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Ordinary Meeting of the Board
10.30am Monday 18th June 2018
National Convention Centre - Canberra
GoToMeeting - <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/597376965>

MINUTES - MEETING No. 376

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Cr David Thurley	Albury City Council	Region 1
Cr Peter Mansfield	Moira Shire Council	Region 2
Cr Alan Mathers	Murray River Council	Region 3
Cr Jane MacAllister	Wentworth Shire Council	Region 4 (proxy)
Cr David Shetliffe #	Town of Walkerville	Region 7
Cr Denis Clark	Northern Areas Council	Region 8
Cr Paul Maytom	Leeton Shire Council	Region 9
Cr John Campbell #	Gunnedah Shire Council	Region 11
Emma Bradbury	MDA	CEO
Scott Bourne *	MDA	Communications Officer
Michael Kitzelmann *	Balranald Shire Council	Region 3
Peter Koslowski *	Wentworth Shire Council	Region 4
Mayor Neil Martinson	Renmark Paringa Council	Region 5
Cr Helen Slade *	Renmark Paringa Council	Region 5
Myles Fauser *	Renmark Paringa Council	Region 5
Andrew Johns #	Gunnedah Shire Council	Region 11

*Non-board members – attendance by invitation

Attended via GoToMeeting

1.2 Apologies

Mayor Melisa Hederics	Wentworth Shire Council	Region 4
Cr Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council	Region 5
Mayor Richard Marsh	Balonne Shire Council	Region 12
Peter George	MDA	Treasurer

1.3 Declarations

Nil

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Meeting 375 held 10.30am Monday 8th May 2018

Motion: That the minutes of Meeting 375 held 10.30am Monday 8th May 2018 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

P Mayton/J MacAllister

Carried

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report

The Murray Darling Association attended a number of inquiries into Basin Plan matters prior to board meeting number 375 (8th May, 2018).

3.2 Finance Reports

Membership invoices have been distributed with increases implemented as per the adopted formula.

Motion: That the Financial Report be accepted.

D Shetliffe/D Clark

Carried

3.3 Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Office tabled the May newsletter by way of report.

The outcome of the Ministerial Council meeting on June 8th – specifically the emphasis on commit to water delivery measures that achieve neutral or positive socioeconomic outcomes - is a direct result of the association's presentation to the Basin Officers in mid-May and other advocacy in this space.

The association's new Communications and Administration Officer, Scott Bourne began in the role on June 11th.

The association is an exhibitor at the Australian Local Government Association National Government Convention, which provided a key opportunity to engage with councils.

Discussions will need to occur in relation to the Strategic Plan (2018-19), as regional engagement needs to be greatly enhanced. These talks need to focus on the operational model of the organisation, as meetings are creating an additional level of engagement for councils that are already time poor. The new model needs to be one that supports local government participation, rather than one that adds another level of obligation.

- Cr Shetliffe left the meeting at 10.56am due to technical difficulties

3.4 Region reports

Region chairs spoke to current issues in their regions:

Region 1 (Cr David Thurley) - Groundwater mining issues

Region 2 (Cr Peter Mansfield) – Lake Mulwala reduction, wakeboard investigation

Region 3 (Cr Alan Mathers) – Membership numbers

Region 4 (Cr Jane MacAllister) – Regional realignment, Barmah Choke, governmental consultation on water issues

Region 8 (Mayor Denis Clark) – Membership numbers

Region 9 (Mayor Paul Maytom) – Murrumbidgee Irrigation talks, online meeting options

Region 11 (Cr John Campbell) – Attendance at Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 National Conference 2017 – Motions Action Tracker

The board noted the actions taken on motions passed at the 2017 National Conference.

The board also noted the New South Wales Government's response to Motions 6.8 and 6.9 – briefs on the Menindee Lakes SDLs and the Wentworth-Broken Hill Pipeline. A letter will be distributed.

4.2 Motions for National Conference

The list of motions for the National Conference presented at this meeting need to be submitted and endorsed by the end of July.

The Murray Darling Association will also propose to advocate for an investigation to explore Torrumbarry flows for power generation, proposed by life member Don Oberin.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 *"Carp Biomass & Renmark Paringa – An integrated Solution"*

Myles Fauser (Renmark Paringa Council, Region 5) presented a proposal for a pilot project to manage the disposal of carp biomass.

Renmark Paringa Council is seeking support for collaboration with the Murray Darling Association to secure funding for the project.

Motion: The Murray Darling Association support the Renmark Paringa Council's carp biomass proposal as presented and advocate for funding submissions.

P Mayton/D Clark

Carried

5.2 Annual Report 2018 – contents preparation

Board members have until July 2nd to provide input into the contents for the Annual Report.

5.3 Consultation and funding/project opportunities

Discussions focused on the need for regions to ensure wide and purposeful distribution of information for any finding or consultative options.

5.4 Annual Conference

Planning for the 74th Annual Conference, occurring at Leeton, is progressing. The conference program has been released, with the registration website live.

Eight weeks of in-house efforts will occur to prepare the conference, with registration reminders to be e-mailed every two weeks.

A hydrologist will be approached to speak at National Conference to discuss water transfers through all tributaries and its impact on waterways.

5.5 Murray-Darling Royal Commission

Board members discussed mixed experiences with the Commissioner, with several areas of concern raised.

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association Board notes concerns regarding the style and consistency of the engagement of local government by Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission.

D Clark/A Mathers

Carried

6. MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS

6.1 No new membership applications

7. STRATEGY

7.1 Membership planning

Region 3 chair, Alan Mathers presented a compilation of membership statistics. Ongoing engagement is needed, with all board members encouraged to undertake this.

The population of the association's membership database, Membes, is continuing, with the objective to go live by the end of the year.

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday, 23rd July, 2018
10.30am

9. CLOSE OF MEETING



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Ordinary Meeting of the Board
10.30am Monday 7th MAY 2018
GoToMeeting
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/542174957>

MINUTES - MEETING No. 375

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Albury City Council	Cr David Thurley
Moira Shire Council	Cr Peter Mansfield
Murray River Council	Cr Alan Mathers
Wentworth Shire Council	Cr Jane MacAllister
Alexandrina Council	Cr Barry Featherston
Northern Areas Council	Mayor Denis Clark
Leeton Shire Council	Mayor Paul Maytom
Gunnedah Shire Council	Cr John Campbell
Balonne Shire Council	Mayor Richard Marsh

1.2 Apologies

Town of Walkerville	Cr David Shetliffe
Wentworth Shire Council	Mayor Melisa Hederics
Renmark Paringa Council	Cr Peter Hunter

1.3 Declarations

Nil

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Meeting 374 held 10.30am Monday 26th March 2018

Motion: That the minutes of Meeting 374 held 10.30am Monday 26th March 2018 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

D Clark/B Featherston

Carried

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report

Welcome to new board members – Cr Alan Mathers of Murray River Council as Chair of Region 3, and Cr Jane MacAllister representing Mayor Melisa Hederics as chair of Region 4.

3.2 Finance Reports

Attached

Pete George spoke to the finance reports.

Motion: That the board approve transfer of funds from the LGFA account if required.

3.3 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Emma Bradbury spoke to a range of current issues and engagements, most outlined in the April newsletter

Scott Bourne, a journalist with the Gannawarra Times has been appointed to the position of Communications and Administration Officer. Scott will commence in the role in mid-June.

The CEO will be on leave 28th May to 08 June.

Invitation to Board members to support the *Joint Industry Statement on 605GL* proposed by the NFF – board members determined that the MDA show their support by referencing the statement and highlighting its alignment to local government's position on the disallowance, rather than becoming a signatory to the statement, recognizing local government's commitment to industry and all interests across community.

3.4 Region reports

Region chairs spoke to current issues in their regions.

Motion: That the reports be received and noted.

P Maytom/B Featherston

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 House of Representatives Hearings on the Use and Management of Environmental Water
Brief on the hearings provided by E Bradbury and D Thurley.

4.2 Social and Economic Impacts Assessment Response and Framework
Discussed in the CEOs report.

4.3 Conference Planning Progress
Progress report by CEO. Platinum and gold sponsorships sold. Special event sponsorship opportunity created for the Night Glow.

4.4 Action Trackers
On the table.

4.5 Flying Minutes
The use of Flying Minutes was approved as a swift and timely way to establish consensus at board level. B Featherston suggested that a protocol be developed to support the process, and to establish guidelines for instances where there is dissent. CEO noted that currently, a flying minute is considered resolved, and is/will be actioned only in circumstances where there is consensus.

