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## Ordinary Meeting of the Board

19/06/2019

<https://zoom.us/j/482424604>

## MINUTES - MEETING No. 387

### 1. ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Present

Cr Dennis Patterson	Shepparton Council	Region 2
Cr Jane MacAllister	Wentworth Shire Council	Region 4
Cr Peter Hunter	Renmark Paranga Council	Region 5
Glenn Rappensbeg	Alexandrina Council	R6 Guest
Cr Andrew Tilley	City of Mitcham	Via Zoom
Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross	City of Mitcham	R7 Guest
Cr Paul Maytom	Leeton Shire Council	Region 9
Cr Tony Reneker	Leeton Shire Council	Region 9
Mayor Phyllis Miller	Forbes Shire Council	Region 10
Cr Jenny Webb	Forbes Shire Council	Region 10
Steve Loane	Forbes Shire Council	Region 10
Cr John Campbell	Gunnedah Shire Council	Via Phone
Cr Richard Marsh	Balonne Shire Council	Via Zoom
Pete George	M&S Group	Via Zoom
Cr Peter Mansfield	Moir Shire Council	Region 2
Mayor Denis Clark	Northern Areas Council	R8 Via Phone
Cr John Rooney	Snowy Moaro Council	R1 – Guest
Emma Bradbury	MDA	CEO

#### 1.2 Apologies

Cr David Thurley	Albury City Council	Region 1
Cr Melissa Rebbeck	Alexandrina Council	Region 6

#### 1.3 Declarations

Nil

### 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Meeting 386 held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Motion:** That the minutes of meeting 386 be adopted as an accurate account of the meeting.

P Maytom / P Miller

Carried

### 3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's report – Acting Chairman Cr Peter Hunter

3.2 Finance reports – attached

**Motion:** That the Finance report be noted and accepted by the board.

P George / J MacAllister

Carried

3.3 Chief Executive Officer's report

**Motion:** That the Chief Executive Officer's report be noted and accepted by the board. P Miller/ J MacAllister

Carried

3.4 Region reports

**Motion:** That the reports be noted and accepted by the board.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING**

4.1 Flying Minute 386 -

A/ Chair P Hunter raised the flying minute, and MDA's ownership of permanent water entitlements for investment purposes. The MDA resolved the following motion by flying minute.

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association

- a) sell all water entitlements currently held by the MDA and hold the proceeds in a fixed term deposit pending determination of any alternative investment strategy, and
- b) support the development of water market trading rules that limit or avoid adverse third-part impacts of investment in tradable water products by non-water using investors

**Motion:** that the board ratify the flying minutes

J MacAllister/P George

Carried

**4.2 MOU with Landcare NSW**

A draft MOU has been shared with LandCare NSW. LandCare NSW CEO Adrian Zammit will discuss this MOU with the Executive Committee during their next board meeting on 25 June.

J MacAllister notes that NSW Landcare Conference conflicts with MDA Annual Conference.

4.3 Follow up Correspondence

4.3.1 **National Farmers Federation**

Item 386 – 5.4

E Bradbury discussed briefly that the National Farmers Federation have recently articulated an aspiration and plan to increase Australia's agricultural productivity. The Board has expressed a view that it will be important for local government to have a relationship with our peak bodies across the farming and agriculture sector to ensure implementation of that plan is responsibly undertaken. E Bradbury met with the CEO of NFF following the board meeting

4.3.2 **NSW Department of Industry**

On Jan 8th 2019 Mayors and representatives of Wentworth, Brewarrina, Bourke, Central Darling Shires and Broken Hill City Council sought to meet with the NSW Minister for Regional Water Hon. Niall Blair and representatives from his department; the NSW OEH, the MDBA, and the CEWO; and the Northern Basin Commissioner to explore short-term and long-term strategies to improve the health of the Barwon-Darling River system in the

wake of seriously adverse social, economic and environmental impacts created by the current and prolonged lack of any substantive flows. That meeting occurred in Martin Place in Sydney on 23rd January.

This was an excellent meeting and a great opportunity to build on the goodwill and engagement generated and highlighted what outcomes it generated – however the absence of follow-up or outcomes is lamentable.

Departmental staff undertook to circulate minutes and responses after the event. To date there has been nothing back from the Minister's office, and the attending councils are chasing the MDA to follow up for a response.

The executive is continuing to pursue next steps and will raise the matter in meeting with Director Rachel Connell on Thursday 20th June.

#### **4.3.3 NSW Government and Department of Industry**

E Bradbury discussed recent correspondence with the NSW Government. In February the MDA wrote to the NSW Premier seeking information on current plans to develop land in south-west NSW for the purpose of economic activation. The MDA received advice that the correspondence was referred to the NSW Department of Industry for response.

E Bradbury updated the board on a letter received from NSW Department of Industry on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June regarding the questions raised about the economic activation plan, and the extent of the footprint. E Bradbury has concerns that the board's questions have not been answered in enough details. Discussion to continue at the next board meeting, following CEO's meeting with Rachel Connell on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

Motion: that the MDA continues to engage with the NSW Government to seek timely and meaningful responses to these and other important issues as they arise.

P Miller/J MacAllister

Carried

#### **4.4 MDA membership policy and application approval process**

Following review and consultation of initial drafts, the board was presented with the following membership application resources:

- MDA Membership Policy
- Membership Procedure
- Members Code of Conduct
- Membership Application Form

E Bradbury clarified that the membership policy and applicational approval process addressed a gap in MDA resources.

J MacAllister raised a point about the policy and will email the MDA executive team.

P Miller raised a question about how organisations can become members, which was resolved by E Bradbury.

- Motion:
- a) That the Murray Darling Association Adopt the MDA Membership Policy
  - b) Adopt the MDA Members Code of Conduct
  - c) Note the membership procedure and application forms
  - d) Table the policy and supporting documents at the next meeting of their region

J MacAllister/P Maytom

Carried

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Disciplinary Matter**

A member council recently considered a matter regarding the conduct of one of its delegates to the MDA. The delegate is alleged to have assaulted a fellow councilor, an incident requiring medical attention. The delegate is a regional committee member of the MDA. The occurrence of the incident is not in dispute, the delegate having confirmed in discussion with the executive that the event took place.

In nominating for and accepting a position on an MDA committee, committee members commit to uphold the MDA Code of Conduct which in part requires members to

- treat colleagues with respect, courtesy, honesty and fairness, and have proper
- regard for their interests, rights, safety and welfare;
- not harass, bully or discriminate against colleagues, members of the public and/or employees;
- contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive environment/culture through professional workplace relationships;

The rules of the MDA provide for the board to consider the expulsion or suspension of a member or their agent from membership of the MDA if the person has acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests or reputation of the MDA or unbecoming of a Member, or has neglected to comply with the code of conduct..

