

# Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Greater Geraldton Community Grants Program – Round 32	<b>Meeting No.</b>	2 – 2024/25
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Tuesday 25 March 2025		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	2:00pm		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Civic Centre, Greenough Room		
<b>Attendees</b>	Cr Jennifer Critch / Voting Member Cr Victor Tanti / Voting Member Cr Michael Librizzi / Voting Member Brooke Rafferty	<b>By Invitation</b>	Jay Prow Jacqui McLean Rebecca Bohannan
		<b>Apologies</b>	Cr Steve Cooper Cr Simon Keemink Fiona Norling Paul Radalj
		<b>Leave of Absence</b>	
		<b>Distribution</b>	As above
<b>Purpose of Committee</b>	To allocate funds provided by Council to Community Groups servicing the Greater Geraldton area in accordance with determined guidelines.		
<b>Attachments</b>	1 – Disclosure of Interests 2 – Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee Meeting Minutes 17 September 2024 3 – 2024/25 Community Grants Program Round 32 Application Summary (CONFIDENTIAL) 4 – Officer Recommendation for the Allocation of 2024/25 Community Grants Program Round 32 (CONFIDENTIAL) 5 – 2025/26 Festival and Event Funding Program Application Summary (CONFIDENTIAL) 6 – Officer Recommendation for the Allocation of 2025/26 Festival and Event Funding Program (CONFIDENTIAL) 7 – Awarded Community Funding Report (CONFIDENTIAL) 8 – Community Grants Program Round 32 CEO Authorised Recommendations		

All Committee Members, including external members, are subject to the same rules as a Council Meeting concerning confidentiality, public statements, conflicts of interest and behaviours of members, pursuant to the [Local Government \(Model Code of Conduct\) Regulations 2021](#).

The Presiding Member is to refer to the following Policy, Meeting Procedures and Regulations when chairing a meeting.

[Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011](#)

[Council Policy 4.4. Operation of Advisory Committees](#)

[Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates](#)

## 1 Declaration of Opening

Deputy Presiding Member, Cr Jennifer Critch, opened the meeting at 1:57pm

## 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 Welcome & Apologies

Deputy Presiding Member, Cr Jennifer Critch, welcomed the members and apologies were noted from:

Cr Steve Cooper

Cr Simon Keemink will be in available after 3:15pm

### 4 Disclosure of Interests

Cr Critch declared an impartiality interest in Item 7 relating to application 25/26FE-01 (Mullewa Community Resource Centre Inc), as she is a resident of Mullewa.

Cr Critch declared an impartiality interest in Item 7 relating to application 25/26FE-06 (Mullewa Muster & Rodeo Inc), as she is a donor and volunteer for the event.

### 5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

#### **Committee Recommendation:**

RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

#### **COMMITTEE DECISION:**

**MOVED** Cr Librizzi, **SECONDED** Cr Tanti

**RECOMMEND** that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED 3/0**

Time: 1:59pm

Not Voted:

No Votes:

Yes Votes: 3

Name	Vote
Cr V Tanti	Yes
Cr M Librizzi	Yes
Cr J Critch	Yes

### 6 Community Grants Program Round 32

The Community Grants Program aims to provide assistance to not-for-profit community groups, clubs and organisations to implement projects, activities and programs that enhance and promote community wellbeing within the Greater Geraldton region.

The Community Grants Program has an annual budget of \$150,000 to be allocated over two (2) rounds during the financial year. \$75,000 was awarded in Round 31 of the Community Grants Program delivered at the start of 2024/25. The total available for disbursement in Round 32 is \$75,000.

Applications opened for the City's Community Grants Program Round 32 on 13 January 2025 and closed on 14 February 2025.

A total of 14 applications have been received, requesting funding of \$97,055 for projects worth \$433,091.

Two applications have been deemed **ineligible** on pre-assessment against the Community Funding Guidelines as outlined in Attachment 3 – 2024/25 Community Grants Program Round 32 Application Summary.

The remaining 12 applications have been deemed **eligible** based on the criteria in the Community Funding Guidelines. Discussion of the individual committee member assessments will form the basis of the Committee decision for recommendations to the CEO for endorsement as per Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs.

