



SHIRE OF
HARVEY

A Breath of Fresh Air

Sport and Recreation Advisory Group **Minutes**

Australind Chambers
Online Zoom/In Person
Thursday 30 November 6pm

1. Official Opening

6.05 pm

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. Advisory Group Membership

Shire President	Michelle	Campbell
Councillor	Wendy	Dickinson
Australind Soccer Club	Callum	Yates
Australind Junior Soccer Club	Rob	Burnie
Australind Swimming Club	Mark	Crispin
Australind Tennis Club and HBFC	Paul	Gillett
Binningup Surf Life Saving Club	Niall	O'Connor
Brunswick Bowling Club	John	Exton
Harvey Amateur Swim Club	Christine	Fielder
Harvey Bulls Football Club	Michael	Zappia
Harvey Bengier Cricket Club	Haydn	Jones
Harvey Bowling Club	Rose	Cumine
Harvey Hockey Club	Daniel	Fielder
HBLFC and HBLJFC	Luke	Freemantle
Leschenault Hockey Association	Shane	Jamieson
Leschenault Cricket Club (WCW)	Emma	Jamieson

Shire of Harvey Officers

Director Community and Lifestyle	Kirstie	Davis
Manager HRCC	David	Marshall
Manager LLC	Richard	Duke
Recreation and Cultural Communications Officer	Emily	Kurek
Manager Community and Recreation	Andrew	Dingley
Community Development Officer	Belinda	Williams

Apologies

HBLFC and HBLJFC	Ben	Piggott
Australind Basketball Association	Dean	Hart
Brunswick Tennis Club	Julianne	Hill
Harvey Basketball Association	Steve	Rees
Harvey Netball Club	Sophie	Cox
Harvey Golf Club	Michael	Lowe
Kaizen Elite Sports Club Incorp	Ralph	Azucena
Leschenault Cricket Club	Angelo	D'Agostino
WA Youth Cattle Handlers Assoc	Heidi	Bibby
West Cycle – CB Cycles - MTB	Will	Frizzell

3. Nomination of Sport and Recreation Advisory Group Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Chairperson: President Michelle Campbell
Seconded: Paul Gillett

Deputy Chairperson: Cr Wendy Dickinson
Seconded: Richard Duke

Discussion held regarding location. Hybrid option, online plus alternative with Harvey/Australind. Table updated to reflect alternate locations.

Meeting Schedule 2024

Date	Time	Location
Thursday 22 February 2024	6-8pm	Harvey Chambers Meeting Room
Thursday 23 May 2024	6-8pm	Australind Chambers Meeting Room
Thursday 22 August 2024	6-8pm	Harvey Chambers Meeting Room
Thursday 21 November 2024	6-8pm	Australind Chambers Meeting Room

4. Adoption of the Terms of Reference

TOR adopted

5. Agenda Items

5.1. Bookable

- Bookable is an online booking platform that take the existing paper-heavy process online, creating an opportunity for the community to manage their bookings themselves.
- Bookable will go live in 2024 and will include spaces such as ovals, courts, pools and function spaces.
- Existing bookings will be integrated into the system before Bookable goes live and clubs will be informed to set up their registration to manage their bookings.

Discussion was held with concerns about seasonal creep and this being managed by staff outside of the Bookable system. The Shire is aware of the demand for spaces and will continue to ensure fair access to clubs.

Discussion was held about swimming lanes availability at LLC. Accessibility of lane space with consideration for Peel Thunder use of the pool lanes and non-attendance when lanes are booked.

ACTION 12: Shire to investigate lane availability for key user groups at key times with reference to Peel FC booking lanes and not using.

ACTION 13: Bookable: Include a booking condition that if a booking is made but no arrival within 15 minutes that it becomes available to the public/ other user groups.

Discussion was held about priority access to booking spaces or groups such as Boundary Incorporated and Affiliated Clubs. These groups will maintain their benefits

with “tagged” profiles in the system. Club profiles will be pre-set in the system, clubs will be provided more information to confirm these registrations when the system goes live. Existing bookings will be integrated into the system before go live.

5.2. Draft Sport and Recreation Plan 2033

Opportunity for members to discuss and prioritise the projects outlined in the draft plan before it is presented to Council for final endorsement.

The Sport and Recreation Plan 2033 can be found [online here](#). Please refer especially to [Document 1 Part A](#).

