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Local government to hear latest Basin Plan updates at MDA National Conference

The Murray Darling Basin Plan, and its full and timely implementation, will be a key topic for discussion at the Murray Darling Association's 75th National Conference in Toowoomba later this month.

The Murray Darling Basin Authority's Chief Executive Officer Phillip Glyde will address local government representatives from more than 100 councils located across the Basin and provide an update on the Basin Plan as well as accreditation of Water Resource Plans and plans for regionalisation.

"The theme for this year's Murray Darling Association national conference is *Regeneration for a Healthy Basin*. The theme is a timely reminder of the challenges we are facing to deliver the Basin Plan and restore the Basin to health," said Murray-Darling Basin Authority Chief Executive Officer Phillip Glyde.

"Local government has a crucial role to play in supporting communities, industries, our farmers and the precious and unique environment of the Murray–Darling Basin. As we head towards what is expected to be another hot and dry summer, it is more important than ever that governments, local government, communities and interest groups work together."

Other agency updates will include the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office and the independent panel for the assessment of social and economic conditions in the Murray Darling Basin.

"This year's conference program has an impressive array of presenters and speakers from across the Basin, providing a unique opportunity for local government to learn about the latest research and policy information on the Basin's toughest issues," said Murray Darling Association Chief Executive Officer Emma Bradbury.

"To play an active role in creating a sustainable future for their communities, local government needs to be informed, and part of the conversation."

Other conference highlights include the Civic Reception on the Tuesday night at the spectacular newly refurbished Toowoomba Railway Goods Shed, and a fully guided regional tour on the Thursday through innovative farm enterprises and regional connectivity and engagement across one of the most connected regions in the nation.

Registrations for the event are open and places are filling up rapidly. Those wanting to attend the conference can register online at www.mda.asn.au.

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