

NEWSLETTER

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The North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils is a voluntary organisation of seven local governments, established for over 20yrs. The purpose of NEWROC is to ***work together for successful communities***. NEWROC achieves this with ***regional collaboration to champion opportunities for the communities***.



NEWROC Signs New Memorandum

The NEWROC members signed the new Memorandum of Understanding at its recent October Council meeting. The purpose of the MoU is to affirm the partnership and collaboration of the seven local governments and to further the shared purpose of the group - *working together for successful communities*. This the tenth occasion that the group has reviewed and renewed the MoU.

Presentation to the WDC

NEWROC Chair Cr Jannah Stratford presented the organisations priorities to the new Wheatbelt Development Commission CEO at the October Council meeting.

Cr Stratford outlined the key strategies of the organisation including:

- Working together to advocate
- Renewable power / emergency power / micro-grid
- Telecommunications – landline, mobile and internet
- Attraction and retention of businesses
- Regional waste facility / improved waste management services
- Attraction and retention of healthcare workers
- Childcare services
- Resource sharing and attracting and retaining local government professionals
- Supporting volunteers
- Investigating a regional subsidiary

Reliable Energy

The provision of reliable energy to residents and businesses in the district is a strategic priority for the NEWROC and was identified at the group's strategy day.

Recently the NEWROC submitted two market led proposals to the State Government alongside

Magellan Power, UWA and Telstra to work together to resolve power reliability issues.

NEWROC in Perth

Shire Councillors and CEO's of the NEWROC recently caught up at the WALGA AGM in Perth to network and attend professional development.



New CEOs

The NEWROC welcomes Peter Klein to the Shire of Wyalkatchem as CEO and thanks Stephen Tindale for his acting role. The Shire of Nungarin also has a new CEO, Lennard Long and thanks Adam Majid for his time in the group.