



Murraylands and Riverland
Local Government Association

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Date Thursday 10 April 2025

Venue Nildottie Town Hall, 4052 Hunter Rd, Nildottie SA 5238

General Board Meeting

PROGRAM

9:00am	Arrival, Registration + Tea and coffee
9:15am	Board Briefing (not open to the public)
10:00am	General Meeting Open
	Morning Tea Break and Light Lunch provided
2:00pm	General Meeting Close

The Board Meeting is open to the public and upon prior request a via MS Teams Video Conference link can be arranged. For online access please email ceo@mrlga.sa.gov.au prior to 7 April.

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AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
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1 WELCOME

MRLGA Presidents Welcome

Chairperson, President Mayor Caroline Phillips to open meeting.

Welcome Board Members and invited guests.

No apologies communicated.

Acknowledgment of Country

Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Custodians of the land: the Ngadjuri, Ngaiawang, Ngangaruku, Ngarkat, Ngarrindjeri and Peramangk Peoples of the Mid Murray lands and waters. It is upon their ancestral lands and waters that the Association meets and operates, and we pay respect to Elders, past and present, and their spiritual beliefs that are of continuing importance to First Nations Peoples of today. The Association further acknowledges the contributions and important role that First Nations Peoples continue to play within the community, and we extend that respect to any Peoples in attendance here today.

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Clause 3.3.1 of the Charter and Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), board members are required to declare any potential conflict of interest(s).

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A copy of the General Board Meeting Minutes is provided at [Appendix 1](#) (including attendance register).

Motion

"Minutes of the MRLGA General Board Meeting held at the Rural City of Murray Bridge on 6 February 2025 be taken as read and confirmed."

Moved,

Seconded

4 ACTIONS REGISTER

20 October 2023 - General Meeting		
Action:		
10	<i>Charter Review and Update</i> <i>It would be best to align the MRLGA voting processes with the sector</i> <i>MRLGA Ceo to research other Lga's voting procedures.</i> <i>Agreed that the item is brought back to the Board Meeting in February 2024.</i> That the MRLGA Board support the proposed changes to the Charter and ask the MRLGA CEO to have them reviewed legally and any feedback brought back to the board before proceeding.	Underway Met with Mr Lachlan Miller on current Charter proposed changes. Temporarily on hold until the LGA constitutional review nears to an end (including its voting processes).
18 April 2024 – General Meeting		
Action		
19	That the MRLGA Ceo write to the new Local Government Minister and invite him to meet with the board for a broader conversation about financial sustainability in the Local Government sector. If successful with a meeting MRLGA, Ceo will prepare and agenda and online meeting ahead of time to prepare.	– Invited early June for 25 July Meeting – unable to attend. – Invited to 9

		August meeting – unable to attend. – Invited in late March and am working with the advisor on a suitable date.
	* There were 26 board actions from 23/24, of which the above 2 items remain pending.	

7 August 2024 – Annual General Meeting		
Action(s)		
1	Roads to Recovery The MRLGA Ceo pursues a conversation about the Roads to Recovery Funding allocations and report back to the Board	– Completed.
2	A.I R&D Application The MRLGA Ceo submits an application to the LGA Research & Development Scheme for an AI project (based on its research to date) and if successful liaise with the MRLGA Ceo network on scope before engaging a consultant.	– No longer an action. (Application not submitted due to scoping issues.)
3	Flood Funding The MRLGA Ceo liaise with Ceo's of flood impacted Councils to understand the scope of shortfall occurring post flood and report back (including the recent \$9m Community and Recreation Asset Restoration Program and insurance claim outcomes).	– Completed.
4	Policy That draft meeting procedure Option 2 for Appointment of President of the Subsidiary is endorsed by the Board in the interim, awaiting an alternate draft procedure to be presented to the Board at future meeting	– Scheduled Q4.
5	Regional Transport Plan That the MRLGA Board support the MRLGA Ceo to investigate alternate methods of a strategic transport plan, gaining feedback from the Regional Transport Committee and Ceo Network on alternatives to a static document before reporting back to the Board.	– To be developed, post the release of the State Transport Strategy.
6	Regional Drought Resilience Plan The MRLGA re-engage PIRSA and Ministers (Scriven's) Office regarding MRLGA's role in relation to MR Plan, Drought Resilience and Drought Response.	– Follow up discussions have happened with PIRSA (not the Ministers office as yet).
7	The MRLGA Board support the MRLGA Ceo to continue providing coordination and advocacy for (Murraylands and Riverland) regional drought response, and report back to the board on any impact(s) this may have on the Annual Business Plan (on an as needs basis).	– Ongoing (updates have been provided online (at optional meetings) and via email updates.

Thursday 6 February 2025 – General Meeting		
Action(s)		
	No motions for action.	
	Question time to Presenter(s)	
8	Item 6.2 – Resilient Rivers Framework An inquiry was made to PIRSA / Peter Appleford if communique from PIRSA on details of the work can be released within the week (ie 7 February '25)? It was advised PIRSA will look into it.	– PIRSA released a 5 pg communique to the Water Working Group on 6 and 7 March '25.
	General Request(s)	
9	Item 5.1 - ALGA Motions	– An online meeting was

	Agreed to revisit the options for a motion during an online session in late Feb/early March.	held on Thursday 20 February '25. No further action.
10	Agreed to list Coastal and Jettie Infrastructure / River Infrastructure on next meeting agenda for group discussion	- Completed.
11	A question was asked if the MRLGA has a plan / timing for if/when the WMRR Strategy will be updated.	- Refer to Item 8.2 (under Follow Up).

Out of session requests:

- MRLGA Ceo to invite the Federal Minister for Agriculture to visit the region.
Update: A verbal invite was extended in November 2024, followed by a check in March, but no commitment at this time.

Motion

"That the MRLGA Board note the actions completed and those underway from the previous meetings.

Moved,

Seconded

5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS

5.1 Nationally ALGA

For Information

- **Current Policy Work**

- Waste Reduction & Recycling
- Stronger Community Resilience
- Closing the Gap
- Climate Action
- Population, Planning and Building
- Overcoming indigenous disadvantage
- Arts and Cultural Development and
- Tourism

- **Advocacy**

- o **Federal Budget – FA Grants**

ALGA released a fact sheet on the federal budget as it relates to Financial Assistance Grants. A link to the Fact Sheet is below:

[Budget-Fact-Sheet-2- 2025.pdf](#)

- o **Funding Emergency**

ALGA issued a media release titled ‘funding emergency’ following the Federal Parliaments inquiry into Local Government Sustainability and its interim report. A link to the media release is below:

[Parliamentary report highlights funding emergency – Australian Local Government Association](#)

- o **“Put Our Community’s First” campaign.**

A link to ALGA’s campaign for the federal election is below:

[New fund needed for housing infrastructure – Australian Local Government Association](#)

- o **2025 National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra 24-27 June 2025**

Theme : National Priorities Need Local Solutions

Applications for motions closed 31 March 2025.

- o The items above are open for discussion if need (no motions proposed).

5.2 South Australia LGA

– News

For Information:

○ Topical Update

A link to the LGA most recent topical update is below:
[LGA South Australia](#)

○ LGA Strategic Plan

A link to the Draft Strategic Plan is below:
<https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/resources/documents/members-only-files/about-the-lga/LGA-Draft-Strategic-Plan-for-Consultation-March-2025.pdf>

○ Local Government Elections : Voting proposed to be mandatory

A link to the advocacy and status of the Bill is below:
<https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/news-and-events/news/latest-news/2025/parliament-set-to-debate-council-elections-legislation>

Open for questions

○ Receive any queries or questions from the Board.

For Motion

○ Consultation on Model Financial Statements

A link to information on the consultation is below:
[Consultation on 2025 Model Financial Statements | LGA South Australia](#)
The MRLGA seeks the Board's endorsement for it to submit a brief proposal, asking that Regional Local Government Associations be exempt from preparing annual Model Financial Statements, and be required to prepare General Purpose Financial Statements.

Motion

“The MRLGA Board endorse the MRLGA Ceo to submit feedback on 2025 Model Financial Statements, asking the Subsidiary be required to submit General Purpose Financial Statements as part of an annual audit and report process.

Moved,

Seconded

– LGA Events

For Information

Upcoming events hosted by LGA

Coming soon	
12 March 2025	Webinar: Applying for slrp funding
18 March 2025	KESAB waste and recycling tour
26 March – 2 July	Workshop: Net Zero Accelerate Program
21 May 2025	KESAB Waste and recycling tours
22 May	Leading Edge – AI Conference
23 May	LGA OGM
24 July 2025	Mayor & Ceo Networking Dinner
25 July 2025	Mayor & Ceo Forum
20 August 2025	Roads & Works Conference (Tailem Bend)
20 November 2025	Mayor Forum

5.3

Regional SAROC Update

Meetings have been scheduled / held on:

18 January	2024	(Adelaide)
14 March	2024	(Adelaide)
16 May	2024	(Adelaide)
18 July	2024	(Adelaide)
3 October	2024	(Mount Gambier)
5 December	2024	(Adelaide)
23 January	2025	(Adelaide)
27 March	2025	(Whyalla)
2 October	2025	
4 December	2025	

A link to the March Agenda is below:

https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0037/1781749/SAROC-Committee-PUBLIC-Agenda-and-Papers-27-March-2025-Karen-approved.pdf

A link to the March Minutes is below:

https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0039/1788168/ECM_834993_v10_SAROC-Committee-Meeting-Draft-Public-Minutes-27-March-2025.pdf

For Discussion & Update

- **SAROC Rep Update**

Regional representatives Mayor Caroline Phillips and Mayor Simone Bailey to provide a verbal update from SAROC.

SAROC Rep's to receive any questions from board.

- **Drought**

Premier and Treasurer met with Agricultural Industry Reps on 2 April '25
Hon. Vincent Tarzia MP will meet with Agricultural Industry Reps on 4 April '25.
Murraylands Drought Survey (completed)
SA Drought Advisory Group, LGA representative Mayor Simmons to share any new updates.

- **Coastal / Jetty / River Infrastructure**

A request was made at the general meeting on 6 February for this item to be put on the agenda for today.

- **Travel Costs for Regional Mayors**

Travel, fuel and accommodation costs are rising for Regional Mayors and is open to the group for discussion with SAROC Reps if need.

6 REGION WIDE AGENCY'S

6.1 Landscape Board

A link to the minutes of the last two board meetings is below:

February 2025

<https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/landscape/docs/mr/Minutes-1-25-MRLB-27-February-2025-Signed-website.pdf>

December 2024

<https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/landscape/docs/mr/Minutes-11-24-MRL-Board-meeting-19-December-2024-signed.pdf>

A link to the latest Q2 (October to December 2024) highlights report is below:

<https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/landscape/docs/mr/2024-25-Quarter-2-performance-report-highlights.pdf>

6.2 PIRSA

Presenting

- Welcome Dara Frankel, Principal Regional Advisor, Murraylands & Riverland from PIRSA.

A written update can be found at [Appendix 2](#).

Open for questions and discussion.

6.3 RDAMR

- A link to the February update is below:

<https://mailchi.mp/rdamr/enews/june2023-17325644?e=669aaf3716>

6.4 Zone Emergency Management Committee (ZEMC)

A copy of the regions Murray and Mallee Zone EM Plan can be visited via the link below:

https://resources-production.safecom.sa.gov.au/current/docs/murray_mallee_zone_emergency_management_plan.pdf

2024/25 Meetings have been held / scheduled for:

21 March	2024 (Murray Bridge)
15 May	2024 (Murray Bridge)
21 August	2024 (rescheduled)
5 September	2024 (rescheduled)
21 November	2024 (rescheduled)
19 March	2025 (Murray Bridge)
14 May	2025 (venue tbc)
13 August	2025 (venue tbc)
18 November	2025 (venue tbc)

A copy of the EMPO Report can be found at [Attachment 3](#).

A copy of the March meeting minutes can be found at [Attachment 4](#).

MRLGA Ceo, attended the last meeting and can answer any questions from the Board.

6.5 Standing Committee 22/23 River Murray Flood Event

The latest update from the Secretary was received on 31 March 2025. The draft findings report may be tabled late April (but is still tbc).

<https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Committees/Committees-Detail>

6.6 Murray Darling Association

Next Conference

81st National Conference - "The future of Water Security"
Griffith, NSW
September 2025

Region 5

Region 5 Chair is Cr Margaret Howie (RPC)

A copy of the Minutes from the 9 December 2024 meeting (confirmed 17 March 2025) can be found at [Attachment 5](#).

A copy of the Minutes from the 17 March 2025 meeting (subject to confirmation) can be found at [Attachment 6](#).

Region 6

Region 6 Chair is Mayor Wayne Thorley (RCMB)

MRLGA Ceo to follow up with R6 contact for meeting minutes.

Mayor Wayne Thorley may wish to share a verbal update on any major items.

6.7 SA Drought Hub (Loxton node)

A link to the last SA Drought hub December 2024 Newsletter can be found below:

<https://mailchi.mp/adelaide/sa-drought-hub-june-2024-newsletter-10896790>

6.8 One Basin CRC (Loxton)

A link to the One Basin CRC's current projects can be found below:

<https://onebasin.com.au/regional-hub/loxtton/#projects>

Open for questions

Opportunity to discuss any matters contained within the reports or meeting minutes from other agency's.

Motion

"That the MRLGA Board note and accept the regional stakeholders written reports and/or minutes shared."

Moved,

Seconded

7 State Strategy's

7.1 Murray Mallee Regional Plan

For Information

The Murray Mallee Regional Plan is out for consultation and will close 17 June 2025.

A link to the Draft Plan is below:

<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/murray-mallee-regional-plan>

MRLGA emailed the network on 26 March promoting the consultation dates, details and feedback links.

