

**DECEMBER 2025**

# SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP



## OPERATING HOURS

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

8 Vasey Street,  
Jerramungup

Monday - Friday  
8.30am - 4.00pm

REDUCED HOURS OVER XMAS

Ph: 9835 1022

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- There is no Ordinary Council Meeting in January 2026.

As we approach the end of 2025 and the Christmas break, this is a timely opportunity to reflect on the year that has been and acknowledge the efforts of everyone who has contributed to another busy and productive year for the Shire of Jerramungup.

Throughout 2025, the Shire has delivered essential services and progressed key projects across infrastructure, roads, facilities, planning, and community events. I would like to acknowledge our staff's dedication and professionalism in managing this complex and demanding work. Looking ahead to 2026, Council and staff will remain focused on priority projects that promote sustainable growth, enhance community safety, and support long-term planning for the Shire.

This year also marked the departure of two highly respected and long-serving Councillors, Joanne Iffla and Julie Leenhouders, who concluded their time on Council in October. I would like to sincerely thank Jo and Julie for their exceptional contribution and dedication to serving the Shire of Jerramungup.

I would also like to remind everyone that a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban will be in place on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. These bans play an important role in reducing fire risk and allow our valued volunteer firefighters time to spend with family and friends over the holiday period.

The New Year will begin with a chance to come together as a community at the Australia Day BBQ in Jerramungup next month. I encourage residents and visitors to attend and enjoy this relaxed and inclusive community event.



Finally, I would like to sincerely thank Councillors, staff, volunteers and community members for your continued support and contribution throughout 2025. On behalf of the Shire of Jerramungup, I wish you all a safe, happy and restful Christmas, and every success in the year ahead.

**Martin Cuthbert**  
Chief Executive Officer

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# Community News

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## **REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF CHANGE: FAREWELL TO COUNCILLORS JOANNE IFFLA AND JULIE LEENHOUEWS**

As 2025 draws to a close, the Shire of Jerramungup reflects on a significant moment from earlier this year, being the departure of two of our longest-serving and most dedicated Councillors, Joanne Iffla and Julie Leenhoeuws.

Both Jo and Julie left Council in October, ending nearly three decades of unwavering commitment to our community. Their leadership and tireless efforts have shaped the Shire in lasting ways.

Councillor Joanne Iffla served for 17 years, including as Shire President since 2021. She chaired key committees such as the Local Emergency Management Committee and the Bremer Bay Community Development Committee, advocating for regional collaboration and community wellbeing.

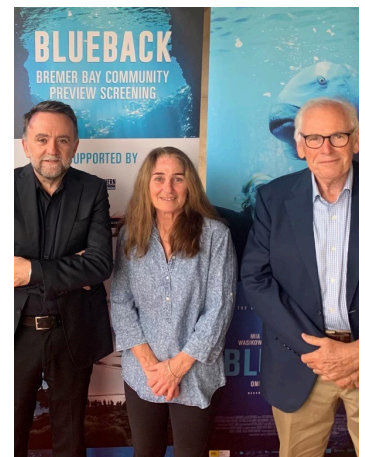
Councillor Julie Leenhoeuws contributed 12 years of dedicated service, including as Deputy Shire President. Her steady, thoughtful approach and deep local knowledge made her a trusted voice, representing the Shire on numerous committees.

Together, Jo and Julie played key roles in delivering transformative projects like the Jerramungup townsite revitalisation, community facility upgrades, and emergency services planning. Their work helped secure partnerships to improve medical services and strengthen the region's future.

Beyond their roles, they championed community spirit, building strong relationships within and beyond the Shire, and even made an appearance in the Blueback movie.

While their departure leaves a gap, the Shire is deeply grateful for their exceptional service and leadership. We wish them all the best and thank them for their lasting impact on our community.

As we look ahead, we honour the legacy of these two outstanding Councillors who helped shape the Shire we all cherish today.





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# Community News

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## DANIELLE WISEWOULD AWARDED THE ORDER OF ST JOHN

The Shire of Jerramungup is honoured to congratulate Danielle Wisewould on being awarded the prestigious Order of St John, recognising her outstanding commitment and service to our community.

Danielle has dedicated many years to volunteering across a variety of roles, with a particularly significant contribution as a volunteer with St John Ambulance WA in Jerramungup. Her work with this vital service has been instrumental in providing emergency medical support and community health education to residents and visitors alike. Danielle's tireless efforts have ensured that our community remains safe and well-cared for in times of need.

