



North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils

Dowerin | Koorda | Mt Marshall | Mukinbudin | Nungarin | Trayning | Wyalkatchem

Council Meeting

Monday 28 November 2022

Shire of Trayning, Council Chambers

MINUTES

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ANNUAL CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MONTH	ACTIVITY	MEETING
January		Executive
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 Council refreshes itself on NEWROC Vision, Mission, Values (review Vision and Mission every other year)👉 Council reviews NEWROC project priorities	Council
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 WDC attendance to respond to NEWROC project priorities👉 Submit priority projects to WDC, Regional Development and WA Planning	Executive
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 NEWROC Budget Preparation	Council
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 NEWROC Draft Budget Presented👉 NEWROC Executive Officer Contract/Hourly Rate Review (current contract expires June 2022)👉 Local Government Week agenda to be discussed at Executive meeting to determine if EA should attend	Executive
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 NEWROC Budget Adopted	Council
July		Executive
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 Information for Councillors pre-election👉 NEWROC Audit	Council
September		Executive
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 NEWROC CEO and President Handover	Council
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 NEWROC Induction of new Council representatives (every other year)👉 Review NEWROC MoU (every other year)	Executive
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 NEWROC Annual Report👉 NEWROC Drinks	Council

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Compliance

Media Releases

Newsletter

NEWROC Chair and CEO Rotation

Shire of Mt Marshall

Shire of Nungarin

Shire of Wyalkatchem

Shire of Koorda

Shire of Mukinbudin (Oct 2021 – Oct 2023)

Shire of Trayning

Shire of Dowerin

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NORTH EASTERN WHEATBELT REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Shire of Trayning Council Chambers on Monday 28 November 2022 commencing at 3.02pm

MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWROC CEO, Dirk Sellenger welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 3.02pm

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Cr Jannah Stratford	President Shire of Koorda
Cr Quentin Davies	President, Shire of Wyalkatchem (3.17pm)
Cr Christopher Loton	Councillor, Shire of Wyalkatchem
Cr Pippa De Lacy	President, Shire of Nungarin 3.10pm
Cr Melanie Brown	President, Shire of Trayning
Cr Tony Sachse	President, Shire of Mt Marshall
Cr Robert Trepp	President, Shire of Dowerin

Dirk Sellenger	NEWROC CEO, CEO Shire of Mukinbudin
Darren Simmons	CEO, Shire of Koorda
Peter Klein	CEO, Shire of Wyalkatchem (3.17pm)
John Nuttall	CEO, Shire of Mt Marshall
Leanne Parola	CEO, Shire of Trayning
Leonard Long	CEO, Shire of Nungarin
Rebecca McCall	CEO, Shire of Dowerin

NEWROC Officer

Caroline Robinson	Executive Officer, NEWROC
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Guests

Linda Vernon	NEWTravel EO
Rob Cossart	CEO, Wheatbelt Development Commission (3.09pm)
Renee Manning	Wheatbelt Development Commission

Apologies

Cr Gary Shadbolt	NEWROC Chair, Shire of Mukinbudin
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3. Leave of Absence Approvals / Approved

4. Declarations of Interest and Delegations Register

Delegation Register

Please find below a delegations register as per the new policy adopted in March 2017:

Description of Delegations	Delegatee	Delegated to	Approval
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Records Management	CEO	NEWROC EO	Council
NEWROC Financial Management	CEO	NEWROC EO	Council Dec 2017
Bendigo Bank Signatory (NEWROC)	CEO	NEWROC EO	Council Dec 2017
Bendigo Bank Signatory (Shire of Mukinbudin)	Council	CEO	Council Oct 2019
NEWROC Website	CEO	NEWROC EO	Council June 2017

5. Presentations

Linda Vernon NEWTravel EO

- Presentation of the NEWTravel Strategic Plan and key focus areas
- Discussion regarding the requirement of a Wheatbelt EV Strategy

Rob Cossart – Wheatbelt Bushfire Recovery Coordinator (Corrigin and Wickepin fires)

- Key themes in the recovery: Mental health support; DRFA applications (Primary Producers) required one on one support; Asbestos disposal and removal, landowner responsibilities and costs associated with this; Positive role of the Grower Groups; Telecommunications network and its reliance on power supply; Assistance for the natural environment recovery
- Member Shires need Animal Welfare Plans and an understanding of the State Animal Welfare Act

ACTION: NEWROC to investigate a district Animal Welfare Plan, emergency services MoU as well as identify its local needs to prepare for a future CESM position

6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Council Meeting

Minutes of the Council Meeting held 27 September 2022 has previously been circulated.

RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 September 2022 be received as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved Cr Stratford

Seconded Cr Sachse

CARRIED 6/0

Executive Meeting 27 October 2022

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 27 October 2022 have previously been circulated.

RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 27 October 2022 be received.

Moved Cr De Lacy

Seconded Cr Davies

CARRIED 6/0

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1. Income, Expenditure and Profit and Loss

FILE REFERENCE: 42-2 Finance Audit and Compliance
REPORTING OFFICER: Caroline Robinson
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE: 21 November 2022
ATTACHMENT NUMBER: #1P and L
CONSULTATION:
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Nil
VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

COMMENTS

Account transactions for the period 1 September to 31 October 2022

Date	Description	Reference	Credit	Debit	Running Balance
Opening Balance			97,711.95	0.00	0.00
01 Sep 2022	Xero Australia	XEROAUSTRALIA	0.00	51.30	0.00
01 Sep 2022	Bendigo Bank		0.00	4.40	0.00
02 Sep 2022	Payment: Shire of Koorda	INV-0096	14,300.00	0.00	0.00
13 Sep 2022	Payment: Shire Of Nungarin	INV-0094	14,300.00	0.00	0.00
23 Sep 2022	Payment: Alyce Ventris	2028	0.00	1,819.95	0.00
23 Sep 2022	Payment: Alyce Ventris	2029	0.00	2,626.80	0.00
23 Sep 2022	Payment: Alyce Ventris	2030	0.00	2,782.72	0.00
01 Oct 2022	Bendigo Bank		0.00	1.20	0.00
04 Oct 2022	Xero Australia	XEROAUSTRALIA	0.00	56.05	0.00
19 Oct 2022	Payment: 150Square	INV-0178	0.00	4,219.63	0.00
19 Oct 2022	Payment: Alyce Ventris	2031	0.00	2,581.43	0.00
Total BB					
NEWROC Funds-5557			0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance			112,168.47	0.00	0.00

Balance Sheet

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As at 31 October 2022

Cash Basis

31 OCT 2022

Assets

Bank

BB NEWROC Funds-5557	112,168.47
BB Term Deposit Account-1388	295,712.15
Total Bank	407,880.62

Total Assets	407,880.62
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

GST	(4,623.39)
Unpaid ATO Liabilities	9,244.00
Total Current Liabilities	4,620.61

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Net Assets	403,260.01
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Equity

Current Year Earnings	50,297.48
Retained Earnings	352,962.53
Total Equity	403,260.01

RESOLUTION

That the income and expenditure from 1 September 2022 to 31 October 2022 and the P and L and balance sheet as at 31 October 2022 be received.

Moved Cr Brown

Seconded Cr Sachse

CARRIED 6/0

8. MATTERS FOR DECISION

8.1. ENERGY

FILE REFERENCE:	107-1 Power
REPORTING OFFICER:	Caroline Robinson
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE:	21 November 2022
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	#2 Energy Briefing Paper
CONSULTATION:	Cr Tony Sachse Cr Trepp John Nuttall Peter Klein
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:	Nil
VOTING REQUIREMENT:	Simple Majority

COMMENT

An energy briefing paper was prepared for the NEWROC Energy subcommittee (see attached).

Feedback is currently being submitted to the NEWROC EO by the members of the subcommittee and this agenda item will be updated accordingly.

Discussion:

- Mobile power solution is an option e.g. ute
- Subcommittee to meet with Cameron
- Discussion regarding a diesel and battery solution
- NEWROC can still investigate a VPP. NEWROC to meet with Western Power and Synergy contacts

MOTION

NEWROC Energy Subcommittee to meet online with Cameron Edwards.

