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Water extraction a hot topic

THE future management of water extraction throughout the Murray-Darling Basin will prompt discussions next month at Leeton.

Representatives from more than 100 councils located within the Basin will meet when the southern Riverina town hosts the Murray Darling Association's 74th National Conference and Annual General Meeting, occurring from Wednesday, August 29 to Friday, August 31 at the Leeton Soldiers Club.

A panel session featuring representatives from some of Australia's largest irrigation sectors, including Cotton Australia, the Ricegrowers' Association of Australia and Webster Limited, headlines day two of the program.

The one-hour event, occurring on Thursday, August 30, will see panellists explore the history of the Darling River system and lessons for the future management of our other major river systems.

Audience members will be able to ask questions to panellists, which will provide lively participation.

"Panel sessions have been a highlight of past National Conferences and this year proves to be no exception," Leeton Shire Council Mayor, Cr Paul Maytom said.

"The Murrumbidgee River is key to communities in the Southern Riverina area, so I encourage those interest in issues regarding water extraction and agricultural sustainability to come along and provide input to discussions."

Other National Conference highlights include a Civic Reception Night Glow on the Wednesday night at the Leeton Jockey Club and a Murrumbidgee Riverina Region study tour on the Friday, which will see delegates visit a number of industries and irrigation infrastructure assets.

Registrations for the event are now open.

Those wanting to attend the conference can register online at www.mda.asn.au or phone the association's headquarters on (03) 5480 3805.

The Murray Darling Association's board members are:

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