



COUNCIL BUZZ

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP JUNE 2023

FROM THE CEO DESK



CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY



On Wednesday, 28 June, Council was pleased to welcome Asiaa and her daughter Olga for Asiaa's Citizenship Ceremony. In front of the Portrait of King Charles III and the Australian Coat of Arms, Presiding Member Cr Joanne Iffla led Asiaa in making her pledge and all present stood and sang the National Anthem.

Asiaa was presented with her Australian Citizenship certificate and a gift bag of Australian and Shire mementos.

Congratulations Asiaa.



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

As part of the WA State Government's Electric Vehicle Fund, Synergy and Horizon Power are working together to build Australia's longest EV Highway, the WA EV Network. This includes a new EV Charging Station in Jerramungup, located between Java Sea Road and the western side of the Kokoda Op Shop building.

Synergy have contracted Geographe Electrical & Communications to carry out the infrastructure works on their behalf. The works will include civil and electrical works, including the installation of the assets such as the EV chargers and payment kiosk.

Works on the EV Charging Station are scheduled to run from 29 June to 29 October 2023. Enquiries about the works to Synergy Construction Manager on 0417 843 928.



Welcome to the monthly edition of the Council BUZZ.

The Council Buzz aims to bring you the latest Shire information including; decisions of Council, current works and other news from the office and around town.

The Buzz can be sent straight to your inbox, if you would like a copy, please email - council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au.

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COUNCIL MEETING MATTERS

At the June 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting, the following matters were considered:

Proposed Fees and Charges 2023/2024

Council adopted the 2023/2024 Schedule of Fees and Charges, and endorsed their implementation from 1 July 2023. By adopting them prior to the budget, applicable advertising can be undertaken and the new charges can be incorporated into the draft budget workings. The schedule of fees and charges was formulated using the 2022/2023 year as a basis and factoring in current economic conditions. When the annual budget report is presented in July, Council will still set additional fees and charges for rates for rural and townsite properties.

Proposed Seventeen Freehold Lot Residential Subdivision—Lot 1 Bremer Bay Road, Bremer Bay

Council was requested to provide a recommendation to the Western Australian Planning Commission regarding a subdivision application to create 17 residential zoned lots fronting Bremer Bay Road. Council considered the application and resolved to support it subject to conditions. The proposed subdivision seeks to create similar residential lots to those previously created in Stage 1. The subject lot is located within the Seadunes Estate, and is bound by Peppy Avenue to the west, Bremer Bay Road to the north, Blossoms Avenue to the south, and abuts the Bremer Bay Caravan Park to the east. The area is 1.248ha of vacant land, generally level and vegetated.

Review of Shire of Jerramungup Corporate Business Plan 2021-2025

All local governments in WA are required to develop a Plan for the Future. This must include a Strategic Community Plan and a Corporate Business Plan. The Corporate Business Plan is responsible for translating the strategic direction of the Shire, as set out within the Strategic Community Plan, into specific priorities and actions at an operational level. It also draws together actions contained within the Long Term Financial Plan, Capital Works Programs and various informing strategies. It provides a medium term snapshot of operational actions and priorities to inform the annual planning and budgeting process. The content of the Corporate Business Plan is reviewed annually by staff, with no major changes recommended in this review. A new Action has been included to reference education opportunities within the Shire. Council adopted the reviewed Corporate Business Plan 2021-2025.

Child Safe Awareness Policy

Council adopted the Policy AP14—Child Safe Awareness Policy to emphasise the Council and Shire's commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children. It is based on a template supplied by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. The need for this policy resulted as an outcome from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, which acknowledged the role that local governments play in creating and maintaining child safety in their communities and using this role to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

Review of Meeting Attendance and Member Allowances 2023/2024

Since 1 July 2013, all Councillor Remuneration has been subject to the determinations of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT). The *Local Government Act 1995* provides for the payment to Councillors of fees for attending Council Meetings and for other certain expenses. Shire of Jerramungup Councillor fees had not increased since at least 2013/2014, and the Council has now endorsed an increase within the parameters set down by the SAT.

COUNCIL WORKS REPORT

Works

- Cowalleup Road — completed forming up of the road, gravel resheeting and road signs for 3km section.
- Wellstead Road and Point Henry Road — Commenced shoulder grading.
- Maintenance Grading— Rabbit Proof Fence Road and Diagonal Road.
- Other road repairs after rain in early June.

Water may run across some Shire roads after heavy rains.

Please report to the Shire and drive to conditions.



Town Services

Bremer Bay

- General maintenance activities of parks, gardens and reserves, including:
 - ⇒ Installation of new signage where required.
 - ⇒ Weed control along footpaths and roads.
 - ⇒ Pruning of street trees within the townsite.
 - ⇒ Coastal reserves maintenance.
 - ⇒ Rubbish removal.

Jerramungup

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Environment

- Restoration works of coastal dune system at Short Beach, Bremer Bay.
- Initiation of several community engagement projects to showcase the Shire's unique and diverse fauna.

