

GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
MAYORAL MINUTE

MM01

SUBJECT: MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION - 70TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE
FROM: John Dal Broi, Mayor

SUMMARY

The Murray Darling Association is an association of Local Government municipalities in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Victoria. It also incorporates community groups, businesses, individuals and agencies with an interest in ensuring that the Murray-Darling Basin continues as a viable and valuable asset for all Australians.

The Association provides a focus for Local Government and community participation in the major natural resource issues of the Murray-Darling Basin. It provides information, facilitates debate, identifies needs and priorities, undertakes projects and education initiatives, and promotes research.

The 70th Annual General Meeting and National Conference of the Murray Darling Association will be held at Tumut from Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th October 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

Council approve the Mayor or his delegate and the General Manager or his delegate to attend the 70th Annual General Meeting and National Conference of the Murray Darling Association held at Tumut from 14th October 2014 to 16th October 2014.

BACKGROUND

As listed in the summary above and a copy of the Conference Program is attached.

OPTIONS

(a) Council approve the Mayor or his delegate and one other Council representative to attend the 70th Annual General Meeting and National Conference of the Murray Darling Association held at Tumut from 14th October 2014 to 16th October 2014.
(Recommendation)

(b) Council not approve the Mayor or his delegate and one other Council representative to attend the 70th Annual General Meeting and National Conference of the Murray Darling Association held at Tumut from 14th October 2014 to 16th October 2014.

(c) Any other recommendation by Council.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

a) Policy Implications

GC-CP-407 - Councillor Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy.

b) Financial Implications

Whole Conference Registration Fee - \$500 per delegate.

Accommodation costs as per policy - \$200 per delegate.

Meal costs as per policy - \$120 per day per delegate.

Travel – A Council vehicle would be available for the delegates to attend the Conference.

c) Legal/Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1993.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

STRATEGIC LINKS

a) Growth Strategy Plan

Not Applicable

b) Corporate/Business Plan

Not Applicable

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Conference Program



70th Annual General Meeting & National Conference

14th -16th October 2014
Tumut, NSW



***"From little things,
big things grow"***



Speakers Include:

Senator Simon Birmingham
*Parliamentary Secretary to the
Minister for the Environment*

Prof. Ian Chubb
Chief Scientist, CSIRO

Paul Broad
CEO, Snowy Hydro

The Hon. Craig Knowles
Chairman, Murray-Darling Basin Authority

PRESENTED BY:

**The Murray Darling Association
Hosted by Tumut Shire Council**





The Murray Darling Association's 70th Anniversary Celebrations; 2014 AGM; and National Conference will reflect a theme that is synonymous with the very river systems that are our life force.

"From little things, big things grow"

The great rivers of the Murray-Darling Basin all start as small streams, wetlands or mountain bogs. Two of them, the Murray and Murrumbidgee rivers, start in the Snowy Mountains, not far from Tumut, host region of this year's event.

These rivers come from humble beginnings, weaving their way across the landscape providing nourishment, life and vitality, joining with others and growing to finish as great and contributing waterways. Along with the Darling, the Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers are among the longest and most important rivers in Australia.

Not far from where these two rivers begin, the Murray Valley Development League, now the Murray Darling Association, came into being in 1944, borne of a common goal to enable the communities that rely upon them to develop, manage, and nurture the river systems and their gift. From that small beginning involving a few NSW and Victorian councils along the Murray River, the membership and work of the Association has slowly spread across the four states and the ACT of the Murray-Darling Basin. The Murray Darling Association is now a valued and respected organisation providing a strong voice and a focus for local government and community participation in basin related issues - representing a collective of member councils, organisations and individuals across 14% of the Australian continent.

It was also near here that the Snowy Scheme began, resulting in one of the world's greatest engineering feats and hailed as the catalyst to this country's multi-cultural society. The Murrumbidgee Valley Water Users Association and the Murray Valley Development League played a key role in ensuring that the Snowy Hydro Scheme was completed though tenacious advocacy and dogged pursuit of the goal.

Returning to the Snowy Mountains in October 2014 will remind us of the fragile and small beginnings of the Basin's waterways, the Snowy Hydro Scheme and the Murray Darling Association, and how with vision and dedication, commitment and collaboration they have all become resilient, productive and contributing entities.

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2014 | **WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2014**

- 11.00am MDA Board meeting**
Tumut Shire Council — Gundagai Room
Board members and executive only
- 11.00am Conference registration desk opens**
Location: Montreal Theatre
44 Russell Street, Tumut
Ms Linda Deans, Mrs Jenny Jacob
- 12.15pm LUNCH**
All conference delegates and partners
Tumut Shire Council
- 1.15pm Delegates gather for start of AGM**
Location: Montreal Theatre
44 Russell Street, Tumut
- 1.30pm Welcome to the AGM**
National President, MDA
- 1.35pm Official opening of AGM**
- 1.50pm AGM – reports and resolutions**
- 3.00pm New water trading rules in the Murray-Darling Basin**
Presentation by Murray-Darling Basin Authority
- 3.30pm AFTERNOON TEA**
- 4.00pm AGM of the Murray Darling Foundation - Reports and agenda items**
Brian J Grogan, Chair, Murray Darling Foundation
- 4.20 pm New Local Land Services NSW**
- 4.50 pm Announce Venue 2015 National Conference**
- 5.00pm AGM concludes**
- 6.00pm CIVIC RECEPTION**
Hosted by Tumut Shire Council
All conference delegates and partners
Location: Tumut Race Course

