia) - Wagga Wagga NSW

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (Pratt Water Fund) - Bendigo VIC

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority - Shepparton VIC

L and K Thompson - Mildura VIC

Lower Murray Water - Mildura VIC

The Environment Group - Sydney NSW

Murray Catchment Management Authority - Deniliquin NSW

Western Catchment Management Authority - Dubbo NSW

Silver

Honour silver donors have each contributed over \$3,000 to the foundation

Arumpo Bentonite - Mildura VIC

Max Schmidt Family Trust - Paringa SA

Mildura Rural City Council - Mildura VIC

Pro Hart Charity Board - Broken Hill NSW

South Australia's Murray-Darling BASin NRM Board - Murray Bridge SA

Murray Valley Winegrape Industry Development Committee - Mildura VIC

Cristal Mining - Broken Hill NSW

Murray Mallee Training Company - Swan Hill VIC

Bronze

Honour bronze donors have each contributed over \$2,000 to the foundation

Goulburn-Murray Water - Tatura VIC

Greenwood Holdings - Adelaide SA

PowerCorp - Mildura VIC

Royal Automobile Club Victoria - Melbourne VIC

Tankard Dental Pty Ltd. - Mildura VIC

Yass Valley Council - Yass NSW

Wentworth & District Community Bank - Wentworth NSW

Country Energy - Grafton NSW

Tasco Inland Australia Pty Ltd. - Mildura VIC

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC

DIRECTORS REPORT

Your Board of Directors submit the financial report of the Murray Darling Association Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

BOARD MEMBERS

The names of the Board Members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Cr Greg Toll	National President
Mr Rodney Button	Vice President
Cr Peter Jamieson	Treasurer
Mr Daryl Jacob OAM	R1 (retired May 2015)
Cr David Thurley	R1 (Appointed May 2015)
Cr Greg Toll	R2
Cr Oscar Aertssen	R3
Cr Judi Harris	R4
Cr Mike Fuller	R5 (Resigned April 2015)
Cr Kevin Myers	R5 (Appointed April 2015)
Cr Alan Oliver	R6 (Retired November 2014)
Cr Frank Tuckwell	R6 (Appointed November)
Cr Peter Jamieson	R7
Mr Rodney Button	R8
Cr Paul Maytom	R9
Mr Murray Wood	R10
Mr Bill Gorman	Public Officer

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Association during the financial year was to actively seek the effective use of water in the Murray Darling Basin and to assist in its protection and sustainable development to achieve wise conservation.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

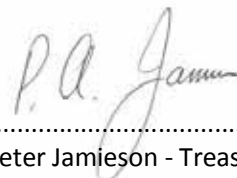
OPERATING RESULT

The (deficit)/surplus from ordinary activities after providing for movements in unexpended Project Funds was (\$274,037) – (2014 -\$309,311)

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:



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Cr Greg Toll – National President



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Cr Peter Jamieson - Treasurer

Dated 14 August 2015

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC

COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
INCOME			
Grants	2	34,091	-
Memberships	3	176,694	187,460
Operating Activities	4	85,423	162,164
External Projects	5	43,972	56,779
Movement in Unexpended Project Funds	6	45,009	408,143
Profit On Sale Of Non-Current Assets		-	89,124
		1,810	-
		<u>386,999</u>	<u>903,670</u>
LESS EXPENDITURE			
Administration Costs		1,088	13,838
Accounting & Audit Fees		42,729	69,323
Activities & Events		11,598	56,217
Bad Debts Written Off		-	200
Bank Charges		1,116	1,344
Computer & IT costs		3,502	-
Debenture Interest		-	(165)
Depreciation	7	12,743	15,175
Electricity		1,905	3,094
External Projects		253,457	266,213
Gas		-	372
Impairment Loss on Fixed Assets		-	2,930
Insurance		1,657	2,752
Interest Paid		2,472	1,572
Legal Costs		-	40
Licences & Subscriptions		1,464	-
Management Consulting fees		23,891	-
Marketing (& Advertising)		12,422	-
Meetings		-	5,557
Motor Vehicle Expenses		11,735	11,268
Payroll Expenses		202,567	93,951
Postage		5,531	2,735
Printing And Stationery		13,952	4,210
Rates And Taxes		572	2,382
Rent		19,514	23,407
Repairs and Maintenance		2,744	-
Telephone & Communications		12,277	8,079
Travel Expenses		19,608	9,865
Waste Removal		2,492	-
		<u>661,036</u>	<u>594,359</u>
NET RESULT FOR THE YEAR		<u>(274,037)</u>	<u>309,311</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash At Bank	8	220,827	182,860
Trade Debtors	9	2,802	210,593
Prepayment		3,360	-
Investments	10	144,050	104,927
		<u>371,039</u>	<u>498,380</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Plant & Equipment	11	35,954	49,770
		<u>35,954</u>	<u>49,770</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>406,993</u>	<u>548,150</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Hire Purchase Liability	12	12,540	4,766
Payables	13	130,140	20,325
Tax Payable	14	42,321	27,313
Employee Benefits	15	27,291	27,008
		<u>212,292</u>	<u>79,412</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Debenture Loans		5,500	5,500
		<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>217,792</u>	<u>84,912</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>189,201</u>	<u>463,238</u>
EQUITY			
Retained Profits		<u>189,201</u>	<u>463,238</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>189,201</u>	<u>463,238</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2013	153,927
Net Result for the year	<u>309,311</u>
Balance at 30 June 2014	<u><u>463,238</u></u>
Balance at 1 July 2014	463,238
Net Result for the year	<u>(274,037)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2015	<u><u>189,201</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$ Inflows (Outflows)	2014 \$ Inflows (Outflows)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Grant Receipts		37,500	-
Other Receipts		580,673	709,715
Interest Received		3,099	10,007
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(591,491)	(784,897)
Interest Paid		(2,471)	(1,572)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	19	<u>27,310</u>	<u>(66,747)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase of Property Plant & Equipment		(35,299)	-
Proceeds from Sale of Assets		38,182	-
Increase in Investments		-	(6,814)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		<u>2,883</u>	<u>(6,814)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Additional borrowings		14,118	-
Repayments of Borrowings		(6,344)	(3,571)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities		<u>7,774</u>	<u>(3,571)</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash held		37,967	(77,132)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period		<u>182,860</u>	<u>259,992</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	20	<u><u>220,827</u></u>	<u><u>182,860</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009* and the *Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010*. The Board has determined that the not-for-profit Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report covers Murray Darling Association Inc. as an individual entity. Murray Darling Association Inc. is a not-for-profit association incorporated in New South Wales under the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009* and the *Associations Incorporation Regulation (NSW) 2010*.