The Order of St John is awarded to individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership, service, and community spirit. Danielle's contributions exemplify these qualities, from her emergency response work to her broader involvement in community initiatives. She has been a pillar of strength and compassion, inspiring others to volunteer and contribute to the wellbeing of Jerramungup.

Her award not only celebrates her personal achievements but also shines a light on the importance of volunteerism in building resilient and connected communities. Danielle's work with St John Ambulance, in particular, has made a tangible difference in people's lives, ensuring that professional care is available when it matters most.

The Shire of Jerramungup thanks Danielle for her extraordinary dedication and leadership. We are immensely proud to have such a committed community member and look forward to celebrating her remarkable achievement with the wider community.



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# Community News

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## MEET OUR NEWEST AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN

The Shire hosted a Citizenship Ceremony on Monday 8 December, where Ian McLaren proudly took the pledge of commitment and officially became an Australian citizen. Born in New Zealand, Ian now calls Needilup home and was welcomed at the ceremony as he marked this important milestone. The Shire extends its congratulations to Ian and welcomes him as a Citizen of Australia.



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## COMMUNITY REMINDER: VANDALISM AND THEFT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

The Shire has seen an increase in vandalism and theft of public infrastructure around Bremer Bay over the past month. This has included damage to, or removal of, signs, bollards and fencing across several locations.

These incidents come at a significant cost to the Shire and, ultimately, the community. Repairing and replacing damaged infrastructure requires staff time and resources, taking our teams away from other important maintenance and community works. There has been approximately \$4,000 spent on repairs and replacements this month alone.

Of particular concern is the recent removal of the rip warning sign at Native Dog Beach. This location has a history of serious water safety incidents, including fatalities, which is why this signage is so important. Removing safety warnings puts lives at risk.

The Shire asks the community to respect public infrastructure and to report any vandalism or suspicious behaviour. These assets are in place to keep everyone safe and to support the enjoyment of our shared spaces.



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# Council Matters

17 December 2025

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## RECENT SHIRE WORKS

### Town Services

Town Services staff have completed the following in Bremer Bay:

- Contract street sweeper has been through town site.
- Storm water drain pits along Margaret Street have been cleaned out removed sand/dirt and other material blocking up the storm water system.
- Pruning of vegetation growing alongside footpaths.
- Pruning of vegetation alongside walk trails.
- Removed fallen trees along estuary walk path.
- Pruning of low hanging branches within Paperbarks Park.
- Contractors have replaced damaged railing and planks at the board walk at Fisheries Beach.
- Mowing of parklands and around town site.
- Rubbish collection from Millers Point.
- Weed spraying and removal within town site.
- Weed control at Airstrip and around infrastructure.
- Mowing of parklands.
- Rubbish collection within town site.

Town Services staff have completed the following in Jerramungup:

- Weed spraying throughout the town site.
- Mowing of Parklands and cemetery.
- Weed control at the Airstrip.
- Mowing of old oval and clearing vegetation around water tanks.
- Cleaning off graffiti.
- Filling in potholes around the town site.
- Pruning of Biosphere gardens.
- Contractors have begun replacing damaged pram ramps around town.
- Contract street sweeper has been through town site.
- Rubbish collection within town site.
- Weed spraying in gardens.

### Road maintenance

The road maintenance grader has been working on Brook, Cuiss, Fitzgerald, Jacup North and South and other roads in that area, focussing on 'hot spot' areas as well as drains and backslopes.

The contract grader has been working on roads around Boxwood Hill and more recently Devil's Creek South and Murray Roads.

### Road Construction

Base course preparation was completed on Thursday 27 November and the bitumen seal commenced as planned on 2 December and was completed on 4 December. Final trimming of shoulders, backslopes and driveways etc followed.

The crew is moving to Cuiss Road on 8 December to make a start there.

Bitumen seal also went down on the Bremer Bay street projects with kerbing and final asphalt seal to follow.

### Fleet

The new excavator and tracked skid steer, replacing the backhoe and one of the Terex skid steers, arrived recently with the new six wheel tip truck arriving in the week commencing 8 December.



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## **AUDIT FINDINGS RECEIVED AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ADOPTED**

At its December meeting, Council received the audit findings for the year ending 30 June 2025 and formally adopted the Shire's 2024/2025 Annual Financial Report.

The audit was carried out by Lincolns Accountants and Business Advisors on behalf of the Office of the Auditor General. No significant matters were identified, and Council accepted the findings as part of its commitment to transparent and responsible financial management.