It is waiting to see how consultation sessions on the 3rd, 7th and 8th of April go, and if additional opportunities are sought.

7.2 Other State Strategy's

For Information

The South Australian Government is currently undertaking or planning to undertake the following state reviews:

Strategy		Consultation planned for
SA Waste Strategy	2020-2025	May 2025
SA Public Health Strategy	2020-2025	TBC
SA 30 Year Transport Plan	-	Completed
State Development Coordination and Facilitation (SDCF) Bill	New	More information can be found via the link below: https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/news/have-your-say-on-the-draft-state-development-coordination-and-facilitation-bill

Open for questions

Receive any questions or queries from the Board.

8 MRLGA Regional Overview

The following items have been extracted from the Annual Business Plan for highlights, awareness, endorsement or discussion as part of progressing its identified initiatives.

8.1 MRLGA Strategic Plan (2020-2025)

For Discussion

- Strategic Plan (2026-2030)

The MRLGA Strategic Plan is scheduled for an update in 25/26.

Early feedback is welcomed from the Board about the scope, scale and budget considered appropriate to deliver the update.

8.2 Regional Drought Resilience Program (MR Plan)

Background

The Future Drought Fund is a Federal Program established in 2019.

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/drought/future-drought-fund>

Since the Productivity Commission's review, the suite of delivery programs has reduced to 17 programs, one of which is the Regional Drought Resilience Program.

The program is delivered by States (and in SA, that is PIRSA).

A link to regional drought resilience planning program is provided below:

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/drought/future-drought-fund/regional-drought-resilience-planning>

A link to the MR Plan is below:

<https://rdamr.com.au/mrplan/theplan/>

Whilst the Plan was submitted before July 2022, more recent reporting from MRLGA has included:

'In Oct '24 MRLGA agreed to monitoring and evaluation in order to have seed funding released of approximately \$140k. The seed funding was only available that year and was going to have to be delivered before June 2025.'

'MRLGA Ceo, has organized a joint meeting with SA Drought Hub, Loxton Node Coordinator Karen Hollamby, RDAMR Ceo and Landscape Board MR Ceo. Scheduled for 11 February 2025 in Murray Bridge to discuss future collaboration, sharing and partnerships, particular in light of the FDF - Regional Drought Resilience Plan Program.'

MRLGA has convened a meeting with Landscape Board Ceo, RDAMR (Ben Fee and Julie Bates), PIRSA, Dara Frankel, SA Drought Hub, Loxton Node Co-ordinator (Karen Hollamby) for 28 March (Murray Bridge) to discuss future seed funding of \$140k that was supposed to be released end of '24.

This program will open in 25/26 with funding to support delivery projects. It's critical we see 3-4 purposeful projects emerge from the region given the current challenges from drought.

For Discussion

The Board may wish to discuss the preferred governance model for a 'consortium' moving forward.

8.3 Draft Flood Observations Report

Background

On 17 March 2025, Security, Emergency and Recovery Management (SERM) for Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) emailed MRLGA and asked “for a copy of the Murraylands and Riverlands Lessons Management Review from the River Murray Flood event? It is compiling a folder of all reviews, lessons learned and evaluation reports from the agencies and stakeholders involved in the floods, to assist with a final evaluation report.”

For Discussion

Items for consideration and to inform the discussion include:

- MRLGA has limited funding and resources to develop the draft flood observations report to a more solutions based / detailed / granular level.
- The initial report was used as part of a submission to the SA Independent 22/23 River Murray Flood Inquiry Committee, however it was not developed further into a Lessons Learned Report.
- On 21 March 2024, the MRLGA Ceo tabled the process of lessons learned with relevant stakeholders at the ZEMC meeting and everyone agreed to bring their draft reports to the ZEMC forum. This is yet to occur.
- The timing of the SA Independent 22/23 River Murray Flood Inquiry Committee draft report is anticipated to be late April '25 / early May '25.

Motion

“The MRLGA Ceo share a copy of the draft flood observations report with SERM, DPC.”

Moved,

Seconded

8.4 Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy (2021 – 2026)

For Information

○ **Regional Reporting**

Regional reporting on the strategy's objectives and targets has continued to be developed.

A copy of the regional report will be handed out on the da and referred to as [Attachment 7](#). The hand out will then be included in a copy of the minutes.

MRLGA Ceo can receive any questions or feedback.

○ **Regional Waste Stream Map**

An informative regional map showing waste streams has been developed and can be found at [Attachment 8](#).

○ **Regional Kerbside Review for Councils**

Pursuant to the Strategy, a region-wide project to review Council's Kerbside Waste Service Models in underway.

There are 7/8 Councils participating in this review. Some Councils are on a 2-Bin system whereas others are on a 3-Bin System.

The review will include an assessment of Councils existing kerbside service and provide information on two alternative kerbside options for consideration. These

include:

Alternative Option A	Alternative Option B
 Green-lid food organics and garden organics (FOGO) bin COLLECTED WEEKLY	 Green-lid food organics and garden organics (FOGO) bin COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY
 Yellow-lid comingled recycling bin COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY	 Yellow-lid comingled recycling bin COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY
 Red-lid landfill bin COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY	 Red-lid landfill bin COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY

The review of kerbside waste services will provide Councils with up-to-date information on operating costs, transition costs, possible savings, risks, policy, grants, opportunity's, benefits and case studies from other Councils.

The review is timely, as it coincides with Port Pirie Council entering a 12 month anniversary of providing weekly FOGO (Food Organics and Garden Organics) and fortnightly garbage and recycling to its community. This will form one of the case studies in the review including information on its experience, diversion, costs and community response to inform Council's options.

To support conversations or questions surrounding the review, the Association has offered to co-host tours with Councils to Brinkley Landfill Facility and Peats Composting at Langhorne Creek.

Coorong District Council was the first to undertake the co-hosted tour (on 25 March 2025 for elected members and staff). It was a great success and we received positive feedback from those who attended.

Renmark Paringa Council has opted to undertake a co-hosted tour and dates are being coordinated at the moment.

We are in discussions with all other Councils about the preferred timing of a tour.

The review is anticipated to be provided to Council operations teams via a draft report in early May 2025.

For Follow Up

At the last meeting on 6 February 2025 it was asked if MRLGA / Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Committee has a plan to update the Strategy.

MRLGA has not yet sourced input from the Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Committee about the timing of the update (ie 25/26 or 26/27). It will liaise with the Committee in Q4 and report back to the Board.

As part of liaising with the Committee, it will include consideration for :

- The SA Waste Strategy (2020-2025) is currently under review and has public consultation planned in the coming weeks (ie May 2025).
- The EPA has also released a large reform to legislation and this may result in changes to waste management practices.

8.5 Public Health & Wellbeing Plan (2021 – 2026)

Partnership with Preventive Health SA

For Information

MRLGA has secured 2 regional partnership and funding agreements in the region. The following Councils have opted-in to the partnership initiative.

Murraylands & Preventive Health SA Partnership	
Mid Murray Council (Host Council)	Outcomes – Result in 1 x 0.8 EFT, 2yr contract based in region. – Work to increase Councils capability and awareness for preventive health focus goals, as well as preventive health opportunities that respond to local population data. – Build a partnership with PH to increase support, information, data and opportunities.
District Council of Karoonda East Murray	
Rural City of Murray Bridge	
MRLGA	
Preventive Health SA	

Riverland & Preventive Health SA Partnership	
Berri Barmera Council (Host Council)	Outcomes – Result in 1 x 0.8 EFT, 2yr contract based in region. – Work to increase Councils capability and awareness for preventive health focus goals, as well as preventive health opportunities that respond to local population data. – Build a partnership with PH to increase support, information, data and opportunities.
District Council of Loxton Waikerie	
Renmark Paringa Council	
MRLGA	
Preventive Health SA	

Recruitment status:

- The Murraylands role has been advertised and applications closed on 14 March 2025.
- The Riverland role was advertised on 3 April and applications will close 17 April 2025.

After a successful candidate has been onboarded, each working group will undertake a 'social mapping' / opportunity's assessment to continue to inform the preventive health opportunities that exist locally for the collaborative groups under this initiative. The approximate value of the partnership is valued at \$400k.

Country SA Primary Health Network (Country SA PHN)

For Information

The Director of Strategic Engagement, Emma Young met with MRLGA Ceo on 29 January 2025 to discuss future collaborations.

Ms Strong will present to the Ceo Network, to continue to map the opportunities for sharing, collaboration as it related to Public Health planning.

8.6 Regional Transport Plan

For Information

Special Local Roads Program – closes 12 April 2025.

SLRP is derived from 15% Roads to Recovery, 15% Local Roads Program and \$3m from SA Supplementary Funding. It is a unique program (ie not delivered in any

other States) that helps to assist regional special roads obtain funding (for either freight, tourism or community purposes).

Work on the 25/26 package commenced in November 2024 with individual Councils and HDS. All Councils who scoped projects meeting the SLRP criteria have proceeded to lodge their application to LGTAP and correspondence sent to relevant Directors and Ceo's.

8.7 Water Advocacy Paper

For Information

Commonwealth Water Reform - Resilience Rivers Framework

Resilient Rivers Infrastructure Program	\$494m	23/24 to 26/27 (4 Years)	NSW / VIC / SA
Sustainable Community's Program	\$300m	24/25 to 27/28 (4 Years)	NSW / VIC / SA

Open for questions

Receive any questions or queries from the Board.

8.8 Regional Digital Connectivity Plan

For Information

Delays have occurred to the release of the State Digital Connectivity Plan.

Met with Rick Persse, Under Treasurer for an update however no information has been released to date.

Three opportunity's exist for follow up including:

- Councils may wish to submit areas on the Public Notice Board, for Regional Digital Connectivity:
<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/phone/mobile-services-and-coverage/mobile-black-spot-program>
- An emerging interstate project for the 'river corridor' is being investigated. It may correlate to digital connectivity needs associated with areas in the Riverland.
- Elections will also be a future opportunity to advocate for digital connectivity.

MRLGA will continue its work to develop a regional strategy.

Recent News

NBN Announcement

"This commitment will enable an upgrade path to the remaining homes and businesses currently served by Fibre to the Node (FTTN) technology.

Enabled by an equity investment of up to \$3 billion from the Australian Government, and more than \$800 million from NBN Co, it will provide faster speeds to Australians across some of the most complex fixed-line parts of the nbn® network.

At completion of the program, we expect more than 95 per cent of these remaining homes and businesses will be made eligible for an upgrade to nbn full fibre via Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) technology, enabling access to the highest available nbn residential speeds.

We expect the upgrades will help turbocharge Australia's economy. Economic modelling by Accenture, commissioned by nbn, estimates that an expansion of the Fibre upgrade program would lead to a cumulative uplift in GDP of \$10.4

billion, support an estimated 10,000 additional jobs and create 4,000 additional businesses over the next decade, bringing more opportunities and growth to our communities.”

A link to the announcement is below:

<https://www.nbnco.com.au/content/dam/nbn/documents/media-centre/media-statements/2025/media-release-nbnco-announces-upgrades-for-remaining-homes-and-businesses-on-fibre-to-the-node.pdf.coredownload.inline.pdf>

The Federal 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review

For Information

The Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee has delivered its 2024 report to the Australian Government, informed by extensive consultation with people living and working in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia, sharing their views and experiences with connectivity.

A link to the process and review is below:

<https://www.rtirc.gov.au/>

A link to the 2024 recommendations are below:

<https://www.rtirc.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/rtirc-report-2024-recommendations.pdf>

8.1 LGA / Climate Ready Regions Project

For Information

MRLGA Ceo will meet with LGA & Regional LGA CEOs on Thursday 3 April about the Climate ready regions Project.

Information about the project is below:

Climate Ready Regions project ([link to project page](#) and Discussion Paper) has teamed up with Jen St Jack & Kat Ryan from Climate Cavalry, and Michael Arman of BRM Advisory.

The project is a joint initiative of the Department for Environment and Water, Green Adelaide, and LGA South Australia, funded by the Australian Government’s Disaster Ready Fund.

The Climate Ready Regions project aims to evolve and expand regional collaboration to address climate change in South Australia, building on the Regional Climate Partnerships model, which has been active since 2010.

This project will develop an enhanced program model and business case for co-investment by September 2025.

A Discussion Paper has been drafted to help test findings so far and guide the next stage in defining potential partners’ needs and appetites for engaging in a new era of regional climate collaboration. We will look to meet with stakeholders in each region, including RDAs, Landscape Boards, regional LGAs, councils, and state government agencies.

We are keen to have an early conversation with the Regional LGA CEOs about the project and the consultation process, seek your initial feedback, and to help us answer some specific questions regarding the appetite of Regional LGAs and their councils to further engage in regional climate collaboration.

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11 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

2025 Meeting Schedule :

Meeting Type	Month	Venues (tbc)
AGM	Thursday 24 July 2025 <i>(This date will be confirmed by beginning of May, as it may conflict with some calendars)</i>	TBC
Board Meeting	Thursday 23 October 2025	TBC

Previous General Board Meeting Minutes



Murraylands and Riverland
Local Government Association

Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association

Date Thursday 6 February 2025

Venue Rural City of Murray Bridge, 2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge SA 5253

General Board Meeting Minutes

PROGRAM

10:45am	Arrival
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Briefing
12:00noon	Meeting Opened
	Morning Tea Break and Light Lunch provided
2:45pm	Meeting Closed

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working in the best interest of the region and our communities*



AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
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1 WELCOME

MRLGA Presidents Welcome

Chairperson, President Mayor Caroline Phillips to open meeting.

Welcome Board Members and invited guests.

Notes:

Apologies from Mayor Peter Hunter of Renmark Paringa Council and welcome proxy, Councillor Maragret Howie.

