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Ordinary Meeting of the Board
10.30am Monday 23rd July 2018
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/234416573>

Minutes - MEETING No. 377

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Cr David Thurley	Albury City Council	Region 1
Cr Peter Mansfield	Moira Shire Council	Region 2
Cr Jane MacAllister	Wentworth Shire Council	Region 4 (proxy)
Cr Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council	Region 5
Cr Barry Featherston	Alexandrina Shire Council	Region 6
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
Cr Richard Marsh	Balonne Shire Council	Region 12
Pete George	M&S Group	Treasurer
Emma Bradbury	MDA	CEO
Scott Bourne*	MDA	Communications Officer

* Non-board member – attendance by invitation

1.2 Apologies

Cr Melisa Hederics	Wentworth Shire Council	Region 4
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1.3 Declarations

Nil

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Meeting 376 held 10.30am Monday 18th June 2018

Please click on the link to [Minutes of Meeting 376](#)

Motion: That the minutes of board meeting 376, held at 10.30am on Monday, 18th June, 2018 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

P Maytom/J MacAllister

Carried

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report

The Chair reported on his appointment to the Basin Community Committee announced earlier this month. Four of the 12 new appointees on the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's Basin Community Committee are from local government – Cr David Thurley of Albury City Council, Mayor

Neil Martinson of Renmark Paringa Council, Cr Samantha O'Toole of Balonne Shire Council and Mayor Adrian Weston of Campaspe Shire Council. Appointees are being polled to determine the best date to undertake induction for their roles, scheduled between August 27 and September 7.

Motion: That the Chairman's Report is noted.

D Thurley/J Campbell

Carried

3.2 Finance Reports

(Attachment 1)

The 2017-18 financial year loss of \$23,137 is larger than previously forecast. This is attributed to payroll expenses, including accrued end of financial year leave figures for staff and wage adjustment (\$7,500), depreciation (\$10,269) and communications and engagement costs (\$4,000). When non-cash expenses are incorporated, the deficit is \$3000.

Membership payments have seen funds increase from \$26,168 to \$120,000 during the first 20 days of July.

It is up to all region chairs to sell the benefits of the Murray Darling Association to current and potential members, and to develop their membership engagement strategies as per resolution 374-5.4.

Issues that provide opportunity for membership benefit, such as Indigo Shire Council's pending legal battle in relation to mining for bottled water should be promoted among the Murray Darling Association membership.

Motion: That the Finance Reports are noted.

P George/D Shetliffe

Carried

3.3 Chief Executive Officer's Report

It has been an incredibly busy month with preparation of the annual report, region reports, financial reports and continuing preparations for the conference, including preparation of motions. The audit has been completed, an outstanding suite of motions are to be considered for the conference, and that registrations for the conference currently stand at 70, with more coming in every day.

Strategic planning needs to occur within each region in relation to membership retention, and assistance to achieve this will be welcome. The capture and marketing of success stories and campaigns will assist the strategic planning process.

Motion: That the Chief Executive Officer's report is noted.

P George/D Shetliffe

Carried

3.4 Region reports

The chair advised the board that he had, since the commencement of the meeting today, received notification via sms of Cr Mathers' resignation. Cr Mathers, Murray River Council delegate was elected to chair the region in June. Region 3 consists of 3 member councils - Balranald Shire Council, which has indicated its intention to move to Region 4 due to stronger alignment of interests; Loddon Shire Council, which will consider its membership at its July Ordinary Meeting, and Murray River Council, which is the current chairing council. Murray River Council, prior to amalgamation spanned two regions – Wakool Shire Council was in Region 3, with Murray Shire Council in Region 2.

Cr Mathers' resignation and challenges since being in the role were noted.

Mildura Rural City Council (Region 4) will continue discussions with Swan Hill Rural City Council to consider returning as a member council, and will also assist in taking up any engagement

support required for Region 3.

Region chairs spoke to current issues/events in their regions:

Region 1 – Next meeting will be held in August.

Region 4 – Cr McAllister reported on Region 4 meeting held Friday 20th July at which NSW Department of Primary Industries attended to provide advice on the Menindee Lakes Project. Region 4 was united in its message that the respectfully declined to allow for advice from the Department to be considered consultation, and that as such did not meet process requirements. Region 4 and the department agreed the region would develop a framework for required/expected consultation, and engage with the department on that basis. This position is absolutely consistent with the adopted position of the MDA on meaningful consultation and collaboration between all levels of government.

Regions 5-8 – An inter-regional meeting occurred on July 17th, which included presentations from South Australian Minister for Environment and Water, David Spiers and Murray-Darling Basin Authority Representatives.

Region 8 – All local councils that are within Region 8 will soon meet as part of a regional Local Government Association gathering. Legatus CEO Simon Millcock attended the SA Interregional meeting on behalf of region 8.

3.5 Communications and engagement report (Attachment 2)

The board noted the report, a new addition to the board reports.

Action: Board members to advise what communications and engagement content they would like reported.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 National Conference and AGM 2018

The Constitution of the MDA requires that

(6) Any MDA Meeting, must be as follows:

- (a) arranged by the Board, including through the Chief Executive Officer or Public Officer;
- (b) by sending by post or email a written notice not less than 30 days prior to the proposed MDA Meeting, to each Region chair, every Delegate of whose existence notice has been given to the MDA and each Member Council;
- (c) by posting of the details of the proposed MDA Meeting on the MDA's website, not less than 30 days prior to the proposed MDA Meeting;
- (d) details with notice or posting must include:
 - (i) the date, time and place of the MDA Meeting;
 - (ii) any motions proposed, including those initiated by a Region, Member Council or any other Member.

4.1.1 Notice of Meeting (Attachment 3)

Motion: That the board approve the attached Notice Of Meeting to be posted in accordance with Part 6 s17(c) of the Constitution, no later than 29th July, 2018.

