

APRIL 2026

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP



WELCOME FROM THE CEO!

Welcome to the April edition of the Council Buzz.

April has been a month shaped by reflection, connection and forward planning across the Shire. Anzac Day services in Jerramungup and Bremer Bay once again brought the community together in a quiet and respectful show of remembrance, with a particularly strong turnout at the dawn service and a shared breakfast following the ceremony providing time to reconnect.

Alongside this, community voices have been front and centre in shaping what comes next, with workshops held in Jerramungup and Bremer Bay as part of the development of the new Council Plan. Together with our online survey, this feedback is helping to guide the priorities and direction of the Shire into the future.

I'm happy to say that Council has adopted a new corporate logo and tagline following the Shire's branding review, marking the conclusion of a significant project to refresh the organisation's visual identity. The next phase will be the staged rollout of the new brand, which we aim to begin in the new financial year.

We also formally welcomed Cr Paul Hislop and Cr Nathan McQuoid this month, as they were officially sworn in following the recent extraordinary election and attended their first Council meetings. It's been great to see them already settling into their roles, and I look forward to working with them as part of Council's ongoing decision-making and community leadership.

Preparedness and community resilience were also in focus, with the Bremer Bay Bushfire Expo bringing together emergency services, volunteers and residents to share practical information and strengthen local readiness ahead of the coming season.

As always, thank you to everyone who has taken the time to attend events, share feedback and contribute to community initiatives this month. Your input continues to shape the direction of the Shire in meaningful ways.

Martin Cuthbert
Chief Executive Officer



OPERATING HOURS

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

8 Vasey Street,
Jerramungup

Monday - Friday
8.30am - 4.00pm

Ph: 9835 1022

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Ordinary Council Meeting
1pm Wednesday 27 May
2026. Council Chamber,
Jerramungup.

ANZAC Day 2026

ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE 2026

Around 150 people gathered at the Jerramungup War Memorial at dawn on Saturday, 25 April 2026 for the annual Anzac Day service, coming together in a quiet show of respect and reflection.

As the first light broke, service personnel marched to the War Memorial, led by Parade Marshal David Myers, with the Catafalque Party taking up their positions. Shire President Nathan Brown welcomed those assembled and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land. His address reflected on the meaning of Anzac Day and the importance of pausing each year to recognise all who have served in Australia's defence forces, past and present, and the values of courage, selflessness and mateship that continue to guide their service.

The service itself carried a strong sense of reflection, with Brad Bailey delivering the Requiem Address, followed by the Prayer of Remembrance led by Rose Ganzer. The Ode was read by Shire CEO Martin Cuthbert. The Last Post was then sounded, followed by a minute's silence before the Reveille brought the period of remembrance to a close. Flags were raised slowly back to the masthead during the Reveille, with "Lest we forget" spoken in response by those gathered. The New Zealand, Australian and United Kingdom National Anthems were then sung, bringing the formal service to a close.

Cr Neil Foreman later spoke about the Battle of Long Tan, one of the more significant and hard-fought engagements involving Australian forces during the Vietnam War. He reflected on the courage and endurance shown by Australian and New Zealand soldiers during the intense fighting in the Long Tan rubber plantation on 18 August 1966. Outnumbered and under sustained pressure over several hours, their actions have since become closely associated with determination and mateship under fire, and remain a lasting part of Australia's military history.

Wreaths were laid by members of the community, including Shire Councillors, ex-service personnel, local emergency services, and students from Jerramungup District High School, each offering their own tribute at the memorial.

Following the service, the community gathered at the Rootpickers Hall for a gunfire breakfast, continuing conversation and connection after the morning's reflection.

The Shire of Jerramungup thanks everyone who attended, supported and contributed to the 2026 Anzac Day service.

Lest We Forget.



ANZAC Day 2026



Community News

COUNCIL PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

This month, the Shire held a series of community workshops in Jerramungup and Bremer Bay, facilitated by 150 Square, as part of the review of the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan and the development of a new Council Plan.

The workshops provided an opportunity for participants to discuss what is working well in the Shire, identify priorities for the future, and raise any concerns or ideas. This feedback will play an important role in shaping the new Council Plan and guiding the Shire's direction over the next ten years.

Thank you to everyone who attended and shared their feedback. It was great to see a mix of residents, community groups and local organisations taking the time to contribute.

If you weren't able to attend a workshop, there is still time to have your say by completing the community survey, which closes on Friday 8 May 2026.

MEET OUR NEWEST AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN

The Shire hosted a Citizenship Ceremony this month, where Kathrin Benton proudly took the pledge of commitment and officially became an Australian citizen. Originally from Germany, Kathrin now calls Jacup home and was welcomed at the ceremony as she marked this important milestone. The Shire extends its congratulations to Kathrin and welcomes her as a Citizen of Australia.



Community News

CR NATHAN McQUOID AND CR PAUL HISLOP SWORN IN

The Shire of Jerramungup extends a warm welcome to Cr Paul Hislop and Cr Nathan McQuoid, who were officially sworn in at the Council meeting on Wednesday 22 April following the recent Extraordinary Election. Both councillors have now formally commenced their roles and join Council at an important time for the community.



