



SHIRE OF  
**HARVEY**

*A Breath of Fresh Air*

# Brunswick and Surrounding Areas Advisory Group **Minutes**

**Brunswick Recreation Grounds  
Presidents Room**  
Thursday 9 May 2024  
4pm

## 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. Attendance

Shire President	Michelle	Campbell
Councillor	Wendy	Dickinson
Community Representative	Bernard	Ridley
Community Representative	Judy	Talbot OAM
Community Representative	Chris	Rutter
Community Representative	Gary	Criddle
Community Representative	Peter	Davis
Community Representative	Julianne	Hill
Community Representative	Heidi	Bibby
Community Representative	Jan	George
Community Representative	Janette	Mclean
Chief Executive Officer	Annie	Riordan
Acting Co-Director Community and Lifestyle	Mark	Newman
Acting Co-Director Community and Lifestyle	Suzie	Haslehurst
Director Corporate Services	Dean	Winter
Director Infrastructure Services	Rick	Lotznicker
Director Sustainable Development	Simon	Hall
Manager Public Relations and Communications	Trish	Palmonari
Community Development Officer (Minutes)	Belinda	Williams

## 3. Apologies

Community Representative	Nathan	Dawe
Community Representative	Tina	Wallis
Community Representative	Gerald	Fry
Community Representative	Cameron	Parsons
Community Representative	Mike	Kelly
Community Representative	Jamie	Fry
Community Representative	Leanne	Juricev
Community Representative	David	Power

## 4. Nomination of Brunswick Place Advisory Group Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Nomination of Brunswick Place Advisory Group Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson deferred at November meeting.

Judy Talbot nominated Julieanne Hill as Chair. No other nominations were received. Position accepted by Julianne Hill and supported by group members.

Judy Talbot nominated Heidi Bibby as Deputy Chair. No other nominations were received.

Position accepted by Heidi Bibbi and supported by group members.

## 5. Actions of Previous Minutes

Refer to Current Action Register (**Attachment 1**)

Completed Actions to be removed from register: 20, 36, 44, 45, 46, 48 (duplicate to 50), 49.

Action 41: amend action to be "Infrastructure Services to review signage...".

Action 47: Shire working towards amplifying the project with ARC infrastructure and Lions Club support. Project has 2024 – 25 FY Draft Budget nomination.

Action 50: Ongoing

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Action 52: Shire to provide community with an update on preventative actions taken during fire season.

Discussion was held about community concerns, ongoing, with regard to heavy machinery movements in high fire danger areas. Community would like clarification on the trigger for the Shire to implement No Heavy Machinery Movement measures and what fines are applicable.

Discussion was held about the National Fire Danger rating system, which is contentious for farmers and road construction. Community asked if the Shire can escalate their concerns to WALGA to escalate to DFES.

Action 53: Shire to investigate advocacy to WALGA with regard to preventative fire mitigation to DFES and the challenges faced by community since the National Fire Danger rating system was implemented.

Action 54: Shire to investigate IGA carpark standard with concerns from community noted for potholes and overgrown trees.

## 6. Community Roundtable

*Opportunity for community members and organisations to discuss ideas or concerns as well as include standing agenda items of significance to Brunswick and surrounds.*

Shire President commended all the community groups in Brunswick. Recent events have been outstanding with hosts including Brunswick Town Team, Youth Cattle Handlers Camp, ANZAC Day, Men's Shed event, there is so much happening and the community is the driving force. Well done to all involved.

Cr Dickinson advised that under Brunswick Town Team and Harvey History Online, a Back to Brunswick Day will be held on Saturday 7 September 2024. An event package has been submitted to the Shire. The event centre is planned to be in the Town Hall and will include history walks. There will also be a Bus Tour around Brunswick with Brunswick Fire Brigade. The event will not be formally promoted until feedback from Shire on the events package.

On behalf of the Brunswick CRC, Cr Dickinson raised concerns that the process to have an event approved is difficult and there seems to be a lot of misunderstanding. No one is quite sure what is required and why it takes so long to have an event approved. An events info training session may be required.

Action 55: Shire to investigate events information training session.

Action 56: Shire to investigate if the kitchen in the Brunswick Recreation Centre can be cleaned. The kitchen is not included in the Brunswick Ag Society lease and the cleaners don't seem to do the floors or toilets after events.