Motion: That the following Flying Minutes be endorsed

- i) On 26/04/2017 it was resolved via a Flying Minute that the item *Socio-economic neutrality – a key requirement under the Basin Plan* be included in the April 2018 Newsletter.
- ii) On 27/04/2017 it was resolved via a Flying Minute that the MDA Submission to the Royal Commission be approved.

- iii) On 02/05/2018 it was resolved via a Flying Minute that the media release Basin Plan essential to the health of the Coorong, clearly outlining the MDA's position of the disallowance motion be approved for release.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Budget 2019

Attached:

Motion: That the budget be adopted

D Clark/P Maytom

Carried

6. MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS

7. CLOSE

Balance Sheet

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED As at 30 April 2018

30 Apr 2018

30 Apr 2017

Assets

	30 Apr 2018	30 Apr 2017
Bank		
ANZ Business Extra ...6893	30,102	51,694
ANZ Commercial Credit Card 359	4,448	-
ANZ MDF Gift #9052	1,601	1,508
ANZ MDF Ops #7503	4	4
Total Bank	36,154	53,206
Current Assets		
LGFA 01 Account	42,282	42,282
LGFA 01 Environmental Fund	2,497	2,497
Petty Cash/Cash On Hand	-	200
Trade Debtors	23,209	847
Total Current Assets	67,988	45,826
Fixed Assets		
Art Work at Valuation	5,000	5,000
Computers Accumulated Depreciation	(364)	-
Low Value Pool	1,761	1,761
Low Value Pool Accumulated Depreciation	(1,224)	(1,008)
Motor Vehicles	34,718	34,718
Motor Vehicles Accumulated Depreciation	(21,168)	(17,111)
Office Equipment	4,798	4,798
Office Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(2,280)	(1,574)
Software At Cost	16,550	-
Software at Cost Accumulated Depreciation	(3,301)	-
Total Fixed Assets	34,491	26,585
Non-current Assets		
High Security Water Shares MDA	115,100	112,600
High Security Water Shares MDF	54,000	54,000
Sundry Debtor	167	-
Total Non-current Assets	169,267	166,600
Total Assets	307,900	292,216

Liabilities

Current Liabilities		
ANZ MDA Visa Credit Card	-	549
GST	2,110	(3,048)
Rounding	(1)	-
Sundry Creditors	-	10,000
Trade Creditors	-	4,232
Total Current Liabilities	2,110	11,733
Non-Current Liabilities		

Balance Sheet

	30 Apr 2018	30 Apr 2017
Annual Leave Benefit	10,911	4,198
Debenture Loan	1,500	1,500
Hire Purchase Liability	2,666	6,664
Hire Purchase Unexpired Charges	(100)	(764)
PAYG Withholding Payable	18,930	2,232
Superannuation payable	7,275	821
Total Non-Current Liabilities	41,182	14,651
Total Liabilities	43,291	26,384
Net Assets	264,608	265,833
Equity		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	25,050	22,550
Current Year Earnings	45,959	70,137
Retained Earnings	193,599	173,145
Total Equity	264,608	265,833

Profit & Loss

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED 1 Apr 2018 to 30 Apr 2018

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Income								
Conference Income	8,960	-	8,960▲	0.0%	75,460	45,000	30,460▲	67.7%▲
Donation/Gift Income	5	-	5▲	0.0%	85	-	85▲	0.0%
Income - Memberships	-	3,500	(3,500)▼	-100.0%▼	218,894	251,500	(32,606)▼	-13.0%▼ ¹
Income - Projects	450	-	450▲	0.0%	1,636	-	1,636▲	0.0%
Interest Income	-	-	-	0.0%	602	-	602▲	0.0%
Other Income [82000]	3,220	-	3,220▲	0.0%	5,765	-	5,765▲	0.0%
Total Income	12,635	3,500	9,135	261.0%	302,441	296,500	5,941	2.0%
Gross Profit	12,635	3,500	9,135	261.0%	302,441	296,500	5,941	2.0%
Less Operating Expenses								
Accounting/Bookkeeping Fees	-	80	(80)▼	-100.0%▼	282	800	(518)▼	-64.8%▼
Advertising & Marketing	3,282	100	3,182▲	3181.8%▲	9,903	6,110	3,793▲	62.1%▲ ³
Bank Fees	130	40	90▲	224.9%▲	965	400	565▲	141.3%▲
Business Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	408	980	(572)▼	-58.3%▼
Computer Expenses	69	100	(31)▼	-31.4%▼	1,771	2,800	(1,029)▼	-36.8%▼
Conference Expenses	773	-	773▲	0.0%	27,320	25,000	2,320▲	9.3%▲
Depreciation - Computer	40	-	40▲	0.0%	404	-	404▲	0.0%
Depreciation - Low Value Pool	23	-	23▲	0.0%	233	-	233▲	0.0%
Depreciation - Motor Vehicle	343	465	(122)▼	-26.3%▼	3,892	4,650	(758)▼	-16.3%▼
Depreciation - Office Equipment	25	10	15▲	153.4%▲	257	100	157▲	156.7%▲

Profit & Loss

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Depreciation - Software	544	-	544▲	0.0%	3,845	-	3,845▲	0.0%
Engagement and Communications	2,727	-	2,727▲	0.0%	3,593	-	3,593▲	0.0%
Entertainment (Meal)	-	-	-	0.0%	11	-	11▲	0.0%
Fuel Expenses	507	320	187▲	58.3%▲	2,518	3,200	(682)▼	-21.3%▼
General Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	0.0%	518	-	518▲	0.0%
Licences and Subscriptions	21	-	21▲	0.0%	1,251	200	1,051▲	525.5%▲ ²
Meeting Expense	-	200	(200)▼	-100.0%▼	121	2,000	(1,879)▼	-93.9%▼
Motor Vehicle Fuel/Oil	72	-	72▲	0.0%	254	-	254▲	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	865	840	25▲	3.0%▲
Motor Vehicle Interest Expense	39	-	39▲	0.0%	195	-	195▲	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	206	-	206▲	0.0%	633	1,200	(567)▼	-47.3%▼
Motor Vehicle Registration	-	-	-	0.0%	686	680	6▲	0.9%▲
Parking/Tolls Expenses	59	-	59▲	0.0%	372	-	372▲	0.0%
Postage	-	120	(120)▼	-100.0%▼	1,171	1,400	(229)▼	-16.3%▼
Premises Rent - Echuca	5,000	-	5,000▲	0.0%	15,500	15,000	500▲	3.3%▲
Printing	-	-	-	0.0%	1,150	980	170▲	17.3%▲
Pro Indemnity Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	811	860	(49)▼	-5.7%▼
Public Liability Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	654	700	(46)▼	-6.6%▼
Staff Amenities	-	-	-	0.0%	141	150	(9)▼	-6.0%▼
Staff Training Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	1,541	2,000	(459)▼	-23.0%▼
Stationery	28	200	(172)▼	-86.1%▼	613	700	(87)▼	-12.4%▼
Superannuation	2,030	2,136	(106)▼	-4.9%▼	13,705	13,657	48▲	0.4%▲
Telephone Expenses	819	400	419▲	104.6%▲	3,533	4,000	(467)▼	-11.7%▼
Travel & Accom. Expenses	585	800	(215)▼	-26.9%▼	8,482	8,000	482▲	6.0%▲
Wages & Salaries Expenses	22,169	22,479	(310)▼	-1.4%▼	147,478	143,727	3,751▲	2.6%▲

Profit & Loss

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Water Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	578	840	(262)▼	-31.1%▼
Work Cover Premiums	-	-	-	0.0%	1,800	3,500	(1,700)▼	-48.6%▼
Total Operating Expenses	39,489	27,450	12,039	43.9%	257,457	244,474	12,983	5.3%
Net Profit	(26,853)	(23,950)	(2,903)	-12.0%	44,984	52,026	(7,042)	-14.0%

Notes

1

Anticipated increase not realised

2

ADOBE, AICD, media subs and GoTo

3

Advertising for Senior Office/admin role, and graphic design for membership collateral

