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**SEPTEMBER 2025**

**SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP**

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## **WELCOME FROM THE CEO!**

As we move into the warmer months, there's a real sense of change and momentum across the Shire. With the days getting longer and the wildflowers starting to bloom, it's a great time to get out and enjoy everything our beautiful region has to offer. Spring brings with it a renewed energy, and there's certainly been a lot happening across the Shire.

There has been significant work happening on our road network over recent weeks to repair damage caused by this winter's rain events. Our works team has been busy addressing priority areas, and we thank residents for their patience during these essential maintenance efforts.

We also recently held our local government elections. This year marks a change in leadership, as we farewell Shire President Cr Jo Iffla and Deputy Shire President Cr Julie Leenhouders. We thank them both sincerely for their commitment and many years of service to the Shire. Congratulations to Cr Neil Foreman on his re-election, and we extend a warm welcome to Cr Naomi Hall as she joins Council. We look forward to working together to continue delivering for our community.

A big congratulations to all the local teams who took part in winter sports grand finals this month. It was fantastic to see such strong representation from our communities. Jerramungup was proudly represented in League Football, Junior Netball, and A Grade Netball, with the A Grade women taking home a well-earned victory. Boxwood Hill also featured in the Senior Hockey grand final. Well done to all players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters for another great season.

As we head into the fire season, a reminder that the Restricted Burning Period is now in effect. Please check all requirements before lighting any fires. Fire Hazard Reduction Inspections will begin in October, so now is the time to make sure your property is prepared.

**Martin Cuthbert**  
Chief Executive Officer

### **OPERATING HOURS**

#### **ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

8 Vasey Street,  
Jerramungup

Monday - Friday  
8.30am - 4.00pm

Closed Public Holidays

Ph: 9835 1022

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- Ordinary Council Meeting  
1pm Wednesday 29  
October 2025. Council  
Chamber, Jerramungup.

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# Community News

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS

Following the close of nominations for the 2025 local government elections, we are pleased to announce that Naomi Hall and Neil Foreman have been elected unopposed to the Shire of Jerramungup Council. Both will serve a four-year term expiring in October 2029.

This is Naomi Hall's first term on Council. Naomi has lived in the Gairdner area for over 20 years and brings a wealth of experience from her involvement in agriculture, community groups, and local sporting clubs. She is passionate about rural communities and is committed to delivering practical outcomes that benefit the region. Naomi's strong local knowledge and community-first focus will be a great asset to the Council.

Neil Foreman has been re-elected for a further term, having already served on Council for the past four years. A long-time resident of Jerramungup, Neil brings deep community ties and a strong background in local business and agriculture. He remains actively involved in supporting youth, small businesses, and various community initiatives, and we look forward to his continued contribution to the Shire.

There were three vacant Council positions in this election. With two filled unopposed, one position remains vacant. A supplementary election will be held at a later date to be determined by the WA Electoral Commission. Further information will be made available once a timetable has been confirmed.

The Shire congratulates Naomi and Neil on their election and thanks them for their ongoing commitment to serving the Jerramungup community.



Cr Naomi Hall



Cr Neil Foreman

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## **FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO CR JO IFFLA AND CR JULIE LEENHOUEWERS**

As a new chapter begins for the Shire of Jerramungup Council, we take a moment to reflect with gratitude on the incredible service of two long-standing councillors who have now stepped away from their roles: Cr Joanne (Jo) Iffla and Cr Julie Leenhouders.

Cr Jo Iffla has been a dedicated member of Council since 2008 and has served as Shire President since 2021. Over her 17 years on Council, Jo has led with wisdom, strength and a deep commitment to the people of the Shire. From major infrastructure and planning initiatives to her strong advocacy for regional collaboration, Jo has helped shape a future that reflects the needs and aspirations of the community.

Jo's approach has always centred around community. Her advocacy has supported improvements in emergency services, rural development and community facilities. Her presence on Council has been one of strength and dedication, and her contribution to local government in Jerramungup will leave a lasting legacy.

Cr Julie Leenhouders joined Council in 2013 and has served as Deputy Shire President in her final term. Julie has been a passionate and thoughtful leader with strong ties to the Bremer Bay community. Her work in education, community groups and emergency planning has shown her deep commitment to public service.

Julie has also been actively involved in school councils, community organisations and emergency management groups. Her efforts have helped ensure that community voices are heard and that decisions are made with care and responsibility.

Together, Jo and Julie have contributed nearly 30 years of combined service to the Shire of Jerramungup. They have given generously of their time and experience, always with the goal of building a stronger and more connected community.

On behalf of the Council, staff and residents of the Shire, we sincerely thank Cr Jo Iffla and Cr Julie Leenhouders for their outstanding service. We wish them all the best for the future and thank them for their enduring contribution to our region.



Cr Joanne Iffla



Cr Julie Leenhouders

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# Council Matters

1 October 2025

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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

### 29 October 2025

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 29 October 2025 at 1.00pm in the Council Chambers, Jerramungup

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 1 October 2025 can be found on the Shire's website.

## ADOPTION OF REVIEWED WHS COUNCIL POLICIES

A review was conducted of the Shire of Jerramungup's existing Council Policies and was presented to Council for consideration. Council reaffirmed the continued application and operation of each of the following current Council Policies:

- WHS01 – No changes proposed, policy comprehensively reviewed in 2023.
- WHS02 – This policy has been reviewed and amended to reflect current industry standard and compliance with legislation.
- WHS04 – No changes proposed, policy comprehensively reviewed in 2023.
- WHS05 – No changes proposed, policy comprehensively reviewed in 2023.
- WHS06 – No changes proposed, policy comprehensively reviewed in 2023.
- WHS07 – No changes proposed, policy comprehensively reviewed in 2023.

## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Council considered the closure of Council facilities over the Christmas/New Year period. Council approved the closure of Council facilities as follows:

1. Shire Administration Centres at Jerramungup and Bremer Bay from 12.00pm on Wednesday, 24 December 2025 to Friday, 2 January 2026 inclusive; and
2. Shire Depot from Friday, 19 December 2025, to Friday, 2 January 2026 inclusive.

## DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

The property at 3 Spitfire Avenue, Jerramungup, is currently owned by the Shire of Jerramungup and leased to Jerramungup Occasional Childcare. The Jerramungup Occasional Childcare Centre is currently facing significant financial challenges that have rendered it unviable to continue providing services to the community.

At the council meeting, council:

1. Approved the disposition of 3 Spitfire Avenue, Jerramungup, by way of lease to Skylar Early Learning for the purpose of operating a childcare centre;
2. Authorised the Chief Executive Officer to advertise the proposed disposition in accordance with Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 and, subject to no significant objections being received, draft a lease agreement with Skylar Early Learning;
3. Endorsed a proposed lease term of five (5) years, with a further term at Council's discretion;
4. Agreed to a reduced annual lease amount of \$5,200 per annum, recognising the community benefit of the proposed use.



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## RECENT SHIRE WORKS

### Road Construction

Due to significant flood damage, the Shire's road construction has been delayed. Works will commence on the Meechi Road Construction project towards the end of September.

### Town Services

In Bremer Bay, Town Services staff carried out various maintenance and improvement works, including repairing washed-out access tracks and steps at popular beach locations such as John Cove, Flat Rocks, Native Dog Beach, and Short Beach. They also installed a new BEN sign and defibrillator at Native Dog, filled potholes, cleared vegetation affecting sight lines, began mowing Shire blocks and access tracks, and conducted weed control at the airstrip. Other tasks included mowing parklands, collecting rubbish, and removing weeds in gardens and along streets. Contractors supported these efforts by removing the old Pelican Park playground, installing signage along the Wellstead Estuary walk trail, and pruning trees near powerlines. In Jerramungup, Town Services staff focused on weed spraying throughout the townsite and gardens, mowing parklands and the cemetery, weed control at the airstrip, filling potholes, planting gardens, and collecting rubbish.



### Little Boat Harbour

The Shire has engaged the services of Sea Shore Engineering to assist with planning the temporary emergency works required at Little Boat Harbour in response to significant coastal erosion. Priority is to reinstate the eroded embankment, trim eroded gravel surface of carpark and narrow access road as far as practicable to move away from eroded embankment. Access to the beach remains closed to the public.

### Fisheries Beach Boat Ramp

The Shire has been in contact with the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) to discuss the sand accumulation on the boat ramp located at Fisheries Beach. Unfortunately, DTMI dredging resources are all committed elsewhere in the state, with future deployments locked in as well. The Department will commit to sending one of their senior project engineers to Bremer Bay in the coming weeks to assess the situation and offer technical advice. In the meantime, the Shire is consulting with Shorewater Marine to remove the sand from the ramp, and it is anticipated this work will commence the week of 13 October 2025.

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## ROAD MAINTENANCE

The Shire of Jerramungup experienced a significant rain event on Friday, 25 July 2025, which caused damage to a number of flood crossings and culvert structures on various roads. Road closures and warnings regarding flooding and damage caused to roads continued to be issued by the Shire to the public over the period 25 July 2025 – 11 August 2025.

Rainfall figures from local gauges confirm the extent of the unseasonable rainfall experienced as 101mm experienced over seven days between 24 July 2025 – 30 July 2025.

At the time of writing the event is not yet a declared event under the provisions of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements for Western Australia (DRFAWA) scheme, however an assessment of the damage is required should the event be declared, under the Essential Public Assets Reinstatement (EPAR) of that scheme.

On Tuesday, 9 September 2025 a Preliminary Event Notification was submitted to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Recovery Funding Team. The initial assessment estimates the damage to numerous sealed and unsealed floodways, scouring, silting, undermining and damage to drainage assets to be approximately \$600,000.

In line with the Shire's procurement policy, the Shire called for quotes and awarded the contract to Greenfield Technical Services to complete the following works:

- On site damage inspection and assessment
- Compilation of photographic evidence
- Preparation of a program of works for each site to repair the damage to its pre-existing condition as a minimum standard. The works program shall include full costings to allow a submission to DRFAWA and/or a comparison for Tender evaluation purposes. Should improvements above the pre-existing standard be identified, these shall be listed separately to the costs to reinstate to the pre-existing standard.
- The outputs from the assessment process shall be prepared so that they can form a EPAR funding submission and damage assessment report based on the DRFAWA templates, should the event be declared.

The damaged road sections are at the following locations:

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| • Meechi Road                 | SLK 10.86 |
| • Doubtful Island Road        | SLK 2.20  |
| • Doubtful Island Road        | SLK 4.72  |
| • Boxwood Hill – Ongerup Road | SLK 6.02  |
| • Boxwood Hill – Ongerup Road | SLK 11.14 |
| • Cuiss Road                  | SLK 3.12  |
| • Cameron Road                | SLK 3.36  |



The Shire has been very proactive in addressing the damage caused by the recent flood event with the highest priority being school bus routes. The use of both the Shire's grader and two contract grader services shows a strong commitment to maintaining and improving the road infrastructure.

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# Public Notices

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PROPOSAL TO DISPOSE OF PROPERTY 3 SPITFIRE AVENUE, JERRAMUNGUP

In accordance with section 3.58 (3) and (4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, it is hereby notified that the Shire of Jerramungup proposes to lease 3 Spitfire Avenue, Jerramungup to Purple Butterfly Pty Ltd trading as Skylar Early Learning for \$5,200 per annum to be reviewed in two years.

The market value of the disposition was assessed at \$14,250 per annum on 18 August 2025.

#### SUBMISSIONS:

Written submissions are invited on the above proposal and will be received up to 4:00pm on Thursday, 16 October 2025. Submissions can be lodged by post to PO Box 92, Jerramungup WA 6337 or by email to [council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au)

MARTIN CUTHBERT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1 October 2025

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# Public Notices

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## **RESULTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION**

### **SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP**

The following people were elected unopposed as Councillors for the Jerramungup district for a term of four years, expiring on 20 October 2029.

HALL, Naomi

FOREMAN, Neil

As there were two nominations for three vacancies, the Shire of Jerramungup will go to an Extraordinary Election at a date to be determined by the WA Electoral Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Cuthbert".

**MARTIN CUTHBERT**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

15 September 2025



# Ranger News

## FIRE CONTROL AND PREPAREDNESS

It's time to get your property bushfire ready. The Fire Control and Preparedness Information Notice 2025-26 has been sent with your rates notices and is available at the Shire office. The Notice applies to all landowners and occupiers in the Shire.

This is your one and only notice, so please take a moment to check your property and make sure it meets the requirements which can be found for your property, on the back of the fire control notice.

Shire Rangers are authorised Bush Fire Control Officers and will be inspecting properties from **06/10/2025 - 16/10/2025** to ensure compliance with the Fire Hazard Reduction Notice. Persons who fail to comply with the firebreak requirements of this Notice may be issued with an infringement notice (\$250) or the Shire of Jerramungup may carry out the required work on the land at cost to the owner/occupier.

Let's work together to protect our homes, families, and community this fire season.



### RESTRICTED BURNING PERIODS Permits required for burning

**Zone 5**  
(Bremer Bay,  
incl Pt Henry)  
**01/09/25 -  
31/10/25**

**Zone 1,2,3,4**  
(Shire of  
Jerramungup)  
**01/10/25 -  
31/10/25**

### PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD All Zones

**01/11/25 - 04/04/26**

Keep an eye out for your Fire Control and Preparedness Information Notice. Copies can also be found at the Shire office. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/services/fire-control.aspx>

Scan the QR  
code to see  
what zone your  
property is in



# Fire & Emergency News

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP

## CAMPING & COOKING FIRES

### Permitted:

- ✓ If on your residential property in a registered fire pit or under a Permit to Burn
- ✓ At an approved location (caravan parks, tourist parks, Tozer's Bush Camp, Shire camp areas)

### NOT Permitted:

- ✗ During a **Total Fire Ban**
- ✗ If the Fire Danger Rating is '**High**' or above

### Permits

- 🔥 Required during restricted burning periods
- 🔥 Apply through your Fire Control Officer (FCO)

### Fire Pit Registration

- 🔥 Register once instead of applying for permits each time
- 🔥 Valid for 3 years (renewable)

### Fire rules

- 🔥 Max size 1 m<sup>2</sup> area / 1 m flame height
- 🔥 Must be attended at all times
- 🔥 Must be fully extinguished before leaving

### Cooking fires

- 🔥 Only in enclosed gas or electric appliances
- 🔥 Must have 5 m clearance around the appliance



For more information, call the shire office: (08) 9835 1022