John Nuttall be replaced by Dirk Sellenger on the NEWROC Energy Subcommittee.

Moved Cr Sachse

Seconded Cr Davies

CARRIED 6/0

8.2. REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY

FILE REFERENCE: 041-5 Strategic and Future Planning
REPORTING OFFICER: Caroline Robinson
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE: 21 November 2022
ATTACHMENT NUMBER: #3 Regional Subsidiary Charter Updated
 #4 Business Plan updated
CONSULTATION: Darren Simmons
 Kirsty Martin (DLGSC)
 Liam McNeill (DLGSC)
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Nil
VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

COMMENT

The following resolution was passed at the NEWROC Council meeting in September.

RESOLUTION		
NEWROC EO work with the NEWROC Executive to respond and amend the Charter following feedback from DLGSC. The Executive be delegated the authority to submit the Charter to the Minister subject to the amendments not altering the intent of the Charter in a substantial manner and after the Charter has been reviewed by individual member local governments.		
Moved Cr Stratford	Seconded Cr Trepp	CARRIED 5/0

The following action was endorsed at the NEWROC Council meeting in September: *NEWROC EO to meet with DLGSC and Policy Advisor to discuss our updated Charter.*

The NEWROC EO has liaised with DLGSC and updated the Regional Subsidiary Charter. The updated Charter has been provided to Darren Simmons to review. Key amendments included:

Requested Amendments from DLGSC	Comments
Legal	
Objectives of the Regional Subsidiary need to be specific	Included two options. I believe we can add some specifics but still be broad
Powers of the Board	Updated in line with feedback
Delegation	Updated in line with feedback
Functions of the Board	Updated but have also kept some of our original suggestions
Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson Tenure	Updated Chair from 12 months to 2 years Deputy Chair – 12 months
Inspection of documents by the public	Added public has right to inspect
Executive Officer name change	Renamed Executive Director
Finances – no borrowing	Removal of credit card
Special Project/Activity contributions not recommended	Members to check the terminology and push back on their request to not allow charges to a smaller group of members for specific projects/activities

Annual Financial Report contents	Must be in line with regulations
Audit requirements	Conducted by Auditor General
Withdrawal conditions	DLGSC has suggested unanimous approval for withdrawal. I have not included this but please let me know if I have interpreted this incorrectly from NEWROC
Wind Up conditions	Added Councils by absolute majority can wind up the Subsidiary. Need feedback on this.
References, Formatted	Updated

The Charter was then reviewed by the Executive.

Additionally, the following responses from the DLGSC regarding two questions the NEWROC raised:

- *Will the RS be audited as a Local Government? There will be significant governing documents and procedures we would need to establish*
The RS would be audited in accordance with the relevant standards for auditors, this would include the internal controls and financial management procedures of the subsidiary that it is required to maintain under its charter.
- *We have presumed we need to follow the Financial Managements Regs – correct?*
The subsidiary must follow the following financial management regulations unless its charter provides that one or more of them do not apply and the reasons why:

r. 5A to 6 Comply with Australian Accounting Standards CEO's duties in financial management Internal Audit Staff cannot report to financial management staff.	r. 11 Procedures for making payments
r. 14 to 17A Nature and type financial reporting Rounding off figures in budget Valuation of assets for financial reports	r. 19 Procedures for control of investments
r. 22 Form and content of annual budget	r. 25 to 33A Estimate of fees and charges in annual budget Information about discounts in annual budget Notes in annual budget Investment information in notes Borrowings information in notes Previous years figures for comparison

	<p>Net current assets at start of financial year to be shown</p> <p>Amounts to be excluded when calculating deficiency</p> <p>Budget to be lodged with participants</p> <p>Review of budget</p>
<p>r. 36</p> <p>Content of annual financial report</p>	<p>r. 41 and 42</p> <p>Fees and charges in annual financial report</p> <p>Discounts in annual financial report</p>
<p>r. 44</p> <p>Fees paid to governing body members in annual financial report</p>	<p>r. 48 and 49</p> <p>Information about borrowings in annual financial report</p> <p>Information about investments in annual financial report</p>
<p>r. 51</p> <p>Annual financial report supplied to participants</p>	

Executive Meeting Discussion:

- Withdrawal should not be by unanimous vote. It does not recognise the sovereignty of each local government
- Seek further information on the word 'commercial activity'. Possible alignment with the definition in the Act

Executive Resolution 27 October 2022:

RESOLUTION

NEWROC seeks additional information on the term 'commercial activity'

The Executive submit the updated Regional Subsidiary Charter to member Councils for review before the NEWROC November Council meeting. Subject to feedback, the Charter be submitted to the Minister for Local Government.

