



AVON REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

Minutes

3 April 2017

AVON REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
SHIRE OF TOODYAY, ON 3 APRIL 2017

Preface

When the Chief Executive Officer approves these Minutes for distribution they are in essence "Unconfirmed" until the following Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC) Meeting, where the Minutes will be confirmed subject to any amendments.

The "Confirmed" Minutes are then signed off by the Presiding Person.

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

Unconfirmed Minutes

These minutes were approved for distribution on 3 April 2017.



Stan Scott
Chief Executive Officer
AROC Secretariat

Confirmed Minutes

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on

Signed:

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

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MONDAY 3 APRIL 2017

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MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Cr D Dow, Chairperson, declared the meeting open at 9.32am.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT UPDATE

Tiffany Tonkin, Senior Consultant from Localise presented to AROC for the purpose of providing an update on the Lighthouse Project (generally, and the AROC Pilot Project specifically).

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Members:

Cr D Dow	Shire President, Shire of Toodyay
Mr S Scott	CEO, Shire of Toodyay
Mr C Kerp	CEO, Shire of Goomalling
Cr B Haywood	Shire President, Shire of Goomalling
Mr J Whiteaker	CEO, Shire of Northam
Cr S Pollard	Shire President, Shire of Northam
Mrs A Selvey	CEO, Shire of Dowerin
Cr D Metcalf	Shire President, Shire of Dowerin
Cr G Houston	Shire President, Shire of Chittering
Cr D Lovelock	Shire President, Shire of Victoria Plains
Mr P Martin	CEO, Shire of York
Cr D Wallace	Shire President, Shire of York

3.1 Apologies

Mrs G Teade	CEO, Shire of Victoria Plains
Mr A Sheridan	CEO, Shire of Chittering
Cr J Williams	Deputy Delegate, Shire of Northam

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 6 February 2017

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 03/03/2017

MOVED: Cr G Houston

SECONDED: Cr D Metcalf

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on 6 February 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

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4.2 Notes of the CEO Meeting held on 13 March 2017

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 04/03/17

MOVED: Cr S Pollard

SECONDED: Cr D Lovelock

That the Unconfirmed Notes from the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils Chief Executive Officer's Meeting held on 13 March 2017 be received.

MOTION CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 From the Minutes of the last AROC meeting.

5.1.1 Dementia Care Unit

Points raised as follows:

- *Information tabled to be circulated;*
- *Invitation and discussion at August 2017 AROC Shire President's Meeting; and*
- *Put on to the Action List as a means of follow-up.*

5.1.2 Productivity Commission

Chittering provided a response.

5.2 From the Notes of the last CEO Meeting

5.2.1 30 April 2017 Event – Heritage Rail Project

Points raised as follows:

- *Priority identified by group capital grant.*
- *Launch of event and acquittal to follow.*
- *Day Event located at Minnivale.*
- *Invitation to come.*
- *Meeting set for 4 April 2017 in respect to options moving forward once capital part of project finished. Idea to cost out potential scenarios in respect to running the track a few times a year, displays at Minnivale and putting to the Committee.*

5.2.2 Zoodata

Points raised as follows:

- *Company provides a Mobile inspection tool to do health and / or firebreak inspections.*
- *Tool can generate correspondence following the inspection taking place in real time rather than coming*

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back to the office and generating correspondence from written notes.

- *Toodyay are undertaking a trial of the tool.*
- *It is hoped that Zoodata will solve issues with respect to data integrity.*
- *Discussion in respect to whether a grant for AROC for the purchase of a drone that can be shared amongst the seven local governments for a fee per service. Outcome: local governments individually to pursue.*
- *Discussion regarding the challenges of Firebreak Inspection.*

5.3 From the Action List

The Status and Action List was reviewed and updated.

5.3.1 Stage II Housing Project

The Shire of Goomalling CEO and Project Officer have consulted Wendy Newman and Lauren Clarke from the Wheatbelt Development Commission in respect to the fact that the FAA's have not been signed off and as a result of the change in government, may not be approved.

The Minister for Regional Development's Parliamentary Secretary has a farming background in the Wheatbelt which may be to our advantage.

The CEO has written to the Minister's office requesting that the new government continue with the project, as approved by the previous state government. A letter of acknowledgement has been received from Minister MacTiernan's office confirming that they are aware of what has held up Stage I, and they are making an assessment of the funding requests approved by the previous government, before moving forward. We are hopeful that a favourable response will be received from the Minister's Office in due course.

5.3.2 Avon Tourism

Stan Scott, Shire of Toodyay CEO, provided an overview of the AROC CEO's meeting held in March 2017.

Avon Tourism's Strategic Plan now embraces Visitor Centres as partners and collaborators. Most of the issues raised by AROC were addressed. Avon Tourism will be asking local governments to provide different levels of funding as follows:

*Larger Councils (e.g. Toodyay, Northam and York):
Approx... \$8,500*

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Medium Councils (e.g. Chittering): Approx... \$7,000

Small Councils (e.g. Goomalling, Victoria Plains and Beverley): Approx... \$5,000.

Each individual local government will make their own assessment when it comes to adoption of their budgets for 2017/2018.

The future of Avon Tourism looks promising as their website and social media presence has improved and they appear to be now performing the role of a 'Regional Tourism body.' The organisation is making the right choices and Karen Dore is a good Chair.

5.3.3 Project List – Aged Housing funded through CLGF

Points raised as follows:

The Shire of Toodyay are waiting for the Architect to provide final drawings and specifications (target timeline: in the next 2 weeks).

Toodyay site works are well advanced. A local contractor is doing the site works and preparing for Stage II as well which is increasing costs from the initial \$750,000 project to do retaining walls and site works preconstruction. Goomalling and Victoria Plains have not had much progress in terms of site works but the Architect has been going to the various local governments and should, as stated above, provide specifications in the next two weeks.

The Shire of Goomalling Council are waiting on the design and looking at two options (build eight units on three blocks vs. building eight units on four blocks).

The Shire of Goomalling has had their backhoe in to do site works clean up.

5.3.4 Recreational Regional Strategy Plan

Stan Scott, Shire of Toodyay CEO, provided an overview of the AROC CEO's meeting held in March 2017.

One proposal was received, proposing an Audit take place first, followed by an assessment of opportunities and strategies.

The CEO's decided it would be best to do an Audit first before committing to the rest of the project as it appears that most local governments are doing their own thing in the recreation area in any case. A decision can be made then whether to move onto the next stage.

The Shire of York initially stated they were not keen to be involved in Regional Recreation Planning but looked

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forward to the audit results. York were limited by their capacity to contribute to regional planning.

Clarification was given as follows:

- *What it comes down to is that AROC has built up a reserve and with the buy-in the York Shire will become involved without the need to put in further money in respect to Regional Recreation Planning.*
- *AROC is set up in such a way that an AROC project can take place, even if it doesn't involve all the local government members.*
- *The Audit, if proceeded with on a regional basis, would better inform what facilities are needed if every local government member participates.*
- *The York Council could be advised informally that being part of the Audit for Regional Recreation Planning will not cost any funds in any way other than a buy-in to be a member of AROC.*

The Shire of York decided, following clarification, that they would participate in the Audit to enable the Regional Recreation Planning Audit to be comprehensive.

5.3.5 Waste Management

Points raised as follows:

- *Put on Agenda for AROC WMG to discuss potential of a combined contract.*
- *Alignment of the contracts timewise has been discussed previously – everyone is out-of-whack.*
- *Dowerin approaching the issue by initially having a 12 month contract to allow investigation of other options.*
- *Aligning of dates to be discussed at AROC WMG – 2019/2020.*
- *Preferred supplier process vs. tendering process.*
- *Consultation with community in respect to Waste Management (York).*
- *Mandatory waste services where if the truck goes past the property a bin service is arranged.*
- *Opt out system vehicles have GPS tracker to make sure they pick up the bins for people who opt in.*

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6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

6.1 Financial Report

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 05/03/17

MOVED: Cr G Houston

SECONDED: Cr D Lovelock

That the AROC Statement of Comprehensive Income be received.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Shire of York

Date of Report:	27 March 2017
File Reference:	ORG3
Author:	S Scott – CEO
Responsible Officer:	S Scott – CEO
Attachments:	Email from Shire of York

PURPOSE

To read the email from the Shire of York (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND

This was discussed at the AROC CEO Meeting on 13 March 2017.

OFFICER COMMENT

Shire of York has responded affirmatively to the proposal to re-join AROC, but has requested the buy-in payment be deferred to the 2017/2018 Financial Year. CEOs agreed that this was reasonable.

RECOMMENDATION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 06/03/17

MOVED Cr B Haywood

SECONDED Cr S Pollard

That the Shire of York be welcomed as members of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils, effective 13 March 2017, and that the buy-in payment be deferred until the 2017/2018 financial year.

MOTION CARRIED

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6.3 AROC MOU and Action Plan

Date of Report:	27 March 2017
File Reference:	ORG3
Author:	S Scott – CEO
Responsible Officer:	S Scott – CEO
Attachments:	DRAFT AROC MOU containing the Updated Action Plan

PURPOSE

To consider the DRAFT AROC MOU and Updated Action Plan (**Attachment 1**).

BACKGROUND

This was discussed at the AROC CEO Meeting on 13 March 2017.

OFFICER COMMENT

A new MOU is attached to reflect the inclusion of the Shire of York as a member.

The Action Plan was updated to include:

- *Under Human Resource Management – Build relationship with Central TAFE;*
- *Under Information Technology – Regional support;*
- *Under Economic Development – Strategic Road Projects; and*
- *Another Item for consideration is Environmental Health Services and perhaps a three year joint mosquito project?*

RECOMMENDATION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 07/03/17

MOVED: Cr D Metcalf

SECONDED Cr B Haywood

That the AROC MOU be adopted, as amended and circulated to members for endorsement.

MOTION CARRIED

7. OTHER MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Nil

8. NEXT MEETING

AROC CEO Meeting

8 May 2017

AROC Meeting

12 June 2017

9. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.00am.



