



# AVON REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (AROC)

## Minutes

### 9 April 2018

#### Unconfirmed Minutes

These minutes were approved for distribution on 27 April 2018.

Stan Scott  
Chief Executive Officer  
AROC Secretariat

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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.

#### Confirmed Minutes

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on 11 JUNE 2018

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 9 APRIL 2018

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ATTACHMENT *with separate index follows Item 9.*

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## MINUTES

MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018

### 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Cr B Rayner, Chairperson, declared the meeting open at 9.45am.

### 2. PRESENTATIONS

#### 2.1 WHEATBELT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Elise Wood and Wendy Newman presented.

*Refer to Attachments to Minutes for the presentation.*

#### **Discussion Points were as follows:**

- DPIRD Regional Model – Agriculture, and focussing on the impact in terms of high job yielding;
- Better support for the Wheatbelt Business Network
- Business Local Role through the CRC's including strategies on ground addressing issues in community service areas.
- Educational Reform – community driven. Engagement in expertise, i.e. technology;
- Practicalities of the right agencies, collaboration and strategies ahead;
- Developing simpler messages to put forward in respect to economic opportunities and economic impacts;
- WDC collaborating with Heartlands WA to initiate planning in the regional development space;
- Tourism Strategy Launch: Opportunity to get recognition and appetite to increase tourism product, to increase day-trip market out of Perth;
- WDC happy to discuss detailed policy position;
- Shire of Toodyay – TCCI and Icon Tourism – creating attractive holiday packages and engaging operators;
- Wheatbelt Regional Tourism Development Officer;
- Communication and accessibility;
  - Chris Evans, Research Officer, WDC; available for support when local governments putting together business cases and grant applications;

#### **Guidance from the AROC Members was as follows:**

*Invite WDC to next Tourism Meeting.*

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## 2.2 RDA WHEATBELT

Presentation was made by Mandy Walker.

*Refer to Attachments to Minutes for the presentation.*

## 2.3 WALGA

No presentation was made.

## 3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

### Members:

|                 |                                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Cr B Rayner     | Shire President, Shire of Toodyay |
| Mr S Scott      | CEO, Shire of Toodyay             |
| Ms Natalie Bird | Deputy CEO, Shire of Goomalling   |
| Mr J Whiteaker  | CEO, Shire of Northam             |
| Mrs A Selvey    | CEO, Shire of Dowerin             |
| Cr D Hudson     | Shire President, Shire of Dowerin |
| 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 C Kerp     | CEO, Shire of Goomalling                  |
| Cr D Lovelock | Shire President, Shire of Victoria Plains |
| Cr C Antonio  | Shire President, Shire of Northam         |
| Cr B Haywood  | Shire President, Shire of Goomalling      |

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 4.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 12 February 2018

#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/AROC RESOLUTION NO. 03/04/18**

**MOVED:** Cr D Wallace

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on 12 February 2018 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 4.2 Notes of the CEO Meeting held on 12 March 2018

No minutes were to hand at the time.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

### 5.1 From the Minutes of the last AROC meeting.

Nil

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## 5.2 From the Notes of the last CEO Meeting (when available)

Nil

*Mr J Whiteaker departed at 11.03am.*

## 5.3 From the Action List

The Steam Train Project can be removed from the list as it has been acquitted.

An update was made to the Aged Housing Funded through CLGF.

## 6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

### 6.1 Financial Report

The report was not to hand at the time of discussion.

## 7. OTHER MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

### 7.1 Regional Waste Services

#### 7.1.1 Aligning contracts

Summary of Question One

Will be possible to put together tender for different starting times for different communities in different locations.

*We can invite a single tender to allow us through the size of the scope to get better pricing.*

Summary of Question Two

Can we include in the tender potential management of waste refuse sites as well.

*There is a possibility.*

Clarification was sought in regard to kerbside recycling.

Points raised as follows:

- *Goomalling: has its own landfill. One contractor. The local Lions Club do the recycling for the Shire. The contract comes up at the end of 2018/2019.*
- *York & Dowerin: Contracts have been extended by 12 months.*
- *Community see recycling as good. Local governments need to push the economics of it. If the community sees recycling as “public good” then we should be doing it. Explaining to the community the economics of recycling is important. Recycling issues to be addressed through community consultation and local government planning, sooner rather than later.*

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- *The Waste Authority have funding that may be able to be accessed as part of a secondary process for recyclables that reduce the level of contamination for export. Part of it is education to the community. Rinsing containers and separating lids.*

**Action:** The AROC CEO's to discuss this matter at their next meeting and report back to the AROC Group in respect to any strategies that can be implemented, etc.

## 7.2 Shire of Dowerin

### 7.2.1 Telecommunications (Digital Farm) funding open to internet providers.

Discussion Points were as follows:

- Engaged with providers, as it was a priority in their Strategic Planning, who did the NEWROC project;
- This will use the NBN through Merredin;
- Remote communities being left out of the NBN loop;
- This matter discussed at the Zone Conference in Jurien (held 5 April 2018);
- 4 Telecommunication Towers proposed for Dowerin; and
- The provider will be put in touch, through the Shire of Dowerin, with Goomalling and copy in with AROC to get opportunity to discuss possible options.

