
City of Greater Geraldton

1.3 HERITAGE

SUSTAINABILITY THEME

Community

OBJECTIVES

To provide advice and make recommendations to Council on the strategic direction for the development and provision of heritage services and facilities in the City of Greater Geraldton.

To promote a wider appreciation of the region's heritage and its value in cultural, educational and economic terms.

To provide input to the Council's decision making processes regarding the management of contemporary heritage issues within the City.

To follow recommendations contained in the Heritage Strategy 2017 in order to support, promote, protect and manage both heritage assets belonging to the City and all other significant heritage places in the community.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy applies to members of the Heritage Advisory Committee and to employees of the City of Greater Geraldton.

POLICY DETAILS

The City of Greater Geraldton wishes to be the exemplar local government in the Mid West Region of Western Australia in relation to Heritage activity. The City values our cultural heritage and our creative community.

Our residents will have a strong sense of belonging and will value the area as a unique place to live and work because of its valuable heritage. Principles of sustainability will guide heritage management decisions to help retain a rich variety of social, economic and environmental outcomes.

To assist this, The City recognises the International Burra Charter relating to heritage monuments and sites and Museums Galleries Australia developed National Standards for Museums and Art Galleries.

KEY TERM DEFINITIONS

Heritage means something inherited from the past and valued enough today to leave for future generations (National Trust of Australia (WA)). Heritage encompasses natural, historic and Aboriginal tangible and intangible elements. Heritage is expressed through places – buildings, landscapes, public parks and gardens, archaeology, infrastructure, monuments and public art. It is also represented in objects, artefacts, archives, photographs, maps, drawings; as well as our traditions, events and celebrations, people's memories, artist's expressions, Dreaming stories.

ICOMOS means International Council on Monuments and Sites which is a nongovernment, not

for profit organisation of cultural heritage professionals. The mission of the Australian ICOMOS branch is to lead cultural heritage conservation by raising standards, encouraging debate and generating innovative ideas.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Heritage Advisory Committee will utilise this policy in their consideration of heritage matters and provide advice and recommendations for the progress of this policy.

Employees of the City will ensure actions and activities are consistent with this policy as well as the Heritage Strategy.

The Heritage Advisory Committee will:

- consider actions contained in the Heritage Strategy in accordance with budget adopted by Council;
- ensure the Heritage Strategy is reviewed and updated on a regular basis;
- engage with key stakeholders in heritage matters; and
- provide advice and guidance for City of Greater Geraldton heritage related events and awards.

WORKPLACE INFORMATION

Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
Heritage Strategy 2017

The Burra Charter is a document that outlines the main principles and practices that guide the conservation of significant places in Australia and is the widely accepted standard for heritage conservation practice in Australia.

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Directorate		Officer	Review Cycle	Next Due
Development and Community Services		Manager Libraries and Heritage Services	Biennial	2019
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