Budget 2018-19 Status Quo

	Budget Jul-18	Budget Aug-18	Budget Sep-18	Budget Oct-18	Budget Nov-18	Budget Dec-18	Budget Jan-19	Budget Feb-19	Budget Mar-19	Budget Apr-19	Budget May-19	Budget Jun-19	Budget Totals
Income													
Membership Income	249,900												249,900
Conference				75,000									75,000
Total Income	249,900	0	0	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	324,900
General Expenses													
Accounting system	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	420
Graphics and Marketing	0	0	4,500	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	0	0	0	7,000
Bank Fees	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	550
Business Insurance						408							408
Computer Expenses	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,100
Conference and events			20,000	2,000	2,000	2,000							26,000
Comms/Engagement	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	3,600
Fuel	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	3,840
General repairs and maint	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Licences/Subscriptions	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,200
Motor vehicle Insurance						865							865
Motor vehicle Interest	39	39	39	39	39								195
Motor Vehicle Maintenance				380								300	680
Motor Vehicle Rego					690								690
Postage	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	1,440
Premises Rent - Echuca	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	12,000
Printing	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	1,800
Professional Indemnity Ins						811					0	0	811
Professional Fees		3,500											3,500
Public Liability Ins						650							650
Staff Amenities	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	600
Staff Training Expense													0
Stationary	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	900
Telephone	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	5,400
Travel & Accommodation	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	670	8,040
Water Expenses	350	250				20	20						640
Total General Expenses	3,859	7,259	28,009	5,889	6,199	8,224	3,490	3,470	5,970	3,470	3,470	3,770	82,379
Weeks	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	26
Payroll Expenses													
Salaries	24,930	16,620	16,620	16,620	16,620	24,930	16,620	16,620	16,620	16,620	16,620	16,620	216,060
WorkCover				2,500									2,500
Training													0
Staff Amenities			0			0			0			0	0
FBT										400			400
Superannuation	2,368	1,579	1,579	1,579	1,579	2,368	1,579	1,579	1,579	1,579	1,579	1,579	20,526
Total Payroll Expenses	27,298	18,199	18,199	20,699	18,199	27,298	18,199	18,199	18,199	18,199	18,599	18,199	239,486

Budget 2018-19 Status Quo

	Budget Jul-18	Budget Aug-18	Budget Sep-18	Budget Oct-18	Budget Nov-18	Budget Dec-18	Budget Jan-19	Budget Feb-19	Budget Mar-19	Budget Apr-19	Budget May-19	Budget Jun-19	Budget Totals
Depreciation Expenses													
Office equipment	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	1,080
Motor Vehicles	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	4,200
Total Depreciation Expenses	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	5,280
Total Expenses	31,597	25,898	46,648	27,028	24,838	35,962	22,129	22,109	24,609	22,109	22,509	22,409	327,145
Net Profit	218,303	(25,898)	(46,648)	47,972	(24,838)	(35,962)	(22,129)	(22,109)	(24,609)	(22,109)	(22,509)	(22,409)	(2,245)
Add back depreciation	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	440	5,280
Net Operating Surplus	218,743	(25,458)	(46,208)	48,412	(24,398)	(35,522)	(21,689)	(21,669)	(24,169)	(21,669)	(22,069)	(21,969)	2,335
Debtors Movement													0
Assets purchased													0
Creditors Movement													0
BAS Movement													0
Sundry Creditors Payable													0
Credit Card Payable													0
Superannuation Payable													0
Debenture Loan Repayment													0
X-Trail Payments	(340)	(340)	(340)	(340)	(340)	(340)							(2,040)
Net Cash Flow	218,403	(25,798)	(46,548)	48,072	(24,738)	(35,862)	(21,689)	(21,669)	(24,169)	(21,669)	(22,069)	(21,969)	295
Opening Bank Balances													
Closing Bank Balances	218,403	192,605	146,057	194,129	169,391	133,529	111,840	90,171	66,002	44,333	22,264	295	

Debtors													
Opening Debtors	0	174,900	69,900	35,000	85,000	50,000	40,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sales	249,900	0	0	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	324,900
Receipts	(75,000)	(105,000)	(34,900)	(25,000)	(35,000)	(10,000)	(20,000)						0
Closing Debtors	174,900	69,900	35,000	85,000	50,000	40,000	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0



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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

Management and use of Commonwealth environmental water

(Public)

MONDAY, 30 APRIL 2018

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

Monday, 30 April 2018

Members in attendance: Mr Broad, Mr Conroy, Mr Evans, Mr Howarth, Mr Craig Kelly.

Terms of Reference for the Inquiry:

To inquire into and report on:

The management and use of Commonwealth environmental water, giving particular consideration to the role of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in:

1. maximising the use of environmental water for the protection and restoration of environmental assets;
2. considering innovative approaches for the use of environmental water;
3. monitoring and evaluating outcomes of the use of environmental water; and
4. options for improving community engagement and awareness of the way in which environmental water is managed; and any other matter of relevance that the committee wishes to consider.

WITNESSES

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Basin Bulletin: Issue 10
Representing local government & communities of the
Murray-Darling Basin since 1944
May 2018

FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Welcome to another edition of the MDA newsletter, providing an overview of events and issues across the Basin.

May has been incredibly busy, with the MDA focusing our advocacy on developing a fair and equitable definition and assessment of socio-economic neutrality under the Basin Plan. See our report on this important issue later in the newsletter.

Invitations to the 74th National Conference and AGM will be distributed later this week. We look forward to your participation in what is a very powerful program at this seminal event.

"History is made by those who show up"

Cr David Thurley
MDA National President





WHAT'S HOT IN THE BASIN

May has seen the continuation of an exceedingly busy time for Basin communities. The MDA continuing to work hard to ensure local government's perspectives inform and influence the policies and decisions that impact our local regions by providing the following key submissions.

Socio-economic neutrality – review of the definition

The Murray Darling Association, is calling for intergovernmental support for a review of the definition of socio-economic neutrality in the Basin Plan legislation.

The current definition in the Basin Plan provides that willing individual participation in water efficiency measures equals socio-economic neutrality. This definition is inconsistent with accepted definitions of socio-economic impacts and is also inconsistent with Commonwealth guidelines on socio-economic impact assessment.

MDA chief executive officer Emma Bradbury outlined the association's proposal in a presentation to the Basin Officials Committee in Albury this month, following similar presentations by the MDA, CSIRO, and Dr Jackie Schirmer to the Murray Darling Basin Authority and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in earlier in the month.

A full report on the briefings, and the proposal can be found [here](#).
A report on this issue published in the Border Mail can be found [here](#).

SA Water Minister - The Hon David Spiers

The MDA met this month with The Hon David Spiers, newly elected South Australian Minister for Environment and Water. This was a valuable introduction, with the MDA and the Minister expressing their commitment to work together with a refreshed and invigorated approach to seeing the Basin Plan implemented on time and in full.

Basin Plan Amendment - disallowance motion defeated.

The Murray Darling Association this month welcomed the return to bipartisanship on the Basin Plan heralded by Labor and the Coalition's agreement on the Basin Plan announced last night. The agreement saw the 605GL SDL adjustment amendment pass the Parliament. Labor also agreed to support the 70GL reduction in Northern Basin SDLs when it is returned to the Parliament.

The MDBA has recently updated its website to provide more detailed information on the [Register of Measures](#) that underpin the 36 supply projects contributing to the 605GL adjustment.

Productivity Commission - Stakeholder Working Group

Following a round of community engagements and close of public submissions, the Productivity Commission has also established a stakeholder working group as a further, important avenue for consultation. The working group has an advisory role, and provides a forum to exchange information and views on issues relevant to the inquiry. The working group consists of the following

stakeholders:

- Murray Darling Association
- Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations
- National Irrigators' Council
- Australian Floodplain Association
- National Farmers' Federation
- EDOs of Australia
- Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations
- Australian Conservation Foundation

The stakeholder working group held it's first meeting in Canberra on May 2nd with a number of key themes discussed, and will remain in place until the completion of the inquiry in December 2018.

The next stakeholder working group meeting will be in early July.

Enquiry into the Management and Use of Environmental Water

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy conducted public hearings in Albury focusing on the management and use of Commonwealth environmental water.

The MDAs National President Cr David Thurley and CEO Emma Bradbury gave evidence to the inquiry in support of the MDA's submission which can be viewed [here](#).

MDA 74th NATIONAL CONFERENCE & AGM

Trust. Unity. Equity. GROWTH.

Where: Leeton, NSW

When: Wednesday August 29 to Friday August 31, 2018

The Conference program will be launched this weekend. This program will see a line-up of the highest calibre speakers across industry and government exploring the most relevant topics in the Murray Darling Basin today.

