



COUNCIL BUZZ

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP | APRIL 2021

FROM THE CEO



Welcome to the April edition of the Council BUZZ. The Shire has certainly had a busy start to the year with lots of exciting projects underway, the main one being the Jerramungup swimming pool. We have a update and architect diagrams included in this edition of the BUZZ.

The Shire has also received further funding from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications via the LRCI Program Phase 2. Majority of these funds have been allocated to the construction of the new boat ramp and jetty at Fishery Beach in Bremer Bay, more information on this can be found later in the BUZZ. We will also be using the funds for upgrades to playgrounds and replacing damaged equipment, installing a RV dump point in Jerramungup and repainting the mural at the Kokoda Opshop.

Sadly after 5 years with the Shire our Manager of Works Murray Flett has resigned. Since starting in 2016 he has been involved in many projects and events including the major flood damage on his arrival, the Meechi road corner realignment and the cut and fill of the famous dip on Meechi Road to name a few. Thank you Murray for your service to the Shire of Jerramungup and the community and we wish you and Francine all the best in the next phase of your journey in Albany.

To fill this position the Shire has been very fortunate to recruit a highly qualified Manager of Works Greg Stephens, who commenced his employment on Monday 3 May. Greg comes from the Shire of Laverton and has extensive experience in local government management roles having worked in local government departments for over 20 years. We welcome Greg to the team and look forward to working together to continue delivering our road construction program to a high standard.



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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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ANZAC DAY 2021



On Sunday morning, the 25 April around 70 people gathered at the Jerramungup War Memorial to pay their respects to those who have served and continue to serve our nation. With COVID-19 cancelling our 2019 service and lockdowns affecting many other services this year we were extremely grateful for the opportunity to come together and commemorate Anzac Day.

The service began at 6:00am with a welcome from Neil Foreman followed by the Catafalque party, led by Constable Adam Winter taking up their position.

Following this we listened to two hymns, an address from the Shire President Robert Lester and the Anzac Day Requiem read by Councillor Bill Bailey. Rose Ganzer then lead us all for the Prayer of Remembrance before 13 beautiful wreaths were laid at the War Memorial. The stunning wreaths were once again prepared by Jess Bailey with the help of Nikki Carthew and we thank both ladies for volunteering their time to put these together. Shire CEO Martin Cuthbert then read the Ode before leading the crowd in a minutes silence.

To conclude the ceremony Neil Foreman made a special speech on the significance of road names in the Jerramungup town site. It was great to learn the history behind names such as Derrick Street, Tobruk Road, Vasey Street, Truscott Street and Collins Street just to name a few.

Following the service a gunfire breakfast provided by the Shire was enjoyed inside the Rootpickers Hall. This was again prepared by Jane Vandermaat with the help of Christine Petersen, thank you ladies for preparing such a delicious meal! Thank you also to everyone who helped in the kitchen, serving and cleaning up afterwards.

The Shire would like to acknowledge and thank the Kokoda Op Shop for purchasing and allowing us to use their Anzac decorations. Special mention must also go to the Shire Environmental Officer Steve Elson and Jamie Turner who worked tirelessly to ensure the memorial, hall and gardens were looking immaculate. Finally thank you to Neil Foreman for leading the proceedings and the many people who were in attendance for the 2021 service paying their respects and offering help and support on the day. These events would not happen without you.



Lest we forget

JERRAMUNGUP POOL REDEVELOPMENT

We are thrilled to announce that works are now underway on the construction of the new lap pool, toddler's pool and associated structures at the Jerramungup pool precinct.

Our project builders from M/Construction have taken over the site earlier this month and so far completed the demolition of the old structures, making room for the new pool and equipment.

The new facility comprises a 25m main pool, a new baby/toddler pool, a new pump shed with accessories, and male/female/accessible toilets and change rooms as well as a first aid room, storage areas and provides lots of shelter from the sun.

The project completion date and re-opening of the facilities are currently scheduled for late December 2021.

We understand that constructions works can at times be noisy and disruptive and therefore appreciate our community's patience while the pool is getting its well needed upgrade.

However, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the construction processes, please contact us via email to development@jerramungup.wa.gov.au

This project is possible by funding from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund and Drought Communities Programme, the WA Government Department of Education and the Shire of Jerramungup.



