



Heritage Advisory Group **Minutes**

Harvey Chambers Meeting Room
Wednesday, 23 August 2023
2.00pm

Minutes

1. Official Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 2:04 pm.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by Chairperson

Attendance

Membership

Chairperson	Cr.	Wendy	Dickinson
Deputy Chairperson	Cr.	Amanda	Lovitt
Community Representative	Mr.	Allan	Ward
Community Representative	Mr.	Richard	Knight
Community Representative	Ms.	Marion	Lofthouse
Councillor	Cr.	Francis	Burgoyne

Shire Officers

Manager Community and Recreation	Mr.	Andrew	Dingley
Manager Special Projects	Ms.	Pauline	Pietersen
Senior Planning Officer	Ms.	Kelly	Beauglehole

3. Apologies

Director Sustainable Development	Mr.	Simon	Hall
Harvey Aboriginal Corporation	Ms.	Lesley	Ugle
Manager Building Services	Mr.	Frank	Fimmano

4. Declarations of Members' and Officer's Personal Interest

(Refer to permanent Table of Declaration of Members)

5. Review of Current Action Register

As per Current Action Register (refer **Attachment 1**).

6. Agenda Items

Project Updates

- Harvey Internment Camp and Gaol Cells Interpretive Signage Project (KB)
- Shrine Update – maintenance requested
- Draft Place Records Table for Local Heritage Survey Review via Dropbox

7. Other Business/Round Table

- May Gibbs Collection Inventory provided by Richard Knight (Harveston Park) for the Shire's records.
- Yarloop Workshops Inc. update (AW)
 - AGM was well attended and several new members nominated. All Officer roles were fulfilled.
- Harvey Railway Station Museum (ML)
 - Volunteers have restored the timber flooring in the Ladies Waiting Room at the Station. A display from the May Gibbs Collection is on show in the room at present.
 - Harvey Reporter are preparing an article to promote the display and Museum opening hours.
- The Harvey History Online AGM is to be held in September.
- Harvey History Online made contact with the Shire to offer a commemorative quilt made by local artist Holly Nutley in 1995 for the 100 years of the Shire of Harvey celebration. The Shire responded to Harvey History Online advising that it does not have appropriate storage for a textile artwork and could not accept the donation at the time.
- Dying to know Day was August 8th 2023. There was a Harvey Cemetery Trail held, and the documentation will be provided to the Shire for their records. (WD)
- New membership for the Heritage Advisory Group 2023_2025 membership will be offered to Community Members after the October Election of new Council. Staff will send a written invite to all current members of the Group to return as new members, and should reach out to all related parties e.g. Australind & Districts Historical Society, and individuals who have expressed an interest in the Shire's history and/or made contact with the group.
- Members of the previous Harvey Internment Camp Memorial Shrine to be invited to join the Group and continue a working relationship with the Shire, now that the Shire is the managing body of the Shrine.
- The Heritage Advisory Group wishes to extend their gratitude and compliments to the Shire of Harvey staff that maintain the Harvey Cemetery. The continuous improvements to the gardens and maintenance has been noticed.
- Letter to Shire President from R Scott tabled at the meeting requesting to have a heritage display for the Brunswick and Roelands town sites - distributed to members.
- Where are the artworks from the Visitor Centre by Dorothy Morris being stored by the Shire? AD to follow up in Shire's art collection catalogue.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Group will be held 2pm Wednesday, 4 October 2023 in the Australind Council Chambers Meeting Room.

9. Closure

The meeting was closed at 3:56 pm

18 August 2023

History of the attached May Gibbs Inventory.

The Harvey Visitor Centre was closed by the Harvey Shire Council during 2022. The contents of the building were emptied and in 2023 the building was leased to the Harvey Aboriginal Corporation.

During that time the contents relating to May Gibbs, the murals, artwork, and merchandise, was delivered to our farm at 19 Weir Road, Harvey for storage as Richard has a family connection to May Gibbs.

This decision was made in consultation with the Shire Officer, Trish Palmonari so that the contents could be preserved and protected for a short-term until a more suitable arrangement could be made.

The contents have since been re-located to the Harvey Museum where a room has been dedicated for a May Gibbs display and the rest of the contents have been stored in the old Harvey SES building.

Richard and Terri Knight



May Gibbs - Inventory

Sheet No	1		Date	18/08/2023
Performed By		Richard and Terri Knight		

Inventory No.	Item Description
7	Panels of painted May Gibbs characters on hardy-flex (1200x2400) sheeting. The panels were originally fixed to the entrance of the Harvey Visitor Centre.
5	Panels of painted May Gibbs characters on chipboard sheets (1200x2400). They were originally in an alcove display at the Harvey Visitor Centre and were positioned as a backdrop to Mr Lizardman and other memorabilia.
1	Metal backed display panel, titled 'May Gibbs in Harvey'. It gives a brief history of May's life in Harvey, and her time in Sydney at Nutcote, which was her home in later years.
1	Jarrah Hexagonal floor block used in the Gibbs house.
1	Large gumnut turned by Len Knight who had a family connection to May Gibbs.
1	Full size paper mâché lizardman sitting on a wooden chair.
2	A4 Files of correspondence and information.