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Lighthouse Project

Local employment of
people with disability

Increasing the employment of people with disability in local government

Job Match Pilot: Update and Next Steps

AROC 3 April 2017





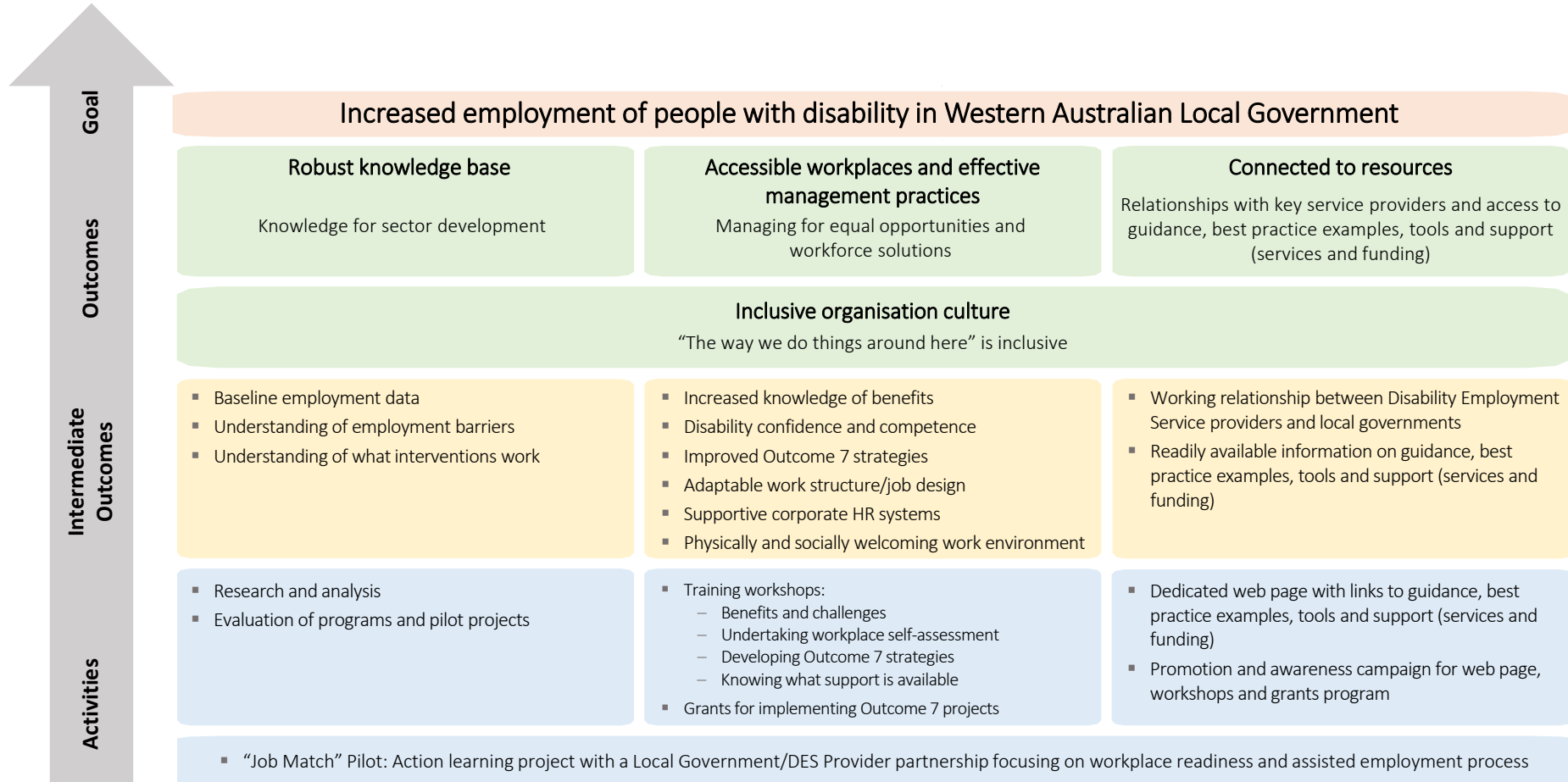
Why this project?

- “Outcome 7” – focus on employment – introduced to Disability Access and Inclusion Plans (DAIPs) in 2013
- Recognises that local government is a significant employer in local communities
- Uptake was slower than anticipated overall (although it is recognised there is a wide spectrum in this regard)
- The Disability Services Commission (DSC) initiated the project to support the sector
- Local Government Professionals WA commissioned to implement the project





Project overview





General Project Update

- Training Workshops May/June 2016
- Round 2 Grants Program – 15 local governments received grants totalling \$132,404
- Sector wide survey
- Workshop training package coming soon
- Case studies and videos





Follow up survey results

42%
direct
experience
recruiting a
person
with disability

70%
in a position of
influence to
increase
employment

45%
have a
relationship
with local DES
provider

52%
engaged with
Lighthouse Project

76%
project
involvement had
an impact

69%
have an up to
date Outcome
7 Strategy





Case Studies





Job Match Pilot

- Action Research designed to learn about the model and process for LGA's to work with a Disability Employment Service (DES) Provider.
- Essential Personnel, Northam.
- Toodyay, Chittering, Northam, Goomalling & Victoria Plains.





Outcomes - 2016

- All LGA's involved met directly with Essential Personnel, to explore options for job placements.
- 1 person was engaged in a temporary position, and strongly considered for a permanent one. He is still considered a strong candidate for future positions.
- 1 existing employee, whose employment was under threat, was maintained in a position, through the assistance of Essential Personnel.





Lessons Learnt - 2016

- Clarity needed around legislative requirements for DAIP and Outcome 7
- Goodwill can only get you so far: need agreements between stakeholders
- The case of the temporary staff member highlighted the importance of communication
- Getting the match right: ongoing relationship is key
- Breaking down the conceptual: personal experiences are powerful





Feedback and Next Steps

- Reflections
- Are the ongoing processes and relationships effectively in place?
- Scheduling final follow ups as we prepare for the conclusion of the Lighthouse Project
- Opportunity to enhance existing relationships
- Document lessons learnt and share with the sector





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Our Ref: DJA 08/12

2 August 2012

Clem Kerp
CEO
Shire of Goomalling
PO Box 118
GOOMALLING WA 6460

Dear Clem

PROPOSED DEMENTIA UNIT – GOOMALLING

The Shire of Dowerin fully supports locating a dementia unit in Goomalling.

The dementia unit would be a welcome addition to help service the growing need of dementia care in the North Eastern Wheatbelt area.

Goomalling is perfectly placed as it is relatively close to Perth and within easy access to the communities in the North Eastern Wheatbelt.

The Shire of Dowerin hopes that the Shire of Goomalling is successful in its pursuit of this excellent proposal that will allow the wider community closer access to dementia care.

Yours faithfully

Dacre Alcock
Chief Executive Officer

Our Ref: SS:MR IAM18049
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Mr C Kerp
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Dear Clem

Support for Shire of Goomalling's Application for Funding

The Shire of Toodyay takes this opportunity to lend its support to your application for funding.

Dementia services in this part of the world are very limited. The Shire of Toodyay is supportive of this positive project and congratulates the initiative of the Shire of Goomalling for taking it on.

The Shire of Toodyay recognises the challenges that lay ahead and is very supportive of the Shire of Goomalling's efforts to step up to the plate and develop a facility that will meet the future needs of its regional community.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the undersigned on 9574 2258.

Yours sincerely



Stan Scott
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Dear Clem

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Further to your email dated 3 July 2012 wherein you were seeking vigorous support of AROC towards the Shire of Goomalling's application to SIHI to establish a 30 bed dementia wing at the Shire of Goomalling District Hospital we advise that following a meeting of AROC Chief Executive Officer's on 9 July 2012 it was concluded that AROC provide its in principle support to the project.

Please find attached the letter you require for your funding application.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the undersigned on 9574 2258.

Yours sincerely



Stan Scott
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
AROC Secretariat

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Dear Clem

Support for Shire of Goomalling's Application for Funding

The AROC members are supportive of the efforts of the Shire of Goomalling as they seek investment for this facility which would provide a valuable service to not only the Shire of Goomalling community, but also the Avon district.

The AROC members wish the Shire of Goomalling well in their endeavours.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the undersigned on 9574 2258.

Yours sincerely

Stan Scott
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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27 July 2012



GOOMALLING

30 JUL 2012

File No 79-2

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"Keeping the balance"

OUR REF: O1231807, 14/02/0004
Enquiries to: Gary Tuffin, CEO

25 July 2012

Mr Clem Kerp
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Goomalling
PO Box 118
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Dear Mr Kerp

Goomalling Hospital Dementia Wing

On behalf of Council I advise that the Shire of Chittering supports the development of the new Dementia Wing at the Goomalling Hospital.

The services the project plans to deliver are very much needed in our rural communities and will significantly benefit and improve quality of life for those requiring these services (as well as relief for their carers) living within the surrounding areas.

We wish you all the very best with the development of your project.

If you require further information please contact me, by e-mail on chatter@chittering.wa.gov.au or telephone 08 9576 4600.

Yours faithfully

Gary Tuffin
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

GOOMALLING
26 JUL 2012
File No. 1912

Ione Price

From: Executive Support Services <eso@chittering.wa.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:03 AM
To: Ione Price
Subject: Letter of Support - Goomalling Hospital Dementia Wing
Attachments: O1231807 Ltr Support Goomalling.pdf

Importance: High

Good morning Ione

Please find attached the Shire's letter of support for development of the new Dementia Wing at the Goomalling Hospital.

The original is in this evening mail.

☺ Tell Dad I say hello ☺

Regards
Natasha Mossman

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Yours faithfully

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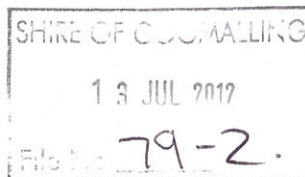
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10 July 2012

Enquiries: H Hawkins
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Mr Clem Kerp
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Clem

The Shire of Victoria Plains strongly supports the proposal for a new Dementia wing at the Goomalling Hospital. The Hospital with its current high and low care beds and associated allied health facilities is an ideal location for a Dementia unit.

For far too long Wheatbelt residents have had to leave the district to access this type of care and the town of Goomalling, known by many as the gateway to the Central Wheatbelt, provides an excellent opportunity to address this.

As many residents of Victoria Plains use the health services in Goomalling, any extension to those services are welcomed and supported as an extension to our services.

If you require further information please contact me.

Yours faithfully

Harry Hawkins
Chief Executive Officer



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Shire of Goomalling

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All communications to be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer

In reply please quote ref:

Our Ref JB:JW 79-2

Your Ref

21 February 2012

Mr David Naughton
Project Director
Southern Inland Health Initiative
PO Box 6680
East Perth Business Centre WA 6892

Dear Mr Naughton,

RE: A FUTURE ROLE FOR GOOMALLING IN THE REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

The Shire of Goomalling appreciates the efforts made by the Southern Inland Health Initiative to keep it informed of the health reform agenda in the Wheatbelt. We have had two visits in the past few weeks from Mr Tim Shackleton which has been important in helping us clarify future options for our health service.

The Shire of Goomalling is of the strong view that it can play a major future role in the provision of health services for not only our local population but also for the broader region. We support the creation of a 24/7 presence of a doctor in the Emergency Department of Northam Hospital and believe this and the greater use of telehealth technology such as videoconferencing will be of benefit to our local hospital and population.

We believe the township of Goomalling is ideally placed to become a centre for residential aged care for the Western and Eastern parts of the Wheatbelt. We also believe that this could extend to include dementia care provided strong links could be built with existing providers of dementia care in the metropolitan area which enabled Goomalling to access psychogeriatric and other specialist services for its residents. There is also potential for the Rural Clinical School based in Northam to support us in gaining access to the specialist staff needed to provide a residential dementia care service.

