



2020-21

ANNUAL REPORT

WEROC INC.

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OUR BOARD

The WEROC Inc. Board consists of two representatives from each of the six Member Councils. In 2020-21 our Board Members were:

BRUCE ROCK

Deputy Shire President, Cr. Ram Rajagopalan (Chair of WEROC Inc.)
Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Darren Mollenoyux

KELLERBERRIN

Shire President, Cr. Rod Forsyth (Deputy Chair of WEROC Inc.)
Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Raymond Griffiths

MERREDIN

Shire President, Cr. Julie Flockart
Temporary Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Mark Dacombe

TAMMIN

Shire President, Cr. Michael Greenwood
Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Neville Hale

WESTONIA

Shire President, Cr. Karin Day
Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jamie Criddle

YILGARN

Shire President, Cr. Wayne Della Bosca
Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Peter Clarke



CHAIRS REPORT

It is with great pleasure I present my last report after two years as Chair of WEROC Inc.

2021 has been a year of recovery and solidification of our collective vision. After a year of regeneration and planning, we have now created a solid platform from which to spring from with direction. For me the highlight was the continuation of leaving behind our own parochial agendas, so that we could work together to improve the future of our region as a whole.

It was an absolute delight to welcome the Shire of Tammin back into WEROC in October 2020, not only for their input and perspective, but to increase our voice. It also solidified that we now have a purpose that is both attractive and meaningful to others.

We are well on our way in delivering our Strategic Plan. Our priorities were always going to take longer than my term as Chair, so my hope was to bring a sense of unity and purpose and a clear plan for the future, that members could follow. I wish the best of luck to the old and new members of WEROC in carrying on the vision through the remaining priorities of our original five projects and to develop new priorities as WEROC evolves.

I wrote this last year, but it needs repeating, all of our member Shires have come together with a common vision and purpose to support the growth and development of the Eastern Wheatbelt.



CHAIRS REPORT

I would like to thank all our members for looking past their respective Shire boundaries and instead looking at us as a cohesive team responsible for near ten thousand residents.

Each individual member from Kellerberrin, Merredin, Westonia, Yilgarn, Tammin and Bruce Rock have embraced this new entity and shared plan for the future to make some tangible gains. We are a great example of CEOs and Elected Members working collaboratively and cohesively together for a common good, but I wouldn't expect anything less from the Eastern Wheatbelt.

I hope you continue to build our profile and relationships with all levels of government and stakeholders and, more so, continue to work harmoniously and collaboratively for the future of all your communities.

I cannot understate my thanks to our new Executive Officer Rebekah whose expertise, efficiency and enthusiasm has continued to grow our little crop called WEROC Inc. Your professionalism and efficiency have been a pleasure to witness and I couldn't have asked for better support.

It has been an absolute honour to have been part of WEROC and I look forward to watching your growth as a resident of this amazing part of Western Australia

Ram Rajagopalan
Chair Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc.



OUR PERFORMANCE

WEROC INC. WELCOMES THE SHIRE OF TAMMIN

At a Special General Meeting held on 1 October 2020, the WEROC Inc. Board voted to accept an application from the Shire of Tammin to be admitted as a Member of the Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc.

The Shire of Tammin were an inaugural Member of WEROC and have been a welcome addition back into the group.

WEBSITE REVAMP

In December 2020, WEROC Inc. launched its new website. The website provides detailed information about WEROC, links to relevant external resources and an overview of each of the six Member Local Governments.

The new website is intended to provide greater visibility of the important work being undertaken by WEROC Inc. to achieve its vision for the Wheatbelt East to grow and prosper.



OUR PERFORMANCE

WEROC TOURISM AUDIT

Recognising the opportunity presented by the boost in domestic intrastate travel resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic, WEROC commenced a project in March 2021 to evaluate the Eastern Wheatbelt tourist offering and look for opportunities to establish the region as a must-see destination on the Western Australian traveller's itinerary.

The scope for the audit, which will be completed in the 2021-22 financial year, includes the following deliverables:

- An audit of all existing tourism product (i.e., accommodation, natural assets, cultural/heritage attractions, food and beverage, trails, caravan and camping, and events) within the region;
- An analysis of the gaps and opportunities within identified tourism product clusters;
- An analysis of current visitor markets and tourism trends;
- An online presence and social media review;
- A review of existing State, regional and local tourism plans/strategies;



OUR PERFORMANCE

WHEATBELT MEDICAL STUDENT IMMERSION PROGRAM 2021

In early 2021 the WA Primary Health Network, Curtin University, Rural Health West, the University of Notre Dame and WEROC Inc. signed a letter of agreement committing to support the Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program (WMSIP) for an additional three years. WEROC continues to support this program, understanding that it is an invaluable mechanism for introducing medical students to rural practice in Western Australia.

During the week of Monday 15 to Friday 19 March 2021, 200 medical students from Curtin and Notre Dame Universities, visited the Wheatbelt through the WMSIP program. WEROC Shires were host to around half of these students - Kellerberrin (27), Bruce Rock (22), Merredin (27), Westonia (8), Southern Cross (22) - and the Shire of Tammin provided support to the 22 students allocated to Cunderdin.

Each of the WEROC Shires and the WEROC Executive Officer, work closely with Rural Health West to coordinate and plan the medical student visit each year and provide on the ground support to the students and academic staff while they are visiting the region.



OUR PERFORMANCE

REGIONAL PROMOTION & MARKETING

The six Member Local Governments of WEROC along with the Shire of Cunderdin have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre for the purpose of visitor servicing and regional promotion.