D Shetliffe/J Campbell

Carried

4.1.2 Motions for National Conference (Attachment 4)

Sixteen motions have been submitted for consideration for the 74th Annual General Meeting:

<i>Motion 1</i>	<i>Albury City Council, Region 1</i>	Approved
<i>Motion 2</i>	<i>Indigo Shire, Region 1</i>	Approved
<i>Motion 3</i>	<i>Berrigan Shire, Region 2</i>	Approved

<i>Motion 4</i>	<i>Murray Darling Association/Region 3</i>	Content merged with similar submission proposed by Region 2.
<i>Motion 5</i>	<i>Murray Darling Association</i>	Originally a Region 3 submission, the Murray Darling Association will move this motion as it is a priority action
<i>Motion 6</i>	<i>Coorong District Council, Region 6</i>	Content provided following Board Meeting 377
<i>Motion 7</i>	<i>Murray Darling Association</i>	Originally a Region 6 submission, the Murray Darling Association to move this motion as it is a strategic matter
<i>Motion 8</i>	<i>Rural City of Murray Bridge, Region 6</i>	Content provided following Board Meeting 377
<i>Motion 9</i>	<i>Wentworth Shire Council, Region 4</i>	Approved
<i>Motion 10</i>	<i>Wentworth Shire Council, Region 4</i>	Approved
<i>Motion 11</i>	<i>Alexandrina Council, Region 6</i>	Wording revised to enhance achievability in consideration of provisions of Australian Constitution.
<i>Motion 12</i>	<i>Broken Hill City Council, Region 4</i>	Approved
<i>Motion 13</i>	<i>Balonne Shire Council, Region 12</i>	Balonne Shire added as a co-mover of this motion
<i>Motion 14</i>	<i>Don Oberin</i>	Approved
<i>Motion 15</i>	<i>Murray Darling Association</i>	The alteration to Part 11, item 38 a. will be presented as a stand alone motion, adjusting the timeframe longer to 12 weeks to correct an error of omission in the final draft of the MDA Constitution 2016.
<i>Motion 16</i>	<i>Wentworth Shire Council, Region 4</i>	Council to seek approval at its July Ordinary Meeting for a motion to be raised at the 74 th Annual General Meeting.
<i>Motion 17</i>	<i>Loddon Shire Council, Region 3</i>	Approved as per minutes from Region 3's June 2018 meeting

Action: Amended motions to be distributed to board members by Friday, July 27 with a Flying Minute to note the motions to be taken to the 74th Annual General Meeting.

4.1.3 Financial Statements

(Attachment embargoed)

Motion: That the board endorse the 2018 Financial Statements for inclusion in the 2017-18 Annual report.

D Shetliffe/J Campbell

Carried

4.1.4 Annual Report 2018 (draft)

(Attachment embargoed)

Action: Removal of duplication of board performance report.

Motion: That the board notes the Annual Report, subject to proofing.

J Campbell/D Shetliffe

Carried

Cr Mansfield left the meeting at 10.45am.

4.2 Conference 2019

4.2.1 Host region

Toowoomba Regional Council have accepted the invitation to host the 2019 Conference, with development of the planning committee underway.

4.2.2 Calendar of key dates

(Attachment 7)

A calendar of key dates for 2019 AGM planning has been developed.

Action: Board members to review calendar of key dates and contribute any considerations for the 2019 conference (timing of elections, other conferences, major events, parliamentary sitting dates etc.).

4.2.3 Host Region 2020 (Attachment 8)

Region 4 expressed interest in hosting the 76th National Conference and Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 2020. Expressions of interest from all regions will be accepted prior to the closing of nominations at the October 2018 board meeting.

Action: Expressions of interest for regions to host the 76th National Conference close by the distribution of meeting papers for Board Meeting 380 [October 22nd, 2018]

4.3 Motions 373-5.1 - Action Tracker

Documentation outlining the progress of all motions carried during board meetings held during 2017-18 was tabled. Board members agreed for future updates to occur every three months.

Action: An update on progress on all motions passed at Board level to be tabled in board reports every three months.

Action: Update on progress arising from motions passed at Annual General Meetings to be available on the Murray Darling Association website.

4.4 Motion 372-4.1 – Policy Committee

Carried forward

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Murray Darling Basin Royal Commission (Attachment 9)

The CEO has been invited to give evidence before the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission in support of the submission of the Murray-Darling Association Incorporated to the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission.

The invitation follows and extensive briefing with the Commission's legal team on Tuesday 3rd July.

The CEO is scheduled attend to give evidence before the Commission in Adelaide on Tuesday 24 July 2018 at 10.00am, Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission, David Spence Room, Level 2, Adelaide Town Hall, 128 King William Street, Adelaide.

The Royal Commission will meet all travel and accommodation expenses.

Please follow the link to review the [MDA submission](#).

6. MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS

6.1 Indigo Shire Council

6.2 Tenterfield Shire Council

Action: MDA to distribute a welcome pack to new member councils.

6.3 Membership receipts – report attached.

7. STRATEGY

7.1 Strategic Advisory Committee

(Attachment 10)

A Flying Minute distributed to all board members between 22nd June and 24th June, 2018 resolved to establish a Strategic Advisory Group.

Board considered the proposed terms of reference, and indicated they are largely comfortable with the Terms of Reference as proposed. Two further provisions need to be detailed

- a) Process for recommending members
- b) Process for electing the chair.

Action: CEO to make required amendments and distribute to the board by flying minute.

7.2 Motion 372-4.2 – Strategic Plan

The strategic plan has been updated to incorporate known amendments. Please click on the link to see the amended [Strategic Plan 2016-19](#).

Motion: That the board note the amended Strategic Plan 2016-19

D Shetliffe/B Featherston

Carried

8. CLOSE

Balance Sheet

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED As at 30 June 2018

30 Jun 2018

30 Jun 2017

Assets

	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2017
Bank		
ANZ Business Extra ...6893	26,188	73,053
ANZ Commercial Credit Card 359	1,548	(1,048)
ANZ MDF Gift #9052	1,616	1,516
ANZ MDF Ops #7503	4	4
Total Bank	29,355	73,525
Current Assets		
LGFA 01 Account	45,610	42,282
LGFA 01 Environmental Fund	-	2,497
Prepayments	1,250	500
Trade Debtors	9,454	(31)
Trade Debtors Original	-	75
Total Current Assets	56,314	45,323
Fixed Assets		
Art Work at Valuation	5,000	5,000
Computers	2,280	-
Computers Accumulated Depreciation	(560)	-
Low Value Pool	1,761	1,761
Low Value Pool Accumulated Depreciation	(1,294)	(1,014)
Motor Vehicles	34,718	34,718
Motor Vehicles Accumulated Depreciation	(22,207)	(18,037)
Office Equipment	4,798	4,798
Office Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(2,357)	(2,048)
Software At Cost	16,550	-
Software at Cost Accumulated Depreciation	(4,951)	-
Total Fixed Assets	33,738	25,178
Non-current Assets		
High Security Water Shares MDA	156,025	115,100
High Security Water Shares MDF	70,200	54,000
Sundry Debtor	170	167
Total Non-current Assets	226,395	169,267
Total Assets	345,802	313,293

Liabilities

	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2017
Current Liabilities		
GST	(60)	(4,112)
Membership received in advance	10,437	58,117
Prepaid Conference Income	45,866	-
Rounding	(1)	-
Sponsorship received in advance	-	5,000

