



SHIRE OF
HARVEY

Advocacy Priorities

2024 - 2025



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Message from the Shire President and CEO

The Advocacy Priorities for the Shire of Harvey looks to encourage investment in key strategic projects which will support jobs in the region whilst building on the enviable lifestyle opportunities that come with living in the South West of Western Australia

The Shire of Harvey has entered an exciting period of growth bringing huge opportunities and some challenges.

As a Shire, we are committed to creating a strategic agenda that promotes sustainable social and economic growth.

Our sustained growth is linked closely to derived community benefit, with our district providing not only desirable places to live but employment for local people, by local industry and commerce.

Our Advocacy Priorities seek to support the community whilst stimulating the economy. These projects and initiatives have also been developed through community engagement and strategic long-term planning and are identified within our Corporate Business Plan 2023 – 2027.

Through partnerships, we can make these critical projects a reality and deliver social, environmental, and economic benefits for our local community, the South West region and WA.

We hope you can join us as we work together towards an even better lifestyle.



Ms Michelle Campbell
SHIRE PRESIDENT



Annie Riordan
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER**

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Harvey acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past, present and emerging.

Welcome to the Neighbourhood

The Shire of Harvey is one of the fastest growing local government areas in WA. Covering an area of 1,735 km², the Local Government Area operates in the Federal Division of Forrest and State Electorates of Murray-Wellington and Collier-Preston.



30,147

estimated residents in 2023⁺



24% Increase

in the 10 years from 2011 to 2021⁺



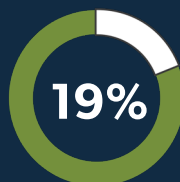
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Median age of residents⁺



11,868

dwellings in the Harvey Region⁺



of residents were born overseas⁺

The top five ancestries of residents in 2021 were⁺:

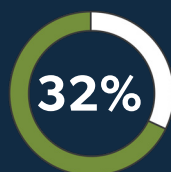
1. English

2. Australian

3. Scottish

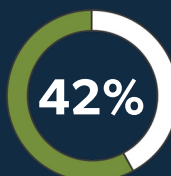
4. Irish

5. Italian



of households are couples with young children⁺

Higher than regional WA at 23.8%⁺



of households (2021) had a mortgage⁺

Higher than regional WA at 27%⁺

Philippines

was the largest non-English speaking country of birth, with 1.9% of residents born there⁺

Largest changes in birthplace country from 2016 to 2021⁺:

Philippines +144 persons

India +80 persons

New Zealand -76 persons

Vanuatu +67 persons



16

schools in the Harvey Region⁺



25.3%

of the population are aged under 18⁺

Higher than regional WA at 23.1%⁺



9.2%

of the population is secondary school aged⁺

Higher than regional WA at 7.6%⁺

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Big Ticket Priorities



Harvey Community Precinct - Stage 1

Project overview

The Harvey Community Precinct project proposes the staged redevelopment of community buildings in Harvey to create a hub for learning, socialising, and accessing community and Shire services.

Stage 1 - Harvey Multi-use Learning Community Hub, will celebrate the town's heritage through the activation of historic buildings, and house a range of community services, facilities, and spaces to support tourism.

Stage 1:

- Expansion of the War Memorial Library and façade restoration.
- Harvey Community Radio 96.5fm space.
- May Gibbs Display .
- Public Space enhancements/RSL.
- Program spaces for community groups, language, and learning.
- Versatile and adaptable spaces for meetings, cultural events and social gatherings and functions.
- Improved accessibility and pedestrian connectivity.

Identified Needs

The need for the project is based on:

- The current infrastructure being obsolete and at the end of its economic life.
- The lack of facilities designed to cater for demographic changes within the Harvey District.
- The significant increase in residents from overseas requiring support through language programs contributing to a lack of connectedness, social inclusion, and cohesion.
- Revitalisation of the Harvey Central Business District
- Economic Investment required for visitor infrastructure to create jobs.
- Accessibility issues with Heritage buildings.
- Future proofing of the Harvey Community Radio by giving it a permanent home.

\$ Partnership Funding

The Shire seeks \$6.1m in financial assistance from the State and Federal Governments to deliver Stage 1.

The Shire has expended \$1.4m in design development and documentation.

The Shire has committed a further \$8m to the project.



Leschenault Leisure Centre Courts Expansion

Project overview

Promoting participation, performance and integrity in the sport and recreation sector to support a healthy lifestyle for all people.

The Leschenault Leisure Centre (LLC) is a leading Southwest regional sporting facility offering an aquatic facility, health and fitness centre, four indoor multipurpose courts, three squash courts, cafe, crèche, and a function centre.

Hosting over 421,000 visitors last fiscal year, the centre caters for community and competition court sports for more than 32,000 people.

It is home to annual events including:

- The Southwest Games
- Sportfest Southwest Youth Games
- 2-day STEM program for local schools
- Peel Thunder Development Squad camp.

