



SHIRE OF
HARVEY

A Breath of Fresh Air

Sport and Recreation Advisory Group **Minutes**

**Conference Room, The Boundary Room,
Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre
Online/In Person**

Wednesday 8 April 2026, 6:00pm

1. Official Opening

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

Australind Junior Soccer Club	Rob	Birnie
Binningup Surf Lifesaving Club	Niall	O'Connor
Brunswick Districts Bowling Club	John	Exton
Brunswick Tennis Club	Julianne	Hill
Harvey Benger Cricket Club	Haydn	Jones
Harvey Golf Club	Michael	Lowe
HBLFC and HBLJFC	Luke	Freemantle
Harvey Swimming Club	Janine	Rae
Harvey Bulls Football Club	Tony	Fimmano
Leschenault Cricket Club (<i>in lieu of Angelo D'Agostino</i>)	Paul	Docherty
South-West Horse Trials	Melissa	Jenkins
Yarloop Equestrian Association	Ian	Willis

Shire of Harvey Officers

Manager Public Relations and Communications	Trish	Palmonari
Acting Manager Leschenault Leisure Centre	Kirsty	Shooter
Manager Community and Lifestyle	Ben	Rose
Community Development Officer	Andre	Morris

3. Apologies

Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre (Manager)	David	Marshall
Harvey Bulls Football Club	Tony	Fimmano
South-West Horse Trials	Melissa	Jenkins

4. Confirmation of Previous minutes (4 February 2026)

Harvey Swimming Club	Janine	Rae
HBLFC and HBLJFC	Luke	Freemantle

5. Action Register update

6. Agenda Items

6.1. Update on Sport and Recreation Plan 2033 standing agenda

[Sport-and-Recreation-Plan-2033.pdf](#)

6.2. Update on all other projects

○ Sport and Recreation priority listing

The Shire is utilising the Plan to inform the Shire's Forward Capital Works Plan.

○ LED lighting priority listing

Shire has engaged Vlambda to create a priority listing for LED lighting in the Shire focussing on the Shires three major recreation grounds – Harvey, Leschenault and Brunswick. The list will provide information for decision making in which sport lighting to undertake first for Council decision makers with the Shire budget and for the Shire to engage with DCITS for their CITS sport lighting grant (when available).

- **Shire equestrian facility investigation**
The equestrian investigation is well underway with over 300 survey responses received.
- **Binningup Watersports Facility**
 - Stage 1 - Firewall construction - Complete
 - Stage 2A - Mezzanine construction - Complete
 - Stage 2B - Lift Installed. Handover following maintenance agreement finalisation.
- **Binningup Skatepark**
 - Request for Tender in development.
- **Harvey Recreation Ground (HRG) – Upgrade Football Club Change Room**
 - Nearing project completion – anticipated May pending Alinta Gas meter upgrade.
- **Harvey Recreation Ground (HRG) – Drainage Project**
 - Consultation outcomes currently being collated. Shire to present report to Council outlining options incorporating stakeholder feedback.
- **Harvey Accessible Playground**
 - Car park design to be finalised, followed by development and release of the Request for Tender.
- **LLC Court Expansion**
Architectural design review currently being done to reflect available budget of \$23.5 million.
- **LLC HVAC (Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning) Upgrades**
In progress. Builders works commenced. Pool now closed until 27 April.
- **LLC Electrical SMSB (Site mains switch board) Upgrade**
Completed.
- **LLC – Solar Energy System**
Round 2 Federal funding successful with grant agreement signed. Tender documentation being prepared.
- **LLC Ovals 7 & 8**
On hold until LLC expansion boundaries determined.
- **Leschenault Pavilion Remedial works**
Contractor site possession 16.3.2026.
- **LRP Oval (1) Lighting**
 - Kalamunda Electrics will be onsite on Tuesday 28 April to Friday 1 May to continue the lighting project.
 - Public access to Oval restricted between the hours of 6.30am to 4.30pm each of those days.

- **Leschenault Cricket Club Practice Wicket on Oval 3**
 - Works to commence in May 2026.
- **Meriden Park Changing Places Facility**
Project nearing completion. Changing Place accreditation to be sought once practical completion has been achieved.
- **Dr Topham Pool investigation**
 - Request for Tender out
 - Concern about impacts on the pool shell when the pool is emptied.