Welcome Councilor Jonathan Pietzsch from Coorong District Council as proxy for Mayor Simmons.

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the traditional owners of this land on which we meet and work. We respect and acknowledge their spiritual connection as the custodians of this land and that their cultural heritage beliefs are still important to the living people today.

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Clause 3.3.1 of the Charter and Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), board members are required to declare any potential conflict of interest(s).

Mayor Caroline Phillips informed board members that she has recently accepted the role of Regional Study Hub Manager with Rural City of Murray Bridge.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A copy of the General Board Meeting Minutes is provided at **Appendix 1** (including attendance register).

Motion

"Minutes of the MRLGA General Board Meeting held at the District Council of Karoonda East Murray on 7 November 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting."

Moved, **Mayor Ron Valentine (SMDC)**

Seconded, **Mayor Ella Winnall (BBC)**

4 ACTIONS REGISTER

20 October 2023 - General Meeting		
Action:		
10	<i>Charter Review and Update</i> <i>It would be best to align the MRLGA voting processes with the sector MRLGA Ceo to research other lga's voting procedures.</i> <i>Agreed that the item is brought back to the Board Meeting in February 2024.</i> That the MRLGA Board support the proposed changes to the Charter and ask the MRLGA CEO to have them reviewed legally and any feedback brought back to the board before proceeding	Underway Met with Mr Lachlan Miller on current Charter proposed changes. Temporarily on hold until the LGA constitutional review nears to an end (including its voting processes)
18 April 2024 – General Meeting		
Action		
19	That the MRLGA Ceo write to the new Local Government Minister and invite him to meet with the board for a broader conversation about financial sustainability in the Local Government sector.	– Invited early June for 25 July Meeting

	If successful with a meeting MRLGA, Ceo will prepare and agenda and online meeting ahead of time to prepare.	– unable to attend. – Invited to 9 August meeting – unable to attend. – A new date is pending.
	* There were 26 board actions from 23/24, of which the above 2 items remain pending.	

7 August 2024 – Annual General Meeting		
Action(s)		
1	Roads to Recovery The MRLGA Ceo pursues a conversation about the Roads to Recovery Funding allocations and report back to the Board	– Completed.
2	A.I R&D Application The MRLGA Ceo submits an application to the LGA Research & Development Scheme for an AI project (based on its research to date) and if successful liaise with the MRLGA Ceo network on scope before engaging a consultant.	– No longer an action. (Application not submitted due to scoping issues.)
3	Flood Funding The MRLGA Ceo liaise with Ceo's of flood impacted Councils to understand the scope of shortfall occurring post flood and report back (including the recent \$9m Community and Recreation Asset Restoration Program and insurance claim outcomes).	– Completed.
4	Policy That draft meeting procedure Option 2 for Appointment of President of the Subsidiary is endorsed by the Board in the interim, awaiting an alternate draft procedures to be presented to the Board at future meeting	– To commence Q3.
5	Regional Transport Plan That the MRLGA Board support the MRLGA Ceo to investigate alternate methods of a strategic transport plan, gaining feedback from the Regional Transport Committee and Ceo Network on alternatives to a static document before reporting back to the Board.	– To be developed.
6	Regional Drought Resilience Plan The MRLGA re-engage PIRSA and Ministers (Scriven's) Office regarding MRLGA's role in relation to MR Plan, Drought Resilience and Drought Response.	– Follow up discussions have happened with PIRSA (not the Ministers office as yet). More information provided with Item 5.3
7	The MRLGA Board support the MRLGA Ceo to continue providing coordination and advocacy for (Murraylands and Riverland) regional drought response, and report back to the board on any impact(s) this may have on the Annual Business Plan (on an as needs basis).	– Completed.

Out of session requests:

- MRLGA Ceo to invite the Federal Minister for Agriculture to visit the region.
Update: A verbal invite was extended in November 2024, but no follow at this time.

Motion

"That the MRLGA Board note the actions completed and those underway from the previous meetings.

Moved, Mayor Simone Bailey (MMC)

Seconded, Mayor Ron Valentine (SMDC)

5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS

5.1 Nationally ALGA

- Presidents Updates
- ALGA Reports
- Current Policy Work
- Advocacy
- 2024 National Local Roads, Transport & Infrastructure Congress
- 2025 National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra 24-27 June 2025

Applications for Motions close 31 March 2025.

Notes:

- A query was raised if the time and energy to submit a motion proves to be successful for change.
- Board members agreed to review agenda item 5.1 and consider if any of the proposals warrant pursuit and further development by Council to lodge to ALGA.
- Agreed to revisit the options during an online session in late Feb/early March.

5.2 South Australia LGA

- Topical Update
- LGA Events
- LGA Panels/Groups/Committees

Notes:

- Clarity on LGA Mutual Liability Scheme and associated services is sought.

5.3 Regional

- SAROC Update

Notes:

- Verbal update from regional representatives Mayor Caroline Phillips and Mayor Simone Bailey was provided.
- The Secretariat was asked for drought to be listed in Topical update.
- SAWAC (South Australian Water Safety Committee), it would be good to have a regional representative on the group.
- Agreed to list Coastal and Jettie Infrastructure / River Infrastructure on next meeting agenda for group discussion.
- Discussed the LGA's advocacy points for drought and which ones could be amended.
- In conjunction with Mayor Hunter, the item of the LGA's response during disasters is sought (ie how it identifies its role and priority's during crisis times).
- Mayor Norton advised that DCLW moved the following motion on 29 January 2025:

Moved Cr Andrew Seconded Cr Pfeiler Sturt Highway That Council;
1. Request that the Riverland Local Government Forum add to their next agenda, the subject of the Truro freight route and;
2. Continue to advocate for this to be a dual lane highway

DCLW will now be seeking to submit the motion to SAROC for further advocacy,

- acknowledgment, and support.
- Water Stand Pipes. Discussed the issue that there are various models across the State and if the LGA can facilitate some sector work on the issue for regional, rural and remote Councils.

– **SA Future Drought Fund Advisory Group**

Notes:

- Verbal update from Mayor Simmons from the SA Drought Advisory Group – Meeting held on 6 February 2025 (10:00am - 11:00am).
- PIRSA, Peter Appleford presented, and advised
 - Programs have received a high degree of uptake since the funding announcement
 - they will be picking up the regional drought resilience plans to assist regional preparedness
 - the overall budget for transport subsidies is nearing its limit
 - waiting on intel from the regions to inform any need for roundtable(s)
- Query was raised if Murray Bridge has the potential to accommodate a drought hub presence/base.

6 REGION WIDE AGENCY'S

6.1 Landscape Board

6.2 PIRSA

- Online Update from PIRSA, Peter Appleford, Executive Director, Major Programs & Regions

Notes:

- Mr Appleford provided an overview of PIRSA's work relating to the Resilient Rivers Framework, specifically the States application for funding under the Resilient Rivers Infrastructure Program and Sustainable Community's Program.
- The State application is likely to be presented to Cabinet for review this month (February), that would be followed by the project officer visiting Council chambers with updates on the work.
- An inquiry was made if a communique from PIRSA on details of the work can be released within week? It was advised PIRSA will look into it.
- Verbal update from PIRSA, Dara Frankel, Principal Regional Advisor, Murraylands & Riverland

Notes:

- Items from the written update were presented and discussed.

6.3 RDAMR

- Verbal update from RDAMR, Ben Fee and Julie Bates.

Notes:

- Ben Fee and Julie Bates advised RDAMR is to undertake a restructure. Mr Fee will move into a strategic role and Ms Bates will move into a CoO role.
- Its plans for 2025 were presented and included the continuation of programs such as:
 - Community Impact Program
 - Regional Leadership Development Program
 - Reduce and Transform Food Waste Project (relating to food manufacturing standards and training). More information to be provided post meeting.
 - Regional Drought Resilience Plan (MR Plan)
 - Jobs mapping
- In addition to this, a new operating framework was tabled that is titled 'Regional Alliance Strategic Program Partnership'. The four Strategic Programs listed include:

- Southern and Food Energy and Water Alliance (SoFEW)
 - SA River Murray Communities Water Transition Program
 - Dark Sky and Space
 - Regional Resilience and Wellbeing
- Preliminary feedback queried if the Regional Alliance Strategic Program Partnership is the right approach, or will it confuse who is leading each space/initiative.

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8 MRLGA Regional Overview

8.1 Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy (2021 – 2026)

Notes:

- A question was asked if the MRLGA has a plan / timing for if/when the WMRR Strategy will be updated.
- MRLGA is considering the options, scope, budget and timing of the update, as well as the timing of the State Waste Strategy and current EPA reform proposals. An update can be provided at the next board meeting.

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Attendance Register

6 February 2025

MRLGA BOARD MEMBERS

Berri Barmera Council (BBC)	Mayor Ella Winnall
Coorong District Council (CDC)	Mayor Paul Simmons (observer) Councillor Jonathan Pietzsch (proxy)
District Council Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM)	Mayor Caroline Phillips, President and Chair
District Council Loxton Waikerie (DCLW)	Mayor Trevor Norton
Mid Murray Council (MMC)	Mayor Simone Bailey
Renmark Paringa Council (RPC)	Councillor Margaret Howie
Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB)	Mayor Wayne Thorley
Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC)	Mayor Ron Valentine

MRLGA CEO

Murraylands and Riverland LGA	Carron McLeod, CEO
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CEO NETWORK

Berri Barmera Council	Tim Pfeffer
Coorong District Council	(Acting) Myles Somers

Deputy Mayors

Berri Barmera Council	Councillor Trevor Scott
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INVITED GUESTS

MRLGA, Education Program (Waste) Lead	Gina Handby
PIRSA	Peter Appleford (online)
PIRSA	Dara Frankel
RDAMR	Ben Fee Julie Bates

APOLOGIES

Renmark Paringa Council (RPC)	Mayor Peter Hunter
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Attachment 2

**A copy of the slides presented by RDAMR
during the presentation is attached.**



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MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND

MRLGA Update

6 February 2025



Connecting Our Region for a Resilient and Sustainable Future

RDAMR Strategic Direction: Priorities and Actions

Community voice (as commenced through the MR Plan)				
RDAMR Contribution (Active / Proposed)	 Together Community	 Prepared & Proactive	 Productive & Collaborative	 Leadership in Action
Connect networks to strengthen our regional ecosystem	Community Impact Program (CIP) Regional Summits Regional Leadership Development Program (RLDP)	CIP Regional Summits Regional Alliance	Jobs Mapping Murray-Darling Basin Plan (MDBP) advocacy Regional Summits Regional Alliance	RLDP Regional Summits Regional Alliance
Evolve our region toward resilience and sustainability	Murraylands & Riverland Plan (MR Plan) Regional Summits Regional Alliance	MR Plan OneBasin CRC Regional Alliance	MR Plan Circular Economy Opportunities EFW CRC Regional Alliance	MR Plan RLDP Regional Alliance
Future global trends and local priorities	Regional Summits Resilience & Wellbeing / Strategic Programs Regional Alliance	UNSD & megatrend context SoFEW / Strategic Programs Regional Alliance	Investment Pipeline SoFEW / MDBP / Strategic Programs Regional Alliance	Insight Interviews / Case Studies Dark Sky / Strategic Programs Regional Alliance

Murraylands and Riverland Regional Alliance

Murraylands & Riverland Strategic Programs



1. SoFEW

- RDAMR led
- Partnership applying for rPPP business case



2. Water Transition

- PIRSA (SA Gov) led ... pending 'handover'
- Partnerships to emerge from business case



3. Dark Sky

- MMC / MRLCTA led
- Partnerships to support planetarium development and economic spin-offs



4. Resilience & Wellbeing

- RDAMR / other coordination
- Partnership to support alignment between many providers and community groups