The geographical location of Goomalling is ideal for a regional centre for residential aged/dementia care. It is 132 kilometres from Perth and 45 kilometres from Northam and at the junction of major roads from the north (Wongan Hills, Dalwallinu), the west (Toodyay) and the east (Cunderdin, Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Koorda, Trayning and Mukinbudin).

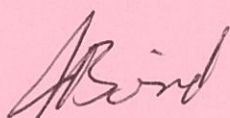
The Shire has a population of approximately 1100 which is growing annually. The Shire maintains the Goomalling Medical Service and employs a GP who is based there. Goomalling is also fortunate in having a pharmacy and range of allied health services including dental, mental health, dietetics and optical services.

Council has determined to pursue the development of Goomalling as a centre for residential aged/dementia care and to inform this initiative intends to commission an external organisation to make an assessment of the feasibility of this. We understand that the SIHI will be developing a regional aged care plan in future and we believe it is essential that the findings of the work to be commissioned by the Council be integrated fully with the broader SIHI aged care plan.

We accept that the provision of a regional residential aged/dementia care service will be a major undertaking for Goomalling and no doubt the challenges of doing so will be illuminated in the feasibility study.

We look forward to working cooperatively with SIHI and will continue to liaise with you via Mr Shackleton as this initiative develops.

Yours sincerely,



Cr John Bird
Shire President

cc. Dr Felicity Jefferies
Mr Ian Smith

21 February 2012

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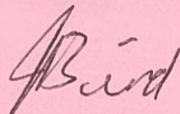
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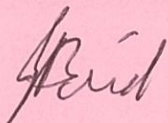
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Clem Kerp
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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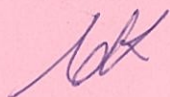
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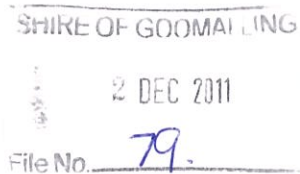
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HON. MAX TRENORDEN MLC

Member for the Agricultural Region



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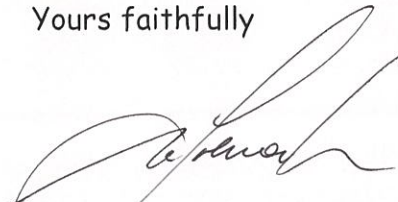
The Shire of Goomalling is of the strong view that a new Dementia Wing consisting of at least 20 beds is needed to service the northern area of the Central Wheatbelt and ideally the location of such a service would be at the grounds of the Goomalling District Hospital.

I am in full support of this proposal as the Shire of Goomalling is recognised as a developing regional centre which is serviced by a variety of health professionals however lacks a sustainable facility to care for an ageing population in the Central Wheatbelt.

The current Government policy is to increasingly strive for a comprehensive yet effective solution supporting rural communities to attract and sustain a supply of doctors and together with appropriate staffing, a medical project of this type will help cater for a huge shortage of designated facilities that deal with this type of condition and enable the patients to stay in country areas near family and friends so they will be able to visit and assist more readily.

I congratulate to the Shire of Goomalling and their community for their continuing service to the health and well being of the rural and regional people and I look forward to hearing of their successful funding application.

Yours faithfully



Hon. Max Trenorden MLC
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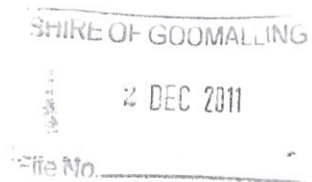


Shire of Northam

Heritage, Commerce and Lifestyle

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Our ref: 1.3.3.5/O19763
Enquiries: Karen Dore



Dear Clem

LETTER OF SUPPORT - DEMONSTRATION RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE AND DEMENTIA SITE

The Shire of Northam would like to take this opportunity to indicate its support for the Shire of Goomalling's proposed Demonstration Residential Aged Care and Dementia Site.

The Shire fully supports the efforts of the Shire of Goomalling as they seek investment for this facility which would provide a much welcomed service to the Avon area.

Goomalling's location just half an hour from the Regional "SuperTown" of Northam positions it well to be accessed by many residents; with a close enough proximity for Perth should the need for specialised consultation arise. The existing facilities, programs services and pool of staff gives a strong base for this new facility to build upon.

The Shire of Northam wishes Goomalling well in its endeavours and commends the Shire on its initiative.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Council's Community Development Officer, Ms Karen Dore on (08) 9622 6100.

Yours sincerely

**NEVILLE A HALE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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29 November 2011



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 GOOMALLING WA 6460

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22/11/2011

Letter of Support for Proposed Dementia Unit located at the Goomalling Hospital

The Goomalling Hospital would like to extend our support to the Shire of Goomalling proposal for the location of a Dementia unit in Goomalling. We are extremely receptive to the proposal and excited by the possibilities.

The township of Goomalling is located 132km north east of Perth and is considered the junction to the Central Wheatbelt. The shire has a stable population of approximately 1100 and is agriculturally based. The Shire of Goomalling maintains the Goomalling Medical Surgery and employs a GP who is based there. Goomalling is also fortunate in having a Pharmacy, Dental service, Dietician, Diabetic Educator, Mental Health Nurse, Optician

The Goomalling Health Service is a Multi Purpose Service facility incorporating the Shires of Wongan Hills, Goomalling and Victoria Plains. Although the Shire of Dowerin is not officially part of the Mortlock MPS we service approximately two thirds of the population of Dowerin.

Mortlock MPS Population by Shire

SHIRE	2001	2006	2010	2013
Dowerin	837	742	744	750
Goomalling	966	981	1,064	1,100
Wongan-Ballidu	1,593	1,473	1,498	1,500
Victoria Plains	970	954	943	950
Total	4,366	4,150	4,249	4,300

Reference: Australian Bureau of Statistics: Estimated Resident Population for Local Government Authorities.

As shown by the table above the population is stable, what the table does not show is that the population is ageing and the need for services growing. The census data from 2006 shows that over 25% of the Goomalling population was aged 54 and over with 17.5% being over 65. The Shire of Dowerin had similar figures with 28% over 54 and 15% over 65. Although not all the elderly have age related problems the higher percentage the aged in our population will mean that there will be higher incidences of these problems such as dementia occurring.

Facilities

The Goomalling Hospital was recently renovated and refurbished with an emphasis on clean and bright surroundings with all hospital beds having views of the gardens.

The Goomalling Hospital has 2 Emergency Care beds, X-Ray facilities, 4 acute beds, 6 nursing home beds (high care), 4 nursing beds (low care), a palliative care bed and a respite bed. The hospital also provide offices and rooms for the number of allied health specialities including Home and Community Care Co-ordinator, Occupational Therapy, Community & Child health, Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Mental Health for Aged/Residential Care and Aboriginal Health that are based or visit the Hospital. We also have video conference facilities which are used regularly.

The Goomalling Hospital is fortunate to own and be situated on a large block within the town with plenty of room for expansion

Other Services

Goomalling Hospital also has an Activities Co-ordinator that is employed once a week to conduct planned activities with our permanent residents. We also have many outings during the year, where we take the residents out on our 22 seater bus. Every Wednesday we have gentle gym which is available to all our HACC clients and our permanent residents. Once a month the Senior Citizens Club host Bingo for our residents within our lodge.

Volunteers from the community also assist the hospital by coming in regularly to visit the residents, they also attend outings and provide items of comfort that they have made and donated to the hospital.

We also host a fundraising luncheon once a month at the Station to raise money for Activities and this is well supported by the community and staff.

Staffing

The Goomalling Hospital has a low turnover of staff who are all recruited from Goomalling and its surrounding shires. The staff are dedicated to the care of their patients and enjoy the atmosphere and working conditions that they have here. The Goomalling Hospital is one of the larger employers in the town with 43 employees currently registered with us. All employees are encouraged to undertake training in their particular field and are also supported to work in affiliated areas. Thus we have support staff that are trained in Patient Care Services and hotel services, meaning that the staff can be rotated through the hospital as need arises.

Community Support

The Goomalling Community is very supportive of the hospital, we have a Hospital Auxiliary, Hospital visitor and Local Hospital Advisory Group. Events run by the Hospital such as the fete are always well attended.

Shire Support

The Shire of Goomalling are to be commended on their support of the hospital, they have been extremely helpful in the areas of housing and minor works and are very approachable.

Doctor Support

The GP employed by the Goomalling Shire, Dr N McLellan works closely with the hospital and staff with a great deal of mutual respect shown. Over time a close rapport has grown and communication between the GP, Shire and Hospital is of a high standard.

Wheatbelt District Need

At present there is only one Specific Dementia Unit for the Wheatbelt – located in Northam. This means that a patient presenting with the need to be looked after by this facility faces a long wait for admission. Generally patients are transferred to Perth for Dementia Specific Care. Goomalling is ideally located to offer an additional service in this area so that the patient and their family can be accommodated within the large region of the Wheatbelt. We are situated 30 minutes from Northam, 30 minutes from Toodyay, 30 minutes from Wongan Hills, 35 minutes from Cunderdin.

Should there ever be a need for our residents to be treated by another medical speciality short term we are only 1.5 hours from Perth.

Having a Dementia Facility at Goomalling would alleviate the distress felt by the patients and their loved ones when they are moved from an area they feel familiar with to one that is alien to them. IE Metropolitan Region

Ageing in Place

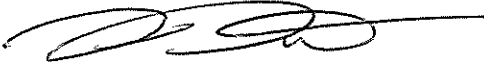
Ageing in place is a movement which supports the idea that most elderly should be allowed to live out their lives within their own homes or community, the future in aged care is focusing on creating new communities and systems that will supply the needs of the ageing population. The number of elderly individuals requiring services will increase dramatically over the next two decades. Individuals are living longer and wish to remain within their communities. At the same time the informal support networks provided by families and friends are being taxed more heavily than ever before as parents live further away from their children and they are generally a two person working family and are unable to provide the ongoing care of their ageing parents within their home. We must also remember that having that rural connection is foremost one of the most valuable experience or memory an elderly person has.

The Rural Connection

Living in a small rural environment gives one the sense of community, everyone becomes part of your family, and people are concerned about each other far more than when living in a large metropolitan area. Everyone looks out for each other, and share in the everyday needs. Crime is practically nonexistent as no stranger can go unnoticed. Most elderly resident retain a preference for aspects of the rural lifestyle.

Providing a Dementia Specific Unit within the Wheatbelt (Goomalling) allows residents to maintain connections with their local community. Staff are resourced from the surrounding rural regions and are able to understand rural complexity, they can relate to residents and their recollections of farming life.

Ageing in place is the future of Aged Care, the community and staff at Goomalling Hospital support the Shire of Goomalling application for a Dementia Specific Unit.



