

## March 2020 Communique

### Open for business – Planning to Bounce Forward

Like many regional agencies, the members of the Tri-State Murray Alliance are shifting their service delivery to keep people safe whilst supporting businesses and employment as far as possible. Everyone is open for business and our aim is to support our communities, partners and the environment to not just 'bounce back' but to 'bounce forward' from the Coronavirus.

Each of the partners can still be contacted by phone and are rapidly moving to the huge range of on-line methods where it is appropriate. Be it Webinars, Microsoft Teams meetings, sharing photos, drones and the usual teleconferences we are using this as an opportunity to investigate and trial the different tools to see what is practical.



Given the region is still on the long road to recovery from the fires and the drought, it has been great to see that many of the on-ground programs can currently keep going. With some redesign, infrastructure and Drought Employment programs have been able to ensure they comply with social distancing whilst keeping businesses and people working as long as possible.

The next Tri-State Murray Alliance Executive meeting will share what options are proving successful to adjust to the rapidly changing conditions and what will prepare the community and environment to 'bounce forward' once conditions allow.



### Chris Norman has gone to Queensland and Brad Drust has come in as Co-Chair

Our recent meeting was the first without Chris Norman as a member and Co-Chair and we reflected on his contribution to the Alliance. Chris was a such a driving force for getting the Alliance together as he understands the importance of working together if we are going to achieve landscape scale change.



Working together really does create opportunities - be it sharing expertise and programs or using the diversity to strengthen our work or build resilience by taking that broader longer-term view. We wish Chris the best in his new role and look forward to hearing from the north – as we said – lucky Queensland!

With Chris leaving we had a Co-Chair spot to fill and it was unanimous that Brad Drust (NC CMA) would now sit as Co-Chair alongside Gary Rodda (Murray LLS).

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