



## Andrew McConville

Chief Executive

Murray-Darling Basin Authority



Andrew is the new Chief Executive of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) taking up his position in July 2022.

The MDBA is the one organisation that takes a holistic view of the Basin's water resources. This includes monitoring it's health, understanding future challenges, investing in science, working collaboratively with communities and stakeholders.

As Chief Executive, Andrew is responsible for leading the Authority to develop the Basin Plan to ensure that water is shared between all users, including the environment, in a sustainable way.



*"We have 2 jobs: overseeing the implementation of the Basin Plan and running the Murray River on behalf of Basin state governments. It's a complex system – home to 2.3m people including 40 of Australia's First Nations, our main food-bowl with irrigated ag worth \$22b, tourism \$11b, 120 waterbird species, 50 native fish species & 16 protected wetlands".*

**Andrew is an advocacy and corporate affairs professional** with more than 25 years' experience across the oil and gas, agribusiness, banking and finance, FMCG and government sectors.

**He holds a first-class honours degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of New England, a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from Oxford University and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.**

Prior to joining the MDBA, Andrew was Chief Executive at the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association - the peak industry body for the upstream oil and gas industry and prior to that, more than a decade with Syngenta, one of the world's leading agribusinesses. His last role there was as Global Head of External Affairs and Communication based in Basel Switzerland.

**Andrew was at Robb College from 1987-1990** and awarded the Meredith Prize in 1990. He was awarded a Half Blue and Full Blue for rugby at the University of New England where he captained the Robb College 1st XV for a record four years. After Robb he was awarded Best and Fairest and Clubman of the Year for the Oxford University Rugby Football Club in 1993, won two rugby premierships with the University of New South Wales and captained Melbourne Rugby Club. He is the father of four awesome kids.





**Andrew became a Director of the Robb College Foundation Board in 2021.**

***“Robb and UNE have strong reputations for producing great leaders in many industries both nationally and internationally. There are exciting and varied opportunities for anyone who is qualified and wishing to pursue their careers in many sectors. I am constantly coming across Robb Alumni who are in key positions in companies and organizations around the world”.***

***“I fully endorse the appeal by the Robb Foundation to establish some quality scholarships and I encourage you to support it. Your investment will help motivate students to excel at their degrees, persevere and go on to amaze even themselves, providing a real foundation for our collective economic future”.***

You can see more on Andrew’s profile and follow him on Linked-In:

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