Balance Sheet

	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2017
Trade Creditors	6,535	845
Total Current Liabilities	62,777	59,849
Non-Current Liabilities		
Annual Leave Benefit	15,072	10,911
Debenture Loan	1,500	1,500
Hire Purchase Liability	1,696	5,997
Hire Purchase Unexpired Charges	(195)	(295)
Month-end accruals	7,500	7,826
PAYG Withholding Payable	3,750	5,912
Superannuation payable	1,066	2,944
Total Non-Current Liabilities	30,388	34,795
Total Liabilities	93,165	94,644
Net Assets	252,638	218,649
Equity		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	82,175	25,050
Current Year Earnings	(23,137)	20,454
Retained Earnings	193,599	173,145
Total Equity	252,638	218,649

Aged Receivables

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED June 2018

	Current	May	April	March	Older	Total
Receivables						
Adelaide Plains Council	-	-	-	-	2,215	2,215
Adrian Wells	-	-	-	-	83	83
Australian Institute of Company Directors	3,300 ¹	-	-	-	-	3,300
Brewarrina Shire Council	-	(612) ²	-	-	-	(612)
Central Darling Shire Council	(638) ³	-	-	-	-	(638)
Forbes Shire Council	(3,121) ⁴	-	-	-	-	(3,121)
Michael F. McCormack	(85) ⁵	-	-	-	-	(85)
NSW Dept Primary Industries	11,000 ⁶	-	-	-	-	11,000
Paroo Shire Council	(606) ⁷	-	-	-	-	(606)
Rex Adams	-	(85) ⁸	-	-	-	(85)
Ricegrowers Association of Australia Inc	4,950	-	-	-	-	4,950
Smith, Peter	-	-	-	-	83	83
Snowy Valleys Council	(4,751) ⁹	-	-	-	-	(4,751)
Wentworth Shire Council	(2,280) ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	(2,280)
Total Receivables	7,769	(696)	-	-	2,380	9,454
	82.2%	-7.4%	0.0%	0.0%	25.2% ¹¹	

Notes

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Since paid

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Since paid

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Approved

Aged Receivables

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Board to authorise bad debt write offs

Profit & Loss

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED 1 Jun 2018 to 30 Jun 2018

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Income								
Conference Income	(13,333) ¹	-	(13,333)▼	0.0%	66,499	45,000	21,499▲	47.8%▲
Donation/Gift Income	10	-	10▲	0.0%	100	-	100▲	0.0%
Income - Memberships	(10,512) ²	3,500	(14,012)▼	-400.3%▼	200,242	258,500	(58,258)▼ ³	-22.5%▼
Income - Projects	231	-	231▲	0.0%	1,867	-	1,867▲	0.0%
Income - Water Sales	9,758	-	9,758▲	0.0%	9,758	-	9,758▲	0.0%
Interest Income	834	-	834▲	0.0%	1,436	-	1,436▲	0.0%
Other Income [82000]	-	-	-	0.0%	2,765	-	2,765▲	0.0%
Total Income	(13,012)	3,500	(16,512)	-471.8%	282,667	303,500	(20,833)	-6.9%
Gross Profit	(13,012)	3,500	(16,512)	-472.0%	282,667	303,500	(20,833)	-7.0%
Less Operating Expenses								
Accounting/Bookeeping Fees	-	80	(80)▼	-100.0%▼	250	960	(710)▼	-74.0%▼
Advertising & Marketing	-	100	(100)▼	-100.0%▼	9,903	6,310	3,593▲ ⁴	56.9%▲
Bank Fees	175	10	165▲	1647.0%▲	1,232	450	782▲	173.9%▲
Business Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	408	980	(572)▼	-58.3%▼
Computer Expenses	262	100	162▲	162.1%▲	2,113	3,400	(1,287)▼	-37.9%▼
Conference Expenses	935	-	935▲	0.0%	25,277	25,000	277▲	1.1%▲
Depreciation - Computer	87	-	87▲	0.0%	560	-	560▲	0.0%
Depreciation - Low Value Pool	23	-	23▲	0.0%	280	-	280▲	0.0%
Depreciation - Motor Vehicle	343	485	(142)▼	-29.3%▼	4,170	5,600	(1,430)▼	-25.5%▼

Profit & Loss

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Depreciation - Office Equipment	25	30	(5)▼	-15.6%▼	308	140	168▲	120.1%▲
Depreciation - Software	544	-	544▲	0.0%	4,951	-	4,951▲	0.0%
Engagement and Communications	1,041	-	1,041▲	0.0%	4,634	-	4,634▲ ⁵	0.0%
Fringe Benefits Tax	-	-	-	0.0%	-	400	(400)▼	-100.0%▼
Fuel Expenses	-	320	(320)▼	-100.0%▼	-	3,840	(3,840)▼	-100.0%▼
General Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	0.0%	1,131	-	1,131▲ ⁶	0.0%
Licences and Subscriptions	191	-	191▲	0.0%	2,312	200	2,112▲	1056.1%▲
Meeting Expense	818	200	618▲	309.1%▲	939	2,400	(1,461)▼	-60.9%▼
Motor Vehicle Fuel/Oil	(415)	-	(415)▼	0.0%	2,935	-	2,935▲	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	865	840	25▲	3.0%▲
Motor Vehicle Interest Expense	78	-	78▲	0.0%	469	-	469▲	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	-	250	(250)▼	-100.0%▼	1,052	1,450	(398)▼	-27.5%▼
Motor Vehicle Registration	-	-	-	0.0%	686	680	6▲	0.9%▲
Other Payroll Expenses	11,661	-	11,661▲	0.0%	11,661	-	11,661▲ ⁸	0.0%
Parking/Tolls Expenses	59	-	59▲	0.0%	680	-	680▲	0.0%
Postage	(30)	120	(150)▼	-124.8%▼	1,142	1,640	(498)▼	-30.4%▼
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	-	12,200	(12,200)▼	-100.0%▼	-	12,700	(12,700)▼ ⁹	-100.0%▼
Public Liability Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	654	700	(46)▼	-6.6%▼
Staff Amenities	-	50	(50)▼	-100.0%▼	141	200	(59)▼	-29.5%▼
Staff Training Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	1,541	2,000	(459)▼	-23.0%▼
Stationery	11	100	(89)▼	-89.2%▼	687	800	(113)▼	-14.1%▼
Superannuation	1,283	1,469	(186)▼	-12.6%▼	15,943	16,550	(607)▼	-3.7%▼

Profit & Loss

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Telephone Expenses	565	400	165▲	41.4%▲	4,977	4,800	177▲	3.7%▲
Travel & Accom. Expenses	1,299	800	499▲	62.4%▲	10,651	9,600	1,051▲	10.9%▲
Wages & Salaries Expenses	13,567	14,986	(1,419)▼	-9.5%▼	171,770	173,699	(1,929)▼	-1.1%▼
Water Expenses	386	-	386▲	0.0%	991	840	151▲	18.0%▲
Work Cover Premiums	-	-	-	0.0%	3,029	3,500	(471)▼	-13.5%▼
Total Operating Expenses	32,909	31,700	1,209	3.8%	305,804	296,519	9,285	3.1%
Net Profit	(45,921)	(28,200)	(17,721)	-63.0%	(23,137)	6,981	(30,118)	-431.0%

Notes

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Adjusted for 2019 prepayments

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Adjusted for prepayments

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March 2018 see Resolution 374 - 5.4: re strategies for membership growth and engagement. Further work/direction required.

