

Code of Conduct

City of Greater Geraldton 'Your City Your Say' Online Forum

Your City Your Say is an online forum where people, residents and visitors alike may share opinions, engage in discussion, and even vote on ideas that they feel are best for Greater Geraldton. We want to hear from everyone and have your active, frequent participation, thoughts, ideas, and even your constructive criticism. In that spirit, we ask that you contribute respectful and polite comments and content, and agree to follow a few ground rules.

We reserve the right to remove any content or ban a participant. Please report content that you believe violates these ground rules to yourcityyoursay@cgg.wa.gov.au. In the event that content or comments are removed, they remain a part of public record; however, no one will be able to see or respond to them on this site.

Identify yourself. You are encouraged to use your actual name, including when posting any comments or participating in any discussions. Your online name is displayed as your **first name and last initial**. You may not represent yourself as another person, or imply any connection with any person or organization with which you are not in fact associated.

Be courteous, respectful and appropriate. You agree that your comments, ideas and feedback will be constructive and will not sharply criticize or attack another participant or their ideas, avoiding the use of ALL CAPITAL, all **bold** or all *italic* letters, or objectionable avatars or excessive links to external websites. Further, you agree to refrain from posting or uploading anything obscene, offensive, hateful, blasphemous or derogatory, or anything that is defamatory or libellous or invades another person's privacy or proprietary rights. If you need to ask yourself whether it's appropriate, it's probably not.

No spamming or intentional disruptions. You agree not to deliberately disrupt discussions with repetitive messages, meaningless messages or 'spam'. Further, you will not upload, post or submit anything that contains any viruses, cancel bots, Trojan horses, harmful code, or other computer software or programs designed to interrupt another person's participation in, or enjoyment of this *Your City Your Say* online forum.

No copyright infringement. You agree not to post copyrighted material or content without permission from the content owner. Copyright infringement and the protection of intellectual property rights will be taken very seriously.

No solicitation or advertising. You agree to refrain from sending any bulk unsolicited advertising, promotional information, commercial email or other solicitation (including without limitation junk mail, chain letters or pyramid schemes of any sort) to any person through the *Your City You're Your Say* online forum.

Comply with the law. You will comply with all applicable laws in participating in this online forum and will not use the *Your City Your Say* online forum for illegal purposes.

Privacy Policy. Other than circumstances such as unlawful activity or serious threats to health and safety, the City of Greater Geraldton will not disclose your Personal Information to anyone. This online forum is bound by the provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988*.