

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting Thursday, 4 December 2025

Date: Thursday, 4 December 2025

Time: 5:30PM

Location: Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Town Hall

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SHIRE OF BRIDGETOWN GREENBUSHES

The Special Council Meeting Minutes of Meeting held on 4th December 2025 commencing at 5:30PM.

ITEM 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

ITEM 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the cultural custodians of the land, the Kaneang, Pibelmen and Wadandi people. We acknowledge and support their continuing connection to the land, waterways and community. We pay our respects to members of the Aboriginal communities and their culture; and to Elders past and present, their descendants still with us today, and those who will follow in their footsteps.

ITEM 3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors

Councillor S Carstairs President

Councillor R Redman Deputy President

Councillor T Lansdell Councillor J Boyle Councillor M Fletcher Councillor L Pearce

Councillor T Pratico
Councillor K Gillies

Council Officers

Chief Executive Officer, G Adams
Director Corporate, Economic and Community Development, C Radford
Director Projects & Environment, M Gillham
Manager, Executive Services Unit, M Morrell
Executive Assistant, K Durbin

Observers/Visitor

Apologies

Councillor S Butler

Director, Development and Regulatory Services, L Guthridge

Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

ITEM 4 ATTENDANCE OF GALLERY

Bruce Bebbington

ITEM 5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr B Bebbington – Sunnyside, Bridgetown

1. The motion that was amended said you are not going to allow the change to the \$15 direct debit charge, I just want to make sure that that means as the motion stands that the direct debit fee, that this will remain and not be a higher fee?

Response – Mr G Adams – Chief Executive Officer

That is Correct.

2. In the report there is a table for tyres in the items tonight, that covers all tyre fees and no further fees for tyres will be introduced?

Response – Mr M Gillham – Director Projects and Environment

That is correct.

3. The report refers to section 6.19 (Page 7) of the act for 1996, can you confirm that that isn't the correct section being referred to?

Response – Miss C Radford – Director Corporate, Economic and Community Development

That appears to be a typing error, it should be 1995 not 1996. We will correct this.

4. If the proposal tonight is adopted and you introduce the family pass, what will happen to those families who do have two adults and two children and have already paid for the season. Will there be a reduction for those who were unable to access the family pass?

Response - Mr G Adams - Chief Executive Officer

I think it would be only fair if we refunded those people for the additional charges.

5. If the fortnightly fee is less than the annual fee, would that be reasonable to fix that up if there is an issue?

Response – Mr G Adams – Chief Executive Officer

The motion has already been amended to include that tonight. If that results in some people being able to pay a lesser fee on direct debit arrangement, then so be it because that is what Council has decided.

6. It refers that it will have minimal impact on the 24/25 budget. Do we know what the impact will actually be?

Response – Miss C Radford – Director Corporate, Economic and Community Development

Question taken on notice.

ITEM 6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr B Bebbington spoke to the Fees and Charges item.

ITEM 7 COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS BY PARTIES WITH AN INTEREST

ITEM 8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

ITEM 9 NOTIFICATION OF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Part 5, Division 6 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires a member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting to disclose the interest and the nature of the interest in writing before the meeting, or immediately before the matter is discussed.

ITEM 10 QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS BY ELECTED MEMBERS

Cr Redman requested a 15 minute break to review items passed at a previous meeting.

RESOLUTION: SCM 104-25/26

Cr S Carstairs moved a motion to break for 15 minutes.

Moved: Councillor S Carstairs Seconded: Councillor R Redman

FOR: Crs S Carstairs, R Redman, T Lansdell, J Boyle, M Fletcher, L Pearce, T Pratico and K

Gillies

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

Cr S Carstairs resumed the meeting at 5:56pm.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Reports of Officers have been divided into Departments as follows:

