



SHIRE OF
HARVEY

A Breath of Fresh Air

Access and Inclusion Advisory Group **Minutes**

Chambers Meeting Room
Harvey Shire Building

20 May 2026

2:00pm

1. Official Opening

Meeting officially opened at 2:01pm by Chair Bromham.

Acknowledgement of Country: The Shire of Harvey acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and their continuing connection to the land, waters and country. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past, present and emerging.

Introductions around the table.

2. Attendee List

Councillor (Chairperson)	John	Bromham
Community Representative	Pam	McGregor
Community Representative	Selena	Landless
Community Representative	Kerry	Morrison
Community Representative	Kyra	Culloton
Service Representative (Advocacy WA)	Larissa	Beeby
Shire of Harvey Officers		
Manager Community Development	Ben	Rose
Community Development Officer	Amy	Cleasby
Administration Officer	Deb	Sparkes
Optional - Infrastructure Services	Shane	Faber

3. Apologies

Councillor (Deputy)	Tiny	Holly
Optional - Manager Special Projects	Kelly	Shore
Optional - Director Infrastructure Services	Craig	Yeadley
Community Representative	Cody	Smith
Community Representative	Rana	Perea
Service Representative (Harvey CRC)	nominee	
Service Representative (Lesch. Men's Shed)	Paul	Fonck
Service Representative (MICA)	Emily	Northcott
Service Representative (WACHS)	Shayne	Taylor

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Pam McGregor requested changes be made to the Minutes of the meeting held 18 February 2026:

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- Sentence "Pam McGregor moved that the minutes from the previous meeting were accurate and be accepted as a true record." Be amended as marked.

Action 53: Associated Discussion

- Sentence "We have to a Village Hub in Harvey." Be amended as marked.

Pam McGregor moved that the minutes, from the previous meeting were an accurate and be accepted as a true record, with the above changes. Seconded by Ben Rose. There were no objections to this motion.

5. Actions Register from Previous Meetings*Action items*

Action 55: Christina Park: Investigate existing toilet block which due to its age has access large enough to potentially allow ambulant access.

Status Update: Complete. *To be removed from the Minutes and Shire Officers to report back to the Advisory Group once the Toilet Block audit has been completed by Advocacy WA.*

Associated discussions: Inspection by Amy Cleasby shows that existing access is large enough for wheelchair access, but is not fully compliant considering the new accessibility standards.

Action 56: Christina Park: Investigate potential to enable an ACROD parking bay. Currently park has unmarked parallel parking, meaning that two parking bays cannot easily be combined to enable an ACROD bay.

Status Update: Complete. *To be removed from the Minutes.*

Amy Cleasby to send ACROD Parking audit and associated schedule to Advisory Group members.

Associated discussions: Shane Faber advised that due to the existing parking layout, two side-by-side parking bays cannot easily be converted to one ACROD parking bay. Existing parking bays are parallel parking. Twenty-six items from this report have been included in the Capital Works schedule rectification works. Christina Park and other identified ACROD bays can be considered after the prioritized 26 have been completed.

6. Agenda Items for Discussion

6.1. Intersection of Old Coast Road and Paris Road – report on any update to intersection

Best course of action discussed and decided that wayfinding signage be added along footpaths on Old Coast Road and Paris Road directing pedestrians to existing crossing on single lane part of Old Coast Road in front of Ridley Park. Also wayfinding signage directing pedestrians to the pathway between the BP and Christina Park along the Estuary shoreline, due to this pathway not being obvious from Old Coast Road.

Investigations into suitable wayfinding signage directing pedestrians to single lane portion of Old Coast Road (with median strip break between lanes, opposite Ridley Park). Additionally wayfinding signage to direct pedestrians to the footpath between the BP and Christina Park along the Estuary shoreline.

6.2. Library facilities and quiet (low sensory) times

A list of low sensory facilities was tabled by Amy (Attachment 2). It was agreed that the Aldi “Austism Friendly Hours” was not an ideal name for their quiet times program as it is not inclusive of people who have other low sensory needs.

6.3. Meredin Park Changing Places – Progress update

Photographs of the new Changing Places ablution block at Meredin Park, adjacent to Peter Topham Pool, was tabled (Attachment 3).

Shire Officers to approach Marketing and Communications regarding celebrating this win with a social media campaign showcasing this facility and making the public aware of the existence of the MLAK program for people with disability (Master Locksmith Association Key). This facility is accessed by an MLAK key, as are other Changing Places facilities across the state.

6.4. Disability Employment Workshop – September 2026

Kerry Morrison mentioned this workshop and asked the Shire of their plans on this. The Shire has a target of 5% of the workforce to have an identified disability. Currently some staff with hidden disabilities do not identify as having a disability, so the percentages are not known. The Shire of Harvey Human Resources team are fully supportive of this initiative and will continue to implement this into standard HR processes.

Shire Officer to explore Sunflower Lanyard options to be provided, for free, to Shire Administration reception areas. Sunflower Lanyards allow people to identify as having an invisible disability and may require additional assistance.

7. Community Roundtable

The topic of Homelessness was discussed, with Advisory Group members asking what the Shire can do to expedite relief measures around homelessness. Generally local governments cannot “do less” than State and Federal legislation. The Shire can advocate to make changes to State and Federal legislation, but this would need to have clearer direction from this Advisory Group on how/what, and would generally be supported by the same initiatives being taken up by other regional local government areas (LGA) which are then managed by WALGA through the correct channels.