Moved R McCall

Seconded D Simmons

CARRIED 5/0

Actions since the October Executive Meeting:

- Clarification on 'commercial activity' by DLGSC
- Updated Charter emailed to member Presidents and CEO's for their endorsement

RESOLUTION

Council submit the Regional Subsidiary Charter and Business Plan to the Minister for Local Government.

Moved Cr Davies

Seconded Cr Trepp

CARRIED 6/0

8.3. EMERGENCY SERVICES

FILE REFERENCE:	060-2 Emergency Services
REPORTING OFFICER:	Caroline Robinson
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE:	18 October 2022
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	
CONSULTATION:	Rob Cossart, Recovery Officer / WDC CEO
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:	Nil
VOTING REQUIREMENT:	Simple Majority

COMMENT

External to NEWROC, Caroline Robinson facilitated two bushfire recovery sessions in Wickepin and Corrigin on Thursday 13 October. The sessions were coordinated by the Facey Group and Corrigin Farm Improvement Group. Each grower group took a hands on recovery role in the bushfires 8 months ago.

In attendance at both the sessions was a DFES Superintendent, the DPIRD Executive Director of Biosecurity, Bushfire Recovery Coordinator, local government CEOs, Councillors and farmers. The sessions were an opportunity for farmers to provide feedback on the response to the bushfires and the recovery.

Of interest to the NEWROC was the following feedback provided by farmers and local governments:

- Training across bushfire brigades particularly in communication e.g. radio channels, captain contact details
- Training in the contents of local government emergency management plans as well as animal welfare plans for CEOs, responders etc. Knowledge of the State Animal Welfare Plan
- The important role the grower groups played in connecting farmers to response efforts (Blaze Aid etc)
- Sharing burning permit time periods across neighbouring local governments
- Supporting local brigades – not just fire fighting roles. There are roles in the brigade for volunteers to help maintain vehicles, clean sheds, mow lawns at sheds etc
- Local governments sharing DFES warnings through resident SMS system (not just harvest bans or fire bans)
- Educating farmers about recognising the signs and symptoms of stock suffering burns and how to euthanise
- Sharing the Esperance Bushfire Response and Recovery handbook with LEMCs
- Importance of a local person on the ground supporting CEO's during response and recovery, external to Shire administration

The information is presented to the Executive for discussion with a view to determining whether member Shires can accommodate any of the learnings individually or collectively. As noted at the Corrigin and Wickepin sessions, there is a very high fuel load in our areas and we should be aware of the risks this Summer.

Additionally, emergency services could be a role within NEWROC either during planning or recovery phases.

Discussion at Executive Meeting:

- What constitutes minimal training standards for BFBs? WALGA and DFES Commissioner to respond
- Discussion to share fire burning permit dates across the Shires. This has also been raised at GECZ
- There is potential for coordination of emergency services across the NEWROC
- Rob Cossart to be invited to attend and present to the NEWROC Council

RESOLUTION

Information received

Moved Cr Davies

Seconded Cr Trepp

CARRIED 6/0

Discussion:

- NEWROC to investigate an MoU for emergency services, possibly a NEWROC LEMA
- Animal Welfare Plan to be developed for the members of the NEWROC
- NEWROC to prepare for a future CESM funding application

8.4. BIKE TRAIL

FILE REFERENCE:
REPORTING OFFICER: Caroline Robinson
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE: 18 October 2022
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:
CONSULTATION: Leonard Long
Linda Vernon
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Nil
VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

COMMENT

The [Western Australian Bicycle Network \(WABN\) Grants Program](#) is an initiative of the State Government, administered by the Department of Transport (DoT).

