



Sport and Recreation Advisory Group Minutes

**Blue Manna Room, Australind Shire Office
Online Teams/In Person**

Wednesday 15 July 2026, 6:00pm

1. Official Opening**2. Advisory Group Membership**

Australind Swimming Club	Mark	Crispin
Australind Junior Soccer Club	Robert	Birnie
Australind Tennis Club	Keira	Tsui
Brunswick Districts Bowling Club	John	Exton
Harvey Benger Cricket Club	Haydn	Jones
Harvey Swimming Club	Janine	Rae
Leschenault Cricket Club (President)	Angelo	D'Agostino
Leschenault Netball Association	Kimberley	Lewis
Yarloop Equestrian Association	Ian	Willis

Shire of Harvey Officers

Manager Public Relations and Communications	Trish	Palmonari
Acting Manager Community and Lifestyle	Amy	Cleasby
Community Development Officer	Andre	Morris

3. Apologies

Binningup Surf Lifesaving Club	Julie	Doyle
Binningup Surf Lifesaving Club and Australind Senior Soccer	Niall	O'Connor
Brunswick Tennis Club	Julianne	Hill
Harvey Bowling Club	Michael	Lowe
Harvey Bulls Football Club	Tony	Fimmano
HBLFC and HBLJFC	Luke	Freemantle
Leschenault Cricket Club (Juniors – Vice President)	Paul	Docherty
Leschenault Sporting Association	Shane	Jamieson
Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre (Manager)	David	Marshall

4. Confirmation of Previous minutes (8 April 2026)**Confirmed:** Janine Rae**Seconded:** Ian Willis**5. Action Register update**

All actions completed.

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**

- **Shire equestrian facility investigation**
 - The equestrian investigation has been received and will be reviewed by Officers.
- **Binningup Skatepark**
 - Tender to be completed early July 2026. Council consideration November 2026.
 - Detailed design review sent to CONVIC.
- **Brunswick Lights**
 - Designs for power upgrades underway in preparation for RFQ.
- **Harvey Recreation Ground (HRG) – Drainage Project**

- Consultation outcomes currently being collated. Officers to present report to Council outlining options incorporating stakeholder feedback.
- **Harvey Accessible Playground**
 - Concept Design Phase - Engineering undertaking design for tender of carpark.
 - Carpark first then playground.
 - Tender for playground to supply and install will be delayed until after winter, informed funding body and redone milestones.
- **LLC Court Expansion**
 - Feedback from stakeholders received and provided to architects to inform re-scoping options.
 - Architectural Concept Review to be presented back to client.
- **LLC Solar PV System & Harvey Works Depot Solar PV & BESS**
 - Grant Agreement signed.
 - Procurement process on track with grant milestone conditions.
 - Battery (BESS) provides emergency back-up and 8 hours of power to facility.
- **Leschenault Pavilion Remedial works**
 - Project completed.
- **LRP Oval (1) Lighting**
 - Project completed - awaiting Telstra setup of Sim Card to allow for access to clubs and Shire via the app.

Action 2: Shire Officer to investigate whether one Club can turn the Oval one lights off for another Club.

Each Club must turn the lights off once they are finished with the Oval. Clubs can log out of the system which turn the lights off.

Action 3: Shire Officer to investigate how lighting fees are divided if Club share lights.

Sharing ovals and the applicable lighting charges can be discussed/divided before the booking is taken for the season.

- **LRP Oval (4) Lighting**
 - Contract awarded.
- **Leschenault Cricket Club Practice Wicket on Oval 3**
 - Close to completion. Awaiting dividing nets.
- **Meriden Park Changing Places Facility**
 - Project completed. Awaiting official opening.
 - New public toilets operational.
- **Dr Topham Memorial Pool Liner Replacement**
 - Pre-investigation works required for the pool site.
 - Management plan to be prepared prior to emptying the pool to mitigate risk.

Action 4: Shire Officers to meet with Harvey Swim Club to discuss the impact of closure.

- **Harvey Recreation Ground (HRG) Bulls Changeroom**
 - Project completed.
 - Photo shoot with funding partners to be held 10 July 2026.
- **LLC Air handling and Pool Heating Water System Replacement**
 - Project completed.
 - Commissioning and adjustments to system.
 - Australind Swim Club state the air quality has improved.
- **Munda Biddi Trail Spur**
 - DBCA proposed project manager.
 - Funding management with DBCA.

6.3. Grant Funding

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

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

The WA Government is committed to investing in community sporting and infrastructure projects that enliven our communities.

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).

Other grants available include Youth Week and Regional grants provided by State Government.

- **Shire of Harvey Community grants**

Many applications received for the Shire's 2026 grant round. Assessment panel has met and Council will consider recommended applications on 27 July 2026.

