



Ferguson Valley Advisory Group Meeting

Ferguson Hall, 953 Ferguson Road, Ferguson

Monday 11 September 2023 | 6pm - 8pm

Notes

Attendance

Elected Representative Members

Cr. Tyrrell Gardiner Chairperson – Advisory Group Member

Advisory Group Members

Ms. Merinda Smith Community
Mr. Phil Smith Community
Ms. Brigitte Milligan Community
Mr. Graeme Mitchell Community

Staff

Mr. André Schönfeldt Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Theo Naudé Director Infrastructure
Mr. Nathan Ryder Manager Infrastructure Planning and Design
Ms. Joy Welshman Manager Operations
Ms. Stacey Patterson Personal Assistant to the Director Infrastructure

Apologies

Cr. Michael Bennett Shire President
Cr. Peter Robinson Elected Member
Cr. Patricia Perks Elected Member
Ms. Susan Oosthuizen Director Special Projects and Community Sustainable Development
Mr. Ashwin Nair Director Sustainable Development
Mrs. Cassandra Budge Manager Community Development
Mrs. Suzanne Occhipinti Strategic Planning Officer

Absent

Mr. Ian Bridge Community
Mr. Stuart Brandreth Community
Ms. Wendy Perdon Community

Meeting Open – 6:00pm

Welcome

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country by Chairperson, Cr. Gardiner.

The Shire of Dardanup wishes to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. In doing this, we recognise and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging. The Shire of Dardanup also respects and celebrates all cultures of all our residents and visitors to our Shire.

Disclosure of Interest

André Schönfeldt
Chief Executive Officer

André Schönfeldt called for any declaration of interests from members. No declarations of interest to record.

Ferguson Valley Advisory Group Presentations

André Schönfeldt
Chief Executive Officer

André Schönfeldt reiterated that this meeting format is slightly different from previous years. All Advisory Group members were emailed the Advisory Group meeting presentations prior to the meeting, which included the following information:

- Community Scorecard results and Community Priorities 2021 vs 2023.
- Overarching Aspirations and Outcomes of the adopted Council Plan and how the Shire has performed against the Plan over the past financial year.
- The adopted Council Plan and how the Shire has performed against the Plan over the past financial year.
- Feedback relating to the topics raised at the February 2023 Community Meetings.
- Information about Community Development, Grants and upcoming events.
- Updates on major building maintenance and projects.
- The outcomes of the Place Plans and how this relates to the Community Facilities Plan.
- Project updates and future projects proposed for the next 10 years.
- Community Facilities Plan and the projects listed for reference.
- The presentation also included a number of concepts to be workshopped tonight.

The intent of this meeting is for Advisory Group members to raise questions relating to the information provided in the presentation, and that staff will not be speaking to the PowerPoint presentation slide by slide tonight. Advisory Group members were encouraged to read the presentation prior to the meeting.

Tonight, Advisory Group members will have the opportunity to discuss the information contained in the presentation with Councillors and staff, or to seek further clarification and make further suggestions and recommendations. The Shire of Dardanup is seeking input, guidance and feedback from the Advisory Group members in our aim to achieving best-practice outcomes, that is supported by community.

Various Matters for Discussion

André Schönfeldt provided a brief overview of the PowerPoint presentation and then opened the floor for questions and discussion.

André Schönfeldt asked groups members if community safety and crime is becoming an issue that the Shire should be aware of?

Comments from Advisory Group Members:

- It was stated that community safety and crime is not the Council's responsibility, but rather the Police, although lighting and CCTV security is infrastructure.
- It may be more relevant in Dardanup not in the rural areas.
- On Facebook there have been reports of burns outs and reports of suspicious behaviour, attending fires due to the burn outs.
- Police provided stickers and handouts few years ago when houses got broken into.
- Maybe promote community watch.

André Schönfeldt commented that waste management was highlighted in the community priorities and asked if there is anything that we should be aware of? A group member replied that may relate to the Dardanup tip.

A group member asked about the proposed Greenbushes rail. André Schönfeldt reported that he has been approached by Talison Lithium and representatives from the South West Development Commission (SWDC) regarding a proposal to recommission the Greenbushes to Bunbury Railway Line and a community meeting will be held for the Shire of Dardanup at the Dardanup Hall on the 20 September 2023 from 6pm to 8pm. This meeting has been arranged by Talison and SWDC and the Shire is only facilitating it.

André Schönfeldt asked if there were any issues relating to senior services, facilities and care?

Comments from Advisory Group Members:

- Suggested maybe relating to the aged care facilities overpopulated not enough spaces. Demand is high, then needing to find accommodation in Perth.
- Is social housing issue on the list?
- There is a high demand for additional housing and industries are suffering because no housing available.

André Schönfeldt referred to the February Community Meeting slides and then opened the floor for questions and discussion.

A group member asked about the 60kms on Dowdell's Line, André Schönfeldt responded that a decision was made to remove the works crew as it is unsafe for the works crew to carry out works when some drivers are not abiding to the speed limits. The Shire has had a number of meetings with Mains Roads WA and SW Gateway Alliance to resolve the road deterioration issues, currently in discussions.

Nathan Ryder provided an overview of the current project slide relating to Ferguson Road, this project is currently up for tender, will be presented to the Council meeting in November.

A group member asked whether Ferguson Valley Public Art Trail Sculpture matches the brief? André Schönfeldt replied yes it did, in fact it exceeded it and asked if it increased traffic problems? The response was no it hasn't.

A group member asked about the domestic rubbish services. André Schönfeldt commented a report will be presented to the Council meeting in November to endorse the fees.

A group member asked what's the Shire position on tourism support for the Ferguson Valley Marketing organisation. André Schönfeldt replied that he will be meeting with other CEOs to discuss.

There were no further questions or discussions, Cr. Gardiner thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting Closed 7:07pm