Grant funding is available to local governments (LGAs) in Western Australia, up to 50 per cent of the total project cost, for the planning and implementation of bicycle network infrastructure in accordance with State Government priorities set out in the WA Bicycle Network Plan 2014-2031 (The WABN Plan).

The project being proposed should achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

1. Increased safety for people on bikes
2. Connection and access to strategic destinations
3. Increased cycle tourism opportunities

The Shire of Nungarin expressed interest in developing a bike trail (as well as associated infrastructure) along the disused railway line from Nungarin to Wyalkatchem. The WABN grants program will fund feasibility studies and concept plans, which could be stage one of the proposed bike trail. This proposal would meet point three of the desired outcomes of the WABN grants program.

Quotes will be sought for the feasibility study and will be presented to the NEWROC Executive at the meeting for further discussion. The project may involve the Shires of Nungarin, Trayning and Wyalkatchem (possibly Dowerin?) with collaboration from NEWTravel.

The Shire of Mukinbudin would be the lead Council under current governance, or this could be transferred to the Shire of Nungarin.

Applications close on 3 November 2022.

RESOLUTION

NEWROC endorse an application to the WABN Grants Program for the bike and rail trail

NEWROC contribute up to \$5000 towards the WABN application

Moved Cr Davies

Seconded Cr De Lacy

CARRIED 6/0

8.5. NEWROC Annual Report 2022

FILE REFERENCE: 042-6 NEWROC Promotion
REPORTING OFFICER: Caroline Robinson
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE: 21 November 2022
ATTACHMENT NUMBER: #5 NEWROC Annual Report
CONSULTATION:
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Nil
VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority



7 SHIRES  Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils

- Dowerin
- Wyalkatchem
- Trayning
- Koorda
- Nungarin
- Mukinbudin
- Mt Marshall

 Supported by an Executive Officer

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

2022 ACHIEVEMENTS

 **Advocacy**

Advocacy on local government reform (specifically regional subsidiaries), mobile black spots; Housing and Worker Discussion Paper; community consultation completed regarding the Regional Subsidiary Charter and Business Plan

Economy



Investment in an additional three Crisp Wireless internet towers to expand the footprint of high speed internet to NEWROC residents and businesses; Income to the NEWROC for additional towers outside of the NEWROC internet network; Sponsorship and support of the Trayning Do Over in partnership with Town Team Movement; Continued engagement of the Wheatbelt Town Team Builder to assist with placemaking in the NEWROC; two additional Town Teams in the NEWROC; investigation into a DAMA; advocacy and meetings with Western Power and Telstra regarding reliable townsite power and telecommunications power

Environment



Two meetings with the Minister for Energy to progress the microgrid; progress towards improving waste sites across the NEWROC

Community



Sponsorship of the NEWROC Literacy Lunch; Funding application for bike trail development; Funding application for Future Drought Funding

3 Newsletters

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RESOLUTION

2022 NEWROC Annual Report is received

Moved Cr Stratford

Seconded Cr Trepp

CARRIED 6/0

8.6. NEWROC FORWARD PLANNING

FILE REFERENCE: 041-5 Strategic and Future Planning
REPORTING OFFICER: Caroline Robinson
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE: 21 November 2022
ATTACHMENT NUMBER: #6 Huffer and Associates Quote
CONSULTATION:
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Nil
VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

COMMENT

The NEWROC Strategic Plan is due for a full review in February 2023.

The NEWROC EO proposes an external facilitator to assist in the process. In previous years the NEWROC has done the process internally or with the assistance of WALGA.

It is also proposed that a dinner be held afterwards for all members.

A quote from Andrew Huffer is attached. The NEWROC EO believes Andrew would be a good fit for the group and understands the regional landscape. Andrew is available 1-3rd Feb and 6th-13th Feb.

One focus area that the NEWROC EO believes is important going forward is the development of an Economic Development Plan as well.

