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Region 2 grows from strength to strength with Federation Council as incoming chair

Federation Council's Cr Bronwyn Thomas was recognised for her leadership and passion for Murray-Darling Basin communities in Yarrawonga earlier this month when she was elected chair of Murray Darling Association's Region 2.

Cr Thomas said she is humbled to be elected Chairperson of Murray Darling Association Region 2, giving thanks to our immediate past Chair Mr Dennis Patterson whose leadership established Region 2 at the forefront in representing Local Government Communities.

"Advocacy to State and Federal agencies will continue in regards to management of basin resources in particular water, land, energy and climate change adaptation," said Cr Thomas.

"It is exciting to be part of a respected cross border Region that is home to significant water delivering infrastructure such as Mulwala Canal, Yarrawonga Canal, Mulwala/Yarrawonga Weir, Goulburn/Broken River, Barmah Choke and importantly the Murray River."

"This inter regional connectivity has provided a foundational framework for Local Government through the Murray Darling Association to engage a key partnership with the CSIRO, allowing provision for robust science to be added to the commentary."

"Local Government does have a role in the decision making process and I am looking forward to this journey."

MDA National President Cr David Thurley, Albury City Council, said "it was great to attend the Region 2 AGM and to welcome Cr Bronwyn Thomas of Federation Shire as Chair of Region 2."

"It was also great to celebrate and give a big vote of thanks to the outgoing Chair Dennis Patterson who did such a great job and was a big factor in the success of the 76th annual conference of the MDA."

The Murray Darling Association is the peak body for local government in the Murray-Darling Basin. It has been informing policy and contributing local knowledge and regional solutions since 1944.

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