Discussion points:

- *Key projects*
- *Timelines and project triggers*

Group informed about SRP33 in development for almost 2 years with this group keeping the project in scope. Presented to council in August, council deferred so new council members could review and the group could provide comments.

Each group member has been shared the links. Checking if anyone has comments, is there anything that the Shire needs to know about before workshopping with Council?

Going to council in January, then for budget consideration.

Motion put forward as a result of clubs presenting concerns with regard to some projects or funding. If there are any concerns, the group should raise them.

Leschenault Hockey club raised the discussion point of timelines and priorities. Both clubs and the Shire know what we want and need, but clubs are unclear on the timelines and cannot see how the strategy has resolved this.

Shire talked to the timeline described as low or 10+ years, medium 2025/ 2026 FY and high priorities set for 2023/ 2024. The deferral by Council in 2023 does mean that the plan will be pushed back 6 months.

Binningup Surf Club understands the timelines compared to previous versions of the Strategy, observing that ovals 7 & 8 are now in the plan with funding nominated nothing that the plan seems more detailed.

Discussion was held with reference to the delayed installation of training turf wickets for cricket at LRG. The Shire expressed its own frustration at the four projects that have been car parked until Council endorses the plan. This includes the turf training wickets at LRG.

Councillors noted that they have heard the frustration.

Harvey Benger Cricket Club (HBCC) noted that ongoing feedback and consultation can be put to Council to move forward or the Shire can continue to consult. HBCC noted that they have consistently shared feedback with reference to the need for a second wicket at HRG that is not in the plan and has not been supported. HBCC held concerns that feedback was not passed onto Council during the last workshop.

Discussion included feedback from community that the presentation and feedback requirements had a short turnaround.

Council representatives reported that their discussion and the decision to defer the decision to endorse the Sport and Recreation Plan was as a result of groups who contacted Councilors referring to projects and timelines and were unhappy. The Council report outlined the clubs that supported or did not support the plan and why.

Brunswick Bowling Club raised the discussion point that this group is to represent all the sporting and recreation groups in the Shire. If individual clubs are going to Councilors to say they are not happy, that is circumventing this group. Perhaps Councilors could also funnel that information to this group to support the groups decision making. Discussion was held with regard to the group working collaboratively towards common goals. Each club should be using this group as an opportunity and Council should accept the recommendations of the group.

Councillor Dickinson reminded the group that there are only 2 Council delegates on the Sport and Recreation Advisory Group and community members can and will go to all Councilors. This group can be confident that their recommendations to Council are considered and support Council's decision making. Members were reminded to inform their clubs of their role to bring feedback to the advisory group to represent their organisations.

Australind Junior Soccer Club reported that Football West in response to the success of the Matildas, are offering grants for community soccer clubs. The LRG hosts 580 junior members and the club is running out of pitch space. The club is planning for a development program and will require pitch space all year round. The Shire responded that cricket have raised similar plans. Referencing the Sport and Recreation Plan, the plan and the conversation is that the LRP is a regional facility. In State planning documents, it is not considered a regional facility. This plan supports the Shire to be able to identify that the LRP is providing clubs with a regional level facility. With endorsement and support from the Advisory Group the Shire can advocate to State Government to have the facility identified correctly.

Australind Swim Club raised the discussion point about the costs referenced in the plan to develop a 50m pool, there's been no thought about the ability for the Shire to run a swimming competition. Discussion followed about major swimming comps suggesting that the three smallest clubs including Collie, Harvey and Australind could collaborate for major comps, creating a larger volunteer pool, splitting proceeds and supporting each clubs growth. Harvey Swim noted that they have been unable to confirm state meets in Harvey due to the lack of information about pool opening dates and also noted that there is no short course meet in the region. This may be an opportunity.

Discussion followed with reference to the Aquatic Feasibility in the current plan. The actual pool plans, there is nowhere to put the kids and their parents around the pool if competitions were held.

Discussion was held amongst the group about having the best, most-grand facilities which would be a billion-dollar project. The group agreed that this plans looks at our wants and needs.

To summarise the discussion, the meeting attendees should provide feedback to communitydevelopment@harvey.wa.gov.au before end of 2023. If clubs would rather sit with staff ad have a 1:1 please make an appointment with Community Development Officer Belinda Williams and we can gather that feedback. We will any feedback that by the end of 2023. The Shire will compare with what we have and if it is still consistent we move forward.

