



SHIRE OF
HARVEY

A Breath of Fresh Air

Arts and Culture Advisory Group **Minutes**

Brugan, Wokalup

Thursday 25 August 2022

12.30pm

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1. Official Opening

The meeting was opened at 12.39pm by the chairperson.

Acknowledgement of Country

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

2. Attendance

Chairperson	Paul	Gillett
Councillor	Wendy	Dickinson
Community Representative	Colleen	Martin
Community Representative	Eileen	Macpherson
Community Representative	Paula	Bradley
Community Representative	Janice	Bathurst
Community Representative	Chloe	Palmer
Director Community and Lifestyle	Kirstie	Davis
Manager Place	Amy	Pitts
Manager Special Projects	Pauline	Pietersen
Acting Manager Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre	Andre	Morris
Project Coordinator	Karen	McQueen
Destination Marketing Officer	Willow	Springate
Community Development Officer (Minutes)	Cassie	Curulli
Community Development Officer	Belinda	Williams

3. Apologies

Community Representative	Christine	Mogg
Community Representative	Charmaine	Burke
Harvey Aboriginal Corporation	Ingrid	Hill
Chief Executive Officer	Annie	Riordan
Director Corporate Services	Dean	Winter

4. Discussion Points

- **Creative Communities 2022-2027**

At the August Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted Creative Communities

2027: Art and Culture Strategy. Creative Communities 2027 presents a vision for the Shire to be recognised for its vibrant and inclusive creative and cultural community that is rich, engaging and reflects the uniqueness of our places. The strategy has been developed in partnership with the community and is shaped by an ambition to bring varied talents and creativity to the table.

As part of Creative Communities action list, a percent for art policy will be presented to Council in October. It is proposed the policy facilitates the commissioning of public art through the requirement for all developments (excluding private homes, subdivisions, rural and industrial development) above a value of \$2,000,000 (including GST) to allocate one percent (1%) of the value of the development to public art. The policy also applies to Shire funded developments above a construction cost of \$2,000,000 (including GST).

Another key action of the strategy is to support the development of local creatives, cultural practitioners and organisations to grow a sustainable creative and cultural economy. The Shire has secured a professional development workshop for emerging, mid-career and established visual artists and makers with [Paula Silbert Arts Consultancy](#). The Shire will be offering 20 sponsored places to the Art and Culture Advisory Group and broader community to participate in the workshop 11,12,13 November.

- **Creative Leadership Course**

The Creative Leadership Course held in August with Dr Shona Erskine and Regional Arts WA was a success. Participants included AG group members, Shire of Dardanup, City of Bunbury and Shire of Harvey creatives and officers.

The Creative Leadership Program seeks to:

1. Identify and develop leaders in the regions.
2. Connect the knowledge of artists and arts organisations to invigorate creative communities.
3. Build regional collaboration through shared learnings.
4. Create feedback mechanisms to further promote community-driven arts activities and feed into relevant Local and State government policy.

More information on the two days can be found on the Shire's [website](#).

- **Creative Communities Launch**

To celebrate Creative Communities 2027, the Shire will be launching the strategy with a sundowner at Edith Valley in Roeland's. To thank the Advisory Group for their collective contributions and support during the development, members will be sent an invitation to attend. The event will take place on Friday 16 September at 5pm at Edith Valley in Roelands.

- **Format of future meetings**

The group decided it would be beneficial to host future meetings in creative spaces. A creative space incites the senses! with coffee brewing nearby, colourful décor surrounding, unknown antiquities to inspect and the opportunity to meet outdoors, our senses are certain to come to life, and when they do, creativity abounds.

The Shire will investigate locations and spaces and update members on these via the calendar invitations.

It was suggested that [Pinjarra Arts Hub](#) would be a great location for a site visit/tour and this could be held in conjunction with the next Art and Culture Advisory Group meeting. Shire Officers will reach out the Pinjarra Arts Hub to see if this is possible.

- **Australind and Harvey Community Precincts**

In partnership with the Harvey Precinct Reference Group, The Harvey Community Precinct project has now moved to the design and development phase after extensive community consultation over the past year. (refer attachment 1)

At its Ordinary Meeting in August, Council endorsed the final Master Plan for the project which includes the development of a dynamic community hub featuring an arts precinct, library and indigenous centre. The Harvey Community Resource Centre and radio studio will also form part of the precinct in addition to an administrative centre including a large community meeting room that will also serve as a Council Chamber.

Shire Officers will be presenting Council with potential consultants in September for the Australind Community Precinct Masterplan. An update will be given to the group at the next meeting.

- **Mural Projects**

A series of wall murals are currently being installed at various sites throughout the Shire. Binningup has been completed with the assistance of local youth during the July School Holiday Program.

Other locations include:

- Wokalup Tavern (Brugan) - **Artist:** [Andrew Fraser](#)
- Harvey Pool - **Artist:** [Jan Mutch](#)
- Eco Museum, Australind - **Artist:** [Jack Bromell](#)
- Lot 208 Youth, Australind - **Artist:** [Jamie Wyatt](#)
- HRCC Boundary, Harvey - **Artist:** – [Luke O'Donohue](#)

Officers are exploring a partnership opportunity with Regional Arts WA and the Water Corporation to mural the three water towers located in Australind and Binningup.

- **Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre Update**

After 29 years the Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre has undergone a [rebrand](#), with a fresh new look for the centre to represent what they stand for today.

After consultation with the community and stakeholders, the new brand including a logo, colour palette and positioning statement was created to reflect the centre's activities as it has evolved since it first opened in 1993.

Cultural events will continue until the end of the year with some big shows planned for October and November. Check [HRCC website](#) for upcoming events at the centre. (refer **Attachment 2**)

- **Art Collective**

The Harvey Art Collective is currently in discussions with Harvey Art Society over the future of their organisation. The Harvey Art Collective is currently not incorporated and are working with various business units at the Shire for support and guidance.

- **Community Roundtable**

Pinaroo was highlighted as a community getting arty and out of their comfort zone to improve mental health. In 2020, the local art group contacted Flinders University and offered up the whole town for a first-of-its-kind study to find out whether more art and culture could improve the mental health and wellbeing of an entire community. The town has since been flooded with more than 30 workshops, including lantern making, leather work, pottery and Indigenous weaving with experts coming from far and wide.

Junkadelic was mentioned as an arts group doing creative things in communities specifically with children, the Shire will be looking at bringing more creative activities for children and young people as part of the Creative Communities actions.

5. Closure

The meeting was closed at 2.30pm.