If you have not received your personal invitation to this seminal event, please contact r.minogue@mda.asn.au or [Click here to register](#)

In an exciting addition to the conference program Picture This Ballooning will be running Hot Air Balloon flights on the mornings of Thursday 30 and Friday 31 August in Leeton. Additional flight days and times are available on request. Contact MDA to register for your flight. And don't miss the spectacular Night Glow at the Civic Reception. This will be a truly breathtaking event.

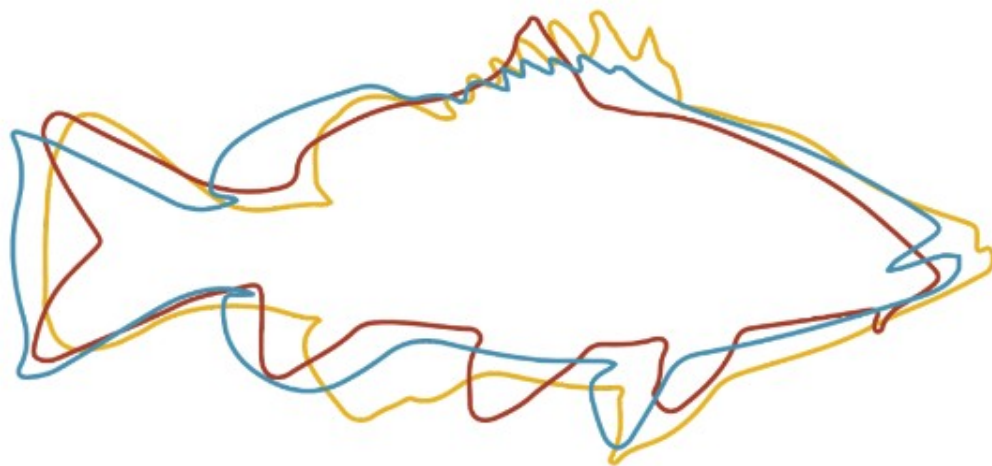
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Early-bird discounts are available, with the full delegates conference package currently priced at \$595 for registrations made before June 15. Additional discounts are available on group bookings.



NATIONAL CARP CONTROL PLAN
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NATIONAL CARP CONTROL PLAN

The MDA sits on the National Carp Control Plan Communications Working Group

The National Carp Control Plan (NCCP) team met recently with local waterway

experts in Beaudesert, Queensland to share science and knowledge that will help inform consideration of whether the carp virus should be released as part of a strategy to reduce carp impacts in Australia.

The Logan-Albert region was selected as one of a number of case study areas for the NCCP which together cover a range of geographic areas and habitat types to better understand on-ground considerations associated with possible release of the carp virus. The workshop findings will be used to inform regional planning, and develop release and clean-up strategies at a catchment level - should the carp virus be released.

Moving south, Curtin University researchers are currently investigating options for the sustainable use of the carp biomass that could result from the potential release of Cyprinid herpesvirus 3 (carp virus), under the NCCP.

The research project involves laboratory-based processing and commercial-scale trials of processes that produce usable carp-based products including fertilisers, compost, fishmeal and aquaculture feed ingredients.

Researchers recently completed a commercial-scale trial in Victoria to separate two tonnes of dead carp into solids for local composting trials and liquids for further laboratory-based digestion trials looking at biogas production. Another 300kg of whole carp was sent to a nearby worm farm.

This followed a similar trial in South Australia using enzyme hydrolysis to break down 10 tonnes of carp biomass into smaller peptides and amino acids, which can be used for organic fertiliser or as an aquaculture or animal feed ingredient. Outcomes for the remaining bones and scales are also being investigated.

The MDA has been working with the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC), the National Carp Control Plan group (NCCP) and others supporting communication and engagement to ensure local government is kept informed and has an opportunity to contribute to the conversation, and ask questions about the Plan.

For information on the NCCP, email carp@frdc.com.au or call 1800 CARP PLAN (1800 2277 7526). To keep up to date on the National Carp Control Plan go to: www.carp.gov.au

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29 - 31 AUGUST 2018

and at the MDA Exhibition stall at

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REGION ROUNDUP

Region 1 – Snowy Riverina

The President and CEO this month met with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, exploring ways that we can collaborate and work together.

The Region 1 Chair also attended meetings related to the use of “wakeboard” craft on the Murray especially in the reach between Corowa and Bundalong. This stretch of the river is experiencing serious erosion of the banks in many places and there is concern that wakeboard activities are, while not the sole cause, contributing to the bank slumping seen in various places.

Region one members are also concerned about river levels at peak holiday periods. Adequate flows are critical to the success of the tourist industry especially at times like Easter and other holidays that occur and give rise to a long weekend.

Region 2 – Goulburn Murray

The Annual General Meeting of Region 2 will be held at Moira Shire Council, 44 Station Street, Cobram at 10am Friday 15 June 2018.

Region 3 – Western Region

Region 3 - Murray River Region will hold its annual general meeting in the Kooyoora Room (in Administration Building), Loddon Shire Council, 41 High Street, Wedderburn on Thursday 14th June at 10am.

See website for the agenda.

Region 4 – The Darling Darling Association Region Round-Up

Region 4 – The Darling
The Murray Darling Basin Royal Commission Community Consultations will be held in the area this month. Consultations will be held in Broken Hill on 23 May and Mildura on 25 May. Cr MacAllister from Wentworth Shire Council will be attending the Mildura consultations session.

The final report of the NSW Upper House Standing Committee Inquiry into “Augmentation of water supply

Region 6 – The Coorong

At its April meeting Region 6 endorsed a regional submission to the Murray-Darling Basin Commission and heard from representatives of the River Lakes & Coorong Action Group. Earlier in April, staff from Region 6 councils met with representatives from the MDBA, SA Water and SA Department for Environment & Water to discuss climate change adaptation planning needs for the Coorong & Lower Lakes. Region 6 has developed a detailed communications & engagement strategy and we are organising a joint meeting of Regions 5, 6, 7 and 8 at which we hope the new Minister for Environment & Water will be our guest speaker. The next meeting of Region 6 will be held on Friday 16 June at Rural City of Murray Bridge at which we will be considering prospective motions for the AGM in August.

Region 7 - Adelaide Metro

Significant investment has been made by local government as well as the State and Commonwealth governments in storm water harvesting across the Adelaide metropolitan area. The report, ['Managed Aquifer Schemes in the Adelaide Metropolitan Area'](#) Was produced by the SA Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources. Region 7 has been actively engaged in promoting understanding of these projects.

Region 8 - SA Central

Representing the National President, Mayor Denis Clark, Chair of Region 8 met this month with newly elected water minister The Hon David Spiers. CEO Emma Bradbury and Mayor Neville Jaench were also representing the MDA. This was an excellent introduction, with the MDA and the Minister expressing their commitment to work with a refreshed and invigorated approach to seeing the Basin Plan implemented on time and in full. A number of local issues were also raised, and invitations issued to Minister Spiers to visit the regions.

into "Augmentation of water supply for rural and regional NSW" has been released. The NSW State Government is required to respond to the 51 recommendations contained in the report within a period of six months. When the NSW Government has responded to the Standing Committee recommendations, a further report to Councils will be made.

Mildura Rural City Council presented to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy at its recent public hearing held in Mildura regarding the Commonwealth Environmental Water Inquiry.

A four joint organisation model for the Far South West of the State comprising Wentworth, Balranald, Central Darling and Broken Hill Councils, was discussed recently with Deputy Premier John Barilaro.

This will provide a regional forum to develop priorities, increase collaboration and bring about a new and strong regional partnership with the State. The NSW Government will provide one off grants totalling approximately \$6 million to the Southern JO, to offset the costs associated with establishing administrative support and supporting Public works, Western Roads upgrade and building infrastructure that will drive economic growth. Region 4 will develop a working partnership with the Joint Organisation as soon as it is operational.

Region 5 – The Riverland

Following an exceptional presentation from Matt Barwick, Coordinator of the National Carp Control Plan, Region 5 is continuing to explore creative and innovative solutions to the anticipated carp fish biomass that strengthen the local economy and harness local skills, capacity and resources.

In conjunction with the Murray Darling Association (MDA), Region 5 is preparing a proposal to develop and implement a project aimed at generating multiple benefits for business and society while rejuvenating the environment using the concept of the Blue Economy. More on this at the 74th National Conference.

Region 9 - The Murrumbidgee

Region 9 recently held its meeting in Leeton on 17 May 2018 and a presentation was given by Liz Stott, Regional Engagement Officer for MDBA on water related issues. Liz Stott has been invaluable working with Region 9 communities concerning all questions relating to the Murray Darling Basin Plan. Liz will finish in her role at the end of June 2018 and on behalf of Region 9 delegates we wish her every success for the future.