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Marketing and communications collateral investment

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see note 4

Profit & Loss

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ICT Tech support

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Extended investment in personnel as per Board meeting 365.

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Audit and accounting reinvestment as per resolution 366 - 6.?

Customer Invoice Report (Australian Dollar)
MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
From 01 July 2018 to 19 July 2018

Invoice Number	To	Date	Due Date	Expected Date	Paid Date	Invoice Total	Paid	Due	Sent	Status
INV-71373	Albury City Council #22819695	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		6/07/2018	\$6,967.95	\$6,967.95	\$6,967.95	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71375	Wodonga City Council	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		6/07/2018	\$6,967.95	\$6,967.95	\$6,967.95	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71377	Greater Shepparton City Council #22819611	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		12/07/2018	\$6,967.95	\$6,967.95	\$6,967.95	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71379	Snowy Valleys Council #22819679	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		18/06/2018	\$4,751.27	\$4,751.27	\$4,751.27	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71386	Central Darling Shire Council	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		7/06/2018	\$637.54	\$637.54	\$637.54	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71388	Wentworth Shire Council	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		8/06/2018	\$2,279.89	\$2,279.89	\$2,279.89	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71391	District Council of Karoonda East Murray #22819593	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		13/07/2018	\$330.77	\$330.77	\$330.77	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71397	Tatiara District Council	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		6/07/2018	\$2,106.98	\$2,106.98	\$2,106.98	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71401	Lockhart Shire Council	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		6/07/2018	\$1,062.46	\$1,062.46	\$1,062.46	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71402	Murrumbidgee Council	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		6/07/2018	\$1,354.80	\$1,354.80	\$1,354.80	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71408	Forbes Shire Council	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		12/06/2018	\$3,121.40	\$3,121.40	\$3,121.40	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71409	Lachlan Shire Council	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		5/07/2018	\$2,191.52	\$2,191.52	\$2,191.52	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71411	Narromine Shire Council	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		9/07/2018	\$2,108.58	\$2,108.58	\$2,108.58	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
INV-71414	Brewarrina Shire Council	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		31/05/2018	\$611.60	\$611.60	\$611.60	\$0.00 Viewed	Paid
INV-71418	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	1/07/2018	30/07/2018		6/07/2018	\$2,395.17	\$2,395.17	\$2,395.17	\$0.00 Sent	Paid
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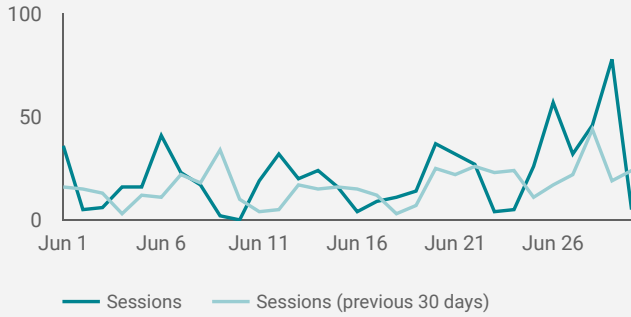
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How are site sessions trending?

Last 30 days vs. previous period



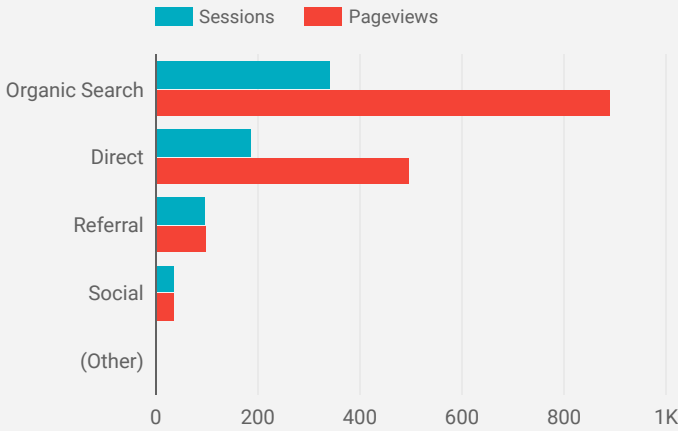
What are the top countries by sessions?

Sessions over the last 30 days

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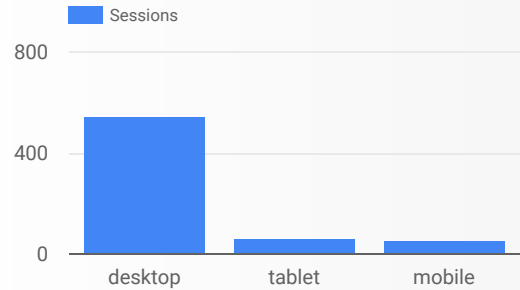
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Which channels are driving engagement?



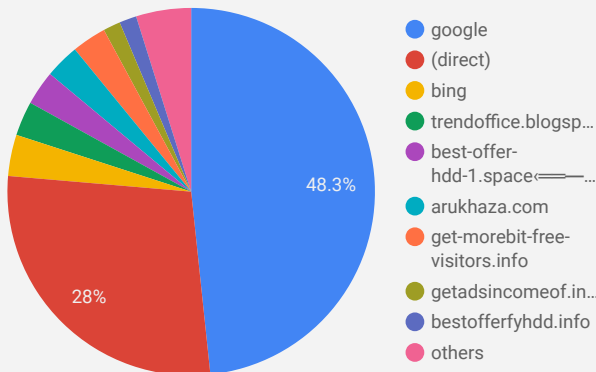
What devices are used to visit the site?

Sessions over the last 30 days



What is the source of incoming traffic

Consumer routes to the website



Which pages were viewed the most?

Sessions over the last 30 days

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5. /about-us/our-staff.aspx	24
6. /events/74th-national-con...	21
7. /save-the-murray/project...	17
8. /contact-us.aspx	16
9. /about-us.aspx	13
10. /hasin-nlan-impact-report-	12

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 74th Annual General Meeting
of

Murray Darling Association Incorporated

will be held on

Thursday 30th August

Commencing at 3.30pm

in

The Conference Room

Leeton Soldiers Club

Cnr Acacia & Yanco Ave, Leeton NSW 2705



The AGM will be held immediately following the conclusion of the 74th National Conference.

