



# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

## AGENDA

26 SEPTEMBER 2023

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**CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 5.00PM**  
**CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE**

**A G E N D A**

**DISCLAIMER:**

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING**

**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 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Present:

Officers:

Others:

Members of Public:

Members of Press:

Apologies:

Leave of Absence:

Cr S Keemink

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cr J Critch declared a Financial Direct interest in Item No. DS019 Proposed Variation to Extractive Industry Annual Amount – Southgates as her farm business purchases sand from the proponent.

**5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

There are no questions from previous meetings.

**6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*Questions provided in writing prior to the meeting or at the meeting will receive a formal response. Please note that you cannot make statements in Public Question Time and such statements will not be recorded in the Minutes.*

*Our Local Laws and the Local Government Act require questions to be put to the presiding member and answered by the Council. No questions can be put to individual Councillors.*

**7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE****Existing Approved Leave**

Councillor	From	To (inclusive)	Date Approved
Cr S Keemink	26 September 2023	4 October 2023	29/8/2023

*\*Note: If Elected Members' application for leave of absence is for the meeting that the request is submitted, they will be noted as an apology until Council consider the request. The granting of the leave, or refusal to grant the leave and reasons for that refusal, will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*

*If an Elected Member on Approved Leave subsequently attends the meeting, this will be noted in the Minutes at 'Record of Attendance'.*

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.25 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Leave of Absence for:
  - a. Cr M Reymond for the period 21 October to 22 November 2023;
  - b. Cr J Critch for the period 5 January to 21 January 2024; and
  - c. Cr J Critch for the period 26 January to 1 February 2024.

**8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS**

Nil.

**9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 29 August 2023, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR AND PRESENTATIONS***Events attended by the Mayor or his representative*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>
30 August 2023	Triple M Interview - Outcomes of Council Meeting 2023	Mayor Shane Van Styn
30 August 2023	Cons Liquor – City of Greater Geraldton View of Liquor Restrictions	Mayor Shane Van Styn
31 August 2023	Mayor's Prayer Breakfast with special guest Mark Seaby	Mayor Shane Van Styn
31 August 2023	Photo for Media Release - QEII Centre Survey	Mayor Shane Van Styn
1 September 2023	ABC Interview with Ivo Da Silver - The Week that Was	Mayor Shane Van Styn
7 - 8 September 2023	2023 Taiyuan Energy Low Carbon Development Forum – Linfen, China	Mayor Shane Van Styn
13 September 2023	Easy Going Travel Group from Yueyang	Mayor Shane Van Styn
14 September 2023	Olive Street Dog Park Dog Santa	Mayor Shane Van Styn
16 September 2023	Solo Exhibition by Janeen Horne [as part of the Geraldton Open Studios & Surrounds "Festival]- Biophilia - For the love of nature	Mayor Shane Van Styn
18 September 2023	Mayor / CEO Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
18 September 2023	Marketing and Media Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
18 September 2023	CinefestOz Discussion with Rio Tinto	Mayor Shane Van Styn
18 September 2023	Australian Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Shane Van Styn
19 September 2023	Geraldton Guardian Interview – Agenda Forum Agenda	Mayor Shane Van Styn
19 September 2023	Triple M Interview – Spudshed and Batavia Motor Inne	Mayor Shane Van Styn
19 September 2023	SHINE Sponsors Day	Cr Robert D Hall
19 September 2023	Agenda Forum	Mayor Shane Van Styn
20 September 2023	ABC Interview – Agenda Forum Agenda – Future Industrial Land Development, Liquid Waste Ponds and Drummond Cove Road	Mayor Shane Van Styn
20 September 2023	3rd Annual Yamatji On Country Day One – Community Evening Event	Mayor Shane Van Styn
21 September 2023	3rd Annual Yamatji On Country Day Two – Community Breakfast and Discussions	Mayor Shane Van Styn
21 September 2023	The Sound of Picture Books – Gift Presentation to Schools	Mayor Shane Van Styn
21 September 2023	Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MWCCI) Business After Hours with Mitsui, Qube and Red Earth Residential	Mayor Shane Van Styn
22 September 2023	Lotterywest Grant Presentation by Lara Dalton MLA, Member for Geraldton - Queens Park Theatre Presenting Program and 2023 Big Sky Readers and Writers Festival	Mayor Shane Van Styn
22 September 2023	WWII Mano A Mano Regional Boxing Championships - Peacocks Boxing Gym	Mayor Shane Van Styn
26 September 2023	Mayor / CEO Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
26 September 2023	Marketing and Media Regular Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
26 September 2023	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Mayor Shane Van Styn

*Note: Whilst it is noted that Council Members may have also been in attendance at the above events, this is a record of attendance by the Mayor, or where a Council Member has been asked to represent the Mayor.*

**11 UNRESOLVED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Nil.

## 12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

### 12.1 REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

DS018	PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY WESTERN AUSTRALIA LEASE/LICENSE RENEWALS
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-118473</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>D Luscombe, Manager Land, Facilities and Property Management</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Melling, Director Development Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>5 September 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Lease and License Locations and Plans</b>

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to renew various leases/licenses held with the Public Transport Authority of Western Australia (PTAWA) for various parcels of land along the Geraldton Mullewa rail corridor for terms of up to 10 years, excluding the Mullewa Railway Station lease which is to remain on a month by month lease (also referred to as “holding over”) until a Council resolution for the use of this facility has been determined.

#### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 3.59 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. CONFIRM an interest and seek to enter into new lease/license agreements over former Western Australian Government Railways Commission land and/or The Western Australian Government Railways Commission of Westrail (Westrail) now under the control of the Public Transport Authority of Western Australia (PTAWA) for the following sites:
  - a. Land shown in the current lease number 5830-1 being portion of railway reserve in Plan 5830 at Indarra;
  - b. Land shown in the current Westrail lease number 3147 being portion of railway reserve alongside Padbury Road, Walkaway and a portion also just west of the Evans Road level crossing at Walkaway;
  - c. Land shown in the current Westrail license number 3365 being all land fronting Carr Street (incorrectly identified as Gould Street), Narngulu consisting of 246m<sup>2</sup>;
  - d. Land shown in Westrail lease number 4083 being portion of Railway reserve on Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road at Tenindewa and Ardingly, with the intention to also seek an area extension to include the existing standpipe;
2. APPROVE that lease number 3493 to the Western Australian Government Railways Commission, now under the control of the PTAWA, for land being the former Mullewa Railway Station building and platform remain in holding over until a Council resolution for the use of this facility has been determined;

3. ENDORSE that the conditions of the lease are as follows:
  - a. That the term is set for up to 10 years subject to agreement between parties;
  - b. That the fee is set at peppercorn or a nominal fee;
  - c. Other conditions as appropriate for a lease/license of this nature;
4. APPROVE that the City Chief Executive Officer be given the authority to negotiate and sign any lease or license in line with conditions of lease/license to this recommendation;
5. MAKE the determination in line with any consents required including the Minister for Lands; and
6. ADVISE the Public Transport Authority Western Australia that the City is still finalising its interest in the Mullewa Railway lease number 4393 with a further report to be presented to Council in regard this lease by or before December 2023.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

Correspondence was recently received from Burgess Rawson, an Australian real estate agency specialising in commercial property, on behalf of the Public Transport Authority Western Australia (PTAWA) to formally ascertain whether the City has an interest in retaining various land parcels currently under leases/licenses, most of which house various City assets. These agreements are associated with the former Mullewa and Greenough Shires and appear to have been left unresolved by both the City and the PTAWA prior to these recent communications.

Details of each lease/license are detailed below:

**Indarra**

Lease to the Shire of Mullewa to occupy commenced 2 November 1990 for a term of ten years and expiring 30 September 2000 (currently in holding over), which encompasses the replica 'Out of Shed' building built by the local community and recognising the former siding at that location.

**Walkaway**

Westrail lease to the Shire of Greenough for a drainage sump at Walkaway for a term of 10 years expiring 31 July 2006 (currently in holding over).

**Narngulu**

License to the Shire of Greenough to occupy for a drainage sump commenced 1 January 1999 for 10 years and expired 31 December 2008 (currently in holding over). This license runs along the rail corridor and fronts Carr Street (note the license states this as Gould Street which will require alteration).



**Tenindewa/Ardingly**

Lease to the Shire of Mullewa to occupy land at Tenindewa (stockyard and loading ramp – recently upgraded) and Ardingly (loading ramp) commenced 1 October 1996 and expired 30 September 2006 (currently in holding over). Moving forward this lease will require variation to include a standpipe located on the Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road at Tenindewa.

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:****Community:**

The Indarra and Tenindewa sites have significant association to their local communities and some assets have been substantially repaired through community grants and support in recent years.

The Walkaway and Narngulu sites have drainage sumps which are critical infrastructure to the roadway.

The Ardingly site contains a former railway platform which is used as a loading/unloading ramp by locals however it is in poor condition overall.

**Economy:**

It is considered that investment has been made to most of these sites by both the City and the community and that they will be required into the future.

**Environment:**

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

**Leadership:**

Securing the City's assets by way of a legally binding agreement ensures clear direction on how City assets are managed and maintained. Confirmed agreements also ensure that no other entity can take control of, or remove, City assets without approval. The continuation of these sites also provides comfort to the community by giving an assurance of use for assets where public monies and community effort has been spent on maintenance and upgrades.

***Disclosure of Interest:***

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Historically these matters were dealt with by the Shires of Greenough and Mullewa however under the amalgamation the responsibility now falls to the City to resolve.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

A Briefing Note was presented to Councillors at the 1 August 2023 Concept Forum. Councillors were also given the opportunity undertake a tour in Mullewa on 22 August 2023 to discuss the future arrangements to the Mullewa Railway Station as well as other assets. No other consultation has occurred.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Section 3.59 of the *Local Government Act 1995* details the process for acquiring or "leasing" land.

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**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Lease and license fees will apply however these are yet to be negotiated between the parties and the City first needs to express an interest in the land parcels prior to fee negotiations commencing. The existing budget is expected to cover the anticipated costs associated with entering the new lease/licenses but should the fees be higher than expected a further report will be presented to Council for consideration. Additionally, the drainage sumps, standpipes and other buildings are existing assets covered by the City's annual Budget.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Community</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.</b>
Outcome 1.2	We are a community accountable for our actions.
Outcome 1.3	Pride in place and a sense of belonging is commonplace.
<b>Strategic Direction: Environment</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.</b>
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community well being.
<b>Strategic Direction: Leadership</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.7	Council understands its roles and responsibilities and leads by example.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Retention of the drainage sumps assists in road management and maintaining the other assets ensures safe loading for local farmers.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

The following options were considered by City Officers:

- Take no action and allow the holding over to continue;
- Seek shorter or longer term arrangements; and
- Terminate any continued interest.

