



SHIRE OF
HARVEY

A Breath of Fresh Air

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Group **Minutes**

**The Boundary meeting room, Harvey
Recreation and Cultural Centre**
Monday 11 December 2023
10am

1. Official Opening

The meeting officially opened at 10:08am.

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

Councillor	Robyn	Coleman
Councillor	John	Bromham
Community Representative	Frank	Bellairs
Community Representative	Lynda	Armstrong
Australind Police Senior Sergeant	Heath	Soutar
Harvey Police Sergeant	John	Hancock
Chief Executive Officer	Annie	Riordan
Director Community and Lifestyle	Kirstie	Davis
Director Corporate Services	Dean	Winter
Director Infrastructure Services	Rick	Lotznicker
Director Sustainable Development	Simon	Hall
Manager Community and Recreation	Andrew	Dingley
Manager Design and Development	Ronnie	Wildschut
Manager Waste and Safety Services	Haydn	Jones
Community Development Officer (Minutes)	Andre	Morris

3. Apologies

Councillor	James	Junio
Community Representative	Emily	Bradbury
Yarloop Police Sergeant	Nicholas	Hamer
WALGA Roadwise Representative	Katherine	Celenza
Director Infrastructure Services	Rick	Lotznicker
Manager of Public Relations and Communications	Trish	Palmonari

4. Nomination of Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Group Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Meeting Schedule 2024

Date	Time	Location
Monday 13 May 2024	10am to 11:30am	Australind
Monday 12 August 2024	10am to 11:30am	Harvey
Monday 11 November 2024	10am to 11:30am	Australind

Locations now mirror Ordinary Council locations.

All Harvey meetings to be held in the Harvey Council Chambers meeting room to ensure appropriate Zoom facilities.

The Community Development Officer invited nominations for the role of Chairperson.

Lynda Armstrong nominated Councillor Bromham for the position of Chairperson and as there were no further nominations, Councillor Bromham was elected unopposed.

The position of Deputy Chairperson to be decided at next meeting. Cr Junio will be an apology for all 2024 meetings.

5. Actions from Previous Meetings

Refer to Current Action Register (**Attachment 1**)

Action: Shire Officers to obtain Main Roads WA traffic management plan for BORR construction.

Group informed there were minimal traffic issues associated with the BORR line traffic redirection. Shire in communication with BORR management when required.

Group recommended that traffic management staff be employed for three days for alterations to traffic redirection at intersections to mitigate driver confusion.

The Shire provided the following BORR traffic information for the holiday period:
<https://www.harvey.wa.gov.au/news-and-events/latest-news/2023/december/holiday-travel-around-the-bunbury-outer-ring-road->

Action: Shire Officers to investigate installing signs on Ditchingham. Place before emergency buildings to remind drivers to be aware.

Signs now installed.

6. Community Roundtable

6.1. Intersection and crosswalk Paris Road

Discussion regarding safety concerns of pedestrian crossing and related signage from the Australind Shopping Centre crossing both Paris Road and Old Coast Road.

Director of Infrastructure is currently investigating road lines for this roundabout (refer below).



The future development plans of the Ridley Place Foreshore will include crosswalk considerations.

Action: Shire Officers to investigate safest design and sign installation of pedestrian crosswalks from Australind Shopping Centre crossing Paris Road and Old Coast Road.

Action: Shire Officers to present the future Ridley Place Foreshore plans incorporating crosswalks across Old Coast Road.

Discussion about safety of mobility scooter ('gophers') users. Discussed benefit of Shire hosting gopher training and the installation of flags to increase gopher visibility.

Action: Shire Officers to host gopher training and promote installation of flags on mobility scooter vehicles.

7. Agenda Items for Discussion

7.1. Community Preparedness

Local Emergency Management Meeting held 11 December 2023.

Fire ready plans communicated with public. Public warned not to rely on mobile phones due to power outages.

Public are encouraged to seek fire danger and preparation information primarily from the DFES website.

Discussion regarding communications with neighbors for personal and property fire preparedness.

Group informed Vehicle Messaging System vandalized.

DFES courses

The Bushfire Centre of Excellence Training team has announced the release of Online Bushfire Fundamentals and Online Rural Fire Awareness to the public.

These two courses cater to individuals interested in learning more about bushfire.

They are accessible via a public-facing portal to the DFES Learning and Development [e-Academy portal](#).

The Bushfire Fundamentals course offers an overview covering bushfire characteristics and behaviour, bushfire safety and survival, the Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System (AIIMS) and the role of WA fire agencies in bushfire response.

Primarily intended for government agency staff involved in bushfire response, DFES Corporate personnel supporting Incident Management Teams at bushfires, and those in State Operations Centre roles, this course delivers a basic awareness of bushfire to be better prepared for the bushfire season.

The Rural Fire Awareness course covers similar topics to the Bushfire Fundamentals course. However, focus directed towards farmer response brigades and seasonal workers, delivering basic awareness of fireground safety, suppression strategies and ensuring personal safety during fireground operations

The courses can be completed in 2-3 hours and allow for multiple sessions. Participants will receive an email as evidence of course completion.