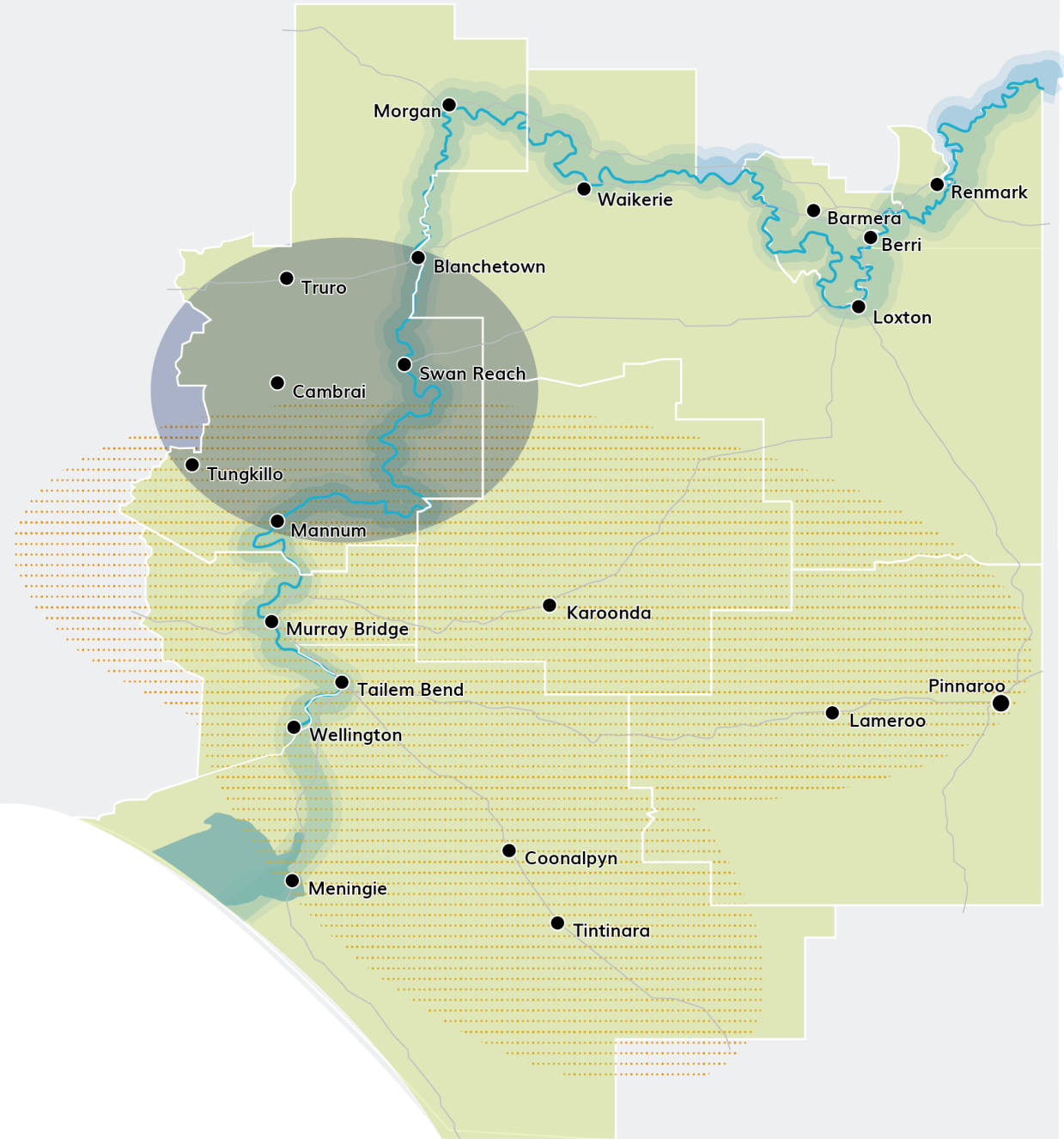
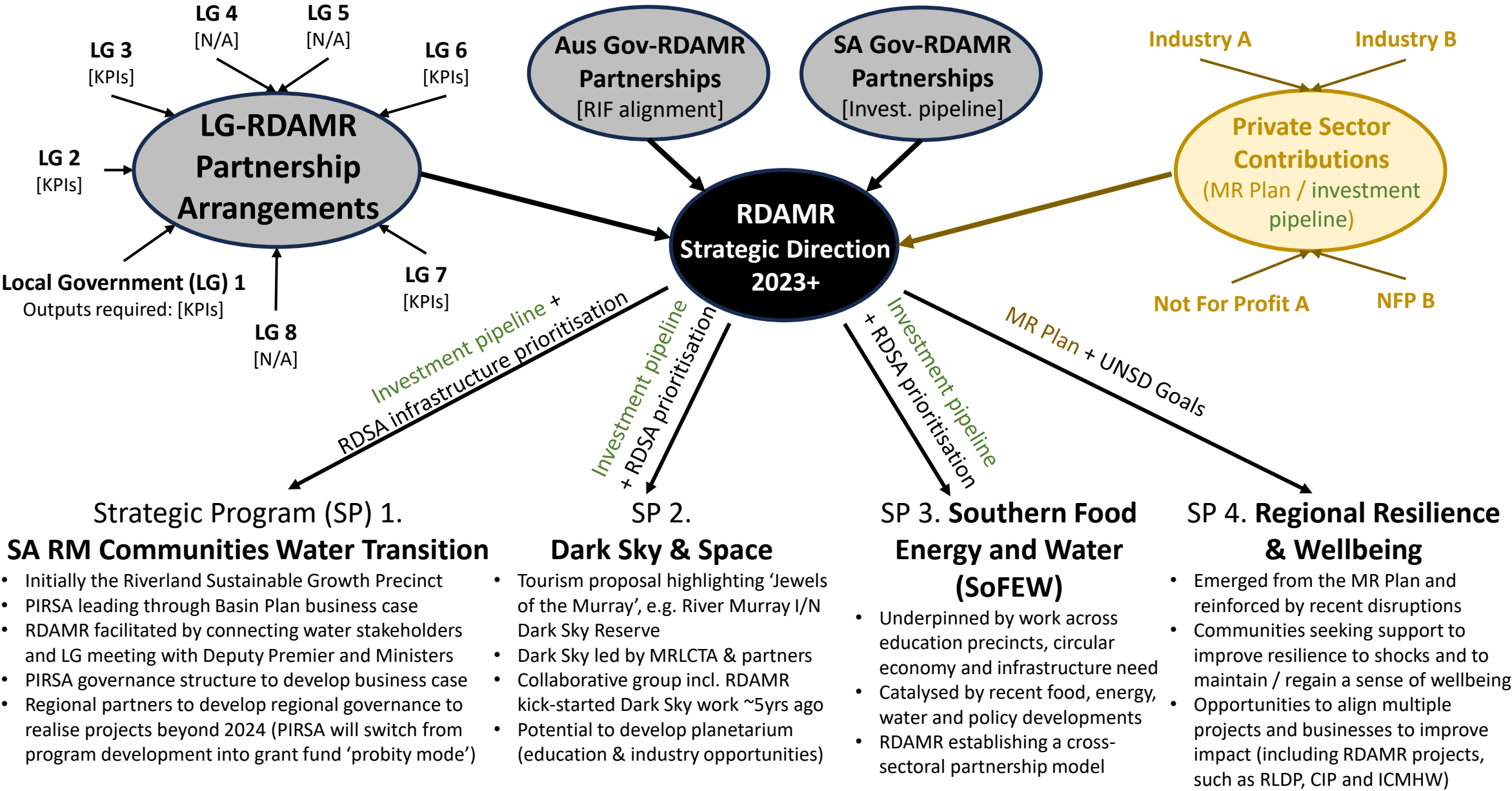
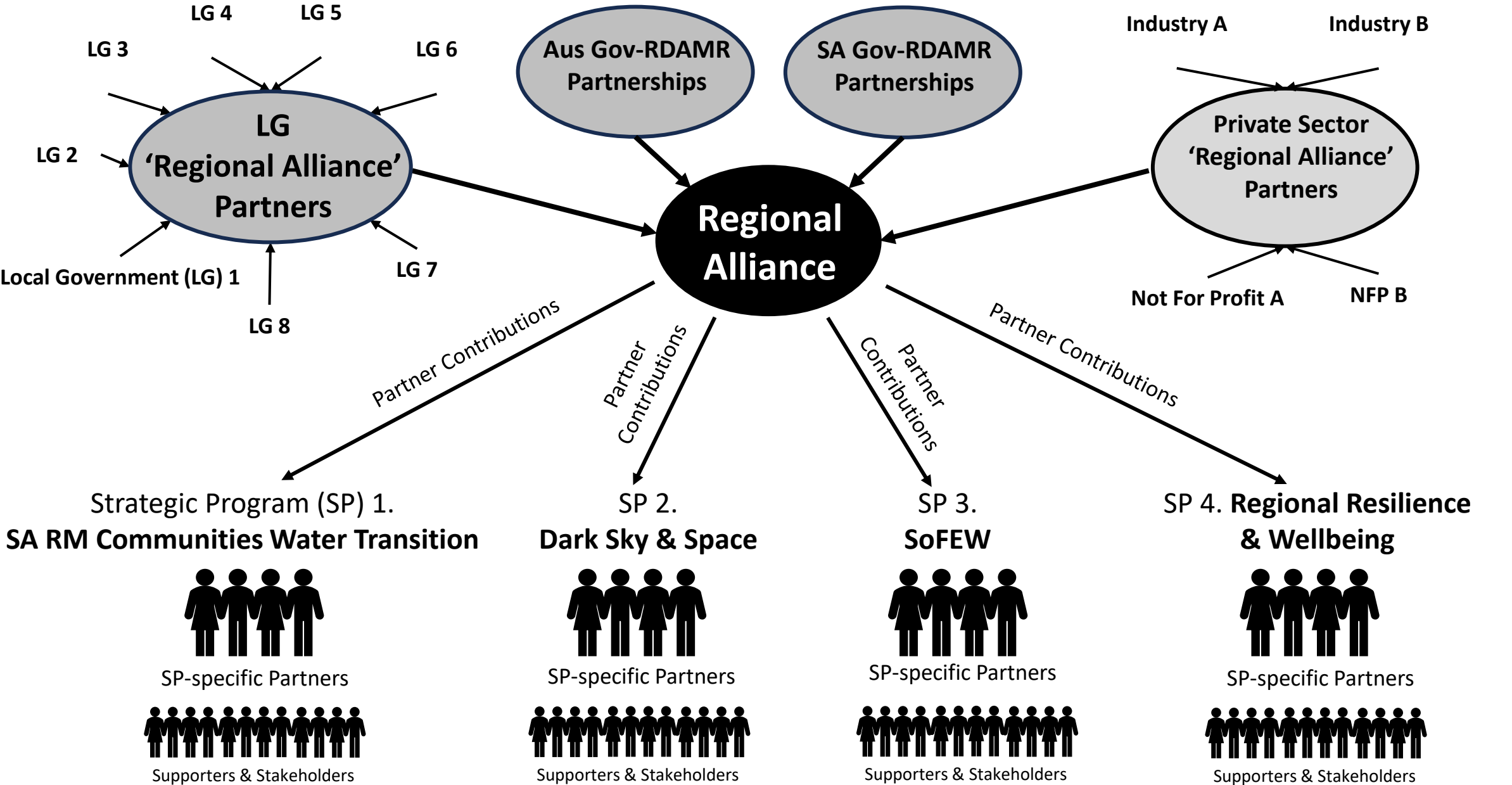


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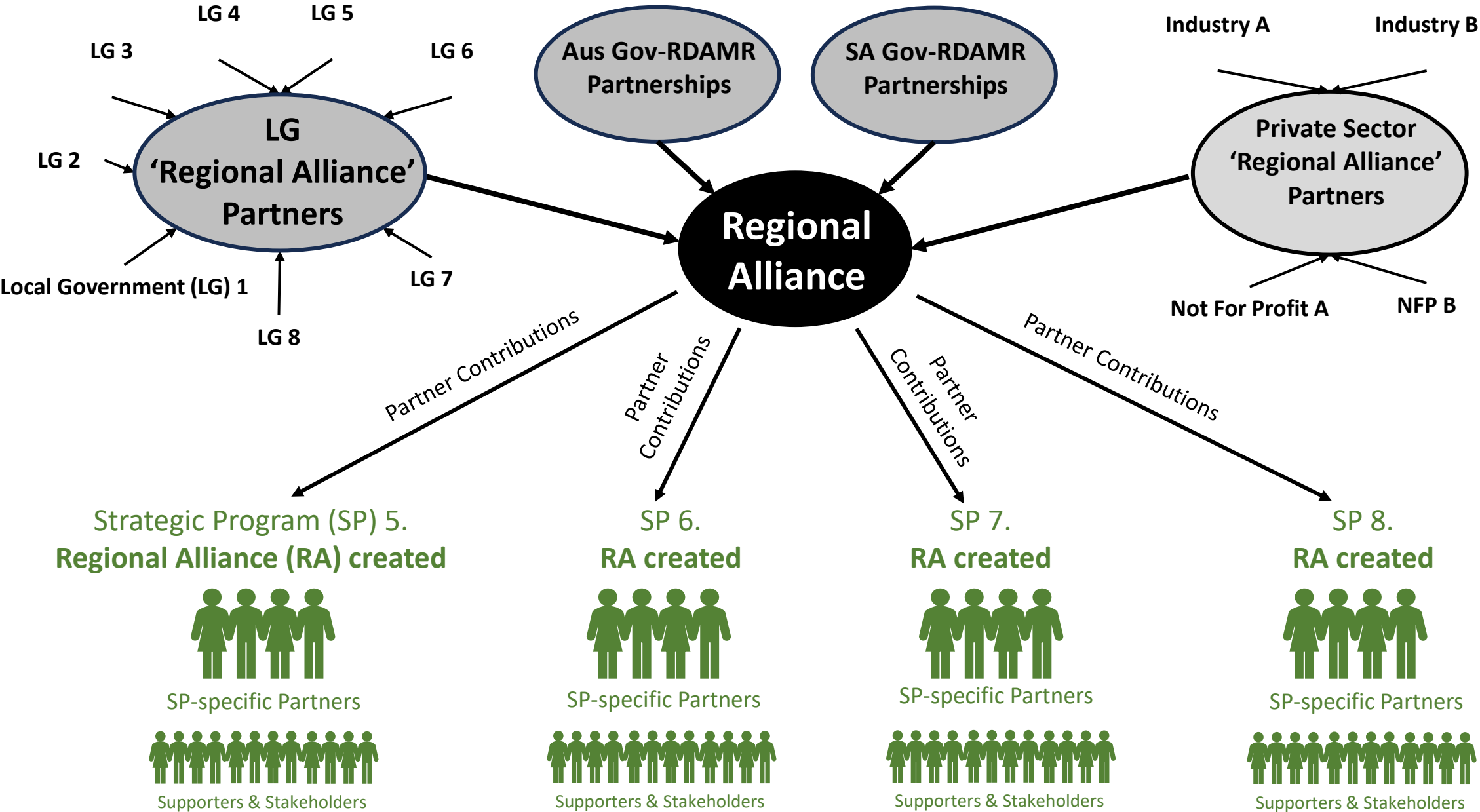
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Regional Alliance Partnership Arrangements



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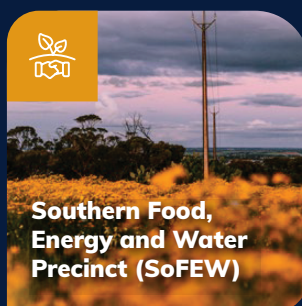
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New alliance opportunity for regional development

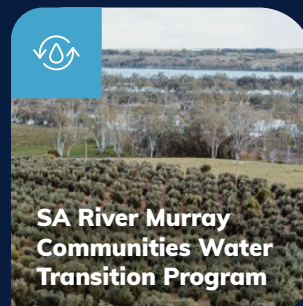
Recent initiatives focused on resilience, the circular economy and infrastructure prioritisation have created new opportunities for regional development. Community voice has been central in creating this new approach, including regional drought resilience planning, regional development summits and meetings between regional stakeholders, including industry collaborations such as Murray-Darling Basin Plan negotiations and key regional projects.