- 7.45am Conference registration desk opens**
Location: Montreal Theatre
44 Russell Street, Tumut
Ms Linda Deans, Mrs Jenny Jacob
- 9.00am Delegates call to order**
- 9.05am Welcome to National Conference**
National President, MDA
- 9.10am Opening for the Conference "Welcome to Country"**
Cr Sue Bulger - Wiradjuri Elder
- 9.15am Welcome to Tumut**
Mayor, Tumut Shire Council
- 9.25am Official Opening**
Senator The Hon. Simon Birmingham
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment
- 10.15am MORNING TEA**
- 10.45am Launch of the 70 year history of the Murray Darling Association**
"Up and Doing" by Adrian Wells
Launched by: To be advised
- 11.00am Implementing the Basin Plan**
The Hon. Craig Knowles - Chair, Murray-Darling Basin Authority
- 11.30am How councils are responding to implementing the Basin Plan**
Mr Ray Stubbs, Executive Officer, Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils
- 11.50am The Murray Darling Association's response to implementing the Basin Plan – including new MDA project**
Ms Emma Bradbury, Interim Chief Executive Officer, MDA



Cr Greg Toll
National President, MDA

WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2014

- 12.00pm Responding to the Basin Plan in the Northern Basin** *Cr Mal Peters, Chair, Northern Basin Advisory Committee*
- 12.20pm LUNCH**
- 1.35pm Student presentation -**
Tumut High School students
- 2.00pm The Snowy Scheme: past, present and future**
Mr Paul Broad, Chief Executive Officer, Snowy Hydro Ltd
- 2.35pm Extreme weather events - climate change or weather change?**
Prof. Ian Chubb, Commonwealth's Chief Scientist
- 3.15pm AFTERNOON TEA**
- 3.45pm Mining for coal and gas in the Murray-Darling Basin – what is happening?**
To be confirmed
- 4.15pm Tumut Shire Council — Successes and initiatives**
*Bob Stewart, Chief Executive Officer
Tumut Shire Council*
- 4.30pm 70 years of national conferences and AGMs**
Jim Hullick OAM – MDA Life Member
- 4.50pm Invitation to 2015 National Conference/AGM**
Presentations by the host Shire
- 5.00pm Close of the 2014 National Conference**
National President, MDA

Murray Darling Association Annual Dinner

- 6.30pm Pre-dinner drinks**
All conference delegates and partners
RSL Club Dining Room - 63 Russell Street, Tumut
- 7.00pm Dinner**
Entertainment, awards, guest speaker and raffle

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2014

- 7.50am Gather at venue to commence day bus tour**
All conference delegates and partners
- 8.00am – 5.00pm**
Tour of Snowy Mountains
- Aboriginal history
 - Water storage (Blowering Dam)
 - European history – Kiandra
 - Snowy Mountains Scheme (Cabramurra)
 - Power generation (Talbingo)
- Tour includes: morning tea, lunch at Cabramurra, afternoon tea



Partners Tour
Wednesday - 10.45am - 5.00pm

Tumut to Tumbarumba
Tour includes lunch
and afternoon tea

Shuttle Buses will run to and from all venues courtesy Tumut Shire Council.

This program may be subject to minor changes for scheduling, but we will endeavour to keep as close as possible to what appears here.



Accommodation Options

The Elms Motor Inn

67 Fitzroy Street, Tumut NSW 2720
www.elmsmotorinn.com.au

(02) 6947 3366

Tumut Log Cabins

28-30 Fitzroy Street, Tumut NSW 2720
www.tumutlogcabins.com

(02) 6947 4042

Tumut Motor Inn

Cnr Wynyard and Snowy Mountains Hwy,
Tumut NSW 2720
www.tumutmotorinn.com.au

(02) 6947 4523

Apple Inn Batlow

1 Tumbarumba Rd, Batlow NSW 2720
www.appleinn.com.au

(02) 6949 1322

Blowering Holiday Park

Snowy Mountains Hwy, Tumut 2720

(02) 6947 1383

Golden Gully Caravan Park

Snowy Mountains Hwy, Adelong

(02) 6946 2163

Batlow Caravan Park

Kurrajong Ave, Batlow

(02) 6949 1444

Amaroo Motel

55 Capper St, Tumut NSW 2720
www.amaroomotel.com

(02) 6947 7200

Best Western Motel Farrington Tumut

71 - 73 Capper St, Tumut NSW 2720
www.bestwestern.com.au/farrington

(02) 6947 1088

Boutique Motel Sefton House

29A Richmond St, Tumut, NSW 2720
www.tumutaccommodationcentre.com.au

(02) 6947 5790

Country Comfort Motel Tumut Valley

Corner Snowy Mountains Highway
and Bundara Crescent Tumut, NSW 2720
www.tumutvalleymotorinn.com.au

(02) 6947 2666

Elm Cottage Tumut Snowy Mountains

3/722 Little River Road, Tumut, NSW 2720
www.elmcottage.com.au

(02) 6947 5818

Merivale Motel

61 Merivale St, Tumut, NSW 2720
www.merivaletumut.com.au

(02) 6947 3902

Ribbonwood Cottages

116 Lacmalac Road, Tumut, NSW 2720
www.ribbonwoodcottages.com.au

(02) 6947 2527

Tumut Apartments

39 Merivale St, Tumut, NSW 2720
www.tumutapartments.com.au

0498 358 137

The Cottage

21 Wynyard St, Tumut, NSW 2720
www.thecottagetumut.com.au

0488 183 525

Russellee Bed and Breakfast

462 Wee Jasper Road, Tumut, NSW 2720
www.russellee.com.au

(02) 6947 4216

Riverglade Caravan Park

Snowy Mountains Highway, Tumut, NSW 2720
www.riverglade.com.au

(02) 6947 2528

For more accommodation options visit www.visittumut.com.au



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