None of the above alternatives would ensure these assets continue to benefit the City and it was collectively agreed by officers that the leases/licenses should be renewed for a reasonable time frame.

DS019	PROPOSED VARIATION TO EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY ANNUAL AMOUNT - SOUTHGATES
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-118476</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>K Elder, Coordinator Strategic Planning</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Melling, Director Development Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>5 September 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>A65947</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1)</b> <b>Proponent Request Letter - Proposed Variation to Extractive Industry Annual Amount - Southgates</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to vary the current limesand extraction annual amount limit that applies to the Extractive Industry (extraction of limesand) development approval on Lot 2453 Brand Highway, Cape Burney.

The variation proposes that an amount of 13,072m<sup>3</sup> (20,000 tonnes) from the 2024 quota be brought forward and available for use for the rest of the 2023 calendar year. The variation does not change the overall extraction amounts proposed over the 2023 and 2024 calendar years.

The variation is requested to support the increased demand for limesand in the agricultural sector. In 2020, Council considered and supported a similar variation to annual extraction limits by permitting a rollover in response to the ongoing impacts and uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic.

*Cr J Critch declared a Financial Direct interest in Item No. DS019 Proposed Variation to Extractive Industry Annual Amount – Southgates as her farm business purchases sand from the proponent.*

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Schedule 2, Part 9, clause 77 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* RESOLVES to:

1. AMEND condition 10 of the development approval for extractive industry on Lot 2453 Brand Highway, Cape Burney (reference TP16/150) so that up to 13,072m<sup>3</sup> from the 2024 annual limit be brought forward to the 2023 calendar year with any unused amount of this variation remaining within the 2024 calendar year. The approved yearly limit of 110,000m<sup>3</sup> being varied by up to 123,072m<sup>3</sup> in 2023 and 96,928m<sup>3</sup> in 2024.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is Damien Wilson from Midwest Sand Supplies.

**BACKGROUND:**

There is considerable background surrounding the extractive industry (extraction of limesand) at Lot 2453 Brand Highway, Cape Burney (“the land”). While sand extraction has been occurring on the land for around 30 years, the initial application for development approval subject to this request for variation was approved at the Special Council meeting on 13 September 2016 (Item No. DCS295 - Proposed Extractive Industry – Southgates). Subsequent renewals of the application have been approved by Council on:

- 26 September 2017 (Item No. DCS346 Proposed Renewal of Extractive Industry – Southgates);
- 25 September 2018 (Item No. DCS382 Proposed Renewal of Extractive Industry – Southgates);
- 15 October 2019 (Item No. DCS423 Proposed Renewal of Extractive Industry – Southgates); and
- 29 November 2022 (Item No. DS003 Proposed Renewal of Extractive Industry – Southgates).

As part of the 29 November 2022 decision Council resolved to refuse the applicant’s request to increase the renewal period to 5 years but did renew the approval for another 3 years with the following condition, consistent to previous approvals, being:

- 10. Limesand extraction is limited to an annual amount of 110,000m<sup>3</sup> and arrangements are to be made to the satisfaction of the local government to ensure compliance with this annual amount.*

110,000m<sup>3</sup> equates to 168,212 tonnes and annual volumes of limesand previously extracted have been:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| • 2017                 | 97,124m <sup>3</sup>  |
| • 2018                 | 76,726m <sup>3</sup>  |
| • 2019                 | 108,205m <sup>3</sup> |
| • 2020                 | 52,204m <sup>3</sup>  |
| • 2021                 | 79,281m <sup>3</sup>  |
| • 2022                 | 96,730m <sup>3</sup>  |
| • 2023 (at end August) | 109,149m <sup>3</sup> |

In September 2020, due to the impacts and uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic on the sale of limesand, the proponent applied to Council to request a variation to the yearly extraction limits. The request was to ‘rollover’ the unused 2020 quota into the 2021 calendar year to support the farming industry when demand commenced again.

At the meeting held 22 September 2020, Council resolved to support the variation requested in Item No. DCS468 (Proposed Variation to Extractive Industry Annual Amount – Southgate’s).

However, the proponent has advised the following:

*“During this time, we predicted a larger quantity required as we came out the other side of the Pandemic. These predictions were correct, but the timing was a little off as farmers waited to see the fall out in the following years. The 2023 season has seen tonnages increase significantly and therefore we are close to quota for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.”*

Given this, the proponent is now requesting a variation to the annual extraction amounts by bringing forward 13,072m<sup>3</sup> (20,000 tonne) of the 2024 quota into the 2023 calendar year. The variation proposes no change to the overall amount of limesand to be extracted over the 2023 and 2024 period, but it will result in amending the yearly amounts from 110,000m<sup>3</sup> to 123,072m<sup>3</sup> in 2023 and 96,928m<sup>3</sup> in 2024.

The proponent has additionally advised that the requests for limesand for the rest of 2023 has come directly from farmers who backload sand at harvest time. This is a particular advantage to farmers located further out who carry greater freight costs and who have additionally experienced a drier year. There is the additional benefit of backloading, being that it reduces the number of road movements from heavy vehicles.

The proponent’s full request and justification is included as Attachment No. DS019 - Proponent Request Letter - Proposed Variation to Extractive Industry Annual Amount - Southgates.

### **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

#### **Community:**

The request itself has no community impacts and all community issues were addressed via the original approval.

#### **Economy:**

There is economic benefit of limesand to the agricultural industry. The proponent has advised that the Covid-19 pandemic has had some long-term impacts on the timing of limesand demand in the agricultural industry.

The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety have stated that the Southgates dune is a large, long-term, high quality limesand resource supplying agricultural lime to the Mid West agricultural areas.

#### **Environment:**

There are no specific environmental impacts for this request as there is no overall increase in the amount of limesand extracted.

#### **Leadership:**

There are no adverse leadership impacts.

#### *Disclosure of Interest:*

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

The applicant has previously requested variation to yearly extraction amounts.

In 2019 as part of their request to renew the development approval, the proponent requested Council consider a variation to the yearly quota of 110,000m<sup>3</sup> by allowing an average extraction amount over the approval period. Council at its meeting held on 15 October 2019 (Item No. DCS423 Proposed Renewal of Extractive Industry – Southgates) considered this request and resolved to:

Part A

1. *REFUSE the applicant's request for renewal of the extractive industry on Lot 2453 Brand Highway, Cape Burney which proposes to extend the sand extraction area, increase the renewal period to 5 years and change the annual limesand extraction limit to an average amount;*
2. *MAKES the determination for the following reasons:*
  - a. *The application has failed to supply sufficient justified technical detail on the impact the extended extraction area would have on the estimated sediment feed volumes from the Northern dune into the littoral system. The City having concerns on the potential impacts thereto on the coastal areas to the north of the extraction area;*
  - b. *The potential impacts of the extended extraction area and its subsequent finished levels on the adjoining Aboriginal Heritage Location (understood to be burial locations) are not quantified noting the highly mobile nature of the dune system in this area; and*
  - c. *The proposed extended extraction area interface with the adjoining Crown land areas were only addressed via a proposed 20 metre buffer area. The height variation between the two areas could exceed over 20 metres vertically creating potential hazards for users of the adjoining Crown land area.*

Part B

1. *GRANT renewal of the development approval for an extractive industry on Lot 2453 Brand Highway, Cape Burney for 3 years;*
2. *MAKES the determination subject to the following conditions:*
  - a. *The operations of the extractive industry are to comply with the conditions of the extractive industries licence issued by the City of Greater Geraldton;*
  - b. *Development shall be in accordance with the attached approved Southgates Dunes Management & Decommissioning Plan (Rev 4) dated August 2018 and subject to any modifications required as a consequence of any condition(s) of this approval;*
  - c. *The proponent from time to time is responsible to ensure that the development is carried out at all times and in all respects in accordance with the Southgates Dunes Management & Decommissioning Plan (Rev 4) dated August 2018 as lodged with the local government. The proponent from time to time is additionally responsible to ensure that all post-closure obligations under the Plan are implemented in full;*
  - d. *Prior to the commencement of the development a Transport Assessment is to be prepared and approved by the local government in consultation with Main Roads WA. The approved Transport Assessment is to be implemented in full prior to the commencement of the development;*

- e. *The 'Southgate Dunes Access Road' is to remain open to the public and the portion of the road within Lot 2453 is to be maintained to the satisfaction of the local government;*
- f. *The approved extraction area is to be clearly demarcated on-site to the approval of the local government and approved markers indicating the extent of the area are to remain in place for the duration of the operations;*
- g. *This development approval is valid for a period of 3 years from the date of determination, after which the further renewal of the development approval by the Council is required. It is the responsibility of the proponent to apply in good time before expiration, and the local government will not automatically re-issue development approvals. As part of the renewal process the proponent is required to submit details regarding the extent of the extraction area, the amount of extracted material for the year and the AHD levels of the extraction area. Should there be any evidenced breaches of this development approval then the local government will not renew the development application and the development approval shall lapse;*
- h. *Hours of operation shall be limited to 07:00am to 18:00pm Monday to Saturday with no operations on Sundays or public holidays, unless otherwise approved in writing by the local government;*
- i. *No excavation is permitted below the 3m AHD level; and*
- j. *Limesand extraction is limited to an annual amount of 110,000m<sup>3</sup> and arrangements are to be made to the satisfaction of the local government to ensure compliance with this annual amount.*

Council at its meeting held on 22 September 2020 (Item No. DCS468 Proposed Variation to Extractive Industry Annual Amount – Southgates) considered a variation to the annual amounts allowing a rollover of the unused position from 2020 to the 2021 calendar year and resolved to:

1. *AMEND condition 10 of the development approval for an extractive industry on Lot 2453 Brand highway , Cape Burney (reference TP16/150) so that any unused portion of the annual 110,000m<sup>3</sup> limit for the 2020 calendar year can be used during the 2021 calendar year.*

#### **COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

There has been no community/councillor consultation however the original application went through an extensive consultation process.