Both courses offered online are accessible and compatible across multiple platforms, including PCs, tablets, and mobile phones.

For more information about the courses, you can find details in the information sheets attached for Bushfire Fundamentals and Rural Fire Awareness. They are also available [online](#).

These online courses represent a significant milestone in enhancing accessibility to bushfire training and aim to engage diverse groups of participants fostering greater preparedness in Western Australian communities.

7.2. Co-design panel

The Shire will host its first meeting of the Co-design Panel in early 2024.

The panel brings together Shire Officers and self-nominated community members with experience and understanding of disability to work collaboratively with Shire Officers on projects.

The Co-design Panel will ensure accessibility standards are met across the Shire's projects.

Further information for the panel found here:

<https://www.harvey.wa.gov.au/community/access-and-inclusion/co-design-panel>

7.3. Shire Update

- **Office of the CEO**

- Shire Christmas closure dates
 - Shire closed 22 December 2023 to 2 Jan 2024
 - Skeleton staff over closure period
 - Rangers and parks and garden staff available during this period
 - Call centre directing staff after hours

- **Community and Lifestyle**

- 2024 Youth Trainee

The Shire has advertised for a 2024 Youth Trainee (YT). The YT is a priority action of the Shire's youth strategy - 'Voices of Youth 2021-2026' <https://www.harvey.wa.gov.au/news-and-events/latest-news/2021/june/voices-of-our-youth>

The Youth Trainee is a key position in the Shire communicating with local youth and developing the Youth Collective.

- Youthchella

The Shire's annual youth festival targeting youth 10 to 18 years is at the Ridley Place Foreshore on Friday December 18 from 3pm to 6pm.

A key action of the Shire's youth strategy 'Voices of Youth 2021-2026' the event combines entertainment with key youth service providers.

The day's festivities will include a silent disco, rock climbing wall, mini golf, hair braiding, henna body painting, a bungee-jump trampoline, a live art installation by Elaine Clocherty and a photo booth.

The event is drug, alcohol, vape and smoke-free.

- Community grants will open in March 2024 through to April 2024.

The following grants will be available to applicable community organisations:

- Alcoa Harvey Sustainability Fund
- Coastal Communities Fund
- Community Support Grant
- Placemaking Grant
- Infrastructure grant
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant
- Community Events Grant
- Partnership Agreements

- Bikelinc promotion

Bikelinc is a Crime Stoppers WA initiative that connects community resident's bike serial numbers to the police. Stolen bikes subsequently returned to their owners if found.

Police can search for and find owners of stolen bikes using the unique serial number and details in your Bikelinc profile.

Further information found here: <https://bikelinc.com.au/>

- o Emergency contact fridge magnet

The following Emergency contact Fridge magnets given to community at 2023 Brunswick show:

WELCOME
to the Shire of Harvey
IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency Calls

Police, Fire or Ambulance	000
Police Assistance	131 444
State Emergency Service (SES)	132 500
Electricity Faults	13 13 51
Gas Faults	13 13 52
Water Faults	13 13 75

Contact Us

Administration Centres

Australind Monday to Friday: 9am to 4pm 9729 0300	Australind 7 Mulgara Street, Australind 6233
	Harvey 102 Uduc Road, Harvey 6220

Libraries

Australind Monday: 10am to 6pm Tuesday to Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 12noon	Australind Paris Road, Australind 6233 9797 4590
	Harvey Young Street, Harvey 6220 9729 0390

Rangers

Monday to Friday: 8am to 4.30pm 9729 0333	After hours/Weekends (calls only) 9729 0300
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Cultural and Sport Centres

	Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre Tom Latch Drive, Harvey 6220 9729 3311
	Leschenault Leisure Centre Leisure Drive, Australind 6233 9797 4000

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- o Reforms to Firearm Act

The Shire informed community the WA Police request for community comment on reforms to the Firearms Act. The proposed new Firearms Act will see significant changes to all aspects of the licensing and regulatory regime including the reasons for owning, renewing and/or retaining firearms, the secure storage of firearms as well as their safe handling.

A number of proposed changes relating to the legislative reform outlined for public consultation. The consultation closed on 14 November 2023.

- Graffiti notice and Report-it function

Recently, several locations, including Australind and the Brunswick River area marked by graffiti.

Community were encouraged to report graffiti and ensure its swift removal, thereby discouraging vandals and reducing graffiti across our Region.

The Shire 'Report It' function promoted for all safety, maintenance or other issues: <https://www.harvey.wa.gov.au/services/report-it/>

Graffiti and damaged trees on Brunswick River Walk reported here: [@Brunswick Junction Crime Stoppers](#)

- Night Hoops Stephen Michael Foundation

The Shire of Harvey collaborated with Stephen Michael Foundation, local Police, Headspace and the Australind Senior High School to deliver the Night Hoops program in October and November 2023.

Night Hoops is a basketball program that helps young people socialise, learn life skills and deviate from offending behaviours.

Strong stakeholder partnerships and youth engagement is a priority in the Shire's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2021-2026.