Region 11 - Northern Rivers

Gunnedah Council have been extremely busy with lots of things happening. Inter-council engagement has been high with the regional joint organisation grouping recently determined, supporting meeting efficiencies and closer collaboration with member councils.

Region 12 - Northern Basin

The opening of the \$3.5m Vanderfield St George agribusiness this month indicated business is prepared to back the communities that back themselves. The significance of Vanderfield's investment during a time when the town was facing plenty of uncertainty from water buybacks, didn't go unnoticed.

Balonne Shire Council Mayor Richard Marsh said they had shown confidence in the future of agriculture and the future of St George and surrounding areas.

"Confidence is infectious," he said.

"This, I think, will encourage others to take that next step in developing or starting a business in our area.

"I believe the Balonne Shire, as good as it is, is about to see great thing if we get certainty around the water policy. As our confidence returns, our businesses will grow."

MEDIA

The MDA's most recent media releases are available [online](#).

MDA REGION MEETINGS

Go to the MDA [events calendar](#) for details of upcoming events in yours, and all regions.

MDA REGION CHAIRS

1	Cr David Thurley	Albury City Council	0419 510 274	DThurley@alburycity.nsw.gov.au
2	Cr Peter Mansfield	Moira Shire Council	0428 574 433	pmansfield@moira.vic.gov.au
3	Cr Alan Mathers	Murray River Council	0427 209 806	amathers@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au
4	Cr Melisa Hederics	Wentworth Shire Council	0447 817 871	crhederics@wentworth.nsw.gov.au
5	Cr Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council	0447 177 341	crhunter@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au
6	Cr Barry Featherston	Alexandrina Council	0417 808 565	barry.featherston@alexandrina.sa.gov.au
7	Cr David Shetliffe	Town of Walkerville	0414 631 442	DShetliffe@walkerville.sa.gov.au
8	Cr Denis Clark	Northern Areas Council	0408 148 725	denis.clark@nacouncil.sa.gov.au
9	Cr Paul Maytom	Leeton Shire Council	0447 293 829	paulm@leeton.nsw.gov.au
10	Vacant			
11	Cr John Campbell	Gunnedah Shire Council	0408 421 065	johncampbell@infogunnedah.com.au
12	Cr Richard Marsh	Balonne Shire Council	0409 692 299	richard.marsh@balonne.qld.gov.au

HOW TO JOIN THE MDA

To become a member of the MDA, please contact our head office on 03 5480 3805 or admin@mda.asn.au

Information is also available on our [website](#), including membership types, fees and an application form.

To discuss the benefits of membership, contact your Region Chair or call 03 5480 3805.

FROM THE CEO

Another busy month at the MDA as we continue to move with time and change. I will be taking a short break, exploring a few open water dive sites off the coast of Bali, returning the second week in June. Keep your eyes peeled for the fresh look MDA news letter in June as we welcome aboard a new staff member.

I look forward to the second half 2018 providing even more opportunities to work with our member



councils and stakeholders to support the best outcomes for their regions and for local government and communities across the Murray-Darling Basin.

Emma Bradbury

Chief Executive Officer

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



The Murray Darling Association board, from left: Region 3 Chair Cr Leigh Byron, Region 2 Chair Cr Peter Mansfield, Region 8 Chair Cr Denis Clark, MDA CEO Emma Bradbury; Region 5 Chair Cr Peter Hunter, National President and Region 1 Chair Cr David Thurley, Treasurer Peter George; Region 12 Chair Cr Richard Marsh, Region 9 Chair Cr Paul Maytom, Region 4 Chair Cr Darriea Turley, Region 7 Chair Cr David Shetliffe. Absent: Region 6 Chair Cr Barry Featherston.

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Aged Receivables

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED May 2018

	Current	April	March	February	Older	Total
Receivables						
Adelaide Plains Council ¹	-	-	-	-	2,215	2,215
Adrian Wells ²	-	-	-	-	83	83
Brewarrina Shire Council ⁵	(612)	-	-	-	-	(612)
Murray Darling Basin Authority	5,500	-	-	-	-	5,500
Rex Adams ³	(85)	-	-	-	-	(85)
Smith, Peter ⁴	-	-	-	-	83	83
Total Receivables	4,804	-	-	-	2,380	7,184
	66.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.1%	

Notes

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Still not sure if these guys are in or out.

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Will likely credit.

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Membership payment in advance

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Will credit and cease membership....? Will need to reapply to renew

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2018/19 membership payment in advance

Balance Sheet

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED As at 31 May 2018

31 May 2018 31 May 2017

Assets

	31 May 2018	31 May 2017
Bank		
ANZ Business Extra ...6893	23,828	34,645
ANZ Commercial Credit Card 359	4,145	-
ANZ MDF Gift #9052	1,606	1,510
ANZ MDF Ops #7503	4	4
Total Bank	29,583	36,158
Current Assets		
LGFA 01 Account	42,282	42,282
LGFA 01 Environmental Fund	2,497	2,497
Petty Cash/Cash On Hand	-	200
Trade Debtors	7,184	772
Total Current Assets	51,963	45,751
Fixed Assets		
Art Work at Valuation	5,000	5,000
Computers	2,280	-
Computers Accumulated Depreciation	(404)	-
Low Value Pool	1,761	1,761
Low Value Pool Accumulated Depreciation	(1,247)	(1,052)
Motor Vehicles	34,718	34,718
Motor Vehicles Accumulated Depreciation	(21,510)	(17,575)
Office Equipment	4,798	4,798
Office Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(2,305)	(1,615)
Software At Cost	16,550	-
Software at Cost Accumulated Depreciation	(3,845)	-
Total Fixed Assets	35,795	26,036
Non-current Assets		
High Security Water Shares MDA	115,100	112,600
High Security Water Shares MDF	54,000	54,000
Sundry Debtor	167	-
Total Non-current Assets	169,267	166,600
Total Assets	286,609	274,546

Liabilities

	31 May 2018	31 May 2017
Current Liabilities		
ANZ MDA Visa Credit Card	-	771
GST	1,605	(2,940)
Rounding	(1)	-
Sponsorship received in advance	-	5,000
Sundry Creditors	-	7,500
Trade Creditors	-	657

Balance Sheet

	31 May 2018	31 May 2017
Wages Payable - Payroll	3,796	-
Total Current Liabilities	5,400	10,988
Non-Current Liabilities		
Annual Leave Benefit	10,911	4,198
Debenture Loan	1,500	1,500
Hire Purchase Liability	2,332	6,331
Hire Purchase Unexpired Charges	(61)	(764)
PAYG Withholding Payable	13,036	3,674
Superannuation payable	8,251	2,140
Total Non-Current Liabilities	35,969	17,078
Total Liabilities	41,369	28,066
Net Assets	245,239	246,479
Equity		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	25,050	22,550
Current Year Earnings	26,590	50,784
Retained Earnings	193,599	173,145
Total Equity	245,239	246,479

Credit Invoice Summary

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

For the period 1 May 2018 to 31 May 2018

Invoice Number	Contact	Invoice Date	Expected Date	Reference	Payments / Credits	Balance	Source	Invoice Sent
CN-71465	District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	31 May 2018	31 May 2018		(232.35)	0.00	Receivable Credit Note	Not sent
CN-71467	Port Pirie Regional Council	31 May 2018	31 May 2018		(4,602.60)	0.00	Receivable Credit Note	Not sent
CN-71464	District Council of Mount Remarkable	31 May 2018	31 May 2018		(762.89)	0.00	Receivable Credit Note	Not sent
CN-71466	District Council of the Copper Coast	31 May 2018	31 May 2018		(3,438.47)	0.00	Receivable Credit Note	Not sent
Total					(9,036.31)	0.00		

Profit & Loss

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED 1 May 2018 to 31 May 2018

