



# Avon Regional Organisation of Councils

AROC Governance Group Meeting

**10 May 2021**

Commencing at 9.30am

## MINUTES

To: AROC Members

Here within the Minutes of the AROC Governance Group (President's & CEO's) Meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Shire of Toodyay, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, on the abovementioned date and commencement time.

Suzie Haslehurst

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

*AROC Secretariat*

### Preface

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Attachments that formed part of the Agenda, in addition to those tabled at the Meeting are incorporated into a separate attachment to these Minutes.

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These minutes were approved for distribution on 19 May 2021.



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Chief Executive Officer  
AROC Secretariat

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### Confirmed Minutes

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on 12-07-2021

Signed: R. Manders

*Note: The Presiding Member at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed is the person who signs above.*

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## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

*The AROC in-person meeting commenced at 9.40am.*

## 2. PRESENTATIONS

### 2.1 CORELLA MANAGEMENT

*The CEO of the Shire of Northam arranged for Dr Carl O'Callaghan, Chief Executive Officer Wheatbelt NRM to present to AROC.*

*Their services may be utilised to develop and implement a regional management strategy.*

*Purpose of presentation is to consider developing it as an AROC project and in the long-term involving CBH as well given that they have their own strategy regarding this topic.*

Points raised as follows:

- Corellas are an issue across the Mid-West and Wheatbelt regions. Effects on infrastructure (economic) but also environmental impacts – competition with native species for nesting hollows (i.e. black cockatoos)
- In 2015 the State government commenced a process to map corella movements but this did not progress. A range of strategies are currently being utilised by local governments to control corellas but with limited success.
- Culling options: poison, shooting, netting. Environment Team Wheatbelt NRM suggests netting is considered the most effective as large enough numbers can be culled to reduce the flock sufficiently to impact breeding cycles.
- Large mist nets 20m up in the air and 40-50 metres wide. Get corellas onto the ground and scare them into the net. Must be despatched humanely under the Act.
- Permission required from DBCA. Need to specify type of corellas and location. Permit application fees apply. LG Rangers may already hold permits?
- Fieldwork is needed to identify flight, feeding and roosting patterns. Reliable and meaningful data is required to develop and achievable strategy. Would require a part-time resource for a few months. Seed funding of \$20,000 and \$40,000 required. WNRN could manage the project and provide a vehicle and running costs.
- Discussion regarding availability of appropriately skilled people. Tension between bird enthusiasts and environmental protectionists. Dr Callaghan confident an appropriate resource can be sourced.

- *Is this an Avon-Midland zone-wide issue? Need to keep it focused initially to ensure not too widespread so impacts can be achieved and measured. Agreed to limit initial project to AROC.*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> phase culling - once strategy is developed, it can be applied elsewhere at reported hotspots on a one-off basis.*
- *Dr Callaghan to provide a proposal for fieldwork to be undertaken to develop a corella management strategy that includes effective short and medium-term strategies.*

*The AROC Members discussed funding the management strategy on a regional basis after the Consultant left at 10.10am.*

**MOTION/AROC RESOLUTION NO. 01/05/21**

**MOVED:** Cr Haywood

**SECONDED:** Cr Bantock

That AROC authorises the CEO Officer Group to expend up to \$30,000 from AROC Funds to have Wheatbelt NRM undertake field work on behalf of the member shires to develop strategies for Corella management.

**MOTION CARRIED 3/0**

**3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**

Members:

Cr R Madacsi	Shire President, Shire of Toodyay
Mrs S Haslehurst	CEO, Shire of Toodyay
Mr P Bentley	CEO, Shire of Goomalling
Cr B Haywood	Shire President, Shire of Goomalling
Mr J Whiteaker	CEO, Shire of Northam
Cr P Bantock	Shire President, Shire of Victoria Plains

**3.1 APOLOGIES**

Cr C Antonio	Shire President, Shire of Northam
Cr D Smythe	Shire President, Shire of York
Cr B Ruthven	Deputy Shire President, Toodyay
Mrs G Teade	CEO, Shire of Victoria Plains
Mr C Linnell	CEO, Shire of York

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 16 November 2020.**

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/AROC RESOLUTION NO. 02/05/21**

**MOVED:** Cr Bantock

**SECONDED:** Cr Madacsi

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on 16 November 2020 be accepted as a true and

correct record.

**MOTION CARRIED 3/0**

**5. INFORMATION ADDITIONAL TO THE MINUTES**

**5.1 From the Action List**

Nil.

**6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**6.1 Financial Report (to 30 April 2021)**

**MOTION/AROC RESOLUTION NO. 03/05/21**

**MOVED:** Cr Haywood

That the financial report for 30 April 2021 be received.

