



SHIRE OF
HARVEY

A Breath of Fresh Air

Community Safety & Crime Prevention
Advisory Group
Minutes

**Harvey Council Chambers Meeting Room
and Hybrid Meeting - In Person/ Online Zoom**

**Friday, 19 August 2022
9.30am**

Agenda

1. Official Opening

The meeting was opened at 9.30am 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	John	Bromham
Councillor	Wendy	Dickinson
Community Representative	Lynda	Armstrong
Community Representative	Greg	Campbell
Community Representative	Sue	Della
Australind Police, Snr Sgt.	Heath	Soutar
Harvey Police, Sgt.	John	Hancock
Road Safety Advisor, WALGA	Katherine	Celenza
Chief Executive Officer	Annie	Riordan
Director Community and Lifestyle	Kirstie	Davis
Director Corporate Services	Dean	Winter
Manager Waste and Safety Services	Haydn	Jones
Acting Manager HRCC (Minutes)	Andre	Morris

3. Apologies

Councillor	Amanda	Lovitt
Community Representative	James	Junio
Director Sustainable Development	Simon	Hall
Manager Environmental Health Services	Mark	Chadwick
Manager Place	Amy	Pitts
Community Development Officer	Cassie	Curulli
Yarloop Police, Sgt.	Nicholas	Hammer

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Group meeting held on Friday 20 May 2022, are confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mr. Campbell Seconded: Mr. Winter

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

Nil.

6. Review of Current Action Register

As per (**Attachment 1**)

7. Agenda Items

7.1 Statistic and Trends Report by Western Australian Police Officers

- The group welcomed Sgt. John Hancock, the new OIC at Harvey Police Station. Sgt. Hancock previously worked at York Police Station and was very well respected by the community and staff alike.
- The Australind Police sub district reported 178 offences during the 21-22 FY. The current estimated 5-year average is 173 offences which is a 2.7% increase (5 offences)

Locality	Offences this FY	Estimated 5 year average
Australind	79	75
Binningup	9	3
Harvey	38	41
Eaton	60	63

- There is no concern with the slight increase in crime. Australind Police Station are well resourced with 15 Officers to service 30,000 residents.
- There was a question raised on the increase of crime in the area by young offenders. Australind has some issues with young people currently, however it was stated that youth crime will always be an issue and they are currently represented in the property crime, domestic violence, assault and drug figures.
- A young person on their way to Lot 208 was assaulted recently on Paris Rd, which is still an ongoing investigation and Snr Sgt Soutar would update the group next meeting.

Action 4: WA Police to update CSCPAG on the Paris Rd assault.

- Residents in the Treendale area were praised for notifying Police with concerns about illicit drugs in the community. TRG and Canine were successful in disrupting the supply and Offenders were detained.
- Crime Statistics are available on the WA Police [website](#).

7.2 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2021-2026 Update

- Community Development held a pop-up at Treendale Shopping Centre with WA Police and Consumer Protection in July. The pop-up was very well attended. The team are planning to hold a Scam Watch information session with senior and community groups in Quarter 2.
- Graffiti removal kits were launched in July and will be supplied to eligible community, business and groups. A media released will be scheduled in September.

- Neighborhood Watch has launched its new brand [website](#), Shire Officers will be implementing actions around the promotion of neighborhood watch and providing support for local NHW and Rural Watch groups to form.
- Local Emergency Management Committee are set to meet in September and are currently reviewing storm management procedures.
- Community Safety and Crime Prevention will be an agenda item going forward on Place Advisory Groups. This will encourage correct reporting to the Police and community awareness.

7.3 Video Surveillance Strategy 2022 Update

- The Video Surveillance Strategy was adopted by Council in March.
- There is currently budgeted works for CCTV this FY at Australind Skate Park.
- Shire Officers and Snr Sgt. Soutar discussed what this will look like at a recent site visit. A consultant is looking at technical aspects to be have the capability to view live footage at the Australind Police Station.
- Further investigations are currently underway and WA Police have provided the Shire with information on how this could work moving forward.
- There was a question about CCTV signage, to which there is no requirement to have signage in a public thoroughfare and places and the Shire is meeting current regulation in this space. However, out of courtesy signage will be considered for community awareness.

7.4 Road Safety Report by WALGA Roadwise Advisor

- WALGA Roadwise is working with supporting the implementation of the State Road Safety Strategy through education and awareness to Local Governments.
- [Driving Change](#) is the framework to guide WA's road safety journey over the next decade, to reduce the number of people fatally, severely or seriously injured by 50 to 70% by 2030, and to zero by 2050.
- It was mentioned that WALGA Roadwise have road safety trailers available for use by community groups and Local Governments. Road safety displays can be made easier with the display trailers, reducing much of the organisation and logistics required when planning a display. All resources and merchandise are contained within the trailer, which is easily transported and quick to assemble. The Shire is liaising with WALGA Roadwise with hope to book a road safety trailer for the Youth event YouthChella in January.
- You can find more information on what WALGA Roadwise are up to [here](#).

7.5 Public Health Plan

- An interim Public Health Plan will be going to the September Ordinary Council Meeting. This will be revisited in April 2023 and will provide Shire Officers a framework for the implementation of actions.

7.6 Access and Inclusion

- The Shire held a Young Leaders Conference in July that brought together schools from all over the Shire. As part of the actions in Even Better Together: Access and Inclusion Plan 2021-2026 AUSLAN interpreters were engaged to ensure the event was inclusive.

8. Community Roundtable

The following items were discussed in the roundtable:

- Snr Sgt Soutar has been in his OIC role in Australind for three months and has been engaging with the Shire of Harvey over various matters in that time. Including a presentation to Council Concept Forum in August.
- A question was raised regarding defibrillators in the community and if they were accessible to residents. A full list of defibrillators is listed on the Shires [website](#)
- Dog parks were raised to be investigated and it was mentioned this will be actioned as part of the Shires [playspace strategy](#).

Referenced: Page 9 in Play Space Strategy

And finally, with regard to dog exercise and agility, the Shire currently has eleven designated dog exercise areas; four in Australind and one each in Binningup, Brunswick, Cookernup, Harvey, Myalup, Roelands and Yarloop.

Feedback from the Shire's MARKYT Community Scorecard indicated community support to establish a designated dog park or enclosed dog exercise areas at existing parks.

In recognising both the community desire and tourism potential of dog agility play spaces, it is recommended the Shire investigate the feasibility of this option in both Harvey and Australind with funding considerations to be presented to Council as determined.

Action 5: Shire Officers to update the group on Dog Park investigations.

9. Next Meeting

The next Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Group meeting will be held at 9.30am, Friday 18 November in the Australind Chambers Meeting Room.

10. Closure

With no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairperson at 10.47am