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Murray Darling Association National Conference to be held in Barooga

The Murray Darling Association will hold their 71st National Conference and AGM at the Cobram Barooga Golf Club on September 9 - 11. Hosted by the Berrigan Shire Council, the theme of the conference is "*It's in the Balance*" and the focus will be on ensuring economic, social and environmental balance through the implementation of the Basin Plan.

With the implementation of the Basin Plan in full flight, changes occurring in legislation, and our communities and the environment in need of your support we encourage local government and all other members and interested groups across the community to attend to ensure their voices are heard".

Additionally, "The Conference and AGM provide important knowledge exchange and networking opportunities with Local Government, community members, schools, Members of Parliament and State and Federal natural resource management agencies", Murray Darling Association National President Cr Greg Toll said.

A number of highly regarded speakers will attend the event, which will be officially opened by Senator John Madigan. Speakers include The Hon. Bob Baldwin, Darren Hartnett, Senior Research Fellow Dr. Jacqui Schirmer, MDBA Chairman Neil Andrew, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder David Papps and Author Julian Cribb.

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“Last year’s conference was well attended and we are keen to build on the numbers even further,” Cr Toll said. “Registrations are coming in, but there are still plenty of places available. This is your organisation, and it is important that local communities continue to be well represented at State and Federal level.”

By demanding balanced implementation of the Basin Plan to deliver on the triple bottom line of social, economic and environmental benefits for local communities, the conference will focus on strengthening relationships between the people making policies with those undertaking the work at the grass-roots level to maintain and improve sustainable natural resource management. The conference package includes meals each day, transport from accommodation to the conference venue and a Civic Reception. Delegates can choose to attend the whole conference or individual events over the three days.

For more information and registrations please visit www.mda.asn.au or contact the office on 03 5480 3805 or email admin@mda.asn.au.

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