

FROM THE CEO DESK



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2023

CONGRATULATIONS to the four new Shire of Jerramungup Councillors elected on 21 October:

- Nathan Brown
- Raegan Zacher
- Paul Barrett
- Gavin Mair

They were each elected for a four year term, expiring in October 2027, and join Councillors Joanne Iffla, Julie Leenhouwers and Neil Foreman whose terms expire in 2025.

In the presence of retiring Councillor Rex Parsons JP, new Councillors made the Declaration by Elected Member before the Council meeting on 25 October 2023.



We thank Drew Dawson for his service to the Shire of Jerramungup during his term as Councillor from 2019—2023. Drew made a valuable contribution to the Council and has always been enthusiastic and passionate about the best interests of the Shire.

ELECTION OF SHIRE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT

CONGRATULATIONS to Councillor Joanne Iffla who was re-elected to the position of Shire President unopposed.

CONGRATULATIONS to Councillor Julie Leenhouwers who was re-elected to the position of Deputy Shire President unopposed.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to Returning Officer Christine Weedon for again officiating through the Local Government Election process.

THANK YOU to all the ratepayers and residents of the Shire who voted in the Local Government Election. Your voice matters. We had a great response with 53.61% of total electors having their vote counted.

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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INTRODUCING NEW SHIRE COUNCILLORS

Extracts from the Councillor Candidate Details provided at the time of nomination:

COUNCILLOR PAUL BARRETT

Cr Barrett is a second generation farmer who lives with his family at Jerramungup and owns property in Bremer Bay. A lifelong resident of Jerramungup, he is passionate about supporting the Shire to continue as a progressive place for people to live, work and raise their families.

Cr Barrett is currently involved in the community with the Jerramungup Football Club, Jerramungup Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services, and Lions Club of Jerramungup.

He is keen to continue with the Shire's inclusive programmes and work with a likeminded team.

Advocating for the upgrade of South Coast Highway and improved health care for the whole Shire also has his full support.

COUNCILLOR RAEGAN ZACHER

Cr Zacher is a resident and homeowner in the Shire of Jerramungup. She is also the proud owner of Seachange, the boutique in Bremer Bay, and has run a successful marketing and design business for ten years.

She is especially passionate about small business and the opportunities it provides local people to work within the community and to upskill for future growth.

Cr Zacher has a pragmatic approach to growth to ensure that the unique diversity that makes our region a great place to live is retained, while ensuring we are understanding and addressing the challenges our community, businesses and visitors to the region are facing. She is also an advocate for strengthening the relationship and communication between our Shire and residents and for improved community engagement and participation.

Cr Zacher believes that with enough support, services and opportunities, all people in our region can thrive.

COUNCILLOR NATHAN BROWN

Cr Brown is a farmer in the Shire of Jerramungup. He has grown up here and over many years enjoyed what the local area has had to offer professionally and socially. He feels the time is right to give back to the community by offering his time, expertise and knowledge to the Council, to ensure that future generations have the same opportunities he has had.

His community involvement has extended to many years membership of both the FBG Committee and the Jerramungup Football Club, including time as chairman of both committees. He has also been involved in many other community events and groups.

In past roles he has engaged with community, business and local government, giving him a small insight into what is involved with being a Councillor.

COUNCILLOR GAVIN MAIR

Cr Mair grew up in Albany, where he was very involved in athletics, hockey and sailing. He has previously worked for Main Roads WA and Westrail, before graduating in Naval Architecture and setting up a new business, which went on to trade internationally supplying designs and aluminium kit sets for commercial vessels, until his retirement.

He moved to Point Henry in 2010 with his wife, and is passionate about sport, community, environment, sustainable fishing, camping and 4WDing. Bremer Bay is a wonderful part of our amazing planet with so much to offer the community.

WORKS PROJECTS



BREMER BAY FOOTPATH WORKS

Preliminary ground works are underway for a future footpath in Bremer Bay which will improve safety for pedestrians.

The path will run east to west, adjacent to Bremer Bay Road, and will join into the existing footpath network, completing the link from Seadragon Drive to a point east of the Wellstead Road intersection.

The Shire will light and seal the path and install new crossovers.





WORKS IN PROGRESS— RETAINING WALL NOW COMPLETED AT JERRAMUNGUP SPORTS COMPLEX



The Shire has recently completed the replacement of the retaining wall at the Jerramungup Sports Complex.

Preliminary plumbing was installed as part of the works to accommodate the future toilet block that is being planned for the area and finishing works will include the reinstatement of the mesh fencing atop the retaining wall.



COUNCIL MEETING MATTERS & WORKS REPORT

Council Meeting Matters

At the Ordinary Meeting of 25 October 2023, Council:

- Endorsed the Service Level Agreement for Library and Shire Branch Services and Front Counter Services with the Bremer Bay Community Resource and Visitors Centre (Inc) for a term of three years at \$44,400 plus GST per annum and authorised the Chief Executive Officer and Shire President to execute the Service Level Agreement.
- Agreed to advertise the Council Meeting Dates for 2024.
- Agreed to close the Shire of Jerramungup Administration Office and Bremer Bay Office over the Christmas and New Year period.