**Motion:** That the board notes the matters and considers the membership of the delegate under s 28B of the Constitution following the conclusion of police and the member council's own investigation into the incident.

J MacAllister/P Maytom

Carried

### **5.2 MDA to cover the cost of registration at National Conference for regional chairs**

It is recognized that regional chairs of the MDA contribute an extremely valuable amount of time, energy and expertise in the performance of their roles as regional chairs/board members with no payment beyond that provided by way of the modest Councilor remuneration afforded to every councilor.

It is also true that the MDA is not able to pay the expenses of region chairs, and that this cost falls back to the commitment made to councils.

Registration at the National Conference represents value to council, without direct impact on the cashflow of the MDA. However, for the MDA to cover the cost of registration at National Conference for regional chairs, the impact to budget revenues, and therefore indirect impact on cashflow is calculated at approximately \$9,100.00 per annum.

Costs covered will include registration to all conference event but does not yet extend to travel and accommodation.

**Motion:** That the board

- a) Note appreciation that to date, charring councils have paid for their delegate/chair to attend the MDA Annual Conference
- b) Provide free registration to the MDA National Conference to all Regional Chairs or their duly appointed proxy commencing 2020.
- c) Request preparation of a report on impact to budget to cover travel and accommodation costs for future consideration.

P Miller / J MacAllister

Carried

### 5.3 Connecting Catchments and Communities – Moira to Mildura

The MDA Connecting Catchments and Communities forums are a series of inter-regional events aimed at enhancing water literacy and exchanging information between councils and communities across the Basin at the leadership level.

The **Connecting Catchments and Communities – Moira to Mildura** event is targeted to councils and communities along the Murry River regions upstream and downstream of the primary system constraints. This event will explore issues of constraints, management of the Barmah choke, impact of expanding the irrigation footprint to permanent plantings below The Choke, total capacity and supply obligations etc. These events provide an opportunity for knowledge building and information exchange with government departments and agencies, and with each other.

This event is being coordinated by the executive and the Region 2 committee and is penciled in for mid-July at a location to be confirmed.

**Noted by the Board, and E Bradbury will keep the board posted.**

### 5.4 Connecting Catchments and Communities – Lower Lakes

#### **Connecting Catchments and Communities - Lower Lakes & Coorong Working Groups**

**Regional Collaboration** is scheduled for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the Fleurieu Function Centre. This event is being coordinated by the executive and the Region 6 committee. Further details will be distributed as confirmed.

Noted by the board.

### 5.5 LGNSW Water Management Conference

The MDA has been invited to present at the LGNSW Conference in Albury on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September on the topic of Water security and quality in the context of changing water availability due to drought, legislative changes and the implementation of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

The Insight/Q&A style panel session will consider the role of local government in the relationship between healthy, connected rivers; regional economic development; population growth; farming; and land care practices. [See project proposal attached]

The panellists will include:

- Cr David Thurley, National President of the MDA and councillor Albury City Council
- Pete Arkle, CEO NSW Farmers Association
- Adrian Zammit, CEO Landcare NSW
- Prof Max Findlayson - Director of the Institute of Land, Water and Society, CSU
- Matt Barwick - Research Portfolio Manager, Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
- Facilitator: Emma Bradbury – CEO Murray Darling Association

J MacAllister suggests that it is important for region Chairs to actively promote and encourage participation at the events. As a result, the motion was changed to:

**Motion:** That the board

- a) Note upcoming MDA events
- b) Promote attendance at the LGNSW Water Management Conference and other events through their regional networks

## 6. STRATEGY

### 6.1 Strategic Advisory Committee

The MDA strategic advisory group was established in 2018 under the attached Terms of Reference. South Australia's representative to the group Peter Bond will retire from his position with the MRLGA on 30 June, and from his position on the group by extension, leaving the SA Representative position vacant.

Brenton Lewis has been identified as a candidate to replace the South Australian appointment.

Brenton Lewis's suitability criteria for the role include:

- Mayor the Rural City of Murray Bridge
- Successfully building and operating own businesses
- Many years in corporate agriculture at senior management levels, at a national level for corporate business and at the local level within the state of South Australia.
- Chief Executive of Regional Development Murraylands and Riverland Inc. for 10 years (non-current)
- Currently owns and operates a Primary Production property that includes irrigation.
- Licensed irrigator on the Murray River for 42 years.
- Qualified company director and member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.
- Good governance and management skills.
- Strong belief in collaboration to deliver robust platforms for success.
- Understands that the MDA is an amalgam of individual regions each with similarities but contrasting, importance of embracing the whole basin community.
- Longstanding relationship with the MDA characterised by honest exchange of frank and practical advice.

E Bradbury spoke to the recommendation and outlined B Lewis' strong engagement with MDA, and extensive background in regional development. E Bradbury spoke about B Lewis' role as a great sounding board, stating that he will make a valuable addition to the strategic advisory group.

**Motion:** That the board:

- a) Appoint Brenton Lewis to the Strategic Advisory Group
- b) Approve the release of this item from confidential

P Miller/ J MacAllister

Carried

### 6.2 Projects/Grants

The MDA has a tremendous history in the deliver of nationally significant funded projects including:

- Save the Murray
- Waterwise Training Program
- Murray Valley Trail
- Sustainable Recreation Program
- 1956 Flood DVD
- Creative Catchment Kids Program – Local Land Heroes
- Creative Catchment Kids Program – Our Catchment Champions
- 2015 Social and Economic Impacts of the Basin Plan – Local Government Data Availability Project
- And many more....

2019/2020 has seen the commencement of the Connecting Catchments and Communities program (unfunded), and the development of the MDA Basin Communities Leadership Program (funded).

E Bradbury invites and encourages all regions to reflect on what type of projects they would like to see which align with our purpose.

**Action:** Region chairs to provide feedback of suggested initiatives for funded projects.

P Maytom raised a topic for further discussion regarding a letter to the planning department regarding a solar farm. P Maytom suggests that the MDA should take note of this development and what they are doing in that area.

S Loane also raised a future discussion topic on drought, Town Water, and licensing for emergency water, in relation to NSW problem on groundwater. Forbes Shire Council will send through information to E Bradbury who will distribute it to the board.

