

In talking to the community over the last few months, a number of community projects have been raised as important to various community groups.

The Youth Centre has not progressed since the CGG purchased "Rocky's Gym" to use the building as a new centre. \$100,000 was designated in the recent budget, which the CEO has informed me is being used towards design and planning, with funding for works being applied for and required from the State government. A number of youth groups and service providers have not been consulted since the original concept was announced and a council building on Lester Avenue that was being used as a "youth activities" venue was demolished to provide car parking, with the service provider's not having an alternative.

In order for the large outlay towards the New Meru waste facility to be capitalised, council needs to provide the required rubbish bins to ratepayers free of cost, so the take-up of recycling services is successfully implemented recycling bins.

Verge side pickup has stagnated, with \$800'000 allocated in the budget not being used. We need to explore using Council equipment and employees to get the job done. Work programs and prisoner day release could also be considered.

The proposed Maitland Park redevelopment should raise concerns in regards to capital outlay and then ongoing maintenance for years. There is already \$200'000 being spent on engineering and electrical reports and feasibility studies. More public consultation should be done.

Council should seriously consider freezing rates in 2024/25.

Rezoning residential blocks to allow a small, "fast erected" style dwelling in addition to the primary residence would immediately alleviate the housing shortage in CGG and also provide a source of income for Ratepayers.

I will continue to support the "Jetty for Geraldton" project and urge council to reconsider the feasibility study previously voted down, while lobbying the State Government for funding.

I urge you to consider change in Council.