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Income								
Conference Income	9,373	-	9,373▲	0.0%	84,832	45,000	39,832▲	88.5%▲
Donation/Gift Income	5	-	5▲	0.0%	90	-	90▲	0.0%
Income - Memberships ¹	(8,215)	3,500	(11,715)▼	-334.7%▼	210,679	255,000	(44,321)▼	-17.4%▼
Income - Projects	-	-	-	0.0%	1,636	-	1,636▲	0.0%
Interest Income	-	-	-	0.0%	602	-	602▲	0.0%
Other Income [82000]	-	-	-	0.0%	5,765	-	5,765▲	0.0%
Total Income	1,163	3,500	(2,337)	-66.8%	303,604	300,000	3,604	1.2%
Gross Profit	1,163	3,500	(2,337)	-67.0%	303,604	300,000	3,604	1.0%
Less Operating Expenses								
Accounting/Bookkeeping Fees	-	80	(80)▼	-100.0%▼	282	880	(598)▼	-68.0%▼
Advertising & Marketing	-	100	(100)▼	-100.0%▼	9,903	6,210	3,693▲	59.5%▲
Bank Fees	67	40	27▲	67.4%▲	1,032	440	592▲	134.6%▲
Business Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	408	980	(572)▼	-58.3%▼
Computer Expenses	30	500	(470)▼	-94.0%▼	1,801	3,300	(1,499)▼	-45.4%▼
Conference Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	27,320	25,000	2,320▲	9.3%▲
Depreciation - Computer	-	-	-	0.0%	404	-	404▲	0.0%
Depreciation - Low Value Pool	-	-	-	0.0%	233	-	233▲	0.0%
Depreciation - Motor Vehicle	-	465	(465)▼	-100.0%▼	3,892	5,115	(1,223)▼	-23.9%▼
Depreciation - Office Equipment	-	10	(10)▼	-100.0%▼	257	110	147▲	133.4%▲

Profit & Loss

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Depreciation - Software	-	-	-	0.0%	3,845	-	3,845▲	0.0%
Engagement and Communications	-	-	-	0.0%	3,593	-	3,593▲	0.0%
Entertainment (Meal)	-	-	-	0.0%	11	-	11▲	0.0%
Fringe Benefits Tax	-	400	(400)▼	-100.0%▼	-	400	(400)▼	-100.0%▼
Fuel Expenses	417	320	97▲	30.5%▲	2,935	3,520	(585)▼	-16.6%▼
General Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	0.0%	518	-	518▲	0.0%
Licences and Subscriptions ²	871	-	871▲	0.0%	2,122	200	1,922▲	960.8%▲
Meeting Expense	-	200	(200)▼	-100.0%▼	121	2,200	(2,079)▼	-94.5%▼
Motor Vehicle Fuel/Oil	122	-	122▲	0.0%	377	-	377▲	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	865	840	25▲	3.0%▲
Motor Vehicle Interest Expense	39	-	39▲	0.0%	234	-	234▲	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	-	0.0%	633	1,200	(567)▼	-47.3%▼
Motor Vehicle Registration	-	-	-	0.0%	686	680	6▲	0.9%▲
Parking/Tolls Expenses	59	-	59▲	0.0%	431	-	431▲	0.0%
Postage	-	120	(120)▼	-100.0%▼	1,171	1,520	(349)▼	-22.9%▼
Premises Rent - Echuca	-	-	-	0.0%	15,500	15,000	500▲	3.3%▲
Printing	-	-	-	0.0%	1,150	980	170▲	17.3%▲
Pro Indemnity Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	811	860	(49)▼	-5.7%▼
Professional Fees	-	500	(500)▼	-100.0%▼	-	500	(500)▼	-100.0%▼
Public Liability Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	654	700	(46)▼	-6.6%▼
Staff Amenities	-	-	-	0.0%	141	150	(9)▼	-6.0%▼
Staff Training Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	1,541	2,000	(459)▼	-23.0%▼
Stationery	63	-	63▲	0.0%	676	700	(24)▼	-3.4%▼
Superannuation	975	1,424	(449)▼	-31.5%▼	14,680	15,081	(401)▼	-2.7%▼
Telephone Expenses	452	400	52▲	13.1%▲	3,985	4,400	(415)▼	-9.4%▼

Profit & Loss

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Travel & Accom. Expenses	685	800	(115)▼	-14.3%▼	9,167	8,800	367▲	4.2%▲
Wages & Salaries Expenses	14,521	14,986	(465)▼	-3.1%▼	161,998	158,713	3,285▲	2.1%▲
Water Expenses	26	-	26▲	0.0%	605	840	(235)▼	-28.0%▼
Work Cover Premiums	1,229	-	1,229▲	0.0%	3,029	3,500	(471)▼	-13.5%▼
Total Operating Expenses	19,557	20,345	(788)	-3.9%	277,014	264,819	12,195	4.6%
Net Profit	(18,394)	(16,845)	(1,549)	-9.0%	26,590	35,181	(8,591)	-24.0%

Notes

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Unfavorable to budget due to two factors. 1. Failure to meet projected membership growth of \$3500pcm in 17/18 budget, and 2. Adjustment of unpaid invoices - see credit note report attached.

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Report on motions 2017 AGM

6.1	<p>1.1 Motion: That the constitution be amended as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Part 3, item 6 – remove the words <i>member council</i> and insert the words <i>local government entity</i>; and b) Part 11, item 38 – add the following subclauses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The amendment must be lodged with the executive six weeks prior to the MDA Meeting b. The amendment must be listed as a motion and published in the agenda for the MDA Meeting. <p>Moved: Cr D Shetliffe/Cr D Clark Lost **</p>	Motion lost
6.2	<p>Meaningful inclusion of local government in Murray-Darling Basin related decision-making processes.</p> <p>Motion: That the Murray Darling Association:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nominate the National President of the Murray Darling Association on the Basin Community Committee; and b. Continue to pursue options for local government, as the third level of government in Australia to be formally included in the decision-making processes that underpin the continuing implementation of the Basin Plan. <p>Moved: Cr D Thurley/Cr V Leng Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Complete b) Ongoing. See submissions to Productivity Commission, NRAR, SA Royal Commission, all delegations to parliamentary and agency stakeholders.
6.3	<p>Water management and compliance in the Basin</p> <p>Motion: That the Murray Darling Association:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Acknowledge the concurrent inquiries underway. b) Maintain its call for an independent Public Inquiry with the ability to compel witnesses to give evidence. c) Calls for consistent monitoring and compliance rules across all Basin states. d) Note that public confidence is essential to the effective implementation of the Basin Plan. <p>Moved: Cr D Thurley/Cr N Jaensch Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) No action required b) Done c) Ongoing. See submissions to Productivity Commission, NRAR, SA Royal Commission, media releases and all delegations to parliamentary and agency stakeholders. d) As above
6.4	<p>Independent auditing of MDBA compliance regime (Region 7)</p> <p>Motion: That the Murray Darling Association calls on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) all state governments currently responsible for compliance with water allocations to ensure that the compliance regime be subject to independent audit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ongoing. See submissions to Productivity Commission, NRAR, SA Royal Commission, media releases and all delegations to

	<p>b) all state governments to undertake and make public a comprehensive audit of all water extraction licences, including “sleeper licences”.</p> <p>c) the MDBA to ensure that its compliance system, when introduced in 2019, is well resourced, robust and subject to independent audit.</p> <p>Moved: Cr D Shetliffe/Cr A Mangos Carried</p>	<p>parliamentary and agency stakeholders.</p> <p>b) As above</p> <p>c) Not done.</p>
6.5	<p>River flows for tourism (Region 1) Motion: That the Murray Darling Association</p> <p>a) Note the economic importance of river related tourism to Basin communities.</p> <p>b) Pursue opportunities for continuing collaboration with the relevant authorities to maximise multiple benefits of flows, timing and available resources</p> <p>c) Explore strategies for enhanced communications and information sharing in relation to river heights.</p> <p>d) Note of thanks to all parties for their work in coordinating flows to maintain river heights Easter 2017.</p> <p>Moved: Cr D Thurley/Cr V Leng Carried</p>	<p>a) No action required</p> <p>b) Done. Annual meetings between MDA, MDBA River Operations and CEWO established</p> <p>c) Ongoing</p> <p>d) Done verbally. Letter to be sent.</p>
6.6	<p>The availability of timely flood information (Region 1) Motion: That the Murray Darling Association</p> <p>a) Advocate for the formation of a working group comprising the MDBA Manager of River Operations, Councils, SES and other relevant parties across all affected Murray Darling Association regions to develop a comprehensive and reliable strategy to inform local residents, businesses, emergency management groups and other affected parties of the actions and outcomes to be expected as a result of management actions during times of flood downstream of Lake Hume.</p> <p>Moved: Cr D Thurley/Cr T Quinn Carried</p>	<p>a) Not done.</p>
6.7	<p>Local government involvement in the development of Water Resource Plans (Region 4)</p> <p>Motion: That the Murray Darling Association call on the MDBA and the States to ensure local government has a key role in providing local knowledge to inform the development of the state-based Water Resource Plans.</p>	<p>a) Ongoing. See submissions to Productivity Commission, NRAR, SA Royal Commission, media releases and engagements with MDBA.</p>

