



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
AGENDA

28 APRIL 2026

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**CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2026 AT 5.00PM**  
**CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE**

**A G E N D A**

**DISCLAIMER:**

The Presiding Member advises that the purpose of this Council Meeting is to discuss and, where possible, make resolutions about items appearing on the agenda. Whilst Council has the power to resolve such items and may in fact, appear to have done so at the meeting, no person should rely on or act on the basis of such decision or on any advice or information provided by a Member or Officer, or on the content of any discussion occurring, during the course of the meeting. Persons should be aware that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 (Section 5.25(e)) and Council's Meeting Procedures Local Laws establish procedures for revocation or rescission of a Council decision. No person should rely on the decisions made by Council until formal advice of the Council decision is received by that person. The City of Greater Geraldton expressly disclaims liability for any loss or damage suffered by any person as a result of relying on or acting on the basis of any resolution of Council, or any advice or information provided by a Member or Officer, or the content of any discussion occurring, during the course of the Council meeting.

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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:

T Free, Director of Development Services

Leave of Absence:

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There are none.

**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 1995 require questions to be put to the presiding member and answered by the Council. No questions can be put to individual Councillors.*

*If you would like to ask a question, please complete the Public Question Time form on the City's website, linked below, which also provides the procedures for Public Question Time. [Questions From the Public » City of Greater Geraldton](#). Submit up to 3 questions by 12 noon the day prior to the meeting.*

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

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To (inclusive)</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
Cr K Parker	2 May 2026	10 May 2026	31/03/2026
Cr T Milnes	16 May 2026	6 June 2026	24/2/2026
Cr K Parker	12 July 2026	22 July 2026	31/03/2026

*\*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 N Colliver for the period 28 May 2026 to 3 June 2026.

## 8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS

CS298	PETITION – INVESTIGATE, REINTRODUCE AND IMPROVE VERGE-SIDE BULK WASTE OPTIONS
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-036471</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>I Reynolds, Corporate Governance Officer</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>30 March 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0003</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1)</b> <b>Verge Side Collection Petition</b>

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that a petition was received by the City of Greater Geraldton (the City) on 27 March 2026. The petition requests the City to undertake the following action:

*Reintroduce, investigate and improve verge-side bulk waste options, including verge collections, half-city rotations, landfill vouchers, valet-style services for vulnerable residents, in-house delivery, user-pays options, pensioner support schemes and a 12-month hybrid pilot program.*

### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. RECEIVE the petition requesting the City investigate, reintroduce and improve verge-side bulk waste options; and
2. CONSIDER, as part of the 2026-27 Financial Budget deliberation process, the service and options put forward in relation to resourcing capacity and elevated costs factors associated with the current economic climate.

### PROPONENT:

The proponent is Ron Bertelsen, as the promoter of the petition.

### BACKGROUND:

A compliant petition was presented to the Mayor of the City of Greater Geraldton on 27 March 2026. The proponent has requested the City to reintroduce, investigate and improve verge-side bulk waste options, including verge collections, half-city rotations, landfill vouchers, valet-style services for vulnerable residents, in-house delivery, user-pays options, pensioner support schemes and a 12-month hybrid pilot program.

### CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

#### Connected:

The receipt of a compliant petition by the Council provides an opportunity for the Council to consider the views and requests of community members.

**Liveable:**

There are no adverse impacts.

**Thriving:**

There are no adverse impacts.

**Leading:**

The petition is compliant with the provisions of clause 5.10 of the *City of Greater Geraldton Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 - Consolidated*.

***Disclosure of Interest:***

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council has previously received petitions, most recently on 31 October 2025 – Item No. CS256 – Petition – Improve the Northern Beaches Suburbs.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

The petition contains 227 signatures. Being 196 signatures of residents of the district showing full street addresses, 28 signatures of residents of the district with incomplete addresses, and three (3) signatures of residents of other districts (Buller, Bonniefield and Northampton).

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The provisions for the receipt of compliant petitions are contained in clause 5.10 of the *City of Greater Geraldton Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 – Consolidated*.