- CEO's Office
- Corporate Services
- Development, Community and Infrastructure

TEM 11 CORPORATE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

11.1 Revised Fees and Charges 2025/26 and Waiver of Fees for Australia Day

File Ref

Responsible Officer Casey Radford, Director Corporate, Economic and Community

Development

Reporting Officer Casey Radford, Director Corporate, Economic and Community

Development

Attachments Nil

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority

Disclosure of Interest Reporting Officer: Nil

Responsible Officer: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That council approves the amendment of the 2025/2026 schedule of fees and charges relating to waste rubbish removal charges and the Bridgetown Leisure Centre seasonal pool and spectator fees.
- 2. Approves the waiving of the pool entry fee for adults (\$7.80), Concession and Youth (\$5.10) and Inflatable obstacle course fee (\$5.50) for the Australia Day Community Event in 2026

Moved: Cr Gillies

Seconded: Cr Pratico

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION: OCM 001-25/26

Moved: Councillor R Redman

Seconded: Councillor S Butler

- 1. That additional wording be added to the end of the sentence to say "except for the change to the direct debit fee."
- 2. That all dollar figures be removed from the recommendation and remove the words "community event in 2026".

Reason for change:

- 1. To further discuss the fees.
- 2. To negate the need to repeat the recommendation each year or when fees change.

<u>FOR:</u> Crs S Carstairs, R Redman, T Lansdell, J Boyle, M Fletcher, L Pearce, T Pratico, S Butler and K Gillies

AGAINST: nil

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

Council decision

- 1. That council approves the amendment of the 2025/2026 schedule of fees and charges relating to waste rubbish removal charges and the Bridgetown Leisure Centre seasonal pool and spectator fees, except for the change to direct debit fee.
- 2. Approves the waiving of the pool entry fee for adults, concession and youth, and inflatable obstacle course fee for the Australia day.

Debate ensued.

RESOLUTION: OCM 002-25/26

Moved: Councillor M Fletcher

Seconded: Councillor T Pratico

Cr Fletcher moved Procedural Motion 11.1b, that debate on the matter be adjourned until the December 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting to allow officers to provide additional information.

<u>FOR:</u> Crs S Carstairs, T Lansdell, J Boyle, M Fletcher, L Pearce, T Pratico and S Butler

AGAINST: Crs R Redman and K Gillies

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/2

ADJOURNED ITEM - RESUMPTION OF DEBATE

This item was adjourned from the Ordinary Council Meeting – 26 November 2025. Debate is to resume from the point at which it was adjourned.

RESOLUTION: SCM 105-25/26

Moved: Councillor S Carstairs Seconded: Councillor K Gillies

That Council under clause 18.1 of the Standing orders, suspend Standing Order 9.5 (1) to allow Councillors who have previously spoken on this motion to speak again.

FOR: Crs S Carstairs, R Redman, T Lansdell, J Boyle, M Fletcher, L Pearce, T Pratico and K

Gillies

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION: SCM 106-25/26

Moved: Councillor K Gillies
Seconded: Councillor T Pratico

- 1. That council approves the amendment of the 2025/2026 schedule of fees and charges relating to waste rubbish removal charges and the Bridgetown Leisure Centre seasonal pool and spectator fees, except for the change to direct debit fee.
- 2. Approves the waiving of the pool entry fee for adults, concession and youth, and inflatable obstacle course fee for Australia Day.
- 3. That Council adopts a family pass charge, two adults and up to two children, at \$520 for the season, pro rata for the weeks left in the season, with any additional children to be charged at \$10 per child per Anum.
- 4. That Council adopts a charge for single parent families, one adult and up to two children, of \$260 and \$10 per additional child per Anum, for the season, pro rata for the weeks left in the season.

FOR: Crs S Carstairs, R Redman, T Lansdell, J Boyle, M Fletcher, L Pearce, T Pratico and K

Gillies

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

RESOLUTION: SCM 107-25/26

Moved: Councillor K Gillies Seconded: Councillor T Pratico

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That council approves the amendment of the 2025/2026 schedule of fees and charges relating to waste rubbish removal charges and the Bridgetown Leisure Centre seasonal pool and spectator fees, except for the change to direct debit fee.
- 2. Approves the waiving of the pool entry fee for adults, concession and youth, and inflatable obstacle course fee for Australia Day.
- That Council adopts a family pass charge, two adults and up to two children, at \$520 for the season, pro rata for the weeks left in the season, with any additional children to be charged at \$10 per child.