Sandra Sutton
Health Service Manager/DON
Goomalling Hospital

Jessica Wilkes

SHIRE OF GOOMALLING

From: Tim Shackleton <timshackleton@virtual-health.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 31 January 2012 1:06 PM
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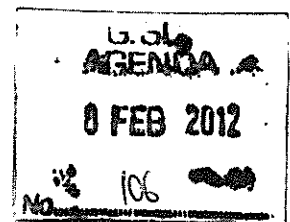
Dear CEO,

When I wrote to you in December last year I advised that in the spirit of building communication links between local government and the SIHI project, I would be sending you an update each month covering progress on key issues. To that end I have outlined below some of the important happenings that have occurred since then. For ease of understanding, I have grouped the news items under headings for the six streams of SIHI and also added some general information about contact I have had with local governments in recent weeks.

I hope you find this information useful. Any feedback would be appreciated. Please feel free to contact me directly by phone or email should have any query in regard to SIHI and I will do my best to either answer it directly or link you up with the person who can.

Regards

Tim



District Medical Workforce Investment

The SIHI team has been busy for months working on the recruitment of additional doctors for placement in SIHI towns. This initiative is the cornerstone of the SIHI. There has been a lot of interest expressed by GPs from overseas and other parts of Australia in coming to WA, but the recruitment and relocation process takes some time to complete. Six existing doctors (Merredin, Lake Grace, Corrigin, Collie, Kalbarri, Esperance) have been signed up to SIHI and are receiving benefits aimed at stabilising their presence in the town and enhancing primary care and emergency services. A key aim of this strategy is to support and reinforce ongoing private sector GPs across the system.

District Hospital and Health Services Investment

Emergency Department Rosters - Some really good progress has been made toward establishing a 24/7 medical presence in the emergency departments of the Esperance, Northam, Narrogin, Katanning, Manjimup and Collie hospitals. A 24/7 hospital based roster has been fully implemented at Esperance thanks to tremendous support from the general practitioners in town. Some progress has been made toward establishing the same service in the other hospitals and there will be more on progress in these sites later on.

Nurse Practitioners – One of the SIHI objectives is to build stronger teams of staff to deliver primary care services. Nurse Practitioners are viewed as important elements in this regard and so far two NPs have been recruited to the region. The first, Ms Laura Black has commenced work in Merredin under the supervision of the Silver Chain Nursing Association and the second, Ms Shirley Shoppe will commence work in the Western Wheatbelt at the end of January for a 6 month trial period to both provide services and develop up the role. Ms Black's area of expertise is primary care while Ms Shoppe has a focus on improving services in hospital emergency departments.

Primary Health Care Demonstration Sites

Several Shires have expressed an interest informally in becoming a Primary Care Demonstration Site. As you know, the SIHI includes provision for five small hospital sites to transition into a new model of service with a strong emphasis on primary care rather than hospital based acute care. A Concept Paper which will outline the program in more detail is being prepared and this is expected to be completed by end February. We expect that we will be in a position to call for formal expressions of interest in March. However, if you would like to discuss this program before then please feel free to call or email me. There will be more on this as it unfolds.

Small Hospital and Nursing Post Refurbishment

Audits of the condition of 37 hospital and health facilities across the SIHI catchment are currently underway and expected to be completed by the end of March. The audits are essential for identifying those facilities which are most in need of refurbishment, which will in turn guide decisions related to funding for this program.

Residential Aged Care and Dementia

A Concept Paper for residential aged care and dementia is currently being developed. As with the Primary Care Demonstration Site Concept Paper, this will lay down some principles about SIHI's approach to residential aged care and dementia and provide some guidance for the development of a more detailed strategy. The Concept Paper is due to be completed in March and I will gladly provide you with a copy on request.

Telehealth

The linking of smaller hospitals and nursing posts to the six district hospitals and metropolitan hospitals by videoconference is an important component of SIHI. The link enables the clinical staff in the larger hospitals to provide better support to staff and patients in the smaller more remote sites. So far links have been established between York and Northam, Laverton and Kalgoorlie and Esperance and Kalgoorlie.

Shire Meetings

Thanks to those who have invited me to meet with them to discuss the SIHI. So far I have been able to meet CEOs and Councillors at the Shires of Chittering, Goomalling, York, Katanning and Kojonup. During February I will be meeting with the CEOs at Trayning, Wongan-Ballidu, Wyalkatchem, Lake Grace, Goomalling and Mukinbudin. I have also received invitations from the Shires of Nannup, Capel, Donnybrook-Balingup, Yilgarn and Broomehill-Tambellup which I will complete in March. All of the discussions so far have been positive and while some CEOs have expressed some uncertainty about some aspects of SIHI, there is no doubt that the program overall has lots of support.

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SHIRE OF GOOMALLING**Minutes of the Goomalling Shire Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8 February 2012
at the Goomalling Shire Council Chambers commencing at 10.16 am.**

105. WATER CORPORATION RE: ACCOUNT 90 12097 44 5 FOR LICENCE AT PT8153 EGAN ROAD, GOOMALLING (182)

Resolution: Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Forward that the above correspondence renewing Councils agreement for a term of 5 years plus an option of a further 5 years, be received and the renewal of the agreement is hereby approved and authorised.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

106. TIM SHACKLETON, VIRTUAL HEALTH RE: SOUTHERN INLAND HEALTH INITIATIVE – SHIRE BULLETIN FEBRUARY 2012 (80)

Resolution: Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Williams that the above monthly update on the Southern Inland Health Initiative, be received and Council submit to SIHI that Goomalling's application to be a high end Dementia Care Facility with Aged Care at the Goomalling Hospital.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

107. HERITAGE COUNCIL WA RE: REVIEW OF HOURS FOR REGIONAL HERITAGE ADVISORY SERVICE (81)

Resolution: Moved Cr Davey, seconded Cr Williams that the above correspondence seeking feedback from participating local governments on the revised Regional Heritage Advisory Service be received and it be advised that the current arrangement is satisfactory for Council.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

108. LANDGATE RE: GOOMALLING SUGGESTED STREET NUMBERING (176)

Resolution: Moved Cr Sheen, seconded Cr Forward that the above correspondence regarding proposed street numbering for Lot 126 on Goomalling-Toodyay Road, be received and Council raise no objection to the suggestion of the street numbering.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

109. WESTERN AUSTRALIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RE: INFOPAGE: ENERGY SAFETY, CODE OF PRACTICE – VEGETATION CLEARING NEAR LIVE POWER LINES (196)

Resolution: Moved Cr Williams, seconded Cr Sewell that the above Infopage seeking Council feedback for developing Energy Safety's Code of Practice – Vegetation Clearing Near Live Power Lines, be received and Council Staff to complete the survey as required.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

PRESIDENT _____

DATE _____

12TH April 2012

Mr Peter Kecian
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wyalkatchem
PO Box 224
Wyalkatchem W.A 6485

Dear Peter,

RE: GP PARTICIPATION IN SOUTHERN INLAND HEALTH INITATIVE

Thank you for your letter regarding the above matter which was discussed by Council at its recent Meeting.

Please be advised that Council gave it every consideration but has decided not to participate in your suggested proposal under a private practice arrangement. Council is very appreciative for giving this Council due consideration to be involved, however, it is of the view that the proposal although works in theory but never in practice, has therefore decided not to participate.

We sincerely wish your Council well in continuing to service your medical practice in Wyalkatchem.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Clem Kerp
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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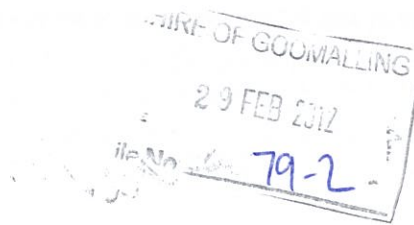
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Enquiries: Peter Kocian

24 February 2012

Mr Clem Kerp
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Clem

GP PARTICIPATION IN SOUTHERN INLAND HEALTH INITIATIVE

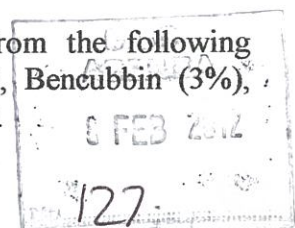
As you may be aware, the WA Country Health Service have approached the majority of doctors in the Wheatbelt seeking formal confirmation of their intention to participate in the Southern Inland Health Initiative arrangements in the district. These negotiations have been conducted without consultation with local government who in many cases have recruited the doctors and offer significant financial support.

The WACHS payments are linked to emergency and primary health care service provision in nominated towns and district centres including Northam. The participation payments are extremely generous including a \$50,000 retainer and \$200 per hour for the emergency roster. This amounts to the equivalent of \$150,000 per year for a single emergency shift per week at Northam Hospital.

The Shire of Wyalkatchem believes that it will only be a matter of time before communities lose their doctors to the main regional centres due to the attractive cash incentives being provided. With local government being provider of last resort, those communities that wish to retain their doctor will be forced to offer additional financial incentives.

Whilst it is argued that local governments should not be subsidising unsustainable general practice, the weight of community expectation and pressure forces local government to do so. In Wyalkatchem's case, more than 25% of the residents turned out to a community meeting and mandated a local general practice service.

The Wyalkatchem Medical Practice currently receives patients from the following communities; Koorda (32%), Wyalkatchem (40%), Dowerin (11%), Bencubbin (3%), Trayning (2%), Beacon (3%), Wongan Hills (3%), and elsewhere (7%).



If local medical practices were to collapse, your community members in all likelihood would be forced to travel to the nearest regional centre. Pressure will come to bear on individual local governments.

I am therefore seeking your views on whether your Council would consider participating in a regional practice model under a private practice arrangement. I am positive that with the current level of financial support being offered by local government, that we would be able to aggregate this expenditure to achieve a more sustainable general practice model. Should local governments continue to pursue local solutions in isolation, I believe that some of our existing general practices will collapse placing enormous pressure on those that still operate and on the regional centres.

Yours sincerely



Peter Kocian
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SHIRE OF GOOMALLING**Minutes of the Goomalling Shire Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21 March 2012
at the Goomalling Shire Council Chambers commencing at 10.28 am.**

126. TIM SHACKLETON, VIRTUAL HEALTH RE: SOUTHERN INLAND HEALTH INITIATIVE – SHIRE BULLETIN MARCH 2012 (80)

Resolution: Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Forward that the above monthly update on the Southern Inland Health Initiative, be received.