**5.10 Petitions**

- (1) *A petition is to —*
  - (a) *be addressed to the Mayor or CEO;*
  - (b) *be made by at least 50 electors of the district; (c) state the request on each page of the petition;*
  - (d) *contain the name, address and signature of each elector making the request, and the date each elector signed;*
  - (e) *contain a summary of the reasons for the request; and*
  - (f) *state the name of the person to whom, and an address at which, notice to the petitioners can be given.*

...
- (2) *Upon receiving a petition, the Local Government is to submit the petition to the relevant officer to be included in his or her deliberations and report on the matter that is the subject of the petition, subject to subclause (3).*
- (3) *At any meeting, the Council is not to vote on any matter that is the subject of a petition presented to that meeting, unless—*
  - (a) *the matter is the subject of a report included in the agenda; and*
  - (b) *the Council has considered the issues raised in the petition.*

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications of the receipt of the petition. The financial and resource implications of any actions considered by the petition will form part of the current budget deliberations for 2026-27.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme: Connected</b>	<b>An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.</b>
Goal 1	Provide safe and inviting public spaces for people to enjoy.
<b>Strategic Theme: Liveable</b>	<b>A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.</b>
Goal 4	Improve waste management and recycling opportunities to support a sustainable future.
<b>Strategic Theme: Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 1	Engage with the community to enhance decision-making.
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.
Goal 5	Provide the community with clear and accessible information about the City's programs, services and decisions.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The City follows the process outlined in the *City of Greater Geraldton Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 – Consolidated* to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

No alternative options were considered by City Officers as this petition meets the criteria stipulated in the *City of Greater Geraldton Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 - Consolidated*.

**9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 31 March 2026, 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 designated representative*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>
1 April 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview – Outcomes of Council Meeting 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
1 April 2026	Triple M Interview - Outcomes of Council Meeting 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
1 April 2026	Filming for the Outcome of Council Meeting Videos with the theme "What's your day job?" – with Cr Jenna Denton	Mayor Jerry Clune
2 April 2026	ABC Interview – Dust Issues from Trains	Mayor Jerry Clune
2 April 2026	Mid West Regional Drought Resilience Plan - Northern Agri Research and Development Extension (RDE) Collaboration Project – Project Advisory Group Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 April 2026	Mayor / A/CEO / Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 April 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 April 2026	Concept Forum	Mayor Jerry Clune
8 April 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview – Major Projects	Mayor Jerry Clune
10 April 2026	Mid West Development Commission (MWDC) Board Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
10 April 2026	Regular Meeting with Local Member Kirrilee Warr MLA Member for Geraldton – Local Matters	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
10 April 2026	Stargazing in Greenough 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
11 April 2026	Midwest Youth Fest	Mayor Jerry Clune
13 April 2026	Mayor / A/CEO / Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
13 April 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
13 April 2026	Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
14 April 2026	Expression of Interest (EOI) Meeting - St John Ambulance Western Australia Ltd - Volunteer Week Celebration	Mayor Jerry Clune
14 April 2026	Additional Concept Forum	Mayor Jerry Clune
15 April 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview - Budget Preparations	Mayor Jerry Clune
15 April 2026	Introduction of New HMAS Stalwart New Commanding Officer and Warrant Officer	Mayor Jerry Clune
15 April 2026	Teach, Speak, Hear (TSH) Introductory Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
15 April 2026	Geraldton Universities Centre 2026 Graduation Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
16 April 2026	Photo for Media Release - Accessible Seating at the Queens Park Theatre (QPT)	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 April 2026	Event and Photo for Media Release - Purple Road Project - Highlighting Elder Abuse	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
17 April 2026	Photo for Media Release - Breaking Ground - Flores Road / Eastward Road Roundabout Construction with Main Roads and Red Dust Holdings	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 April 2026	Bundiyarra Regional Aboriginal Community Kinship Stay (BRACKS) Additional Opening Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune

17 April 2026	WA Insurance Builders (WAIB) Introductory Meeting - Supporting Local Trades & Community Engagement	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 April 2026	Geraldton Regional Art Gallery (GRAG) Exhibition Opening Night Exhibition Opening - Wirnda Barna Art Centre / Seven Forms	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
18 April 2026	Geraldton Family History Society Inc Workshop - WA Heritage Month	Mayor Jerry Clune
18 April 2026	Mullewa Church Precinct Project and Virtual Reality Project Launch – Monsignor Hawes Heritage Inc.	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 April 2026	Papel Nuncio Visit - St Francis Xavier Cathedral	Mayor Jerry Clune
20 April 2026	Mayor / CEO / Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
20 April 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
20 April 2026	Regular Meeting with Local Member Hon Sandra Carr MLC Member of Legislative Council – Local Matters	Mayor Jerry Clune
20 April 2026	MWDC Strategic Plan Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 April 2026	Meeting with Dr. Liz Richard – Virtual Reality Project in Mullewa and Possibilities	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 April 2026	ABC Radio Interview - State support for Nexus Flights from Geraldton	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 April 2026	Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) Board Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 April 2026	Agenda Forum	Mayor Jerry Clune
22 April 2026	Photo Opportunity with Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC, Minister for Mid West - Completion of New Tarcoola Shared Path	Mayor Jerry Clune
22 April 2026	MWDC Meeting with Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC	Mayor Jerry Clune
23 April 2026	Photo for Media Release - Community Projects Support Program - Neami National Mental Health Step Up / Step Down Service - Geraldton Chicken Coop	Mayor Jerry Clune
23 April 2026	Triple M Interview - Media Release - City Backing Calls for Federal Investment in Regional Airports	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 April 2026	ABC Interview - Media Release - City Backing Calls for Federal Investment in Regional Airports	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 April 2026	Meeting with the Macedonian Society Geraldton	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 April 2026	ANZAC Day 2026 - Dawn Service	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 April 2026	ANZAC Day 2026 - Walkaway Dawn Service and Community Breakfast	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
25 April 2026	ANZAC Day 2026 - Civic Service	Mayor Jerry Clune
26 April 2026	Eradu Installation Opening	Mayor Jerry Clune
28 April 2026	Photo for Media Release with Successful Applicants - Round 34 Community Grants	Mayor Jerry Clune
28 April 2026	Mayor/CEO/Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
28 April 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
28 April 2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune

*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**

There is none.

## **12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS**

### **12.1 REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

There are none.

**12.2 REPORTS OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE****CC036 COUNCIL POLICY 1.9 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-039980</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>T Cornish, Manager Libraries, Heritage and Gallery</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>F Norling, Director Community and Culture</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>2 April 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>CS/3/0015</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x2)</b> <b>A. Draft Council Policy 1.9 Commemorative Plaques (v5)</b> <b>B. Comparison Table - Council Policy 1.9 Commemorative Plaques (v5)</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of Council Policy 1.9 Commemorative Plaques, version 5, as amended.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Council Policy 1.9 Commemorative Plaques, version 5.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

**BACKGROUND:**

The Council Policy 1.9 Commemorative Plaques was first approved by Council on 24 January 2017. This policy provides guidance on the eligibility, format and approval of commemorative plaques on all-encompassing structures in the Greater Geraldton region, aside from those in the grounds of the HMAS *Sydney II* Memorial Site on Mount Scott, which is covered by the HMAS *Sydney II* Conservation Framework.

Structures upon which commemorative plaques may be installed include park benches, walls, fences, plinths and rocks. Groups, families or individuals may nominate a deceased person or group who has made a highly significant contribution to the local community during their lifetime. Nominations may also be considered on compassionate grounds, such as those which raise awareness of specific social issues impacting the community. Further, commemorative plaques may also serve to memorialise unmarked graves in historic, non-active burial sites located across the City.

Nominations are accepted on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the CEO or Director, with consideration to retaining the amenity and functionality of the reserve, location or facility. In the event of receiving a nomination which is non-compliant with Council Policy 1.9 Commemorative Plaques, or requests for the plaque to be located in a prominent location such as the Foreshore, the nomination may be referred for further consideration by Council.

The policy has undergone its biennial review, with the proposed changes detailed in the attached comparison table (Attachment No. CC036B). The review resulted in minor changes which included some typo and formatting issues.

Specifically, additional text has been added to the revised policy under the Objective and Policy Details headings to include plaques which commemorate the previous history or use of a site. This is a common operational process which may result from a number of sources, for example, following a demolition application or development request.

Under the Plaque Design heading, amendments have been made which will support improved accessibility and provide more flexibility regarding modern interpretive design methods, such as the inclusion of QR codes.

Under the Roles and Responsibilities heading the order of the text has been swapped, to be in logical order regarding the first point of contact.

## **CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **Connected:**

Commemorative Plaques provide recognition of persons or organisations closely associated with the leadership, cultural and social development of the Community. They may serve to memorialise the historical connection of a family to the community or highlight the former, significant use of a place. Plaques and memorials have the ability to create a connection between the person viewing them and the place in which they are located. Increasingly, they are used in innovative ways to enrich the experience of visitors.