### **6.1 WA Youth Cattle Handlers Camp Update**

2024 event feedback.

The only dairy and beef camp in Australia. Tickets sold out in 52 hours. There were 92 participants from Exmouth to Esperance. Organisers found that extending the camping areas allowed more families to attend to support the event. These families provided more help in set up and set down. Families bought multiple kids and around 150-200 people were fed. The food was outstanding.

Thanks to President Campbell and Mr Greg Campbell for coming along to support the event.

Action 57: Shire to send letter of appreciation to the Youth Cattle Handlers to congratulate them on a fantastic event.

Planning underway for 2025, dates anticipated to be end April.

### **6.2 Brunswick Show 2024**

Julianne Hill has stepped down to become the immediate past president. David Power is President, Heidi Bibbi is second Deputy President. The theme for 2024 is Technology and Agriculture.

David has brought a new approach, investigating lots of outside funding support.

Event to be held on Saturday 26 October 2024.

### **6.3 Brunswick CRC update**

The CRC would like some historical information about the Brunswick Town Hall. When did the Shire take over management?

Action 58: Sustainable Development to investigate the municipal heritage information about the Brunswick Town Hall.

Discussion was held regarding the potential for the community to manage the hall again, with the aim that more people use it. It is currently used very occasionally. Community wants to see it used more and find the requirements to use the hall make it prohibitive as well as the cost. Community is not

satisfied with the Shire's level of maintenance of the indoors, the cobwebs are bad and cleanliness is not as it should be.

Action 59: Governance to investigate the current management structure, to see if this is something that can be changed.

#### **6.4 Brunswick Town Team (BTT) update**

Food truck event at Brunswick Bowling Club on Saturday 11 May. Eight food vans are confirmed plus fundraising. The BTT plans to buy banners for advertising and bunting. Feedback prior to the event has been very positive with a good crowd anticipated.

#### **6.5 Brunswick Men's Shed update**

Due to the ever-rising cost of building and an availability of builders to quote or build, the Brunswick Men's Shed extensions need to be pared back significantly. In the meantime, they are investigating an additional bay on the southern end of the shed. This will need Shire approval and a funding model.

The Men's Health Event held on Saturday 16 March was very informative and well attended. The Director of Cyber Security from ECU was mind-blowing. There is some money left over so he has been back to talk to more people.

The event had five presenters and 25 stall holders.

Recently, a community member donated some 1980's bed heads which have been turned into lounge chairs to be raffled off at Bunnings.

#### **6.6 Main Street Banners**

Community continues to advocate for banners in the main street. Shire infrastructure team is working towards a solution. The new banner pole on Uduc Rd has hoisted banners that can be retrofitted to any pole which may be workable in Brunswick.

#### **6.7 Restrictive Burning and Fire Bans**

Community wants to persevere to bring change.

#### **6.8 Traffic speeds in the main road.**

Community advocating for slower speeds through township main road. Discussion was held about opportunities for modified signage including warnings of upcoming speed changes.

Previous feedback from Main Roads has been that speed in small towns is reflective of activation of shops and spaces.

### **7. Agenda Items for Discussion**

#### **7.1 Shire Update**

- **Office of the CEO**

- Community Awards:

The Shire of Harvey will acknowledge residents who have made an exceptional community contribution during the upcoming 2024 Community Awards ceremony, scheduled to take place at the Binningup Country Club on 5 June 2024.

Strong nominations in all categories except Community Group of the year.

- Community grants applications have closed and been assessed by internal panel. A report is going to Council in May to endorse the recommendations with funding to be included in the Draft 2024-25 Budget which is planned to be endorsed in July.
- Alcoa Community Grant program has been heavily over-subscribed. New community representatives are required for the assessment panel.
- Brunswick River Cottages are on track. The re-design of the communal area is underway with a funding application for solar power in progress. Photoshoot recently held with Minister John Carey and Robyn Clarke MLA. There has been a lot of promotion and coverage for the cottages and the good work they do for community.

