



RDA Riverina welcomes new CEO

RDA Riverina announced the appointment of Mark Ritchie as its new Executive Officer at the quarterly RDA Riverina Committee Meeting held at Tumut Shire Chambers on Wednesday. The new Executive Officer replaces CEO RDA Riverina Lani Houston, who has been a passionate and professional ambassador for regional development since the inception of RDA's in 2009.

RDA Riverina Chair Diana Gibbs said "Mark is an experienced executive and environmental management professional with over 20 years experience in the agricultural and environmental sectors. He brings excellent business, relationship and financial management skills to the role together with a strong understanding of the local area."

In previous roles which more recently included Chief Executive Officer of Landcare Tasmania Inc. and Manager Land Acquisition for CO2 Australia in Wagga Wagga, Mark has a proven track record and experience in building and growing business within the environmental and agricultural industries.

With a breadth of experience working within the commercial, government and community sectors, Mark has been involved in the development of a range of environmental and agricultural projects and is well positioned to further the economic development of the region.

"I'm looking forward to working closely with Diana Gibbs, the RDA Chair and our new Committee and am keen to build on the existing relationships and projects we've developed across the region with our stakeholders and partners".

"We have a number of priority areas and issues we will be focussing on over the next twelve months including significant infrastructure and transport initiatives, building the capacity and capability of our agricultural industries to drive innovation and value adding, and ensuring we maintain and build on that important link and conduit between government, business, industry and the community to access a range of support programs and funding".

Mark has recently returned to Wagga Wagga and looks forward to working with the new RDA Riverina Committee, staff and other stakeholders towards strengthening the economic growth of the region.

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