



SHIRE OF  
**HARVEY**  
*A Breath of Fresh Air*

# Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Group **Minutes**

**Australind Council Chambers Meeting Room**  
Monday 13 May 2024  
10am

### 1. Official Opening

The meeting was officially opened at 10:04am.

### 2. Attendance

Councillor	Robyn	Coleman
Councillor	John	Bromham
Community Representative	Frank	Bellairs
Community Representative	Emily	Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer	Annie	Riordan
Director Community and Lifestyle	Suzie	Haslehurst
Director Infrastructure Services	Rick	Lotznicker
Director Corporate Services	Dean	Winter
Manager Waste and Safety Services	Haydn	Jones
Manager Public Relations and Communications	Trish	Palmonari
Community Development Officer (Minutes)	Andre	Morris

### 3. Apologies

Community Representative	Lynda	Armstrong
Councillor	James	Junio
WALGA Roadwise Representative	Katherine	Celenza
Australind Police Senior Sergeant	Heath	Soutar
Harvey Police Sergeant	John	Hancock
Yarloop Police Sergeant	Nicholas	Hamer
Director Sustainable Development	Simon	Hall

### 4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes confirmed by Frank Bellairs.

### 5. Actions from Previous Meetings

**Action: Shire Officers to obtain Main Roads WA traffic management plan for BORR construction.**

Paris Road will travel over Forrest Highway and planned to be opened October 2024. Traffic will be reduced with North to South traffic expected to take highway bypass.

**Action: Shire Officers to investigate safest design and sign installation of pedestrian crosswalks from Australind Shopping Centre crossing Paris Road and Old Coast Road.**

Plan for Mardo Ave and Paris Roads presented. Possible change to bus stop bay and crossing.

Plans may reduce roundabout on Paris Road from two lanes to one coming through roundabout. Blackspot funding to be obtained close end of June.

North of Mardo Ave footpath not accessible. Investigating funds to rectify this issue.

## 6. Agenda Items for Discussion

### 6.1. Traffic congestion – Leschenault Catholic Primary School (LCPS)

- Current congestion concerns:

