

MEDIA RELEASE

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MALLEE CMA WELCOMES NEW CHAIR

Minister for Water, Lisa Neville has appointed two new members to the Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) Board.

In addition to two new members, Mallee CMA welcomes new Chair, Allison McTaggart, who has served on the Mallee CMA Board since 2017. Allison takes over from Sharyon Peart who chaired the Board for 10 years, and will continue to contribute to the CMA as a Board Director.

Allison brings a wealth of knowledge to the role of Chair having contributed significantly to industry and community throughout the region. Allison's diverse background spans hands-on experience in agriculture, production and local industry plus over 20 years' experience in corporate governance, communications and human resources, Allison has an excellent understanding of the region and the community's expectations and aspirations.

Mallee CMA welcomes two new Directors to the Board, Tony Alessi and Ann Hodge. Tony is a registered, self-employed chiropractor. Tony has served the community through a variety of local Boards and committees including Mallee Regional Partnerships where he assists in assessing and advocating for projects that improve the liveability of communities, access to services and economic development. Tony brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Mallee CMA Board.

Ann is a primary producer with six years of customer representative committee experience. Ann has an ongoing interest in water policy and the environment, exemplified by her membership on the "Irrigators' Share" committee, formed to make recommendations to DELWP regarding water policy.

Mallee CMA thanks the two retiring Directors, John Cooke and Jacquelyn Turfrey. John has provided great service to the Mallee CMA Board since 2017 and has been a wealth of knowledge in a wide variety of areas including salinity management and water Policy.

Jacquelyn Turfrey's contributions since her appointment in 2017 provided great guidance in policy and governance which has been invaluable for the organisation.

Quotes attributable to Mallee CMA Chair, Allison McTaggart:

I would like to thank Sharyon for her dedication and determination over the past 10 years as the Mallee CMA Chair. Sharyon has provided the Mallee CMA with strong leadership and will continue to be a valued member of our Board.

Our retiring member, John Cooke has been part of the natural resource management community for decades, and his contributions in the areas of salinity and water management will leave a legacy for years to come. John will be missed by the Mallee CMA greatly.

Jacquelyn has provided our Board with great guidance and her contributions have enabled Mallee CMA to have confidence in the delivery of our services, and strategic outcomes.

As the newly appointed Chair of Mallee CMA I am excited for the great things to come in not only the delivery of our strategic outcomes, but our community engagement. We have experienced some challenging times recently, and I am looking forward to helping our community and environment prosper.

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Background information:

The Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is a statutory authority established to ensure that natural resources in the region are managed in an integrated and ecologically sustainable way. Its work is based on science and delivered through meaningful partnerships with local organisations such as Landcare, community groups, and government agencies in the Victorian Mallee.

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