



# COUNCIL BUZZ

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP | FEBRUARY 2020

## JACUP BUSHFIRE BRIGADE SHED OPENING

On Friday 21 February the Jacup Bushfire Brigade Shed was officially opened! This was a historic event as it is the first official headquarters for the Brigade in almost 60 years of existence.

Until now Brigade volunteers trained, conducted meetings and stored the Brigade appliance at members homes. Now they finally have a facility to call home complete with a two-appliance bay and equipment cleaning area, toilets, showers and a new water tank that can hold up to 135,000 litres of water.

The construction of this shed was made possible by the Shire successfully obtaining a capital grant from DFES of \$290,000 in 2019 and the land being kindly donated by Lawson Grains. Jacup volunteers also held various busy bees to erect fencing, install bollards, put furniture together and many other jobs while the Shire workforce constructed the laneway access and gravel sheeted the area.

Hon Darren West MLC welcomed the crowd of dignitaries, volunteers and community members gathered to celebrate the occasion before Assistant Commissioner Paul Ryan, Shire President Rob Lester and Jacup Captain Trevor Ross addressed the crowd and unveiled the plaque.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Brigade firefighters and Support Officers with up to 25 years service as volunteers were presented with a medal to celebrate this remarkable achievement. Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to our community. With the formalities over it was time to relax, enjoy a BBQ and have a celebratory drink!

Thank you to all the Brigade members and Shire Emergency Service volunteers who tirelessly go above and beyond to protect and look after our community.



Thank you to Allyson Ross for her photos and Haydon Ross for your awesome drone images!

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](mailto:council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au).

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# JACUP BUSHFIRE BRIGADE SHED OPENING

## Bushfire Medal Recipients

Name:	Years of service
Brad Bailey	15
Stuart Bee	15
Mark Lester	15
Michael Lester	15
Kalan Bailey	10

## Support Officer Medal Recipients

Name:	Years of service
Allyson Ross	15
Margaret Lester	15
Leanne Bee	15



Above: Trevor Ross, Tony Stringer, Ashley Peczka, Darren Prior and Wes Thomas



Above: FESA Superintendent Wayne Green, Jacup Captain Trevor Ross and FESA Assistant Commissioner Paul Ryan  
Left: Hon Darren West MLC



# SHIRE WORKS REPORT DECEMBER/JANUARY

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION

In the months of December 2019 and January 2020, the Construction crew have undertaken numerous works. The majority of these works included gravel sheeting a further 3 kilometre section on Rabbit Proof Fence Road, drainage upgrades and some minor improvements to the road alignment.

The crew also gravel sheeted various sections of Middamidjup Road and Lake Magenta Road which had deteriorated badly as a result of the very dry conditions and the number of heavy vehicle movements on this road.

In January the crew took delivery of a large pruning saw which is mounted on the front of a CASE loader. This machine will be used to maintain the vertical clearance envelope from the top of the backslope by trimming the overhanging vegetation. This eliminates hand pruning with chainsaws and provides greater safety benefits for the crew. This machine has already proven its worth on the sections of pruning completed to date.

The Shire has been working closely with Department of Water & Environmental Regulation (DWER) on upgrading existing and/or installing new water sources as part of the DWER Rural Water Planning Strategy. As a part of the Shires commitment, the works crew have cleared and graded the Needilup Dam catchment area which has been neglected for many years.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE

With the current very dry conditions, the crew have been focussing on maintaining not only the running surface, but also offshoot drains, back-slopes, the inside of curves and sight lines at intersections to improve driving conditions for the road user.

Routine maintenance grading and gravel patching has continued to rectify failures in the road pavement.

## UPCOMING SHIRE WORKS

- Widening of Bremer Bay Road between Frantom Way and Roberts Street

Look out for our Work's Crew in the following areas:

- Gravel sheeting and sealing of Little Boat Harbour

**Please remember to drive to the road condition,**

**help keep the roads safer for everyone.**

The crew's focus is still on gravel sheeting clay sections to improve the skid resistance of these areas which will be an ongoing commitment until all clay sections have been covered.

At this time of the year, please be aware of the road conditions and drive accordingly as the pavement can deteriorate very quickly due to the very dry conditions and heavy vehicles carting lime, gypsum or fertiliser.

