



71st Annual General Meeting & National Conference

9 – 11 September 2015

Barooga and Tocumwal NSW



It's in the Balance!



Speakers Include:

The Hon Bob Baldwin
Parliamentary Secretary to the
Minister for the Environment

Senator John Madigan
Independent Senator for
Victoria

Julian Cribb
Author – The Coming Famine

Neil Andrew
Chairman MDBA

David Papps
Commonwealth
Environmental Water Holder

Dr Jacqui Schirmer

Dominic Peel
Snr Research Fellow UoC



Presented by:
The Murray Darling Association
Hosted by Berrigan Shire Council

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In 2015, we are going back to basics for our sustainability, for the very survival of our basin communities.

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The Murray Darling Association was formed in 1944 as the Murray Valley Development League.

Its objective, back then, was provide sufficient water supplies and hydro-electricity to support sustainable production in agriculture, business and industry, across the basin.

We all agree, to sustain a healthy environment requires the care of a vibrant, healthy community and support from an economy sustained by a robust agricultural sector.

We need to ensure balance in the implementation of the Basin Plan - to deliver on the triple bottom-line – ensuring social, economic and environmental benefits for our local communities.



WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

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| 7.30am | Inter-regional golf competition Tocumwal Golf Club Subject to numbers - See separate flyer |
| 10:30am | Conference registration opens Cobram Barooga Golf Club, Barooga |
| 12:00pm | LUNCH Cobram Barooga Golf Club, Barooga |
| 12:45pm | Welcome to 2015 National Conference National President - Cr Greg Toll |
| 12:50pm | Welcome to country Neil Morris - Yorta Yorta Nation |
| 1:00pm | Mayoral welcome to Berrigan Shire Cr Bernard Curtain |
| 1:10pm | Official Opening The Hon Bob Baldwin Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment |
| 1:30pm | Keynote Address Senator John Madigan Independent Senator for Victoria |
| 1:50pm | MDBA Address Mr Neil Andrew, Chairman – MDBA Dr Rhondda Dickson, CE - MDBA |
| 2:10pm | AFTERNOON TEA |
| 2:40pm | David Papps Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder |
| 3:00pm | Presentation of motions |
| 4:30pm | Conference day one concludes |
| 5:15pm | Barooga pick-up commences for the Civic reception |
| 5:30pm | Tocumwal pick-up commences for the Civic reception |
| 6:00pm | CIVIC RECEPTION - light finger food Hosted by Berrigan Shire Council Tocumwal Football Club Rooms |

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

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| 8.45am | Partners tour commences |
| 9.00am | Seating and welcome Cobram-Barooga Golf Club, Barooga |
| 9.15am | Keynote Speaker Julian Cribb Author - The Coming Famine |
| 9.45am | Student Presentation Finley High School |
| 10.15am | Dr Jacqui Schirmer/Dominic Peel Snr Research Fellow University of Canberra Regional Wellbeing |
| 10.45am | MORNING TEA |
| 11.15am | Q&A Moderated Forum - Tony Slatyer - Dept. of Environment - Julian Cribb - Dominic Peel - David Papps - Other TBC |
| 12.15am | LUNCH |
| 1.15am | MDA CEO Update Emma Bradbury |
| 1.30pm | Presentation by 2016 Conference host Announcement of 2017 host region |
| 2.00pm | Conference day two concludes TEA BREAK |
| 2.30pm | Murray Darling Association Inc. 71st Annual General Meeting |
| 3.30pm | Meeting Close |
| 5.15 | Dinner Pick-ups Commence |
| 6.00pm | ANNUAL CONFERENCE DINNER Guest Speaker - Bob Brown History of the Tocumwal Aerodrome Raffle Drawn Barooga Sports Club Garden Room, Barooga |

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2015

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| 8.45am to 5.15pm | Regional study tour "It's in the Balance" • Paddleboat cruise • The Drop. Interpretation by a representative from Pacific Hydro and Murray Irrigation • Deniliquin Rice Mill guided tour Tour includes morning tea and lunch. |
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This program may be subject to minor changes for scheduling, but we will endeavour to keep as close as possible to what appears here.

PARTNERS TOUR
THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
8.45am – 4.15pm

- Includes:
- Byramine Homestead tour and morning tea
 - Monichino for lunch
 - Cobba paddleboat cruise

Please see registration form for accommodation options



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