CARRIED

127. SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM RE: GP PARTICIPATION IN SOUTHERN INLAND HEALTH INITIATIVE 29 FEBRUARY 2012 (79-2)

Resolution: Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Haywood that the above correspondence seeking participating of doctors in The Wheatbelt to participate in the Southern Inland Health Initiative be received and Council discuss with the local Doctor and then respond as per decision of that discussion.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

128. WHEATBELT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RE: WHEATBELT AGED CARE 22 FEBRUARY 2012 (208)

Resolution: Moved Cr Davey, seconded Cr Ryan that the above correspondence regarding aged care forum and postpone of event, be received and Council participate and Cr Williams be Council representative.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

129. AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE WALGA RE: MINUTES 24 FEBRUARY 9 MARCH 2012 (196-5)

Resolution: Moved Cr Williams, seconded Cr Davey that the above correspondence regarding minutes from the 24 February 2012, be received and that Council vigorously support the motion from the Avon Midland Country Zone WALGA regarding Western Australian State Government's strong objection to the Commonwealth Grant Commission's intention to dramatically reduce Western Australia's GST funding allocation from 2012/2013 onwards.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

130. AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RE: INVATATION TO ATTEND THIS YEARS NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT 1 MARCH 2012 (34)

Resolution: Moved Cr Williams, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence inviting Council to the National General Assembly of Local Government , be received and that Council Shire President attend the National General Assembly of Local Government in June in Canberra.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

PRESIDENT _____

DATE _____

Jessica Wilkes

From: Jessica Wilkes
Sent: Monday, 20 February 2012 5:51 PM
To: 'Muir, Joanne'
Subject: RE: Draft Report for Clinical Review conducted 30/1/2012


Hi Jo,

I wish to record my verbal comments that my appreciation is extended to allow me to participate in the Clinical Review where I am also totally satisfied with the Draft Report and the proposed outcomes of that Report.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any aspect further with me.

Regards,

Clem

 **Clem Kerp**
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Sent: Monday, 6 February 2012 10:07 AM
To: Mylius, Tony; Harkins, Coral; Sutton, Sandra; Will Thornton; ninas@wheatbelt.com.au; Jessica Wilkes
Subject: Draft Report for Clinical Review conducted 30/1/2012

Hi All

Draft report attached for your comments.
Please provide feedback by COB Monday 13/02/2012.

Kind regards
Jo

 **Jo Muir**

Clinical Risk Management Co-ordinator WACHS - Wheatbelt

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Date of Incident: 17/10/2011
Health Service: Wheatbelt

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1.0 Incident Description:

1.1 Event Description: The patient presented to the emergency department of a small rural hospital with sudden onset of central abdominal pain at 0300 on 17/10/2011. The patient expressed concern that pain relief was not provided in a timely manner. There was a wait of 2 hours for adequate analgesia to be administered.

The patient participated in the review of the case and shared the story of the experience with the review team.

1.2 Patient History: The patient had a known history of cholecystitis. On previous presentations the local GP had prescribed morphine IV and pain relief had been rapid. The patient had been in pain since waking at 0130 but was reluctant to present to the hospital and disturb the doctor during the night. The patient had been advised to have surgical removal of the gall bladder after previous episodes of pain but had been reluctant to have surgery due to work commitments.

1.3 Summary of Case Management: The patient was seen by the nurse immediately and assessed. The patient's BP was 178/108, RR 24 and pain score was 7/10. The local GP was not available that night and so the on call doctor at the Integrated District Health Service was contacted by phone at 0315. 1gm of paracetamol and 400mg of Ibrufen was prescribed by the doctor and administered by the nurse. The doctor was contacted again at 0330 when the patient continued to writhe in pain and further orders for Tramadol 100mgs and Maxalon 10mgs were obtained and administered. At 0350 messages were left for the doctor and the doctor returned the call at 0400. The doctor ordered 5mgs of Morphine IMI to be repeated if the pain did not ease.

The first dose of Morphine was administered at 0400 and it was repeated at 0435. The patient was pain free at 0500 and slept until 0700 when the patient was discharged for follow up with the local GP.

2.0 Clinical Case Review

2.1 Findings and recommendations:

Title: Clinical Handover

Causal Statement The doctor taking the call at the Integrated District Health Centre was unfamiliar with the patient, did not have access to the medical record, and was reliant on an unfamiliar nurse for information to aid the diagnosis. This resulted in a cautious approach to the prescription of analgesia and a delay in pain relief for the patient.

Recommendation: 1.1

Position responsible: Medical Director

Recommendation text: The Southern Inland Health Initiative has enabled Video Conference facilities to be established in centres to improve remote consultations. The program will be rolled out over the next 12 months and this facility will be provided with the equipment to enable doctors at remote sites to have visual information to aid their diagnosis.

Human Factor: Communication **Action Type:** Control

Outcome Measure: Equipment purchase

Description: Equipment provided and staff trained to enable consultation via video conference.

Recommendation: 1.2

Position responsible: HSM Goomalling

Recommendation text: Clinical handover in ISOBAR format will be established in this facility to improve communication between clinicians.

Human Factor: Communication **Action Type:** Control

Outcome Measure: Comply with standard

Description: Demonstrated evidence of implementation of standard.

Recommendation: 1.3

Position responsible: Medical Director

Recommendation text: Consideration will be given to implementing a cascading system to manage calls when a doctor on call is unavailable due to workload.

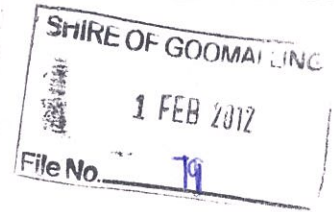
Human Factor: Communication **Action Type:** Control

Outcome Measure: Process established

Description: Demonstrated evidence of implementation of system for managing unanswered calls.

Wilkes

From: Muir, Joanne <Joanne.Muir@health.wa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 February 2012 3:51 PM
To: Jessica Wilkes
Subject: For Mr Clem Kerp



Dear Mr Kerp

Thank you for taking part in the review at Goomalling on Monday. We really appreciated your assistance and it was a pleasure to have you as a member of the team. It was a first for our team to have a patient involved in the review and we felt that it went well. We would be really happy to have any feedback that you have in relation to the process.

We are always looking for opportunities to improve our service to the community and we thank you for your input and insight.

Kind regards
Jo

 Jo Muir

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6 July 2011

Hon Max Trenorden MLC
PO Box 118
NORTHAM WA 6401


Dear Max

**RE: THE CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISH A DEMENTIA FACILITY IN
GOOMALLING FOR THE NORTH REGION OF THE CENTRAL
WHEATBELT**

In regards to the above, please find enclosed copies of letters forwarded to CEO of WA Country Health Service reiterating its total support again that Goomalling is the ideal location for the establishment of a Dementia Facility for the north region north of the Great Eastern Highway, and to Hon Kim Hames MLA, Minister for Health requesting the same support.

Your continued support on this proposal is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



Clem Kerp
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

enc.

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6 July 2011

Hon Kim Hames MLA
Minister for Health
28th Floor, Governor Stirling Tower
197 St Georges Terrace
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Minister

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Please find enclosed copy of letter forwarded to CEO of WA Country Health Service reiterating its total support again that Goomalling is the ideal location for the establishment of a Dementia Facility for the north region north of the Great Eastern Highway.

This proposal has always had the vigorous support from Hon Max Trenorden MLC and it would be much appreciated that this same support would be provided by yourself.

Your favourable response is awaited in due course.

Yours sincerely,



Clem Kerp
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

enc.

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6 July 2011

CK:JW 79-2
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Mr Ian Smith
Chief Executive Officer
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WA Country Health Service
PO Box 6680
EAST PERTH BUSINESS CENTRE WA 6892

Dear Ian

**RE: THE CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISH A DEMENTIA FACILITY IN
GOOMALLING FOR THE NORTH REGION OF THE CENTRAL
WHEATBELT**

Thank you for your letter regarding the above which was further discussed by Council at its recent Meeting.

Please be advised that Council wishes to reiterate again that Goomalling is the ideal location for the establishment of a Dementia Facility for the northern districts north of the Great Eastern Highway. Council's proposal is vigorously supported by Hon Max Trenorden MLC and your contact of him, will confirm his strong support. To date the Shire of Goomalling has not been consulted regarding any draft proposals prior to the Southern Inland Health Initiative Project being finalised.

Council awaits your favourable response in due course.

Yours sincerely



Clem Kerp
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

cc. Hon Kim Hames, Minister for Health
Hon Max Trenorden MLC



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SHIRE OF GOOMALLING
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Mr Clem Kerp
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Kerp

Thank you for your letter dated 3 March 2011 regarding the Shire of Goomalling's intention to develop two major projects in the shire.

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) is currently developing the Southern Inland Health Initiative Project. To this end, WACHS has sought comments from a wide variety of organisations and will combine this input with epidemiology data to formulate draft projects.

Strong community consultation will be undertaken across all areas in the project to ensure that the redevelopments provide the best outcomes across the health system. Please be assured that the Shire of Goomalling will be consulted regarding any draft proposals prior to the Southern Inland Health Initiative Project being finalised.

Yours sincerely

Ian Smith
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Wilkes

From: Jessica Wilkes
Sent: Wednesday, 6 July 2011 3:23 PM
To: 'adele.simmons@mp.wa.gov.au'
Subject: FW: Media Statement: \$147million to upgrade country hospitals in Western Australia

Hi Adele,

In regards to the last paragraph of Brendon Grylls Media Release, hopefully Goomalling will be considered.

Look forward to your contact.

Regards,

Clem

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Subject:

Media Statement: \$147million to upgrade country hospitals in Western Australia

Please find below link to media statement regarding the Royalties for Regions funded Southern Inland Health Initiative.

Title: \$147million to upgrade country hospitals in Western Australia
 Date: 04-Jul-2011
 Portfolios: Premier, Health, Regional Development

Six country hospitals will benefit from a \$147million upgrade as part of the State Government's commitment to improve country health which will improve the lives of thousands of people in a large area of southern Western Australia.

Hyperlink: <http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemId=142034>

For further information go to www.health.wa.gov.au/southerninland

Regards

Vanessa Murfit
Electorate Officer to
Hon Brendon Grylls MLA
Member for the Central Wheatbelt
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Six country hospitals will benefit from a \$147million upgrade as part of the State Government's new era in country health which will improve the lives of thousands of people in a large area of southern inland Western Australia.

Premier Colin Barnett, Health Minister Kim Hames and Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls today announced Katanning Hospital would undergo a \$35.43million upgrade under the Southern Inland Health Initiative's District Hospital and Health Service Investment Program.

Mr Barnett said today's announcement was the greatest single investment in regional healthcare in WA's history. The Premier and Ministers announced the funding during a tour of the hospital today.

Northam Hospital will receive a \$31.2million upgrade, Narrogin Hospital \$39.86million, Merredin Hospital \$17.45million, Warren Hospital (Manjimup) \$14.86million and Collie Hospital \$8.63million.

Funded under the Liberal-National Government's Royalties for Regions Program, the Southern Inland Health Initiative is the centrepiece of the State Government's spending on health in the 2011-12 State Budget and would substantially reform and improve access to healthcare.

The Premier said extensive consultation and planning would be undertaken before any work started on upgrading the hospitals.

"Depending on the outcome of the planning and consultation, the upgrades could include new or refurbished emergency departments, and increased and collocated ambulatory and primary health care services," he said.

"There may be new or refurbished clinical and non clinical areas within the hospitals and the incorporation of rooms for Telehealth to establish networked services for the catchment area."

Dr Hames said the \$565million Southern Inland Health Initiative included \$325million for capital works over the next five years as well as a \$240million investment in the health workforce.

"The WA Country Health Service, on behalf of the State Government, will lead the reform and continue to work closely with local communities, local government and country health agencies as part of the service planning process," Dr Hames said.

