

**Council Policy  
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Heritage Policy**

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<b>Mayor</b>		<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	

## OBJECTIVE

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

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

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

To follow recommendations contained in the Heritage Strategy 2013 in order to support, promote, protect and manage both heritage assets belonging to the City and all other significant heritage places in the community.

## SCOPE

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

## DEFINITIONS

**City** means the City of Greater Geraldton.

**Council** means the Council of the City of Greater Geraldton.

**Councillor** means a person who holds the office of Councillor on the Council.

**Mayor** means the Mayor elected by electors of the district of the City of Greater Geraldton.

**Employee** means a person employed by the City under section 5.36 of the LGA.

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

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

**ICOMOS** means International Council on Monuments and Sites which is a non-government, not for profit organisation of cultural heritage professionals. The mission of the Australian ICOMOS branch is to lead cultural heritage conservation by raising standards, encouraging debate and generating innovative ideas.

## **POLICY**

The City of Greater Geraldton wishes to be the exemplar local government in the Mid West Region of Western Australia in relation to Heritage activity.

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

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

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

The Heritage Advisory Committee will:

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

## **WORKPLACE INFORMATION/REFERENCES**

Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference  
Heritage Strategy 2013