The financial report has been prepared on a going concern and accruals basis, and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is also the Association's functional currency.

a. Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Association is exempt from income tax pursuant to Division 50, section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

b. Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. The depreciable amount of all Fixed Assets is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

c. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Board reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

d. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and at banks.

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e. Revenue

Membership, Grants, Project, Activities & Interest revenue are recognised when received.

Donations and bequests are recognised in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1004

- (a) the entity gains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution; and
- (b) it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the entity; and
- (c) the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

f. Employee Provisions

(i) Wages and Salaries

Liabilities for wages and salaries are recognised and measured as the amount unpaid at balance date and include appropriate on costs such as superannuation.

(ii) Annual Leave

Annual leave entitlements are accrued on a pro rata basis in respect of services provided by employees up to balance date and are measured at the amount expected to be paid, including appropriate on costs, when the accrued obligation is settled.

(iii) Long Service Leave

A liability for long service leave for permanent and casual employees is recognised. The liability for permanent employees is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels including on costs, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using interest rates on national government guaranteed securities with terms to maturity that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

The liability for casual employees is measured as the amount expected to be paid, including appropriate on costs, when the accrued obligation is settled. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels including on costs, experience of employee departures and periods of service.

The amount relating to employees who have accrued ten or more years' service is recognised as a current liability in the Statement of Financial Position. All other amounts are recognised as a non-current liability.

g. Trade and Other Receivables

Contractual receivables includes accrued interest and other minor receivables. They are recognised at fair value.

h. Trade and Other Payables

Contractual payables arise when the association becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of goods and services. They are initially recognised at fair value, and then subsequently carried at amortised cost.

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i. Leases

Leases of Fixed Assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset (but not the legal ownership) are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases

Finance lease are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for that period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a diminishing value basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term. Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred

j. Murray Darling Foundation

The Murray Darling Foundation was established by the Murray Darling Association Inc. as a 'Gift Fund' to receive tax deductible donations. The principal activity of the Foundation is to support the objectives of the Murray Darling Association Inc. The Foundation may receive gifts of money or property which are eligible tax deductible donations under item 6.1.1 of sub-section 30-55(1) of the Income Tax Assessment 1997.

A reconciliation of funds held for the Foundation as at 30 June 2015 is as follows:

	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2014	61,420
2014/15 Donation, Gift and associated income	22,419
	<u>83,839</u>
Surplus on valuation of water shares	7,529
Foundation payments for 2014/15	<u>(33,163)</u>
Foundation Funds balance as at 30 June 2015	<u><u>58,205</u></u>

k. Comparative Information

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current financial year.

	2015 \$	2014 \$
2 Grant Income:		
Federal Grants	34,091	-
State Grants	-	-
	<u>34,091</u>	<u>-</u>
3 Membership Income:		
Individual Memberships	3,328	2,559
Business Memberships	2,614	636
Sponsor Memberships	-	5,855
Patron Memberships	-	800
Other Memberships	-	1,748
Council Memberships	170,752	175,862
	<u>176,694</u>	<u>187,460</u>

NOTES CONTINUED...