- **Community and Lifestyle**

- Youth Trainee: The Shire welcomes Chanieve Sawtell to the Community Development team. Youth Collection and Youthchella preparations underway.
- We also welcome new Community Development Officer, Amy Cleasby for early years, youth, aged, and access and inclusion.
- BRG Mural Entry Statement: Childhood Photo Guidelines

Please provide high-resolution photos of cherished childhood memories for artist Jacob Butler .

*The imagery is intended to communicate to the audience where you came from and also give a glimpse into your personality and unique upbringing.*

*This imagery may include photos of you interacting with animals, the environment, enjoying yourself in nature or anything happy, vintage, and upbeat.*

*If you cannot provide any photos with the associated imagery, then please supply a childhood photo of yourself and a short description of any humorous memories that you remember from childhood. ie. "My name is Sienna and I had a pet joey that I would drag around in an old wooden cart across the farm"*

*I will use the photo that you supply to develop the mural design and any information that you provide may assist as inspiration. Once I have created the mural design, I will provide a digital mockup for you to review before commencement.*

**Size/Layout:** *It is preferred for the childhood photo to be facing front on and of a full body shot, but if it's a great photo feel free to send it anyway.*

**Format:** *The photo must be high resolution (I cannot depict blurry imagery)*

*Digital format is preferred (you may even scan the hardcopy or take a high-resolution photo with your camera phone of the hard copy)*

*You may provide multiple photos, the more the merrier!*

*10 or less people for the design to have maximum impact.*

Community asked to engage with locals who would like to contribute.

Action 60: Meeting for the BRG Mural to submit photos to be held on Friday 21 June at 4.30pm at the Presidents Room, Brunswick Rec Ground.

- Nightfields at Brunswick Primary School in Term 4: free informal sports program to overcome barriers to participation.
- Tour of Small Halls. Shire to attend upcoming Brunswick Town Team meeting to discuss the event and opportunity to collaborate.

- **Corporate Services**

- NIL to report.

- **Infrastructure Services**

- Brunswick Recreation Ground Power and Lights update.

Project is 65% complete. Four light tower footings have gone in. Next stage trenching. Underground boring works to come. Cabinets and poles being fabricated, project is due to finish August - September. Shire is happy with project and progressing well.

Community shared that trenching done around cattle shed before cattle camp. Works were flattened and it didn't interfere with the camp.

- BORR

Latest aerial photo supplied to group. Clifton and Paris Rd to open end of October. SOH has met with Main Roads WA to decide who maintains what sections.

No completion date for the project.

- Fencing at Brunswick pool. Insurers to install a pool fence, signage along the river and a life buoy to make compliant with safety requirements on both sides.
- Clifton Rd to George Vincent: to be upgraded
- Dam Wall at Brunswick Pool: money on budget to repair foundation which has deteriorated.

- Brunswick Bowling Green is going well.
- Brunswick Tennis Courts. Shire and Club need to meet to discuss. Design and costings received this week. Council is aware and there is a lot of work to do. SOH and BTC to meet to decide how to proceed. The timing is good to deliver before next season. SOH to meet with BTC late next week or week after.
- Rain last week: Brunswick 77mm. SOH team has been busy with flooding, sand and loose materials running off properties into low point in roads and water has nowhere to go. Asking people to be mindful of the materials that block drains. SOH investigating worst affected areas noting that in older areas, there is no overland flow path like the newer developments.

- **Sustainable Development**

- RV Trials

Council was supportive of recommendations to continue to use the sites at BRG. Shire Officers reported that it was a successful trial with the only frustration to be the shifting of location due to works at BRG. The Shire is working towards RV initiatives to make Brunswick more attractive to travelers.

- SOH has been approached by Double Barrell for Rodeo at BRG. Timing appetite is for after the Brunswick Ag Show in early November. The Shire is keen to have BAS to promote the show, there may be an opportunity to cross promote with tickets available at Brunswick Show.

Discussion was held about where would the rodeo located within the rec ground, with suggestions that it may be in and around between the bar and cricket pitch area. Double Barrell bringing in a lot of sand to protect the ground.

SOH to talk with Brunswick Ag Society (BAS) further. BAS representatives suggested that they would like the same arrangement as Country Sounds.

## **8. Access and Inclusion**

New Community Development Officer has extensive experience in this area and is in the process of planning for this space.

## **9. Next Meeting**

Thursday 8 August 2024, 4-6pm

## **10. Closure**

5.15pm