**MOTION CARRIED 3/0**

**7. OTHER MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED**

**7.1 Shire of Northam CEO**

**7.1.1 Water Sustainability Project**

Discussion Points were as follows:

- Concept looking at regional approach to grant funding project for water re-use to try to get regional funding.
- Potential for a regional submission looking at options such as water recycling/re-use scheme.
- Water source in towns without water (Vic Plains) putting together a plan to the state government. Project is looking at \$250-300,000. The community water supply program. You shall not seek funding from everyone else – so solely to the state government if they cannot get an option for the clause in the application.
- Recycled water and water source (Goomalling).
- Volumes are required with respect to recycled water.
- Smell associated with recycled water and small window with use of it.
- Make the regional submission be about water sustainability.
- Northam partnering with Water Corporation to do assessment of current infrastructure and expansion opportunities.
- Leverage off the collective.

- Lobbying Federal Government.
- Key part of the Wheatbelt Grain Freight Network.
- Goomalling are developing a business plan.
- Vic Plains have a business plan but are still seeking a place for the bore.
- Toodyay needs to develop a water management and business plan.
- AROC to back the Vic Plains proposal.
- Small scale desalination plant design and management.
- Research project Muresk (partnership) – Information came from the Rural Water Council WA meeting.

Actions for Water Sustainability Project:

1. Northam CEO to arrange a meeting with Water Corporation (Toodyay and York to be included) (Mike) to discuss the concept for the future and they may have advice to offer to Vic Plains' subject.
2. Toodyay CEO to arrange a meeting with Christian (the two Federal Members).
3. Vic Plains to get some advice regarding their already written business case for lobbying of (Melissa) election candidate. Goomalling to also contact Melissa's office.
4. Be conscious about the pitch. This is more of a local government issue because it's to do with infrastructure. How local government become more sustainable and how we address our challenges.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Officer's Group (CEO's)	14 June 2021
Governance Group (CEO's & Presidents)	12 July 2021

**9. MEETING CLOSURE**

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 10.40am.

### INFORMATION ADDITIONAL TO THE AGENDA

<b>5.1</b>	<b>Action List</b>	<b>1</b>
1.	Status Report attached.	1

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

<b>6.1</b>	<b>Financial Report (to 30 April 2021)</b>	<b>3</b>
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## AROC STATUS REPORT

# Avon Regional Organisation of Councils

Secretariat

CEO - Shire of Toodyay

Meeting Date	Purpose	Resolution	Target date for completion	Actioned by	Completion Date	Meeting Commentary
10/05/2021	Corella Management	That AROC authorise the CEO Officer Group to expend up to \$30,000 from AROC Funds to have Wheatbelt NRM undertake field work on behalf of the member shires to develop strategies for Corella management.	ASAP	J Whiteaker, CEO, Northam Shire		
10/05/2021	Water Sustainability (Actions to take)	<p>Northam CEO to arrange a meeting with Water Corporation (Toodyay and York to be included) (Mike) to discuss the concept for the future and they may have advice to offer to Vic Plains' subject.</p> <p>Toodyay CEO to arrange a meeting with Christian (the two Federal Members).</p> <p>Vic Plains to get some advice regarding their already written business case for lobbying of (Melissa) election candidate. Goomalling to also contact Melissa's office.</p>	ASAP	Refer to Resolution column.		

## AVON REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

Administered by Shire of Northam

	01.07.2020	30.04.2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Brought Forward</b>		189,822	165,490	139,323	118,752	95,655	101,543	134,108
<b>Revenue</b>								
Member Contributions	25,000		30,000	30,000	49,625	30,000	30,000	30,000
Fees & Charges							5,391	2,459
Interest Earnings	548		1,832	3,667	-	-	1,914	2,299
Other Revenue					7,900		-	-
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	25,548	31,832	33,667	57,525	30,000	37,305	34,759
<b>Expenses</b>								
Insurance							846	1,158
Recreation Plan					5,000			
Equipment Expenditure							5,897	3,081
Shire of Toodyay Administration		7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
WB Infrastructure Conway Highbury								12,000
WB Infrastructure refund to WDC								17,273
Localise Aged Friendly Audit								26,312
Strategic Waste Management Plan							28,950	
Training					7,900			
Capacity and capability assessment		22,500						
Other Expenditure Exit Dowerin		31,637			16,554			
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	54,137	7,500	7,500	36,954	7,500	43,193	67,324
	<b>Net Result</b>	(28,589)	24,332	26,167	20,571	22,500	(5,888)	(32,565)
<b>Accumulated Funds on hand 30.04.2021</b>		161,233	189,822	165,490	139,323	118,752	95,655	101,543
Represented by Bankwest Muni Account		161,233						