Adopts a charge for single parent families, one adult and up to two children, of \$260 and \$10 per additional child, for the season, pro rata for the weeks left in the season.

FOR: Crs S Carstairs, R Redman, T Lansdell, J Boyle, M Fletcher, L Pearce, T Pratico and K

Gillies

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

IN BRIEF

Council officers have identified a number of amendments required to the Schedule of Fees and Charges, which are presented to council, with commentary for consideration. In addition, Council is asked to waive the pool entry fees and inflatable obstacle course fee for the Australia Day Community Celebration in January 2026.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

The schedule of fees and charges is a statutory document required by local government outlining the fees and charges that are to imposed. During the course of the first quarter of the year, a number of amendments have been identified and are presented for council. These items will be advertised by public notice and will come into effect after the Shire has given 7 days local public notice as required by s6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Waste

Shire officers have identified a miscalculation in several rubbish removal fees charges in the schedule, which has led to a reduction to the fee charged for number of fees for the waste facility. These charges have been recalculated to align with the 3.39% increase to all rubbish removal

charges, and the number of tokens adjusted accordingly (equating to the equivalent of \$6.10 incl GST per token). Proposed amendments are listed below, with the fee to be superseded in red.

Shire officers are also requesting the removal of the line titled white goods. This has caused some confusion at the gate, as some white goods have additional charges as they need to be processed or degassed, prior to recycling. White goods and appliances that can be recycled will continue to be free to customers.

Name	Year 24/25 Fee	Year 25/26 Fee	Increase %	GST	Class Type
	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	/6		туре
Community Amenities				"	
Rubbish Removal Charges					
The following rubbish collection charge is to be applied to all occupied premises with and Resource Recovery Act 2007 Section 66-68.	in the area preso	cribed under the	provisions of the	e Waste Avo	oidance
Tyres					
Car & Bike Tyres on Rim (max of 4 per customer without prior arrangement) - 3 tokens per tyre	\$23.60	\$18.30	-22.46%	¥	Council
Car & Bike Tyres on Rim (max of 4 per customer without prior arrangement) - 4 tokens per tyre	\$23.60	\$24.40	3.39%	Υ	Council
Tractor and Grader Tyres < 1 metre (max of 4 per customer without priorarrangement) - 21 tokens per tyre	\$153.40	\$128.10	-16.49%	¥	Council
Tractor and Grader Tyres < 1 metre (max of 4 per customer without prior arrangement) - 26 tokens per tyre	\$153.40	\$158.60	3.39%	Υ	Council
Tractor and Grader Tyres > 1 metre (max of 4 per customer without priorarrangement) - 42 tokens per tyre	\$312.70	\$256.20	-18.07%	¥	Council
Tractor and Grader Tyres > 1 metre (max of 4 per customer without prior arrangement) - 53 tokens per tyre	\$312.70	\$323.30	3.39%	Υ	Council
Other Non Recyclable Waste					
White Goods (excl. fridges & air conditioners)	<u>Free</u>		<u>Free</u>	4	Council
Small appliances (TV, Computers, Sound Systems)	Free			N	Council
Large Household Appliances (Stoves, dishwashers, washing machines)	Free			N	Council
Fridges & Air Conditioners - 5 tokens per item	\$41.30	\$30.50	-26.15%	¥	Council
Fridges, Freezers & Air Conditioners - 7 tokens per item	\$41.30	\$42.70	3.39%	Υ	Council
Other Waste					
Asbestos - 5 tokens per 0.1m3 (0.2m3 max accepted)	\$76.70	\$76.70	0.00%	¥	Council
Asbestos - 13 tokens per 0.1m3 (0.2m3 max accepted)	\$76.70	\$79.30	3.39%	Υ	Council
Liquid Waste (Type K110 - Waste from grease traps & Type K210 - Septage wastes) - per cubic metre	\$83.75	\$86.50	3.28%	¥	Council
Liquid Waste (Type K110 - Waste from grease traps & Type K210 - Septage wastes) - per cubic metre	\$83.75	\$86.60	3.39%	Y	Council

The landfill facility has also experienced a number of safety issues in administering the items listed under Materials Available to the Public. The facility is not allowed to mulch timber furniture anymore so it goes into the skip bins. This has led to members of the public attempting to enter the skip bins and retrieve items. Likewise, the prospect of individuals coming into the facility with a Hiab or tilt tray to pick up a car body is fraught with danger. Shire Officers have been consulted and have recalled only a single enquiry about car bodies. Council is requested to approve the removal of this section of the fees and charges until we get to a point that the these items can be stored in a safe manner for the public to source.