By direction of the National Board

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

Emma Bradbury
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Motions for Conference 2018

Motion number	Region	Issue/ Motion	Paper received	Region Minutes	Councils involved	Comment
1	1	River Operations to consider river heights be maintained at levels that avoid adverse economic impacts during peak visitation periods.		May 25, 2018	Albury City	Brad Ferris ACC preparing paper.
2	1	Advocate for amendment to the Water Act 1989 (Vic) regarding take and use of ground water.			Moved: Indigo	Long term region one position dating back to advocacy by Cr Don Chambers
3	2	MDBA to work with local govt through the MDA to define the role and significance of the Barmah Choke, and a co-ordinated management approach.		June 15, 2018	Moved: Berrigan Seconded: Moirra	
4	2	Support for the National Carp Control Plan and call to engage strongly with local government to ensure EMPs are adequately informed to respond to any managed or unmanaged release of the virus.		June 15, 2018	Moved: Berrigan Seconded: Shepparton	
5	3	Recognise the relationship between the proliferation of new and emerging industries and the availability of water below the Barmah Choke.		June 15,2018		Similar to motion 2. Need to ensure that the final wording of both creates

						consistency, rather than inconsistency.
6	3	Agreed definition of socioeconomic neutrality in the context of the MDBP that is consistent with Commonwealth guidelines.		June 14, 2018		
7	6	Climate vulnerability assessment and adaptation plan for the Coorong and Lower Lakes		June 15, 2018	Moved: Coorong Seconded: Murray Bridge	
8	6	Redefining regional boundaries to support greater membership subscription and participation		June 15, 2018	Moved: Coorong Seconded: Murray Bridge	
9	6	Investigate the benefits of upgrading outdated River Murray weir infrastructure.		June 15, 2018	Moved: Murray Bridge Seconded: Coorong	
10	4 - ALGA	National Water Registry, to monitor and report on all rainfall, surface and ground water storage, evaporation and capacity or movement, including flow rate and interstate or intervalley trade, extraction, unaccounted activity, licenses and allocation.		ALGA NGA 2018 – Page 7	Wentworth	Email sent to R4 – Terry and Jane 05/07/2018
11	4 - ALGA	National Water Ombudsman with Federal jurisdiction.		ALGA NGA 2018 – Page 7	Wentworth	Email sent to R4 – Terry and Jane 05/07/2018
12	6 - ALGA	Calls to recommit to full and timely implementation of the Basin Plan; and for a formal role for local government in Basin Plan decision making via a permanent seat at the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council.		ALGA NGA 2018 – Page 8	Alexandrina	

13	4- ALGA	Strengthen the role of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority re-enforcement of compliance for the length of the Barwon/Darling river.		ALGA NGA 2018 – Page 8	Broken Hill	Email sent to R4 – Terry and Jane 05/07/2018
14	12 - ALGA	Replenish the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund to ensure sufficient funds are available to both assess the feasibility of projects and to deliver this critical water infrastructure.		ALGA NGA 2018 – Page 8	Lockyer Valley	
15	Don Oberin - Life member	That the Murray Darling Association calls on the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to investigate utilising Torrumbarry Weir flows for power generation.		Board meeting 376 – June 2018		Approved by the board at meeting 376.
16	Special motion - MDA	That the constitution be amended as follows b) Part 11, item 38 – add the following subclauses 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.		73rd AGM – page 5		

Motion 1 Region 1 – Albury City Council

Motion: That the Manager of River Operations, Murray Darling Basin Authority, take into account how river levels impact on basin communities during peak tourism periods. Furthermore, the Murray Darling Basin Authority regulate river flows to the greatest extent possible so that there is adequate flow to support tourist activities along the Murray River, especially during periods of high tourism activity, including Christmas, school holidays, Australia Day and Easter. in consultation with effected councils, the MDA, and the environmental water holders to ensure positive social, economic and environmental outcomes are achieved.

Objective:

To mitigate adverse economic impact on visitation dependent regional economies across the Murray Darling Basin caused by low water levels during peak visitation periods.

Key Arguments:

The Murray Darling Basin Authority operates the Murray River system on behalf of Basin Governments. The Basin consists of 23 major river systems and is the home to more than 2 million people.

The Murray River is integral to the Basin, spanning three states and being the primary water supply for the majority of the basin communities. The river is 2520 kilometres in length and includes four major storages, 16 storage weirs and 15 locks which assist in providing water for urban, recreational, industrial, agricultural and environmental purposes.

Storage levels and subsequent releases are directly related to demand. Under current legislation the Manager of River Operations manages these storage levels and flows based on water consumption demands such as agricultural, urban populations and environmental initiatives. However, it is important that tourism be included the water demand equation. While tourism is not a consumptive water process, storage levels and river flows influence the social and economic livelihood of the basin communities.

Tourism in the Murray Region included more than 5.3 million domestic and international visitors during 2017. These visitors stayed 8.7 million nights and contributed a total of \$1.4 billion to the local economy. What is paramount to this level of tourism is the availability of suitable storage and water levels to ensure water based activities can be enjoyed.

A decrease in demand for agricultural and environmental flows often coincides with Easter which is a high tourism period along the Murray River. In the past, river levels have significantly decreased in the week leading up to Easter, reducing the appeal and economic benefit to the region that relies heavily on water based activities. Similarly changes in water consumption demand has resulted in significant river flow reduction in the lead up to Australia Day and typical an extended weekend and stay in our region.

We urge the River Operations Manager to consider tourism as a water demand player when adjusting storage and river flow. This is in line with a healthy, working Murray Darling Basin and the aim of the Basin Plan to ensure that water is shared between all users in a sustainable manner.

Motion 2 Region 1 – Indigo Shire

Motion: [That] The Murray Darling Association advocate to the Minister for Water in the Victorian Parliament that an amendment be made to the Water Act 1989 in Section 51.

That the Minister in considering an application for a Commercial Water Licence to take and use ground water (as per section 51) be required to take into account

- i) community consultation and concerns,
 - ii) the effect of the application in regard to horticulture and agriculture,
 - iii) the effect on other bores for domestic and stock purposes,
 - iv) the effect on water use in nearby towns and villages,
 - v) the effect on the environment, the effect on in flows to reservoirs required for domestic uses,
 - vi) consultation with the local authority / Council or Shire and
 - vii) the purposes for which the water is being extracted.
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Objective: To provide for the issuing of a licence or licences to extract water for commercial purposes, and the impact on agricultural activity, aquifer management, and community concern, to be better reflected in the legislation, particularly in the Victorian *Water Act 1989*.

Key Arguments:

Indigo Shire Council and the community are united in the view that the matter of water extraction, particularly in high class agricultural areas, should face greater scrutiny and articulation within the legislation which governs the activity ie the Victorian Water Act, and the Victorian Planning and Environment Act, and associated Planning Scheme provisions.