**CLOSE** - Meeting closed 2:15pm

# Balance Sheet

## MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED As at 31 May 2019

31 May 2019      31 May 2018

### Assets

<b>Bank</b>		
ANZ Business Extra ...6893	72,133	23,828
ANZ Commercial Credit Card 359	3,647	3,677
ANZ MDF Gift #9052	1,741	1,606
ANZ MDF Ops #7503	4	4
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>77,524</b>	<b>29,115</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
LGFA 01 Account	-	42,282
LGFA 01 Environmental Fund	-	2,497
Trade Debtors	4,587	193
Trade Debtors Original	-	75
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>4,587</b>	<b>45,047</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Art Work at Valuation	5,000	5,000
Computers	4,115	2,280
Computers Accumulated Depreciation	(2,807)	(474)
Low Value Pool	1,761	1,761
Low Value Pool Accumulated Depreciation	(1,411)	(1,271)
Motor Vehicles	-	34,718
Motor Vehicles Accumulated Depreciation	-	(21,865)
Office Equipment	4,798	4,798
Office Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(2,521)	(2,331)
Software At Cost	23,300	16,550
Software at Cost Accumulated Depreciation	(8,040)	(4,407)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>24,195</b>	<b>34,760</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
Bond Paid - Echuca Office (Ray White Echuca)	1,100	-
Future MV Benefit Reserve (CEO)	15,500	-
High Security Water Shares MDA	156,025	115,100
High Security Water Shares MDF	70,200	54,000
Sundry Debtor	-	167
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>	<b>242,825</b>	<b>169,267</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>349,131</b>	<b>278,189</b>

### Liabilities

<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
GST	(7,167)	829
Rounding	115	115
Trade Creditors	6,145	1,176
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>(907)</b>	<b>2,120</b>



# Balance Sheet

	31 May 2019	31 May 2018
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Annual Leave Benefit	15,072	10,911
Debenture Loan	1,500	1,500
Hire Purchase Liability	-	2,332
Hire Purchase Unexpired Charges	-	95
Month-end accruals	3,000	-
PAYG Withholding Payable	13,362	13,036
Superannuation payable	8,923	8,251
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>41,857</b>	<b>36,125</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>40,950</b>	<b>38,245</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>308,181</b>	<b>239,943</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	82,175	25,050
Current Year Earnings	57,034	21,294
Retained Earnings	168,972	193,599
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>308,181</b>	<b>239,943</b>

# Profit and Loss

## MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED 1 May 2019 to 31 May 2019

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
<b>Income</b>								
Conference Income	545	-	545▲	0.0%	97,675	75,000	22,675▲	30.2%▲
Donation/Gift Income	5	5	-	0.0%	185	55	130▲	236.4%▲
Income - Memberships	-	-	-	0.0%	214,074	249,900	(35,826)▼	-14.3%▼
Income - Projects	1,350	-	1,350▲	0.0%	2,100	-	2,100▲	0.0%
Income - Water Sales	2,317	10,000	(7,683)▼	-76.8%▼	86,574	10,000	76,574▲	765.7%▲
Interest Income	-	-	-	0.0%	680	1,600	(920)▼	-57.5%▼
Profit on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	0.0%	2,925	-	2,925▲	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,217</b>	<b>10,005</b>	<b>(5,788)</b>	<b>-57.8%</b>	<b>404,213</b>	<b>336,555</b>	<b>67,658</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>4,217</b>	<b>10,005</b>	<b>(5,788)</b>	<b>-58.0%</b>	<b>404,213</b>	<b>336,555</b>	<b>67,658</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>								
Accounting/Bookkeeping Fees	-	35	(35)▼	-100.0%▼	-	385	(385)▼	-100.0%▼
Administration Assistance	-	-	-	0.0%	782	-	782▲	0.0%
Advertising & Marketing	-	-	-	0.0%	12,326	7,000	5,326▲	76.1%▲
Bank Fees	61	50	11▲	22.0%▲	978	550	428▲	77.8%▲
Business Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	976	408	568▲	139.3%▲
Computer Expenses	5,423	100	5,323▲	5323.2%▲	11,220	1,100	10,120▲	920.0%▲
Conference Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	34,613	26,000	8,613▲	33.1%▲
Depreciation - Computer	-	-	-	0.0%	2,247	-	2,247▲	0.0%
Depreciation - Low Value Pool	-	-	-	0.0%	117	-	117▲	0.0%

# Profit and Loss

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Depreciation - Motor Vehicle	-	-	-	0.0%	1,345	-	1,345▲	0.0%
Depreciation - Office Equipment	-	-	-	0.0%	164	-	164▲	0.0%
Depreciation - Software	-	-	-	0.0%	3,089	-	3,089▲	0.0%
Engagement and Communications	1,238	300	938▲	312.7%▲	4,784	3,300	1,484▲	45.0%▲
Events Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	4,695	-	4,695▲	0.0%
Fees and Fines	-	-	-	0.0%	345	-	345▲	0.0%
Freight Expense	-	-	-	0.0%	1,780	-	1,780▲	0.0%
Fuel Expenses	141	-	141▲	0.0%	395	-	395▲	0.0%
General Repairs & Maintenance	-	50	(50)▼	-100.0%▼	217	550	(333)▼	-60.6%▼
Licences and Subscriptions	21	100	(79)▼	-79.4%▼	3,266	1,100	2,166▲	196.9%▲
Management Consulting Fees	(5,500)	-	(5,500)▼	0.0%	2,271	-	2,271▲	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Fuel/Oil	-	320	(320)▼	-100.0%▼	1,932	3,520	(1,588)▼	-45.1%▼
Motor Vehicle Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	743	865	(122)▼	-14.1%▼
Motor Vehicle Interest Expense	-	-	-	0.0%	499	195	304▲	155.7%▲
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	-	0.0%	842	380	462▲	121.5%▲
Motor Vehicle Registration	-	-	-	0.0%	162	690	(528)▼	-76.5%▼
Other Expense	276	-	276▲	0.0%	868	-	868▲	0.0%
Parking/Tolls Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	442	-	442▲	0.0%
Postage	(182)	120	(302)▼	-251.9%▼	1,249	1,320	(71)▼	-5.4%▼
Premises Rent - Echuca	1,682	1,000	682▲	68.2%▲	12,932	11,000	1,932▲	17.6%▲
Printing	-	150	(150)▼	-100.0%▼	366	1,650	(1,284)▼	-77.8%▼
Pro Indemnity Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	-	811	(811)▼	-100.0%▼
Professional Fees	-	-	-	0.0%	12,882	5,500	7,382▲	134.2%▲
Public Liability Insurance	-	-	-	0.0%	700	650	50▲	7.7%▲
Staff Amenities	-	50	(50)▼	-100.0%▼	312	550	(238)▼	-43.3%▼