#### **LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Schedule 2, Part 9, clause 77 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* allows for the amending of a development approval as follows:

##### **77. Amending or cancelling development approval**

- (1) *An owner of land in respect of which development approval has been granted by the local government may make an application to the local government requesting the local government to do any or all of the following*
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  - (b) *to amend or delete any condition to which the approval is subject;*

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial or resource implications however, should Council refuse the application and the proponent seeks a review of the decision, a further cost is likely to be imposed on the City through its involvement in the State Administrative Tribunal process.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Economy</b>	<b>Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.</b>
Outcome 2.1	Local business is empowered and supported.
Outcome 2.5	Our competitive advantages are built upon and our business success is celebrated.
<b>Strategic Direction: Environment</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.</b>
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community well being.
Outcome 3.4	A desirable and sustainable built and natural environment responsive to community aspirations.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

There are no inherent risks with the request as detailed monthly reports are provided to the City on the amount of limesand extracted. If Council were to refuse the request for the variation, the applicant does have the right of appeal to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) and there would need to be valid reasons given for the refusal.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

Given the impacts and uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, longer-term changes to demand patterns within the agricultural sector is not unexpected. By requesting the variation to the annual limit, there is no proposed change to the overall extraction amounts proposed over the 2023 and 2024 calendar years.

Given the above factors the option to refuse is not supported.

The option to defer is not supported as it is considered there is sufficient information for Council to determine the matter.



**DS020 FUTURE INDUSTRIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-118490</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>P Melling, Director Development Services</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Melling, Director Development Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>7 September 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>No</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council support to initiate the actions required to determine the need for, and potential location of, additional industrial land with the City of Greater Geraldton boundaries.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. DIRECT the CEO to initiate the required actions to determine the need for, and potential location of, additional industrial land with the City of Greater Geraldton boundaries;
2. DIRECT the CEO to write to the Minister for Planning seeking financial and in-kind support from the State for the project; and
3. APPROVE a budget amendment of \$250,000 in operating expenditure for this purpose and AUTHORISE said expenditure within the 2023-24 Budget.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

Council Members and City Officers have been attending briefings by proponents and State representatives exploring the viability of projects associated with the Government announcements relating to the opportunity to develop a Green Hydrogen industry in the Midwest. At these briefings, Councillors and Officers have been asking proponents if there are any actions the City needs to take to provide assistance. The one matter that has been raised is the availability of appropriate industrial land.

The State Government has offered all six major land holdings within the Oakajee Strategic Industrial to several major proponents. It has also announced that a significant proportion of the Narngulu industrial area is currently in a due diligence process. The industrial land use at Narngulu is limited by the proximity of residential housing, the airport, Meru waste facility and existing industrial uses.

If the Green Hydrogen industry proceeds, the availability of appropriately zoned industrial land will be very limited. In fact, several additional proponents are already examining locations outside of the current industrial land areas for production and processing facilities. One example is the recent initiation of rezoning by the City for Australian Vanadium Limited (AVL).

Determining if additional industrial land is required and where it should be located is a significant undertaking that will take a considerable amount of time to complete. Officers therefore believe it important that actions to commence this process are initiated as soon as possible.

To achieve this outcome, some of the required actions would include:

- Engaging a suitably experienced and qualified consultant;
- Advising the relevant State agencies and seeking their collaboration (Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Environmental Protection Authority, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation etc);
- Researching the location and capacity of key infrastructure (roads, railway, gas pipelines, water, power etc);
- Researching what industrial land is currently available in the Midwest and comparing this to the region's future need;
- Engaging proponents, landowners, state agencies and surrounding Shires; and
- Report preparation.

It is anticipated these steps will take at least three years to complete.

### **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

#### **Community:**

Engagement as described above will occur if the project is approved. For the community as a whole, the successful attraction of industry to the region results in employment and more opportunities for the local community.

#### **Environment:**

The potential impacts on the environment will be assessed and addressed as part of the investigation process.

#### **Leadership:**

The City in highlighting this emerging issue of industrial land supply for the region is demonstrating the need for collaborative leadership to achieve a positive outcome for the community and business.

#### *Disclosure of Interest:*

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

### **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

There are no relevant precedents.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

There has been no community consultation. Officers have briefed Councillors on the potential industrial land availability concerns and this report is the next step in this process.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

There are a number of statutory processes that will need to be initiated and adhered to as the project proceeds, including (but not limited to) planning and environmental legislation.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

If the recommendation of this report is endorsed by Council, it is proposed to reallocate any identified savings and/or apply any additional revenue in the 2023-24 financial year to undertake this study without impacting the City's current budget bottom line. This budget adjustment noting identified savings or additional revenue would be recognised in the Mid Year Review.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Economy</b>	<b>Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.</b>
Outcome 2.5	Our competitive advantages are built upon and our business success is celebrated.
<b>Strategic Direction: Environment</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.</b>
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community well being.
<b>Strategic Direction: Leadership</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.4	Healthy financial sustainability that provides capacity to respond to change in economic conditions and community priorities.
Outcome 4.7	Council understands its roles and responsibilities and leads by example.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are regional opportunities in addressing the coordination and creation of appropriately zoned industrial land either within the City of Greater Geraldton or in neighbouring local authority areas.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

There are risks that the availability of appropriately zoned industrial areas will be exhausted or unavailable for specific industry sectors. If not addressed, the future land needs could lead to proponents either not locating within the area or selecting locations that have other broader impacts on the community.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

An option exists for the City to not provide a funding allocation for a study investigating industrial land availability and leave the issue to others (proponents and State Government agencies). This option is not supported as the implications could have a number of economic, social and environmental impacts on the City of Greater Geraldton community.

**12.2 REPORTS OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE**

Nil.

**12.3 REPORTS OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

CS064	COUNCIL POLICY 4.27 ACTING OR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO CEO
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-114460</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>N Hope, Manager Organisational Development</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>R McKim, Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>22 August 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/19/0008</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1)</b> <b>Draft Council Policy 4.27 Acting or Temporary Appointment to CEO (v2)</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council adoption of Council Policy 4.27 Acting or Temporary Appointment to CEO, version 2. No changes to the intent of the policy have been made, only a minor change to titles in section 1.1.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 5.39C of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. ADOPT Council Policy 4.27 Acting or Temporary Appointment to CEO, version 2.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

Where the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is not fulfilled for a significant period, this leads to increased risk to the operations and governance of the local government. As such, the *Local Government Act 1995* was amended on 3 February 2021 to include provisions requiring the preparation and adoption of a policy for temporary employment or appointment of an acting Chief Executive Officer – section 5.39C.

The policy must outline the arrangements to temporarily replace a CEO for any period less than twelve months, for example, when a CEO is on planned or unplanned leave.

This policy was first adopted by Council on 27 July 2021 (Item No. CCS611) and is due for biennial review by Council. The reviewed policy, version 2 has only seen minor directorate title changes in section 1.1.

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:****Community:**

There are no adverse community impacts.

**Economy:**

There are no adverse economic impacts.

**Environment:**

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

**Leadership:**

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires that Councils establish good governance principles through the introduction of policies and guidelines.

***Disclosure of Interest:***

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

On 27 July 2021, Council adopted the new policy – Item No. CCS611, Council Policy 4.27 Temporary or Acting Chief Executive Officer.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

When the policy was originally developed in June 2021, Council Members and the Executive Management Team (EMT) were consulted via Briefing Note. Following a two-week consultation period in June 2021, no feedback was received from Council Members.

Version 2 has only seen minor change to directorates and titles, as such there has been no further Councillor consultation.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

In accordance with section 5.39C of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the City is required to adopt a policy for temporary employment or appointment of an acting CEO and must comply with the prescribed requirements relating to the form and content of a policy under this section.

***5.39C. Policy for temporary employment or appointment of CEO***

- (1) *A local government must prepare and adopt\* a policy that sets out the process to be followed by the local government in relation to the following —*
  - (a) *the employment of a person in the position of CEO for a term not exceeding 1 year;*
  - (b) *the appointment of an employee to act in the position of CEO for a term not exceeding 1 year.*

*\* Absolute majority required.*
- (2) *A local government may amend\* the policy.*

*\* Absolute majority required.*
- (3) *When preparing the policy or an amendment to the policy, the local government must comply with any prescribed requirements relating to the form or content of a policy under this section.*
- (4) *The CEO must publish an up-to-date version of the policy on the local government's official website.*

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The financial implications would vary depending on the length of any temporary or acting appointment.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Leadership</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.3	Accountable leadership supported by a skilled and professional workforce.
Outcome 4.8	Deliver secured technology that supports sustainability, the environment, service delivery and the community.
Outcome 4.9	Collaboration and strategic alliances with Local Government partners delivers results for common aspirations.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Where the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is not fulfilled for a significant period, this leads to increased risk to the operations and governance. As soon as practicable, the City must prepare and adopt a policy that sets out the process to be followed in relation to:

- (a) the employment of a person in the position of CEO for a term not exceeding 1 year; and
- (b) the appointment of an employee to act in the position of CEO for a term not exceeding 1 year, in accordance with section 5.39C of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

There were no alternative options considered by City Officers.



CS065	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-122768</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>J McLean, Senior Management Accountant/Analyst</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>14 September 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>FM/17/0013</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1)</b> <b>Monthly Management Report for period ended 31 August 2023</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a comprehensive report on the City's finances to 31 August 2023.

The statements in this report include no matters of variance considered to be of concern for the current budgeted end of year position.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 34 and 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the monthly statement of financial activity for the period ending 31 August 2023, as attached; and
2. RECEIVE the monthly statement of financial position as at 31 August 2023, as attached.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

The financial performance and position at the end of August 2023 is detailed in the attached report and summarised as follows, the variances between Year-to-Date (YTD) budgeted forecasts and actuals (including commitments):

Operating Income	\$	263,281	0.4%	over YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operating Expenditure	\$	15,279	0.1%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Net Operating	\$	278,560	0.6%	over YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Expenditure	\$	5,565	0.2%	over YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Revenue	\$	7,508	3.9%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cash at Bank – Municipal	\$	32,713,852			
Cash at Bank – Reserve	\$	38,853,245			
Total Funds Invested	\$	84,923,022			

Current Rates Collected to August 2024	58.74%
Current Rates Collected to August 2023	59.65%
Rates Arrears Collected to August 2024	14.43%
Rates Arrears Collected to August 2023	14.17%

The attached report provides explanatory notes for items greater than 10% or \$50,000. This commentary provides Council with an overall understanding of how the finances are progressing in relation to the budget. The financial performance presented in the July financials show a YTD positive variance of \$278,560 in the net operating surplus/(deficit) result.

### **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

#### **Community:**

There are no adverse community impacts.

#### **Economy:**

There are no adverse economic impacts.

