



Day 1 - Thursday 31 July - Afternoon activity

Time	Details
3.00pm – 4.30pm	<p>Paddlesteamer Cumbaroona on Lake Mulwala</p> <p>Presentations from local businesses showcasing tourism initiatives and insights into the region. This event aims to celebrate the region's food, wine, and rich history, while offering valuable networking and engagement opportunities in a relaxed setting.</p> <p>Meet at: The Sebel Yarrowonga, board the Paddlesteamer and return to The Sebel Yarrowonga</p> <p>Dress for the weather – sturdy shoes, warm clothes, rain coat, hat, umbrella if needed.</p>

Forum Dinner – included in your ticket

Time	Details
From 6.30pm	<p>The Sebel Yarrowonga</p> <p>2 course meal – main and dessert – and drinks</p> <p>Keynote address: Paul Watkins – Scientist, athlete, father, entrepreneur</p> <p>Hear from our Major Sponsors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunt & Hunt • Maddocks

RCV Forum – Friday 1 August

Time	Subject	Lead
9.00am – 9.05am 5 mins	Welcome	Cr Rob Amos, Chair
9.05am – 9.15am 10 mins	Welcome to Country	Nikki James
9.15am - 9.35am 20 mins	Overview of RCV Advocacy Introduction of RCV Strategic Plan 2025-2028	Cr Rob Amos, Chair
9.35am-10.35am 60 mins	Housing Panel Colleen Peterson – Executive Director, State Planning, Dept of Transport and Planning Trudi Ray – CEO, Haven: Home Safe Diwa Hopkins, Senior Economist, Regional Australia Institute	Darren Fuzzard RCV Committee member CEO Mount Alexander Shire Council
10.35am-11.30am 55 mins	Morning tea	
11.30am-12.30pm 60 mins	Childcare and Maternal and Child Health Panel Jo Martin, Executive Officer, By Five Wimmera Southern Mallee Monica Revell, CEO Hindmarsh Shire Council Rhys Webb, Executive Director Community Health, West Wimmera Health Service Jodie McNamara, Director Economy and Place, Moyne Shire Council Jo Bradshaw, Director of Communities, Campaspe Shire Council	Tammy Smith RCV Treasurer CEO Yarriambiack Shire Council
12.30pm-1.00pm 30 mins	Reflections on 2025 advocacy including ESFV and Drought Cr Kate Makin, RCV Deputy Chair, Mayor Corangamite Shire Council	Fiona Weigall, CEO East Gippsland Shire Helen Havercroft, CEO Glenelg Shire Council
1.00pm – 2.00pm 60 mins	Lunch	
2.00pm - 2.45pm 45 mins	Financial Sustainability in Councils Rate variations – the process, timing, details, outcome Daryl Whitworth - MAV research into the 19 smallest rural councils	Bradley Thomas RCV Secretary CEO Hepburn Shire Council
2.45pm-3.00pm 15 mins	Forum Wrap up	Cr Rob Amos Chair