	2015 \$	2014 \$
4 Operating Income:		
Donations & Sponsorships	10,644	107,247
Interest Received	3,502	10,007
Project Labour Costs	-	11,412
Oncost Recovery	-	8,498
Product Sales	12,280	21,199
Profit on valuation of Water Shares	39,123	-
Copyright Licencing Fees	7,313	-
Asset funding from Water Bank	5,965	3,251
Reimbursements	6,596	550
	<u>85,423</u>	<u>162,164</u>
5 Activities Income:		
Forums/Conferences	<u>43,972</u>	<u>56,779</u>
6 External Projects Income:		
Project Contributions	<u>45,009</u>	<u>408,143</u>
7 Depreciation:		
Motor Vehicles	12,417	14,575
Office Equipment	326	600
	<u>12,743</u>	<u>15,175</u>
8 Cash At Bank and on hand:		
CBA Operating Account	3,415	4,837
CBA Project Account	105	44,342
NAB Schools Account	-	3,235
NAB Schools Account 2	-	4,876
ANZ Operating Account	131,859	34,196
ANZ Donations Account	8,476	9,076
LGFA Project Account	-	6,873
LGFA LSL Account	-	235
LGFA General Account	76,956	75,190
Petty Cash	16	-
	<u>220,827</u>	<u>182,860</u>
9 Trade & Other Debtors:		
Trade Debtors	2,400	211,593
Interest receivable	402	-
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	-	(1,000)
	<u>2,802</u>	<u>210,593</u>
10 Investments		
High Security Water Shares at Valuation 57.5ml (2014: 57.5ml)	<u>144,050</u>	<u>104,927</u>

NOTES CONTINUED...

	2015 \$	2014 \$
11 Plant & Equipment:		
Motor Vehicles	34,718	76,255
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,064)	(32,529)
	<u>29,654</u>	<u>43,726</u>
Office Equipment & Art Work	11,386	10,804
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,086)	(4,760)
	<u>6,300</u>	<u>6,044</u>
	<u>35,954</u>	<u>49,770</u>
12 Hire Purchase Liability - current:		
Hire Purchase Liability	13,994	4,930
Less Unexpired Hire Purchase Liability	(1,454)	(164)
Total current hire purchase liability	<u>12,540</u>	<u>4,766</u>
13 Payables:		
Trade Creditors & Accruals	115,452	14,605
Superannuation Liability	14,688	5,720
	<u>130,140</u>	<u>20,325</u>
14 Tax Payable:		
GST (Receivable) / Liability	(3,670)	29,250
PAYG Liability	3,402	(1,937)
Australian Taxation Office	42,589	-
	<u>42,321</u>	<u>27,313</u>
15 Employee Benefits:		
Annual Leave	12,369	8,808
Long Service Leave	14,922	18,200
	<u>27,291</u>	<u>27,008</u>
16 Commitments		
There are no commitments as at 30 June 2015. (2014: \$nil)		
17 Contingent Assets and Liabilities		
There are no Contingent Assets or Contingent Liabilities as at 30 June 2015. (2014: \$nil)		
18 Events After Reporting Date		
Since 30 June 2015, there have been no events that would materially affect the Financial Statements at Balance Date.		

NOTES CONTINUED...

19	Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with net result for the year	2015	2014
		\$	\$
	Profit/(Loss) for the year	(274,037)	309,311
	<i>Items not involving Cash -</i>		
	Depreciation	12,743	15,175
	Impairment Loss (Gain) on Fixed Assets	-	2,930
	(Profit)/Loss on sale of assets	(1,810)	-
	(Profit)/Loss on valuation of water shares	(39,123)	-
	<i>Change in Operating assets and liabilities</i>		
	(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	207,791	(192,676)
	(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayment	(3,360)	-
	(Increase)/Decrease in inventory	-	747
	Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	124,823	(87,308)
	Increase/(Decrease) in Deferred Income	-	(121,926)
	Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	283	7,000
	Net Cash Provided by / (Used) in Operating Activities	27,310	(66,747)
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20	Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents		
	Cash at Bank	220,827	182,860
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		220,827	182,860
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MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC

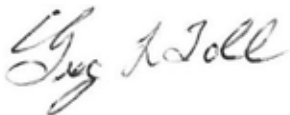
STATEMENT BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

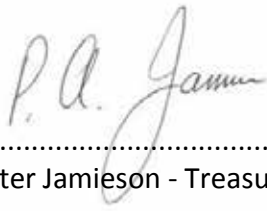
In the opinion of the Board the financial report as set out in the Balance Sheet, Comprehensive Operating Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes thereto:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Murray Darling Association Inc, including the Murray Darling Foundation as at 30 June 2015 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. Having regard to the comments in Note 1 to the accounts concerning Going Concern, at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Murray Darling Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



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Cr Greg Toll – National President



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Cr Peter Jamieson - Treasurer

Dated: 14 August 2015

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Murray Darling Association Inc, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2015, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the board.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The board of directors' of the Murray Darling Association Inc are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009* and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal controls to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting under the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009*. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Murray Darling Association Inc is in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and complying with the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009*.



Warren Pollock
MGR ACCOUNTANTS
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17 August 2015

NOTES

Murray Darling Basin Local Government Areas



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State	Region 4	Region 10
Capital Cities	Region 5	Region 11
MDB Boundary	Region 6	Region 12
Region 1	Region 7	State Boundaries
Region 2	Region 8	
Region 3	Region 9	



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