#### **Environment:**

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

#### **Leadership:**

The Financial Management Regulations now require presentation each month of a Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position accompanied by other supporting information that is considered relevant. In addition to the compliance requirements, the purpose of regularly reporting on the financial activities of the City is to enable Elected Members to monitor and review the allocation of financial and other resources against the budget. Reporting on a regular basis evidences ongoing financial management and the performance of the accounting systems. The monthly report provides a summary of the organisation's liquidity and going concern status.

#### *Disclosure of Interest:*

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

### **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council is provided with financial reports each month.

### **COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

### **LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* require the local government to prepare a statement of financial activity, reporting on the revenue and expenditure as set out in the adopted annual budget.

Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* now also require the local government to prepare a statement of financial position as at the last day of the previous month.

A statement of financial activity, statement of financial position and any accompanying documents are to be presented at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council within two months after the end of the month to which the statements relate.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

As disclosed in the attached report.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Leadership</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.3	Accountable leadership supported by a skilled and professional workforce.
Outcome 4.4	Healthy financial sustainability that provides capacity to respond to change in economic conditions and community priorities.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The provision of monthly financial reports to Council fulfils relevant statutory requirements and is consistent with good financial governance.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

There are no alternative options to consider.

**12.4 REPORTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES****IS291 LIQUID WASTE PONDS – MERU WASTE FACILITY**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-119258</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>M Dufour, Manager Climate, Environment and Waste</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>26 September 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Fees and Charges Schedule Amendments 2023-24</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to immediately introduce management controls over the receipt of septage liquid waste at the Meru Waste Disposal Facility. The proposed management controls include not accepting septage liquid waste generated by the mining and resource sector and increasing fees and charges for receipt of septage liquid waste generated outside of the City of Greater Geraldton Local Government Area.

The City of Greater Geraldton Meru Waste Disposal Facility increased its licenced capacity to receive septage liquid waste from 4,000 tonnes per year to 6,000 tonnes per year in January 2023. This was required in response to a general increase in residential and commercial septage liquid waste being received at the facility over several years. Residential and commercial septage liquid waste is generated from both within the City of Greater Geraldton and surrounding Local Government Areas.

However, since March 2023, there has been a significant increase in septage liquid waste received from the mining and resource sector, all from projects outside the City of Greater Geraldton Local Government Area. Based on current projections, the City will exceed its licensed capacity for the receipt of septage liquid waste by November 2023. There is no short-term opportunity to increase the capacity of the City's liquid waste ponds beyond 6,000 tonnes per year. Immediate management controls are required to avoid the City becoming non-compliant with its licence.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**Part A

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. NOT ACCEPT Liquid Waste Class K210 generated by, or associated with, the mining and resource sector at the Meru Waste Facility;
2. DIRECT the CEO to formally advise:
  - a. All licensed waste carriers using the Meru Waste Facility of this decision;

- b. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) Controlled Waste division of this decision; and
- c. Surrounding Local Government administrations of this decision.

**Part B**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. AMEND the 2023-24 Schedule of Fees and Charges as outlined in Attachment No. IS291 ‘Fees and Charges Schedule Amendments 2023-24’ in accordance with section 6.16(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and
2. GIVE local public notice of the amendment.

**PROPONENT:**

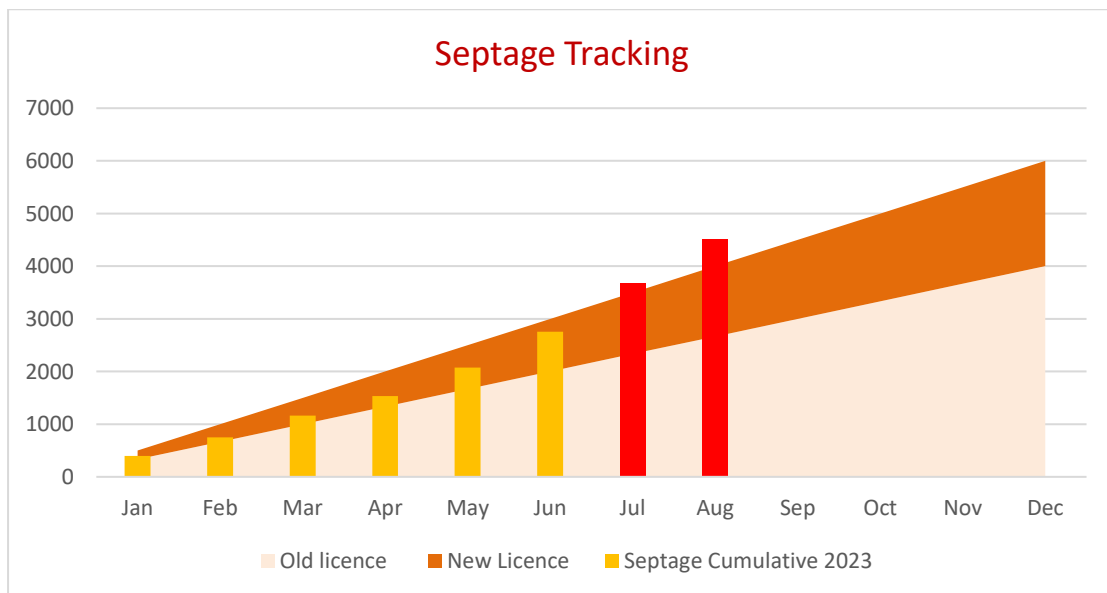
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City’s Meru Waste Facility holds a licence to process and dispose of a wide variety of waste streams, including septage liquid waste. The current licence for Meru allows the facility to receive up to 6,000 tonnes of septage liquid waste Class K210 per year.

The DWER controlled waste category list defines Class K210 Septage Waste as “liquid and solid components from the pump-out of septic tanks” and the licence was increased in early 2023 from 4,000 tonnes after a review of the annual liquid waste received over the past five years identified a consistent increase in receipt of septage liquid waste, primarily from residential and commercial sources.

Since January 2023, the Waste Services Team have been implementing monthly monitoring of the quantities of septage liquid waste received relation to the licensed capacity of 6,000 tonnes.



Based on the trends observed, especially over the last two months, it is projected that the facility will reach its license capacity within the next two months.

An assessment of licensed liquid waste carriers using the Meru Waste Facility has identified a marked change in septage liquid waste receipt from a carrier based outside of the City of Greater Geraldton Local Government Area. Over the past two months, this carrier has accounted for 56.7% and 60% of the septage liquid waste received. Analysis of the source of this septage liquid waste received through this carrier identifies that the waste has been generated from the mining and resource sector.

Source	Source Location
Mining Camp	Shire of Irwin
Mining Village	Shire of Yalgoo
Mining Camp	Shire of Perenjori

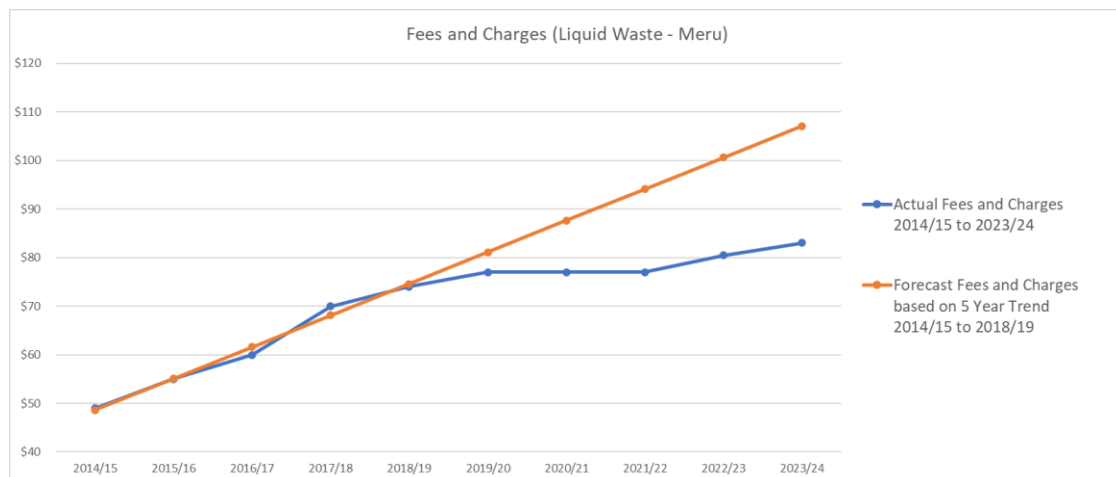
There are other liquid waste facilities in the region that can receive septage liquid waste. However, the Meru Waste Facility currently has the greatest licensed capacity.

Local Government	Licensed Capacity	Fees (per tonne)
City of Greater Geraldton	6,000 tonnes	\$83
Shire of Irwin	350 tonnes	\$60
Shire of Meekatharra <sup>1</sup>	1,000 tonnes	Free <sup>1</sup>
Shire of Carnarvon	1,478 tonnes	\$15
Shire of Mount Magnet <sup>2</sup>	1,200 tonnes	\$90 <sup>2</sup>

1. Free, but only available for liquid waste generated within Meekatharra Shire

2. Fee for non-Shire of Mount Magnet effluent disposal FY2022-23.

A review of the City of Greater Geraldton fees and charges for liquid waste indicates that the current liquid waste fee of \$83 per tonne is sitting well below a forecast fee of \$107. The forecast fee is based on the trend over the City’s fees and charges over the five-year period between 2014-15 and 2018-19.



Based on this information it is recommended that the following initiatives be implemented to manage septage liquid waste intake to the Meru Waste Facility:

1. Not accept septage liquid waste generated by the mining and resource sector. *This provides a priority to the region's residential and commercial customers and places the onus on the mining and resource sector to provide a circular economy solution for its waste generation.*
2. Vary the fees charged at Meru for septage liquid waste generated from outside of the City of Greater Geraldton to \$107 per tonne. *This provides a priority to the City's residential and commercial customers and encourages waste carriers to utilise other septage liquid waste facilities in the region.*

The CEO of Shire of Mingenew has indicated that the Shire has recently commissioned a new pond to receive up to 100,000 litres of septage liquid waste per year (~10,000 tonnes). It is unclear as to whether these ponds are in operation now, but they will certainly add to the regional capacity in the future. The recommendations outlined above complement the introduction of this facility.

City Officers did approach the Water Corporation to gauge their capacity and ability to take on septage liquid waste disposal services at their facilities across the region. Given the difference in the processing required for the disposal of reticulated sewerage compared with septage liquid waste the Water Corporation identified that they did not have the infrastructure necessary to accommodate the quantities of septage liquid waste being generated.

