



COUNCIL NEWS

We had a big Council meeting last week, which resulted in some great outcomes for our community!

After three years of investigation into the potential impacts coastal erosion and the aged septic systems may have on the Point Moore community, Council has agreed to offer a new 21-year lease for area residents.

The new lease being offered is the same one leaseholders signed in 2014 with the exception of a few additional conditions and trigger points.

City officers worked closely with key State Government agencies to develop these trigger points which not only align with various acts and policies, they enabled us to mutually arrive at a

solution different to the initial advice we received from these departments not to renew leases.

In other Council news, a resolution was passed to move forward with a preferred design for a new toilet and tour guides storage facility at the *HMAS Sydney II* Memorial.

While three options were put before Council to consider, one of those options would incur costs of around \$1.2million with the annual upkeep costing near \$50,000 per year.

I could not walk down the street and justify to people that we spent \$1.2million on toilets so we have gone with another option, which will cost around \$300,000.

We will ensure consultation takes place with stakeholders regarding the final design and interpretative elements of the building.

Expenditure of up to \$20,000 within the 2017-18 mid-year Budget review to complete detailed designs and construction cost estimates for the preferred option will also be considered.

Council also granted Fusions Gelato a licence to utilise two separate locations on the Foreshore to sell gelato. We're looking forward to the vibrancy this will bring to our premier space!

If you're looking for more information on these items, head to the City's website.

■ Shane Van Styn
Mayor, City of Greater Geraldton



Judy Nunn book tour

Bestselling author Judy Nunn is visiting the Geraldton Regional Library this month as part of her *Sanctuary* book tour.

Sanctuary is Judy's latest novel and tells a story of love, hope and survival on the isolated Houtman Abrolhos Islands.

Join the esteemed author for a book signing and chat at 5.30pm on Thursday 26 October at the Geraldton Regional Library. Tickets are just \$5 and can be purchased at the Library. Contact 9956 6659 for further information.



New online portal

We are pleased to introduce our new Online Services portal on the City of Greater Geraldton website.

The revamped Online Services section allows residents to renew their cat and dog registrations, pay debtor and infringement notices and even apply for a building permit from their computer or smart phone.

The Online Services portal can be found at <https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/pay-online/online-services/onlineservices.aspx>



Coastal Planning Workshop & Survey

We need your input to develop a coastal adaptation plan to address the risks of erosion and inundation.

How to get involved: Take the Community Survey

www.surveymonkey.com/r/GeroCAP

Hard copies available at the Civic Centre or Geraldton library

Take part in community workshops on Saturday 14 October:

Workshop 1: 9am-12 noon Focus are Cape Burney- Town Beach

Workshop 2: 1-4pm Focus are Marina- Drummond Cove

RSVPs essential call 9956 6945 or email janellk@cgg.wa.gov.au



Geraldton's newest event announced!

If there's one date you need to mark in your calendar for 2018 it is Geraldton's newest signature event – Wind on Water Festival! WoW Festival will encompass everything we love about Geraldton. Think perfect weather, water sports, amazing family activities on our beautiful Foreshore, plus the addition of some very exciting new projects such as kinetic sculptures on our beach.

It will be held on the weekend of April 21 and 22 with the event culminating in a concert with a soon to be announced headline act. This date has been carefully selected to showcase Geraldton at one of the best times of the year to visit our spectacular city. Follow the City's Facebook page to stay up to date with all event information.

WoW Festival is also a recipient of the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund Community Investments grant, worth \$80,000.



Geraldton is open for business!

A 12-month trial of extended general retail trading hours will go ahead in Geraldton after receiving the tick of approval by Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations Bill Johnston MLA.

This means that larger retailers will be able to open on Sundays and most Public Holidays as well as trade later during the week.

The City is awaiting the official approval documents which stipulates the official commencement date and lead in times. Please visit the City's website for all information.



Sundays by the Sea is back

Get ready for chilled out vibes and an atmosphere like no other, as the popular Sundays by the Sea returns this Sunday! There will be everything from live music, food stalls and boutique markets.

Sundays by the Sea starts at 4.30pm at Stow Gardens on the Geraldton Foreshore near the Geraldton Multifunction Centre. The event will run from October 8 and finish up at the end of April 2018.