Learn more about the Stephen Michael Foundation here: <https://smfoundation.org.au/Stephen Michael Foundation headspace Bunbury>

- 16 days of Activism (25 Nov to 10 December)

For 16 days in November and December, the community invited to participate in encouraging change to stop violence against women.

The annual 16 Days in WA – Stop Violence Against Women campaign took place from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day.

16 Days in WA draws inspiration from the global movement for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence to drive a change in culture, behaviour and attitudes that lead to violence against women and their children.

Community invited to create change during the campaign – to educate, motivate and advocate in your community, and stand up to stop violence against women.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/16-days-wa>

- Harvey library 'Beyond the Haze' Vaping workshop

On Tuesday 10 October Harvey library held a presentation to highlight the dangers of vaping. A vape is an electronic cigarette as an alternative to smoking.

Presentation by social worker and Counsellor Azelene William. Funded by the Western Australian Association for Mental Health.

- ewatch

ewatch is email based system that keeps community members connected to local police and local Shire to reduce crime and be proactive in making community safer.

Community members joining ewatch receive regular email updates on local crime trends and statistics, safety initiatives, emerging issues and community building events.

ewatch is free service provided through WA Police and Neighbourhood Watch and proudly supported by WALGA and Crime Stoppers WA.

Ewatch website: <http://www.ewatch.com.au/about-us/>

Example of local Shire who utilises ewatch:

https://www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/Profiles/sj/Assets/ClientData/eWatch_December_2023.pdf

- New licensed venue

Australind has a new licensed venue – Geovino on Uduc Road.

<https://www.facebook.com/geovinoharvey/>

- **Corporate Services**

- Shire Budget update

Shire 2023-2024 budget endorsed by Council 8 October 2023 and available to public on Shire website: <https://www.harvey.wa.gov.au/documents-and-forms/?keyword=&DocumentTypes=ReportsAnnualFinancial&sort=FileReleaseDate%20DESC&page=1&pagesize=12>

- Preliminary draft CCTV Forward Capital Works Plan

Group encouraged to send feedback for the previously emailed CCTV Forward Capital Works Plan to Director Corporate Services Dean Winter: deanw@harvey.wa.gov.au

- CCTV cameras

CCTV cameras installed in key locations including Australind skatepark.

Australind police has access to CCTV cameras. Cameras can note persons moving from camera to camera, image searches and vehicle number plate identification.

CCTV proposed for Harvey skatepark and Ridley Place Foreshore budget permitting.

Discussion regarding community need and demand for CCTV footage. Key objective for CCTV is protection of community assets.

- **Infrastructure Services**

- Harvey Skate park

Harvey Skate park including landscaping and footpath to be completed Feb 15.

- **Sustainable Development**

7.4 Police report

Police reported an increase in overall crime challenging local police.

Of particular concern has been an increase in domestic violence and petty theft (bottle shops and IGA).

Police encourages residents to report any domestic violence witnessed. Residents can report anonymously.

Discussion regarding vehicles speeding on Riverdale road with closure of Forestry Road.

Community members can raise agenda items to the Community Crime Safety and Crime Prevention group (CSCP) through the following mediums:

- Community development email: communitydevelopment@harvey.wa.gov.au
- Councillors:
 - CSCP Chairperson (Councillor Bromham):
john.bromham@harvey.wa.gov.au
 - Councillor Robyn Coleman robyn.coleman@harvey.wa.gov.au
- Report it function (detailed above)

8. Other Business

8.1 Reflective signs on Old Coast Road

Numerous damaged reflective signs on Old Coast Road.

Action: Shire Officers to investigate damaged reflective signs on Old Coast Road.

8.2 Speed along Uduc Road near Harvey Beef

Group questioned appropriateness of 110km speed limit along Seventh Street near Harvey Beef.

Action: Shire Offices to advocate Main Roads for a speed reduction on Seventh Street (near Harvey Beef).

8.3 Trees along Uduc Road

Discussion regarding trees along Uduc Road obscuring street lights becoming safety concern.

Action: Shire Officers to investigate trees obscuring lights on Uduc Road.

8.4 Cars speeding along Old Coast Road from Kemerton Industrial park

Discussion regarding cars speeding down Old Coast Road.

8.5 High grass and branches on intersections

Concern regarding high grass and branches obscuring motorist vision around intersections in the Shire. Of particular note was following intersections:

- Riverdale and Government Road
- Jackson Road and Government Road
- Jackson Road onto Riverdale Road

Action: Shire Officers to investigate high grass and branches obscuring vision on following intersections:

- Riverdale and Government Road
- Jackson Road and Government Road
- Jackson Road onto Riverdale Road

8.6 Small vehicle traffic on intersection Cathedral Avenue and Old Coast Road

Concern regarding the visibility of smaller vehicles at intersection of Cathedral Avenue and Old Coast Road.

8.7 Dangerous U-turns near Partons IGA on Uduc Road in Harvey

Discussion regarding vehicles performing illegal u-turns near IGA Partons in Harvey. Due to the no u-turn sign near Becher Street.

Action: Shire Officers to investigate installing a no u-turn sign near Partons IGA.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting Monday 13 May 2024 at 10am.

10. Closure

The meeting officially closed at 12:08pm.