# Profit and Loss

	Actual	Budget	Var AUD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var AUD	Var %
Staff Training Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	99	-	99▲	0.0%
Stationery	20	75	(55)▼	-73.4%▼	930	825	105▲	12.7%▲
Superannuation	1,670	1,579	91▲	5.7%▲	17,136	18,947	(1,811)▼	-9.6%▼
Telephone Expenses	595	450	145▲	32.3%▲	5,576	4,950	626▲	12.6%▲
Travel & Accom. Expenses	585	670	(85)▼	-12.6%▼	7,432	7,370	62▲	0.8%▲
Travel Allowance (CEO)	-	-	-	0.0%	1,305	-	1,305▲	0.0%
Wages & Salaries Expenses	17,979	16,620	1,359▲	8.2%▲	190,204	199,440	(9,236)▼	-4.6%▼
Water Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	802	640	162▲	25.3%▲
Work Cover Premiums	3,176	-	3,176▲	0.0%	4,159	2,500	1,659▲	66.4%▲
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>27,184</b>	<b>21,669</b>	<b>5,515</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>347,179</b>	<b>302,196</b>	<b>44,983</b>	<b>14.9%</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(22,967)</b>	<b>(11,664)</b>	<b>(11,303)</b>	<b>-97.0%</b>	<b>57,034</b>	<b>34,359</b>	<b>22,675</b>	<b>66.0%</b>

# Aged Receivables

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## MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED June 2019

	Current	May	April	March	Older	Total
<b>Receivables</b>						
Berri Barmera Council	-	200	-	-	-	200
Coolamon Shire Council	-	-	-	-	1,313	1,313
District Council of Loxton Waikerie	-	200	-	-	-	200
Morgan Information Centre	-	825	-	-	-	825
Renmark Paringa Council	-	200	-	-	-	200
Temora Shire Council	-	-	-	-	1,850	1,850
<b>Total Receivables</b>	-	<b>1,425</b>	-	-	<b>3,162</b>	<b>4,587</b>
	0.0%	31.1%	0.0%	0.0%	68.9%	

# Aged Payables

## MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED May 2019

	Current	April	March	February	Older	Total
<b>Payables</b>						
ANZ Commercial Card 30359 <sup>1</sup>	1,362	-	-	-	-	1,362
AssetMedia	187	-	-	-	-	187
Peats Office Equipment	1,564	-	-	-	-	1,564
Peat's Office Equipment	2,018	-	-	-	-	2,018
Renmark Hotel	-	-	-	450	-	450
Telstra Corporation Limited	440	-	-	-	-	440
Tilt Design	124	-	-	-	-	124
<b>Total Payables</b>	<b>5,695</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,145</b>
	Current	April	March	February	Older	Total
<b>Total Expense Claims</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,695</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,145</b>
	92.7%	0.0%	0.0%	7.3%	0.0%	

### Notes

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Accounting error. Adjustment processed June 2019



## Chief Executive Officer's Report

June 2019

Emma Bradbury  
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## 1. Appointments

Date	Event/meeting	Location
21/05/2019	MDA National Conference Committee Meeting	Zoom Video
21/05/2019	Recruitment Interview – Communication & Engagement Officer	In house
22/05/2019	Rural Leaders Australia – Basin Community Leadership project	In house
23/05/2019	Dept of Agricultural & Water Resources – Community Leadership Project	Teleconference
28/05/2019	Region 6 Discussions	Teleconference
29/05/2019	Recruitment Interview – Communication & Engagement Officer	In house
31/05/2019	Federal Member for Murray – Damian Drum Meeting	Shepparton
31/05/2019	Attendance at AGM – Region 2	Shepparton
03/06/2019	Roy Morgan – Social Research – Cotton Australia	Teleconference
03/06/2019	CEO update for Region 5 Ordinary Meeting	Zoom Video
03/06/2019	CEO discussions with Region 6	Zoom Video
04/06/2019	Recruitment Interview – Communication & Engagement Officer	In house
06/06/2019	Community Leadership Project discussions with Committee for Echuca/Moama CEO Nina OBrien	In house
06/06/2019	CEVENT Meeting	Zoom Video
07/06/2019	Connecting Catchments & Communities Moira – Mildura discussions	Zoom Video
11/06/2019	MDA National Conference Committee Meeting	Zoom Video
13/06/2019	SEGRA 2019 – Networking Opportunities	Zoom video
14/06/2019	EMFM Radio Interview	
15/06/2019	Mayor Heather Holmes Ross – Mitcham City Council	Canberra
17/06/2019	Exhibitor ALGA 2019 National Conference	Canberra
18/06/2019	Exhibitor ALGA 2019 National Conference	Canberra
18/06/2019	Matthew Mullins – McArthur – Basin Communities Leadership project – Engagement Opportunities	Canberra
19/06/2019	Exhibitor ALGA 2019 National Conference	Canberra
19/06/2019	Tony Maher – CEO – National Farmers Federation	Canberra
20/06/2019	National Carp Control Plan Workshop	Canberra
20/06/2019	Rachel Connell Department of Industry Water	Video Conference
20/06/2019	Carmel Pollino – CSIRO – Principal Research Scientist	Canberra
21/06/2019	National Carp Control Plan Workshop	

## 2. Engagements

### 2.1 The Federal Member for Murray – Damian Drum MP

Valuable and Productive meeting; discussing the Minister's breadth of perspectives in relation to Basin Communities.

Establishing quarterly or six-monthly meetings between MDA and the Minister's office.

Sharing of the productivity Commission Inquiry report *"Overview of the Murray Darling Basin Plan: 5-year assessment and Sharing the Water: One hundred years of River Murray politics."*

### 2.2 CEO – Nina Obrien – Committee for Echuca Moama

Collaboration strategies and idea sharing for project and funding initiatives.

Community Leadership Project discussions.



### 2.3 EMFM – Radio (Interview)

ALGA Conference

Connecting Catchment and Communities

Media Release – Total water availability for ag a welcome discussion

### 2.4 SEGRA

The MDA will present at the Sustainable Economic Growth of Regional Australia (SEGRA) Conference in Barooga on 20-22 August. Details pending.

### 2.5 NSW Farmers Conference

The MDA is in discussions with NSW Farmers – having been invited to address their National Conference.

## 3 National Conference

Study tour itinerary confirmed with logistical components underway.

Sponsorship drive proceeding.

Sourcing Presenters on track with program guide to be completed by the end of June.

## 4 Administration

Recruitment of **Jessica Maher** – *Communication and Engagement Officer* commenced on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. Jessica has settled in extremely well and has remarkable skills sets which complement the team, a bright new talent for the organisation.

## 5 Projects

### ***Community Leadership Program***

MDA Executive staff have provided all relevant requested documentation to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources enabling drafting of contract.