### **Liveable:**

There are no adverse impacts. However, decision making in relation to plaques within the public domain needs to consider the balance between the desire to commemorate events or persons and the ongoing enjoyment of uncluttered public spaces. The City does not guarantee that a plaque will remain at the designated site indefinitely and reserves the right to decommission a plaque at any time.

### **Thriving:**

The policy demonstrates that the City is committed to acknowledging its past and honouring contributions to the community that align with its values and history.

### **Leading:**

There are no adverse impacts.

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**Disclosure of Interest:**

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council reviews Council Policies from time to time as required. Council Policy 1.9 Commemorative Plaques (Item No. CC012) was last approved by Council on 26 March 2024 as part of the biennial review process for the Council Policy Manual.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

A Briefing Note, draft Council Policy 1.9 Commemorative Plaques and Comparison Table – 1.9 Commemorative Plaques were circulated to Councillors on 5 March 2026 for a two (2) week period, with no objecting comments received.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

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

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

In accordance with the Policy, applicants will meet all costs associated with the plaque. The City will provide in-kind administrative support to seek quotes and installation.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme:</b> <b>Connected</b>	<b>An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.</b>
Goal 1	Provide safe and inviting public spaces for people to enjoy.
Goal 3	Support and celebrate the City's diverse community through programs, initiatives and events, that build social connections.
Goal 4	Be an inclusive City by promoting and celebrating the full diversity of our community, including cultures, identities, backgrounds and abilities.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Ensuring that the Council Policy Register is current and comprehensive supports the role of Council in good governance of the Local Government of the City of Greater Geraldton. Further, careful and considered application of this policy will ensure the application of a fair and transparent process to assess applications for the creation and placement of commemorative plaques.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

An alternative option would be to not have a policy and require all plaque requests to be presented to Council.

**12.3 REPORTS OF CORPORATE SERVICES****CS299 RATES 2026-27 NOTICE OF INTENTION**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-043687</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>14 April 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>FM/6/0041</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Statement of Objects and Reasons 2026-27</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement to give local public notice of its intention to impose proposed differential rates and minimum payments for the 2026-27 financial year that form part of the adopted budget.

This public notice is mandatory under section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, before imposing any differential general rates or a minimum payment via the Annual Budget.

Such notice may be published within a period of two (2) months preceding the commencement of the new financial year, inviting public submissions on the proposed rates or minimum payments.

An elector or ratepayer has 21 days from the date of public notice to make submissions in respect of the proposed rates and minimum payments and any related matters. Council is required to consider any submissions received before imposing the proposed rate or minimum payment with or without modification.

Council may resolve to impose rates or minimum payments different from those published in the public notice and if it does so, is obliged to publish the reasons for doing so, as part of its formally adopted budget.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. ENDORSE the objects and reasons for the proposed differential rates and minimum payments for the 2026-27 financial year;
2. ENDORSE the proposed differential rates and minimum payments for the 2026-27 financial year for the purpose of giving local public notice of its intention to impose differential general rates and minimum payments for the 2026-27 financial year; and

<b>Differential Rate Types</b>	<b>Rate-in-the-dollar</b>	<b>Minimum Payments \$</b>
CGG Residential	0.110026	\$1,376
CGG Non-Residential	0.136792	\$1,376
CGG UV	0.004876	\$1,376

3. INVITE submissions from electors and ratepayers on the proposed rates and minimum payments and any related matters to be considered as part of final budget deliberations.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

**BACKGROUND:**

Definitions:

**Gross Rental Value (GRV)** - is the total annual rent a property might reasonably be expected to earn each year if it was rented out. This includes associated rates, taxes, charges, insurances and other outgoings. For non-residential properties, GST is also included. Revaluations of GRV properties occur every three (3) years.

**Unimproved Value (UV)** – is the value of land only. It does not include the value of your home, other structures or improvements.

A local government may impose on any rateable land in its district a **minimum payment** which is greater than the general rate which would otherwise be payable on that land. The purpose of the imposition of a minimum payment is generally to ensure that every ratepayer makes a reasonable contribution to the rate burden.

