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Regional Development Australia's Riverina Committee have welcomed the appointment of six new members and acknowledged the dedication of its outgoing members whose three year terms have expired. This announcement comes after an extensive application and the approval process formalised by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development the Hon Warren Truss MP.

"The new Committee Members now join several of the former Committee to form a broadly representative and skills based group, with a new mandate from the Commonwealth Government." said Diana Gibbs, Chair RDA Riverina.

"Our new funding agreements with both the Australian and NSW Governments have given us a somewhat different focus for our work in 2015. These changes mean that we are concentrating our work more closely towards employment creation and economic development, building on the provision of services and social infrastructure which are key ingredients in ensuring the sustainable development for our regional community"

2015 has seen many changes for RDA Riverina with not only a new leadership team but a boundary change to include the Tumut Shire to the RDA Riverina region, now comprising 15 Local Government Areas.

RDA Riverina Chair Diana Gibbs said "I look forward to commencing work with the new the new committee, optimising the diversity of skill that each member brings to the table for the economic benefit of the region"

## **New Committee Members**

- **Miriam Dayhew**, Charles Sturt University, University Ombudsman and Head of Campus, Wagga Wagga
- **Deidre Lemerle**, Retired Professor Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga
- **James Davis**, General Manager, Junee Shire Council, Junee
- **Karen Hutchinson**, Executive Manager Customers, Murrumbidgee Irrigation, Griffith
- **Patricia Wilkinson**, Tourism and Recreation Coordinator, National Parks and Wildlife, Tumut
- **Paul Pearsall**, Director, Grainlink NSW, Griffith

## **Re-appointed Committee Members**

- **Diana Gibbs**, Chair, Wagga Wagga
- **Bill Thompson**, Commins Hendriks, Coolamon
- **Brett Stonestreet**, General Manger Griffith City Council , Griffith
- **Phil Pinyon**, General Manager, Wagga City Council, Wagga Wagga
- **Margaret Andreazza**, Griffith Regional Theatre, Griffith
- **Kerry Penton**, Director, TAFE Riverina Institute , Wagga Wagga

## **ENDS**

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