The adopted Annual Financial Report forms part of the Shire's Annual Report, which outlines the Shire's key activities, projects and achievements for the past financial year. The report also measures progress against the Shire's Corporate Business Plan and meets all legislative reporting requirements.

Copies of the Annual Report are available at the Shire office, local libraries, and online via the Shire's website.



## **2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2024/2025 Annual Report is now available on the Shire website.

The Annual Report provides an overview of the operations, activities and projects undertaken by the Shire and compliance with policy and legislation. It also includes the audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The Annual Meeting of Electors to accept the report will be held Tuesday, 10 February 2026 commencing at 6pm at the Town Hall in Bremer Bay.



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# Council Matters

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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**25 February 2026**

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 25 February 2026 at 1.00pm Council Chamber, 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 17 December 2025 can be found on the Shire's website.

## COUNCILLOR GAVIN MAIR RESIGNS

Councillor Gavin Mair has resigned, effective 16 December 2025. This means the Shire now has two councillor vacancies to fill. An Extraordinary Election will be held by postal vote on Thursday 26 March 2026 to fill these positions.

We thank Councillor Mair for his service and encourage residents to consider standing for Council.



## PROPOSED ROAD DEDICATION AT BOXWOOD HILL

At its December meeting, Council considered a proposal to dedicate land at the intersection of Boxwood-Ongerup Road and Borden-Bremer Bay Road in Boxwood Hill as a road reserve.

The proposal relates to parts of proposed Lots 501 and 502 and would formally recognise the existing road connection as a dedicated road. This process helps ensure road access is properly established and managed into the future.

If progressed, the proposal will be publicly advertised and referred to relevant servicing authorities, with community submissions invited before any final decision is made.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS SCHEDULED

Council has set the date for the Shire of Jerramungup's Annual General Meeting of Electors, which will be held on Tuesday 10 February 2026.

The meeting provides an opportunity for electors to hear about the Shire's activities and financial performance for the 2024/2025 financial year, as outlined in the recently adopted Annual Report, and to raise any general business matters.

Formal public notice of the meeting, including the time and venue, will be provided in accordance with legislative requirements.

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# Public Notice

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Annual Meeting of Electors**

In accordance with section 5.27(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, it is hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Jerramungup will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Town Hall, Bremer Bay

A copy of the Shire's 2024/2025 Annual Report is available on Councils website at [www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au](http://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au) or by contacting the Shire on 9835 1022 or by email at [council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au)

MARTIN CUTHBERT

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

18 December 2025



# Important Information

## HARVEST & VEHICLE MOVEMENT BAN

To help protect our community during periods of increased fire risk, a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban will be in place across the entire Shire of Jerramungup from 12.01am to 11.59pm on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

On these days, harvesting operations and the movement of vehicles associated with harvesting are not permitted.

To stay up to date with all harvest bans over the holiday season, please sign up for the Shire's harvest ban text alerts on our website.

The Shire thanks landholders and operators for their cooperation in helping keep the community safe over the holiday period.



*Happy Holidays*

The Shire's administration offices will close over the Christmas period

Wednesday 24 December	Open 8:30am - 12pm
Thursday 25 December	Closed - Christmas Day
Friday 26 December	Closed - Boxing Day
Monday 29 December	Closed
Tuesday 30 December	Closed
Wednesday 31 December	Closed
Thursday 1 January	Closed - New Year's Day
Friday 2 January	Closed
Monday 5 January	Open 8:30am - 4pm

Resume normal hours from 8:30am on 5 January 2026.

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!


# Important Information

## HOLIDAY WASTE MANAGEMENT IN BREMER BAY

To help manage increased waste volumes in Bremer Bay over the peak holiday period, the Shire will be implementing split bin collections from Tuesday 23 December through to Friday 30 January. A brochure with full details is available on the Shire's Facebook page and website, with hard copies also available from the Shire Administration Office and the Bremer Bay CRC.

In addition, the Bremer Bay Waste Transfer Station will operate with extended opening hours over the Christmas and January period to meet increased demand. The Jerramungup Waste Transfer Station will continue to operate as usual. Both Waste Transfer Stations will be closed on Christmas Day.

Please refer to the calendar below for opening days and hours as well as split bin pick up information.