#### **MOTION/AROC RESOLUTION NO. 04/04/18**

**MOVED** Cr D Hudson

That AROC do a support letter for the Telecommunications Funding for the Shire of Dowerin.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 8. NEXT MEETING

AROC CEOs

14 May 2018

AROC

11 June 2018

## 9. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.22am.



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# Commission Update

## AROC April 2018

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# Issues

- MOG – DPIRD Amalgamation
  - Where Commissions sit
  - Role of Blueprint
- Priority Initiatives
- Gaining alignment and impact

# Machinery of Government

## The McGowan Government's Agenda

- Jobs Growth
- Budget Repair
- Service Reform

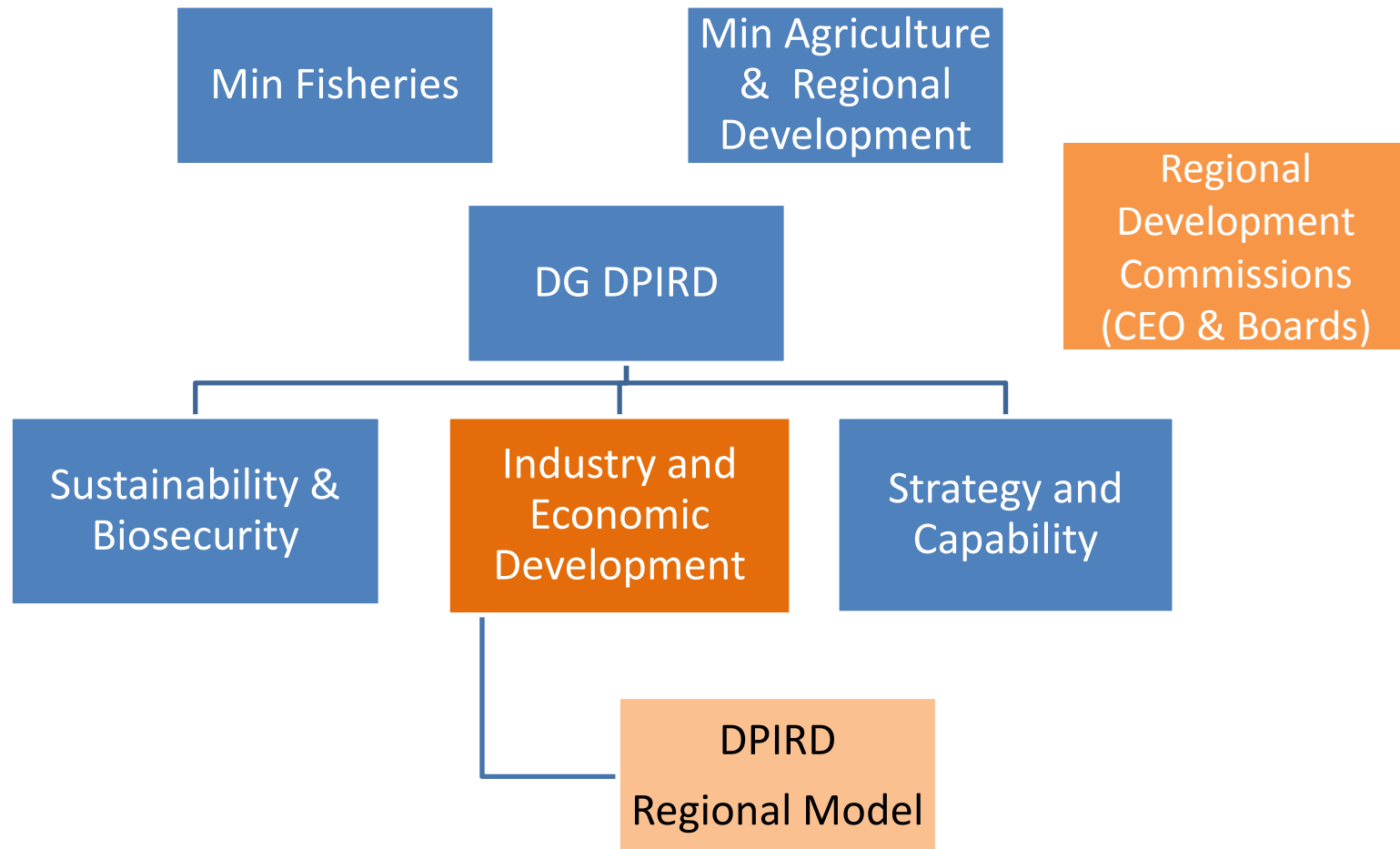
Agriculture (DAFWA)

Fisheries

Regional Development

**DPIRD**

# Structure



# Implications for Blueprint:

## Jobs Growth

### Vibrant Economy

Grow and diversify the economy

- areas of strength
- high job yielding
- strengthen existing, attract new

Maximise impact of public and private investment

Economic Infrastructure

# Implications for Blueprint: Budget Repair

## Service Reform

- DPIRD efficiencies and effectiveness
- Priority Services Review
- Commissions in a co-ordinating role at regional level??

