

CONSERVING THE AVON RIVER ENVIRONMENT Inc. (CARE)

The Avon River Management Authority (ARMA) was dissolved in December 2001, and the Avon Waterways Committee Inc. (AWC) was formed to continue a community presence in the management of the Avon River.

When the Department of Water ceased to sponsor the AWC in 2011, AWC members were concerned that there would be no community voice left for the Avon River. A new organisation would be required to foster this.

On 9th November 2011 former members of the AWC, and other interested community members, met to discuss the formation of a coalition of groups. At this meeting it was agreed to form a community group, with membership drawn from across the inner catchment. Funds from the former AWC (held in trust) were to be used to administer the organisation in the first instance.

The inaugural meeting of the new association, to be called 'Conserving the Avon River Environment' (CARE), was held on 26 June 2013. The objects of CARE are:

- (1) to act as an environmental advocate for conservation in the Avon region;
- (2) to provide a representative group that can act on conservation matters for the catchment;
- (3) to support member groups;
- (4) to seek funding as necessary;
- (5) to act in an advisory capacity; and
- (6) to encourage excellent environmental practice

The Toodyay Friends of the River Inc. are registered members of CARE.

CARE can be contacted by email at careinc@westnet.com.au for further information.