Works Report

- Cuiss Road— Completed a gravel resheet and drainage upgrade of a 3km section.
- EV Charging Station Bay Construction works commenced on Moorshead Road.
- Devil's Creek Road Commencing patch works.
- Grading of Murray Road, Devil's Creek Road, Cowalellup Road.
- Repaired Doubtful Island Road flood crossing.
- Commenced grading west of Jerramungup.

Town Services

<u>Jerramungup</u>

Over the holiday period, staff were kept busy with removing graffiti from the Lions Park ablution block as well as removing rubbish from high visitation areas.

General maintenance activities were carried out in parks, gardens and reserves including watering of all recently established gardens.

Weed control activities were carried out along road verges, footpaths and entry statements.

Bremer Bay

Staff were kept busy removing damaged signs and bollards, although the amount of vandalism for the September holiday period was down compared to previous years.

Works projects that were carried out over September and the first two weeks of October include:

- Pruning of vegetation along the Borden-Bremer Road.
- Mowing of street verges, parks and gardens.
- Comprehensive weed control program of footpaths, streets and verges (before holiday break).
- Rubbish removal of streets, reserves, parks and gardens.
- General maintenance activities of key parks and gardens including Pelican Park, Bremer CRC grounds, and Paperbarks.

Environment

Over the last couple of weeks, invasive weed control activities were carried out within the Riparian vegetation zones of the Wellstead Estuary. These activities will continue over the next couple of months with a key focus on targeting Polygala, Vic Tea Tree, Boxthorn and Kikuyu.

Town Services staff are removing Vic Tea Tree populations from several road reserves including Ocumup Road and Warramurrup Road.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

NUISANCE BARKING DOGS

The Shire of Jerramungup promotes responsible dog ownership. Dog owners need to ensure their dog/s do not become a neighbourhood nuisance by barking. Barking is a dog's natural means of communication and often signifies its alertness to danger or intruders. However, a dog that persistently barks to a degree or extent not normally habitual in dogs, constitutes a nuisance.

For the purpose of Section 38 of the *Dog Act 1976* a dog shall be taken to be a nuisance if the dog:

"makes a noise, by barking or otherwise, that persistently occurs or continues to such a degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any place".

The cause of nuisance barking may be:

- Lack of training
- Separation anxiety
- Seeking attention
- Insufficient exercise
- Threatened or protecting their territory
- Ill health
- Deliberate or unintentional provocation by people or other dogs

If you are affected by a nuisance barking dog, or if you are the owner of a barking dog and need advice, please contact the Ranger.

Contact the Shire Ranger on 0499 351 141

SHIRE STAFF MOVEMENTS

Staff and Councillors would like to thank Bill Day for his commitment and efforts at the Bremer Bay Transfer Station for the past 2 years. We wish Bill and his family all the best.

The Shire would like to welcome Bremer Bay resident Dean Stoney to the team. Dean commenced at the Bremer Bay Transfer Station on 13 October and we hope that all users of the facility welcome him.

We would also like to welcome Jerramungup resident Michelle Armstrong to the Shire. Michelle will be undertaking Town Services 3 days per week.





INFORMATION

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP RATES NOTICES

If you have any enquiries about rates for property you own in the Shire of Jerramungup, please email rates@jerramungup.wa.gov.au or call (08) 9835 1022.

Due dates for payment are:

- Pay rates in full:
 29 September 2023
- Pay by two instalments:
 - ⇒ First Instalment payment: 29 September 2023;
 - ⇒ Second Instalment:2 February 2024

RUBBISH TIP OPENING HOURS

Jerramungup Tip — Chittowurup Road

Tuesday: 12pm—5pm

Sunday: 10am—4pm

Bremer Bay Tip — Wellstead Road

Wednesday: 10am—2pm

Friday: 10am—4pm

Sunday: 12pm—4pm

Fees apply

- Pay by four instalments:
 - ⇒ First Instalment Payment: 29 September 2023
 - ⇒ Second Instalment Payment: 1 December 2023
 - \Rightarrow Third Instalment Payment: 2 February 2024
 - \Rightarrow Fourth Instalment Payment: 5 April 2024

HAVE YOU MOVED?

If you own property in the Shire of Jerramungup, you must inform the Shire of your current address for rating purposes.

Changes of address must be provided in writing or submitted through the Shire of Jerramungup website online Change of Address form, which can be found at the end of the Rates page.

On the Shire home page, click

Or...

Email: rates@jerramungup.wa.gov.au

Mail: PO Box 92, Jerramungup WA 6337

COUNCIL MATTERS

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 22 NOVEMBER 2023

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An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 22 November 2023 at 8.30am 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 <u>https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/</u> 72 hours prior to the meeting.

MINUTES FROM LAST COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes from the last council meeting held 25 October 2023 can be found on the Shire's website <u>https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council-meetings</u>