Images courtesy of H + H Architects

FISHERY BEACH MARINA UPGRADE

The Shire of Jerramungup is planning to replace the existing recreational boat ramp and finger jetty at Fishery Beach Marina in Bremer Bay in 2021. The structures have exceeded their intended design life, the jetty does not meet current standards and the ramps are in poor condition with ongoing maintenance requirements.

The Shire has received funding from the Department of Transport's Recreational Boating Facility and allocated a portion of the funds received from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications to replace the facility with a new 2-lane public boat ramp and a wider finger jetty.

These works will be going out for tender in the upcoming weeks and are proposed to commence in late 2021.



Fishery Beach Marina—Recreational Boat Ramp and Finger Jetty (2017)

SHIRE WORKS REPORT MARCH

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

March saw the Road Construction crew finish the additional gravel sheeting works on Meechi Road which has significantly improved the road surface and driving conditions at this location. These works will continue next financial year which will dramatically improve the road pavement for many years to come.

The crew then undertook pavement repairs on Devils Creek South Road which had substantial failures in the road surface with extensive blowouts through each traffic lane and was hazardous to traffic.

TOWN SERVICES

The Town Services team have spent most of March in and around Bremer Bay slashing weeds along roadsides and walk trails as a result of recent rains in the area. The team have also been busy in the nursery where they have propagated around 1200 native seedlings which will be planted as tube stock on revegetation sites within the shire.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

In conjunction with their normal maintenance grading, the Road Maintenance crew have been gravel patching pavement failures on numerous roads within the shire. These blowouts occur as a result of dry conditions and insufficient pavement depth which require digging out and backfilling with suitable material.

The crew also commenced works on Needilup North Road which consisted of pruning the overhanging vegetation and shoulder grading to remove the weeds and reinstate the shoulder hinge point which will also eliminate seal edge wear.

If you see any issues on the road network please don't hesitate to contact the Shire with the location.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Ordinary local government elections are held every two years on the third Saturday in October. The next state-wide ordinary elections are scheduled for Saturday 16 October 2021.

The 2021 election for the Shire of Jerramungup will be conducted as a postal election with a Returning Officer appointed by the WA Electoral Commission. Three positions will be contested at this election. Current Councillors whose terms will end on 16 October 2021 are:

- Councillor Joanne Iffla (Deputy Shire President)
- Councillor Bill Bailey
- Councillor Julie Leenhouders

If you have considered nominating for election to council but weren't sure if it's for you, now is the time to find out. Any individual who is considering nominating for election must complete an online induction course on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation website prior to nominating. The induction aims to provide a basic understanding of the functions and responsibilities of a council member and also includes information on the laws that govern the way an individual must conduct their election campaign.



Nominations for the October elections open on 2 September and close at 4:00pm on 9 September 2021.

FAREWELL DAVID EDWARDS

The Bushfire Advisory Committee AGM was held on the 19 April 2021 and this was Dave Edwards' last meeting as the CBFCO for the Shire of Jerramungup. Dave has been a volunteer fire fighting member of the Jerramungup Town Brigade from 1997 until 2004 when it became the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services.

He was the Deputy CBFCO from 2011 to 2013, where he then became the CBFCO and Chief Fire Weather Officer. He continued in these roles until he resigned.

Throughout his time in these roles he was also been a member of the Regional Operations Advisory Committee and the State Bushfire Operations Committee for the last 3 years. Work on these committees included pushing Western Power to change their policy with regards to the switching of power on/off during total fire ban days. Dave also represented the Shire on the South East Fire Working Group (Jerramungup, Ravensthorpe and Esperance) where we have been able to access additional MAF funds for work within the Shire. This Group is the first of its kind with the 3 Local Government CEO's, CESO's and hierarchy from DFES and DBCA and it has been so successful that it is now being rolled out in other regions.



He has also had a lot of input into the Shire's original Bush Fire Management Plan, which Jerramungup and Ravensthorpe were the first 2 Councils in the State to adopt. Work through this committee has seen the introduction or review of Shire policies such as the Campfire Policy, Fire Pit Registration, Tree Plantation requirements, review of the Shire's Bush Fire Zones, yearly update of the Shire's Fire Control Information Notice and many more.