ACTION 14: Group members to provide feedback on the Sport and Recreation Plan by end of 2023.

5.3. Update on Major Projects over \$500k

- Leschenault Leisure Centre Court Expansion. Detailed Design and Tender Documentation has been finalised. The Shire is seeking additional funding support to progress.

A business plan and advocacy document has been prepared and published.

- Brunswick Power and Lights Upgrade

Tender closes 3pm 17 November 2023 and we are aiming to go to Council OCM 19 December 2023.

5.4. Update on all other projects

- Harvey Skate Park

Build has commenced. The Shire had anticipated a completion date of December 2023 however expects completion early 2024.

The Skate Park will have a launch opening in February for community to attend. The Shire will be looking for community groups to host a sausage sizzle to raise money for club.

- Harvey Pool

- Filtration system repairs underway
- Pool to open December 2023
- Filters are plumbed in, water start 1 December, followed by a week of circulation, then water testing to be completed by health department.
- Once approved to open, the Shire will inform community and looks forward to offering a free community open day.

- Harvey Bulls Football Change rooms

The Shire is working alongside HBFC towards a design solution and working towards submitting an application in the CSRFF 24-25 February Small Grants Round. The design will work within the existing floorplan.

- Harvey Recreation Ground

Harvey Agricultural Show planned for 26 – 27 April 2024

- Leschenault Recreation Ground

- The new bore is being installed at Paris Rd to replace the existing bore which has failing lining and is at end of life. The Council approved a new bore to service LRP and we look forward to this being completed soon. There is no project timeline at this stage.

LCC informed that the bore water at oval 3 was too salty for turf but that has now been rectified with new system of scheme and rain water.

- LCC also informed the group that the Over 70's National Tournament, which hosted teams from overseas, complimented the ground. The wicket stood up to the competition. Big thanks to the Shire for the work on this.

6. CSRFF

Round	Open	Close	Project	Grant Req.	Grant Funded
23-24 Annual and Forward Planning Round	1 June 2022	30 Sep 2022	BRG Power and Lights Upgrade	\$550k	\$449k
23-24 February Small Grants Round	1 Feb 2023	31 March 2023	1. Brunswick Tennis Court Surface Renewal 2. Harvey Bowling Club Hard Shade Upgrade 3. Brunswick Bowling Club Surface Upgrade	1. \$54k 2. \$21k 3. \$80k	1. \$54k 2. NIL 3. \$78k
24-25 Forward Planning Round	1 June 2023	30 Sept 2023	NIL		
2023-2024 July Small Grants Round	1 July 2023	31 August 2023	NIL		
24/25 February small grants round	1 February 2024	31 March 2024	1. Harvey Bulls Football Club Change rooms Upgrade	1. \$150k	
25-26 Forward Planning Round	1 July 2024	30 Sept 2024	TBC	TBC	
24-25 July Small Grants Round	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	

CSRFF applications should come through this group to gain priority.

The SRAG and Shire will prioritise projects when there are multiple applications and inform Council.

The Shire will communicate grants in Sport Spotlight newsletter. Clubs can nominate requests for grant funding, needing them approved through the Sport and Recreation Advisory Group, then through Council for endorsement.

Advisory Group members can bring projects from other groups.

Group encouraged to bring projects forward, aligning with the SRP33 objectives as well as the community grant program.

Discussion was held with reference to the many projects in the SRP33 ad highlighted that we need to focus on small projects to start things in the short term. There needs to be some flexibility to do some small projects while we wait for major projects such as the LLC court expansion to be complete. Discussion was held about temporary solutions for things such as storage which continues to be a huge issue at LRP. Projects can be quick, simple and good value. Clubs encouraged to bring these projects through.

HBCC asked what info do the user groups need to get things rolling to apply for CSRFF? The Shire is looking for clubs to provide a scope, how it will benefit the club and the community. This should include how it can impact the other clubs in the area as well as budget and scope. Clubs are reminded to please talk to Shire staff before commencing work on applications.

Brunswick Bowling Club discussed their process and support from the Shire.