Name	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 25/26 Fee (incl. GST)	Increase %	GST	Class Type
Materials Available to the Public		<u> </u>	·		
Items are provided on a first come first served basis and will not be held aside.	For public safety,	searching throu	ugh waste piles	is strictly	
prohibited and only those items visible and safely accessible can be considere	d. Items can only	be removed wit	h approval from	the site at	tendant-
and actions contrary to this may be treated as theft. The site atendant has cor	nplete discretion t	o refuse reques	ts to remove ite	ms and to	impose
conditions, for various reasons such as (but not limited to) safety and resourcing	ng to facilitate the	request. Items	are provided as-	is and by	choosing
to take an item, a person indemnifies the Shire against liability with regards to	the item, includir	ng its removal ar	nd transport. An	y item ret	urned to
the site for disposal will incur the applicable cost for that waste according to the	e current fees and	l charges."			
Vehicle Bodies	\$0.00	\$400.00	<u></u>	¥	Council
Furniture	Free			4	
Timber	Free			N ₄	Council
Bricks	Free				

Bridgetown Leisure Centre

The Bridgetown Leisure Centre set its fees and charges this year to come into effect from the 1st of October to coincide with their new point of sale systems implementation date. During the loading of fees into the new system it was identified that there was a miscalculation in the Pool Direct Debit Charge. The 25/26 adopted charge is \$15 per fortnight on a direct debit arrangement. Based on a standard 21 week season this equates to \$157.50 for the pool season. This is significantly below the annual adult charge of \$260 which equates to \$24.76 per fortnight.

The proposal is to increase the adult Pool Direct debit from \$15 per fortnight to \$26.80 per fortnight, which is a minor increase on the annual charge to account for the added admin associated with the setup and administration of the ongoing direct debit arrangement

Similarly, the adult concession pool direct debit is proposed to change from \$9.75 per fortnight (which over the 21 weeks is \$102.37) to \$17.45 per fortnight, for a total cost of 182.22 for the season. This is slightly higher than the upfront cost of \$169 for the season, to account for administration costs.

The annual membership to the pool is also to be renamed seasonal rather than annual for clarity, and all charges will be applied on a pro rata basis for people who join after the season started on the 1st of November 2025.

Name	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 25/26 Fee (incl. GST)	Increase %	GST	Class Type
Pool		'			
Seasonal Aquatics - Adult	\$248.50	\$260.00	4.63%	Y	Council
Seasonal Aquatics - Concession & Youth	\$164.50	\$169.00	2.74%	Υ	Council
Seasonal Aquatics - Over 85's			Free	N	Council
Seasonal Aquatics - Adult Renewal	\$0.00	\$234.00	∞	Y	Council
Seasonal Aquatics - Concession & Youth Renewal	\$0.00	\$152.10	∞	Y	Council
Seasonal Aquatics - Emergency Services	\$0.00	\$130.00	∞	Y	Council
Aquatics Direct Debit - Adult Per Fortnight	\$0.00	\$15.00	∞.	¥	Council
Seasonal Aquatics Direct Debit - Adult Per Fortnight	\$0.00	\$26.80	∞	Y	Council
Aquatics Direct Debit Concession & Youth Per Fortnight	\$0.00	\$9.75	<u>~</u>	¥	Council
Seasonal Aquatics Direct Debit - Concession & Youth Per Fortnight	\$0.00	\$17.45	∞	Y	Council

Family Pool Membership

In 2025/26 the family pool membership was removed from the schedule of fees and charges. This was due to the new POS system not being able to facilitate the application of 1 flat fee to multiple members under a family structure. Sine the adoption of the fees and charges the platform has had a system upgrade and is able to provide this service so each family member will have a membership and can access the pool, covered by the one membership charge.