6.3. Grant Funding

- **Play on WA (formerly Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF)) and Club Night Lights Program (CNLP)**

The Shire has sent a letter to Minister Saffioti from the CEO seeking clarification and information regarding Play on WA funding. The Ministers Office replied to the Shires letter stating DCITS (Dept of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport) are expecting to make an announcement about the CSRFF later this year.

Play on WA (formally known as the Community Sporting and Recreation Facility Fund) grant round is not currently open.

DCITS (Dept of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport) are reviewing the timing of the next rounds of the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) and Club Night Lights Program (CNLP).

Under the new PlayOn WA: 2030 by 2030 initiative the WA Government will deliver over 2,030 new or upgraded pieces of sporting infrastructure by 2030 and this review aims to bolster the effectiveness of their funding programs.

Please note the 2,030 projects committed to for PlayOn WA are not new projects but a collection of Election Commitments and previously approved CSRFF/CNLP.

Current Sport and Recreation Plan 2033 projects (til 30 June 2026) in Forward Capital Works plan

Project #	Project	Priority (H,M,L)	Status	Included in Forward Capital Works program?	Grant required per Forward Capital works plan?	Estimated value (1 Jan 2024)
1.15	LLC Court expansion	H	In progress	Y	N	TBC
1.17	PV solar or alternative at LLC and HRCC	H	Shire applying for Community Renewable Energy Upgrade grant which include LLC solar energy	Y	Y	106,547
1.35	LRP Oval 6 Turf Wicket block	H	Now Oval 4 - in progress	Y	Y	205,000

Project #	Project	Priority (H,M,L)	Status	Included in Forward Capital Works program?	Grant required per Forward Capital works plan?	Estimated value (1 Jan 2024)
1.51	HRG upgrades to HBFC change room	H	In progress	Y	Obtained	553,000
1.65	Binningup Skatepark	H		Y	Y	1,025,000

- **Shire of Harvey Community grants**
 - **Annual grants**
 - Open 1 May 2026:
 - For a general idea of grant categories and conditions please refer Shire website for dates. Please note: these conditions and categories may change for the 2026/27 grant round: [Shire of Harvey - Community Grants and Funding](#)
 - [Guidelines – Eligibility, Assessment process, FAQs](#)
 - Types of grants:
 - Infrastructure.
 - Alcoa Harvey Sustainability Fund.
 - Community Support (includes old 2025/2026 grant types: Community Support up to \$1,000 and \$5,000, Placemaking, Arts, Culture and Heritage, Community Events).
 - Partnerships
 - Athlete Travel Subsidy
 - Youth Achievement Travel Subsidy

7. **Access and Inclusion** *Sport4All*

Bradley Barclay

Sport 4 All is a free national program that helps clubs and schools build their confidence, capability, and inclusive practices so people of all abilities can participate in sport. As the local Inclusion Coach, I support organisations across the region to engage with the program and explore partnership opportunities that strengthen community inclusion.

Bradley can meet with clubs and key contacts to discuss their current capacity, challenges, and overall operations, offering presentations, one-on-one appointments, or informal conversations at training sessions. Sport4All provides quick access to inclusion insights through a short online survey, supports clubs in meeting their strategic inclusivity goals, delivers training that builds inclusive language and culture, connects clubs and schools with useful resources, and helps organisations involve people with disability not only as players but also as valued coaches, volunteers, and administrators.



8. Capacity Development for Clubs

- Social media workshop for sport clubs
 - Renae Byrne (Edge Marketing) will be presenting this free workshop:
 - Date: 4 May 2026
 - Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm
 - Cost: Free
 - Location: Leschenault Sporting Association Pavilion ('the Pav').
 - This workshop is for the benefit of the Clubs. We ask that all Clubs send a representative if this training is beneficial to the Club.
 - [Social Media for Sporting Clubs - Shire of Harvey](#)
- Available grants and free courses from Department of Cultural Industries, Tourism and Sport and Arc Infrastructure
 - Refer email sent to all members 25 March 2026 at 9:28am.
- Nominate a sport volunteer (Department of Cultural Industries, Tourism and Sport)
 - The WA Government's new WA Local Sporting Stars Volunteer Recognition Program is a chance for you to shine a light on the selfless contributions of volunteers within our sporting community.

