

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## MRD WELCOMES LEESA MERRETT TO HEAD UP LIGHT INSTALLATION PROJECT

Mildura Regional Development welcomes Leesa Merrett to the team to head up the multi-million-dollar Light Installation Project by Bruce Munro, as General Manager Operations.

Leesa is an experienced executive who has worked in senior roles in the public water and environment sectors for over 20 years, delivering major infrastructure projects and regional development for the region.

Ms. Merrett said “I’m looking forward to working closely with the project team to play an instrumental role in delivering the largest economic opportunity and tourism attraction that this region has experienced. “

Leesa brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in community and stakeholder engagement, strategic communications, marketing, business analysis, regional investment, development and leadership for the region.

Over Leesa’s career she has established strong connections across many sectors in the region and is an advocate for community, working closely with a diverse range of stakeholders including cultural and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, neurodiverse people, First Nations peoples, youth and industry sectors.

Leesa has a proven track record for delivering great outcomes as part of major capital projects in her previous roles with Lower Murray Water and Mallee Catchment Management Authority.

Leesa is a member of the SuniTAFE Board and Governance Committee and a member of the Steering Committee of Cultivator Inc, a local not-for-profit organisation that focusses on engaging and collaborating with the community, particularly youth through various forms including large-scale art installations, events, and workshops.

Leesa’s senior executive management experience combined with her delivery of major infrastructure projects and regional development over the past 20 years, together with her passion for helping organisations engage with community will bring shared benefits and strong outcomes for our region.

Leesa holds tertiary qualifications in communications, marketing, project management and business, and is an IAP2 accredited - Advanced Engagement Practitioner.

Mildura Regional Development CEO, Peter Alexander said “Leesa’s experience and professional skills will provide an essential resource to our team and enable us to be agile and take advantage of the many opportunities that present themselves as part of the Light Installation project.”

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*Image Supplied: Ms. Leesa Merrett*

**Further comments:**

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