

# Chief Executive Officer's Report May 2020

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### 1. Appointments

Date	Event/meeting	Location
21/04/2020	Northern Mallee Leaders Inc. – Nardia Sheriff	Via Zoom
21/04/2020	Region 9 Succession Planning Meeting	Via Zoom
21/04/2020	Aquatic Subcommittee – River Connections	Via Zoom
22/04/2020	Kate MacMaster – Peter Cullen Institute	Via Zoom
23/04/2020	Region Secretariats – Induction, Meet and Greet	Via Zoom
24/04/2020	Office of the Interim Inspector General - Brendan Murphy,	Via Zoom
	Samantha Lucas: engagement officers	
28/04/2020	Mayor Dave Burgess – Mid Murray Council	Via Zoom
28/04/2020	DiSC Provider - On-Boarding with Integro	Via Zoom
29/04/2020	Strategic Advisory Committee Meeting	Via Zoom
29/04/2020	Nicole Emera – CSIRO – Research Agreement Meeting	Via Zoom
30/04/2020	Minister Keith Pitt, Kylie Barron, Craig Barron & Marcus Finn	Via Zoom
30/04/2020	Aquatic Subcommittee Meting	Via Zoom
04/05/2020	Matt Woodward MDBA – MOU Activity Plan discussions	Via Zoom
05/05/2020	The ID Crowd: BCLP – Water Literacy content development	Via Zoom
06/05/2020	GO1 – National Conference options discussions	Via Zoom
06/05/2020	Peter Cullen Institute - Tom Mollenkopf and Kate MacMaster	Via Zoom
07/05/2020	Wentworth Group of Scientists - MDB Roundtable Meeting	Via Zoom
07/05/2020	Aquatic Subcommittee – River Connections	Via Zoom
11/05/2020	National Conference options for discussion	Via Zoom
11/05/2020	Stirling East Primary School	Via Zoom
12/05/2020	Lower Lakes science Review Funding	Via Zoom
12/05/2020	Extraordinary Board Meeting – 2020 Motions	Via Zoom
13/05/2020	Cotton Wellbeing Interview – Helena Clayton Canberra	Phone
	University	
13/05/2020	Networking Opportunities: Mayor Dave Burgess – Mid Murray	Via Zoom
	Council, Mayor Peter Hunt – Berri Barmarah Council, Ben Fee	
	RDAMR, and Tim Smyth RDAMR.	
14/05/2020	Region 1 and Region 2 Discussions: Federation Council, Albury	Via Zoom
	City Council	
14/05/2020	RAMJO – Murray River Council, Federation Council, Leeton	Via Zoom
	Council, Albury City Council	
14/05/2020	Glenn Connley and Reece Rayner – BCLP	Via Zoom

#### 2. Basin Community Leadership Program

- Due to the COVID19 ongoing restrictions, the July scheduled workshops have been postponed. This impact affects the Swan Reach and Merbein regions.
- Workshops scheduled in August 2020 being Red Cliffs and Colignan are continuing as scheduled with a marketing strategy commencing shortly.
- The Water Literacy module for the pre-learning component of the program is near final completion and soon to go live. Once live, the Board will be invited to participate.

## 3. Operational Update

With COVID19 still impacting society, the MDA have ensured workplace arrangements for the safety of all staff, who all returned to the office workplace this month. The team were extraordinarily professional and efficient whilst working from home, but without doubt the productivity and intelligent dialogues now being had with the staff back in the office cannot be understated.

With that being said, the MDA team continue with "business as usual" by implementing measures that maintain the fabric and quality of our service delivery.

I took a moment to asses the outputs derived and would like to share with you a helicopter view of the tasks we as a team undertake on a regular basis to maintain business continuity even through the tough times such as we are now experiencing with COVID19.

It is a clear reminder to all, that successes can be achieved with a small workforce of  $1 \times Full$  time worker (CEO),  $2 \times .8$ ,  $1 \times .6$  and  $1 \times trainee$  a total of 5 staff.

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