



Chief Executive Officer's Report

December 2018

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1. Appointments

Date	Event/meeting	Location
November 26, 2018	Toowoomba Regional Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Allpass – Acting Principal for Tourism and Events 	Toowoomba
November 26, 2018	Toowoomba Regional Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Paul Antonio – Mayor Brian Pidgeon – Chief Executive Officer 	Toowoomba
November 27, 2018	Sara Hales – General Manager, Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport	Toowoomba
November 30, 2018	Campaspe Shire Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason Russell – Chief Executive Officer 	Echuca
November 30, 2018	Murray River Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Chris Bilkey – Mayor Des Bilske – General Manager 	Moama
December 5, 2018	Gannawarra Shire Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Lorraine Learmonth - Mayor 	Cohuna
December 5, 2018	Swan Hill Rural City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Ann Young – Mayor Muriel Schulz – Economic Development Coordinator 	Swan Hill
December 6, 2018	Region 6 meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn Rappensberg – Chief Executive Officer, Alexandrina Council Vincent Campbell – Chief Executive Officer, Coorong District Council Michael Sedgman – Chief Executive Officer, Rural City of Murray Bridge 	Murray Bridge
December 6, 2018	City of West Torrens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Michael Coxon – Mayor Terry Buss – Chief Executive Officer 	Hilton
December 6, 2018	Campbelltown City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Jill Whittaker – Mayor Paul Di Iulio – Chief Executive Officer 	Rostrover
December 6, 2018	Hon. David Spiers – South Australia Minister for Environment and Water w/ Mayor Brenton Lewis	Adelaide
December 7, 2018	City of Mitcham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Heather Holmes-Ross – Mayor Craig Harrison – Acting Chief Executive Officer Cr Andrew Tilley – Past MDA delegate 	Torrens Park
December 7, 2018	Mount Barker District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Ann Ferguson – Mayor Greg Sarre – Manager Economic Development and Sustainable Futures 	Mount Barker
December 7, 2018	Ben Bruce – Group Director, Department of Environment and Water w/ Mayor Breton Lewis	Adelaide
December 10, 2018	MDA Region 5 Ordinary Meeting	Renmark*
December 10, 2018	Gerard Jose – Chief Executive Officer, Mildura Rural City Council (phone)	Echuca

December 11, 2018	Wentworth Shire Council - 2020 National Conference submission discussions	Wentworth*
December 11, 2018	National Carp Control Plan Working Group meeting	Canberra*
December 13, 2018	Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council meet and greet	Melbourne
December 14, 2018	MDA Region 6 Ordinary Meeting	Murray Bridge*
December 14, 2018	Ashley Bland – 2019 Strategic Planning Workshop discussions (phone)	Echuca

* - Attendance by digital means

2. Engagements

The CEO completed a tour of the Northern Basin on November 26 in Toowoomba, coinciding with site inspections for the 75th Jubilee National Conference.

Meetings were held in late November with Campaspe Shire Council (Region 2) and Murray River Council (Region 3) to provide an update on MDA matters.

Appointments with the mayors of Gannawarra Shire Council and Swan Hill Rural City Council on December 5 have provided the opportunity for the MDA to present to councillors from both municipalities, with the aim of promoting the benefits of resuming membership and rejuvenating Region 3.

A meeting with the Chief Executive Officers of three Region 6 councils on December 6 at Murray Bridge focused on the strategic direction and leadership of the region following the outcome of the recent South Australia local government elections.

This meeting coincided with two days of appointments with four Adelaide metropolitan councils – Campbelltown City Council, City of Mitcham, City of West Torrens and Mount Barker District - South Australia Minister for the Environment and Water, David Spiers and the South Australia Department of Environment and Water.

The CEO attended a meet and greet with Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council members and other key stakeholders in Melbourne on December 13. This coincided with the Ministerial Council meeting the next day.

3. Update on AGM Resolutions

The CEO and Mayor Brenton Lewis from the Rural City of Murray Bridge met with South Australia Minister for the Environment and Water, David Spiers in Adelaide on December 6 regarding Resolution 5.8 – River Murray weir infrastructure.

The CEO and Mayor Brenton Lewis from the Rural City of Murray Bridge met with South Australia Department of Environment and Water Group Director, Ben Bruce in Adelaide on December 7 regarding Resolution 5.5 – socioeconomic neutrality.

Correspondence has been received from the New South Wales Department of Industry – Water regarding Resolution 5.5 – socioeconomic neutrality, which is accessible on the [2018 AGM Resolutions tracker website](#).

4. National Conference 2019

Following visits to potential venues on November 26, the following locations have been confirmed to host the 75th Jubilee National Conference:

- National Conference and AGM: [The Annex, Toowoomba](#)
- Gala Dinner: [Picnic Point, Toowoomba](#)
- Civic Reception: [Empire Theatre, Toowoomba](#)

The [landing page](#) promoting the date and location of the conference is online, featuring details regarding Toowoomba, its attractions, accommodation facilities and transport options.

Work with Cvent regarding developing the event and booking website are continuing, with the aim for this page to be operational from early 2019.

5. Administration

Members – Planning regarding the design of the database and its capabilities to manage the relevant data needed for the organisation is continuing.

ICT – Efforts to improve the security of the MDA's website is progressing. SSL certification was purchased in November and has been added to our domain name. The MDA's website developers still need to add this certification to the website to enact the security certification, but a quality assurance audit of the website will need to be conducted. Discussions regarding this process are continuing.

Christmas period – Please note the MDA office will close at 4.30pm AEDST on Friday, December 21 and re-open at 8.30am AEDST on Monday, January 7.

Relocation of premises – The executive office of the MDA have been located at 463-465 High Street, Echuca since 2014. The MDA has been a sub-tenant of Parks Victoria.

In December 2017 Parks Victoria notified the MDA that PV would be relocating by the end of the year.

The MDA will now relocate to 250 Anstruther Street, Echuca commencing January 1, 2019.



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