Discussion was held about projects at LRP, with community enquiring if it is possible to de-couple some of the projects as part of the major plan to be able to achieve small wins. For example, a new oval is going to benefit everyone. The Shire reported that Oval 7 & 8 were pitched as stand-alone project, to turn the space into usable sport and recreation ovals. The Shire would need an election commitment of \$100m to proceed at the LRP with all the current projects, with estimations of around \$11m for the 2 ovals only. Small wins such as storage, could be considered if clubs are looking. In 2023 the HBLJFC investigated a temporary scorers and timing box between ovals 5 and 6. This has been approved by the Shire. Cost has been budgeted by the club, site has been identified and approved. The Shire awaits next steps from HBLFC.

Discussion was raised to inform clubs that at LRP, the Parks team have purchased new goals for soccer, new goals for football and as well as new sleeves and new posts for rugby. The budget was limited so replacements have prioritised and the Shire will continue to stage these improvements as budget allows. For soccer, goals are Football West standard goals. The old soccer goals are being removed, new goals to be sleeved. This will also support grass and field recovery.

Soccer informed that in 2025, AJSC U13's will go to smaller pitch meeting FFA standard. The club informed that goals with wheels are the better option, light and easy to move. Storage continues to be the issue.

Discussion was held about dugouts with suggestions that clubs could partner together. This could be a future project soccer and AFL.

7. Access and Inclusion

A&I Co Design panel is moving forward to work with the Shire to ensure builds and developments are accessible. People with lived experience and expertise. 17th Jan.

8. Roundtable discussion from community members

Opportunity for community members and organisations to discuss ideas.

Australind Tennis reported that tennis hope to be swapping to LED lights at Australind Tennis Courts in the new year.

Brunswick Bowling Club discussed the establishment of ongoing funding for sport and recreation facilities that fits clubs and shire. It is a difficult process to apply for grants as individual clubs. Grant applications take a lot of effort and prices continue to increase. Joint funding such as a sinking fund contributed equally between club and the Shire, for certainty to spend money on approved projects prioritised together. The Club facilitates and manages the project, not the Shire. The Shire commented that it's a beneficial proposal because it supports the club having a long term plan. HBFC representative discussed that a sinking fund could

feed into the Shires forward capital works plan (FCWP) and gives clubs certainty that in 10 years they need to replace something that they won't get caught short. The Shire is to explore and look at feasibility to bring back to the group. Clubs will need a long term plan with a strategic model.

Harvey Bowls had nothing to report, excited to attend the meetings and looking forward to learning more about the group and other clubs.

Leschenault Hockey Club informed that they are working towards building up the club.

Leschenault Cricket Club reported that they have two female players for the Country 11 side to represent WA in January. Additionally, club members represented in the recent veterans competition. The club is interested in learning more about the idea of sinking funds.

HBLFC raised discussion point about the proposed turf wicket on oval 6 at LRP and enquired on the timeline. The Shire reported it is a high priority as it is a fully funded project. HBLFC informed that as a 800 member club they have concerns about holdups. The Shire informed that the turf wicket project has been further delayed as it is dependent on the timeline of the Brunswick Power and Lights Project. The Shire will need to bring oval 2 online, which will provide additional playing space as well as Binningup oval as a satellite oval. HBLFC support that idea and timeline. Once consolidation of ovals proceeds, then cricket gets the green light to go ahead with the turf wicket project. LCC reported that the turf wicket won't stop people playing football on the oval. HBLFC's feedback informed that they won't be able to play when it is being installed, which is a primary concern. The Shire is aware and clubs noted that the turf wicket project will be contentious but the timeline is good.

HBLFC reported the great news about Clay Hall being drafted to West Coast Eagles. The HBLFC AGM will be on 12 December 2024 for the Senior club.

Australind Senior Soccer representative asked for additional discussion with reference to the replacement of soccer post with Shire staff, Manager LLC, as the soccer competition will run for 12 months starting January. Last season posts snapped, some look not flash and the club is aiming to host more carnivals. The club would like further discussion to also include condition of ovals. The Shire reported that oval 3 was recently top dressed. Last season the ovals were ok, and additional maintenance are part of the works plan. Foot traffic is planned to increase, so the Shire needs to find spaces for training and games while works proceed. Soccer can be played on oval 6 in summer and can use oval 1 in summer.

Australind Senior Soccer moved VETS and some homes games to Hay Park, Bunbury because of the location of the canteen and ability to access to buy food. The Pav is useless on Friday night to soccer as AFL fills the restaurant and soccer has no lights on Friday nights. The clubs finds the LSA is not inclusive of all clubs.

