



MDA BOARD COMMUNIQUE

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THE MATTER OF WATER WITH THE MDA

The Murray Darling Association explored the Matter of Water at its Basin Water Forum on 2 May 2024, engaging with community and government from across the Murray-Darling Basin.

The Forum explored the Science and Biases in the Murray-Darling Basin, how it affects River Health and the sustainability of Horticulture and Agriculture through the lens of climate change, Flow and Connectivity, Water Economics and Water History.

Over the course of the day, attendees engaged with Guest Speakers ranging from the Irrigation industry, specialists and experts in water, water management, and economics.

Attendees also had the opportunity to explore the future potential of the Wine industry and explore the Biases within the Murray-Darling Basin with numerous Guest Speakers including Fish Ecologist Ian Ellis, Tom Rooney of Waterfind, Kim Chalmers of Chalmers Wine, Fifth-Generation Grazer and Healthy River Ambassador Kate McBride, Orchardist and Conservationist Peta Thornton, and Rosalie Auricht of the Renmark irrigation Trust.

Engaging and networked with peers, Sponsors and Speakers, including representatives from the Mildura Rural City Council, Waterfind, The Department for Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, the Office of the Inspector-General of Water Compliance, as well as the Mallee Regional Innovation Centre, Attendees discussed and built upon the themes discussed during the Forum, offering a unique opportunity to find solutions, and opportunities within communities!

Following the Forum's successful conclusion, the Murray Darling Association is delighted to engage with Industry, Community and Government at its upcoming 80th National Conference, hosted in Partnership with Tamworth Regional Council in Tamworth, NSW on 8 – 11 July 2024.

If you would like to find out more and register for the upcoming 2024 National Conference, go to www.mda.asn.au/events/2024natcon.

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Basin Water Forum delegates engaged with speakers, sponsors and government department representatives in Mildura, 2 May 2024.

Pictured: Delegates and Speakers, including Cr Jacquie Kelly, Ian Ellis Peta Thornton, Tom Rooney, Kim Chalmers, MDA CEO Mark Lamb, Cr Andrew Tilley, Cr Jason Modica, Kate McBride



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The Murray Darling Association engaged with delegates, exploring the Matter of Water at the Mildura Rowing Club.