"The WA Country Health Service is about to commence a substantial recruitment drive for private general practitioners across Australia and internationally as part of the Southern Inland Health Initiative.

"The appointment of a project director for the initiative is also imminent."

Mr Grylls said the initiative would deliver the a higher standard of health care for people living regional areas.

"Royalties for Regions is setting a new paradigm for country people because it is injecting totally new money into the regions," Mr Grylls said.

"As well as capital improvements, this initiative will also significantly increase the number of private general practitioners to improve medical resources and 24-hour emergency coverage across the southern inland area."

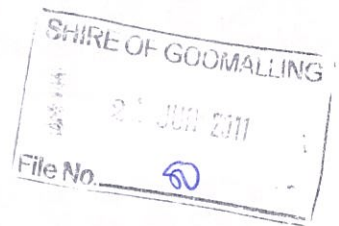
Dr Hames said the initiative included six streams which included:

- \$182.9million District Medical Workforce Investment Program to significantly improve medical resources and 24-hour emergency response across the districts
- \$147.4million District Hospital and Health Services Investment program will provide major upgrades at six district hospitals. Funding will redevelop and enhance the campuses at Northam, Narrogin, Merredin, Katanning, Manjimup (Warren Hospital) and Collie. Recurrent funding of \$26million will also be provided under this program to boost primary health care services across each district
- \$43.4million Primary Health Care Demonstration Program will provide communities with the opportunity to re-examine how health services are delivered in their districts. Funding will be made available to boost primary health services for communities which opt in
- \$36.5million Telehealth Investment will introduce innovative 'e' technology and the increased use of Telehealth technology across the region, including equipment upgrades
- \$20million Residential Aged Care and Dementia Investment Program will provide incentive for private providers to expand options for residential aged care and dementia care across the southern inland area
- The Small Hospital and Nursing Post Refurbishment Program will provide \$108.8million for capital works program for small hospitals and nursing posts to be refurbished or, if required, rebuilt to enable delivery of contemporary health care services that will match the needs of the respective communities.

Health Minister's office - 9222 8788

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MR MAX TRENORDEN MLC



HON. MAX TRENORDEN MLC

Member for the Agricultural Region

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TO: : Clem – CEO Shire of Goomalling

FAX NO : 9629 1017

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Please find attached the newspaper article as requested.

Regards

Adele Simmons
 Research officer
 For Hon Max Trenorden MLC
 Member for the Agricultural Region

MR MAX TRÉNORDEN MLA

Ministers explain health changes

DEPUTY Premier and Minister for Health Kim Hames was in Northam last Monday evening to explain sweeping improvements to regional health services to local health practitioners and community members.

He was joined by Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls whose Department for Regional Development will provide \$565 million over five years fund the changes.

Some of the changes were explained by a senior health Department official Dr Felicity Jefferies.

The changes come under the title of the Southern Health Initiative and basically mean the recruiting of at least 40 additional general practitioners, the upgrading of eight key hospitals - including Northam to provide 24-hour provision of a doctor and emergency service, upgrading smaller hospitals and nursing posts, a telehealth program to provide virtually immediate access to specialist services in the metropolitan area and upgrading aged and dementia care.

The initiative has been the subject of considerable community input and there was a feeling of real satisfaction at the meeting.

"We are ready to go and the money is ready to go," Dr Hames said.

"This is the first time this has been done in Australia and we will significantly increase the number of doctors.

"The community has made it clear what it values most is having safe, effective emergency services and good access to general practice."

Doctors at the meeting were happy with the plan.

"It's good the extra doctors will be based on the general practice model," one said after the meeting.

"We need to sustain and improve our general practice base."

This was highlighted by Dr Jefferies.

"We expect to add 40-odd doctors over the next three years from the city, east and overseas," she said.

"This will mean a 24-hours-a-day-seven-days-a-week health service for Northam."

It seems the added doctors will mainly be based in group general practices, servicing outlying centres as required.

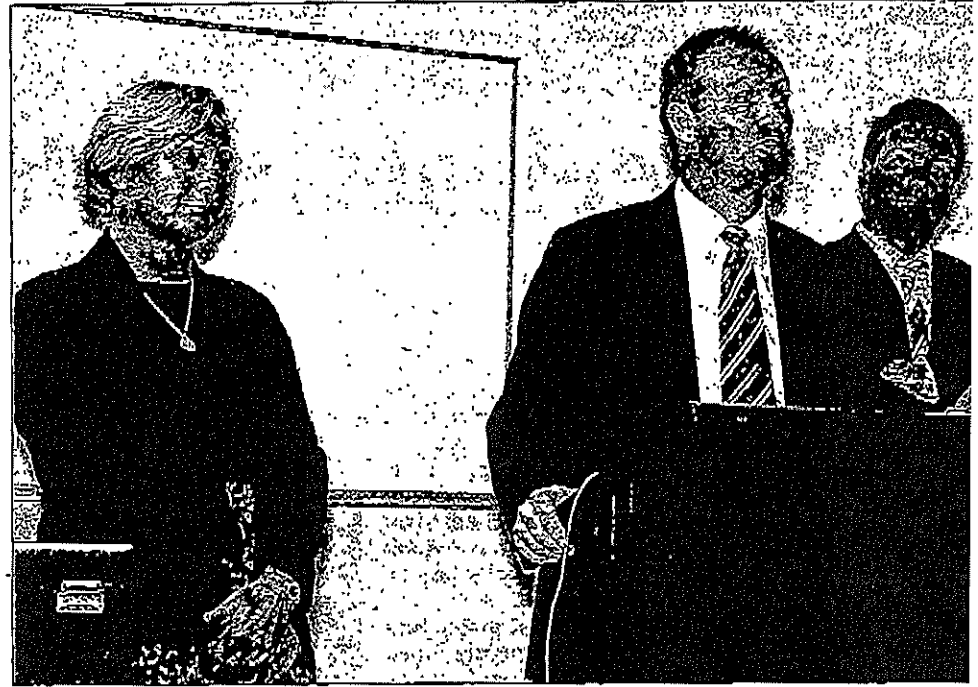
The telehealth initiative will provide access to specialists even though the initiative is expected to attract more specialist services to regional centres.

"This is an unprecedented effort to make up deficiencies," Dr Hames said.

"The Commonwealth should be doing this but we are taking up the role," Dr Hames said.

According to Mr Grylls, the initiative will also improve aged and dementia care.

"Communities are really concerned about how we look after our pioneers," he said.

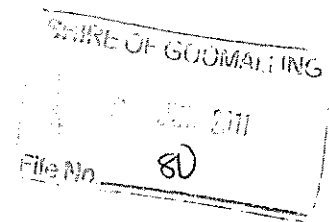


Explaining: Minister for Health Kim Hames explains the dramatic health changes flanked by Dr Felicity Jefferies and Minister for Regional Development Brendon Grylls.



Animated: The Minister for Regional Development Brendon Grylls in animated conversation with Wheatbelt GP Network chief executive Paul West.

MR MAX TRENORDEN MLA

**HON. MAX TRENORDEN MLC**

Member for the Agricultural Region

***** FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION *****

TO: : Clem – CEO Shire of Goomalling

FAX NO : 9629 1017

DATE : 21 June 2011

NO OF PAGES: 2 [inclusive]

Clem

Please find attached the newspaper article as requested.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adele Simmons'.

Adele Simmons
Research officer
For Hon Max Trenorden MLC
Member for the Agricultural Region

THE AVON VALLEY ADVOCATE

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Sweeping health changes

COUNCILLOR Graham Cooper from the Shire of Cunderdin summed it up last Monday evening when he said, "It's up to us to make it work."

He was speaking after a meeting at Northam Hospital to hear from the Minister for Health Kim Hamers, the Minister for Regional Development Brendon Grylls and a senior Health Department official Dr Felicity Jefferies about the sweeping changes to health services delivery in regional WA.

Cr Cooper was on the money.

The Southern Inland Health Initiative, as well as promising greatly improved health services to regional WA, appears to be the result of the bureaucracy's listening to and heeding community concerns.

This is not a plan imposed from the top down but is the result of genuine consultation and this goes a long way to explaining the feeling of satisfaction at the Northam meeting.

A long-term deterrent to country life has been the disparity between medical services in the metropolitan area and the bush.

This initiative will not remove the issue completely but the state government has gone about as far as it can go.

*"It's up to us to
make it work."*

Round the clock emergency services and ready access to specialists has long been a rural concern and this initiative attacks these issues head-on.

It was made clear at the meeting no service will be reduced.

If any criticism is to be levelled, it is at the Commonwealth with Royalties for Regions taking up this slack.

Hopefully our city cousins will realise that this program goes some way to giving us a level of health service somewhere approaching what they take as a right.

Much will depend on the successful recruiting of additional general practitioners.

It appears that the timing is right as our medical schools are turning out an increasing number of graduates who could find a rural lifestyle attractive.

For years country doctors have been forced to live in a constant situation and the prospect of being on call around once a month will be an added incentive to cross the Darling Scarp.

The department deserves to be praised.

SHIRE OF GOOMALLING**Minutes of the Goomalling Shire Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2011
at the Goomalling Shire Council Chambers commencing at 1.01 pm.**79. JOHN DAY, MINISTER FOR PLANNING RE: DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT
PANELS – REQUEST FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NOMINATIONS (176-14)

Resolution: Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Davey that the above correspondence seeking Council's four (4) nominated elected members to sit on its local DAP, be received and Council reiterate the nominations of Cr Bird & Cr Sewell and the deputies to be Cr Forward & Cr Davey respectively.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

80. HON MAX TRENORDEN MLC RE: SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AMENDMENT (REGIONAL SUBSIDIARIES) BILL 2010 (102)

Resolution: Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Davey that the above correspondence seeking Council support to assist in bringing much needed flexibility to the Act, be received and Council provide vigorous support to the Hon Max Trenorden.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

81. WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE RE: COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP
TWO MAJOR PROJECTS AT GOOMALLING HOSPITAL (79-2)

Resolution: Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Haywood that the above correspondence advising that comments have been sought from a wide variety of organisations to combine with epidemiology data to formulate draft projects, be received and Council is to continue to pursue its proposal to increase aged care and medical services to the Shire of Goomalling and surrounding districts.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

82. KYLIE BINKS, STATE LAND SERVICES RE: TOWNSITE BOUNDARY
AMENDMENT (176)

Resolution: Moved Cr Sewell, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence regarding the process involved to amend the Townsite Boundary, be received and Council write to the residents in the Special Rural Subdivision to gauge their views of Council's intention to expand the Townsite Boundary.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

83. STATE LAND SERVICES RE: REQUEST TO PURCHASE GOOMALLING LOT
386 (LEASE J457344), HAYWOOD STREET, GOOMALLING (146)

Resolution: Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Haywood that the above correspondence advising the Valuation of Lot 386 is \$35,750.00 and seeking Council's acceptance to pay the purchase price in full upon return of a signed Contract of Sale, be received and negotiations are to take place to purchase the lot for a lesser amount.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

PRESIDENT _____

DATE _____

3 March 2011

CK:JW 79-2
CK11017

Mr Wayne Salvage
A/Chief Executive Officer
WA Country Health Service
PO Box 6680
EAST PERTH BUSINESS CENTRE WA 6892

Dear Wayne

RE: WHEATBELT HEALTH INITIATIVE

With reference to the above, please find attached correspondence written to Hon Max Trenorden MLC seeking his support towards Council's intention to develop two (2) major projects in Goomalling.