**Rates Levied** - the proportion each ratepayer pays is calculated using a property valuation supplied by the Valuer General, the Gross Rental Value (GRV) or the Unimproved Value (UV), then multiplying by the rate in the dollar which is set by Council at the annual budget meeting.

Valuations are calculated by the Valuer General and provided to local governments for the purpose of rating. Rural properties have their Unimproved Value updated every year. Urban properties have their Gross Rental Value, updated every three (3) years.

The following tables detail the current 2025-26 and the proposed 2026-27 differential 'rates-in-the-dollar' (RID) and minimum payments:

**Table 1:**

**Current General Rates & Minimum Payments (2025-26)**

Differential Rate Types	Rate-in-the-dollar	Minimum Payments \$
CGG Residential	0.103896	\$1,300
CGG Non-Residential	0.129171	\$1,300
CGG UV	0.004433	\$1,300

**Table 2:  
Proposed Differential General Rates & Minimum Payments (2026-27)**

Differential Rate Types	Rate-in-the-dollar	Minimum Payments \$
CGG Residential	0.110026	\$1,376
CGG Non-Residential	0.136792	\$1,376
CGG UV	0.004876	\$1,376

**Rates Modelling:**

The proposed rating model for 2026-27 is based on the valuations applicable for the 2026-27 year and the following revenue movements when compared to 2025-26:

- 5.9% increase to GRV rates revenue.
- 10% increase to UV rates revenue.
- Minimums for both GRV and UV increased from \$1,300 to \$1,376.

In the proposed setting of the 2026–27 rates, Council has considered the upward cost pressures arising from current economic conditions and ongoing fuel price volatility, which continue to increase the City’s operating/capital costs and contractor pricing.

Council aims to maintain sufficient financial capacity to support local suppliers facing the same cost pressures, while endeavouring to avoid any reduction in service levels.

**Minimums:**

The proposed rates modelling for 2026-27 includes increasing minimum payments from \$1,300 to \$1,376. As the table below indicates our current minimums are in the lower bracket when compared to other regional centres and would remain so with the proposed increase as denoted above.

**Table 3:  
Minimum Rate Comparison as at 2025-26**

	Minimum GRV Payment	Minimum UV Payment
Geraldton	\$1,300	\$1,300
Albany	<b>\$1,283</b>	<b>\$1,324</b>
Bunbury	<b>\$1,629</b>	N/A
Busselton	<b>\$1,721</b>	<b>\$1,721</b>
Carnarvon	<b>\$1,454</b>	<b>\$1,454</b>
Broome	<b>\$1,401</b>	<b>\$1,401</b>
Esperance	<b>\$1,431</b>	<b>\$1,464</b>
Kalgoorlie	<b>\$1,169</b>	N/A
Karratha	<b>\$1,750</b>	N/A

**UV (Rural):**

An exercise was previously undertaken to review the rating applied to properties adjoining the boundaries of the City of Greater Geraldton and neighbouring Shires. The purpose of this analysis was to ensure that data could accurately assess the rate-in-the-dollar against valuations on a like for like basis in consideration of the level of taxing applied by each local government.

**Table 4:  
UV Rate-in-the-dollar LG's**

<b>Rate in \$ for 2025/26</b>	<b>RID</b>
CGG	<b>0.004433</b>
Chapman Valley	<b>0.005800</b>
Northampton	<b>0.006010</b>
Murchison	<b>0.099320</b>
Yalgoo	<b>0.076843</b>
Morawa	<b>0.016570</b>
Mingenew	<b>0.007231</b>
Irwin	<b>0.009713</b>

**Table 5:  
UV Rate-in-the-dollar LG's**

<b>Rate in Dollar Comparison to CGG</b>	<b>Difference Higher %</b>
Chapman Valley	30.84%
Northampton	35.57%
Murchison	2140.47%
Yalgoo	1633.43%
Morawa	273.79%
Mingenew	63.12%
Irwin	119.11%

What the above tables indicate is that CGG's UV Taxing rate is substantially lower than adjoining Shires. Land values on average are comparable in the adjoining Shires of Chapman Valley and Northampton from the data available.

Rural properties in the City are still paying on average significantly lower rates than their counterparts in the adjoining municipalities. Council proposes to increase UV revenue by a further 10%. Applying this increase would result in the City still having a significantly lower UV rate than adjoining shires.

New UV valuations will take effect from 1 July 2026, and the proposed RID will be adjusted to reflect any valuation movements while still achieving the proposed revenue increase outlined above.

