

## 22 April 2021

## **Abundant Species - Little Corellas**

Council continues to respond to community concerns and calls for solutions to address the ongoing environmental devastation caused by increasing numbers of little corellas in the District.

Council recently approached the Sporting & Shooters Association to invite volunteers to participate in a controlled cull.

"Sporting & Shooter Association volunteers commenced active Corella shooting this week, focussing on Wirrabara, Melrose and Wilmington areas. The group of volunteers are professional shooters, and are often engaged by DEW to complete targeted shooting programs in the national park areas" said Mayor Heaslip.

Council ensured community awareness of the commencement of the cull through use of social media, and liaison with Department of Environment & Water and SA Police. Shooting will conclude at the end of this week.

At the Council meeting held on 20 April, Council resolved to write to the SA Minister for Environment & Water expressing concern about management of the corellas and to request the State Government to explore a State-wide program to support impacted communities.

"As an unprotected native bird species in South Australia a strategy is needed to guide a coordinated approach aimed at reducing the negative impacts the birds cause in communities across the State" said Mayor Heaslip.

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