Council also contends that the practice of converting part of existing water licences to commercial use will potentially proliferate across the state, and that the MDA, as a lead agency for local government, should undertake a strong advocacy program to represent the concerns and issues of local councils like Indigo.

Council also takes the view that the Water Act in Victoria is a product of a previous time when the management and use of water did not have the influential factors affecting it.

The issues of climate change, longer dry periods, community demands for local and sustainable food production, protection of high quality agricultural land, and greater community awareness of natural resource preservation, all bring the need for a review and potential change to the provisions of the Water Act, and the subsequent relationship with the Planning and Environment Act and local Planning Scheme provisions.

The extraction of water for commercial use is a matter which is causing significant concern within the community and within Council. Council is determined to support change to the legislation which governs such activities, and the submission of a motion to the MDA National Conference and AGM is one part of Council's approach.

Motion 3 Region 2 – Berrigan Shire

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association call on the Ministerial Council to task the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to undertake a specific body of work in collaboration with impacted councils, through the MDA to

- a) Considers the role of the Barmah Choke in the implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan; and
 - b) Recognises the importance of the Barmah Choke as a natural feature of the highest environmental, cultural, and operational significance in the Murray River system.
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Objective:

Key Arguments:

Motion 4 Region 2 – Berrigan Shire

Motion: 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 Emergency Management Plans are adequately informed to respond to any managed or unmanaged release of the virus.
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Objective:

Key Arguments:

Motion 5 Region 3 – Murray River Council

Motion: 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.
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Objective:

Key Arguments:

Motion 6 Region 3 – Murray River Council

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association calls on the Commonwealth and all basin state governments to commit to

- a) reviewing the definition of socioeconomic neutrality in the context of the Murray-Darling Basin,
- b) adopt a definition consistent with existing Commonwealth standards and guidelines, and
- c) resource the development of an assessment framework that incorporates consistent local government participation.

Objective:

To establish an agreed definition for socio-economic neutrality in the context for the Murray Darling Basin Plan, and a fair, equitable and agreed framework for assessing.

Key Arguments:

The Water Act 2007 ('the Act') provides for the recovery of an additional 450 gigalitres (GL) of water ('upwater') within the Murray-Darling Basin by 2024, above and beyond the 2750 GL to be recovered by 2019 under the MDBP. Unlike the 2750 GL, impacts of recovery of this water must be *socio-economically neutral*.

The provision for 'socio-economic neutrality' is the subject of significant tension and debate. Under the Basin Plan provisions, on-farm efficiency measures are considered to have positive or neutral impacts where water users voluntarily participate in an on-farm efficiency program or where Basin States assess that neutrality can be achieved through alternative arrangements, despite clear evidence that these measures can have significant adverse socio-economic impacts regionally.

This provision for socio-economic neutrality in the Act and the Basin Plan (i.e. individual participation equals socio-economic neutrality) is inconsistent with accepted definitions of socio-economic impacts, which state that these impacts are not only felt directly, but also indirectly through flow-on effects on other individuals and groups. The provision is also inconsistent with Commonwealth guidelines on socioeconomic impact assessmentⁱ.

The MDA has partnered with the CSIRO and the University of Canberra to scope out a projectⁱⁱ that will enable local government and the communities we serve to inform the development of a fair and equitable definition socio-economic neutrality and an assessment framework that will leverage existing work by the EY, Aither, the MDBA and others. We are seeking your support to call on government to support this initiative, to build trust and confidence in the Basin Plan, and to establish a pathway for the 450GL that is consistent with intention of the legislation.

ⁱ <http://www.aither.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Aither-DPI-Water-A-review-of-socio-economic-neutrality-in-the-context-of-Murray-Darling-Basin-Plan-implementation.pdf>

ⁱⁱ [http://www.mda.asn.au/source/ckfinder/files/SEIAFand%20CBA\(1\).pdf](http://www.mda.asn.au/source/ckfinder/files/SEIAFand%20CBA(1).pdf)

Motion 7 Region 6 – Coorong District Council

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association calls on the South Australian and Federal Governments to undertake a detailed climate vulnerability assessment and adaptation plan for the Coorong and Lower Lakes, which should include but not necessarily be limited to:

- a) modelling the impacts of varying levels of sea level rise and river flows on the functioning of the Coorong and Lower Lakes system;
 - b) a review of existing literature and commissioning of further modelling and research to evaluate the likely social, economic, environmental and cultural impacts of possible adaptation responses; and
 - c) delivery of a supporting community education and engagement strategy in order to facilitate informed community discussion about a preferred climate change adaptation pathway for the Coorong and Lower Lakes system.
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Objective:

Key Arguments:

Motion 8 Region 6 – Coorong District Council

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association, through its Regions and Member Councils, initiate proceedings towards redefining regional boundaries so as to entice greater membership and promote active engagement by reducing travel distance to regional meetings.

Objective:

Key Arguments:

Motion 9 Region 6 – Rural City of Murray Bridge

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association call on the Basin States and Federal Government to investigate the benefits of upgrading outdated River Murray weir infrastructure so as to enable improved scouring of the river bottom to reduce build-up of salinity, heavy metals and debris. Noting that salinities are highest in the Lower Murray, such investigations should commence with the oldest pool weir at Blanchetown.

Objective:

Key Arguments:

Motion 10 Region 4 – Wentworth Shire Council

Motion: That the National General Assembly lobby the Federal and Shadow Minister to instigate a National Water Registry, to monitor and report on all rainfall, surface and ground water storage, evaporation and capacity or movement, including flow rate and interstate or intervalley trade, extraction, unaccounted activity, licenses and allocation in real time, and inform the public in relation to foreign ownership of water assets and infrastructure.

Objective:

Key Arguments:

Motion 11 Region 4 – Wentworth Shire Council

Motion: That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to create a National Water Ombudsman with Federal jurisdiction to inquire, arbitrate, enforce, impose punitive measures and oversee amendments to State water legislation.

Objective:

Key Arguments:

Motion 12 Region 6 – Alexandrina Council

Motion: That the National General Assembly:

- a) Notes the importance of fit-for-purpose water availability for regional prosperity;
 - b) Calls on all levels of government to recommit to full and timely implementation of the Basin Plan; and
 - c) Calls for a formal role for local government in Basin Plan decision making via a permanent seat at the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council.
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Objective:

Key Arguments:

Motion 13 Region 4 – Broken Hill City Council

Motion: That the National General Assembly of Local Government 2018 calls upon the Federal Government to strengthen the role of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority with regard to enforcement of compliance regarding water retention and extraction limits to guarantee that agreed flows are allowed to pass downstream for the length of the Barwon/Darling river.

