



Chief Executive Officer's Report

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1. Appointments

Date	Event/meeting	Location
29/04/2019	Board Meeting 385	Zoom
02/05/2019	Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program (MDBEDP) – contracts webinar.	Online
03/05/2019	MDA Region 8 Planning meeting	Zoom
06/05/2019	2020 MDA National Conference	Echuca Zoom/(ph.) Echuca - Zoom
08/05/2019	Tracey Strugnell – Coorong SA	
10/05/2019	EMFM Monthly Radio interview	
13/05/2019	Meeting Adrian Zammit CEO Landcare NSW Inc.	Sydney
13/05/2019	Meeting with the Hon Melinda Pavey MP	Sydney
13/05/2019	Meeting Peter Arkle CEO NSW Farmers	Sydney
15/05/2019	Meeting with Murray Shire Mayor	Moama
17/05/2019	MDA Region 1 Meeting Albury City Council	

2. Engagements

2.1 Landcare NSW Inc.

At a meeting on Monday 13/05/2019 in Sydney the CEO of the MDA held discussions with Adrian Zammit CEO of Landcare NSW Inc.

The objective and outcome were to build the relationship between the organisations. Discussions emerged to consider an MOU between the two organisations.

2.2 The Hon Melinda Pavey MP

Mayor Paul Maytom and the CEO of the MDA met with Minister Pavey in Sydney. See brief sheet attached.

A very constructive meeting with the Minister indicating a detailed understanding of the complexities of the issues facing NSW communities, a commitment to the Basin Plan and an appetite to work with local government and the MDA.

2.3 NSW Farmers

At a meeting on Monday 13/05/2019 in Sydney the CEO of the MDA held discussions with Peter Arkle and 2 Policy team workers.

The objective of the meeting was to build relations between organisations and to extend invitations to all event programs. An invitation to attend or sponsor the 2019 MDA National Conference was extended.

3. National Conference

Regular planning meetings of the National Conference committee have resumed fortnightly.

The online website for enrolments is now live.

4. Administration

The MDA has secured leases on 2 extra offices at their Echuca premises plus a storage room to facilitate staffing requirements.

MDA currently advertising for a Marketing and Engagement officer, applications close 24th May 2019

5. Projects

Community Leadership Program

MDA attended an Information/Workshop session via phone, the Department advised that contracts and release of payments will be executed once “caretaker” mode has concluded.

6. Budget 2020

I am pleased to comment the MDA 2020 Budget to the board of the Murray Darling Association.



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