



ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
MINUTES

27 JANUARY 2026

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CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON**ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2026 AT 5.00PM
CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE****M I N U T E S**

As per section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a general meeting of the electors of a district is to be held once every financial year.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1966***Regulation 15. Matters to be discussed at general meeting (Act s. 5.27(3))***

For the purposes of section 5.27(3), the matters to be discussed at a general electors' meeting are, firstly, the contents of the annual report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

Regulation 17. Voting at meeting (Act s. 5.31)

- (1) *Each elector who is present at a general or special meeting of electors is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting but does not have to vote.*
- (2) *All decisions at a general or special meeting of electors are to be made by a simple majority of votes.*
- (3) *Voting at a general or special meeting of electors is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.*

Regulation 18. Procedure at meeting (Act s. 5.31)

Subject to regulations 15 and 17, the procedure to be followed at a general or special meeting of electors is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting.

Local Public Notice given - 19 December 2025**This meeting was advertised as per below:**

Mullewa District Office / Geraldton Regional Library – 17 December 2025

City of Greater Geraldton Website / Social Media – 17 December 2025

Civic Centre, Cathedral Avenue – 18 December 2025

Geraldton Guardian – insertion date 19 December 2025

Midwest Times – insertion date 7 January 2026

Internal References of Public Notices - D-25-154774

Livestreaming of meetings.

The Annual Meeting of Electors is livestreamed with a recording available after the meeting on the City's website.

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member, Mayor J Clune, declared the meeting open at 5pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Yamatji people.

3 ATTENDANCEPresent:

Mayor J Clune
Cr N Colliver
Cr J Denton
Cr P Fiorenza♦
Cr S Giudice
Cr S Keemink
Cr T Milnes
Cr K Parker
Cr S Van Styn

Officers:

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer
H Martin, A/Director of Development Services
N Jane, A/Director of Corporate Services
C Edwards, A/Director of Infrastructure Services
S Moulds, PA to the Chief Executive Officer – Minute Secretary
L Pegler, Executive Support Secretary
L Maldea, Manager Corporate Compliance
M Jones, Coordinator Governance & Risk
I Reynolds, Corporate Governance Officer
A Freers, Manager Geraldton Airport
D Duff, Manager ERP Project
R Ritzinger, ERP Technical Architect
A Salmon, Coordinator Communications & Tourism
D Melling, Information Technology Team Leader

Other:

Electors were asked to register their attendance at the registration table upon arrival.

Public Electors:	1
Press:	3

Apologies:

F Norling, Director of Community and Culture
C Lee, Director of Infrastructure Services
P Radalj, Director of Corporate Services

Leave of Absence:

Cr P Fiorenza♦ *Noted on approved leave but attended this meeting.*

4 CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON – ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

In accordance with section 5.54 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council accepted the 2024-25 Annual Report at its Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 December 2025 (Item No. CS269).

Copies of the Annual Report 2024-25 are available on the City of Greater Geraldton website - [Annual Reports » City of Greater Geraldton](#).

4.1 OVERVIEW BY MAYOR JERRY CLUNE

The Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of the City of Greater Geraldton's financial performance, accomplishments and various initiatives and projects. It also reinforces the organisation's commitment to transparency and accountability in managing resources and delivering on strategic objectives.

The City continued its focus on growing Greater Geraldton together, while meeting the challenges associated with cost-of-living increases.

These efforts were heavily led by the development of our new Strategic Community Plan 2025-2035, which is a blueprint for the City's future with a strong focus on greener suburbs, economic diversity, advocacy and an engaged community.

The City's financial planning is cognisant of increasing costs and inflationary impacts on goods and services, and at the same time, seeks to sustainably deliver the assets and services expected by the community in a fiscally responsible manner.

This is evident in our recent financial audit, which confirmed our commitment to rate payers through sound practices and procedures along with our Long-Term Financial Plan.

Our Annual Report is one of the most consequential documents we produce and provides our community with a detailed snapshot of our undertakings as a Local Government Authority.

The achievements outlined in the Annual Report reflect the hard work and dedication of our officers - all working to make our community a vibrant place to live, work and play.

Significant achievements from the Annual Report 2024-25 include:

- 90.7% first call resolution by the City's Customer Experience Team.
- African Reef Cycle Path upgrade.
- Nangetty-Walkaway Bridge Upgrade.
- Geraldton Youth Centre opening.
- Installation of the Yellow Submarine.
- Airport Microgrid tender awarded.
- Buy Local campaign reaches \$500K.

- Planning commenced on Geraldton Green Connect Project.
- Geraldton claimed silver in tourism awards.
- Governor-General visited Geraldton.
- City wins Most Accessible Communities WA Award (Employment category).
- Mullewa Minginew Road upgrade completed.
- Geraldton claimed top honours in National Awards for Local Government for delivery of Active Bystander Training – Speaking Out Against Disrespect.
- Geraldton hosted Planning Institute of Australia 2025 Regional Conference.
- Numerous events held including Big Sky Readers and Writers Festival, Outback Bloom Wildflower Festival, Christmas on the Terrace, ANZAC Day, Seniors Week, Battle of the Bands, Mullewa Agricultural Show and Women on Wheels.

4.2 QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS: ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

There were no questions.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 QUESTIONS / MOTIONS FROM ELECTORS

There were none.

6 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the Council meeting at 5.06pm.

APPENDIX 1 – PROCEDURES FOR ELECTORS’ MEETINGS

In accordance with regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* (the Regulations), the matters to be discussed at a general electors’ meeting are, firstly, the contents of the annual report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

The procedure to be followed at a general or special meeting of electors is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting, being the Mayor (r.18 of the Regulations). In determining the procedure to be followed the Presiding Member is to have regard to the City’s *Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011*.