Each year WEROC financially contribute toward a range of co-operative regional marketing campaigns in conjunction with Australia's Golden Outback, NEW Travel, Roe Tourism, and the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre. In the 2020-21 financial year, these included:

- The 2021 Perth Caravan and Camping Show held at the Claremont Showgrounds from 17 to 21 March;
- An Eastern Wheatbelt Autumn Press Campaign, with a self-drive feature in the Weekend West Wheatbelt Feature on 13 March 2021;
- An Eastern Wheatbelt Spring Press Campaign, with advertisements in the Weekend West on 8 August 2020 and the September 2020 edition of Have a Go News.



PROGRESS AGAINST OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Regional Waste Management: WEROC have engaged ASK Waste Management to complete a Strategic Waste Management Plan and Landfill Rationalisation Study. This work will be completed in late 2021.

Tourism Product Development: WEROC have commenced a comprehensive Tourism Product Audit, to be completed in mid-2021.

Strengthening our economy through local business development: WEROC have engaged the Customer Service Institute of Australia to deliver their certified customer service excellence training across the WEROC Member Shires. This training will be delivered in early 2022.

Digital Connectivity: WEROC provided letters of support for the extension of the CRISP Wireless network through the Digital Farm Grants and Regional Connectivity Program. WEROC have also consulted with Local Members of State and Federal Government on digital connectivity concerns and constraints.

Ranger and Regulatory Services Solution: WEROC completed an audit of Ranger and Regulatory Services to assess gaps and opportunities in the delivery of emergency management and ranger services across the WEROC Member Shires.



FINANCE REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The cash balance of the WEROC Inc. account held with Westpac Bank, on 1 July 2020 was \$143,177.70 and the closing cash balance on 30 June 2021 was \$190,684.49.

As per Rule 17.3 of the WEROC Inc. Constitution, the Board must prepare and approve an annual budget at least 1 month prior to the end of the financial year. The annual budget for the 2021-22 financial year was adopted at a General Meeting held on 27 April 2021. The income and expenditure commitments for WEROC Inc. for next financial year are estimated to be \$86,409.05 and \$129,436.86 respectively.

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

The summary of financial activity (refer to profit and loss statement in the audited finance report) for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, shows a total trading income of \$102,064.09 and expenditure of \$54,383.85, resulting in a net profit, of \$47,680.24.

The principal source of Income for WEROC Inc. in the 2020-21 financial year was the annual financial contributions made by the Member Councils.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Audit services for the 2020-21 financial year were provided by Audit Partners Australia.

**WHEATBELT EAST REGIONAL ORGANISATION
OF COUNCILS INC**

**Audited Financial Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

WHEATBELT EAST REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS INC

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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WHEATBELT EAST REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS INC

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



PRESIDENT

Name: Ramesh Rajagopalan



TREASURER

Name: Rebekah Burges

Dated this 7th day of September 2021



Balance Sheet

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc
As at 30 June 2021

	30 JUN 2021	30 JUN 2020
Assets		
Bank		
Westpac Community Solution One	190,684.49	143,177.70
Total Bank	190,684.49	143,177.70
Total Assets	190,684.49	143,177.70
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
GST	(1,440.15)	(1,266.70)
Total Current Liabilities	(1,440.15)	(1,266.70)
Total Liabilities	(1,440.15)	(1,266.70)
Net Assets	192,124.64	144,444.40
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	47,680.24	117,008.00
Retained Earnings	144,444.40	27,436.40
Total Equity	192,124.64	144,444.40



Profit and Loss

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Trading Income		
Fund Transfer on Merger	-	139,680.47
General Subscriptions	102,000.00	-
GST Refund	-	396.00
Total Trading Income	102,000.00	140,076.47
Gross Profit	102,000.00	140,076.47
Other Income		
WE-ROC Interest Received	64.09	80.24
Total Other Income	64.09	80.24
Operating Expenses		
-Accounting Fees	363.60	2,589.85
Consultants Fees	10,280.29	1,050.00
-Executive officer - Travel & accommodation	1,262.53	628.59
-Executive officer-Professional Services	29,693.17	15,390.46
Financial Services	45.45	90.91
-Financial Services:Audit fees	879.95	2,481.82
Meeting expenses	-	10.00
Sundry expenses	-	852.48
WE-ROC App Development & Maintenance	5,860.00	44.55
WE-ROC Incorporation Expense	-	10.05
WE-ROC Insurance	4,998.86	-
Total Operating Expenses	54,383.85	23,148.71
Net Profit	47,680.24	117,008.00

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (WA). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and on the cash basis of accounting whereby revenue is recorded when it is received, expenses are recorded when they are paid and no assets or liabilities, other than cash and bank balances and goods and services tax (GST) are recorded.

Accounting Standards or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board are not applied.

The following material accounting policy, which is consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues and expenses are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

NOTE 2: AMALGAMATION

Wheatbelt Communities Inc. and Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils have amalgamated to form a single incorporated association during the year end 30 June 2020, through which the Shires of Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Westonia and Yilgarn continue to work cooperatively. Wheatbelt Communities Inc. is renamed as Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc. to reflect this amalgamation.

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils ceased to exist effective 31 January 2020 and the remaining funds of \$139,680 were transferred to the association in the year ended 30 June 2020.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
WHEATBELT EAST REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS INC**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2021, the profit and loss statement for the year ended 30 June 2021, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 : *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and the constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1, financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



LEANNE K OLIVER
Director CPA RCA

AUDIT PARTNERS AUSTRALIA
EAST VICTORIA PARK WA

Dated at Perth, Western Australia, this 5th day of October 2021