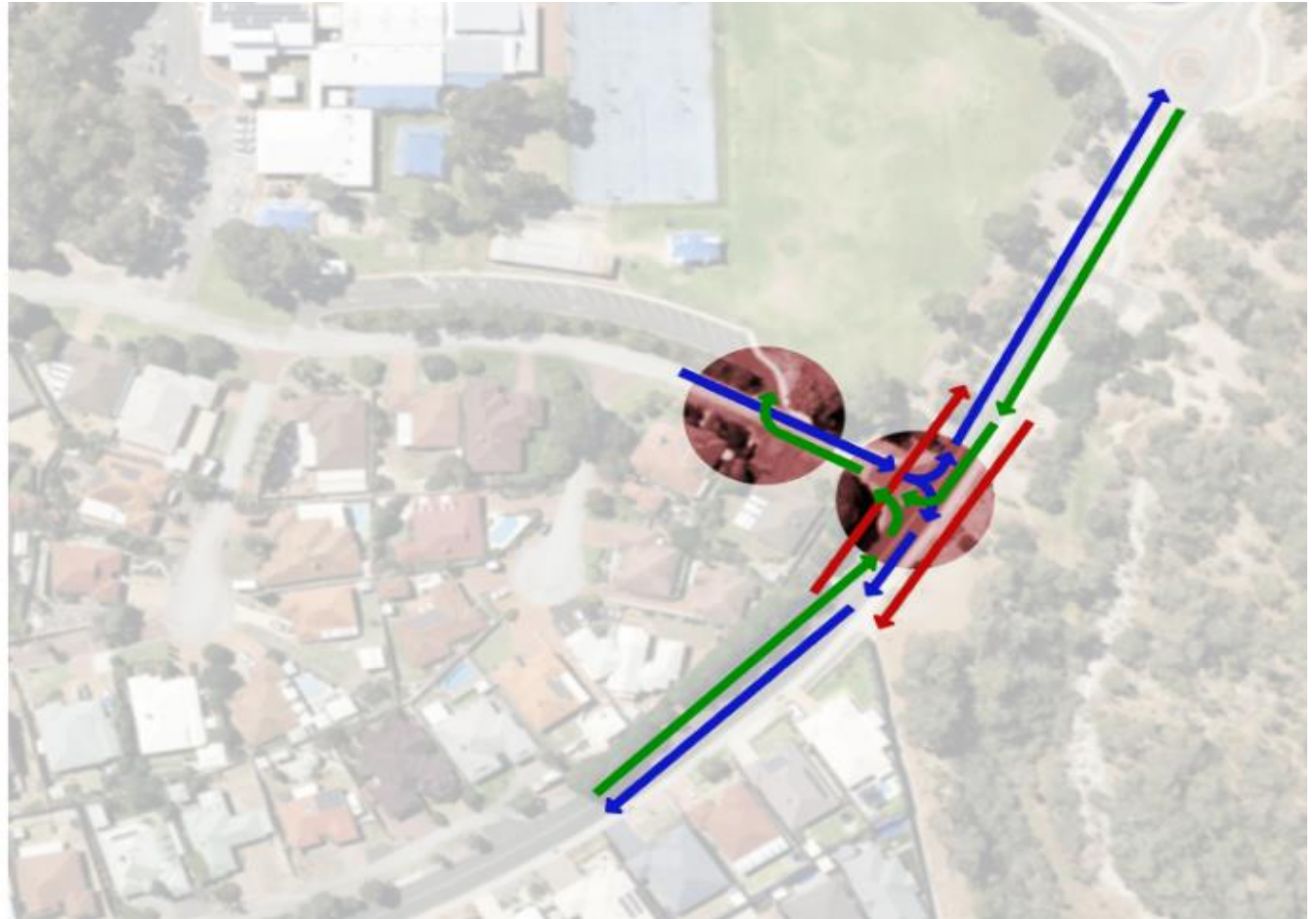
#### **Current pickup congestion concerns:**

**Cars turning right into Challenger Drive banking up along Barnes Ave**

**Cars turning into the carpark across traffic exiting Challenger Drive**

**Cars turning right onto Barnes Ave across traffic**

**Traffic travelling along Barnes Ave driving dangerously during congestion**



- Possible traffic flow change for Barnes Ave and Challenger Drive:

**Proposed directive for entering and leaving Challenger Drive:**

**No right turn for cars entering for pickup**

**No right turn for cars exiting Challenger after pickup**





- Possible traffic flow change for School drop off zone:

**Proposed changes to pickup bay option 2:**

**Pick up bay cars turn right at far entry**

**Cars using parking turn right at first entry**

**All cars exit at new exit point in the centre**



Any changes to the traffic flow in Barnes Ave and Challenger Drive will require further investigation and funding. Indicative funding required is approximately \$150,000.

## 6.2 Homelessness and the Police

Awaiting comment from local Police.

Women and children impacted by homelessness.

Community members without a home using Ridley Place to access toilets and resources.

The WALGA State Council 1 May 2024 meeting supported advocacy for changes to the Caravan and Camping Regulations. Changes to Part 2(b) of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997 now allow Local Governments to consider camping on private property for a period of greater than three months. These changes allow Local Governments to establish policy to guide approvals beyond three months to ensure that camping is locally appropriate and to provide for circumstances where tiny homes can be occupied on a more permanent basis. Discussion that these changes do not assist those community members who do not have access to private property.

Discussion regarding safe places for homeless community members. These safe places often attract elements of society who may prey on vulnerable community members.

Discussion regarding the leniency given to homeless community members from Shire rangers.

Informal network in Harvey coordinated by Harvey Community Resource Centre with service providers and churches aware of community members in need.

**Action:** Create posters featuring the phone numbers of homeless support agencies to be displayed in key locations.

## 6.3 CCTV

Australind CCTV skatepark installation completed.

Large tv in Australind Police station with real time CCTV footage.

Historical CCTV footage can be obtained from Shire's Information Management Services.