From the Shire, Councillors and the Bushfire Advisory Committee thank you for your years of service to emergency services in the district.



POSITION VACANT

Waste Facility Attendant (Part-time .27 FTE) Enterprise Bargaining Agreement – Base Rate \$29.88

The Shire is seeking a Part-time Waste Facility Attendant at our Bremer Bay waste facility for an immediate start.

The successful applicant will be required to work Wednesday (10am - 2pm), Friday (10am - 4pm) and Sunday (12pm - 4pm). Among your responsibilities at the waste facility will be opening and closing the site, estimating quantity and charges for waste brought in and directing traffic to the appropriate waste areas.

The salary for this position is at a starting rate of \$29.88 and a Level 2 Working Conditions Allowance is also paid as per the Shire's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. Additionally there is an attractive superannuation co-contribution scheme, a supportive team environment and opportunities for training to develop your career.

The applicant will need to undergo a pre-employment medical, drug and alcohol screening test prior to being appointed into the role. It's an essential requirement to the position that the successful applicant is able to undertake manual labouring tasks in a safe manner.

The Shire is an equal opportunity employer that actively seeks to include, welcome and value contributions from all people. All employment is decided on by an applicant's capacity to meet the requirements of a position.

For further information download the positions job description from the Shire website, <https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council/our-shire/employment-opportunities> or contact Murray Flett, Works Manager, on 9835 1022.

Applications should include a resume with relevant work experience and at least two recent referees. These can be submitted via email to council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au or delivered to the Shire Office at 8 Vasey Street, Jerramungup.

Applications must be submitted by 4.00pm, Wednesday 12 May 2021.

MARTIN CUTHBERT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

15 April 2021



PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMENCEMENT OF UNRESTRICTIVE BURNING TIME: ZONES 1, 2, 3 & 4 only

Pursuant to *Section 18 Bushfires Act 1954*, Shire of Jerramungup would like to advise Landowner/occupiers; Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4 will commence its Unrestrictive Burning Time (Open Burning) as of Tuesday, 20 April 2021.

Landowner/occupiers are to proceed with caution when burning and to be mindful of the following conditions;

- Maintain 3 metre Bare Earth Fire Break around burn area.
- Have appropriate firefighting resources near-by.
- Check weather conditions (current and incoming) prior to ignition.
- Nuisance smoke affecting neighbours or impacting road networks.
- If burning heaps, please maintain watch of heaps until fully extinguished.
- Pursuant to *Section 46 Bush Fires Act*; Fire Control Officers can suspend/postpone burning at any time, should unfavourable weather conditions pass through the district or if they deem the fire to be unsafe.

Landowner/Occupiers within Zones 5 are still required to obtain a Fire Permit from their nearest Fire Control Officer, prior to any burning until 31 May 2021.

The Shire of Jerramungup will consider pursuing compensation of cost against the Landowner/occupier (permissible under the Bush Fires Act) should any fires escape due to neglect.

Martin Cuthbert
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
20 April 2021

COMMUNITY NEWS

DOCTOR UPDATE

The Shire is pleased to advise that we have secured a long-term locum Doctor until the end of September 2021.

Dr Bill Plozza will be consulting in Jerramungup on Thursdays and Bremer Bay on Fridays.

To book an appointment please visit

www.hotdoc.com.au



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our local St John Ambulance heroes Louise Gadsby and Cristen Peacock for being nominated and admitted to the Order of St John in recognition of their outstanding service. Thank you for all you do for our community!



COUNCIL DONATION REQUESTS

Applications for funding in Council's 2021/22 budget are now open!

If you have a project or event coming up that enhances the lifestyle of those living within the area then head over to our Council Donation Requests webpage via the link below and get your application in.

Alternatively you can contact the Shire on 9835 1022 or at council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au to request a copy of the form.

Applications close 4pm Wednesday 2 June 2021.

<https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council/notices/council-donation-requests.aspx>



COUNCIL MATTERS

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
26 MAY 2021

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 26 May 2021 at 2:00pm 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 <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 meetings held 28 April 2021 can be found on the Shire's website

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