The charge proposed for family seasonal pool memberships is \$520 per family, made up of 2 adults and 2 children, or alternatively one adult and three children. The fee has been set at the equivalent of 2 adult memberships, with children being free under this arrangement. Concession family seasonal member are proposed to be \$338 per family.

Families have the option of paying upfront or via a direct debit arrangement at \$53.60 per fortnight or \$34.90 per fortnight for concession, to spread the cost over the 21 week season. This charge is on a pro rata basis from the opening of the pool season on the 1st of November.

If the family had a family pass at the end of the last season, they qualify for the renewal rate which is proposed to be set at \$468, available as a direct debit arrangement for \$48.30 per fortnight.

Name	Year 24/25 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 25/26 Fee (incl. GST)	Increase %	GST	Class Type
Pool					
Seasonal Family Pass - 2 Adults and Children or 1Adult and 3 children	\$0.00	\$520.00	∞	Y	Council
Seasonal Family Pass - 2 Adults and Children or 1Adult and 3 children Renewal	\$0.00	\$468.00	∞	Y	Council
Seasonal Family Pass - 2 Adults and Children or 1Adult and 3 children Concession	\$0.00	\$338.00	∞	Y	Council
Seasonal Family Pass Direct Debit - 2 Adults and Children or 1 Adult and 3 children	\$0.00	\$53.60	∞	Y	Council
Seasonal Family Pass Direct Debit - 2 Adults and Children or 1 Adult and 3 children Renewal	\$0.00	\$48.30	∞	Y	Council
Seasonal Family Pass Direct Debit - 2 Adults and Children or 1 Adult and 3 children Concession	\$0.00	\$34.90	ω	Y	Council

Spectator Fees

Officers have also investigated the spectator fee due to recent queries from the community. The spectator fee is currently \$2 per person and was reintroduced with the intention to cover amenities costs that spectators use whilst at the facility. It is proposed that this fee be removed from the schedule of fees and charges with spectators to be free, in line with other recreational facilities such as Manjimup.

Pool Fees for Australia Day

In preparation for the Australia Day Community Celebration Council is requested to approve the waiving of pool entry fees and obstacle course fees for the January 2026 Celebration to ensure the event is free for all members of the Community to attend and participate.

	Fee	Year 25/26 Fee (incl. GST)	Increase %	GST	Class Type
Adult Entry	\$7.50	\$7.80	4.00%	Y	Council
Concession & Youth Entry	\$4.90	\$5.10	4.08%	Υ	Council
Inflatable Obstacle Course Entry Fee	\$5.20	\$5.50	5.77%	Y	Council

BACKGROUND

The Schedule of Fees and charges was adopted at the 23 July 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be minor financial implications, which will be adjusted for in the mid-year budget review.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

- 1 A growing community that is diverse, welcoming and inclusive.
- 15 A well informed and engaged community.
- 14 Effective governance and financial management.

CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN

Nil

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Nil

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

Nil

WORKFORCE PLAN

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT

The primary risk highlighted in this report is the potential shortfall in generating sufficient income to cover the costs of our waste services. A secondary but significant risk is the reputational impact of inaccurately pricing services, which could lead to either overcharging or undercharging the community.

	Measures of Likelihood			
Rating	Description	Frequency	Probability	
Almost Certain	The event is expected to occur in most circumstances	More than once per year	> 90% chance of occurring	
Likely	The event will probably occur in most circumstances At least once per year		60% - 90% chance of occurring	
Possible	The event should occur at some time	At least once in 3 years	40% - 60% chance of occurring	
Unlikely	The event could occur at some time	At least once in 10 years	10% - 40% chance of occurring	
Rare	The event may only occur in exceptional circumstances	Less than once in 15 years	< 10% chance of occurring	

	Risk Matrix								
Consequence Likelihood	1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Catastrophic				
Almost Certain	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme				
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High	Extreme				
Possible	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	High				
Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High				
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Moderate				

COMMENT

Nil

ITEM 12 ELECTED MEMBERS QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM 13 NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

The next Special Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 4th December 2025 commencing at 5:30 PM in the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Town Hall.

ITEM 14 CLOSURE

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 6.17pm