This evolution over the past two years has opened up new opportunities for regional transformation.

In early 2024, during these regional development meetings, a strategic partnership approach was identified as being essential to seizing major opportunities. From this, the RDAMR Board has sought to progress opportunities to deepen the region's cross-sectoral collaboration and collective focus on large-scale, transformative initiatives. This has ultimately helped RDAMR form a new model to progress regional transformation. We are referring to this partnership model as the 'Regional Alliance', introduced at our 2024 Regional Alliance Summit.



Southern Food,
Energy and Water
Precinct (SoFEW)



SA River Murray
Communities Water
Transition Program



Dark Sky and Space



Regional Resilience
and Wellbeing

Four initial strategic priorities to shape our future

As we move forward with this partnership approach, RDAMR has consolidated an initial set of key initiatives into three transformative 'Strategic Programs', with a fourth focus area being regional resilience and wellbeing.

Murraylands and Riverland initial Strategic Programs



1. Southern Food, Energy and Water Precinct (SoFEW)

This Strategic Program is the culmination of findings from the Murraylands Education Precinct report, RDAMR's 2019 Infrastructure Audit, Circular Opportunities report and 2023 Regional Development SA (RDSA) Infrastructure Prioritisation. SoFEW aims to progress our region toward being a world-leading circular economy by 2030. It will connect innovative regional businesses with local government, not-for-profits and large-scale initiatives such as the Riverbend Energy Hub. This initiative builds on the region's strengths in food, energy and water (FEW), in particular food manufacturing, renewable energy, and water management.

Status: Investment was secured from eight regional partners, following the development of a partnership proposal in August 2024. A Regional Precincts and Partnerships (rPPP) business case proposal was submitted in November 2024.



2. SA River Murray Communities Water Transition Program

Formerly referred to as the Riverland Sustainable Growth Precinct (in the RDSA Infrastructure Prioritisation), this PIRSA-led program aims to develop a business case for transitioning SA River Murray communities to higher-value economic opportunities under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. The State Government will soon need to leave regional governance to the locals as they switch from project development to delivery.

Status: Initial business case developed and to be submitted in early 2025. State governance will be handed over to locals on submission of the business case - what do we want to do with this?



3. Dark Sky and Space

This tourism initiative highlights both the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve and the River's broader nature-based offerings.

The Dark Sky and Space project aims to activate the night economy with initiatives like a planetarium, creating new connections in tourism, STEM, and industry. It also presents exciting opportunities to collaborate with educational programs and other natural experiences along the Murray River.

Status: The Dark Sky project has received strong support from the Mid-Murray Council's Section 41 sub-committee and the Murray River, Lakes and Coorong Tourism Alliance. A business case is planned for development.



4. Regional Resilience and Wellbeing

Building on work from the Murraylands and Riverland (MR) Plan, this program supports communities in strengthening resilience to economic and environmental shocks.

Status: Alignment already exists across multiple projects, including resilience and mental health initiatives, such as RDAMR's Regional Leadership Development Program, Community Impact Program, and Individualised Care for Mental Health and Wellbeing, as well as emerging collaborative initiatives such as the Riverland Community Services Alliance. MR Plan implementation funding may also be available to support this Strategic Program.



Case study: A Strategic Program in action

SoFEW is already gaining significant traction, with \$76,520 in contributions secured from local government, innovative businesses, and not-for-profits to develop a rPPP Stream 1 application for business case funding (submitted November 2024).

This program highlights how a diverse range of stakeholders can come together to drive a locally-led, long-term and large-scale project. By combining resources and expertise, SoFEW serves as a proof of concept for collaborative, region-scale transformation.

Partners are working together to extend both their own and the region's interests, with the ultimate aim of building on our advantages in food, energy and water to create circular economy and regional education (workforce skills and training) opportunities.

Murraylands & Riverland Strategic Programs



1. Southern Food Energy & Water (SoFEW)

- RDAMR led (open to change)
- Partnership applying for rPPP business case



2. SA RM Communities Water Transition

- PIRSA (SA Gov) led (local handover soon)
- Partnerships to emerge from business case



3. Dark Sky & Space

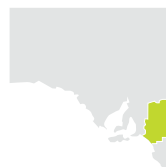
- MRLCTA led (open to shared leadership)
- Partnerships to support planetarium development and economic spin-offs



4. Regional Resilience & Wellbeing (region wide)

- RDAMR / other coordination
- Partnership to support alignment between many providers and community groups

Figure 1. This map illustrates the geographic spread of the proposed four Strategic Programs.



How are the four Strategic Programs progressed?

The four Strategic Programs are developed and delivered by cross-sectoral public and private partners. Participation in these programs offers opportunities to co-own and influence outcomes, as seen with the SoFEW Partnership, which has already secured partner contributions to work towards an agreed initial outcome of developing a business case, ideally funded through the rPPP.

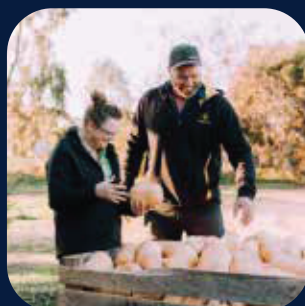
At the regional level, we continue to ask:

"What do we want our region to look like in 50 years?"

The answer is "resilient and sustainable" — how we achieve

this vision will require a collaboration across all sectors that lifts its gaze to the future.

The Strategic Programs approach allows RDAMR, councils, industry, not-for-profits and other stakeholders to coordinate efforts, leverage funding, and drive long-term change for transformative outcomes.



How does the Regional Alliance model work?

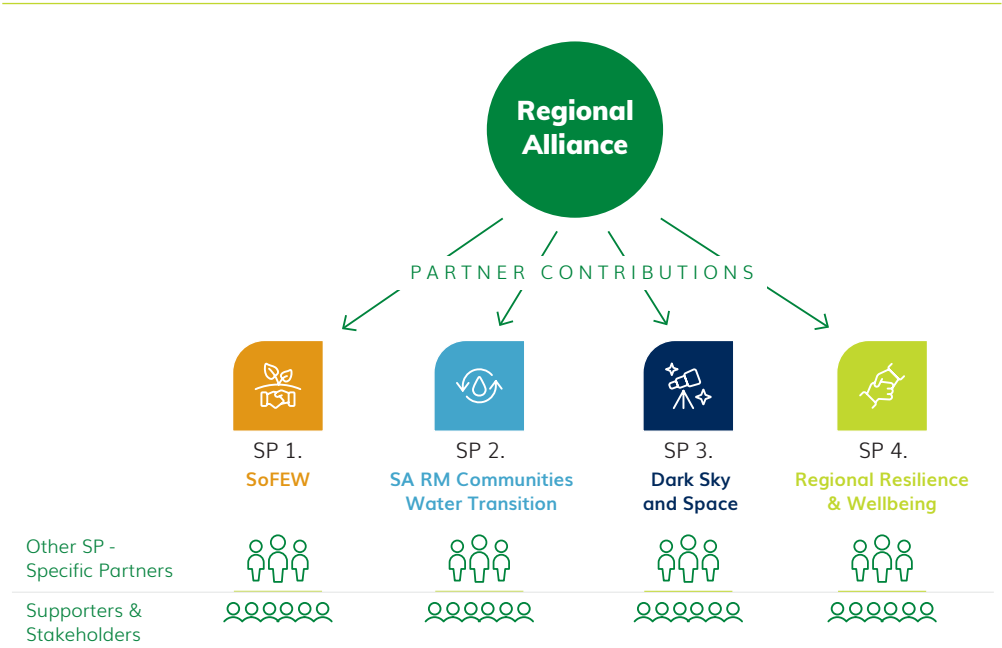
The Regional Alliance Partnership Model (see Figure 2) is a collaborative framework that unites local governments, RDAMR, industry, not-for-profits and other stakeholders to co-develop and implement key transformative projects. The Alliance coordinates partner contributions (both financial and in-kind) to achieve shared regional outcomes, ensuring every partner has a stake in the success of these initiatives.

Partners that choose to join and invest in one or more of the initial four Strategic Programs (SP) will gain a seat at the Regional Alliance. Here, Alliance Partners can influence, to, and contribute to, and co-own outcomes. Each Strategic Program is supported by cross-sector partners who share their resources, expertise, insights, and efforts for their own and for larger collective outcomes.

The model is based on the idea that we can create better outcomes when we work together.

Regional Alliance Partnership Arrangements

Figure 2. Proposed Regional Alliance partnership arrangements.



Participation and Partnership Options

RDAMR invites all stakeholders within the Murraylands and Riverland region to be involved in this Alliance and its four Strategic Programs. Summary details on how to get involved and key requirements are outlined below.

How can you become part of the Regional Alliance?

You can opt-in to have a seat at the Regional Alliance and, in doing so, may commit an allocation of 80% of your investment toward one or more agreed Strategic Programs. The 20% of funds remaining in the Alliance will support administration, new project identification, and create a pool of reserve funding to support existing Strategic Programs as required.

How much investment is needed in the Regional Alliance?

A \$20,000 cash contribution is suggested for initial participation — however, we expect particular stakeholders may want to invest more or less into Strategic Programs that are most relevant to their own priorities. Ultimately, the inaugural Regional Alliance Partners will decide on the amounts.

What's the difference between a Regional Alliance partner and a Strategic Program partner?

In-kind only contributions will secure partnership with a Strategic Program, where each partner has equal say on the program development. Each partner's proportional investment (cash and in-kind) also defines their relative share in the outcomes of the Strategic Program.

Regional Alliance partners must have a cash investment along with in-kind investment. Regional Alliance partners may wish to invest all or some of their cash and in-kind in the Alliance. This can range from 100% cash and in-kind invested in the Alliance (with no investment in a specific Strategic Program), through to a minimum of 20% of total cash invested across all Regional Alliance and Strategic Programs being invested in the Alliance. This ensures a pool of funds and resources from regional and long-term focused organisations are available to support Strategic Program development and delivery.

How involved should stakeholders, staff and leaders be in the Regional Alliance and Strategic Programs?

This is entirely up to each partner; however, it is expected that the Regional Alliance will meet quarterly for a couple of hours each meeting (with Terms of Reference to be agreed upon at the initial meeting). Each Strategic Program will set its own requirements based on program specifics (e.g. initial SoFEW meetings occurred fortnightly over a two-month period).

What if my organisation chooses not to participate?

RDAMR will continue to support regional stakeholders with services such as .id economic modelling, letters of support, and other advisory services, while progressing Strategic Programs with interested partners.



NEXT STEPS

1

RDAMR has met with a targeted selection of stakeholders to gather feedback on the proposed model.

2

RDAMR has listened to feedback and drafted this Regional Alliance Strategic Program Partnership proposal for your consideration.

3

Partners who sign on will be invited to the inaugural Regional Alliance meeting to discuss investments in Strategic Programs (expected in early 2025).

4

Work will begin to develop new and support existing Strategic Programs.

5

Regular updates on the Alliance and Strategic Programs will be sent to all interested stakeholders.





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MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND

'In the spirit of reconciliation, RDAMR acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, water and community. We pay our respect to their elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'

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Attendance Register

6 February 2025

MRLGA BOARD MEMBERS

Berri Barmera Council (BBC)	Mayor Ella Winnall
Coorong District Council (CDC)	Cr Jonathan Pietzsch (Proxy)
	Mayor Paul Simmons (in attendance not sitting)
District Council Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM)	Mayor Caroline Phillips
District Council Loxton Waikerie (DCLW)	Mayor Trevor Norton
Mid Murray Council (MMC)	Mayor Simone Bailey
Renmark Paringa Council (RPC)	Cr Margaret Howie
Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB)	Mayor Wayne Thorley
Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC)	Mayor Ron Valentine

MRLGA CEO

Murraylands and Riverland LGA	Carron McLeod, CEO
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CEO NETWORK

Berri Barmera Council	Tim Pfeiffer
Coorong District Council	Myles Somers
Rural City of Murray Bridge	Heather Barclay (attended at the beginning)

Deputy Mayors

Berri Barmera Council	Cr Trevor Scott
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INVITED GUESTS

PIRSA, Executive Director Major Programs and Regions	Peter Appleford
PIRSA, Principle Regional Advisor	Dara Frankel
MRLGA Circular Economy + Waste Lead	Rob McKay
MRLGA Education (Waste) Program Lead	Gina Handby

APOLOGIES

Renmark Paringa Council (RPC)	Mayor Peter Hunter
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PIRSA, Principle Regional Advisor Update

Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA) Board Meeting – 10 April 2025

PIRSA Murraylands & Riverland Region Information Report

Quarter 3 2024/25

Drought	Connecting Communities Events Grant	PIRSA has extended the application closing date for Connecting Communities Events grant program to 30 June 2025 (or when funding is exhausted, whichever occurs events). Events can now be held up to 31 December 2025.
Wine Industry	CCA-Treated Timber Posts	The South Australian and Commonwealth Governments have committed \$800,000 to address the growing stockpile of CCA-treated timber posts. CCA is a preservative containing Copper, Chromium and Arsenic that protects the timber from insect and fungal attack. Led by the Treated Timber Product Stewardship Working Group, this project will focus on finding eco-friendly solutions for the CCA-treated timber widely used in the agriculture and construction sectors. Initial efforts will target the 70 million CCA-treated posts in vineyards, reducing landfill waste and improving sustainability. This initiative is part of the \$2.5M SA Wine Recovery Program and the SA Wood Fibre and Timber Industry Master Plan.
Primary Producers	Carbon Farming Demonstration Pilot	The State Government's Growing Carbon Farming Pilot Program provided grants of up to \$100,000 to businesses to undertake carbon farming initiatives. A series of 6 videos showcases the role of landholders in integrating sustainable farming practices that reduce emissions, enhance soil health, and boost biodiversity. The videos highlight work across South Australia, including the Limestone Coast, Murray Mallee, Riverland, and Far North regions.
	SA Crop and Pasture Report – 2024-25 Crop Performance Summary	The 2024-25 Crop Performance Summary states the estimate of total cropping area is lower than the previous five years due to less crop area being sown in marginal cropping districts in response to the dry seasonal start. The total crop area harvested for grain was further reduced by the impact of frost where damaged crops were cut for hay where there was sufficient biomass. The current estimated grain production for 2024/25 has been revised to 5.2 million tonnes, which is 43% below the five-year average and the lowest total since 2008/09 (4.9 million tonnes).