**Rate Revenue Comparison:**

Over the past five (5) years, the City's rates revenue has increased by 25.58%. Table 6 below compares the percentage change in rates revenue with other local government authorities in the region and other regional centres.

The City has recorded the lowest overall increase in rates revenue compared with other regional cities. When compared with adjoining shires, the City remains in the lower bracket of increases.

**Table 6:  
Rates Revenue Comparison**

Local Governments	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Overall Increase
Chapman Valley	\$2,864,496	\$2,946,952	\$3,051,734	\$3,181,495	\$3,388,199	\$3,606,274	25.90%
Irwin	\$5,384,429	\$5,679,064	\$5,985,947	\$6,839,653	\$6,923,714	\$7,641,077	41.91%
Carnarvon	\$5,509,932	\$6,107,514	\$6,679,100	\$6,955,265	\$7,264,318	\$7,772,846	41.07%
Northampton	\$4,726,214	\$4,630,284	\$4,820,333	\$5,151,019	\$5,428,050	\$5,678,686	20.15%
Bunbury	\$39,776,267	\$40,676,117	\$43,007,394	\$46,316,206	\$49,766,098	\$53,105,466	33.51%
Albany	\$38,808,041	\$39,891,924	\$42,197,194	\$44,166,950	\$46,527,698	\$49,401,889	27.30%
Kalgoorlie	\$26,384,319	\$27,517,466	\$28,954,743	\$30,637,622	\$34,165,161	\$35,921,466	36.15%
Karratha	\$44,298,154	\$45,601,161	\$49,061,054	\$54,760,778	\$58,944,740	\$66,472,000	50.06%
Busselton	\$52,646,781	\$54,785,774	\$57,470,528	\$60,898,902	\$66,619,065	\$72,596,890	37.89%
Geraldton	\$45,601,602	\$47,900,551	\$50,145,028	\$52,011,677	\$54,471,065	\$57,266,422	25.58%

**CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –  
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Connected:**

Rates revenue underpins Council's ability to operate effectively and to provide the services, programs, and infrastructure necessary to meet community needs.

**Liveable:**

There are no adverse impacts.

**Thriving:**

Councils raise revenue from rates to deliver, maintain and renew as necessary, key economic and social infrastructure and services required to support the local economy.

**Leading:**

The annual review of rates and associated forward planning of revenue requirements form a significant part of the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) process to assess resourcing requirements to achieve strategic objectives and ensure future financial sustainability of the City.

Complying with section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995* in relation to the requirements to give notice on the Council's intention to impose differential general rates and minimum payments for the forthcoming financial year.

*Disclosure of Interest:*

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Each year, as noted under legislative implications below, Councils are required to give local public notice of intent to impose differential general rates and minimum payments. This is an annual statutory obligation. On 27 May 2025, Council endorsed Item No. CS213 – Rates 2025-26 Notice of Intention.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

City of Greater Geraldton Council Members have been, and will continue to be, engaged through a series of forums held from February to June 2026. These forums consider the Capital Works Program and the 2026–27 Budget operating revenue and expenditure, resetting the LTFP, and with particular attention given to current and forecast economic conditions.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Statutory requirements for differential general rates and minimum payments are broadly set out in sections 6.33 through to 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act). As well, particular matters associated with those provisions of the Act are prescribed in the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Section 6.36 of the Act requires all Council's, before imposing any differential general rates or minimum payments, to give local public notice of its intention to do so and invite submissions from electors and ratepayers.

Such notice may be published within a period of two (2) months preceding the commencement of the new financial year (that is during May or June) and must provide at least 21 days for submissions.

The Act requires Councils to consider any submission received, before imposing differential general rates and minimum payments. Councils may adopt the rates and minimum payments as published in local public notices or may modify and adopt differential rates or minimum payments different from those published – in which event the Council must include the reasons for doing so, as part of its formal annual budget, when adopted.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Based on the proposed rates modelling, the current estimate of rates to be levied and raised in 2026–27 is \$60.4M. This estimate includes an assumed increase in the City's rate base of around 0.5% (interim rating).

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme:</b> Thriving	<b>An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.</b>
Goal 3	Plan for the sustainable growth of the City, balancing the needs of current and future populations.

