



GERALDTON MASONIC LODGES BUILDING COMMITTEE
126 Augustus Street

7/10/2019

Attention: City of Greater Geraldton

Regarding: Land Rates

On behalf of the Geraldton Masonic Lodges Building Committee I have been directed to contact the City of Greater Geraldton to request a rates rebate on our property located at 126 Augustus Street.

The Geraldton Lodges in conjunction and under the direction of the Grand Lodge of W.A are registered not for profit organizations heavily involved with community charity work and Aged Care throughout the State, and in our case the Midwest region. Aged care under the Masonic Care W.A. banner is a not for profit Homes For the Aged organization founded by Freemasons in 1963 , offering a range of rental , retirement and aged care accommodation across the State . There is a Masonic Village located in Milford Street, Geraldton.

We are also strong supporters of the Fiona Stanley Burns and research unit, Constable Care, Educational Grants, Bushfire and natural disaster relief as examples of charity assistance. Locally we have and continue to support the Midwest Cancer Centre, Educational Grants, recent Abrolhos Art competition and utilize the generous Bunnings Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for further charity work. More information is available at freemasonswa.org.au

We have been led to believe via community information that Council has granted Rate rebates to other not for profit groups locally by means of a donation grant in lieu of rate payment. Should this be the case we would respectfully request that such a rebate be considered for our organization into the future. We have already paid current rates in full. Such a monetary saving each year will allow us to further maintain and improve our magnificent Heritage listed building, which is also used weekly by other non-associated community groups, along with continuing Charity support to both local and statewide groups, organizations and individuals as indicated above.

We appreciate the City's consideration of this request, should more information be required please contact myself via email or the below mobile.

Thanking you

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