## **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

### **Community:**

An estimated 3,000 residential and commercial properties within the City of Greater Geraldton require septage liquid waste services. The City hosts and facilitates tourism and visitor events that generate septage liquid waste. The City of Greater Geraldton's primary focus should be to provide and maintain a septage liquid waste facility to service its immediate community and rate payer base. This item seeks to provide that management priority.

### **Economy:**

At \$83 per tonne, the City can potentially generate revenue of \$498,000 per year (based on its licensed capacity of 6,000 tonnes per year). However, City Officers need to balance the potential revenue available from the private mining sector against its core customer base (City of Greater Geraldton residential and commercial community) and optional regional markets (non-City of Geraldton residential and commercial, mining and resource sector). This item seeks to provide a balance to address the immediate short-term concern to meet its core customers, whilst still providing an income stream to recover the cost of waste processing at the Meru Waste Facility.

**Environment:**

The City of Greater Geraldton's Meru Waste Facility has a licence to allow the controlled disposal of up to 6,000 tonnes of septage liquid waste. This and other licensed waste facilities in the region process and dispose of septage liquid waste in line with environmental regulations and controls administered through the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER). This item ensures its core market is to provide this service to its residential and commercial community and provide a circular economy within its Local Government Area. The mining and resource sector should not be looking to Local Governments to provide this service for them.

**Leadership:**

The Council is demonstrating leadership by determining this matter.

*Disclosure of Interest:*

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

The Officer recommendation aligns with septage liquid waste management controls already implemented by other Local Governments in the region including:

- Source-specific non-acceptance of septage liquid waste at their facilities.
- Differential fees and charges associated with septage liquid waste generated within or outside of their Local Government Area.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

Councillors were updated on the status of the liquid waste ponds at the Meru Waste Facility at Council Concept Forum on 1 August 2023. The CEO updated Councillors on 6 September 2023 on the evolving situation with the liquid waste ponds at the Meru Waste Facility and that CEOs within the Midwest region had been informed of the matter and comments requested.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The City operates the Meru Waste Facility under DWER licence L9127/2018/1. This licence allows the City to receive up to 6,000 tonnes of septage liquid waste per year.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The City will continue to receive septage liquid waste within its licensed capacity and generate revenue through this waste stream. The recommendation to vary the fees will generate a modest increase in revenue, but the goal of this recommendation is to encourage liquid waste carriers to use other facilities across the region.



Financial penalties arising for non-compliance with licence requirements are determined by a case-by-case basis, but generally related to the severity of any environmental harm arising and the legislative Act under which the financial penalty is applied. A review of the DWER website indicates that recent financial penalties relating to liquid waste licence non-compliance have been in the \$10,000-\$20,000 range.

#### **INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Economy</b>	<b>Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.</b>
Outcome 2.1	Local business is empowered and supported.
<b>Strategic Direction: Environment</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.</b>
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community wellbeing.
Outcome 3.7	Moving towards a circular economy.
<b>Strategic Direction: Leadership</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well-informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.

#### **REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

This item seeks to provide a balanced regional outcome for Local Governments to provide septage liquid waste to their residential and commercial customers.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The following risks have been identified:

1. Exceeding licensed capacity results in:
  - a. The City being non-compliant with its DWER licence may be subject to investigation and potentially fines or court proceedings.
  - b. The City having to cease acceptance of all septage liquid waste at Meru. This will disadvantage the City's residential and commercial customers requiring liquid waste services, and local liquid waste carriers providing this service.

This item seeks to implement immediate management controls in relation to septage liquid waste receivals at the Meru Waste Facility and avoid exceeding its licenced capacity. However, the City is currently investigating the feasibility of upgrading the existing ponds, or potentially adding capacity within the existing site footprint, for consideration for construction in future budgets.

2. As a result of implementing the recommended management controls, liquid waste carriers 'amend' the source of the liquid waste to avoid the non-acceptance of mining and resource liquid waste, or the differential fee.

As a controlled waste stream, the liquid waste carrier is legally required to provide a controlled waste tracking form to the Weighbridge Officers at Meru, and upload information to DWER's Controlled Waste Tracking System. This provides key metrics (source of the septage liquid waste, volume, waste carrier, driver/operator etc). This should provide sufficient control to avoid this risk. However, City Officers can monitor these tracking forms to see if the key metrics change or unusual patterns are observed. If they do, City Officers could investigate introducing a statutory declaration form for all septage liquid waste receivals.

3. As a result of implementing the recommended management controls, liquid waste carriers are disadvantaged.

The Officer's recommendation addresses the lack of provision of liquid waste service by the resource and mining sector and encourages the use of other septage liquid waste facilities across the region. The Officer's recommendation aims to provide a solution to continue to provide year-round access by liquid waste carriers.

4. As a result of implementing the recommended management controls, liquid waste carriers resort to illegal dumping.

As a controlled waste stream, liquid waste is heavily regulated and DWER has undertaken 179 successful prosecutions over the past five years for environmental harm caused from a range of activities including illegal dumping. The Officer's recommendation aims to maintain legal and sustainable disposal of septage liquid waste across the region.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

No alternatives were considered. Immediate management controls are required. If these are not implemented, at the current rate of septage liquid water receivals, the liquid waste facility at Meru will need to be temporarily closed to remain compliant with its licence.

IS292	DRUMMOND COVE ROAD – LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-093020</b>
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<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services</b>
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<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>No</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council received a petition at its June 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council from residents of Drummond Cove Road requesting specific actions to address perceived speeding and hooning behaviour.

Officers investigated the issues raised, confirming that speeding issues occur, and considered suitable options to address the identified concerns. The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement for inclusion of detailed design and construction of Local Area Traffic Management treatments for consideration in the draft FY2024-25 Capital Works Program.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. NOTE that Main Roads Western Australia have reduced the speed limit on Drummond Cove Road from 60 kph to 50 kph;
2. DIRECT the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a Capital Works Nomination for:
  - a. the construction of Local Area Traffic Management treatments on Drummond Cove Road;
  - b. the installation of treatments to the car park at the end of Drummond Cove Road to reduce hooning;
  - c. for consideration by Council for inclusion in the FY2024-25 Capital Program;
3. DIRECT the Chief Executive Officer to install additional signage indicating that Drummond Cove Road is a no through road, and additional wayfinding signage to the John Batten Hall; and
4. ADVISE the proponent that a 360-degree CCTV camera is not supported at this time.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

Drummond Cove Road is situated in Drummond Cove at the boundary between the City and the Shire of Chapman Valley. The road is 540 metres long, runs east to west from the North West Coastal Highway terminating at a gravel car park at the beach at the western end of the road. Drummond Cove Road no longer connects to Whitehill Road which has been closed due to the effects of coastal erosion.

A petition was received by Council on 27 June 2023, Item No. CS045 Petition – Drummond Cove Road requesting Council to take specific actions in relation to Drummond Cove Road, which included:

1. *Lowering the speed limit from 60 kph to 50 kph.*
2. *Installing a speed mitigation system such as street chicanes.*
3. *Installing clearly visible signage indicating that Drummond Cove Road is not a through road and has no access to John Batten Hall.*
4. *Installing a 360-degree CCTV camera at the beach parking lot at the bottom of the street.*

The reasons for the request that were included in the petition were:

1. *Drummond Cove Road is a residential street and a 60Kph speed limit is too high. There have been multiple instances of excessive speed by both licensed and unlicensed offroad vehicles.*
2. *Poor signage indicating Drummond Cove Road is not a through road, creating excessive traffic flow. This is by those enroute to John Batten Hall, particularly backpackers, emergency vehicles and the public.*
3. *There have been multiple instances of wildlife and pets being killed by speeding vehicles. A hooning vehicle mounted the kerb and nearly hitting a six-year-old child.*
4. *Behaviour by some members of the offroad / biking community have been disruptive to the wellbeing and safety of residents. At times, there are multiple instances of vehicles and offroad bikes doing donuts, excessive engine revving and destroying council property at the beachside car park.*

The administration of speed limits on public roads within Western Australia falls under the jurisdiction of Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA). MRWA received a copy of the petition at the same time as it was received by the City. MRWA proceeded with investigations, the outcome of which supported the petitioners' claim that there is speeding along Drummond Cove Road. 28% of vehicles exceeded the posted speed limit of 60 kph with a maximum speed recorded of 117 kph.

Acknowledging the limited nature of these statistics (two week snap shot), this data suggested a reduction of the speed limit on Drummond Cove Road from 60 kph to 50 kph was warranted. This has since been actioned by MRWA and the speed restriction signage has been changed.

The investigation carried out by MRWA also suggested that the road would benefit from an engineered response to mitigate speeding. Options for Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) treatments included entry statements, median islands, blister islands, road humps and chicanes.

The City met with residents of Drummond Cove Road on 2 September 2023, on site. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure clarity regarding the objectives of speed mitigation and to explore potential design options in collaboration with the residents of Drummond Cove Road. Consensus was reached that an entry treatment and three chicanes met the requirements of both an appropriately engineered response and the needs of the community.

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The location of the chicanes was also discussed and agreed with the residents, subject to the completion of final engineering design.

To reinforce the existing no through road status of Drummond Cove Road, it is reasonable to increase signage within the road itself. Additionally, a wayfinding sign directing people to John Batten Hall at the intersection of Chapman Road and Bayside Boulevard would be a cost-effective improvement to divert some traffic before entering Drummond Cove Road. Signage within Drummond Cove Road indicating there is no access to John Batten Hall is not recommended.

The proposed speed mitigation treatments and additional signage will require submission to MRWA for their review and approval prior to installation.

Existing site infrastructure does not support the installation of CCTV at the car park. The proposed approach is to redesign the car park in such a way that significantly reduces the opportunity for undesirable behaviour.

### **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

#### **Community:**

The purpose of this report is to address a community-led petition for the implementation of various safety treatments to Drummond Cove Road and the car park at the end of the road. Council endorsement of the Executive Recommendation would improve the safety and wellbeing of the community living on Drummond Cove Road.

#### **Economy:**

Enhancing the road conditions as recommended would see the capital expenditure on the project being made with local businesses and positively impacting the local economy.

#### **Environment:**

The reduction in speed due to the local area traffic management treatments will improve the safety of wildlife which the petitioners have stated is being killed on the road.

#### **Leadership:**

Council will demonstrate leadership by supporting some of the requests in the petition and investigating others to achieve the best possible overall outcome for the community.

#### *Disclosure of Interest:*

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

### **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council has previously supported the installation of traffic calming measures, most recently on 28 July 2020 – Item No. IS210 – Kempton Street Traffic Calming.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

The petition was completed by 76 community members. A site meeting was held at 9am on 2 September 2023 on Drummond Cove Road with all residents of Drummond Cove Road invited to attend to review and discuss potential options.