The program will celebrate the many ways that volunteers support grassroots sport, recognising youth leadership, inclusive participation, innovation, long-standing service and all-round support for a club or sporting community.

Each fortnight, 2 winners will receive a \$400 voucher, be celebrated in The West Australian, and go into the running for the Local Sporting Star of the Year award.

The annual award is worth \$2,500 for the winner's sporting club plus a personal prize

Nominate here: [Local Sporting Stars Volunteer Recognition Program - SportWest](#).
- Shire of Harvey Homegrown Heroes 2026
 - Call for nominations in the categories of:

- Meritorious Service Awards
- Appreciation Awards
- Community Spirit Awards
- **Sporting Excellence** – this category is not just for sports people, it is also for people who support the sporting industry in the Shire of Harvey.

- [More details](#)

- **Nominations close 15/04/2026.**

9. Roundtable discussion from community members

- **Ian Willis - Yarloop Equestrian Association**
 - Sourcing a trailer to purchase.
- **Janine Rae – Harvey Swimming Club**
 - Club in recess at the moment.
- **Luke Fremantle – HBLFC**
 - 141 Auskick
 - 381 Junior players
 - 23 teams registered
 - 11 youth play in WAFL Colts.
- **Niall O’Connor – Binningup Surf Lifesaving Club (BSLC)**
 - Winding up season.
 - Club members swam in Australian meet in Queensland.
 - Building works complete:
 - Noted some building costs need to be considered by Clubs when there are ongoing extensive costs for the Club – such as the elevator installed in the BSLC.
- **Australind Senior Soccer Club**
 - Season starting.
 - Club utilising Oval 5 & 6 for trainings.
- **Harvey Golf Club**
 - Secured \$10k of Golf WA/Golf Australia funding for coaching clinics for:
 - Juniors (up to 10 yrs)
 - Youth (11 to 16 yrs)
 - Ladies
 - General beginners
 - Running on Fridays and Sundays for 4 consecutive weeks
 - Registration: [Regional Servicing Programs - GolfWA](#)
 - Golf Australia is now taken over from Golf WA and is focussing on grassroots golf in the State.
 - The Club also has a young staff member who will be the public golf liaison Officer visiting local schools (federally funded)
 - Golf Australia has an Officer working with local authorities to develop a strategic plan.
 - Club has a new staff member contracted to produce social media content which has had positive results including increased membership.

- Increased membership may lead to partnership with Ag school and need for grounds and bar staff.

- **Haydn Jones – Harvey Bengel Cricket Club**
 - High profile competitions including State school 15's national comp on Harvey Recreation Ground.
 - Black Beetle damage to turf.
 - Binningup hard wicket re-covered with junior side playing on this oval.
 - Ongoing stress on volunteers to manage expectations and time commitments.
 - Club supported Harvey Primary School reticulation grant application

- **John Exton – Brunswick Bowling Club**
 - 18 Club members participating in Ladies Country Week bowls with great results including winning Country Club of the year.
 - Southwest men's championships and AGM held in April 2026.
 - Hosting 'Green day on the Green' for 220 primary school children.

- **Rob Birnie - Australind Junior Soccer Club**
 - Club managing current Oval 4 light issue.

Action: Host quarterly Leschenault Recreation Park meetings to discuss bookings and turf maintenance.

- **Julianne Hill - Brunswick Tennis Club**
 - Club numbers have included:
 - 59 juniors
 - 40 seniors
 - 220 casual courts since courts been opened.
 - Kirsty Merrick pro-active Southwest fuel and play ambassador.
 - Club seeking lights to mitigate summer heat.
 - Club has new QR code for court usage.
 - Wimbledon strawberries and cream coming up in September 2026.

- **Paul Docherty – Leschenault Cricket Club**
 - Club numbers have included:
 - 100 juniors and 70 that previously played.
 - Club has launched Tik Tok account.
 - South 32 sponsored a Flicks portable cricket pitch.
 - Women's Social smash very successful. Seeking to utilise Oval 4 (with lights).
 - Club supported Parkfield, Kingston and Treendale primary schools for grant applications for cricket wicket and nets upgrades.

10. Next Meetings

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 15 July 2026 at Shire's Australind office (7 Mulgara Street, Australind) at 6:00pm in the Blue Manna meeting room.

11. Closure

Meeting was officially closed at 7:36pm.