Detailed discussions and invitations extended to various organisations for open tender submissions to facilitate, design and deliver the program.



**Emma Bradbury**

**Chief Executive Officer**



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13<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Mr Tony Maher  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Farmers Federation  
Level 3, 14 – 16 Brisbane Avenue  
BARTON ACT 0221

Dear Tony,

Re: **National Farmers Federation – Roadmap 2030**

By way of introduction, the Murray Darling Association (MDA) is Australia's peak body representing local government and the communities of the Murray-Darling Basin since 1944.

We have noted your association's vision and plan to increase Australia's agricultural output to a \$100 billion industry at the farm gate outlined in the National Farmers Federation's 2030 Roadmap. With such a bold vision we are particularly excited to see the NFF's emphasis on industry values, including people, profitability, sustainability and unity in immediate connection with your vision.

We would like to invite the NFF to engage with the MDA to provide a meaningful contribution to the realization of this plan as it navigates the wonderful opportunities, the risks and the challenges posed by limits and changes to water availability, the social fabric of regional communities, and environmental impacts.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me this coming Wednesday to discuss this and other opportunities to collaborate on shared goals. I look forward to catching up then.

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma Bradbury".

Emma Bradbury  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Murray Darling Association**



## Local, state and federal Inter-agency meeting on The Health of the Barwon-Darling

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 - 11.30am

Martin Place - Sydney

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On Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 Mayors and representatives of Wentworth, Brewarrina, Bourke, Central Darling Shires and Broken Hill City Council sought to meet with the NSW Minister for Regional Water Hon. Niall Blair and representatives from his department; the NSW OEH, the MDBA, and the CEWO; and the Northern Basin Commissioner to explore short-term and long-term strategies to improve the health of the Barwon-Darling River system in the wake of seriously adverse social, economic and environmental impacts created by the current and prolonged lack of any substantive flows.

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### AGENDA

1. **WELCOME** (11.30am – 11.40am)
  - 2.1 Mayor Barry Hollman – Bourke Shire Council
  - 2.2 Note attendees and apologies (see attached)
  - 2.3 Introduction of attendees
3. **BRIEF UPDATES** (11.40am – 12.00noon)
  - 3.1 Office of The Hon. Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Primary Industries, Regional Water
  - 3.2 NSW Department of Industry – Water
  - 3.3 NSW Office of Environment and Heritage
  - 3.4 Commonwealth Environmental Water Office
4. **STRATEGY** (12.00noon – 12.20pm)
  - 4.1 Summary of key issues (local perspectives – briefing notes attached)
  - 4.2 Short term solutions – options and responsibilities
  - 4.2 Long term management – WSPs, environmental watering priorities and adaptation.
5. **NEXT STEPS** (12.20pm – 12.40pm)
  - 5.1 Role of local government
  - 5.2 Resources
  - 5.3 Further actions
6. **CLOSE**

*The Councils acknowledge and thank  
The Office of NSW Minister for Regional Water for its support in  
hosting this meeting.*



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NAME	ORGANISATION	ROLE	
MINISTER HON. NIAL BLAIR	NSW Government	Minister for Regional Water	Apology - Dial in (tentative)
SAM BUSH	Office of The Hon. Niall Blair MLC	Senior Policy Adviser	In attendance
MICK KEELTY	Department of Agriculture	Northern Basin Commissioner	Dial in
PHILIP GLYDE	Murray Darling Basin Authority	Chief Executive Officer	Dial in
ANDREW REYNOLDS	Murray Darling Basin Authority	Executive Director River Management	Dial in
RACHEL CONNELL	Department of Industry - Water	Executive Director   Water	Tentative
VANESSA O'KEEFE	Department of Industry - Water	Acting Executive Director   Water	In attendance
MICHAEL BLACKMORE	Department of Industry - Water	Director of Water Utilities	In attendance
GRAEME ENDERS	Department of Environment and Heritage	Director South West Branch Conservation and Regional Delivery Division	Dial in
OTHER	Department of Environment and Heritage	To be advised	In attendance
HILTON TAYLOR	Cth Environmental Water Office	Assistant Secretary, Southern Water Use, Aquatic Science and Community Engagement Branch	In attendance
LINDSAY WHITE	Cth Environmental Water Office	Director - Northern Basin	In attendance
MAYOR BARRY HOLMAN	Bourke Shire Council	Mayor	In attendance
ROSS EARL (OR LEONIE BROWN)	Bourke Shire Council	General Manager	In attendance
MAYOR DARRIEA TURLEY	Broken Hill City Council	Mayor	In attendance
CR MARIAN BROWN	Broken Hill City Council	Deputy Mayor	In attendance
JEFF SOWIAK	Brewarrina Shire Council	General Manager	In attendance
MAYOR PHILLIP O'CONNOR	Brewarrina Shire Council	Mayor	In attendance
MAYOR CR ALAN PURTILL	Balranald Shire Council	Mayor	In attendance
MICHAEL KITZELMANN	Balranald Shire Council	General Manager	In attendance
MAYOR MANUEL MARTINEZ	Walgett Shire Council	Mayor	Dial In

GREG INGRAM	Walgett Shire Council	General Manager	Dial In
GREG HILL	Central Darling Shire Council	General Manager	Dial In
GREG WRIGHT	Central Darling Shire Council	Administrator	Apology
MAYOR MELISA HEDERIC	Wentworth Shire Council	Mayor	
CR JANE MACALLISTER	Wentworth Shire Council	MDA Region 4 Chair	
EMMA BRADBURY	Murray Darling Association	Chief Executive Officer	Dial in



Tuesday, 19 February 2019

Gladys Berejiklian MP  
NSW Premier  
Department of Premier and Cabinet  
GPO Box 5341  
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Premier Berejiklian

On behalf of National President Cr David Thurley and the board of the Murray Darling Association (MDA), I am seeking a information on current plans to develop land in south-west NSW for the purpose of economic activation.

The MDA, Australia's peak body representing local government across the Murray-Darling Basin, understands that the Department of Premier and Cabinet is currently supporting economic activation initiatives via Economic Activation Plans (EAP) for areas in the Murry River and Balranald Shire council areas. It is understood that initiatives include the growth in up to 7,000 jobs by 2030 supported by the development of large areas up to 100,000ha of land for irrigated permanent plantings.

At a workshop held in Moama this month involving over 55 Mayors, GMs and councillors representing almost 30 councils across the Basin some interest was expressed, and further information requested in relation to these initiatives.