Biosecurity	Closure of Southern Zone Abalone Fishery	A closure on the take of abalone from the Southern Zone is now in place due to the impact of the abalone viral ganglioneuritis (AVG) outbreak. This closure prohibits the take of any abalone (commercial or recreational) in waters from the River Murray Mouth to the Victorian Border. AVG is caused by a mollusc herpes virus that only infects abalone. It affects the abalone nervous system, causing weakness and eventually death, and AVG has the potential to severely impact local abalone stocks and reef ecosystems.
	Fruit fly outbreak summary	No new Queensland fruit fly outbreaks have been declared in the Riverland with the total remaining number of outbreaks stable at 56. Over the 12-week period from 2 December to 16 March, no flies were detected in 22 of the 56 outbreak areas, with flies detected in the remaining 34 outbreak areas. PIRSA is expanding its Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) program in the Riverland with releases now occurring across 16 outbreak areas. Sterile flies will continue to be released across the Riverland until 12 May 2025. PIRSA has declared an outbreak of Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) in Ceduna following detections in monitoring traps. An emergency response team was subsequently raised to commence outbreak eradication activities. Quarantine restrictions apply in the new Ceduna outbreak area and if no further wild flies or larvae are detected, it is anticipated the quarantine will remain in place until at least 24 October 2025.

EMPO Report (Murray Malle Region)

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EMPO Report	
Date	13 March 2025
EMPO	Corey Littler Senior Program Officer, Emergency Management South Australian State Emergency Service M 0428 112 875 E Corey.littler@eso.sa.gov.au
Zone	Murray and Mallee
Zone Emergency Management Plans Updates	The team is currently in the process of updating the data associated with our public-facing ZEMPs (Key Hazards and Risks Summary) as per our Future Directions program proposal. With assistance through the SAFECOM Emergency Management Graduate, updates to mapping, ABS data, new infrastructure and gross regional product. The updated plans will be provided to ZEMCs for review and endorsement in due course.
Zone Emergency Management Branding	A large piece of work is currently occurring to update/modernise the branding of ZEMCs, whilst also increasing efficiencies in document management, storage and access for committee members. A custom SharePoint is in the design process, specifically for ZEMCs, with a streamlined access process. On top of this, new supporting imagery will be made available and used in conjunction with the GOSA logo. Additional resources such as letterheads/presentations will also be completed in due course.
ZERM Review/Future Program	Refer presentation.
State Strategic Risks	The State Emergency Management Committee endorsed the State Strategic Risk (SSR) Profile Report in December 2024. SEMC agencies identified SSRs that could threaten the state's ability to deliver expected emergency management outcomes. This is different from a <i>hazard</i> risk assessment conducted by Hazard Risk Reduction Leaders. 22 Strategic Risks were identified across a variety of landscapes including: • legislation • governance • government priorities • planning • funding • land use capability • capacity • security • emerging threats • increase in frequency, severity and consequence • communications systems • data • technology • communities

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	• business and industries • critical infrastructure • supply chains • public information • people at risk in emergencies • insurance • climate change A significant Risk Control and Treatment report was produced as an Appendix to the Profile Report, which scoured the EM sector to address existing controls within these landscapes and treatments for residual risk. ZEMCs were highlighted as Risk Controls in areas of governance and planning, with the ZEMPs relevant to communities and preparedness. The SES EMPOs are seeking further clarification on impacts and reporting requirements to be sent to the appropriate subcommittees in the future.
State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) Governance Review	The review of SEMC Governance arrangements was initiated in 2023 including assessment of SEMC membership, the roles and functions of SEMC, decision making and accountability processes and the effectiveness of sub-committees and working groups. SEMC discussed the final report and endorsed most recommendations including: • Revising the SEMC Terms of Reference and Ministerial Guidelines and return to SEMC for endorsement in early 2025, after the <i>Emergency Management Act Amendment Bill</i> has passed in Parliament • Make the necessary updates to the SEMC paper template • Coordinating a budget bid which includes allocation of funding for SEMC • Continuing to explore membership models Recommendation 18, which looked to amalgamate the five sub-committees of SEMC down to two, the Strategy and Policy Coordination Sub-Committee (strategic) (merging the existing Strategic Advice and Coordination with Emergency Management Assurance Sub-committees) and the Operations Sub-Committee (merging Capability and Capacity with Resilience, Recovery, and Engagement). Feedback was provided through the SES Executive to SEMC regarding the concerns of merging of these sub-groups and the concerns regarding appropriate agendas and outputs with vastly different ideas and membership backgrounds in attendance. The recommendation was NOT supported b SEMC and will be further discussed and a new proposal formulated through the SEMC planning day (March 3).
State Recovery Framework	Late last year, the Department for Premier and Cabinet (DPC) issued State Draft Disaster Recovery Framework, which closed for consultation Friday, 13/12. SES EMPOs provided feedback on this framework, which was endorsed by all ZEMC Chairpersons. Our feedback emphasised the importance of re-establishing Zone Recovery Planners (as some of you may recall DPC removed Zone Recovery Planners from ZEMCs in 2022) as ongoing ZEMC members. Additionally, it is essential that the Zone Recovery Planner roles and

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	contributions are explicitly referenced within the State Recovery Framework (which is currently missing). One of the concerns we have is that the recovery responsibilities might be passed on, and more reliance placed on Local Government if Zone Recovery Planners are not reinstated. DPC are currently responsible for the resources for this role as outlined in the State Emergency Management Plan – ZEMC Guidelines. We recognise the critical role that Zone Recovery Planners will play in ZEMCs ongoing, and their inclusion will significantly enhance the effectiveness and coordination of recovery activities across the zones. DPC have agreed to have a representative from their Recovery team further engage with all 11 ZEMCs.
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National Updates (SAFECOM)	
The Natural Hazards Research Australia (NHRA) Natural Hazards Research Forum	The Natural Hazards Research Australia (NHRA) Natural Hazards Research Forum will again be held in Adelaide from June 18–20, 2025. The event will take place at the National Wine Centre. The Forum is an in-person event with a live stream component available on day one only for those who cannot attend in person. The three-day program will have a focus on how using research, science and innovation can, and is, transforming Australia’s disaster resilience and response. The Forum will be an active event, and your participation is encouraged in the discussion, engagement, knowledge sharing and road-mapping of natural hazards research. The 2025 forum will focus on transitions and integrated solutions for natural hazards. The forum will provide a space for discussion, knowledge sharing, and reflection on lessons learned. The forum will feature speakers from government, business, emergency services, and other organizations. More information at https://www.naturalhazards.com.au/nhrf25#:~:text=Natural%20Hazard%20Research%20Australia%20will,based%20on%20natural%20hazards%20research. Register at https://events.humanitix.com/natural-hazards-research-forum-2025
Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Authorities Council (AFAC) & Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience (AIDR) conference / forum 2025	Both the AFAC conference and AIDR forum (2025) will be held in Perth, Western Australia, in the Perth Conference and Exhibition Centre. The AFAC 2025 conferences will be held from August 26–29. Registrations can be made via the website https://www.afacconference.com.au/ The AIDR forum (2025) is being held between August 27-28 August. Registrations can be made via the website https://www.aidr.org.au/events/50541
State Updates (SAFECOM)	
Appointment of new Ministers for Police / Emergency Services and Corrections	Following the recent resignation of Hon Dan Cregan MP as Minister for Ministers for Police / Emergency Services and Corrections, Premier Malinauskas announced changes to State Government Cabinet Ministers and portfolios on 29 January 2025. Hon Emily Bourke MLC has taken on the portfolios of Minister for Emergency Services and Correctional Services, as well as Minister for Autism, and Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing. Treasurer Stephen Mullighan has taken on an expanded role as Minister for Police.

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Disaster Ready Fund (Round 3)	Applications for Round 3 of NEMA's Disaster Ready Fund opened on 22 January 2025. The program aims to increase the understanding of disaster impacts and reduce the risk of future disaster impacts; increase resilience, adaptability, and preparedness; and reduce exposure to risk, harm and/or severity of a future disaster's impacts. Applications close on 2 April 2025. For more information and to apply refer to SAFECON DRF 2025-2026.
SA Climate Ready Government update	In late 2024, the SA Government Climate Change Actions (CCA) and SA Responding to Climate Change documents were refreshed or retired coinciding with the release of South Australia's Net Zero Strategy and SA Government Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation Actions. The Emergency Services Sector will lead 2 actions from the Resilience and Adaptation document which will serve as the public-facing summary of the Government's adaptation actions until the outcomes of a State Climate Risk Assessment are finalised and next steps determined. A new Climate Ready Government DPC Circular has also been released which sets out requirements for South Australian Government public sector agencies to establish and maintain governance, resources and processes to effectively assess and manage climate related risks and opportunities and reduce operational greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Zone Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes (March 2025)



**Murray and Mallee
Zone Emergency Management Committee**

Planning Day

MINUTES

Date: 19 March 2025 | Time: 10:00am – 13:30pm

Location: Murray Bridge Performing Arts & Function Centre (Town Hall)
17 Bridge Street, Murray Bridge

Welcome

Heather Barclay

The Meeting will be recorded for the purpose of accurate minute taking. The recording will not be used for any other purpose and deleted upon acceptance of minutes by the committee.

- Housekeeping
- Acknowledgement of Country

Standard Business

**Christina Retsas
Heather Barclay**

Attendance and apologies

Attendance

Heather Barclay (Chair)	Carron McLeod (MRLGA)
Cindy Healey (SAPOL)	Tony Passmore (NEMA) online
Christina Retsas (SASES)	Joshua Bowen (Coorong District)
Corey Littler (EMPO)	Veronica Lambert (Berri Barmera)
Ben Scales (Mid Murray)	Jason Vaudin (Murray Bridge)
Tarik Wolf (Renmark Paringa)	Shilo Wyatt (Sthn Mallee) online

Apologies

Fred Brehin (SASES)	Garrick Lehmannm (SAMFS)
Tim Pfeiffer (Berri Barmera)	Shane Clinch (SACFS)
Scott Reardon (Karoonda East)	Leanne Schmidt (LGA)
Danika Lewan (Loxton Waikerie)	Terri Hentschke (Renmark Paringa)
Michael Amos (SACFS)	David Beaton (Loxton Waikerie)
Stan Hagias (SA Health)	Lindy Leml (Renmark Paringa)
Todd Miles (SAMFS)	Chris Bastian (SACFS)

No response

Bridget Mather (Coorong District)	Andy Feven
Paul Davey (JOSS)	Wayne Champion



Brenton Hudson (Education)

Russell Dippy (SAPOL)

Andrew Kemp (SAPOL)

Greg Perry (Loxton Waikerie)

Heather Caudle (Mid Murray)

David Wallace (JOSS)

Jim Michalanney (SA Health)

Approval of previous minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 15 May 2024 were approved

- Moved: Heather Barclay
- Seconded: Joshua Bowen

ENDORSED

Correspondence distributed to members from EM Team

Planning Day and Purpose

The purpose of today is about resetting, relationship building and focusing on the Committee's plan's and exercises for the year.

Key Updates

Corey Littler

Recovery Framework Update (DPC)

- Late 2024 the Department for Premier and Cabinet (DPC) issued State Draft Disaster Recovery Framework, which closed for consultation Friday, 13/12/24.
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- DPC have agreed to have a representative from their Recovery team further engage with all 11 ZEMCs.