### Bremer Bay Summer Split Bin Pick Ups

Split bin pick up dates for December 2025 and January 2026

#### Tuesday Pick Ups

Bremer Bay waste collection service **Tuesday**. Pick up locations:

- Agnes Place
- Barbara Street
- Barnes Drive
- Batt Close
- Bennett Street
- Biddy Crescent
- Buck Street
- Clifton Avenue
- Emma Street
- Eucla Court
- Freeman Drive
- Garnett Road
- George Street
- Goorie Way
- Gunn Place
- Hakea Close
- John Street
- Kybra Close
- Margaret Street
- Mary Road
- Mary Street
- McGlade Close
- Melaleuca Court
- Murphy Place
- Prideaux Link
- Qualup Court
- Roderick Street
- Susan Street
- The Esplanade

#### Friday Pick Ups

Bremer Bay waste collection service **Friday**. Pick up locations:

- Black Rocks Road
- Blossoms Avenue
- Bremer Bay Road
- Borden-Bremer Bay Road
- Chuditch Close
- Frantom Way
- Gneiss Hill Road
- Gnorrbup Terrace
- Gully Road
- Horse Hill Road
- Little Boat Harbour Road
- Magpie Rise
- Native Dog Beach Road
- Newbey Grove
- Osprey Court
- Peppy Avenue
- Point Gordon Road
- Point Henry Road
- Progress Drive
- Quoll Court
- Ridgeway Drive
- Short Beach Road
- Trevally Place
- Wellstead Road
- White Trail Road
- Yate Place

#### DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 BB WTS OPEN 10am-2pm	4	5 BB WTS OPEN 10am-4pm	6
7 BB WTS OPEN 12pm-4pm	8	9	10 BB WTS OPEN 10am-2pm	11	12 BB WTS OPEN 10am-4pm	13
14 BB WTS OPEN 12pm-4pm	15	16	17 BB WTS OPEN 10am-2pm	18	19 BB WTS OPEN 10am-4pm	20
21 BB WTS OPEN 10am-4pm	22	23	24 BB WTS OPEN 10am-4pm	25	26 BB WTS OPEN 10am-4pm	27
28 BB WTS OPEN 10am-4pm	29	30	31 BB WTS OPEN 10am-4pm			

Tuesday collection days Friday collection days

#### JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 BB WTS OPEN 10am-4pm	3
4 BB WTS OPEN 12pm-4pm	5	6	7 BB WTS OPEN 10am-2pm	8	9 BB WTS OPEN 10am-4pm	10
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25 BB WTS OPEN 12pm-4pm	26	27	28 BB WTS OPEN 10am-2pm	29	30 BB WTS OPEN 10am-4pm	31

Tuesday collection days Friday collection days

Extended waste transfer station hours in red

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
December 9 and 16 are regular rubbish collection days.  
Regular collections will resume from 3 February 2025



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# Ranger News

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## HOLIDAY PERIOD UPDATE

As the tourist season heats up and Bremer Bay welcomes more visitors over the Christmas and New Year period, the Shire's Ranger Services will be increasing patrols to help keep everyone safe and maintain the quality of our shared spaces. In addition to Shire Ranger David Myers, we will also have contract rangers patrolling the town over this period.

A reminder that there are no free camping sites in Bremer Bay or within 10 kilometres of any townsite. Unauthorized camping is not permitted, and Rangers will be monitoring for compliance. Please use designated caravan parks and campgrounds to avoid fines and help keep the area clean and enjoyable for everyone.

If you're visiting Bremer Bay's beaches this summer, look out for the green and red BEN signs, which stand for Beach Emergency Numbers. These signs are located at beach access points and key coastal spots around Bremer Bay and show a unique location code. In an emergency, calling 000 and quoting the nearest BEN sign code helps emergency services find you quickly. You can also find BEN sign locations in the SharkSmart WA app under the Report section, which includes a quick call button for emergencies.

Rangers also ask that dog owners keep their pets on a leash in designated areas and clean up after them to protect native wildlife and ensure public safety. Please observe all fire bans and local regulations regarding open fires and BBQs, as summer conditions increase fire risk and Rangers are vigilant in enforcing these rules. Please take your rubbish with you or use the bins provided, helping keep Bremer Bay clean for everyone to enjoy.



### 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**

**Phone:**

0499 351 141

**Email:**

ranger2@jerramungup.wa.gov.au  
(monitored during business hours)

# Community Notice



SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP

# Australia Day

# BBQ BASH

## 2026

JERRAMUNGUP  
SPORTS OVAL  
MONDAY 26 JANUARY



**Free BBQ, soft drinks & sweets**

**Live entertainment**

**Mechanical whale**

**Bouncy tractor**

**FREE EVENT**

**STARTS AT 4PM**



**PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY AWARDS**



**Australia Day**  
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.





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# Merry Christmas from the Shire!

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