Specifically, councils are keen to understand government's approach to the identification and management of potential conflicts between substantial expansion of the irrigation footprint relying on water from the Murray and Lower Darling systems; existing pressures on the resources required to sustain such developments; and NSW government's obligations under the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Following resolution by our board, the MDA would appreciate your advice on the following matters, which may be helpful in advance of a meeting on the matter:

- i) Details of the NSW State Government EAP initiative, and any proposed developments associated with the EAPs
- ii) The relationship between current EAPs and the States obligations under the Murray Darling Basin Plan

- iii) Total capacity of the system to deliver required volumes of water to sustain the proposed developments
- iv) Identified social, environmental and economic impacts of the developments on connected communities, and on existing irrigation dependent industries
- v) The role of local government in identifying the social, economic and environmental effects of any such developments.

The National President and myself would be pleased to meet with your staff to further discuss. Thanking you in anticipation of a timely response.

Kind regards,



Emma Bradbury  
Chief Executive Officer  
Murray Darling Association



# MDA Membership Policy

2019





# Membership Policy

This is to be read in conjunction with the Murray Darling Association (MDA), [Constitution](#).

## 1. Eligibility for Membership:

The board of the MDA may consider applications for membership from the following:

- (a) Any Council who is located within a Region
- (b) Any Organisation, which is located within a Region
- (c) Any Individual living in a Region
- (d) Any Council/Organisation/Person who is located within Australia

This policy shall be read subject to clause 6 of the MDA constitution.

Whether an individual or organisation's membership application (or renewal) is accepted is at the sole discretion of the board.

A serving councillor of a local government entity or a member of a Member organisation must not apply to become an Individual Member or allow an Organisation to apply for membership with that councillor proposed as the Organisation Representative.

### 1.1 Categories of membership

Members of MDA may be classified as follows:

- (a) A **Member Council** is a local government municipal entity which has satisfied and maintains the requirements for membership of the MDA.
- (b) An **Organisation Member** is a company, corporation, association, body corporate, partnership, government or statutory authority, community service or not for profit organisation or other legal body (other than a Member Council) accepted as a member.
- (c) A **Life Member** is as identified in the MDA Constitution or elected as a Life Member. The Murray Darling Association, in its sole discretion, can award life membership to any member who they deem is deserving of life membership. Life members have all the benefits of an individual member and do not pay a membership fee.
- (d) An **Individual Member** is a person living in a Region who is a current Member.

Individual members must not use their membership status with the MDA to promote any business or third party which they are employed by, associated with or have a pecuniary interest in.

The board shall determine any disputes as to the appropriate classification of membership status and its decision is final.

### 1.2 Types of membership

- (a) Region Member  
Any Council/Organisation/Person who is living or is located within a Region
- (b) Member at Large  
Any Council/Organisation/Person who is living or is located outside of a Region

## 2. Member Benefits

The board, in its sole discretion, may approve different benefits and structures for the different types of membership and these benefits may vary from time to time. Benefits will be updated and maintained on the MDA website or otherwise informed to members in writing.

The board, in its sole discretion, may also approve or make available different benefit/s for different profiles of members, including select groups of members within a particular type of membership from time to time. For example; a) those members who hold a particular role within local government, b) members who may be employed by private corporations as opposed to government entities, and c) vice versa.

Membership benefits include:

- (a) Regional & National representation of local priorities
- (b) Strong regional networks supporting local economic development and leadership initiatives
- (c) Effective representation of local government and your communities at state and federal level in the management of Basin resources
- (d) entitlement to attend, contribute to and vote at a region meeting (as defined in reference)
- (e) entitlement to attend, contribute to, debate and vote at an MDA Meeting

### 2.1 Board directors, committees and member network committee members

(1) The Board will comprise each of the chairs of the Regions of the MDA existing from time to time.

(2) On an annual basis, at a board meeting, the Board will elect:

- (a) a President;
- (b) a Vice President; and
- (c) a Treasurer

to serve for the financial year.

### 2.2 Voting rights

Voting at a meeting of the association is associated with meeting type, membership categories and the number of representatives.

The voting rights for Region meetings are as follows:

(1) A **Member Council** has category rights to:

(a) appoint 2 Representatives, plus an additional Representative for every 20,000 of population (or part thereof) of the municipality above the first 20,000, up to a further 3, for a maximum total of 5 representatives.

(b) Each representative has the right to attend, participate and vote on its behalf at a Region meeting.

(2) An **Organisation Member** has category rights to:

- (a) appoint a Representative for a Region Meeting
- (b) have its Representative attend, participate and vote on its behalf at a Region Meeting
- (c) have its Representative be eligible for election by a Region as a region Delegate.
- (3) A **Life Member** has category rights to attend, participate and vote at a Region Meeting
- (4) An **Individual Member** has category rights to:
  - (a) attend, participate and vote at a Region Meeting, and
  - (b) to be eligible for election as a Region Delegate.

The Voting, and Category rights for the MDA Meeting are:

- (1) A **Member Council** has category rights to
  - (a) appoint 1 Member Council Delegate, plus an additional Delegate for every 20,000 (or part thereof) of population of the municipality above the first 20,000, up to a further 2, for a maximum total of 3 Member Council Delegates
  - (b) to have its Delegate(s) attend, participate and vote on its behalf at a MDA Meeting
- (2) An **Organisation Member** has category rights to
  - (a) have its representative attend and participate at a MDA meeting
  - (b) if its Representative is elected as a region Delegate, to vote as a Region Delegate at the MDA meeting
- (3) A **Life Member** has category rights to attend, participate and vote at a MDA meeting as a Life Member.
- (4) An Individual Member has category rights to
  - (a) attend and participate at a MDA Meeting, and
  - (b) if elected as a Region Delegate, to vote as the Region Delegate at a MDA Meeting

### 3. Membership Fees

The MDA Membership fees will:

- (a) be determined by the board of directors from time to time.
- (b) Each class and category of membership may have its own fee structure.
- (c) be charged on a pro-rata basis based upon the date of admission to membership.

### 4. Payment options

Annual fees may be paid by MasterCard or Visa, direct debit, cheque or cash.

The MDA reserves the right to change and/or add any payment options made available to members at any time.

### 5. Financial Members

(a) Only fully financial members of the MDA may, subject to clause 2 of this policy, access member benefits. The MDA retains the right to suspend access to benefits until the membership fee/s are paid in full.

(b) The annual subscription renewal date is 1 July of each year.