The following procedures have been approved by the Mayor for electors’ meetings:

Attendance at an Electors’ Meeting

1. All attendees must register their attendance, including name and address, on the register provided by City of Greater Geraldton staff.
2. Electors’ meetings are open to all members of the public, however, a person who is not an elector of the City of Greater Geraldton shall not take part in any discussion unless the meeting, by resolution, permits the person do so.
3. Only electors of the City of Greater Geraldton are entitled to speak and vote.

Attendee Behaviour

4. Attendees are to remain seated at all times during the meeting, unless invited by the presiding person to address the meeting at the lectern.
5. Electors wishing to speak in the meeting are to raise their hand and may only speak when acknowledged by the Presiding Member.
6. Speakers are requested to use the microphone each time they speak, and state their name and address.
7. Attendees must behave and speak respectfully and not cause any disturbance or disrupt the meeting proceedings.
8. The proceedings are recorded for the purpose of producing the minutes. No other audio or visual recording is to be undertaken without the permission of the Presiding Person.
9. Persons using defamatory or abusive language will be asked to cease. A person who continues to use defamatory or abusive language, behaves in an aggressive or threatening manner, or does not adhere to the procedures, may be requested to leave the meeting.

Public Questions

10. Electors may submit questions in writing to the Chief Executive Officer relating to the meeting, no later than 5.00pm on Friday before the meeting.
11. Questions provided in writing prior to the meeting or at the meeting will receive a formal response. You cannot make statements; such statements will not be recorded in the Minutes.
12. During Public Question Time, questions will be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Person.
13. Elector can ask up to 3 questions before other electors will be invited to ask their questions.
14. Electors will have a maximum of two minutes in which to ask their questions.
15. The Presiding Member shall decide to accept or reject any written questions and their decision is final.
16. Questions determined as offensive, defamatory or the like will not be published.
17. The Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 will be considered, however the procedures for public question time are at the discretion of the Presiding Member.

Process of Motions from Electors

18. Electors are to provide written notice of their proposed motions by 12:00pm on the Monday before the meeting.
19. Motions proposed from the floor will only be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Member and will require the elector moving the motion to state the motion for recording in the minutes before the motion can be seconded and debated.
20. Motions proposed from the floor are to be submitted in a written format to the Minute Secretary. This ensures accurate documentation, facilitates the display of motions for review by other electors prior to discussion or debate, and for the meeting minutes.
21. Any motions are to be moved and seconded before any discussion is to occur. The mover and seconder must state their name and address.
22. Both the mover and seconder may speak to the motion.
23. There will be a two-minute time limit on each speaker which may be varied at the Presiding Member's discretion.
24. Each speaker will have one opportunity to address the meeting.
25. Debate may ensue, and the Presiding Member will call for other speakers to the motion.
26. The mover takes right of reply which closes debate.
27. The Presiding Member may offer the right of reply and put a substantive motion to the vote if they believe that sufficient discussion has taken place even though all speakers may not have spoken.
28. Amendments to a substantive motion only accepted with the agreement of the mover and seconder.
29. Speakers are not to repeat matters already stated by other speakers. The Presiding Member may call the speaker to order, encouraging them to continue speaking on matters not yet spoken about. Speakers who only repeat the comments of previous speakers will be asked to take their seat and stop speaking.

Presiding Member discretion to reject motions as out of order

30. The Presiding Member has the discretion to not allow a motion to be put or passed unless it is within the scope of the notice of meeting and the agenda, including if it:
 - uses unclear or vague language.
 - is the direct negative of a motion just passed by the meeting.
 - is inconsistent with a formal motion just adopted.
 - is unnecessary in that it proposes a course of action already resolved upon by the meeting.
 - proposes an action that is unlawful.
 - is outside the jurisdiction of the Council.
 - contains defamatory statements.
 - is vexatious and proposed only to obstruct the orderly transaction of business.

Voting at meeting:

31. Each elector will be issued with a 'Voting Card', which they can hold in the air to identify their vote.
32. Each elector present at the meeting is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided but does not have to vote.
33. The Presiding Member will request electors to indicate their vote for a motion by a show of voting cards.
34. All decisions are to be made by a simple majority vote.
35. Voting is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.

Any other rules or procedures not defined are to be determined by the Mayor, as the person presiding over the meeting.

Footnote:

Definition of Elector

An elector is defined in s.1.4 and s.5.26 of the Local Government Act 1995. An elector is a person who is eligible to be enrolled to vote at elections for the City of Greater Geraldton, and includes ratepayers.

A person is eligible to be enrolled to vote at elections of a district if the person —

1. is enrolled as an elector for the Legislative Assembly in respect of a residence in the electorate (residents s.4.29);

OR

2. is enrolled as an elector for the Legislative Assembly or the House of Representatives in respect of a residence outside the electorate; and
3. owns or occupies rateable property within the electorate; and
4. has made a successful eligibility claim that still has effect under section 4.33 (non-resident owners and occupiers s.4.30).

An elector of the City of Greater Geraldton is:

1. an elector whose name and address is recorded on the —
 - City of Greater Geraldton district electoral roll from the last ordinary Council election held; or
 - City of Greater Geraldton Owner and Occupier electoral roll; or
 - Western Australian Electoral Commission or Australian Electoral Commission website at 'check your enrolment eligibility' and which confirms electoral eligibility for the district of Greater Geraldton; or
2. a ratepayer of the City of Greater Geraldton.

APPENDIX 2 – ATTACHMENTS

Attachments are available on the City of Greater Geraldton website at:
[27 January 2026 - Annual Meeting of Electors » City of Greater Geraldton](#)