Symposium Recap

- Symposium Report issued to all zones on 12th December 2024.
- The main themes can be summarised as follows:
 - Governance will be managed by a committee with clearly defined roles and responsibilities and strong reporting lines as per a formal structure outlined in the SEMP.
 - ZEMC should strengthen connections with ZEST through improved reporting and accountability while also creating more networking opportunities for both groups.
 - Enhanced collaboration with Hazard Risk Reduction Leaders to better understand and manage risk within Emergency Management Zones.
- Insights and learnings from the Symposium have led to the development of a proposed program for ZEMCs, to replace the Zone Emergency Risk Management (ZERM) program. *More details below*

ZERM/ZEMC Review

Based on Symposium outcomes and consultation/feedback from ZEMCs over the years, this is the proposed program plan that SES want to further develop

- Moving away from Zone Emergency Risk Management (ZERM) framework, now becomes the Zone Emergency Preparedness Program (ZEPP) – key focus on strategic planning for prevention and preparedness across zones, aiding in disaster resilience in emergency management.
- This will enable ZEMCs to better identify and communicate hazards, vulnerabilities, and risks, and will continue to Link with the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience
- **Concept**
 - Zone Emergency Preparedness Summits (name still being workshopped) to be held every 2 years for bordering Emergency Management Zones – Limestone Coast and Murray and Mallee.
 - Based on the outcomes of the symposium and consultation/feedback from ZEMCs, the Summits facilitate the simultaneous gathering of hazard and risk information, thereby enhancing cross-zone collaboration.
 - Applicable Hazard Risk Reduction Leaders, ZEMCs, and key stakeholders review zone priority hazards, vulnerabilities, and risks at the Summits.
- **Output**



- A public-facing document (replacing the Zone Emergency Management Plan - ZEMP) - 1 per zone. Brainstorming names, thinking something like Zone Resilience Summary.
 - Shared lessons management documentation, available to all.
 - Informed by the Summits and includes - hazards, risks and vulnerabilities in the zone.
 - Focus on disaster resilience and preparedness.
- **Timeframe**
 - 2-year cycle
 - ZEMCs to conduct regular meetings
 - 1st year: Summits (Combined Zones) & 2nd Year: Statewide Zone EM Symposium
 - Yearly or biennially Zone Exercises
 - **Feedback** will be sought from ZEMC members, via a survey following this meeting, on the proposed program.
 - **Public-facing ZEMPs will remain for now but will be refreshed with updated data.**

ZEMC Operations

ALL

- Future meetings should be held in different locations including the Riverland. This will ensure fair distribution and engagement from all members. We need to consider AV requirements for those who are unable to attend, ensuring Teams is an option where possible.
- The committee agreed on a minimum of four meetings per year. It is important to maintain consistency and effective agendas
- The day's agenda will be flexible. The aim is to stay on track and have productive discussions.
- Member reports should be relevant focusing on strategic issues, emerging risks and advocacy for addressing identified risks. Reports to be submitted as requested so that they can be distributed with the agenda. On the day they are accepted, only key items should be highlighted at the meeting.

2025 Workplan

Heather Barclay / All



- The committee identified the need to review and update the 2018 risk assessments with a focus on emerging risks. Must ensure that all relevant agencies are involved

March Meeting

- Reset, recap and plan

May Meeting

- Identify risk profile

August Meeting

- Identify the highest hazard/risk

November Meeting

- Identify projects where grant funding could be applied for

Areas of focus:

- Grants
- Advocacy
- Themed meetings – include Subject Matter Experts
- Relationship building – ensure the appropriate people are in the room for specific themes and exercises
- Webinar considerations
 - Bureau Seasonal Outlook (May and November)
 - CFS Bushfire Risk/Outlook (Nov)

Zone Symposium / Summit

- Date to be confirmed

Other Business

Renmark Aerodrome – Emergency Response Plan

The Renmark Aerodrome - Emergency Response plan was tabled at the meeting. Feedback has been requested. The plan is to be reviewed by relevant agencies and feedback/comments provided to Tarek by 31 March 2025.

It was also suggested that the plan be presented to ZEST due to its operational nature.

Close

Heather Barclay

Next Meeting

Date: 15 May 2025

Time: 1000-1200hrs

Location: Loxton/Waikerie - **TBC**



Appendix / Attachments

Attachments:

SES Zone Emergency Management Committee Future Directions Presentation



MURRAY AND MALLEE ZEMC ACTION ITEMS

No.	Date Added	ZEMC Action	Who	Status	Due Date	Comments
1	19/3/25	Meeting Invites for remaining meetings to be sent out to committee members	EMPO			
2	19/3/25	Risk Assessments – 2018 risk assessments to be distributed to committee members for review prior to the next meeting	EMPO			
3	19/3/25	Risk Workshop – prepare to run a workshop at the next meeting	EMPO			
4	19/3/25	Locations for Meetings – Exec officer to liaise with councils to book venues for future meetings	Executive Officer			
5	19/3/25	Renmark Aerodrome Emergency Response Plan – Review and provide feedback by end of Month	All		31 March 2025	

**Murray Darling Association (MDA)
Region 5
Meeting Minutes (December 2024)**



Minutes of the MDA Region 5 Ordinary Meeting
held in the District Council of Karoonda East Murray
Chambers,
11 Railway Terrace Karoonda on
Monday 9 December 2024 commencing at 10:00 AM





1 Welcome & Opening

1.1 Opening of the meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:01 am.

2 Present

Cr Margaret Howie	Renmark Paringa Council (Chair)
Cr Andrew Kassabaum	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Craig Ferber	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Mayor Simone Bailey	Mid Murray Council
Cr Victoria Hammond	Mid Murray Council
Mark Lamb	Murray Darling Association (Chief Executive Officer)
Tim Phillips	Murray Darling Association
Ruth Sutton	Secretariat

3 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mayor Trevor Norton (District Council Loxton Waikerie), Mayor Peter Hunter (Renmark Paringa Council) and Mayor Caroline Phillips and Cr Russell Norman (District Council of Karoonda East Murray).

4 Declarations of Interest

Nil

5 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

5.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting held 30 September 2024

Resolution

Moved: Andrew Kassabaum Seconded: Victoria Hammond

That the minutes of the MDA Region 5 meeting held 30 September 2024 be received.

CARRIED



6 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

Nil

7 Reports

7.1 Chair's Update

Brief update on the response of the River Murray Regional Strategic Advisory Committee to be provided by Chair Margaret Howie.

Chair Margaret Howie provided a verbal update on her query to PIRSA of the lack of MDA Region 5 representation on the SA River Murray Regional Strategic Advisory Committee.

Chair Howie spoke with Dara Frankel, Principal Regional Advisor - Murraylands and Riverland, PIRSA who advised she would reach out to Rachel Kelly, Drought and Resilience Manager, in the relation of membership of the SA River Murray Regional Strategic Advisory Committee.

Rachel provided a response to Dara, which the Chair read out at the meeting. Dara has written a further formal response which is waiting for Rachel to confirm. This confirmation hasn't been received in time of the meeting, however when received the Chair will forward onto the MDA Region 5 Committee members.

7.2 CEO Mark Lamb's Report

Please refer to attached report from MDA CEO, Mark Lamb.

MDA CEO Mark Lamb took the report as read, and spoke to a key items:

- Advocacy:
 - Mark and Tim Phillips continue to work on advocacy as raised in the CEO report. Updates can be found on the reports, submissions, and publications page of the MDA website: <https://www.mda.asn.au/newsletters> .
 - The motions raised at the MDA 2024 Annual Conference can be found here: <https://www.mda.asn.au/events/2024natcon>
- Partnership:
 - One Basin CRC
 - CSIRO
 - SEGRA
- 2025 MDA Annual Conference to be held in Griffith, 29th September - 2 October 2025. Link to further details: <https://www.mda.asn.au/events/2025natcon>
- Governance:
 - Still waiting on members to be elected to relevant regions and the Board after the NSW and VIC local government elections.
 - Mark is continuing to work with Councils to encourage membership to the MDA



7.3 Clarification of Committee Members

Clarification and confirmation of MDA Region 5 Committee membership. Membership, and who are representatives from each Council were discussed.

The following was noted:

Member Council	Representative 1	Representative 2
Renmark Paringa Council	Cr Margaret Howie (Chair)	Cr James John
District Council of Karoonda East Murray	Cr Russell Norman	Mayor Caroline Phillips
Berri Barmera Council	Cr Andrew Kassebaum	To be confirmed
District Council of Loxton Waikerie	Cr Craig Ferber	Mayor Trevor Norton
Mid Murray Council	Cr Victoria Hammond	Mayor Simone Bailey

All Mayors from each member council are to be invited to all meetings.

7.4 Deputy Chair for MDA Region 5 Committee

Resolution

Moved: Margaret Howie Seconded: Victoria Hammond

That Councillor Andrew Kassebaum be elected as Deputy Chair of the MDA Region 5 Committee.
CARRIED

7.5 2025 Committee Meeting Schedule

That the 2025 schedule of meeting dates and venues be noted by the Committee.

Date	Venue / Host Council	Meeting Type
17 March 2025	Berri	Ordinary
16 June 2025	Renmark	AGM, followed by Ordinary meeting
8 September 2025	Loxton	Ordinary
8 December 2025	Mid Murray	Ordinary

The Committee were in consensus for the planned 2025 meeting dates.



7.6 2025 Guest Speakers

Guest speakers for the 2025 MDA Region 5 Meetings.

The Chair is seeking Committee members' requests on guest speakers they would like to present at the 2025 meetings.

The following suggestions were noted for potential guest speakers and / or deputations at 2025 MDA Region 5 meetings:

- SEGRA representative
- Karen Martin -
- Adam West, MDBA, Adelaide
- Kate Bartlett,
- One Basin CRC, hub manager from Loxton
- Dairy farmers from Mannum

Committee Members are asked to send other potential deputations and guest speakers onto the Chair for consideration.

8 Closure

The next meeting is to be hosted at Berri Barmera Council, at 10am on Monday, 17 March 2025.

The Chair closed the meeting at 10:40 am.

**Murray Darling Association (MDA)
Region 5
Meeting Minutes (March 2025)**



Notes of the MDA Region 5 Ordinary Meeting meeting
held in the Berri Barmera Council Katarapko meeting room,
5 Riverview Drive Berri on
Monday 17 March 2025 commencing at 10:00 AM



1 Welcome & Opening

Opening of the meeting by the Chair:

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:00 am.

"I acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future traditional custodians and elders of the nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People."

2 Present

Cr Margaret Howie (Chair)	Renmark Paringa Council
Cr Andrew Kassabaum (Deputy Chair)	Berri Barmera Council
Cr Craig Ferber	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Mayor Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council
Mayor Trever Norton	District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Mark Lamb	CEO, Murray Darling Association
Tim Zeller	Communications & Engagement Officer, Murray Darling Association
Kate Bartlett	Regional Engagement Officer - Lower Murray SA, Murray Darling Basin Authority
Ruth Sutton	Secretariat

3 Apologies

Mayor Simone Bailey	Mid Murray Council
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4 Declarations of Interest

Nil

5 Guest Speaker

5.1 Kate Bartlett, Murray Darling Basin Authority

Kate Bartlett, Regional Engagement Officer, Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA), provided an update on:

- Summary of current storage, lake levels, and current flows
- Links to MDBA communications and updates including:
 - [MDBA communiques and news](#)
 - [Basin Community Committee](#)
 - [Community Forums](#)
- Cultural Flows Planning Program

6 Confirmation of previous meeting minutes

6.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting held 9 December 2024

Resolution MDA2025-1

Moved: Andrew Kassabaum Seconded: Mark Lamb

That the minutes of the MDA Region 5 meeting held on 9 December 2024 be received and confirmed.
CARRIED

7 Business Arising from the minutes

Chair Howie provided an update on her further communications with PIRSA staff. Unfortunately they can't be shared as she has been instructed that the project updates are to be kept in confidence.

8 General Business and Reports

8.1 Murray Darling Association Board Chair Nomination

Chair Howie asked Mark Lamb, CEO, MDA, to provide an update on the nominations for the Murray Darling Association Board Chair and Deputy Chair.

Mark will share nominations and greater details via email, prior to the MDA board meeting being held Tuesday, 18 March.

8.2 Chairperson's Report

Chair Howie had nil additional reports to share beyond those covered in Item 7 Business Arising.

8.3 MDA CEO Update

Mark Lamb, Chief Executive Officer, Murray Darling Association, provided his regular report to the agenda and took it as read by committee members. Mark provided further updates on:

- Planning of the annual conference
 - Conference itinerary
 - Further information can be found on the Events section of the MDA website. Ticket purchasing is also available:
 - <https://www.mda.asn.au/events/2025natcon>

The Chair thanked Mark for the update.

Kate also shared information on the MDBA conference, River Reflections. Further information available here:

<https://www.mdba.gov.au/news-and-events/conferences/2025-river-reflections-conference>

8.4 Murray Pioneer - Letter to the Editor

In the agenda, the Chair shared a letter from Zara Lowien, Chief Executive Officer, National Irrigators' Council, which was published in the 'Letters to the editor' of the *Murray Pioneer*, 26 February 2025.

No further discussion on this item during the meeting.

9 Closure

9.1 Next meeting

Meetings are held on the second Monday of every third month.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 June 2025, hosted by Renmark Paringa Council at 61 Eighteenth Street, Renmark. Virtual attendance will also be arranged.

Notes:

- The 16 June 2025 meeting is the 2025 Region 5 Annual General Meeting, to be followed by an ordinary meeting.
- It is being held on the third Monday of June due to the public holiday on the second Monday of June.

9.2 Closure

The Chair closed the meeting at 10:44 am.

