

# Community Sail Training Trust Advisory Group **Minutes**

Australind Chambers Meeting Room Thursday, 24 August 2023 11am

# Agenda

# 1. Official Opening

The meeting was opened at 11.06 am by the Chairperson.

# 2. Acknowledgment 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.

#### 3. Attendance

Chairperson	Paul	Beech
Lions Club of Brunswick	Fred	Talbot
Lions Club of Australind	Glenys	Eakins
Acting Director Community and Lifestyle	Laine	Brown
Manager Community and Recreation	Andrew	Dingley
Community Development Officer	Cassie	Curulli
Youth Trainee	Neveiah	Parravicini
Observer	Judy	Talbot

# 4. Apologies

Councillor	Michelle	Campbell
Councillor	John	Bromham
Rotary Club of Harvey	Tony	Parton
Lions Club of Harvey	Norm	Stanford
Lions Club of Harvey	Dianne	Stanford
Leeuwin Port Warden	Geral	Van Burgel OAM JP
Director Community and Lifestyle	Kirstie	Davis

#### 5. Agenda Items

# 5.1 Discussion on financial situation of Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation

The Shire of Harvey provides an annual allocation in its Budget to support the operation of the Community Sail Training Trust, which is used to manage the costs associated with the Leeuwin Sail Training Program. Further contributions to the Trust are received from local service clubs and a contribution requested from each applicant who wishes to participate in the program.

(Refer Attachment 1) The charity that keeps the State's iconic tall ship Leeuwin sailing the seas is on life support as administrators are called in amid concerns it could run out of money within weeks.

The West Australian understands Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation appointed Korda-Mentha on Friday after a forensic financial review flagged concerns about a lack of cash and recent expenditure.

McCusker Charitable Foundation has decided to not provide future financial support to the program.

The group discussed their concern with supporting the program this year with no guarantee the voyage will go ahead.

#### 5.2 Leeuwin Ship Reservations

The Shire has tentatively secured 6 places for the 2023 Leeuwin Voyage. The group discussed keeping all applications received on file for future selections.

#### 6. Roundtable Discussion

Discussion on sending letter to Local Member of Parliament and Minister of Youth to reiterate the importance of the program and the opportunities it provides for young people.

The Shire confirmed they would not invoice service groups and would keep up to date with updates.

Cr Beech thanked the service groups for their generous contributions towards this program and providing opportunities for young people in the Shire to access the Leeuwin Sail Adventure during his 12 years on the group as a Council Representative.

# 7. Next meeting

As required.

#### 8. Closure

With no further business the meeting was closed at 11.22am