The meeting was attended by nine residents of Drummond Cove Road which represented seven of the 15 households on the street. Councillors were invited and Councillor Colliver attended the meeting.

Consensus was reached on the preferred solution and location for LATM treatments in alignment with existing street lighting to assist with reducing costs.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no legislative or policy implications.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications associated with preparation of a capital works nomination form in the current financial year. Installation of clearly visible signage indicating that Drummond Cove Road is a no through road and wayfinding signage to John Batten Hall is estimated to be \$1,500 and available from current operational funds.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Community</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.</b>
Outcome 1.4	Community safety, health and well-being is paramount.
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit
<b>Strategic Direction: Leadership</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.1	Meaningful customer experiences created for the people we serve.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The locations of the proposed LATM treatments have been agreed with the residents in Drummond Cove Road to mitigate the risk of public dissatisfaction once they are installed. The designers will apply the appropriate MRWA and Austroads standards and guidelines to mitigate any risks associated with non-compliant design. Design risks will be further mitigated by consultation with MRWA, and the approval of the linemarking and signage design by them. A Safety in Design report will also be prepared by the designers during the design process to assess and manage risk. Finally, the proposed LATM treatments would mitigate the risk and safety issues associated with speeding on Drummond Cove Road.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

Council could choose not to proceed with the Executive Recommendation as presented. However, Officers have identified that speeding issues do occur in this location and this option is therefore not recommended.

IS293	CONSTRUCTION OF CHANGE FACILITIES IN CHAMPION BAY GERALDTON
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-117103</b>
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<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>No</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council received a petition (Item No. CS035 – Petition – Request to Consider Construction of Change Facilities in Champion Bay Geraldton) at its Ordinary Meeting of Council dated 30 May 2023, submitted by an ocean swimming group requesting provision of a new changing and toilet facility at the Geraldton foreshore.

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider options put forward by City Officers regarding the request.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. ENDORSE the development of a new stand alone changing facility adjacent the existing Rubik's Cube toilet facilities on the Geraldton foreshore; and
2. DIRECT the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a Capital Works nomination form for the design and construction of a new facility, for consideration in the draft FY2024-25 Capital Works Program.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

On 22 May 2012 Council endorsed Item No.CI015 Proposed Foreshore Public Toilets:

1. *REAFFIRM its decision of the 28 February to build the northern toilet building at the very northern end of the foreshore; and*
2. *PROCEED immediately to construct the public toilets in accordance with the final concept design and location prepared by Eastman Poletti Sherwood Architects (EPS).*

At its Ordinary Meeting of 30 May 2023, Council received a petition requesting the construction of new male and female changing rooms with hot showers, lockers and improved toilet facilities at the site of the current Rubik's Cube toilets. The request was submitted on the basis that ocean swimming is gaining in popularity in Champion Bay and upgraded amenities would encourage more people into the water, benefiting the health of the community.



A City Officer met with a small group of the petitioners on 25 July 2023 to gain a further understanding of the drivers behind the petition. The group advised they have been swimming and meeting in the area over many years and have seen the existing facilities come under pressure through the increase in numbers of people that need change and toilet facilities, and the perceived deterioration of the existing Rubik's Cube toilet facilities.

Officers identified that the existing facilities were constructed in 2012 at a cost of approximately \$350,000 and consist of two separate "unisex" cubicles designed by local architects Eastman Poletti Sherwood in a form reminiscent of the Rubik's Cube puzzle. The design incorporated anti-graffiti materials, lighting and CCTV and the facility is currently considered to be in fair condition with a remaining serviceable life estimated to be in the order of ten years. A recent building audit conducted by the City concluded:

*"The Rubik's Cube ablutions currently have an overall condition index of 2.56 (0 = new and 6 = failed). The current deferred level of service rule base applied to renewal for building components, determines that all components are renewed at condition 5 irrespective of building criticality. The life cycle path of the ablutions using predictive modelling to determine the renewal requirements and based on the funded expenditure applied using the above rule base, will provide an estimated remaining useful life of approximately ten years. The predicted final condition index of the building in 2023/24 is estimated to be 3.78. Noting that the super structure (building external) is predicted to reach condition 5 in approximately 2033-34."*

Demolishing the existing facilities and replacing them with a new facility like those installed at Midalia Beach would provide for the petitioners' needs and include universal access. However, the disadvantage of this option is that the Rubik's Cubes are not yet at the end of their useful life cycle.

A lower cost, alternative option, would be to install standalone male/female change room/s (without water & sewerage connections or locker facilities) at a suitable location within the vicinity of the existing facilities. This could be a basic structure, with a design aesthetic that is sympathetic to the Rubik's cube design, which allows privacy while changing and complies with the Foreshore Policy that is opposed to permanent structures on the foreshore.

Council could subsequently decide to replace the existing Rubik's Cube toilets in a few years' time when the facility is reaching the end of its useful life.

## **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

### **Community:**

Installation of a change facility would benefit the members of the community that enjoy the beach in this vicinity (swimmers, beach goers, surf club members). The proximity of a change facility to the swimming pontoons and the cafes also add to the attraction of the location.

### **Economy:**

A new change facility at the location may improve conditions for customers and provide additional support to existing business located in the area.

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**Environment:**

The existing Rubik's Cube toilet facilities include a sewer pump pit owned and operated by the City that pumps waste to the Water Corporation sewer system. Preliminary investigations suggest that the pump pit is sufficient to accommodate a moderate demand increase. This however would need to be confirmed as part of the design process should Council elect to replace the facility.

**Leadership:**

The Council is demonstrating leadership by determining this matter.

*Disclosure of Interest:*

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

In the last five years, the City, as part of its on-going asset renewal program, has replaced or constructed additional public toilets in various locations across the City including the Geraldton Regional Gallery, the HMAS Sydney II Memorial, Maitland Park, Rocks Laneway and Giles Road Park.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

The petition raised by the proponent was received by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 30 May 2023, Item No. CS035 - Petition – Request to Consider Construction of Change Facilities in Champion Bay Geraldton.

A Confidential Briefing Note was discussed at Council's Concept Forum on Tuesday 1 August 2023.

A City Officer met with the proponent of the petition on Tuesday 25 July 2023 to discuss the details of the petition request.

Director Infrastructure Services and Councillor Steve Cooper met with the proponent of the petition on Thursday 17 August 2023 to review and discuss a potential replacement design solution. Agreement was reached that provision of lockers was unlikely to be achievable due to ongoing management and maintenance concerns however, the tabled design would generally meet with potential user requirements and expectations noting that some minor amendments may be requested.

Verbal advice from EPS Architects and food and beverage business owners in the area is that a standalone change facility designed to be sympathetic to the existing toilet facilities would be a popular solution as opposed to replacement with a brand-new facility. In general, the existing Rubik's Cube toilets design is considered to attract public and visitor interest, are kept well cleaned and maintained and are well utilised by customers and staff in the area.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Council Policy 1.5 Foreshore Use and Development version 4, provides guidance on the construction of buildings on the foreshore and recommends reducing the impact of built infrastructure.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Desk top cost estimates, based on previous projects, suggest that to demolish the existing facility and replace it with a facility that meets current needs could be in the order of \$350-400,000. The construction of a single structure, two change rooms only without water and sewerage would be in the order of \$100,000. Detailed designs and estimates would be prepared for the option selected by Council.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Community</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.</b>
Outcome 1.1	Enhanced lifestyle through spaces, places, programs, and services that foster connection and inclusion.
Outcome 1.4	Community safety, health and well-being is paramount.
<b>Strategic Direction: Economy</b>	<b>Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.</b>
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit
<b>Strategic Direction: Environment</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.</b>
Outcome 3.4	A desirable and sustainable built and natural environment responsive to community aspirations.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

The Geraldton foreshore precinct is a destination facility and upgraded, inclusive facilities will improve the experience for many people visiting from regional areas and those passing through to other destinations.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The Council endorsed Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) report identifies the foreshore beaches within the Geraldton Coastal Management Unit (CMU) as being at medium risk of inundation until 2030, moving to high risk from 2070. Should Council resolve to construct a new facility, Officers recommend that the detailed design of a new facility accommodates this risk by ensuring appropriate finished floor levels are considered for the area.

To minimise any impacts on nearby properties, a design sympathetic to the natural surrounds may be suitable.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

Potential options considered during preparation of the report that Council could consider include:

1. Not proceeding as recommended as the project is not a current priority and will be revisited closer to the end of the useful life of the existing Rubik's Cube toilets.
2. Demolish the existing toilets and replace with a new facility that includes change rooms as requested by the petitioners.
3. Defer the decision and direct the CEO to undertake additional community consultation on this matter.

**IS294 MAITLAND PARK SCHOOL PRECINCT TRANSPORT HUB**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-108096</b>
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<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x2)</b> <b>A. Maitland Park Transport Hub Concept Masterplan Report</b> <b>B. Geraldton Croquet Club - Potential Relocation Concept</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In May 2020, discussions commenced between the City and various stakeholders surrounding Maitland Park in the Geraldton City centre regarding the potential to address pedestrian safety and traffic congestion concerns in the area.

Subsequently, the City undertook a series of investigations, engineering studies and community workshops, well attended by representatives from numerous stakeholders with vested interest in the area, to consider solutions to the issues raised, and explore future opportunities for the precinct.

The outcome from this process is the development of the Maitland Park Transport Hub Concept Masterplan that is underpinned by the primary requirement to address pedestrian safety and traffic management in the area and overlaid by aspirational ideas that address the three key principles of:

1. Safe Connected Cities
2. Inclusive Communities
3. Urban Forest Greening

In August 2023 the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts (DITRDCA) opened its Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program. The program seeks to deliver transformative investment in regional Australia based on the principles of unifying regional places, growing economies and serving the community.

Up to 100% funding is potentially available across two streams that will, if successful, initially fund precinct development and planning and subsequently Precinct delivery.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Maitland Park Transport Hub Concept Masterplan Report and approval to apply to Stream One: Precinct Development and Planning of the Australian Government's \$400 million Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. ENDORSE the Maitland Park Transport Hub Concept Masterplan; and
2. DIRECT the Chief Executive Officer to submit a Stream One: Precinct Development and Planning Funding Application under the Australian Government Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

Geraldton Primary School approached the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in May 2020 to discuss a potential parking project to address perceived traffic problems in the Maitland Park area and present their ideas on addressing these.

