

The MDA represents local government and the communities of the Murray Darling Basin. That is 14 percent of the land mass of Australia, encompassing 172 councils, 82 of which are currently members of the MDA. That is a powerful voice.

In 2014, Hon Craig Knowles then Chair of the MDBA, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the MDA. That MOU acknowledges the key role of local government in the governance of the Murray-Darling Basin, and the importance of local knowledge to effective decision making. Mr Knowles said "If the MDA didn't exist, we'd have to invent it", noting that local government must have the means and opportunity to actively participate in informing water policy to give best effect to the implementation of the Basin Plan.

The MDA's strength and success relies upon the active participation of our member councils. It is the technical and professional expertise that is uniquely invested in local government, that gives voice to the needs of our communities, individually and collectively across the Basin.

## Local Government – the Voice of the Basin



## WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2016

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| 8:30am  | <b>Conference registration</b><br><i>Dubbo RSL Club Resort<br/>Cnr Brisbane and Wingaharra Streets, Dubbo<br/>NSW 2830</i>   |
| 9:15am  | <b>Conference commences – delegate seating</b><br><i>Dubbo RSL Club Resort</i>   |
| 9:25pm  | <b>Delegates call to order</b>   |
| 9:30am  | <b>Welcome to our National Conference</b><br><i>MDA National President<br/>Mayoral welcome<br/>"Welcome to country"</i>  |
| 9:45am  | <b>Attendance: present and apologies</b>   |
| 10:00am | <b>Keynote presentation</b><br><i>Murray Darling Basin Authority – Chair and CEO<br/>The role of local government in managing the<br/>social and economic impacts of the Basin plan</i>  |
| 10.25am | <b>MORNING TEA</b>   |
| 10:45am | <b>Previous minutes</b><br><i>Meeting held 2015, Benigan</i>   |
| 10:50am | <b>Presentation of reports</b><br>– 2015 Annual Report<br>– 2016 Annual Financial Report<br>– Appointment of Auditor for 2016/17<br>– Board Report<br>– Chief Executive Officer's Report |
| 11:30pm | <b>Guest Presentation</b><br><i>Regulatory oversight and the impact of new and<br/>emerging industries on water extraction limits and<br/>demand patterns across the Basin</i>           |
| 12:00pm | <b>Presentation of motions:</b>  |
| 12:00pm | <b>Presentation of motions:<br/>Motion 1 – Adoption of new constitution</b><br><i>Speaker – Andrew Shaman, Principal<br/>Russel Kennedy Lawyers</i>                                      |
| 12.30pm | <b>LUNCH</b><br><i>motion particulars will be distributed to members<br/>by 30/9/2016</i>  |
| 1:30pm  | <b>Motion 2</b><br><i>Speaker TBC</i>  |
| 1:40pm  | <b>Motion 3</b><br><i>Speaker TBC</i>  |



**WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2016** *continued***1:50pm**      **Motion 4***Speaker TBC***2:00pm**      **Motion 5***Speaker TBC***2:10pm**      **Motion 6***Speaker TBC***2:20pm**      **Motion 7***Speaker TBC***2:30pm**      **Motion 8***Speaker TBC***2:40pm**      **AFTERNOON TEA****3:00pm**      **Guest presentation***Climate variability and what that will mean for our Basin communities over the next 20 years and beyond. Strategies for councils to stay ahead of the curve***3.45pm**      **Announcement of the 2017 AGM Location***Presentation – host council***4:00pm**      **Conference closes****6:15pm**      **CIVIC RECEPTION****THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2016****8:30am****to****3:30pm****Regional study tour***Study tour of points of regional significance presented by Western Plains Regional Council.*