**MRLGA
Regional Waste Management & Resource Recovery Strategy**

Regional Report

(To be a hand out on the day)

Appendix 8

MRLGA Regional Waste Stream Map

Kerbside Collections Waste-Stream flows



Average distance travelled by a truck load of waste from municipality to final destination (after collection). (Bulk haulage only - not including local collection routes)

Council	Residual Waste	Comingled Recycling	Organics /FOGO	Total Km
BBC	272 Km	289 Km	248 Km	809 Km
RPC	276 Km	299 Km	252 Km	827 Km
LWDC	283Km	300 Km	259 Km	842 Km
RCMB	7 Km	119 Km	31 Km	157 Km
MMC	33 Km	148 Km	-	181 Km
DCKEM	4Km	191 Km	-	195 Km
SMDC	60 Km	242 Km	-	302 Km
CDC	50 Km	154 Km	55 Km	259 Km
Estimated Annual Km's travelled	77127 Km	47596 Km	33502 Km	158225 Km

Total amount of kerbside waste transported and managed across MRLGA region in 2023 CY - 24,536.85 Tonnes

Region	Council	Residual Waste	Comingled Recycling	Organics /FOGO	Tonnes
Riverland	BBC	2234.94	772.44	769.73	3777.11
	RPC	1952.42	615.9	753.97	3322.29
	LWDC	2222.33	767.89	698.26	3688.48
	Tonnes	6409.69	2156.25	2221.96	10787.88
Murraylands	RCMB	4586	1449.87	2261.25	8297.12
	MMC	2873.58	347.87	0	3221.45
	DCKEM	193.36	18.72	0	212.08
	SMDC	644.1	76.7	0	720.8
	CDC	922.01	274.03	101.48	1297.52
Total Tonnes					24536.85

Total amount of kerbside waste transported and managed across MRLGA region in 2024 CY - 24,935.88 Tonnes

Region	Council	Residual Waste	Comingled Recycling	Organics /FOGO	Tonnes
Riverland	BBC	2304.32	756.16	713.46	3773.94
	RPC	1996.93	618.57	706.74	3322.24
	LWDC	2325.47	750.87	631.94	3708.28
	Tonnes	6626.72	2125.60	2052.14	10804.46
Murraylands	RCMB	4676.55	1488.57	2176.62	8341.74
	MMC	2873.58	347.87	0	3221.45
	DCKEM	194.83	16.81	0	211.64
	SMDC	628.30	72.70	0	701.00
	CDC	983.40	276.70	395.49	1655.59
Total Tonnes					24935.88

MRLGA

Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ending 31 March 2025.

Executive Summary

Murray and Mallee LGA

For the 3 months ended 31 March 2025

	JAN-MAR 2025	JAN-MAR 2024	VARIANCE
Cash			
Cash received	14,207.60	19,406.26	-26.79% ↓
Cash spent	175,850.24	101,919.39	72.54% ↑
Cash surplus (deficit)	(161,642.64)	(82,513.13)	-95.90% ↓
Closing bank balance	177,810.89	23,073.24	670.64% ↑
Profitability			
Income	-	11,914.28	-100.00% ↓
Direct costs	-	-	- -
Gross profit (loss)	-	11,914.28	-100.00% ↓
Other income	-	-	- -
Expenses	148,278.10	80,389.05	84.45% ↑
Profit (loss)	(148,278.10)	(68,474.77)	-116.54% ↓
Balance Sheet			
Debtors	49,529.70	7,826.50	532.85% ↑
Creditors	-	-	- -
Net assets	1,108,413.87	940,603.38	17.84% ↑
Sales			
Number of invoices issued	-	-	- -
Average value of invoices	-	-	- -
Performance			
Gross profit margin (%)	-	100.00	-100.00% ↓
Net profit margin (%)	-	(574.73)	100.00% ↑
Return on investment (p.a.) (%)	(53.51)	(29.12)	-83.76% ↓
Position			
Average debtor days	-	59.78	-100.00% ↓
Average creditor days	-	-	- -
Short term cash forecast	49,529.70	7,826.50	532.85% ↑
Current assets to liabilities	10.86	16.14	-32.71% ↓
Term assets to liabilities	-	-	- -

Profit and Loss

Murray and Mallee LGA

For the 3 months ended 31 March 2025

	QUARTER	BUDGET	VARIANCE	-	YEAR TO DATE	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE	-	FULL YEAR BUDGET
Council Subscriptions									
Berri Barmera Council	-	18,623.00	(18,623.00)	↓	12,415.00	18,623.00	(6,208.00)	↓	24,831.00
Coorong District Council	-	15,740.00	(15,740.00)	↓	10,493.00	15,740.00	(5,247.00)	↓	20,987.00
DC of Karoonda East Murray	-	8,805.00	(8,805.00)	↓	5,869.50	8,805.00	(2,935.50)	↓	11,740.00
DC of Loxton Waikerie	-	21,140.00	(21,140.00)	↓	14,093.00	21,140.00	(7,047.00)	↓	28,187.00
Mid Murray Council	-	20,505.00	(20,505.00)	↓	22,379.09	20,505.00	1,874.09	↑	27,340.00
Renmark Paringa Council	-	17,707.00	(17,707.00)	↓	11,804.50	17,707.00	(5,902.50)	↓	23,609.00
Rural City of Murray Bridge	-	33,300.00	(33,300.00)	↓	22,200.00	33,300.00	(11,100.00)	↓	44,400.00
Southern Mallee DC	-	10,466.00	(10,466.00)	↓	6,977.00	10,466.00	(3,489.00)	↓	13,955.00
Total Council Subscriptions	-	146,286.00	(146,286.00)		106,231.09	146,286.00	(40,054.91)		195,049.00
Other Income									
Community Wellbeing Alliance Income	-	-	-	—	-	-	-	—	40,000.00
Regional Capacity Building	-	40,000.00	(40,000.00)	↓	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	—	40,000.00
SLRP Surcharge	-	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	↓	36,218.18	25,000.00	11,218.18	↑	25,000.00
Interest Income	-	-	-	—	26,392.56	-	26,392.56	↑	4,000.00
Waste Education Levy	-	112,250.00	(112,250.00)	↓	160,555.00	112,250.00	48,305.00	↑	112,250.00

	QUARTER	BUDGET	VARIANCE	-	YEAR TO DATE	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE	-	FULL YEAR BUDGET
Waste Contract Management Levy	-	52,500.00	(52,500.00)	↓	64,580.00	52,500.00	12,080.00	↑	70,000.00
Total Other Income	-	229,750.00	(229,750.00)		327,745.74	229,750.00	97,995.74		291,250.00
Gross Profit	-	376,036.00	(376,036.00)		433,976.83	376,036.00	57,940.83		486,299.00
Expenses									
Administration Expenses									
Allowance (President)	2,420.45	2,663.00	(242.55)	↓	3,227.27	2,663.00	564.27	↑	3,551.00
Audit and Accounting Fees	3,200.00	7,500.00	(4,300.00)	↓	3,830.00	7,500.00	(3,670.00)	↓	7,500.00
Bank Fees	-	90.00	(90.00)	↓	40.00	90.00	(50.00)	↓	120.00
Insurance	2,663.58	7,350.00	(4,686.42)	↓	10,214.30	7,350.00	2,864.30	↑	9,800.00
Legal expenses	-	-	-	—	410.00	-	410.00	↑	5,000.00
Meeting Expenses	1,409.74	3,600.00	(2,190.26)	↓	5,225.05	3,600.00	1,625.05	↑	5,000.00
Office Expenses	1,000.21	3,150.00	(2,149.79)	↓	1,000.21	3,150.00	(2,149.79)	↓	4,400.00
M365/SharePoint IT and Support	731.00	2,061.00	(1,330.00)	↓	2,053.40	2,061.00	(7.60)	↓	2,748.00
Sundry Expenses	-	1,350.00	(1,350.00)	↓	516.50	1,350.00	(833.50)	↓	2,000.00
Website Maintenance	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	↓	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	↓	4,935.00
Total Administration Expenses	11,424.98	29,764.00	(18,339.02)		26,516.73	29,764.00	(3,247.27)		45,054.00
Operational Expenses									
Accounting Services (Payroll, BAS and General Accounting)	1,265.00	1,000.00	265.00	↑	3,599.09	1,000.00	2,599.09	↑	2,000.00
Superannuation	22,345.64	29,700.00	(7,354.36)	↓	38,714.22	29,700.00	9,014.22	↑	42,282.00
Wages and Salaries	103,763.26	258,300.00	(154,536.74)	↓	246,098.53	258,300.00	(12,201.47)	↓	367,718.00

	QUARTER	BUDGET	VARIANCE	-	YEAR TO DATE	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE	-	FULL YEAR BUDGET
Office Equipment	-	8,250.00	(8,250.00) ↓		4,595.24	8,250.00	(3,654.76) ↓		16,500.00
Employee Leave Provision Movement	-	-	- —		12,809.00	-	12,809.00 ↑		-
Admin Support	-	-	- —		-	-	- —		45,000.00
Total Operational Expenses	127,373.90	297,250.00	(169,876.10)		305,816.08	297,250.00	8,566.08		473,500.00
Project Expenses									
Community Wellbeing Alliance	100.00	-	100.00 ↑		195.45	-	195.45 ↑		40,000.00
Regional Waste Management Initiatives	921.82	-	921.82 ↑		2,205.16	-	2,205.16 ↑		-
Roads Database	8,457.40	-	8,457.40 ↑		9,957.40	-	9,957.40 ↑		-
Projects 1-5 Transport of Roads	-	27,000.00	(27,000.00) ↓		-	27,000.00	(27,000.00) ↓		57,000.00
Total Project Expenses	9,479.22	27,000.00	(17,520.78)		12,358.01	27,000.00	(14,641.99)		97,000.00
Total Expenses	148,278.10	354,014.00	(205,735.90)		344,690.82	354,014.00	(9,323.18)		615,554.00
Net Profit	(148,278.10)	22,022.00	(170,300.10)		89,286.01	22,022.00	67,264.01		(129,255.00)

Cash Summary

Murray and Mallee LGA

For the 3 months ended 31 March 2025

	JAN-MAR 2025	YEAR TO DATE
Income		
Berri Barmera Council	-	12,415.00
Coorong District Council	-	10,493.00
DC of Karoonda East Murray	-	5,869.50
DC of Loxton Waikerie	-	14,093.00
Interest Income	-	26,392.56
Mid Murray Council	-	22,379.09
Regional Capacity Building	-	40,000.00
Renmark Paringa Council	-	11,804.50
Rural City of Murray Bridge	-	22,200.00
SLRP Surcharge	-	36,218.18
Southern Mallee DC	-	6,977.00
Waste Contract Management Levy	12,916.00	51,664.00
Waste Education Levy	-	128,444.00
Total Income	12,916.00	388,949.83
Less Expenses		
Accounting Services (Payroll, BAS and General Accounting)	1,265.00	3,599.09
Accrued Interest Revenue	-	(4,656.50)
Allowance (President)	2,420.45	3,227.27
Audit and Accounting Fees	3,200.00	3,830.00
Bank Fees	-	40.00
Community Wellbeing Alliance	100.00	195.45
Employee Leave Provision Movement	-	12,809.00
Insurance	2,663.58	10,214.30
Legal expenses	-	410.00
LGFA Investment Deposits	-	19,249.06
M365/SharePoint IT and Support	731.00	2,053.40
Meeting Expenses	1,409.74	5,225.05
Office Equipment	-	4,595.24
Office Expenses	1,000.21	1,000.21
PAYG Withholdings Payable	37,288.00	28,562.00
Provision for Employee Leave	-	(12,809.00)
Regional Waste Management Initiatives	921.82	2,205.16
Roads Database	8,457.40	9,957.40
Sundry Expenses	-	516.50
Superannuation	22,345.64	38,714.22
Superannuation Payable	(11,932.78)	(18,237.14)
Wages and Salaries	103,763.26	246,098.53
Total Expenses	173,633.32	356,799.24
Surplus (Deficit)	(160,717.32)	32,150.59

	JAN-MAR 2025	YEAR TO DATE
Plus Tax Movements		
Tax Collected	1,291.60	37,545.75
Tax Paid	(2,216.92)	(17,132.92)
Net Tax Movements	(925.32)	20,412.83
Net Cash Movement		
	(161,642.64)	52,563.42
Summary		
Opening Balance	339,453.53	125,247.47
Plus Net Cash Movement	(161,642.64)	52,563.42
Cash Balance	177,810.89	177,810.89

Balance Sheet

Murray and Mallee LGA As at 31 March 2025

	31 MAR 2025	31 DEC 2024
Assets		
Bank		
Murray and Mallee LGA	177,810.89	339,453.53
Total Bank	177,810.89	339,453.53
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	49,529.70	63,737.30
Accrued Interest Revenue	2,406.86	2,406.86
LGFA Investment Deposits	992,895.12	992,895.12
Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Total Current Assets	1,044,931.68	1,059,139.28
Total Assets	1,222,742.57	1,398,592.81
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
GST	37,416.06	39,632.98
PAYG Withholdings Payable	(21,146.00)	16,142.00
Payments Received in Advance	40,000.00	40,000.00
Provision for Employee Leave	33,989.00	33,989.00
Superannuation Payable	22,345.64	10,412.86
Total Current Liabilities	112,604.70	140,176.84
Non-current Liabilities		
Provision for Long Service Leave	1,724.00	1,724.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	1,724.00	1,724.00
Total Liabilities	114,328.70	141,900.84
Net Assets	1,108,413.87	1,256,691.97
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	89,286.01	237,564.11
Retained Earnings	1,019,127.86	1,019,127.86
Total Equity	1,108,413.87	1,256,691.97

Statement of Cash Flows

Murray and Mallee LGA

For the 3 months ended 31 March 2025

	JAN-MAR 2025	OCT-DEC 2024
Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	14,207.60	398,906.28
Payments to suppliers and employees	(150,495.02)	(121,349.03)
Cash receipts from other operating activities	-	1,285.00
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(136,287.42)	278,842.25
Investing Activities		
Other cash items from investing activities	-	(2,500.86)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	-	(2,500.86)
Financing Activities		
Other cash items from financing activities	(25,355.22)	22,489.14
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(25,355.22)	22,489.14
Net Cash Flows	(161,642.64)	298,830.53
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	339,453.53	40,623.00
Net change in cash for period	(161,642.64)	298,830.53
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	177,810.89	339,453.53

Aged Receivables Summary

Murray and Mallee LGA

As at 31 March 2025

Ageing by due date

CONTACT	< 1 MONTH	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	4 MONTHS	OLDER	TOTAL
Renmark Paringa Council	-	-	-	-	49,529.70	-	49,529.70
Total	-	-	-	-	49,529.70	-	49,529.70
Percentage of total	-	-	-	-	100.00%	-	100.00%

Aged Payables Summary

Murray and Mallee LGA

As at 31 March 2025

Ageing by due date