Student enrolments at the five schools around Maitland Park: Geraldton Primary School, Holland Street School, St Francis Xavier Primary School, Geraldton Senior High School, and Nagle Catholic College have increased. The increased enrolments have increased traffic and congestion during peak hour drop-off/pick-up times. This congestion has impacted students, staff, and carers' safety.

These five schools are near one another, have similar start and finish times and have insufficient staff and student parking facilities. As approximately 3,000 students attend the five schools and student enrolments are increasing, the limited public parking supply contributing to congestion will only become more problematic over time.

In August 2020, the City engaged traffic engineering consultants Cardno to investigate the issues within the Maitland Park Precinct and complete a Traffic Modelling and Options Report for the Maitland Schools Precinct Improvements.

Two consultation workshops were held with Cardno and representatives from the five schools in the area, Department of Education, and the Public Transport Authority to discuss the issues and their concerns were generally found to be related to the following:

1. Limited parking supply.
2. Illegal/unauthorised parking.
3. Lack of designated drop-off/pick-up areas.
4. Intersection geometry restrictions.

In February 2021, Cardno completed the initial Consultation Report, which identified several options to be considered to improve the traffic and parking issues in the area. The Consultation Report recommended to proceed with traffic modelling within the City's microsimulation model for the area, to identify potential benefits, issues and failings associated with each of the options, to inform the recommendations to proceed with the next stages of the project.

In June 2021, the Traffic Modelling and Options Report for the Maitland Schools Precinct Improvements was completed by Cardno. The following three key items were recommended to improve traffic movements in the Precinct:

1. Development of a 'transport hub' within the western area of Maitland Park consisting of a dedicated bus drop-off/pick-up area and a large off-street parking facility for parents and students;
2. Realignment of the Maitland Street and Carson Terrace intersection to reduce the angle to which Maitland Street intersects with Carson Terrace; and
3. A roundabout at the Cathedral Avenue and Carson Terrace intersection.

In August 2021, the findings from the Maitland Park Schools Precinct Traffic Study that Cardno prepared were presented to the Council at Concept Forum.

The high-level traffic management strategies proposed in the Traffic Modelling and Options Report prepared by Cardno required further exploration and illustration to inform the following consultation process with the stakeholder groups on how these strategies could be developed.

In September 2021, the City engaged UDLA to develop a schematic concept design package for the Maitland Park School Precinct, including the road, parking and public realm areas to reflect the preliminary traffic and parking improvements. The Maitland Park Parking Opportunities document was completed in November 2021 and used to provide context and create conversations in the following consultation workshop.

In May 2022, the City continued working collaboratively with local stakeholders to explore how the overall safety and traffic flow problems in and around Maitland Park during school peak drop-off/pick-up times could be improved and how Maitland Park could be transformed to provide better amenities for its users.

The Stakeholders were divided into three groups and representatives from the Stakeholders attended the workshop for their respective groups:

- Group 1 - Geraldton Croquet Club.
- Group 2 - Local Schools.
  - Geraldton Primary School.
  - Holland Street Primary School.
  - Nagle Catholic College.
  - Geraldton Senior High School.
  - St Francis Xavier Primary School.

- Group 3
  - School bus service providers: School Bus Logistics Pty Ltd, Path. Transit Geraldton, Northern School.
  - Geraldton Greenough Farmers Market.
  - Geraldton Anglican Church.
  - Friends of Geraldton Gardens Inc.
  - WA Police District Traffic Coordinator.
  - Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee.

Feedback received from the stakeholder group was that a transport hub, based upon the conceptual designs presented, would improve overall safety while resolving the traffic and congestion problems in the Precinct, the development of a transport hub in Maitland Park was generally well supported.

In September 2022, the feedback from the three stakeholder workshops held in 2022 was collated and Council was presented with the Maitland Park Schools Precinct Engagement Report dated 6 September 2022.

The 2022-23 Financial Year Capital Program allocated funding for preliminary consultation, scoping and design of the transport hub and the development of design works relating to the School Precinct Traffic Study recommendations.

In March 2023, the City engaged urban design consultants UDLA to complete a Concept Masterplan as lead consultant with the following sub-consultants providing expert input in their areas of technical expertise:

1. Stantec - Traffic Engineering.
2. JDSI Consulting Engineers - Civil Engineering.
3. ETC Solutions - Electrical Engineering & Lighting Design.
4. HWA - Quantity Surveyors.

UDLA conducted design workshops with the stakeholder groups and used the input from the technical experts as part of a consultative design process to investigate possible solutions and opportunities for the Maitland Park Precinct.

The investigation and consultative process led to the development of the Geraldton Maitland Park Transport Hub Concept Masterplan, which takes a precinct-scaled approach to improving transport safety and connectivity to and from the schools and improves amenities and the environment within Maitland Park.

On Tuesday, 4 July 2023, the Maitland Park Transport Hub Concept Masterplan was presented to Councillors at the Concept Forum. The Masterplan was well received with Councillors indicating the City should begin broader community engagement on the concept development.

On Wednesday, 19 July 2023, the City presented the draft Maitland Park Transport Hub Concept Masterplan to the Maitland Park Transport Hub Stakeholder Working Group members.



The City requested feedback from the broader community through a feedback survey from Thursday, 20 July 2023, to Monday, 7 August 2023. The feedback survey was promoted to the wider community through several newspaper advertisements and online through the City's social media account.

The City received 175 responses in response to the Concept Masterplan. Key findings from the survey are as follows:

- 82% of respondents thought the concept will better balance buses, light vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians moving in and around Maitland Park.
- 82% of respondents thought the plan will improve the overall safety of pedestrians and drivers.

Implementing the Concept Masterplan will require the relocation of the Geraldton Croquet Club, located at the western end of Maitland Park since 1973, with the club's current lease expiring on 1 July 2025.

The attached plan titled 'Geraldton Croquet Club - Potential Relocation Concept' shows a concept render of how the Croquet Club could be relocated to 1 Edward Road, Utakarra, a site that is adjacent to Greenough Oval.

The relocation concept was provided to the Croquet Club representatives at the second stakeholder workshop held on 18 May 2023 and is broadly supported in principle by the club.

The cost of relocating the Croquet Club will need to form part of any potential Grant Funding Applications for developing the project within Maitland Park.

Maitland Park is occasionally used as a venue to host large outdoor events. Key design principles written into the Concept Masterplan Report are that the park shall be maintained as an events space and provide provision for the park to be an outdoor music venue. The existing landscaping will be maintained on the eastern side of the park, with an open grassed area maintained for hosting events. Further consideration on the specific requirements for hosting events must be considered if items within the Concept Masterplan progress to detailed design.

The Maitland Park Transport Hub Concept Masterplan Report provides a holistic concept design and guiding principles for future development works within the broader Maitland Park Precinct. Extensive detailed design and planning will be required to develop the individual components shown in the Concept Masterplan.

Should Council endorse the Concept Masterplan, the City will seek to develop the design and planning associated with the works contained within the Concept Masterplan. A business plan will need to be developed by the City that aligns with the potential grant funding sources. The City will seek external funding for the detailed design and planning development stages of the Masterplan works through Stream One of the Regional Precincts and Partnership Program.

The Regional Precincts and Partnership Program is a \$400 million Federally Funded Program offered through the Department of Industry, Science and Resources. The Maitland Park project meets the eligibility criteria for the grant.

### **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

#### **Community:**

Developing a transport hub would improve parking and traffic movements within the school precinct, improving traffic flow. The construction of a roundabout at the Cathedral Avenue and Carson Terrace intersection will enable drivers to turn right and leave the area, reducing the number of vehicles in the area. In contrast, the realignment of the Maitland Street and Carson Terrace intersection will make it safer to move through this intersection.

The creation of off-road carpark and bus ports in Maitland Park with pedestrian access via large road crossings on Maitland Street and Carson Terrace greatly reduces the interaction between pedestrians and vehicles, which in turn greatly improves the safety for staff, students and their carers who traverse the area twice daily on school days.

Maitland Park is underutilised and could be activated by turning it into an education precinct that all students and community could benefit from.

#### **Economy:**

The bus ports and carpark offer a larger covered area that could be used for various activities during the evenings and on weekends, such as markets and exhibitions. The multi-use pavilion could be an additional venue for conferences at the QPT and community events.

#### **Environment:**

Developing a 'green' transport hub featuring water-wise plantings, shade trees, covered parking areas with rooftop solar panels, and potentially electric vehicle charging stations would provide sustainable outcomes. The prioritisation of sustainable bus transport within the hub could increase bus usage and reduce the number of light vehicles used to transport students to and from the schools. An arboretum is envisaged for planting in the park, which will trial the growing of indigenous tree species that will be appropriate for planting in the region.

#### **Leadership:**

The community values safety and sustainability and expects the City to lead the community by example.

### **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

In Item No. IS130 Maitland Park Botanical Gardens Proposal, Council previously endorsed the Maitland Park Landscape Master Plan proposed by Friends of Geraldton Gardens to construct a Botanical Gardens at Maitland Park. The proposed Maitland Park Transport Hub Concept Masterplan Report incorporates the aspirations of the Maitland Park Landscape Master Plan.

Maitland Park was previously identified to be part of the infrastructure to harvest stormwater. While in Item No. CI047 RFT53 1213 – Construction of Stormwater Harvesting Infrastructure in CBD-Maitland Park, Council elected to not proceed with the project as the cost of the project significantly exceeded the available budget, the use of the park for this purpose was endorsed by Council.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

Councillors were informed of stakeholder meetings and workshops via Briefing Notes and Concept Forum presentations.

The City met with representatives from the Geraldton Croquet Club in May 2022 at the start of the concept development process to discuss the Transport Hub and to identify the potential relocation options for the club's facilities. The representatives from the Geraldton Croquet Club attended all the stakeholder workshops conducted for the consultation and development of the Maitland Park Concept Masterplan.

Stakeholder consultation, which began in May 2022, involved a series of six workshops with the following groups and organisations:

1. Local school principals/students and the Department of Education.
2. Bus transport companies.
3. Catholic and Anglican churches.
4. WA Police and Crime Prevention Committee.
5. Main Roads WA and Road Wise.
6. Cycling Advocacy Group.
7. Geraldton Croquet Club.
8. Friends of Geraldton Gardens and Geraldton Greenough Farmers Market.

Over six workshops, stakeholders investigated the issues and concerns, explored solutions and achieved consensus on the final Concept Masterplan.

The City also engaged with the broader community on the Concept Masterplan and asked for feedback on these specific issues and ideas to activate Maitland Park. The community was invited to provide feedback on the Concept Masterplan via online and hard copy surveys over 19 days from 20 July to 7 August 2023.