Ridley Place CCTV system has older cameras that don't stream to Australind Police station.

Australind Shire admin building can access CCTV footage. Footage is stored in Cloud. Cameras have facial recognition capability. CCTV system and related accessibility governed by CCTV Policy. Leading CCTV consultant consulted on policy creation.

Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre cameras upgraded and added additional camera. All footage visible to Police.

In 2025 Harvey skatepark CCTV to be added. Harvey Police requested CCTV footage in Harvey. Harvey Police also requesting number plate recognition software. Due to

costs involved Shire is investigating State government grant for high-quality pervasive CCTV system.

CCTV installation included in Myalup hall in five-year Capital works plan.

## 6.4 Shire Update

- **Community and Lifestyle**

### 6.4.1.1 Night Fields program at Australind High School

Australind Senior High School hosted Night Fields Basketball Program every Tuesday April 16 to May 14. Program offered young people a safe environment to socialise, learn life skills, and engage in basketball sessions from 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm at the school's basketball courts. Run by Stephen Michael Foundation with support from Shire of Harvey.

Program actions key Community Safety and Crime Prevention actions: 2.2.2 and 3.1.7.

### 6.4.1.2 RYDE program delivered at Harvey Skatepark opening.

The RYDE Program supports young people in the South-West who face challenges in completing their compulsory 50 vehicle driving logbook hours. It offers sessions focused on skill enhancement and gaining driving experience, primarily targeting individuals aged 16 to 25 without access to a suitable vehicle or an experienced driving companion.

Program actions key Community Safety and Crime Prevention actions: 2.4.1.

### 6.4.1.3 Thank a Traffic Warden.

The Shire thanked traffic wardens throughout the Shire as part of National Road Safety Week (5 – 12 May). National Road Safety week is an initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, partnering road safety organisations and government to highlight the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it.

Program actions key Community Safety and Crime Prevention actions: 2.4.3.

### 6.4.1.4 Child Safety Awareness Policy

*Policy Purpose:* The Shire of Harvey is committed to safeguarding children and young people from abuse, demonstrating this through its Child Safe Awareness policy.

*Policy Scope:* The policy applies to all individuals associated with the Shire of Harvey and extends to anyone utilising its facilities, emphasising a collective responsibility for child safety.

*Policy Responsibilities:* While not legally mandated, the Shire of Harvey takes a leadership role in promoting child-safe practices and will engage with stakeholders to ensure alignment with the policy. Specific roles will be determined by the Shire of Harvey.

*Policy Functions:* The Shire of Harvey will ensure effective implementation of its Child Safe Awareness policy by establishing processes to communicate child-safe messages and supporting local community groups with access to child-safe resources. Additionally, it will prioritise the rights and safety of children and young people, collaborate with partners to promote their well-being, and refer concerns to appropriate authorities when necessary.

- Youth Trainee: The Shire welcomes Chanieve Sawtell to the Community Development team.
- **Corporate Services**
  - New Enterprise Resource Program (ERP) Project Manager to commence.
- **Infrastructure Services**
  - Council has signed off on upgrades to intersections on Government and Uduc Roads and Forrest Highway. The Shire has liased with Main Roads and will undertake major services and geotechnical investigations.
  - Severe weather events. 11 and 12 May weather had high duration and intensity stretching resources across the Shire.
  - The Shire is now a Road-Wise Council. Participation in WALGA's RoadWise Program provides the Shire with access to WALGA's safety services and products including road safety policy development, training and professional development, knowledge sharing workshops and access to incentives and sponsored programs.

## **7 Other Business**

- Rotary Club hosting RYDE Program. Three separate programs have been applied for Australind, Harvey and Yarloop.
- Recruitment drive held 4 May for volunteer SES and firefighters. A bushfire risk mitigation coordinator has been employed to create a 5-year plan for bushfire risk mitigation. Some brigades host sausage sizzles to recruit and engage community.

## **8 Closure**

The meeting was officially closed at 11:37am.

## **9 Next meeting**

The next meeting Monday 12 August 2024 at 10am in the Boundary function room at the Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre.