

JULY 2025

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP



COUNCIL BUZZ



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- Ordinary Council Meeting
1pm Wednesday 27 August
2025. Bremer Bay Hall,
Bremer Bay

WELCOME FROM THE CEO!

This month at the Shire, we've been deep in the process of finalising our 2025-2026 Annual Budget. It's always a challenging but rewarding task to balance community priorities with financial responsibility. This budget continues our focus on sustainability, service delivery, and long-term planning, which is particularly important as our community grows and evolves. The 2025/26 budget is set at \$17.6 million, reflecting both the strong local economic activity we've seen, with continued growth in property and tourism, and the ongoing



need to manage cost-of-living pressures. Key allocations for the year ahead include upgrades to the Jerramungup Entertainment Centre, which will enhance community events and services, and Bremer Bay Skate Park upgrades, which will provide more space and better amenities for young people and visitors alike. Additionally, the Shire is investing \$2.7 million to improve our road network including resealing the Bremer Bay Sports Club carpark.

We've been hard at work continuing the planning for the proposed community precinct in Bremer Bay. This project is a unique opportunity to create a space that truly reflects the spirit and future aspirations of the Bremer Bay community. It's a vision I'm incredibly excited to help bring to life and look forward to seeing it grow with your input. We've already received a fantastic number of survey responses and had a great turnout at the community workshop, which is so encouraging. Your feedback is invaluable in ensuring this space meets the needs of everyone.

I am excited to welcome Richard Hindley, our new Manager of Development, who joined the team this month. We are thrilled to have someone with Richard's experience and energy on board and look forward to working with him.

Martin Cuthbert

Chief Executive Officer

Community News

Bremer Bay Cultural Precinct Building

Planning is underway for our new hub on Seadragon Avenue, Bremer Bay.

July was a milestone month for the Shire of Jerramungup, in particular Bremer Bay, as local residents and organisations came together to help shape the future of community and cultural services in the town.

The Shire of Jerramungup is exploring the feasibility of a new community facility on Seadragon Avenue – right next to the Civic Square and Skatepark. The aim is to create a vibrant hub where locals can connect, access services, and celebrate everything that makes Bremer Bay special.

Throughout the month, community members had the chance to share their ideas through an online survey (survey closes on 4 August, 2025) and at a hands-on Community Workshop held at the Town Hall on Sunday 27 July. The workshop brought together residents, local groups and stakeholders to talk about what they want to see in a shared space – from creative and recreational opportunities to essential local services. The feedback and ideas collected will now help inform the next stage of planning and design.

We're also speaking to potential partners and organisations that might be interested in using or co-locating in this space. If your organisation would like to be involved, please get in touch with us.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their thoughts and energy to this exciting project so far. There will be more opportunities to have your say as the planning progresses, so stay tuned.

For updates on the project, visit the Shire website at <https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/living-here/facilities/bremer-bay-cultural-precinct-building.aspx>



Photo: Miles Noel

Council Matters

30 July 2025

Annual Budget for 2025/2026

Council adopted the Annual Budget for the Financial Year 2025/2026.

You can view the full budget on the Shire website.

Due dates for payment of Rates

Council adopted the municipal rates in the dollar on unimproved values and gross rental valuations for the 2025/2026 financial year as well as due dates for payment of Rates and Rubbish Collection Charges for 2025/2026 financial year. The first payment will be due by 1 October 2025.

Next Council Meeting

27 August 2025

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 27 August 2025 at 1.00pm at the Bremer Bay Hall, Bremer Bay.

A full copy of the meeting's Agenda can be viewed at the Shire office, or downloaded from the Shire website at the link below 72 hours prior to the meeting:

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

The minutes from the last council meeting held 30 July 2025 can be found on the Shire's website.

Recent Shire Works

Road Construction

The Road Construction Crew has finished a 3km gravel re-sheet, including drainage, from SLK 7.82 to SLK 10.82 of Cardininnup Road. The Crew is now carrying out maintenance on all Shire roads, including fixing signs, white posts, repairing potholes, and drainage works.

Road maintenance

The road maintenance grader has been working on Lake Road, Reserve Road and Lake Magenta Road. The pruning saw is back working on Meechi Road, after which it will return to Devils Creek Road.

Town Services

Town Services in Bremer Bay and Jerramungup handled mowing, rubbish collection, playground upkeep, vegetation control, and stormwater drain cleaning. Bremer Bay added new signage, trail widening, and outdoor showers. Contractors installed solar lights in both towns.



Slippery Roads

The recent rainfall is a timely reminder to take extra care on our roads after wet weather. Please drive to the conditions, and if you notice any hazardous areas, report them to the Shire so they can be addressed promptly.

Budget Highlights

Budget Snapshots

Health

\$530k will fund GP and business support, emergency precinct contribution, health services, staff costs, and planning for the Shire's Public Health Plan.

Law, Order & Public Safety

\$1.03M will fund fire mitigation activities, Point Henry fire works, Fire Mapper rollout, volunteer support and training, firefighting costs, emergency supplies, staff, ranger services, and signage.

Recreation & Culture

\$930k will fund grounds, pool, parks, trails, signage, staff, and library services.

General Purpose Funding

\$135k will cover rates services, valuations, staff costs, legal fees, and location info services.

Economic Services

\$112k will fund building and surveyor services, campground works, caravan park insurance, staff costs, standpipe upkeep, and legal services.

Education & Welfare

\$24k investment to provide ongoing financial support to childcare centres and building maintenance.

Transport

\$997k will fund rural road, footpath, and street maintenance, drainage, boat ramp and airstrip upkeep, and staff costs.

Governance

\$239k will cover auditor fees, elected member and election expenses, staff costs, and council memberships.

Housing

\$107K investment into building maintenance on Shire owned assets.

Community Amenities

\$1.2M will fund waste services, street bin replacement, town planning, cultural precinct consultation, cemetery works, effluent system upkeep, staff costs, and public amenity maintenance.

Other Property & Services

\$3.1M will support brand redevelopment, business continuity, risk and IT services, council planning, memberships, admin and engineering support, vehicle and office costs, staff expenses, and training.

Community Donations

Council will support donations for Kidzfest, Dancing in the Dirt, Twertup Opening Day, pottery equipment, Beasts and Bombs Car Show, and Outdoor Heaters.

Key Budget Initiatives

Upgrades to the Jerramungup Entertainment Centre

In 2025/26, the Shire will upgrade the Jerramungup Entertainment Centre by replacing four winches to meet safety standards and resurfacing the courts to enhance safety, functionality, and community use.

Bremer Bay Airstrip Cross Runway Construction

A new cross runway will be built at Bremer Bay Airstrip to enhance safety and flexibility, allowing aircraft to operate in varied wind conditions and supporting emergency services and general aviation.

Bremer Bay Skate Park Upgrades

To maintain its integrity and safety, \$65K will be invested in repairs and maintenance, including recoating and installing a skate repair service station.

Construction Projects

The Shire is investing \$2.7 million to improve its road network, focusing on sealing Meechi and Cuiss roads, adding footpath lighting on Borden-Bremer Bay Road, and resealing the Bremer Bay Sports Club carpark for better access and surface quality.

Ranger News

Litter and the Law

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping continues to be a growing concern across our beautiful region. Whether it's household rubbish, old furniture, tyres, green waste, or building materials, dumping unwanted items in bushland, on roadsides, or in public spaces is not only irresponsible—it's illegal. Dumping rubbish on public or private land without permission is an offence under the Litter Act 1979. Offenders can face heavy fines, legal action, and even prosecution.

Illegal dumping harms the environment, poses health and safety risks to our community, attracts pests, and can damage the reputation and natural beauty of our Shire. It also comes at a cost to ratepayers, with cleanup and enforcement diverting valuable resources that could be better used for community projects and services. The Shire is committed to protecting our environment and maintaining clean, welcoming spaces for residents and visitors.

How you can help

- **Dispose responsibly:** Make use of local waste transfer stations, recycling depots, and public waste bins.
- **Speak up:** If you know someone who is dumping waste illegally, encourage them to do the right thing.
- **Report it:** If you witness illegal dumping, please report it to the Shire Ranger immediately. When witnessing littering or illegal dumping, take note of: Date and time of the incident Type of vehicle and registration number Description of the person/s who have allegedly committed the offence Location it has taken place.



Need a Ranger?

The Shire Ranger is responsible for enforcing a variety of Acts, Regulations, Local Laws and Policies applicable to Local Government, including those for traffic control, parking, fire prevention, animal control, and littering.

For more information, to report any of the above matters, or for urgent matters such as dog attacks, contact:

David Myers, Ranger

Hours:

Mon - Fri: 8.30am to 4.00pm

Phone:

0499 351 141

Email:

council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au
(monitored during business hours)

Community News

Updated Fees and Charges



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Effective from 1 July 2025, the new fees reflect adjustments in line with inflation, service delivery costs, and legislative compliance requirements. The updated schedule was endorsed as part of the Council's 2025/26 Annual Budget, adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2025.

The full 2025/26 Fees and Charges Schedule is available on the Shire's website at <https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council/document-centre/Annual-Publications.aspx> and in printed format at the Shire Administration Office.

Is your address up to date?

As we prepare to send out Rate Notices, we ask all residents and property owners who have recently changed their address to please contact the Shire and update their details. Keeping your information current helps ensure timely and accurate delivery.

Change of address requests need to be lodged in writing via post, emailing rates@jerramungup.wa.gov.au or on our website in Council > Rates Information > Change of Postal Address

Farewell Raymond 'Wilky' Wilkinson

After 15 years of dedicated service as our trusted final trim grader operator, we farewell Raymond 'Wilky' Wilkinson.

Wilky's hard work, skill, and commitment have played a vital role in maintaining our roads and infrastructure, helping keep the community connected and safe. We sincerely thank him for his years of dedication and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

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