RESOLUTION

Information is received

Moved Cr Brown

Seconded Cr Davies

CARRIED 6/0

Discussion

- NEWROC EO to speak to WDC about utilising the UWA students for the basis of an economic development plan
- NEWROC strategic plan to be further discussed at the start of 2023

8.7. NEWROC WORKFORCE PLAN

FILE REFERENCE:	041-5 Strategic and Future Planning
REPORTING OFFICER:	Caroline Robinson
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE:	21 November 2022
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	
CONSULTATION:	
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:	Nil
VOTING REQUIREMENT:	Simple Majority

COMMENT

The NEWROC sought funding from BBRF for its workforce plan however the Federal Government decided not to proceed with funding of Round 6. The following extract of some of the strategies in the plan are included for discussion and reported progress:

1. Attraction and Retention of the Workforce	
Investigate housing infrastructure and innovative funding models that is aligned to current and future needs of NEWROC members, whilst delivering individual and collective benefit	Housing and Workforce Paper For possible action at GECZ Conference 2023
Recruit a CEO for the regional subsidiary	To be undertaken when RS Charter is adopted by the Minister
Train Councillors in the role and governance of a regional subsidiary	To be undertaken when RS Charter is adopted by the Minister
2. Develop People and Build Capability	
Assist members to access quality and diverse education and training opportunities for staff and Councillors through providers such as WALGA, LG Pro etc.	Priorities to be advised
3. Connect with Local People and Local Business	
When vacancies arise members can share this information to inform and encourage suitably skilled and qualified applicants to apply, promote on NEWROC website member vacancies	NEWROC EO currently shares vacancies on Wheatbelt Jobs website NEWROC consider establishing a social media profile
NEWROC to regularly communicate its activities to the communities it represents	NEWROC Newsletter (3 in 2021), website NEWROC consider establishing a social media profile
4. Network and Resource Share within the Region and the Local Government Sector.	
Explore opportunities for secondments or exchanges with other Local Governments	McCusker Centre Internship Program?
When required work with each other to outsource expertise to help prepare and meet compliance and legislative requirements	Emergency Services?

RESOLUTION

Information be received

Moved Cr De Lacy

Seconded Cr Stratford

CARRIED 6/0

Discussion:

- Any future events role needs to support or complement Community Development Officers in the NEWROC and not duplicate them

MATTERS FOR DECISION

9. EMERGING NEWROC ISSUES as notified or introduced by decision of the Meeting

Nil

10. GENERAL UPDATES

Housing and Worker Paper

- Attached and ready for distribution (#7 Paper)
- GROH and worker housing to be put forward as a potential topic of discussion at the GECZ conference that is taking place in early 2023
- Discussion regarding the WACHS housing in Trayning and Wyalkatchem that is being proposed

Regional Landfill

- Wyalkatchem tip has an estimated 24yrs – 30yrs if it was to be a regional site
- Clearing application has been submitted so that the Shire understands its obligations going forward

Funding Submissions

- BBRF – Workforce. Program dissolved by Federal Government (Oct 2022)
- FRRR Drought Fund. Submitted in October 2022
- WA Bike Grant. Submitted November 2022.

11. 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

20 February	Council meeting	Shire of Dowerin (MONDAY)
28 February	GECZ Conference	
28 March	Executive	Shire of Mukinbudin
27 April	Council	Shire of Mt Marshall (THURSDAY)
30 May	Executive	Shire of Wyalkatchem
27 June	Council	Shire of Koorda
25 July	Executive	Shire of Trayning
21 August	Council	Merredin (straight after GECZ)
26 September	Executive	Shire of Mukinbudin
31 October	Council	Shire of Mt Marshall
28 November	Council	Shire of Nungarin

RESOLUTION

2023 meeting dates are adopted

Moved Cr Brown

Seconded Cr Sachse

CARRIED 6/0

12. CLOSURE

NEWROC CEO acknowledged the passing of Bill Fensome and thanked him for his role and time at the Shires of Mukinbudin, Nungarin and the NEWROC.

NEWROC CEO acknowledged the efforts by the Shire of Mt Marshall CEO John Nuttall who will be leaving his role in December. NEWROC thanked him for his contributions.

NEWROC CEO wished all members a Merry Christmas and thanked the Shire of Trayning for hosting. The meeting was closed at 5.41pm.