## **6. Cessation of Membership:**

A Member ceases to be a Member of the MDA if:

- (a) for Individual Members and Organisation Members, the Member annual fee is overdue for more than 90 days and the Board ends the membership,
- (b) for Member Councils, the annual fee remains unpaid after the failure to pay has been raised at a MDA meeting and the meeting decides to end the membership;
- (c) in the case of an individual – dies or is declared bankrupt, or
- (d) the Board resolves to end the membership;
- (e) the Member resigns membership,
- (f) the Member is expelled from the MDA in accordance with clause 28 of the MDA Constitution, or
- (g) ceases to be eligible to be a Member, or
- (h) in the case of an organisation – is insolvent, or is being wound up or deregistered, or has a receiver, administrator, manager, liquidator or other controller (howsoever described) appointed over the organisation or a substantial part of its assets.

## **7. Amendments to this Policy**

The board is entitled to amend this membership policy from time to time which will have effect no earlier than twenty eight (28) days following notice to members of the proposed amendments.

Notice will be taken to be given where the amended membership policy is published on the Murray Darling Association's website.

### **Definitions:**

A **Region meeting** is a meeting of the Member Councils of a region usually held quarterly.

An **MDA meeting** is a meeting of all attending Members of the MDA, usually referred to as the National Conference and AGM.

**Original Issue Date:**



## MDA MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE

This procedure describes how the MDA will process applications for membership to the MDA.

This procedure should be read in conjunction with the [Membership policy](#), and supports the [Membership application form 2019](#). The Constitution of the MDA sets out at Part 3 – Membership Categories the rights and categories of membership the MDA, and at Part 10 – Membership Generally the further provisions for application, cessation and conduct of membership.

The membership approval process will support the provisions outlined in the constitution.

### **Where a person applies to join a Region of the Murray Darling Association in the category of Individual Member**

- (1) The CEO will promptly
  - a. send a copy of the application to the Chair and the secretariat of the Region specified in the application, and to the MDA Membership Services Officer (MSO) or,
  - b. in the case of an application from a person where no region is specified in the application, to the Chair and the secretariat of the region of the municipality in which the applicant is a resident.
- (2) The MSO will contact the Chair of the region and prepare a brief biography of the applicant. The applicant may be invited to provide further information to support the biography, including information on the person's reasons and objectives in seeking to join the MDA.
- (3) The Chair will bring the application before the next general meeting of the Region, and the region must either resolve to recommend to the Board that the application be accepted or resolve to recommend to the Board that the application be refused;
- (4) If the application is recommended for acceptance:
  - a. the Region secretary will notify the Board of the recommendation; and
  - b. at the next board meeting after receiving that notification the Board must resolve to either
    - i. accept the Region Executive's recommendation, and the MSO will promptly notify the applicant and the Region Chair that the applicant has become a Member of the Region and the date from which that membership is effective, or.
    - ii. reject the Region Executive's recommendation and refuse the application.
- (5) If the Region resolves to recommend to the Board that the application be refused:

- a. the Region Secretary must notify the Board within 14 days that the Region has resolved to recommend that the application be refused;
  - b. at the next board meeting after receiving that notification the Board will note the Region's recommendation and approve the membership.
- (6) In the case of a Member applying to transfer his or her membership to another Region, the member must put the request in writing to the Membership Services Officer, whereupon the matter will be considered by the relevant regions at the next meeting of the region.
- a. Both regions will provide their recommendations to the Board and at the next board meeting after receiving that notification the Board will accept the Region's recommendation and approve the transfer of the membership.

**Where an Organisation applies to join the Murray Darling Association in the category of Organisation Member**

- (7) The CEO will promptly
- a. send a copy of the application to the Chair and the secretariat of the Region specified in the application, and to the MDA Membership Services Officer (MSO) or,
  - b. in the case of an application from an organisation where no region is specified in the application, to the Chair and the secretariat of the region of the municipality in which the organisation is operating.
- (8) The Membership Services Officer will contact the Chair of the region and prepare a brief biography of the organisation, and of the organisation's representative to the MDA. The applicant may be invited to provide further information to support the biography, including information on the organisation's reasons and objectives in seeking to join the MDA.
- (9) The Chair will bring the application before the next general meeting of the Region, and the region must either resolve to recommend to the Board that the application be accepted or resolve to recommend to the Board that the application be refused;
- (10) If the application is recommended for acceptance:
- a. the Region secretary will notify the Board of the recommendation; and
  - b. at the next board meeting after receiving that notification the Board must resolve to either
    - i. accept the Region Executive's recommendation, and the MSO will promptly notify the applicant and the Region Chair that the applicant has become a Member of the Region and the date from which that membership is effective, or,
    - ii. reject the Region Executive's recommendation and refuse the application.
- (11) If the Region resolves to recommend to the Board that the application be refused:

- a. the Region Secretary must notify the Board within 14 days that the Region has resolved to recommend that the application be refused;
- b. at the next board meeting after receiving that notification the Board will accept the Region's recommendation.

(12) In the case of a Member Organisation applying to transfer that membership to another Region, the Member organisation's appointed representative must put the request in writing to the MSO, whereupon the matter will be considered by the relevant regions at the next meeting of the region.

- a. Both regions will provide their recommendations to the Board and at the next board meeting after receiving that notification the Board will accept the Region's recommendation and approve the transfer of membership.

**Where a Council applies to join the Murray Darling Association in the category of Member Council**

(13) The CEO will promptly

- a. send a copy of the application to the Chair and the secretariat of the Region specified in the application, and to the MDA Membership Services Officer (MSO) or,
- b. in the case of an application from council where no region is specified in the application, to the Chair and the secretariat of the region of the municipality in which the council is located.

(14) The CEO

- a. approve the application under delegated authority
- b. will notify the CEO/GM of the applicant council the approval.
- c. Provide contact details

**Where an Individual, Organisation or Council applies to join the Murray Darling Association in the category of Member at Large**

(15) The Membership Services Officer will prepare a brief biography of the applicant. The applicant may be invited to provide further information to support the biography, including information on the person's reasons and objectives in seeking to join the MDA.

(16) The application, including the applicant biography, will be presented at the next board meeting after receiving that notification the Board must resolve to either

- i. accept the application, and the Membership Services Officer will promptly notify the applicant that the applicant has become a Member of the Region and the date from which that membership is effective, or.
- ii. reject the application.

(17) In the case of a Member at Large applying to transfer his or her membership to another Region, the member must put the request in writing to the Membership Services Officer,

whereupon the matter will be considered by the relevant region at the next meeting of the region.

- a. The region will provide their recommendations to the Board and at the next board meeting after receiving that notification the Board will accept the Region's recommendation.

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

[Constitution](#)

[Strategic Plan](#)

[Membership Application Form](#)

## REVIEW PERIOD

*12 Months*

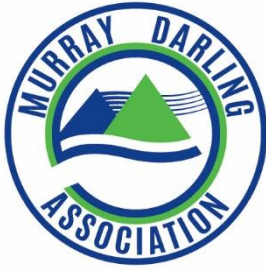
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## APPROVAL HISTORY

Chief Executive Officer .....