The ageing and outdated centre does not meet the sporting and recreational demands of the current and growing population and does not meet the inclusivity or safety standards required by the community.

This proposed project will deliver four fully compliant courts. These, coupled with the remaining two courts (Courts 1 and 2), will assist the LLC to meet community demand and to remain viable as a regional sports centre for at least the next 20 years.

Identified Needs

The need for the project is based on:

- A significant shortage of indoor sporting facilities in the Southwest.
- Two courts are not match - compliant and are ageing.
- The hall housing the courts has poor ventilation, causing the playing surface to become slippery and unsafe.
- The overall lack of indoor court space and associated facilities are not meeting current and future community need.

- The facility has design deficiencies (including lack of storage, accessibility, foyer congestion and changing facilities).
- It is necessary to upgrade the centre to enable it to stage regional sporting events in the Shire, which will help to develop the Shire's under-performing tourism sector.
- The lack of community-focused facilities in the Australind-Leschenault area, for youth activities.

A Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) conducted on this project estimates that, due to population growth, the required number of court-based games/matches for basketball and netball will increase by a further 19.4% over the next decade, and by almost 50% by 2041.

\$ Partnership Funding

- **The Shire seeks \$15.5m in financial assistance from the State and Federal Governments.**
- The Shire has committed \$5m to the project.
- The Shire has received an FAA Grant of \$3m from the State Government.
- The Shire has expended \$475k in design development and documentation to date.



Leschenault Recreation Park Ovals 7 & 8

Project overview

Creation of a Regional Sporting Precinct catering for growth of the sports sector in the South West and WA.

Current participation statistics for community and regional sport in the Shire of Harvey have trebled since 2019, with participation and membership for community based sports increasing at 3.5% per annum.

The exponentially increasing demand and usage of facilities and reserves by the local and regional communities is further exacerbated by requests from state sporting associations to utilise ideally located facilities and reserves at the Leschenault Leisure Park for domestic games such as soccer, rugby, cricket and AFL.

Redeveloping and providing more green open space and supporting facilities and amenities will support the needs of the local community, meet the requests of state sporting associations and support the economic and tourism objectives of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2031.

The Leschenault Recreation Park Master Plan (2019) supports the development of two new playing fields, a sports pavilion and associated community amenity at the Leschenault Recreation Park.

The plan intends to incorporate the following:

- Two additional playing fields.
- Oval LED lighting and waterwise reticulation system installation.
- Fencing and lighting as required.
- Smart sport artificial intelligence technology network.

- Shade and seating structures.
- Car parking and supporting path network.
- Signage and wayfinding .

Community need is driving the the Shire to consider this project earlier than anticipated. There is currently a high number of local clubs, teams and players that are displaced due to lack of oval space.

Partnership Funding

The Shire seeks \$4m in financial assistance to deliver two new playing fields.

The Shire has committed a further \$4.25m for the additional infrastructure.



Munda Biddi Harvey Spur Trail Construction

Project overview

Development of a spur trail off the Munda Biddi Trail at Lake Brockman to Harvey Dam to link back to the Munda Biddi trail's Yarri Hut in Mornington.

With a strong emphasis on place-based trail and adventure experiences, the Harvey Region aspires to become a renowned trail destination that celebrates the region's remarkable diversity.

The 2023 Harvey Region Trails and Adventure Master Plan identified sustainable trail experiences of national and regional significance for future development.

Within the Harvey Region, the world renowned Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trails exist. A spur trail off the Munda Biddi Trail connecting to the Harvey township is identified as a high priority to provide a point of difference in the trails offerings within Western Australia.

This opportunity for a potential new trail-based experience will deliver economic benefits. The development of a spur trail off the Munda Biddi Trail at Lake Brockman to Harvey Dam is designed to link back to the Munda Biddi Trail heading south, and the Yarri Hut, Mornington.

Identified Needs

It is proposed that the spur trail could make use of old logging and trail tracks and a significant portion of purpose-built single track, providing connectivity to Harvey town and bringing associated economic benefits.

This spur trail provides an opportunity for a loop ride of approximately 80km, making use of the existing Munda Biddi Trail. With connectivity to Harvey town and the passenger train from Perth, this trail experience would appeal to the independent cyclists looking for a short multi-day off road cycling adventure.



Partnership Funding

The Shire seeks \$2.4m in financial assistance to deliver the spur trail to Harvey.



Harvey Accessible Playground

Project overview

Design and construction of an inclusive and accessible playground in Harvey where children of all abilities can play together.

The Harvey Accessible Playground project is a community-driven initiative, brought to Council by a group of local parents, some of whom have children with special needs.

These parents shared personal stories about how their children were unable to play at public playgrounds due to a lack of accessible infrastructure.

Under the tagline *Every Child Deserves to Play*, the group highlighted the growing demand in Harvey for a safe, inclusive space where families and children can connect and play together.

They proposed using the existing area next to the Harvey Skatepark and Sir Peter Topham Swimming Pool at Meriden Park, on Hinge Road.

