

4 o'Clock Report

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Did you hear what happened at Council last week?

- Council endorsed the draft Shire of Harvey Revenue and Rating Plan 2026-2027 for public comment. This will give community members the opportunity to provide feedback before rates are adopted. The draft Plan proposes a 7 per cent rate increase for rural, residential and commercial properties. For a residential ratepayer, this translates to approximately \$2 - \$3 per week more than last year's general rates.
- Council endorsed the Public Health Plan 2026-2031. This Plan will guide the Shire's approach to improving community health and wellbeing over the next five years, with a focus on promoting healthy lifestyles, access to services and strong partnerships.
- Council established the Shire of Harvey Housing Advisory Group. This Group will bring together elected members, government agencies, housing providers and community representatives to help identify housing development opportunities.
- Council decided to discontinue the Shire's annual Homegrown Heroes initiative. This decision was made after a review found declining nomination numbers and increasing overlap with other volunteer recognition programs. This year's recipients will be recognised alongside the Community Citizen of the Year Awards at a local Australia Day Breakfast in 2027. The Shire will also continue to encourage nominations for the Australia Day awards to promote and celebrate the volunteers that make the Harvey Region a fantastic place to live.
- Council adopted the Shire's first Reconciliation Action Plan. The Plan provides a roadmap for fostering stronger relationships, respect and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across our community. The Plan has been submitted to Reconciliation Australia for final review and will be implemented once endorsed by the national organisation.

Council meetings

All Council Meetings are held at the Harvey Council Chamber. They are open to the public and are live streamed on YouTube.

To view the live stream, visit:
youtube.com/@shireofharvey5433

To view the Agenda, visit:
harvey.wa.gov.au/shire/council

Date	Meeting	Time
14 July	Audit Committee	2pm
21 July	Agenda Briefing	4pm
28 July	Ordinary Council	4pm

Notice of Intention to Levy Differential Rates 2026-2027

In accordance with Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Shire of Harvey advises its intention to levy the following differential rates for the 2026-2027 financial year.

These rates in the dollar and minimum payment amounts have been formulated to balance the Shire's 2026-2027 Budget and are in addition to specified area rates in the dollar:

Rate Category Rate:	Rate in the \$	Minimum Payment
GROSS RENTAL VALUATION PROPERTIES		
Residential	0.077971	\$1,586
Commercial and Industrial General	0.109665	\$1,674
Transient Workforce / Workforce Accommodation	0.127948	\$1,921
UNIMPROVED VALUATION PROPERTIES		
Rural	0.004346	\$1,586
Commercial	0.005444	\$1,674

(**NOTE: The proposed rate in the dollar and minimum payment amounts may be varied by Council when adopting the annual budget.)

A Revenue and Rating Plan 2026-2027 which outlines the objects and reasons for the proposed differential rates, is available at harvey.wa.gov.au/services/rates/about-rates or at the Shire Administration Offices, Uduc Road, Harvey and Mulgara Street, Australind, between the hours of 9am and 4pm.

Ratepayers and Electors are invited to make a submission to the Council in relation to this proposal.

Submissions should be in writing, be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and be clearly marked "Submission - Proposed Differential Rates 2026-2027".

By mail:
PO Box 500 Harvey
Administration Centre

By email:
shire@harvey.wa.gov.au

In person:
Harvey Administration Centre,
102 Uduc Road, Harvey 6220
Australind Administration Centre
7 Mulgara Street, Australind 6233

Submissions must be received by the Shire no later than 4pm on 17 July 2026.

ALL PUBLIC NOTICES HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ANNIE RIORDAN.