The first project of Council is fitting out the professional office in the Goomalling Community Centre into a second Doctor's Consulting Room which will be carried out at Council's expense.

The second project requires support under the Wheatbelt Health Initiative and has the total support from Hon Max Trenorden MLC over the past ten to fifteen years. As indicated Council would be prepared to contribute \$200,000 under the service arrangements it committed to the construction of the 6 bed nursing home complex at the Goomalling District Hospital in 2000 under the establishment of a Multi Purpose Service (MPS) Arrangement with the WA Health Department. The Dementia Complex proposal was first mooted for Goomalling in 1996 and to this day still remains a consideration, particularly by the strong support shown by Hon Max Trenorden MLC.

Your favourable response is awaited in due course.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely



Clem Kerp
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

enc.

3 March 2011

Hon Max Trenorden MLC
PO Box 118
NORTHAM WA 6401

Dear Max

RE: HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS FOR GOOMALLING

Thank you for allowing the Shire President and myself to meet with you on Monday 31st January 2011 at your Office in Northam to discuss issues regarding the above.

Please be advised that Council wishes to pursue two major projects for Goomalling and they are detailed as follows:

1. Council is currently providing a Doctor's Consulting Room and a Registered Nurse Consulting Room for our Clinical Nurses to provide Clinical services to our patients. Council has resolved to provide another Doctor's Consulting Room in the Goomalling Medical Centre which is part of Council's Goomalling Community Centre Building and the fit out of the second Doctor's Consulting Room will be paid by Council. It is Council's intention to provide this medical service to supplement the services provided at Northam Regional Hospital. We sincerely request that you support Council's endeavours as it can only be of tremendous benefit not only to our local people but to the region as our present Doctor is servicing patients over 100 kilometres away.
2. Council is of the strong view that a new Dementia Wing consisting of at least 20 beds is needed to service the northern area of the Central Wheatbelt and ideally the location of such a service would be Goomalling at the grounds of the Goomalling District Hospital which currently comprises of:
 - 6 nursing home beds;
 - 2 palliative care beds; and
 - 4 hostel beds.

Council financially assisted the construction of 6 nursing home beds and 2 palliative care beds building with a contribution of \$200,000 in 2000. Council would contribute a similar amount if the project was constructed in Goomalling.

Council is very keen to develop both projects and is therefore seeking your total support in progressing Council's intention to construct such a facility.

We look forward to further discussions taking place between yourself and Council to progress both projects.

Yours sincerely

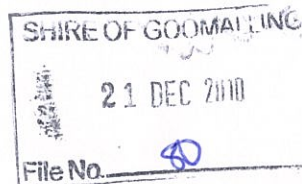


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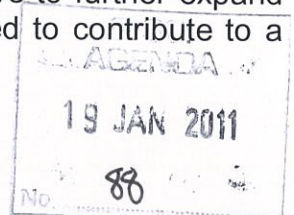
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Yours sincerely

Wayne Salvage

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WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE

13 December 2010

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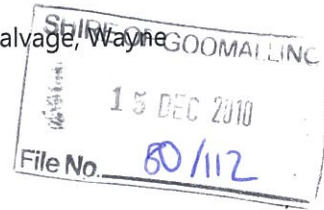
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ORGANISATION NAME:

CONTACT NAME:

CONTACT SERVICE PROVISION IN THE WHEATBELT	PLANS FOR FUTURE SERVICE PROVISION OF THE WHEATBELT	ORGANISATION RESPONSE TO WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE WHEATBELT PROPOSAL

From: Lotufo, Julieta <Julieta.Lotufo@health.wa.gov.au> on behalf of Salvage, Wayne
<Wayne.Salvage@health.wa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 15 December 2010 1:20 PM
To: goshire@wn.com.au
Cc: Free, Tim
Subject: Wheatbelt Health Initiative - letter to Goomalling Shire
Attachments: img-Z15113047-0001.pdf



Dear Mr Kerp

Please find attached letter from Wayne Salvage A/CEO of WA Country Health Service. Hard copy is in the post.

regards
Julieta

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I check my emails 3/4 times daily and respond promptly. Please call me on the above number is you need to speak to me urgently.

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SHIRE OF GOOMALLING**Minutes of the Goomalling Shire Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19 January 2011
at the Goomalling Shire Council Chambers commencing at 10.17 am.**85. WATER CORPORATION RE: WATER TANKS AT STANDPIPES (198-2)

Resolution: Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Haywood that the above correspondence regarding the installation of water tanks at standpipes funded by the Water Corporation, be received and noted.

CARRIED

86. LAURA GRAY RE: SLATER HOMESTEAD PROGRESS (81-3)

Resolution: Moved Cr Forward, seconded Cr Ryan that the above correspondence advising that plans and specifications will be available in the new year, be received and the advice agreeing to time extension, is hereby endorsed and authorised.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

87. SMASH N RESTRO RE: PANEL BEATING WORKSHOP (3)

Resolution: Moved Cr Haywood, seconded Cr Davey that the above correspondence regarding the rental payments for Lot 386 and Lot 450 Haywood Street, Goomalling, be received and Council agree to the terms of the contract as detailed with the tenants and also the workshop is to be kept in a neat and tidy condition, subject to agreed rental payments being adhered to, otherwise Council will exercise its option to conclude the agreement.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

88. WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE RE: WHEATBELT HEALTH INIATIVE (80)

Resolution: Moved Cr Williams, seconded Cr Sheen that the above correspondence seeking Councils response to the Wheatbelt Health Service Profile, be received and Council reiterate the possibility of the development of a Dementia Service at the Hospital and strongly advocate the advanced reputation of the Goomalling Medical Surgery as a support base for Northam Regional Hospital.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Resolution: Moved Cr Haywood, seconded Cr Forward that standing orders be now suspended. Time 12.05 pm

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

Mr Attila Mencshelyi, Regional Manager – Department of Housing Works, Northam entered the meeting. Time 12.05 pm

Cr Van Gelderen entered the meeting at 12.09 pm

Avon Regional Organisation of Councils

Action List comprising of Status Report and Project List

Action List / Status Report			
Date	Details	Name	Latest Comments
Ongoing	<p>Specialty Staff Meetings to be convened by the nominated Host of Specialty Staff as follows:</p> <p>Rates Officers – Shire of Dowerin Planning Managers – Shire of Chittering. Rangers Meeting – Shire of Toodyay Sharing Opportunities EO/EHO/CESM</p> <p>*Meetings can coincide with the AROC CEO meetings.</p>	CEO's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of AROC reason for being. Meetings occur on an ad hoc basis. Promoting at CEO Level the importance of talking to neighbours, Resource Sharing, etc. Networking.
Ongoing	<p>Stage II Aged Housing Project</p> <p>Written updates to be provided to all other Members of AROC to keep them abreast of all information in relation to the project.</p>	CEO's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goomalling responsible putting together funding. Announcement through Mia Davies Office – approved and will be coming through in due course to Goomalling as lead local govt. 3 year plan. Awaiting response from Alannah MacTiernan's office in respect to the approval for funding. Tender for construction of units in each location with Architect. Tender specs to go out in next 3-4 weeks.

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8/2/2016	Avon Tourism	CEO Toodyay	<p>CEOs were supportive of the changes that have been made by Avon Tourism and noted that significant progress has been made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to recommend proposed free structure to member Councils; • Agreed to individually provide input to proposed changes to the constitution; and • Commended the improvements to the relationships and cooperation between Visitor Centre.
06/02/2017 Recommendation due in April 2017	AROC Planning for 2016/2017 - discuss AROC priorities	AROC CEO'S <i>to review list at their next meeting.</i>	<p>As an attachment to the MOU there is a set of priorities that gets reviewed each year. Suspect the priorities have not changed much from year to year.</p> <p>Include Transport as an issue and need for adequate funding for commodities but grain freight (Ag-line route) throughout the Wheatbelt (including AROC).</p> <p>Include Education in Wheatbelt.</p>
03/10/2016	Shire of York be provided with a copy of AROC MOU and financial Information from the Shire of Toodyay	Shire of Toodyay	<i>Note: a copy will be forwarded with the hardcopy correspondence inviting Shire of York to join AROC formally.</i>
03/10/16	Shire of Toodyay officially invite the Shire of York to join AROC	Shire of Toodyay	Invitation made that included the balance for 2015/2016 buy-in.

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3/4/2017	Dementia Care Unit <i>(first discussed at the February 2017 AROC Meeting)</i>	CEO Goomalling	<p>Action from February 2017 meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEO Goomalling to circulate to the AROC Group a copy of their unsuccessful proposal so it can then be escalated as a 'regional project'. <i>This will be part of the AROC Minute Attachments for April 2017.</i> 2. CEO Goomalling to liaise with the Department of Health to be undertaken to ensure there is no double-up with future strategic planning. 3. CEO Goomalling to invite the Department of Health representative to come have a chat with up-to-date statistics if possible as Verso stats may be out-of-date. <i>This will be deferred until the August 2017 AROC Meeting.</i>

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Funding	Project Name	Project Manager(s)	Current Stage of Project	Done/Yet to do
11/12	Steam Train Project	Shire of Dowerin	Event to be arranged for 30 April 2017 for first journey	
12/13	Aged Housing Funded through CLGF	Shire of Toodyay	Plans signed off by partner. Architect to finalise plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Management consultant appointed; • Financial Management arrangements agreed; • Housing tenders for Goomalling and VP imminent – Toodyay will be 2 part process forward works and housing; • Application for the AROC Housing Alliance Project.
2016/2017	<p>Regional Recreation Plan / Strategy</p> <p><i>AROC to develop a Regional Recreation Strategy as part of its 2016/2017 program of activities.</i></p>	AROC CEO's	<p>AROC Resolution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shire of Northam get quotes; and 2. AROC CEO's be the Working Group to decide on the engagement of a Consultant for Stage One to a maximum value of \$15,000. 	CEOs agreed at their meeting held on 13 March 2017 that AROC should proceed with the Audit and consider the remainder of the project when the audit has been completed.