	Moved: Cr D Turley/Cr J MacAllister Carried	
6.8	<p>Management of the Menindee Lakes (Region 4)</p> <p>Motion: That the Murray Darling Association call on the NSW Government to make available a detailed brief on the Menindee Lakes System Sustainable Diversion Limit Project, such details to include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The storage capacity and evaporation losses of the Menindee Lakes; b) The methodology for calculating, monitoring and reporting on the storage capacity and evaporation losses of the Menindee Lakes; c) How do these volumes contribute to the Sustainable Diversion Limit; d) How will the SDL Adjustment Mechanism project for Menindee Lakes work; e) The Menindee Lakes Water Saving Plan. <p>Moved: Cr D Turley/Cr J MacAllister Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Request made NSW Govt, DPI. Follow up discussions. b) Further written follow-up May 18. Awaiting response.
6.9	<p>Moratorium on the Wentworth to Broken Hill Pipeline (Region 4)</p> <p>Motion: That the Murray Darling Association calls on the NSW Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Place an immediate moratorium on the construction of the Wentworth to Broken Hill water pipeline; b) Make public the business case for the Wentworth to Broken Hill Water Pipeline. <p>Moved: Cr D Turley/Cr J MacAllister Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) MDA Region 4 Chair met with Minister Blair. Report to follow. b) Further action as per 6.8 above.

Motions for Conference 2018

Region	Issue/ Motion	Paper received	Region Minutes	Contact
2	That the Murray Darling Association: a) Call on the Ministerial Council to task the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to undertake a specific body of collaboration of work with the affected local municipalities to consider the impact of the Barmah Choke on the implementation of the Basin Plan; and b) Scope out a project to address the system constraint that is the Barmah Choke.			
2	That the Murray Darling Association: a) Continues to support the National Carp Control Plan to undertake robust analysis of the impacts of the release of biological control on carp in Australia's waterways; and b) Calls on the National Carp Control Program to engage strongly with local government to ensure that local government EMPs are adequately informed to respond to any managed or unmanaged release of the virus.			
3	That the Murray Darling Association: a) Recognise the relationship between the proliferation of new and emerging industries and the availability of water below the Barmah Choke; and b) Works with State and Federal governments and water management agencies to establish an integrated approach and planning provisions that are consistent with the socioeconomic objectives of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.			
3	Region 3 recommends that the State and Federal governments work with Local Government to define an agreed definition of socioeconomic neutrality that matches the Murray-Darling Basin Plan's guidelines and is consistent with Commonwealth guidelines.			



**Renmark
Paringa
Council**

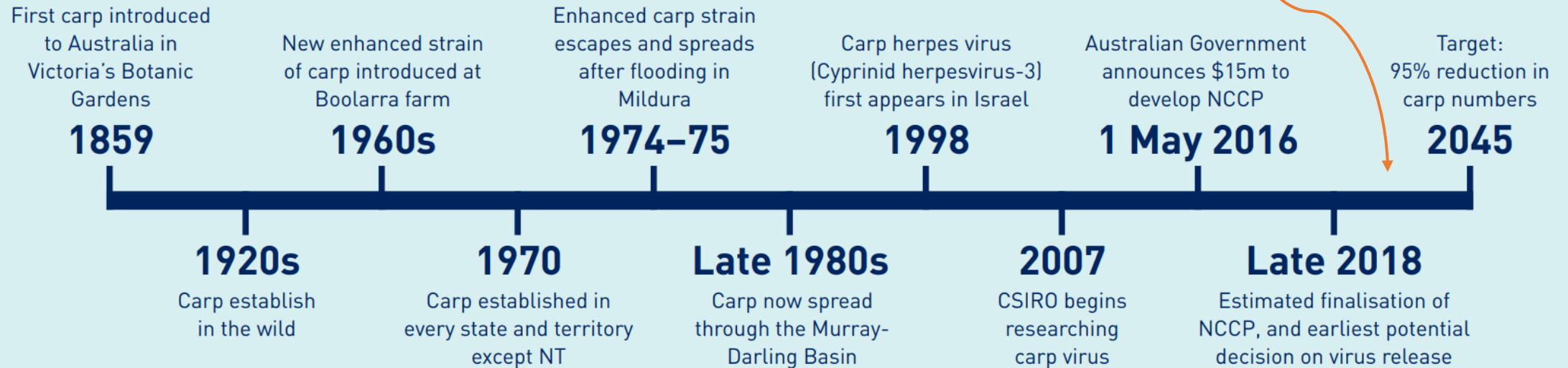
**Carp Biomass – An
Integrated Solution**

The Problem

- Carp now comprise up to 90% of the fish biomass in the Murray-Darling Basin, exceeding 350 kilograms per hectare in some parts.
- This has led to significant environmental, economic, and social impacts for communities throughout the Basin.
- We do not have an effective strategy to manage the collection and disposal of dead carp in the case that the herpes virus is released.



2019 – 2045: Management of carp biomass



The Question



How practical is it to release the carp herpes virus into the Murray-Darling Basin without forming strong partnerships with its communities to develop an integrated biomass management approach?

Strong Partnerships

Working together, contributing towards the development of a detailed carp biomass management strategy suitable for uptake across the Murray-Darling Basin.



The Way Forward



Basin communities are a part of the solution.

1. We need to move beyond *engaging* with Basin communities if we want to deliver an effective biomass management plan that will enable a collaborative, collective and coordinated national response.

2. Empower communities to contribute, take action, and be a part of the solution through local government.

3. Tap into vast existing local and regional resources, networks and partnerships.

The Solution

- 1. Develop a pilot project for carp biomass collection and processing that is regionally focused and regionally rewarding.
 - Designed by local government in conjunction with community and local, state, national and international organisations for purposeful uptake across the Murray-Darling Basin.



Carp Biomass and Renmark Paringa – An Integrated Solution



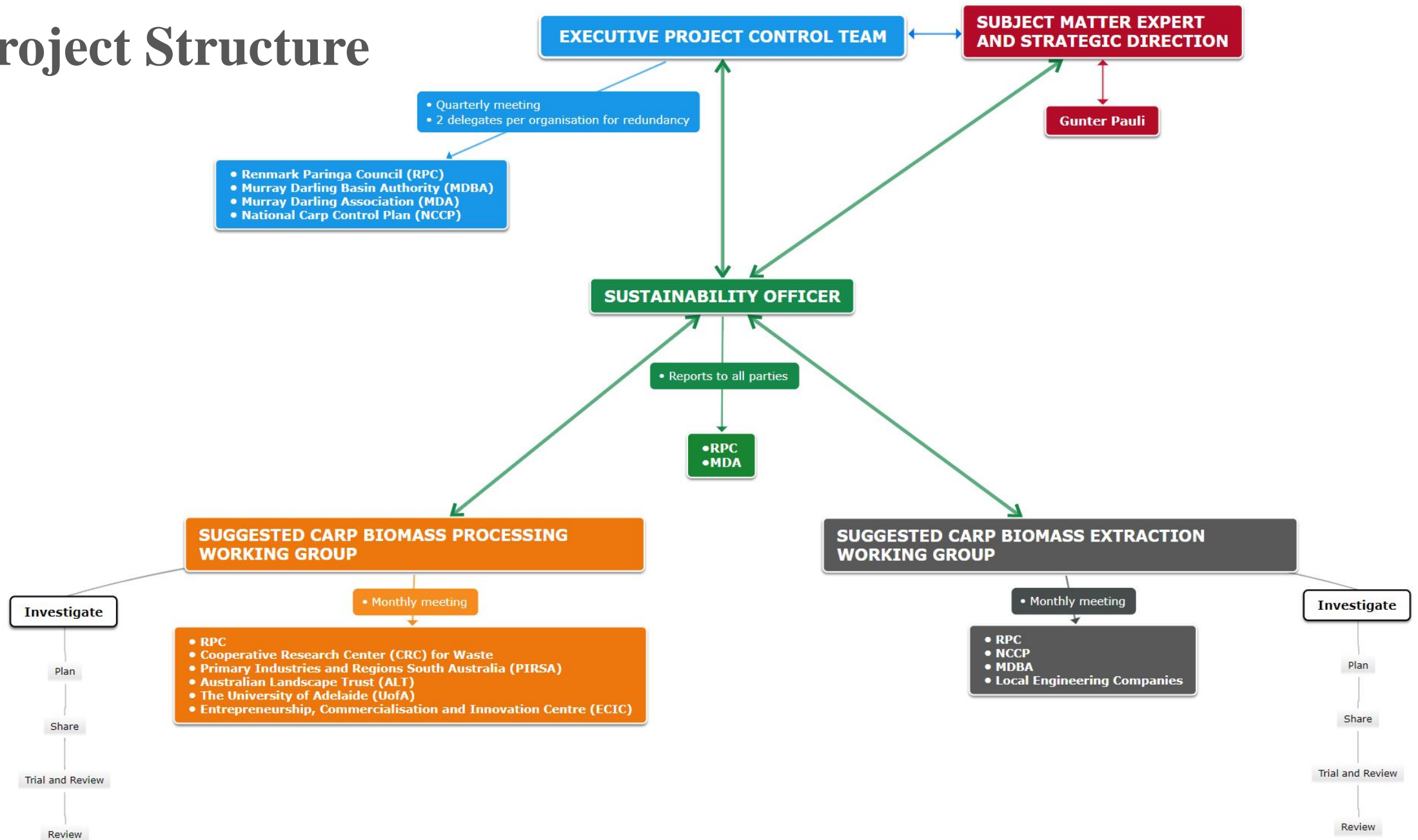
- Renmark Paringa Council is seeking funding from the MDBA in conjunction with the MDA to develop and implement this pilot project.
- This project will aim to develop a portfolio of solutions to the carp biomass in the Riverland and Murray-Darling Basin that incorporate systems thinking and design, cradle-to-cradle, closed loop, up-cycling, reuse, recycling, remanufacturing, industrial ecology, and share economy fundamentals.



