

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***.

New Family Daycare Services

A long term strategic priority of the NEWROC has been to support member Councils in the establishment of childcare where there is no local service. Childcare is a significant enabler for workforce participation, respite and community service for parents, families and caregivers.

The NEWROC has recently supported the Shires and communities of Koorda and Wyalkatchem in the establishment of two new family day care services, in partnership with the Shire of Williams.

These two new services complement existing childcare services in Mukinbudin, Dowerin, Bencubbin and Beacon.

Town Team Funding

The collaboration between Town Team Movement and the NEWROC resulted in an impressive 'Dowerin Do Over' earlier this year. It also encouraged the establishment of a Dowerin Town Team –

Dowerin This Together. The group was recently successful in securing RAC funding for a transformation of the façade of the Tin Dog General Store where future community activities will be held.

Meet the Minister

A NEWROC delegation met with the Hon John Carey MLA; Minister for Local Government and Housing at Dumas House in early September. The purpose of the meeting was to demonstrate our interest in forming a regional subsidiary to help member Councils achieve the groups energy vision, as well as provide feedback on the shortage of quality and accessible accommodation for the regional workforce.

NEWROC Literary Luncheon

NEWROC sponsored the annual Literary Luncheon in August. The Luncheon was hosted by the book clubs of Mukinbudin and the guest author was David Whish Wilson. David is an author of numerous books including *Shore Leave* and *Zero at the Bone*.



Cr Stratford, David Whish Wilson and Cr Brown

New Chair and CEO

The Shire of Koorda chaired its last NEWROC meeting last month. Cr Jannah Stratford and Koorda CEO Darren Simmons will step down as NEWROC Chair and CEO respectively.

Cr Gary Shadbolt and CEO Dirk Sellenger from the Shire of Mukinbudin will take on the roles of Chair and CEO at the October meeting.

Thank you to the Shire of Koorda for their leadership and support over the past 2 years.