Full applications have been provided to the Committee through SmartyGrants for assessment and will be attached as Confidential Attachments to the minutes.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee **RECOMMENDS** the allocation of funding through the 2024/25 Community Grants Program Round to eligible projects as detailed in Confidential Attachment 4 to the Chief Executive Officer for endorsement as per Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs; and
2. **RECORD** the Greater GeraldtonCommunity Grants Committee decision in the minutes

**COMMITTEE DECISION:**

**MOVED Cr Tanti, SECONDED Cr Librizzi**

1. That the Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee **RECOMMENDS** the allocation of funding through the 2024/25 Community Grants Program Round to eligible projects as detailed in Confidential Attachment 4 to the Chief Executive Officer for endorsement as per Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs; and
2. **RECORD** the Greater GeraldtonCommunity Grants Committee decision in the minutes
3. **APPROVE** the surplus of the 2024/25 Community Grants Program budget to be reallocated to the 2024/25 Mayoral Discretionary Fund.

**CARRIED 3/0**

Time: 2:38pm

Not Voted:

No Votes:

Yes Votes: 3

Name	Vote
Cr V Tanti	Yes
Cr M Librizzi	Yes
Cr J Critch	Yes

## **7 2025/26 Festival and Event Funding Program**

The Festival and Event Funding Program aims to provide assistance to host events within the City that bring tourism and an economic boost to the region.

Applications are received in advance for the next fiscal year and outcomes will be incorporated into the draft 2025/26 budget based on the Committee recommendation.

Applications opened for the 2025/26 Festival and Event Funding Program on 7 August 2024 and closed on 31 December 2024.

Six applications have been received and have been deemed **eligible** on pre-assessment against the Community Funding Guidelines as outlined in Attachment 5 – 2025/26 Festival and Event Funding Program Application Summary.

The total of applications for funding in 2025/26 is \$ 285,965 for events worth \$1,937,275.

Discussion of the individual committee member assessments will form the basis of the Committee decision.

Full applications have been provided to the Committee through SmartyGrants for assessment and will be attached as Confidential Attachments to the minutes.

#### Festival and Event Funding Program 2024/25

Geraldton Greenough Sunshine Festival	Year 3	\$20,000
Outback Bloom Mullewa's Wildflower Festival	Year 3	\$15,000
Shore Leave Festival	Year 2	\$110,000
Mullewa Agricultural Show	Year 2	\$20,000
Carols by Candlelight	Year 2	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$170,000</b>

#### Festival and Event Funding Program 2025/26

Mullewa Agricultural Show	Year 3	\$20,000
Carols by Candlelight	Year 3	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$25,000</b>

#### *PLUS applications received*

<i>Outback Bloom – Mullewa's Wildflower Festival</i>		<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Geraldton Blessing of the Fleet</i>		<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Geraldton Greenough Sunshine Festival Family Funday</i>		<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Junior World Windsurfing Grand Final</i>		<i>\$45,965</i>
<i>Mullewa Muster &amp; Rodeo</i>		<i>\$50,000</i>
<i>Shore Leave Festival</i>		<i>\$130,000</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$310,965</b>

2025/26 will be the final allocation of funding currently awarded to Mullewa Agricultural Show and Carols by Candlelight.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee **RECOMMENDS** the provision for events for the 2025/26 Festival and Events Funding Program in the 2025/26 to 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan as detailed in Confidential Attachment 8 to conditionally allocate funding in future years;
2. **RECORD** the Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee decision in the minutes;
3. **ADVISE** Mullewa Agricultural Show and Carols by Candlelight that 2025/26 will be the last allocation of recurrent funding under their Agreement; and
4. **APPROVE** an invitation to be issued to Mullewa District Agricultural Society, Geraldton Windsurfing Club and Mullewa Muster & Rodeo Committee to apply for funding through the 2026/27 Festival and Event Funding Program with recommendation to seek reduced / phased funding.

#### **COMMITTEE DECISION:**

**MOVED Cr Tanti, SECONDED Cr Librizzi**

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**CARRIED 3/0**

Time: 3:05pm

Not Voted:

No Votes:

Yes Votes: 3

Name	Vote
Cr V Tanti	YES
Cr M Librizzi	YES
Cr J Critch	YES

## **8 Update on Awarded Community Funding**

Refer Attachment 7 - Awarded Community Funding Report.

This report has been developed to provide an update to the Committee on projects that have previously been awarded funding through the Community Grants, Community Project Support, Festival and Event Funding and Service Agreement programs.

This provides the status of all current funding including details for projects acquitted since the previous report in September 2024.

## **9 General Business**

A proposal for an amendment to the Terms of Reference for Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee will be presented to at the next meeting regarding the appointment of members following the October 2025 election.

## **10 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 2pm Tuesday 23 September 2025 at Civic Centre, Greenough Room.

## **11 Close**

There being no further business the Deputy Presiding Member closed the meeting at 3:15pm.