Dated .....





# Members Code of Conduct

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In all our operations and relationships we value honesty, integrity and collaborative communication based in mutual respect and regard for our organisation, the environment and the communities we serve.

## Personal behaviour

It is expected that members will:

- act ethically, with honesty and integrity, in the best interests of the Murray Darling Association at all times;
- take individual responsibility to contribute actively to the Murray Darling Association;
- make decisions fairly, impartially and promptly, considering all available information, legislation, policies and procedures;
- treat colleagues with respect, courtesy, honesty and fairness, and have proper regard for their interests, rights, safety and welfare;
- not harass, bully or discriminate against colleagues, members of the public and/or employees;
- contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive environment/culture through professional workplace relationships; and
- not make improper use of their position as members to gain advantage for themselves or for any other person.

## Communication and official information

It is expected that members will:

- channel all communication on business matters through the region chair and executive;
- represent a position consistent with and in the interests of the member council they represent;
- not disclose official information or documents acquired through membership, other than as required by law or where agreed by decision of the board;
- not make any unauthorised public statements regarding the business of the Murray Darling Association;
- support, adhere to and not contradict the formal decisions of the Board made in its meetings;
- respect the confidentiality and privacy of all information as it pertains to individuals.

## Conflicts of interest

It is expected that members will:

- disclose any personal or business interests which may give rise to actual or perceived conflicts of interest;
- ensure personal or financial interests do not conflict with their ability to perform official duties in an impartial manner;
- not allow personal or financial interests, or the interests of any associated person, to conflict with the interests of Murray Darling Association;
- manage and declare any conflict between their personal and public duty; and
- where conflicts of interest do arise, ensure they are managed in the public interest.

In addition, members commit to:

- taking responsibility for reporting improper conduct or misconduct which has been, or may be occurring in the workplace, reporting the details to the relevant people or agency; and
- taking responsibility for contributing in a constructive, courteous and positive way to enhance good governance and the reputation of the board of Murray Darling Association.

This Code of Conduct was adopted by the Board of the Murray Darling Association

Date                    19<sup>th</sup> of June 2019

Meeting No.    387

Review date    19<sup>th</sup> of June 2019

# MDA Membership Application Form



*The Murray Darling Association is a membership-based peak representative organisation representing local government and communities across the Murray Darling Basin since 1944.*

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member with the Murray Darling Association. To become a Member, please complete the Membership form below.

After submitting your form, the CEO will promptly send a copy of the application to the Chair and the secretariat of the Region specified in the application. The Membership Services Officer will then contact the Chair of the region and prepare a brief biography of the applicant, which will then be presented to the Board. In the case of an individual, or a council who is a member at large, this application will form the basis of your application.

Applications from Councils located within the Basin will be approved as an entitlement and details forwarded to the relevant Region executive.

All members are required to abide by the [Code of Conduct](#), and have read the [Constitution](#), and the [Membership Procedure](#) document.

To find out which MDA region you are located in, click [here](#).

## Membership category (please tick)

Membership Category		Membership Fees 2019/29 (price excludes GST)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member Council:	\$0.305 (ex GST) cents per head off population capped at \$6681
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member Organisation:	\$350.00 (ex GST)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Member:	\$90.00 (ex GST)

## Application Details

### For Councils

Council	<input type="text"/>	Primary Contact Name	<input type="text"/>
MDA Region	<input type="text"/>	Contact Number	<input type="text"/>
Mayor	<input type="text"/>	CEO/General Manager	<input type="text"/>
Street Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Postal Address	<input type="text"/>		
(If different to above)			
Primary E-mail Address:	<input type="text"/>		

### For Organisations

Organisation	<input type="text"/>	Primary Contact Name	<input type="text"/>
Region	<input type="text"/>	Contact Number	<input type="text"/>
Street Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Postal Address	<input type="text"/>		
(If different to above)			
Primary E-mail Address:	<input type="text"/>		

## For Individuals

Name	<input type="text"/>	Contact Number	<input type="text"/>
Region	<input type="text"/>	Local Government Area	<input type="text"/>
Street Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Postal Address	<input type="text"/>		
(If different to above)			
Primary E-mail Address:	<input type="text"/>		

What are your objectives for joining MDA?

*Members must not use their membership status with the Murray Darling Association to promote any business or third party which they are employed by, associated with or have a pecuniary interest in.*

Please note that your response will contribute to your biography for the application process.

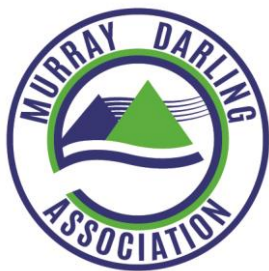
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Please return your completed membership application form, along with your remittance by post to PO Box 1268 Echuca, or email [ea@mda.asn.au](mailto:ea@mda.asn.au)

For electronic payments, please include your name as a reference.

*I/we apply for Membership of the Murray Darling Association and agree to be subject to the Constitution and rules of the Association.* ☐

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## Presentation Proposal

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2019 LGNSW Water Management Conference  
2-4 September 2019, Albury Entertainment Centre, Albury

### **Topic: Drought and Water Security**

The Murray the Murray Darling Association (MDA) is Australia's peak body for local government in the Murray-Darling Basin. Established in 1944, our role is to support councils across the Basin to meet the challenges inherent in managing our Basin resources to support vibrant, thriving rural and regional communities, economies, industries and ecosystems.

The Murray Darling Association would like to present a panel session on water security and quality in the context of changing water availability due to drought, legislative changes and the implementation of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

The Q&A style panel session will consider the role of local government in the relationship between healthy, connected rivers; regional economic development; population growth; farming; and land care practices.

The panel (and audience) will be guided through a conversation by a series of questions from the facilitator designed to explore the opportunities open to, and challenges faced by local government and the communities we serve, before opening questions up to the audience.

The audience will develop a deeper understanding of the scope and importance of local government's role in synthesizing the key participants and elements required to ensure social well being, economic development, and environmental health across our individual and collective municipalities. Those key participants include business and industry, farmers, peak bodies, council, and community all working together to regenerate catchments and communities to manage drought ensure water security now and into the future.

The panellists will include:

- Cr David Thurley, National President of the MDA and councillor Albury City Council
- Pete Arkle, CEO NSW Farmers Association
- Adrian Zammit, CEO Landcare NSW
- Prof Max Findlayson - Director of the Institute of Land, Water and Society, CSU
- Matt Barwick - Research Portfolio Manager, Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
- *Facilitator:* Emma Bradbury – CEO Murray Darling Association

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