May Gibbs - Inventory

Sheet No	2		Date	18/08/2023
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24	Ceramic spice set containers for thyme, nutmeg, paprika, onion, salt, cumin etc.
6	Cup, saucer, and teaspoon sets. Numbered as follows: A0 414 A0 685 A0 174 A0 554 A0 732 A0 643
12	Ceramic/China hand painted plates. Numbered as follows: C 513 B 820 752 K (chipped) 295 F C 462 D 208 A 693 B 391 V 246 B 698 X 945 – Donated by Elizabeth Partridge from White Rocks 682 M – Anne Geddes 2010
2	Ceramic MG characters on a gum leaves.
7	Plastic dolls – all depicting May Gibbs characters.
2	Porcelain dolls depicting the gumnut babies.
3	Posters relating to May Gibbs.
1	Wall frieze of gumnut babies.
1	Envelope and stamp relating to MG. 1 st Dav Cover.

May Gibbs - Inventory

Sheet No	3	Date	18/08/2023
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Inventory No.	Item Description
<i>Paintings/Posters</i>	
1	Bark painting of garden, picnic scene – Donated by Mary Walsh.
1	May Gibbs and Friends – Poster. Framed and under glass.
2	May Gibbs posters on MDF chip board.
<i>Retail – books, stationery, and soft toys</i>	
4	Boxed soft toy gumnut babies
4	Notepads
13	Gift cards
1	Pocket diary
1	Baby keepsake
1	Party invitation pad
1	Ruler - plastic
1	Photo Album
1	May Gibbs Diary 1997
1	May Gibbs Diary 2012
4	<i>Hardcover books:</i> • Counting • Opposites • First Words • Colours
1	Gumnut Babies – Classic Collection
2	May Gibbs Classic Collection – in Hardcover folder
2	Australian Children's Classics
2	Picture Books
18	May Gibbs books – various topics

May Gibbs - Inventory

Sheet No	4	Date	18/08/2023
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Inventory No.	Item Description
<i>Donated Books</i>	
5	Donated books • Pathway to Magic – donated by Guy Palmer • Scotty and Gumnut Man x 2 donated by Meriden Library • The Complete Adventures of Snugglepote and Cuddlepate – donated by Kayla Spence 2013 • Nuttybub and Nittersing – Malcolm Ogilby. Published 1938
3	• May Gibbs Country Craft • Australian Heritage • May and Herbert Gibbs – the People, the Places
Videos and DVD's	
2	Videos • Australian Garden – a Botanist's View • An Interview with May Gibbs
3	DVD's • Australian Garden • An interview with May Gibbs • The Adventures of Snugglepote and Cuddlepate
<i>Dolls in large box not related to May Gibbs</i>	
8	Ceramic faced dolls.
5	Plastic dolls
1	Doll and spider – paper mâché
1	Puppet clown
2	Wooden wall boards for hanging teaspoons.
22	Teaspoons
3	Painted clay frogs.
1	Book titled 'Old Toodyay' by Rica Erikson

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5 June 2023

Mr Paul Gillett
Shire President
Shire of Harvey
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Dear Mr Gillett

I write to you making a request to have heritage display for the Brunswick and Roelands townsites and the involvement of these towns in developing Western Australia. Heritage trails have been placed in a number of towns, the same should be established in both Brunswick Junction and Roelands. See annexure photos.

Dealing with Roelands to start, many people are unaware between 1840 and 1897 twenty-nine ships were wrecked in Koombana Bay and understandably, Bunbury Harbour was considered unsafe in the winter months due to the north-west gales.

In response to the ongoing problem of damaged and wrecked boats in Koombana Bay, C. Y. O'Connor, the Engineer-in-Chief at the Public Works Department, proposed and designed a "Pierres Perdues" type breakwater, following a curve in a north-east direction with approximately a half mile radius. O'Connor had also proposed an inner harbour at this time, but this idea was abandoned.

C. Y. O'Connor only wanted the breakwater to be a little above high tide as he thought that the sea breaking over it would help to keep the harbour clear of silt.

Roelands quarry was where the rock came from to build the jetty and was conveyed to Bunbury by train. As may be seen a lot of rock and stone was required to complete the project.

On 13 February 1951, driver William Wakeham was crushed to death under a load of quarry stone when the trucks telescoped as the locomotive while running bunker first jumped the rails on a curve and struck the side of a cutting. The fireman and the guard jumped before the crash and were injured. The train, which was operated by the Public Works Department, was travelling to the new Bunbury harbour works when it got out of control.

Please see Annexure photo of the train which conveyed stone from Roelands.

Roelands was also the main office for the Public Works Department River irrigation system. The office was situated in Hayward Street. During the summer months watermen were engaged to service farming properties in the Roelands, Brunswick, and Benger areas. Each had their own motor bike to perform their role. Winter months watermen would ride push bikes with their shovels to ensure the irrigation drains were ready for the next irrigation season. See photo also on Annexure.

Water collected at Wellington Dam which was constructed in 1933, with the first water flowing through the irrigation system in 1934. In 1956 the wall of the weir was raised another sixty feet, and upgraded in 2012 to meet current Australian engineering standards.

My suggestion to the Shire is to have an information bay established in Roelands depicting the history and including the development of the Bunbury Harbour, as part of the Shire's heritage trail.

Brunswick Junction was a very important railway in connecting the south west with the metropolitan area. There was a large number of rail workers in Brunswick until the late 1950's when diesel powered locomotives were utilised on the Perth – Kalgoorlie trains and larger steam locomotives moved to work out of Brunswick.

The first train came to Brunswick in 1893, the same year the Brunswick Siding and railway bridge were completed. The siding was situated north of the river near a group of railway workers' cottages.

The station building was a design introduced by C.Y. O'Connor when he came from New Zealand in 1891, comprising an open passenger lobby, with seat and an office. When the new station was built in 1898 this building was moved to Clifton station (soon after renamed Wokalup) in January 1899. This building was destroyed by fire at Wokalup on 26 February 1931.

In conjunction with the construction of the new railway to Collie in 1898, a larger station was built at 'Brunswick Junction'. This building was placed on an island platform, close to the existing 1893 building and was completed about October 1898. The design of the building was also an O'Connor-era design.

The South West railway, opened 22 August 1893 and Collie railway, opened 1 July 1898. Originally called Brunswick but changed to Collie Junction in October 1897. Renamed Brunswick Junction on 5 November 1897.

The existing island platform was extended south, and the large new station completed on 14 January 1941. This station was demolished in August 1983.

During the early 1950's Polish migrants and their families were brought to Brunswick. For quite some time they were provided with tents for accommodation, before moving into homes provided for them. See Annexure photo which shows the type of living conditions these families had on their arrival in Brunswick.

These migrants were engaged in fettlers work in maintaining the rail system.

Trains arriving at Brunswick, the steam engine from the coalfields had to be turned around. Water tanks and coal shuttle were built Brunswick became an important and busy centre. For locomotives to be turned required a turntable, the final turntable installed in 1947 at Brunswick Junction was 80 feet long.

It is noted from an article written by Jeff Austin there were three mishaps on the turntables. The first, on 17 July 1945 when L244 derailed. V1220 rolled off the turntable on 6 June 1958 and in doing so demolished the toilet/shower building of the boarding house which was just to the north of the turntable. The third incident, W922 rolled off the turntable resulting in the driver being killed when crushed by the locomotive on 23 August 1969.

To recognise the importance of Brunswick, I suggest two areas be placed on the heritage trail to acknowledge the history of the railway in Brunswick for tourists and the like know more about the town of Brunswick.

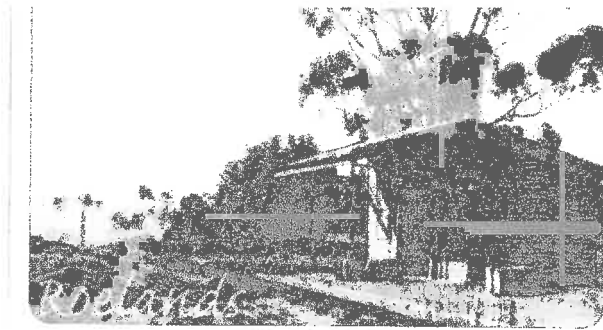
The first would be sited near where the railway station was, and the second in the parking area near St Peter's Anglican church as this site now is situated where the locomotive depot was. It should also be noted this site was where Brunswick played competition basketball in the Bunbury and Harvey associations until a court was established on the recreation grounds.

I would be pleased if you could meet and discuss my suggestions in Brunswick at a time convenient to yourself.

Yours sincerely

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Annexure



Roelands Station



Train conveying stone from Roelands quarry



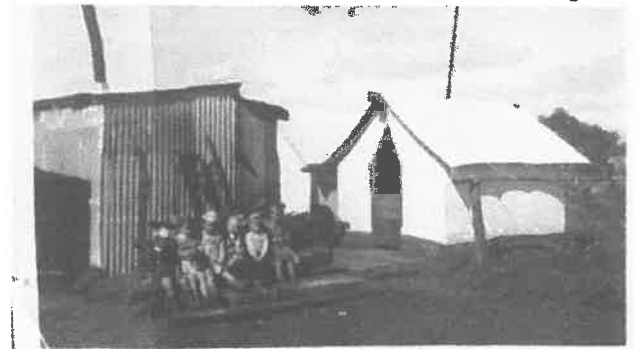
Original Railway Station



Brunswick Railway Station before being extended



Railway Station with signal cabin upstairs



Tents Polish migrants lived in



Turntable with V class locomotive



Locomotive refueling for outgoing train



Watermen at Roelands



Information bay and street signs on the heritage trail at Boyanup