The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted via a media release and social media posts. A social media campaign and newspaper advertisements for the public comment period followed these. Members of the stakeholder group, including the five schools in the area, also shared the opportunity with their students, parents, members, work colleagues, friends and families.

The majority of respondents, 82%, supported the Concept Masterplan and its goals. See Appendix C of the Concept Masterplan Report. The feedback will be incorporated into the detailed design process should the Council endorse the project to proceed to the next design phase.

The Carols by Candlelight Organising Committee and the Geraldton Cycling Advocacy Group made submissions to the City during the community feedback period. Face-to-face meetings have been conducted with both organisations to gain a full understanding of their concerns, to clarify some of the goals of the concept planning stage and to identify opportunities for improvement should the project progress to the detailed design stage.

#### **LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Concept Masterplan strongly aligns with Council Policy 2.8 Geraldton City Centre Vibrancy which, among other commitments, sets out to improve access and connectivity in the City Centre.

#### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The Regional Precincts and Partnership Program (rPPP) is a \$400 million Federally Funded Program offered through the Department of Industry, Science and Resources. The rPPP offers grants to organisations in regional areas for the design and construction of precincts in regional areas.

Stream One of the Program has grant funding available of between \$500,000 to \$5 million which can fully fund the precinct master planning, consultation, design, business cases and partnership establishment for the project.

The funding allocated in the FY2023-24 budget to continue with the design for the project would be utilised in preparing a high-quality funding application should the Council resolve to endorse the Executive Recommendation as presented.

On completion of the precinct planning phase of the project, Stream Two of the Regional Precincts and Partnership Program is available to fully fund the delivery of all or part of the precinct to a value of between \$5 million and \$50 million.

#### **INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Community</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.</b>
Outcome 1.10	A place where people have access to, engage in and celebrate arts, culture, education, and heritage.
<b>Strategic Direction: Economy</b>	<b>Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.</b>
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit.
<b>Strategic Direction: Environment</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.</b>
Outcome 3.2	Regional leader in adapting to climate change.
Outcome 3.3	A well-maintained, SMART, sustainable, liveable City valued by the community.

Outcome 3.4	A desirable and sustainable built and natural environment responsive to community aspirations.
<b>Strategic Direction: Leadership</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership, and well-informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.6	A community that is genuinely engaged and informed in a timely and appropriate manner.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

Implementing the masterplan will continue enabling the Geraldton City Centre to develop as the leading regional capital City of Western Australia by creating vibrant public spaces that support the community's lifestyle.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The masterplan aspires to deliver several key initiatives of interest to a significant number of the community who have taken the time to provide feedback and commentary on the proposed master plan.

Assessment Criterion 3 of the funding application requires applicants to address how they will address Community engagement, collaboration, and partnership in the development of the masterplan. Applicants are required to demonstrate how the precinct development and planning process intends to engage with the local community, draw upon local knowledge and information, and identify and leverage opportunities and address challenges within your region.

This approach to requiring community engagement during development of the masterplan, will ensure that a robust and transparent community engagement framework will be developed capturing feedback and input from all stakeholders and the broader community for consideration.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

The Council may choose not to endorse the Concept Masterplan Report and to retain Maitland Park and the surrounding roads as is. This option is not recommended and would not resolve the safety issues that have been raised by the community. This would lead to a lower level of service for the public transport and private vehicle dropping children off to the schools and a lower level of amenity for park users. This option may also result in the loss of potential grant funding opportunities from external sources.

**12.5 REPORTS OF OFFICE THE CEO**

Nil.

**12.6 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED****RR51 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED - AUGUST**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-122687</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>R McKim, Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>R McKim, Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>15 September 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x2) 1 x Confidential</b>
	<b>A. DSDD0011 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval</b>
	<b>B. Confidential - CS066 - List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation - August 2023</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to receive the Reports of the City of Greater Geraldton.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**PART A

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
  - a. Reports – Development Services:
    - i. DSDD0011 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval.

PART B

That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
  - a. Reports – Corporate Services:
    - i. CS066 – Confidential Report – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – August 2023.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

Information and items for noting or receiving (i.e. periodic reports, minutes of other meetings) are to be included in an appendix attached to the Council agenda.

Any reports received under this Agenda are considered received only. Any recommendations or proposals contained within the “Reports (including Minutes) to be Received” are not approved or endorsed by Council in any way. Any outcomes or recommendations requiring Council approval must be presented separately to Council as a Report for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

### **COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**

#### **Community:**

There are no adverse community impacts.

#### **Economy:**

There are no adverse economic impacts.

#### **Environment:**

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

#### **Leadership:**

There are no adverse leadership impacts.

#### *Disclosure of Interest:*

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

### **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Reports to be received by Council at each Ordinary Meeting of Council.

### **COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

### **LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no legislative or policy implications.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial or resource implications.

### **INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Leadership</b>	<b>Direction:</b>	<b>Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.</b>
Outcome 4.3		Accountable leadership supported by a skilled and professional workforce

### **REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

There are no risks to be considered.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.



**13 MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**15 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING**

**16 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

Pursuant to Section 5.2 (i) of the Meeting Procedures Local Law February 2011, please note this part of the meeting *may* need to be closed to the public, *if* confidential discussion is required.

*Livestreaming will be turned off if required.*

CS067	RFT 2223 24 PLACE ACTIVATION ROCKS LANEWAY AND CRUISE SHIP VISIT COORDINATION
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-23-118876</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>P Vorster, Coordinator Economic Development</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>11 August 2023</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>FM/25/0286</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Confidential Confidential – RFT 2223 24 Evaluation Report</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The City of Greater Geraldton (City) issued a Request for Tender (RFT) for Place Activation and Cruise Ship Visit Coordination that closed on 1 August 2023. One submission was received from the existing service provider for both delivery components.

The tender submission received contained an additional pricing structure for Portion B (Cruise Ship Visit Coordination) that will require further review and consultation with our project partner Mid West Ports. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate a contract for RFT 2223 24 Place Activation Rocks Laneway and Cruise Ship Visit Coordination with the sole tenderer before formal awarding. The City has in the past followed a similar process of negotiation prior to awarding of a contract.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. ENDORSE the outcome of the evaluation panel assessment in relation to RFT 2223 24 Place Activation Rocks Laneway and Cruise Ship Visit Coordination; and
2. AUTHORISE and DIRECT the CEO or Delegate to negotiate a contract based on the deliverables per RFT 2223 24 Place Activation Rocks Laneway and Cruise Ship Visit Coordination with the sole tenderer.

**PROponent:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Geraldton City Centre is an important location in Geraldton for the community, tourists, business and landowners alike. The Place Activation and Cruise Ship Visit Coordination are strategies aimed at delivering objectives identified in the following strategic documents:

- Geraldton Jobs and Growth Plan 2020-2023;
- City of Greater Geraldton Corporate Business Plan 2021-2025;
- Geraldton City Centre Revitalisation Plan;
- The Rocks Laneway Place Management Plan; and
- Mid West Regional Tourism Development Strategy 2023-2033.

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:****Community:**

The activities will contribute to the vibrancy of the City, addressing the following outcomes in the Corporate Business Plan.

- Outcome 1.1 Enhanced lifestyle through spaces, places, programs and services that foster connection and inclusion.
- Outcome 1.10 A place where people have access to, engage in and celebrate arts, culture, education and heritage.

**Economy:**

The activities have shown to inject significant dollars into the local economy via both increases to tourist and community visitations.

**Environment:**

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

**Leadership:**

The Rocks Laneway Place Activation program includes the liaison with city centre stakeholders to establish a clear and continuous communication channel, which would assist the City leadership in identifying, managing, and communicating city centre relevant issues with stakeholders.

The Cruise Ship Visit Coordination entails the liaison by the successful tenderer with all parties included in the delivery of this project.

***Disclosure of Interest:***

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Both the Rocks Laneway activation and Cruise Ship Visit Coordination programs have been operational during the 2022-23 financial year. Confidential Attachment No. CS067 includes a progress report outlining the components of the initiatives and the success achieved with the outcomes.

Mid West Ports have indicated that they are committed to partner with the City in the delivery of services related to cruise ship visitations.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

The Geraldton City Centre is an important destination for the community, tourists, business, and landowners alike. This importance has been acknowledged by several policy guidelines that are the result of extensive community consultation and include:

- Geraldton Jobs and Growth Plan 2020-2023;
- City of Greater Geraldton Corporate Business Plan 2021-2025;
- Geraldton City Centre Revitalisation Plan;
- The Rocks Laneway Place Management Plan; and
- Mid West Regional Tourism Development Strategy 2023-2033.

The activities of both the place activation of Rocks Laneway and the Cruise Ship Visit Coordination projects have been developed in line with these policies.

The Rocks Laneway activation project also includes regular and ongoing liaison with city centre stakeholders to identify and act on city centre issues and to provide a clear channel of communication with the City of Greater Geraldton.

The Cruise Ship Visit Coordination entails the liaison by the successful tenderer with all parties included in the delivery of this project.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The *Local Government Act 1995* and Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services were observed when preparing and recommending the award of this tender. Pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the role of Council includes:

**2.7. Role of council**

- (1) The council —
  - (a) governs the local government's affairs; and
  - (b) is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the council is to —
  - (a) oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and
  - (b) determine the local government's policies.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Both the annual budget and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) makes budget provision for the contracted delivery of these services and recognises Mid West Ports cost sharing arrangement in relation to Cruise Ship visits.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Direction: Community</b>	<b>Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.</b>
Outcome 1.1	Enhanced lifestyle through spaces, places, programs and services that foster connection and inclusion.

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Outcome 1.10	A place where people have access to, engage in and celebrate arts, culture, education and heritage.
<b>Strategic Direction: Economy</b>	<b>Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.</b>
Outcome 2.1	Local business is empowered and supported.
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

The City of Greater Geraldton is the major centre in the region and the destination from where the region is explored. A vibrant city centre will contribute to the attraction of the region for Mid West region residents and tourists alike.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The WALGA General Conditions of Contract for the Supply of Goods and/or Services would apply to a contract for the services. The contractor would be required to have appropriate Public Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance. The contractor would be required to comply with WHS legislation and have appropriate safety management plans in place.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

No alternatives were considered by City Officers.

**17 CLOSURE**

## **APPENDIX 1 – ATTACHMENTS AND REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED**

Attachments and Reports to be Received are available on the City of Greater Geraldton website at: <https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/>