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<b>Strategic Theme: Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 1	Engage with the community to enhance decision-making.
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Associated risk would be a failure to comply with section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995* in relation to the requirements to give notice on the Council's intention to impose differential general rates and minimum payments for the forthcoming financial year. This report mitigates that risk.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The proposed model for differential general rates and minimum payments is intended to support the delivery of infrastructure and services in a financially sustainable and affordable way, while recognising current economic conditions and the associated cost impacts on City services and programs.

Alternative options and /or rate models may be developed and reviewed as part of Council's final budget deliberation process.

CS300	MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2026
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-041394</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>N Jane, Chief Financial Officer</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>10 April 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>FM/17/0017</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1)</b> <b>Monthly Financial Report for period ended 31 March 2026</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a comprehensive report on the City's finances to 31 March 2026.

**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 Financial Report for the period ended 31 March 2026 incorporating the Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

**BACKGROUND:**

This report provides Council with a comprehensive overview of the City's financial performance and position. It includes key performance indicators across Connected, Liveable, Thriving and Leading themes, along with the Statement of Financial Activity, Statement of Financial Position, Explanation of Material Variances, Net Current Funding Position and Monthly Investment Report.

In accordance with the Financial Management Regulations, a Statement of Financial Activity and a Statement of Financial Position must be presented monthly, accompanied by relevant supporting information. Beyond regulatory compliance, the purpose of regular financial reporting is to enable Council Members to monitor the allocation of financial and other resources against the approved budget, including the Mid-Year Budget review amendments endorsed in March 2026. This ongoing reporting demonstrates sound financial management and the effectiveness of the City's systems. The monthly report also provides a snapshot of the organisation's liquidity and its status as a going concern.

**CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –  
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:****Connected:**

This report outlines the financial allocations and expenditures for programs and activities that support the City's commitment to building an engaged and diverse community. The City invests in programs and infrastructure that promote safety, inclusion, and social cohesion.

**Liveable:**

This report outlines financial activity related to the City's efforts to create a greener, healthier, and more sustainable environment. The City is committed to enhancing liveability through strategic investments in green infrastructure, sustainable practices, and community wellbeing.

**Thriving:**

This report outlines financial activity related to programs and projects that contribute to a thriving local economy. The City continues to invest in initiatives that foster economic vitality and supports local businesses.

**Leading:**

This report demonstrates the City's commitment to efficient service delivery, financial sustainability, and leadership that is transparent and accountable.

***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/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

There has been no community/Council Member 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 each month, reporting on the revenue and expenditure as set out in the adopted annual budget. The statement is to be accompanied by documents containing an explanation of material variances and such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.

Each financial year, a local government is to adopt a percentage or value to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances. The materiality threshold adopted by Council are variances that are greater than 10% of the current budget or a value greater than \$50,000.

Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* also requires 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 detailed in this item and attached report.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme: Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 1	Engage with the community to enhance decision-making.
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.
Goal 3	Financial sustainability, actively seeking and leveraging external funding to deliver for the community.
Goal 5	Provide the community with clear and accessible information about the City's programs, services and decisions.
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

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

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

**12.4 REPORTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

There are none.

**12.5 REPORTS OF OFFICE OF THE CEO**

There are none.

**12.6 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED****RR82 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED - APRIL**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-043872</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>17 April 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x4)</b>
	<b>A. DSDD042 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval</b>
	<b>B. CEO146 - WALGA State Council Agenda – 7 May 2026</b>
	<b>C. CS301 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – March 2026</b>
	<b>D. CS302 - List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – March 2026</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. DSDD042 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval; and
  - b. Reports – Office of the CEO:
    - i. CEO146 - WALGA State Council Agenda – 7 May 2026.

PART B

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

1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
  - a. Reports – Corporate Services:
    - i. CS301 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – March 2026; and
    - ii. CS302 - List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – March 2026.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

**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.

**CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:****Connected:**

By receiving these reports, Council is providing additional information to the community, keeping them connected to Council information and decisions.

**Liveable:**

There are no adverse impacts.

**Thriving:**

There are no adverse impacts.

**Leading:**

This report demonstrates the City's commitment to high-quality governance that upholds transparency and accountability.

***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/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

There has been no community/Council Member 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 Theme: Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

**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**

There are none.

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

There are none.

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

There is none.

**16 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

There are no confidential items for discussion.

**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.cgq.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/>