## TOWN SERVICES

The Town Services team have completed removal of the old decrepit street trees in the centre median islands on Memorial Road and the embayed parking nibs on Vasey Street and replaced these with new shrubs and trees which has visually enhanced these two locations.

The crew also completed landscaping of the adjacent area and surrounds next to the newly renovated Paperbarks toilet block and BBQ area in Bremer Bay.

The crew have also finished clean up works at the Jeramungup Cemetery after recent upgrade works were completed. The crew endeavoured to keep the lawn watered and manicured as long as practicable but given the dam has been dry for months it was not viable to continue water cartage.

The crew were busy in the aftermath of the festive season in the Bremer Bay area again this year and whilst it was pleasing to see that the amount of vandalism had reduced from previous years, there was still a lot of damaged infrastructure which had to be repaired/replaced.

## STAFF FAREWELL

In January we bid farewell to Plant Operator Bart Sorenson after 3 years with the Shire and in February Tania Price also left the Work's Crew. We wish them both all the best in their future endeavours.

# RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

**Owning a pet is both a basic right in our community and a serious responsibility. So if you intend to own a dog, you have to take responsibility for confining it to your property.**

## **Risks of not confining your dog:**

People in the community have a right to live without interference from other people's pets.

Failure to securely confine your dog to your property can leave both you and your dog at considerable risk.

Dogs that are not kept safely behind a fence risk being injured or causing injury to others. They become a traffic hazard for motorists, are a bite risk to innocent people, can display territorial aggression, are an annoyance to other animals in the community and can cause property damage. Should this occur owners are liable for any injuries or damage their dog causes. You should also be aware that if your dog chases or mauls livestock, the farmer is legally entitled to shoot your dog on-site.

For the safety of others and your dog, keep it securely confined.

## **Fencing Requirements**

Fences and gates protect your dog from the dangers of roaming, stop it causing a nuisance in your neighbourhood, and ensure your pet does not hurt other animals or people. While many people keep dogs as a deterrent for unauthorised entry to their property, it is important that people legally passing properties housing dogs are protected from them. A straying dog is a concern to neighbours and the community.

Having an adequately sized fence for your dog protects both your dog and your neighbourhood. As a responsible pet owner, it is important to ensure that your fence or dog enclosure is:

- High enough that your dog can not jump over
- Low enough that your dog can not dig under
- Strong enough that your dog can not push it over,
- Hole proof so that your dog can not escape through it and
- Sound enough to ensure it cannot attack people or animals through the fence

## **Registered Wandering Pets**

Registered pets found wandering and wearing their tag will be returned to their address by Shire Rangers. However, if the owner is not home or not contactable, the pet will be taken to the pound for safe keeping. Attempts will be made to contact the owner and reunite the pet and owner as soon as possible.

If a registered pet has a history of wandering and being returned to its owner by Rangers, pound release fees must be paid before the animal can be returned to the owner. An infringement notice will also be issued after collection for a dog at large.

## **Unregistered Wandering Pets**

Unregistered pets are impounded and scanned for a microchip. If the pet is not microchipped it will be kept in the Shire pound and release fees and registration fees must be paid before the animal can be returned to the owner. An infringement notice will also be issued after collection for dog at large.

If the pet is microchipped, attempts will be made to contact the owner and reunite the pet with its owner as soon as possible. Officers will then follow up with the dog owner to ensure the pet becomes registered.

An owner of an unregistered pet found wandering may be issued with multiple infringements for failing to register the pet and for dog at large.

Unregistered pets found wandering will be taken to the pound and kept for 72 hours.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

A Citizenship Ceremony was held on 19 February for Nathalia Crabtree.

Nathalia who is originally from Sweden moved to Australia 10 years ago and now lives in Gairdner with husband Brett and 2 daughters Philippa and Olivia.

On behalf of the Shire we congratulate and formally welcome you Nathalia!



## NEW NICHE WALL

A huge thank you to the Kokoda Op Shop for once again pouring their funds back in to our local community!

The new niche wall at the cemetery looks beautiful and is now a special place for families to remember their loved ones.



## COUNCIL MATTERS

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 18 MARCH 2020

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 18 March 2020 at 2:00pm in the Council Chambers, Jerramungup. A full copy of the meeting's Agenda can be viewed at the Shire office, local libraries or downloaded from the Shire website, 72 hours prior to the meeting

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

### MINUTES FROM LAST COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes from the last council meetings held 19 February 2020 can be found on the Shire's website

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