Project Focus

1. *Primary:* Developing a pilot project for carp processing with social, environmental, and economic benefits with the goal of wider uptake in the Murray Darling Basin.
2. *Secondary:* Supporting the primary project focus through investigating existing local and international options for carp extraction, and through the utilisation of Gunter Pauli's networks.

Project Structure



Project Plan

YEAR 1 (5/18)

1. Establish stakeholders and baseline aims and objectives guided by the primary and secondary project foci
2. Develop project teams and stakeholder relationships
3. Generate primary data and collate secondary data to support a suite of pilot projects
4. Engage and collaborate with Gunter Pauli on innovative project development and implementation utilising local, national and international networks

YEAR 2 (5/19)

1. Initiate project
 - Review
 - Share
2. Work with NCCP
3. Refine process

YEAR 3 (5/20)

1. Modify project based on feedback loops in years 1 and 2
2. Disseminate project data and success for wider uptake and replication



The Case for Support

- Renmark Paringa Council has strong long-standing state, national, and international partnerships with industry and communities which have led to the development and implementation of successful projects across the region. From these relationships, and through continued collaboration, significant capacity for innovation exists.
- This project funding is vital, as it would facilitate action on this issue, enabling Renmark Paringa Council to be a part of an integrated suite of measures aimed at reducing carp impacts in the Riverland and wider Murray-Darling Basin.

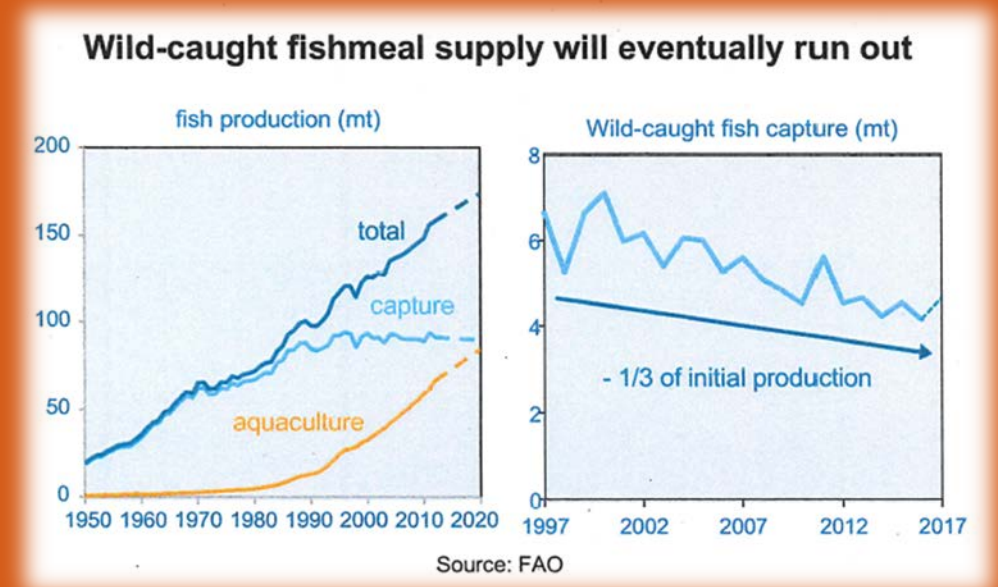
Innovation



- The project seeks to be innovative as possible, tapping into these local, national and international networks to find regional solutions.
- The project will effectively synergise with an existing project which aims to regenerate biodiversity and improve the economic and social resilience of the community through waste utilisation.
- Strategic direction and support will be given to the project by Gunter Pauli using the concept of the Blue Economy and his worldwide networks and knowledge.

Support For Innovation

- We already have interest and support from private industry in Australia looking to harness organic waste bio-conversion
- It is estimated that their investment could:
 - Bring in the range of \$25 to \$30 directly to the region
 - Create 50 FTE's running 24/7 365 days a year
 - Utilise upwards of 150 tones of carp per day



- Conventional protein supply overrun by demand

Gunter Pauli

- Gunter Pauli is an entrepreneur and author of *The Blue Economy*, and has been widely recognised as "The Steve Jobs of sustainability"
- Since 2009 he has lead the development of nearly 200 entrepreneurial projects around the world that have mobilized an estimated US\$4 billion in local financing and generated some 3 million jobs.
- Gunter Pauli is a world-renowned inspirational speaker; having recorded multiple TED-talks and been keynote speaker at Tesla World in 2015, and currently advises at the United Nations University in Tokyo





Gunter Pauli in the Riverland

- The purpose of Gunter Pauli's visit to the Riverland is to demonstrate how we can create a portfolio of enterprises that generate multiple benefits for business and society while rejuvenating the environment using the concept of the Blue Economy utilising his worldwide networks and knowledge.
- The major focus for his visit will be to support and develop the carp biomass project, providing an opportunity for industry, government and community to come together and:
 - Be inspired to create a more sustainable community;
 - Create jobs and opportunities and;
 - Find win-win-win propositions where everyone in the value chain benefits economically, socially and environmentally — the business, the communities and those in need.

Why the Blue Economy Approach to the Project?



1. Focus on what is locally available to generate new opportunities.

- Core to the Blue Economy approach is the understanding that there is much more locally available than first thought, and this is likely to be transferable across the Murray-Darling Basin.

2. Create portfolios of opportunity with multiple cash flows.

- With a newfound appreciation for carp biomass as a resource business can start to weave portfolios of local opportunities that generate multiple cash flows.

3. Ensure that the environment is strengthened as a part of operations.

- It is important to ensure that carp biomass utilisation project does not compromise the natural systems around us.

4. Build greater resilience through diversification of operations and collaborations.

Project Costs



- **Total expenditure over 3 years**
 - **Gunter Pauli providing strategic direction for the duration**
 - **Local coordinator driving project delivery, monitoring, evaluation and reporting**
 - **Final element of the project is taking this data, disseminating and promoting it in conjunction with MDBA, NCCP and relevant stakeholders**

Expenditure:				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
	\$	\$	\$	
Gunter Pauli:				
Appearance Fee	\$ 20,000			
Travel	\$ 8,000			
Accommodation	\$ 1,000			
Meals	\$ 500			
Sundry	\$ 500			
OnGoing Consultation		\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
Workshop costs / materials	\$ 5,000			
Local Coordinator / Liaison:				
• Personnel and oncosts	\$104,227	\$104,227	\$104,227	
• Car and oncosts	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	
• Admin / Computer/ Office/software etc	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	
• Mobile phone	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
• Travel / Accommodation	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000	Nat Conf / sharing project process & results across the basin
Report / Actions				
• Publish / Promote	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Nat MDA / MDBA / Carp
Marketing and communication	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Partner Links / Sharing / Meetings				
• External Meeting Costs	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
Recruitment	\$ 8,500			
\$	657,681	\$ 228,227	\$ 204,727	\$ 224,727