On a local level, the Shire are looking at identifying Shire owned land that can be released for housing purposes under the existing Planning Scheme and legislation. The Shire also provides a fact sheet on local homelessness support services for people experiencing homeless in the Shire.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday 19 August 2026, at the Harvey Chambers in Harvey at 2:00pm, on-line access to be available.

9. Closure: 3:23pm

Attachment 1 – Actions Register (Shire of Harvey website – Reporting)



Advisory Group	Meeting Date	Action	Directorate	Responsible Officer	Status Update Due Date	Status Update
Access and Inclusion	20-May-26	Action 57: Shire Officers to report back to the Advisory Group once the Toilet Block audit has been completed by Advocacy WA.	Community and Lifestyle	Amy Cleasby	19-Aug-26	
Access and Inclusion	18-Feb-26	Action 58: Investigations into suitable wayfinding signage directing pedestrians to single lane portion of Old Coast Road (with median strip break between lanes, opposite Ridley Park). Additionally wayfinding signage to direct pedestrians to the footpath between the BP and Christina Park along the Estuary shoreline.	Community and Lifestyle	Amy Cleasby	19-Aug-26	
Access and Inclusion	20-May-26	Action 59: Amy Cleasby to send ACROD Parking Audit and associated schedule out to Advisory Group members	Community and Lifestyle	Amy Cleasby	19-Aug-26	
Access and Inclusion	20-May-26	Action 60: Intersection of Old Coast Road and Parris Road: Investigations into suitable wayfinding signage directing pedestrians to single lane portion of Old Coast Road (with median strip break between lanes, opposite Ridley Park). Additionally wayfinding signage to direct pedestrians to the footpath between the BP and Christina Park along the Estuary shoreline.	Community and Lifestyle	Shane Faber	19-Aug-26	
Access and Inclusion	20-May-26	Action 61: Amy Cleasby to explore Sunflower Lanyard options to be provided, for free, to Shire Administration reception areas. Sunflower Lanyards allow people to identify as having an invisible disability and may require additional assistance.	Community and Lifestyle	Shane Faber	19-Aug-26	



LOW SENSORY ACTIVITIES

LOCAL SHOPPING

Low lights, lower register volumes, no announcements, no background music.

- Coles– quiet hours between 1030am and 1130am and 6pm and 7pm, Monday to Friday.
- Woolworths - quiet hours between 1030am and 1130am, Monday to Friday.
- Westfield Shopping Centres reduces lights and noise every Tuesday 1030am to 1130am across whole of centre.
- Kmart stores 'Quiet space' occurs every Wednesday between 330pm and 530pm at a select number of Kmart stores.
- Aldi has 'Autism Friendly Hours' between 630pm and 830pm on Tuesdays

LOCAL LIBRARIES

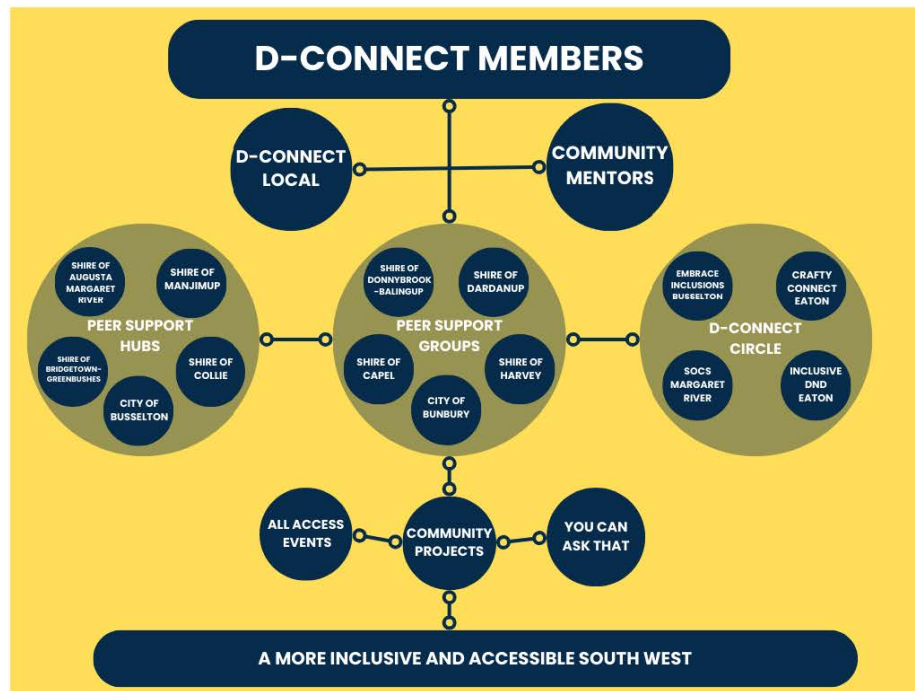
No quiet hours as such, but they provide a timetable of activities so people can avoid the busy times. The new Harvey Library aims to have quiet rooms / spaces, as it common in larger Libraries.

FORGET ME NOT CAFES

Held fortnightly at the Australind Library and Harvey Connect they are designed for people living with memory loss and their Carers. Provides a quiet, low sensory space for social interactions.

D-CONNECT MEMBER – ADVOCACY WA

Provides information on low sensory and inclusive events and activities across the Southwest. The large-scale network provides informed choices for people living with disability.



Attachment 3 – Meridan Park Changing Places photographs

Meredin Park, Harvey - Peter Topham Pool Toilets and Changing Places Facility