Objective:

Key Arguments:

Motion 14 Region 12 – Lockyer Valley Regional Council

Motion: That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to replenish the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund to ensure sufficient funds are available to both assess the feasibility of projects and to deliver this critical water infrastructure.

Objective:

Key Arguments:

Motion 15 Don Oberin – Life Member and past president (1982 - 1986)

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association calls on the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to investigate utilising Torrumbarry Weir flows for power generation.

Objective: With the use of renewable resources becoming a key topic, utilising flows through weirs throughout the Murray-Darling Basin – similar to the technology utilised by the Snowy Mountains Scheme to generate electricity – will benefit communities and economic growth.

Key Arguments:

- Energy is becoming a major issue – specifically the use of renewables.
- The cheapest way to generate electricity is to utilise the water flow that passes through weirs located within the Murray-Darling Basin.
- Torrumbarry Weir, located between Echuca/Moama and Koondrook/Barham, has between 10 and 12 outlets that can be utilised to generate electricity.
- The flows through these outlets have the capacity to generate electricity 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Water flowing down the Murray River can have a dual use. It can be used for food production and to generate electricity for urban and rural communities.
- Water that passes through Torrumbarry Weir has already been through the hydroelectricity process thanks to the Snowy Mountains Scheme located upstream. There would be no issue utilising the same water for a similar purpose.
- If successful, similar technology can be installed at Hume Weir and Yarrawonga Weir to generate electricity.

Motion 16 Murray Darling Association Board

Motion: That the constitution be amended as follows:

a) Part 3, item 6 – remove the words *member council* and insert the words *local government entity*; and

b) Part 11, item 38 – add the following subclauses

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.

Objective:

Key Arguments:

National Conference timeline

		2018	2019	2020
18 months before conference				
Determine host region/city	CEO/Board	9 Leeton, NSW Leeton Shire Council	12 Toowoomba, QLD Toowoomba Regional Council	
Board meeting following past conference				
Confirm conference date	Board	August 29-31 (determined Nov 17)		
Confirm AGM date	Board	August 30 (determined Nov 17)		
Eight months before conference				
Confirm theme	Board/PC	Trust.Unity.Equity.GROWTH		
Seven months before conference				
Confirm conference venue	PC	Leeton Soldiers Club (determined Feb 18)		
Book board accommodation	CEO	Leeton Heritage Motor Inn (determined Feb 18)		
Conference website created	CEO	✓ Due February 2018	Due	Due
Bookings open	CEO	✓ Due February 2018	Due	Due
Three months before conference				
Confirm presenters	PC/CEO	✓ Due May 2018	Due	Due
Confirm partners' tour details	PC	✓ Due May 2018	Due	Due
Confirm study tour details	PC	✓ Due May 2018	Due	Due
Program complete	CEO	✓ Due May 2018	Due	Due
Three weeks prior to last board meeting before AGM				
AGM motion submissions close	Chairs	✓ Due July 2, 2018	Due	Due
Fourth Monday of the month prior to AGM				
AGM motions approved	CEO/Board	Due July 23, 2018	Due	Due
Draft Annual Report presented	CEO	Due July 23, 2018	Due	Due
Financial Statements distributed	CEO	Due July 23, 2018	Due	Due
Audit Report distributed	CEO	Due July 23, 2018	Due	Due

		2018	2019	2020
One month, plus one day before AGM				
AGM notification	CEO	Due July 28, 2018	Due	Due
Release of AGM agenda	CEO	Due July 28, 2018	Due	Due
28 days before National Conference				
Annual Report sent to printers	CEO	Due August 1, 2018	Due	Due

Host locations						
TOWN	STATE	Conferences				
Mildura	VIC	1954	1964	1970	1986	2012
Albury	NSW	1945	1953	1962	1987	
Murray Bridge	SA	1947	1972	1982	1990	
Swan Hill	VIC	1948	1961	1978	1997	
Renmark	SA	1960	1988	2004	2017	
Wentworth	NSW	1949	1981	1993		
Corowa	NSW	1951	1974	2003		
Deniliquin	NSW	1958	1968	1980		
Shepparton	VIC	1946	1967			
Berri	SA	1950	1979			
Victor Harbour	SA	1952	1963			
Kerang	VIC	1955	1971			
Barmera	SA	1957	1996			
Yarrawonga	VIC	1965	1994			
Adelaide	SA	1966	1984			
Echuca	VIC	1973	1983			
Barham	NSW	1989	2006			
Whyalla	SA	1992	2002			
Dubbo	NSW	2005	2016			
Leeton	NSW	2008	2018			
Melbourne	VIC	1956				
Mount Beauty	VIC	1959				
Waikerie	SA	1969				
Loxton	SA	1975				
Wodonga	VIC	1976				
Camberwell	VIC	1977				
Jerilderie	NSW	1985				
Cobram	VIC	1991				
Broken Hill	NSW	1995				
Strathalbyn	SA	1998				
Moama	NSW	1999				
Brewarrina	NSW	2000				
Buronga	NSW	2001				
Bourke	NSW	2007				
Elizabeth	SA	2009				
Beechworth	VIC	2010				
Dalby	QLD	2011				
Goolwa	SA	2013				
Tumut	NSW	2014				
Berrigan	NSW	2015				

TOTAL PER REGION			
REGION	NUMBER	First conference	Last conference
1	11	1945, Albury	2014, Tumut
2	11	1946, Shepparton	2015, Berrigan
3	9	1948, Swan Hill	2006, Barham
4	10	1949, Wentworth	2012, Mildura
5	10	1950, Berri	2017, Renmark
6	8	1947, Murray Bridge	2013, Goolwa
7	3	1966, Adelaide	2009, Elizabeth
8	2	1992, Whyhalla	2002, Whyhalla
9	3	1985, Jerilderie	2018, Leeton
10	3	2005, Dubbo	2016, Dubbo
11	1	2000, Brewarrina	
12	1	2011, Dalby	
NA	2	1956, Melbourne	1977, Camberwell

TOTAL PER STATE			
		First conference	Last conference
New South Wales	27	1945, Albury	2018, Leeton
Victoria	23	1946, Shepparton	2012, Mildura
South Australia	23	1947, Murray Bridge	2017, Renmark
Queensland	1	2011, Dalby	

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Dear Ms Bradbury

Re: Attendance to give evidence before the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission

I refer to the submission of the Murray-Darling Association Incorporated to the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission, and to the recent discussion between members of our legal team and yourself.

I write to confirm your agreement to attend to give evidence before the Commission in Adelaide as follows:

Date: Tuesday 24 July 2018

Time: 10.00am

Place: Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission, David Spence Room, Level 2, Adelaide Town Hall, 128 King William Street, Adelaide.

I note that you will need to travel from your home in Echuca on 23 July in order to attend the hearing in Adelaide on 24 July.