## Current Priorities

- Maximising private investment opportunities
- Sub-Regional Industry and Agricultural Growth Initiatives  
(Intensive Ag, alternative power and water, land assembly, aged care, tourism)
- Strategic Freight Routes
- Election Commitments
  - Local Content
  - New Industry Fund

## Emerging Priority

- Education Reform

# Key Messages

- Ongoing collaboration critical
- Wheatbelt LGA approach well received:
  - Agreed priorities
  - Cross community collaboration
  - Evidence based
  - Solutions focused
  - Good leveraging
- Keep WDC informed





# About Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt and the Director Regional Development

AROC 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018



**An Australian Government Initiative**

## RDA Wheatbelt Inc.

- Administration office in Gingin
- 3 staff
- Governed by a Management Committee
- One of 55 RDAs across Australia
- Independent, NFP incorporated body
- Bound by a Constitution and DIRDC Funding Agreement
- Operations funded until 2021

# Role of RDA Wheatbelt

- To build strong and effective partnerships across all levels of government, industry, community groups and other regional stakeholders.
- Boost economic capability and performance of the Wheatbelt region.
- Provide advice to the Federal Government on priorities for the Wheatbelt region.

# RDAW Committee

- Made up of local people driving local solutions to local issues
- Members have an active and facilitative role in their communities
- Focus on growing strong and confident regional economies
- Harness the regional competitive advantages, seize on economic opportunity and attract investment

# Director Regional Development

- Operational manager of RDAW
- Connect stakeholders and facilitate opportunities
- Identify needs and facilitate strategic planning
- Advise Government
- Committee governance and management

# RDAW Interim Business Plan

Focus for January to June 2018:

- Capacity within small business community
- Aboriginal enterprise
- Secondary Freight Route
- Collaboration for regional impact

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# Avon Regional Organisation of Councils

## Action List comprising of Status Report and Project List

| <b>Action List / Status Report</b> |   |             |   |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------|---|
| <b>Date</b>                        | <b>Details</b>  | <b>Name</b> | <b>Latest Comments</b>  |
| Ongoing                            | <p><i>Specialty Staff Meetings</i> to be convened by the nominated Host of Specialty Staff as follows:</p> <p>Rates Officers – Shire of Dowerin<br/>                     Planning Managers – Shire of Chittering.<br/>                     Rangers Meeting – Shire of Toodyay<br/>                     Sharing Opportunities EO/EHO/CESM</p> <p>*Meetings can coincide with the AROC CEO meetings.</p>              | CEO's       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part of AROC reason for being. Meetings occur on an ad hoc basis.</li> <li>Promoting at CEO Level the importance of talking to neighbours, Resource Sharing, etc. Networking.</li> </ul>                             |
| 4 Dec 2017<br>23,12,17             | <p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AROC CEO's prepare a DRAFT scope for a possible Consultant to develop a business case for road funding; and</li> <li>Clinton Kleynhans, Secretary of the RRG, from Shire of Northam and Mr Rick Storer and Mr Ken Seymour and Mr Ian Duncan, WALGA Roads Representative be invited to the February 2018 AROC Meeting to discuss the DRAFT scope.</li> </ol> | Secretariat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinton Kleynhans, Cr Ken Seymour and Cr Rick Storer have been approached to attend the February 2018 meeting together with Mr Ian Duncan, Executive Manager, Infrastructure, WALGA Roads Representative.</li> </ul> |



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| 4/12/17<br>24.12.17<br>ISSUES<br>Endorsed by<br>AROC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road investment including the Orange Route;</li> <li>• Royalties for Regions;</li> <li>• Water;</li> <li>• Regional development including future of Development Commissions (State) and RDA (Commonwealth); and</li> <li>• How best for Local Government to engage.</li> </ul> | Secretariat | <p>Invite RDA and WDC to present to AROC;</p> <p>Invite Politicians to talk to AROC around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Future funding;</li> <li>○ Future of RDA/WDC;</li> <li>○ How best to engage; and</li> <li>○ Coordination of State Services.</li> </ul> |
| 4/12/17<br>24.12.17<br>Target<br>Politicians         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister for Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries David Templeman (with cc to Darren West, Laurie Graham);</li> <li>• Christian Porter;</li> <li>• Melissa Price;</li> <li>• Minister of Transport; and</li> <li>• Shane Love and Mia Davies.</li> </ul>            | Secretariat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred any action on this until the business plan is set.</li> </ul>   |

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## Action List comprising of Status Report and Project List

| <b>Project List</b> |                                     |                           |   |   |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Funding</b>      | <b>Project Name</b>                 | <b>Project Manager(s)</b> | <b>Current Stage of Project</b>                     | <b>Done/Yet to do</b>   |
| 12/13               | Aged Housing Funded through CLGF    | Shire of Toodyay          |   | Construction commenced all 4 locations. Scheduled completion mid-June 2018. |
| 2016/2017           | Regional Recreation Plan / Strategy | AROC CEO's                | Regional Facilities Audit completed and circulated. | Stage II brief to be completed Nov 17 – Northam                             |

