SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

WALPOLE TOWN ACTIVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Informal Minutes of the Walpole Town Activation Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Walpole Community Resource Centre, Tuesday 12 November 2024.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING MEETING:

Mr Jason Giadresco opened the meeting at 10.05am.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

3. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES:

3.1 Attendance

Members Present:

Michael Leers (ML)	Director Works and Services
Cherie Smith (CS)	Community Representative
David Tapley (DT)	Community Representative
Jason Giadresco (JG)	Director Development Services
Andrew Conway (AC)	Manager Parks Operations (Proxy)

3.2 Apologies

Cr Jennifer Willcox (JW)	Councillor
Gail Ipsen Cutts (GI)	Director Community Services
Evy Apeldoorn (EA)	Manager Community & Rec Services (Proxy)
Jocelyn Baister (JB)	Manager Planning Services (Proxy)
Sarah Walker (SW)	*(resigned)* Community Representative

3.3 Absent

Louise Pickett (LP)	Community Representative

4. GUESTS:

Robyn Christian (RC)	President Walpole Nornalup Tourism Assoc.
Kelli Summerfield (KS)	Planning Administration Officer (minute taker)

5. PRESENTATIONS:

Robyn Christian gave an update on the Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre.
With two part-time employees and three volunteers, there is enthusiasm and positive change, and the Visitor Centre is moving forward.
They are currently in the process of applying for grants.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil.

7. COUNCIL DECISION ON PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION:

Vacant positions on the Committee are to be confirmed and advertised.

8. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Moved: **Seconded:**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the previous minutes of the Walpole Town Activation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 27th August 2024 still have not been adopted as a true and correct record.

Carried /

9. STANDING ITEMS:

9.1 Developing Age Friendly Community

Footpath between Boronia Ridge and Nockold Street
(ML) Still a priority.

9.2 Town Teams

Town Teams Conference 2024
No one attended from this committee.
(JG) There is online training and a Shire budget which covers Committee members if they would like to attend.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Walpole Tidy Towns
(DT) Confirmed the Tidy Towns Committee has withdrawn their Tidy Town application for this year due to personal loss.

Dr Issue
(JG) No update.
(RC) WACHS are now in charge. There is limited access, and a 3 month turnaround of nurses, which makes it hard to build relationships with the community.
(ML) GI to request details of the operation of WACHS on behalf of the community.
(CS) to send JG email address of the WACHS contact.
(CS) Community Home Support Program (CHSP) has one member of staff who will soon be leaving. This might cause some problems for the community.
(CS) Update on Breastscreen – The Breastscreen van paid for and used the 3-phase power in the hall and has been a success.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

South Western Highway Road Conditions
(ML) The response to the concerned resident has been published in Walpole Weekly.
(ML) The road has a 6m seal except on corners.
(ML) The hill next to Underhill Road is to be reshaped to below 8 degrees.
(CS) The concerned resident and community was very pleased with the outcome.

Valley of the Giants
(JG) There was a meeting on October 2024 between the Shire of Manjimup and DBCA regarding the details of maintenance and management of the park. Still ongoing.
(RC) Wrote to someone at the Shire regarding Visitor Centre Representation for the park redevelopment, but never got a response. Will forward the email to JG so there can be follow up.

Fire Risk around Brass Lane & Nockold Street
(DT) There is still a lot of debris.
(JG) Spoken to Todd Ridley – some mitigation work is underway to make it safer.

Apron at the Fish Cleaning Facility
(JG) Ongoing. Still needs actioning.

Playground Equipment
(AC) To be reinstated in the community garden by the Community Garden Committee.

New Skate Park Sign
Complete.

Pioneer Park Nature Playground
(ML) On hold until the decision is made between the Shire of Manjimup and DBCA regarding tenure.

Action Sheet for Advisory Committee
Action sheet to be put together for next meeting.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS:

12.1 Committee Direction

(DT) Pleased with Walpole Town Activation Advisory Committee and the direction it is taking. It is definitely expanding into the community as its original purpose.
(JG & ML) Discussed 2025 Council elections.

12.3 Swan Street Progression

(ML) Swan Street intersection with South Western Highway design is with Main Roads awaiting approval.

12.4 Works Update

(AC) There will be a major mowing operation in the next couple of weeks.
(AC) Boronia Street trees will be pruned higher to allow trucks to pass beneath them.
(AC) Bottlebrush Drive trees will have limbs pruned but no removal of trees.

Next Meeting:

Discussion held around another meeting before the end of the year – late December 2024. JG to confirm with JW – to be confirmed.

Meeting after to be brought forward to March – date to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed:

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.54am.