This location would take advantage of the current infrastructure and the established grassed area with mature trees providing shade, creating a vibrant youth and family precinct.

Identified Needs

A key focus of the project is designing an inclusive playground where children of all abilities can play together. The vision is to create a space that fosters growth and inclusivity, welcoming children of every ability level.



Partnership Funding

The Shire seeks \$670k in financial assistance from the State and Federal Governments.

The Shire has committed \$690k to the project.



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Mid-range and Bite-sized Priorities



Binningup Skatepark

The Binningup Skatepark is a community-led project will see the development of a new skatepark facility located on Binningup Oval.

The existing skate facilities are old and outdated and in need of refurbishment and modernisation.

The skate park must be fit-for-purposes for all ages and all abilities and serve the community well into the future.

Brunswick Tennis Courts New Lighting

The Brunswick Tennis Club caters for all ages, from 6yrs to 90yrs offering multiple sessions one afternoon per week.

With the Shire of Harvey supporting the upgrade to the tennis court surface, new lighting is required to assist the club in opening the facility for longer in Autumn and Spring.

Brunswick River Walk

High on the agenda of the local community's Brunswick Place Plan, the Brunswick River Walk has been on the agenda for the community for several years.

The Walk was identified as an opportunity in the 2023 Harvey Region Trails and Adventure Master Plan.

A short walk close to the town centre the trail follows the banks of the Brunswick River. There is potential to convert the trail to shared use for walking and cycling and connect to the town centre along the western side of the highway to provide a loop trail and connectivity to services and facilities.



State Government Funding
\$550k



State Government Funding
\$500k



State Government Funding
\$286k



Cookernup Playground Upgrades

The community led Cookernup Place Plan presented to the Shire of Harvey Council in November 2023 identified a range of priorities for the tight knit community.

The highest priority is an upgrade to its social meeting precinct in the form of a new gazebo, gas barbeque and the addition of a new pump track to cater for the young families who reside in the town.



State Government Funding
\$350k

Old Cathedral Avenue Shared Path Improvements

The Old Cathedral Avenue Shared Path improves connectivity by linking existing cyclist and pedestrian pathways in Australind.

Infrastructure upgrades are required to improve the amenity with seating, interpretative signage, control and access and additional parking required.



State Government Funding
\$250k

Collie River Bridge Fishing Platform

The Collie River fishing platform on the north end of the Collie River Bridge is managed by the Shire of Harvey.

Generations of fishing-mad mums, dads and kids have fished the north and south jetties (Shire of Dardanup), however, in recent times both have fallen into disrepair and closed off to the public.

As a result, the Shire of Harvey seeks to refurbish the northern jetty to restore it to its former glory as a crabbing and fishing hotspot.



State Government Funding
\$150k



Yarloop Workshop Railway Display

Prior to the 2016 fires, the Yarloop Railway Workshops Complex was on the State Register, in recognition of its importance as the largest privately owned railway workshop remaining in Australia.

The Yarloop Timber Mill Workshops Redevelopment has commenced. To tell the multiple stories about its industrial history, timber milling history, the people, and the fire, we seek funding for the interpretation elements of the Railway Display and the installation of lighting.



State Government Funding
\$750k

Danjoo Koorliny Trail Extension

The existing sealed path commencing in Clifton Park and adjoining an informal off-road trail along the banks of the Collic and Brunswick Rivers, currently extends to the Forrest Highway and is well utilised by locals.

A proposal to create a continuous shared use trail providing connectivity to services and infrastructure as well as an enhanced recreational trail experience. The trail has potential to provide loop walks/runs and rides connecting to the Australind Coastal Trail via Paris Road and an opportunity for the trail to share the area's history and cultural values.



State Government Funding
\$150k

Virgo Brace Playground Australind

With an ever-growing population in our coastal areas, the Shire of Harvey aims to provide play spaces that allow all people, regardless of age or ability, to experience creative play, social interaction, and physical activity.

Virgo Brace Playground is a popular play space for young families in Treendale South. It needs equipment upgrades and the addition of an accessible toilet block to service needs of the growing community.



State Government Funding
\$500k



Summary

Priority	Financial Assistance, \$
Leschenault Leisure Centre Courts Expansion	15.5m
Harvey Community Precinct - Stage 1	6.1m
Leschenault Recreation Park Ovals 7 & 8	4m
Munda Biddi Harvey Spur Trail Construction	2.4m
Yarloop Workshop Railway Display	750k
Harvey Accessible Playground	670k
Binningup Skatepark	550k
Brunswick Tennis Courts New Lighting	500k
Virgo Brace Playground - Australind	500k
Cookernup Playground Upgrades	350k
Brunswick River Walk	286k
Old Cathedral Avenue Shared Path Improvements	250k
Collie River Bridge Fishing Platform - Australind	150k
Danjoo Koorliny Trail Extension - Australind	150k





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