TRAFFIC COUNTERS

- **Traffic Counters record data such as numbers and types of vehicles using our roads.**
- **This valuable information is then downloaded.**
- **When the Shire applies for grant funding to help with upgrading roads, the data must be provided, and it assists with determining if the grant is successful or not.**
- **Traffic counters cost approximately \$6,500 each to purchase.**
- **When they are damaged the data is corrupted, and the traffic counter must be replaced.**
- **Vandalism of traffic counters is reported to Police.**

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS 2023/24

Chief Bushfire Control Officer		Alex Jones	0429 361 034
Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer		Paul Hislop	0427 354 037
Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer		Anthony Thomas	0429 366 021
Chief Fire Weather Officer		Alex Jones	0429 361 034
Deputy Chief Fire Weather Officer		Paul Hislop	0427 354 037
Deputy Chief Fire Weather Officer		Anthony Thomas	0429 366 021
Boxwood Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officers			
Stuart Hocking	0438 287 280	Michael Campbell	0428 366 044
Jarrold King	0427 812 242	Anthony Thomas (DCBFCO)	0429 366 021
Peter Kinnear (Permits Only)	0438 420 608		
Gairdner Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officers			
Brad Shelton (Captain)	0457 679 413	Bruce Hill	0447 140 079
Craig Hall	0427 086 011	Daniel Smart	0427 366 058
Jacup Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officers			
Michael Lester (Captain)	0429 374 268	Trevor Ross	0427 355 023
Brad Bailey	0427 291 078	Peter Wisewould	0448 556 086
James Lyall	0428 960 488		
Needilup Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officers			
Ron Pocock (Captain)	0429 353 005	Wade Brown	0427 549 850
Jye Duggan	0427 532 094	Chad Sounness	0427 511 450
Bremer Bay VFES Fire Control Officers			
Peter Buckenara (FCO/LT)	0429 371 003	Stacey Francis	0437 611 759
Terry Anderson	0437 953 020	Ash Lester	0427 354 041
Bryan Hunter (Permits Only)	0427 083 979		
Jerramungup VFES Fire Control Officers			
Anthony Armstrong	0427 651 561	Paul Barrett	0428 362 014
Paul Hislop (DCBFCO)	0427 354 037	Trenton Parsons	0428 551 979
Jeremy Wisewould	0428 351 171	Siwel Solomon	0457 124 370
Dual Fire Control Officers			
Peter Wisewould (Ravensthorpe)	0448 556 086	Stuart Hocking (Albany)	0438 287 280
Paul Hislop (Lake Grace)	0427 354 037	Wade Brown (Kent)	0427 549 850
Jye Duggan (Gnowangerup)	0427 532 094		

SEEKING COMMUNITY HELP

Have You Seen This Bird?

The Shire of Jerramungup's Environmental Officer Steve Elson would like to hear from any one who has observed these birds within the Bremer Bay Region.

Your observations will assist in the management of the Rock Parrot's critical feeding sites and increase our knowledge and understanding of the birds food resources.

Please email your observations to:

eo@jerramungup.wa.gov.au



Similar Species: Elegant Parrot supporting a much brighter plumage.



Rock Parrot 22-24cm

Neophema petrophila

The Rock Parrot population has been decreasing across its distribution range for many years, especially within the South West Region.

The Bremer Bay Population has a stable population of between 30 and 40 individuals.

Rock Parrots breed on Off Shore Islands where they face many threats especially during their nesting period.

Key threats include:

1. Predation from Silver Gulls, Australian Ravens, King Skinks and several Raptor species.
2. Loss of foraging areas and available food resources on mainland feeding sites

ROCK PARROTS & FROGS SURVEYS

Please send your observations, photos, recordings, and location information to:
eo@jerramungup.wa.gov.au



Shire of Jerramungup Environmental Officer, Steve Elson, is calling for all citizen scientists to take part in the **Amazing Frogs of Jerramungup Project 2023**.

This is a great opportunity for community members to contribute valuable information regarding distribution and breeding ecology of frog species that occur within the Shire of Jerramungup.

13 frog species have been recorded within a 20km radius of the Jerramungup townsite.

With the onset of the late autumn/winter rains, many of our frog species have become more active, with many calling from their breeding grounds.

This is an ideal time to photograph and audio record the frogs that occur on your property or surrounding areas.

Spotlighting for frogs at night can be a great family activity! All you need is a good torch, camera and phone with audio recording capabilities. You may find as many as 7 frog species live on your property.

COUNCIL MATTERS

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

26 JULY 2023

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 26 July 2023 at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Jerramungup.

A full copy of the meeting's Agenda can be viewed at the Shire office, or downloaded from the Shire website

<https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/> 72 hours prior to the meeting.

MINUTES FROM LAST COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes from the last council meeting held 28 June 2023 can be found on the Shire's website

https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council-meetings