7. Capacity Development for Clubs

- *Available free governance tutorial series from Department of Cultural Industries, Tourism and Sport.*
 - Governance and Leadership courses.
 - *Regional Governance Education Program | Humanitix.*
- *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, two 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](#). Nominations close November 2026.

- National Child Safe policy
Organisations that work with children will be required to meet the 10 National Principles for Child Safe Organisations [national-principles-for-child-safe-organisations](#). PDF under a new oversight scheme being developed by the Ombudsman WA.

The Scheme of Independent Oversight of Child Safe Organisations is still being designed, including the timing of compliance and how oversight and enforcement will work.

Essentially, every Australian sports club will be expected to have adopted the following:

- Working With Children compliance system.
- Child Safe / Safeguarding Policy.
- Code of Conduct.
- Reporting process (clear and accessible).
- Trained volunteers and coaches.
- Appointed welfare/contact person.
- Clubs must have a Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO).
- Risk management for activities and environments.
- Evidence of ongoing review.

8. Roundtable discussion from community members

- **Mark – Australind Swimming Club**

- National Country Championship in September 2026.

Action 5: Shire Officer to provide information regarding the Youth Athlete Subsidy [Athlete and Youth Achievement Travel Subsidy - Shire of Harvey](#).

- Group of 9 swimmers to compete in Darwin.
- Club – squads are full.

- **Kimberely Lewis – Leschenault Sporting Association**

- Mid-way through season.
- End of season and finals.
- Prizegiving will be held at LLC.

- **Haydn Jones Harvey Benger Cricket Club**

- Cricket – AGM July 2026.
- Planning for season.
- Difficult to wrangle volunteers out of season.

- **Keira Tsui – Australind Swimming Club**

- Australind Tennis Club Term 4 and Term 1 summer sport.

- **Rob Birnie – Australind Junior Soccer Club**

- Mowing schedule requested to provide better timing for line marking.
- Child safe training.
- Would like more information on “Indicators of Abuse” to help spot child victims.

Action 6: Shire Officer to provide a workshop on the upcoming child safety principles required of Clubs including Working With Children checks and indicators of abuse.

Action 7: Shire Officer to investigate how the Leschenault Ovals can be managed to accommodate seasonal turf requirement changes, mowing schedules and the season lengths of different codes.

Action 8: Requested Terms of Reference for Group

- [Terms-of-Reference-Sport-and-Recreation-Advisory-Group-10032026.pdf](#)

- **Ian Willis – Yarloop Equestrian Club**

- Involved with 10th light horse.
- Working with worldwide group to deliver a “Pass Wide and Slow” initiative on safer road usage.
- Educate public around horses on roads.
- Stanton Park facility has no access to water.

Action 9: Shire Officer and Governance to meet with Yarloop Equestrian Association to clarify lease holders at Stanton-Park facility.

Action 10: Clarification required for what is a feasibility study.

What a feasibility study typically examines

A feasibility study usually investigates:

1. *Technical Feasibility*
 - Can it be built or delivered?
 - Do we have the technology, infrastructure, skills, and resources required?
2. *Financial Feasibility*
 - What will it cost?
 - Are the benefits likely to outweigh the costs?
 - Is funding available?
3. *Legal and Regulatory Feasibility*
 - Are there planning, environmental, governance, or legislative constraints?
4. *Market or Community Feasibility*
 - Is there demand or a demonstrated need?
 - Will users, customers, or the community benefit?
5. *Risk Assessment*
 - What could go wrong?
 - How significant are the risks and can they be managed?

What does a feasibility study promise?

A feasibility study does not promise a guaranteed action. Instead, it promises to provide:

- A thorough investigation of the proposal.
- Evidence-based analysis.
- Identification of opportunities and risks.
- An informed recommendation about whether to proceed, modify, defer, or abandon the project.

A well-prepared feasibility study should enable decision-makers to say one of the following with confidence:

- Proceed
- Proceed with changes
- Conduct further investigation
- Do not proceed

What it does not guarantee

A feasibility study cannot guarantee:

- That the project will be funded.
- That costs will not increase.
- That risks will not materialise.
- That the project will succeed once implemented.

- **Janine Rae – Harvey Swimming Club**

- Swim Club in Recess.
- Would like to know about Harvey Pool closure asap as it directly impacts their club.

- **Angelo D'Agostino – Leschenault Cricket Club**

- Month off. Off season.
- Prepare for next season.
- Successful "Game on girl" grant application.
- Women and girls' team is flourishing at Burekup Cricket Club.
- Oval 1 lights exciting.

- **John Exton – Brunswick Bowling Club**

- No current Vice President.
- Arranging upcoming season plans.
- 150 members – 50 a week playing in off season.
- Bowler win – Singles title - Calvin Rogers.

9. Next Meetings

Wednesday 14 October 2026 to held at the Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre in the Boundary Room.

10. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7:46pm.