I advise that the Commission will meet your reasonable expenses of attending the hearing. To that end, the Commission will book and pay for your accommodation and return airfare. I will contact you shortly to discuss the proposed flights and accommodation arrangements.

In addition to travel costs, you may claim further reasonable expenses if you are of the view that you will be caused financial loss as a result of your attendance to give evidence, including additional accommodation expenses, should you be asked to appear before the Commission on subsequent day(s).

Please see enclosed a Witness Expense form, providing information on what can be claimed. If you intend on claiming further expenses, please complete the expense form following your attendance and return it to the Commission at your earliest convenience. All expenses will be assessed by the Commission on a case by case basis.

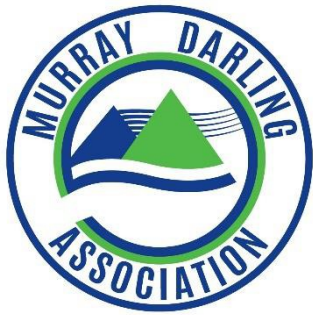
Further information of a general nature in relation to the Commission's hearings can be obtained from the Commission's website at www.mdbrc.sa.gov.au. You are also welcome to contact Ms Joanne Masters, Senior Instructing Solicitor, on telephone (08) 8207 1488, should you have any queries or concerns in relation to your evidence.

Thank you again for your assistance and interest in the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission.

Yours sincerely



Carolyn Lee
Director



Strategic Advisory Subcommittee Terms of Reference

The Subcommittee is constituted under Part 4 section 14 of the Murray Darling Association Constitution.

Purpose

The Strategic Advisory Subcommittee provides advice to, and is a reference and support mechanism for, the Board in relation to the strategic development of the Association. The strategic advisory subcommittee is not a policy-making body nor does it have substantive executive function. However, it assists the board in developing board policy and monitoring organisational activity within the scope of its remit, and making recommendations to the board for resolution.

Key Objectives

The role of the committee includes assisting the board with the following key objectives outlined in the MDA Strategic Plan 2016-19:

- To develop the strength and authority of the regions
- To develop effective inter-regional communications
- To build membership participation
- To provide policy direction to inform the implementation of the SDLAM
- To attract and retain diversity of thought, opinion, experience and representation.

Specific areas of responsibility

- Provide recommendations on the going development and review of strategic plan and priorities of the MDA.
- Provide recommendations on the development of a resource plan, sufficient to meet the requirements of the Association's strategic objectives.
- Review and make recommendation on the alignments of regional boundaries.
- Review and make recommendation on the Strategic Plan, assessing alignment of strategic priorities to resource plans;
- Ensure the Board is accurately advised about developments within local government such that operational processes of the regions of the MDA effectively align the organization's key priorities with operational capability.
- Provide advice on strategies to enhance the practical and financial capability of the organisation.

- Provide specific advice on strategic matters as requested by the Board.

Powers of the Subcommittee

- The Subcommittee act in an advisory capacity only. Responsibility for operational matters remains with the Chief Executive Officer.
- The Subcommittee acts under direction of the Board and makes recommendations to the Board within the context of its Terms of Reference.
- Unless there is a specific delegation of Board powers, the Strategic Advisory Subcommittee has no delegated powers.

Mode of Operation

- The committee will meet at least four times a year and hold extra meetings as required.
- The Subcommittee may invite additional board members, staff or external specialists to attend meetings or provide advice as deemed appropriate by the Subcommittee.
- Minutes must be recorded for each Subcommittee meeting and held on file.
- The notice and agenda of a meeting will include relevant supporting papers and must be made available to committee members and invitees at least one week prior to the meeting date.

Members

The board will appoint strategic advisory subcommittee members and the chair of the subcommittee, considering the recommendation of the CEO. The subcommittee will include

- MDA Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Executive Officer of one member council, or local government association representing member councils in each of the four Basin States.
- One additional CEO for NSW, reflecting the geographic spread of councils in that state.
- One board member
- One qualified external specialist.

Quorum

A quorum will be present with the MDA CEO plus 50% of the occupied positions.

Authority

The committee has no authority to make decisions on behalf of the board, to approve financial expenditure or plans, or commit the organisation to activities or undertakings not otherwise approved by the Board.

Responsible to

The Board of Murray Darling Association Inc.

Duration of Appointment

The term of appointment of the committee members who are directors will coincide with their board tenure. The tenure of any other committee members will be determined at time of appointment.

Voting

Matters will generally be decided by consensus or, if a consensus can't be reached, by a majority of votes from the members present.

Conflicts of interest

Committee members will be invited to disclose relevant interests at the start of each meeting. Ongoing conflicts of interest need not be disclosed at each meeting once they have been acknowledged. Where members or invitees are deemed to have a real or perceived conflict of interest they will be excused from committee discussions about the issue where a conflict exists.

Secretariat duties

The CEO of the MDA or another appropriate, designated person will act as secretary to the strategic advisory subcommittee. The secretary will help the chair to develop and distribute the agenda, papers, minutes, and calendar.

Minutes

Minutes must be prepared, approved by the chair and circulated to the members within two weeks of a subcommittee meeting. The minutes must be ratified and signed by the chair at the following meeting.

Reporting to the board

The chair of the strategic advisory subcommittee is to report to the board following each committee meeting. They may distribute a copy of the minutes supplemented with other necessary information, including recommendations requiring board action and/or approval. The chair is to organise a brief report on the information relating to the strategic advisory committee to be included in the organisation's annual report.

Reviews

The finance subcommittee will review its performance on an annual basis. The review may be conducted as a self-assessment and will be coordinated by the chair. The assessment may seek input from any person. Training needs will be monitored by the chair.



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Ordinary Meeting of the Board Time and Date Location

Strategic Advisory Subcommittee – Meeting 1

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Present
- 1.2 Apologies
- 1.3 Declaration of Interests

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2.1 Adoption of the Terms of Reference
- 2.2 Review of the MDA boundaries

Current boundary alignments are historical, and are a barrier to efficient and effective regional engagement in many regions. The board has previously resolved to undertake a review of the boundaries of the regions of the MDA.

The Constitution, at Part 5, section 15 (2) says that the Regions of the MDA shall be made up of those local government municipal areas determined and as amended from time to time by resolution of the board.

The committee will consider formulas for new boundaries, including closer alignment to existing economic and catchment regions, and existing local government clusters before making recommendation to the board.

- 2.3 Review of Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019

The MDA Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019 is due for a complete rewrite in Feb 2019. The committee will consider issues regarding consultation, preparation and direction before making recommendation to the board.

- 2.4 Resource Plan

The committee will consider the issue of sustainable resourcing of the MDA and make recommendation to the board on strategies for the development of resources for the organization.

3. NEXT MEETING

4. CLOSE