AVON REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS
Statement of Comprehensive Income

Administered by Shire of Northam

	Opening Balance	01.07.2016					
	13.12.2016	13.12.2016	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Brought Forward	96,252	95,655	101,543	134,108	80,618	59,367	49,202
Revenue							
Member Contributions	20,000		30,000	30,000	30,000	48,000	-
Grants					25,000	26,604	26,604
WDC Contribution							
Fees & Charges			5,391	2,459	636	2,364	9,318
Interest Earnings		597	1,914	2,299	2,219	2,611	2,830
Other Revenue			-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	<u>20,000</u>	<u>597</u>	<u>37,305</u>	<u>34,759</u>	<u>57,855</u>	<u>79,579</u>	<u>38,752</u>
Expenses							
Insurance			846	1,158	1,445	1,575	1,488
Equipment Expenditure			5,897	3,081	2,919	69	495
Shared Services Aged Care Planning						30,000	-
Shire of Chitterung BCF							13,302
Shire of Toodyay BCF						26,684	
Shire of Toodyay Administration	7,500		7,500	7,500			
Shire of Dowerin BCF min 3.2.2 12.3.12)							13,302
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				
Other Expenditure							
Total Expenditure	<u>7,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,193</u>	<u>67,324</u>	<u>4,364</u>	<u>58,328</u>	<u>28,587</u>
Net Result	12,500	597	- 5,888	- 32,565	53,491	21,251	10,165
Accumulated Funds on hand 28/02/2017	<u>108,752</u>	<u>96,252</u>	<u>95,655</u>	<u>101,543</u>	<u>134,108</u>	<u>80,618</u>	<u>59,367</u>
Represented by Bankwest Trust Account	<u>108,752</u>						

Maria Rebane

From: Paul Martin <ceo@york.wa.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 February 2017 7:24 AM
To: Stan Scott; SHIRE OF NORTHAM - CEO; SHIRE OF CHITTERING - CEO
(ceo@chittering.wa.gov.au); ceo@goomalling.wa.gov.au; SHIRE OF DOWERIN -
CEO; ceo@victoriaplans.wa.gov.au
Subject: ICR43489 - Shire of York joining AROC
SynergySoft: ICR43489

Good morning,

Last night Council considered the invitation to join AROC (as we didn't have a Council meeting in January) and Council resolved the following:

"That Council:

- 1. Accepts the invitation to re-join Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC) subject to approval by AROC for the Shire of York to pay its entry fee and annual contributions commencing in July 2017 so these funds can be budgeted as part of the 2017/18 FY.***
- 2. Appoints the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer as the Shire of York Representatives on AROC.***
- 3. Authorises the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to engross the new Memorandum of Understanding to be developed including the Shire of York.***
- 4. Advises AROC that the Shire of York declines the invitation to be part of a regional recreation strategy at this point in time due to limited financial and human resources available to meaningfully contribute towards this project.***
- 5. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present a report to Council regarding the finalisation of the accounts and disbursement of any remaining SEAVROC funds held by the Shire of York."***

The Shire of York has not budgeted the funds to join AROC in this financial year and therefore request the group to make its contribution as outlined above as part of the 2017/18 financial year. I hope this request is considered favourably by the group.

I look forward to being involved.

Regards,

Paul

Paul Martin
Chief Executive Officer



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Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC)

Agreement between:

**Shire of Chittering
Shire of Dowerin
Shire of Goomalling
Shire of Northam
Shire of Toodyay
Shire of Victoria Plains
Shire of York**

Memorandum of Understanding for the Operation of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC)

*Adopted as amended at an AROC Meeting held on 3 April 2017 –
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A. Description of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

1. The purpose of this document is to set out the framework for regional cooperation between the member local governments.
2. The regional body shall be known as the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils, or under the short form AROC.
3. AROC will not be a legal entity or a body corporate, and may only operate under the auspices of one or more member local governments.
4. AROC operates under the authority of Section 3.68 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

B. Period of Agreement

1. This agreement shall apply from the date it is adopted by the member local governments for a period of five years. At the end of that period the members may:
 - Renew the agreement;
 - Change the agreement; or
 - Take no action, in which case the agreement ceases to have effect.
2. The agreement may be modified or cancelled at any time with the unanimous agreement of the member local governments.

C. Membership

1. Membership of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils shall consist of the following organisations. Each member is a local government constituted under the Western Australian *Local Government Act 1995*.
2. Member local governments of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils are:
 - Shire of Chittering
 - Shire of Dowerin
 - Shire of Goomalling
 - Shire of Northam
 - Shire of Toodyay
 - Shire of Victoria Plains
 - Shire of York

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D. Mission Statement

The mission of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils is to:

“Work cooperatively for the benefit of the region and well-being of the community”

E. Purpose

The purpose of AROC is to arrange and facilitate Members:

- working together cooperatively to address regional problems, issues or challenges and advance the interests of the region;
- developing and implementing resource sharing strategies or regional service delivery models;
- delivery of training and development programs for elected members or staff; and
- undertaking joint tendering or purchasing arrangements.

F. The AROC Governance Group

1. The prime decision making body for AROC shall be the Governance Group;
2. The Governance Group will meet every two months at a time and place agreed by the group;
3. Each member local government shall have equal representation on the Governance Group;
4. The Governance Group shall consist of:
 - one Elected Member from each member local government, usually the mayor or Shire President;
 - one Senior Officer from each member local government, usually the CEO;
5. Each local government shall nominate an Elected Member to represent it on the Governance group;
6. Proxies are permitted;
7. Each member local government shall have a single vote to be exercised by their nominated elected member or proxy, or in the absence of an elected member by the CEO or senior officer present;
8. Governance Group meetings are not open to the public, but additional elected members from member local governments are encouraged to attend as observers;
9. Invited guests may attend the meeting to address particular issues and can remain for the remainder of the meeting unless decided otherwise by the meeting;

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10. Members may attend by prior arrangement through instantaneous electronic communication.

G. The AROC Officer's Group

1. The AROC Officers Group will meet every two months at a time and place agreed by the Officers Group, in the months when the Governance Group does not meet;
2. Each member local government shall have equal representation on the Officers Group, usually the CEO;
3. Proxies are permitted; and
4. Decisions shall be by consensus.

H. Authority

1. The Governance Group will have authority from member local governments to deal with funds held by AROC from members and third party contributions; except
2. The individual local government that is auspiced to deliver a program or project under third party grant funding shall ensure that the program or project is delivered and the funds are expended and acquitted in accordance with the grant agreement.

I. Meetings

1. AROC Governance Group meetings shall be convened at the time and at the place determined by the group;
2. The secretariat will prepare a program for the meeting that will consist of:
 - Matters referred by the Officers Group for consideration or decision;
 - Matters raised by individual member local governments for consideration;
 - Review of actions and progress arising from previous meetings or decisions;
 - Submissions, presentations or representations from third parties arranged by the secretariat or agreed by the Chairperson;
 - Such other matters as may be agreed by the Governance Group.
3. The meeting Program will generally be circulated one clear week prior to the Governance Group Meeting.
4. A quorum shall consist of delegates from four member local governments.

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J. Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

1. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Governance Group will be elected at the first Governance Group meeting following the local government Ordinary Elections, or at such other times as may be necessary if the position is vacated;
2. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson must be elected members from the member local governments;
3. The Chairperson shall have a deliberate vote only and no casting vote. Unresolved matters are to be referred to the next meeting;
4. If the Chairperson is absent, whether represented by a proxy or not, the Deputy Chairperson will preside;
5. If both the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson are absent, whether represented by proxies or not, the group will elect a presiding member for that meeting only.

K. Secretariat

1. An individual, member local government or other corporate body may be appointed to provide secretariat support to AROC. Unless the Governance Group determines otherwise the secretariat will be provided by the local government represented by the Chairperson;
2. The Governance Group will determine an annual fee for the provision of secretariat services at the time that it adopts its annual budget.

L. Treasury

1. A member local government will be appointed to act as Treasurer to hold, manage and account for funds held on behalf of AROC;
2. The Treasurer will provide regular financial reports to the Governance Group;
3. The Governance Group may determine an annual fee for the provision of Treasury services at the time that it adopts its annual budget.

M. Annual Financial Contribution

1. Each year at its April meeting the Governance Group will determine the annual contribution for member Councils for the following financial year;
2. The annual contribution shall be identical for each member Council;
3. The annual contribution will be not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000 per member local government.

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N. Project Financial Contribution

1. AROC through the Governance Group may decide to undertake a project or projects which require additional financial contributions from member local governments;
2. Projects must involve at least two local governments, but could involve all member local governments;
3. Each project will have a separate form of agreement which will ensure that:
 - The costs of the project are equitably distributed;
 - That any additional costs or savings are equitably distributed to participating local governments; and
 - That there will be no impost on, or windfall to those member local governments that choose not to participate.

O. New AROC Members

1. The Governance Group may by unanimous agreement:
 - Allow an additional local government to become a member; or
 - Invite an additional local government to become a member.
2. Any new member will be required to buy in to the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils;
3. The buy in figure will be determined by preparing a balance sheet for AROC, and dividing the net equity position by the number of Members.

P. Withdrawal of AROC Members

1. AROC members recognise and agree that participation in AROC is a long term strategy and any decision to withdraw should be reflective of the long term nature of the commitment;
2. A retiring member must give at least one full financial year notice of an intention to withdraw;
3. At the conclusion of the notice period the departing member will be entitled to receive a payout calculated as the AROC net position not including any restricted funds, at 30 June divided by the number of members;
4. A member may withdraw at any time without notice but will be required to pay any contributions due and payable up to the end of the current financial year, but will not be entitled to any distribution of assets.

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Q. Action Plan

1. AROC will prepare an Action Plan every two years that will identify regional priorities, planned projects and activities for the next two year period;
2. The Governance Group may at any time add or removed items from the Action Plan;
3. The Action Plan will be reviewed annually;
4. The Action Plan will form a schedule to this MOU.

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R. Executed by the Parties

Shire of Chittering

SHIRE PRESIDENT

Printed Name

Signature

Date

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Shire of Dowerin

SHIRE PRESIDENT

Printed Name

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Shire of Northam

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Shire of Toodyay

SHIRE PRESIDENT

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Shire of Victoria Plains

SHIRE PRESIDENT

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Shire of York

SHIRE PRESIDENT

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S. Schedule 1 – AROC Action Plan

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Issue	Themes	Actions	Review Date
Health and Aged Care	Aged Care planning Independent living units Age Friendly communities planning		
Strategic Waste Management	Regional Planning Regional strategies Advocacy		
Councillor and Staff development	Training needs identification Training delivery in the region Regional Conference or workshop		
Regional Risk	Risk Management processes Regional Risk Coordinator		
Human Resource Management	Workforce Development Planning Specialised staff meetings Resource sharing Build relationship with Central Regional TAFE		
Information Technology	Joint strategies		

ACTION PLAN – Schedule 1

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Issue	Themes	Actions	Review Date
	Resource sharing Regional Support Insourcing IT support		
Economic Development	Infrastructure development Infrastructure trust Regional Planning Engagement with WDC Regional promotion Strategic Road Projects		
Regional Governance	Review of governance models Regional subsidiary Infrastructure Trust		
Regional Airport location	Support and advocacy for Cunderdin		
Regional Recreation Strategy	Regional Cooperation		
Environmental Health Services	Resource Sharing Joint Mosquito Project (3 year)		