Suggestion by BSLSC for SRP33 is that when we talk about expanding we talk about building more ovals. Soccer is outpacing cricket and AFL nationally, but soccer needs a rectangular stadium that is purpose built for soccer. Hay Park has rectangular grounds which is most suitable and would also suit hockey and rugby. Shire comments that the LRP has never been a regional park but with growth of the clubs, it's becoming a regional park not a community park. Ovals 4, 7 and 8 will provide for rectangle pitches but these ovals continue to be removed from The Pav so there may need to be duplication of services like the Pav.

Australind Junior Soccer Club submitted feedback for SRP33 after discussing with committee. AJSC suggested that all user groups need to work together to coordinate the best outcome in shared spaces. Would clubs be interested in putting together funding to contribute to funding the development of for example ovals 7 and 8. Clubs can be working towards their own strategic planning. AJSC is reviewing their last 10 year plan and developing new plan. More collaboration between clubs is required for better outcomes on a whole.

Cr Dickinson suggested that as user groups of these large spaces that the group also needs to consider events, not just sport, for example Brunswick show hosts 18,000 people. The Shire could host more major events. When developing facilities, we should be planning facilities to cater for other entertainment. Working together is extremely important.

BSLSC reported a good start to the season. The club has a project at the club facility that has been on hold and is not included in the SRP33 as it sits outside of the plan. The BSLSC still has money set aside as well as Coastal Community funding for the project.

The BSLCS is a slightly smaller club than others. Nippers are down this year but the club is holding seniors for coast patrol. Drone training will commence this weekend at LRP. The clubs core activity is to have patrols on boards and IRB's but the drone is another way to include people in the club who can't get a bronze medallion but can offer community service.

Harvey Hockey reported that they are in off season. Indoor hockey has started and may progress more socially next season. Age groups is currently seniors only.

Australind Swim Club reported that senior swimming is 4 weeks away from state comps. 65% of juniors will qualify for state comps at end of April 2024. With reference to LLC aquatic, lane space affects memberships but the club understands pools are expensive.

Harvey Swim Club raised a new pool liner as a discussion point for Harvey swim pool. The Shire reported that a pool liner cost to be estimated around \$800k and this is listed in the SRP33. The Shire knows that before anything else is done at the pool, the leak needs to be checked to see what is underneath which could be detrimental. Liner needs to be done but needs to be in budget. Once the liner comes up, we do not know what is underneath. The leak has been there since the 90's. The liner has broken down due to its age. The decision in front of council is part of SRP33 is do we continue the maintenance program or do we commit to what needs to be done which will result in a significant expenditure project. Council is waiting for the plan to see the options while the Shire is currently making sure that the pool is operational until SRP33 supports future concept planning.

Community asked if there is any scope for the Harvey Pool opening hours to be adjusted. Shire informed that this is something we will trial again but depends on community interest.

The Shire reported on HRG ongoing drainage which is the number 1 priority for the HRG ovals. There is money on budget in 2023 for a consultant and the Shire is looking for an appropriate consultant.

Harvey Benger Cricket Club thanked the new members raising valid discussion points, playing field layouts and moving goals, as well as discussing other facilities because of connection between facilities and fields. HBCC has commenced the season. The club participated in a Blasters carnival including Waroona, Binningup and Harvey Benger, which was a great opportunity for kids who don't normally play, to play with other kids. HBCC Womens team is doing really well which then adds pressure to facilities and equipment. The club recently played in the Peel Premier cricket league, under night lights. It was a 6.30pm start in Mandurah. HBCC suggested that the clubs and Shire need to focus on mid-week games, under lights which would free up weekends and reduce the barrier to participation.

The Shire reported that basketball at LLC is flat out, filling the LLC on Monday and Friday. The carpark expansion is imminent on old basketball courts with 143 bays coming.

9. Other Business/Round Table

- Sports Spotlight Newsletter – The Shire welcomes submissions from clubs. Publication is moving to a quarterly model. Newsletter needs content from clubs.

- KidSport funding increased from \$150 to \$300.
- EveryClub – GamePlan – online strategic planning tool for clubs and organisations.
- Play Well funding – SportDaze – clubs to send pitches to participate in the event which could include registration drives or have a go opportunities.

10. Next Meeting

Thursday, 22 February, 2024 6-8pm

11. Closure