WELCOME TO STUART DOLLEY & JOSH HUGHES

The Shire has welcomed two new team members to its works crew, with Stuart Dolley and Josh Hughes joining the team. Both have settled into their new roles and are already working alongside the crew across a range of day-to-day operations and maintenance activities throughout the Shire. Their addition is a welcome boost to the team, supporting the ongoing delivery of works across local roads, facilities and general infrastructure.

BREMER BAY BUSHFIRE EXPO

The Shire hosted the Bremer Bay Bushfire Expo on Friday 10 April, with a strong turnout from the community. The event brought together local emergency services, volunteers and organisations to share practical information and discuss bushfire preparedness in the region.

Attendees had the opportunity to speak directly with stallholders, learn more about preparing their properties and households, and access a range of resources. It was also great to see families getting involved, with activities available for children throughout the day.

The Shire thanks all stallholders, volunteers and agencies who contributed to the event, as well as community members who attended and took the time to engage. Events like this play an important role in supporting a well-informed and prepared community.



Community News

COMMUNITY FUNDING OPEN

Do you have an exciting idea for a project or event that will benefit the Shire of Jerramungup community?

Applications for Council funding in the 2026/27 Budget are now open!

For an application form head to our website or call us on 9835 1022.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
12PM TUESDAY
2 JUNE 2026.



POOL CLOSURE

The Jerramungup pool is closing for the winter season on 31 May 2026.

If you do not intend to be a key holder in the 2026/27 season, please return your pool key to the Shire office.

The pool will reopen in September.



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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

27 May 2026

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 27 May 2026 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 22 April 2026 can be found on the Shire's website.

SHIRE ADOPTS NEW CORPORATE LOGO AND BRAND IDENTITY

Council has adopted a new corporate logo and tagline as part of the Shire's branding refresh project.

The updated brand modernises the Shire's visual identity for use across signage, publications, digital platforms and corporate materials, and reflects key themes of land, water, history and community connection. The tagline "Discover Diversity" has also been adopted to support the new identity.

Implementation will be staged over time to allow for a practical transition across all Shire assets and materials.

The new branding will be rolled out progressively, with implementation costs managed through the Shire's annual budget process.

COUNCIL RE-COMMENCES LOCAL LAW REVIEW

Council has resolved to re-commence the statutory process for a new Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law following further amendments and the receipt of final advice from the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety.

The draft local law brings together provisions from several existing by-laws into a single updated framework to guide the management of public places, reserves, thoroughfares and Shire-owned property, including permitted and prohibited activities. The updated draft reflects changes made in response to previous community submissions and Council briefing discussions.

The proposal will now proceed to public advertising for a minimum six-week submission period.

INFORMATION BULLETIN MARCH - APRIL

The March-April Information Bulletin provided updates to Council on a range of administrative matters, including the status of planning and building activity across the Shire.

This included a CEO donation of \$250 towards ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast catering for the Bremer Bay CRC. During the reporting period, four planning applications were approved and one was refused, and seven building permits were issued, reflecting ongoing development activity across the Shire.

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RECENT SHIRE WORKS

Works Report

Works crews have continued to make strong progress across the Shire, with recent road sealing completed on Cuiss Road. Remaining finishing works, including shoulder and drain clean-up, guideposts and signage, will now be undertaken.

The construction team has also moved onto gravel sheeting projects on several local roads, with culvert replacements completed where required ahead of resurfacing works. This work will help improve road condition and access across key sections of the network.

Ongoing road grading has continued throughout the southern areas of the Shire, with road conditions generally holding up well. A new pre-qualified contractor panel is being established for plant hire services, which will streamline procurement processes, improve efficiency and ensure compliance with purchasing requirements. A similar panel for trade services is also planned.

Several funding applications have also been submitted to support future projects, including water infrastructure improvements at Bremer Bay Oval and Boxwood Hill, as well as coastal planning work for the Bremer Bay coastline. These applications aim to help deliver priority projects through external funding support.

In another positive development, a new 30,000-litre water tanker has been delivered. The tanker will support road construction works, strategic water supply needs and emergency response activities such as firefighting assistance.

The works crew farewelled two team members last month and have welcomed two new members in April, strengthening the team as works continue across the Shire.



Town Services: Bremer Bay

- Pruning of Skatepark gardens.
- Mowing of parklands and around town site.
- Started refurbishing Coastal reserves at Fisheries Beach.
- Rubbish collection from Millers Point.
- Weed spraying and removal within town site.
- Mowing of parklands.
- Pruning of vegetation encroaching onto footpaths.
- Filling in potholes.
- Graffiti removal.
- Rubbish collection within town site.
- Repaired damaged signage over Easter.

Town Services: Jerramungup

- Weed spraying throughout the town site.
- Mowing of parklands and cemetery grounds.
- Rubbish collection within town site.
- Pruning of gardens around town site.
- Pruning of vegetation within the Biosphere gardens.
- Pruning of entry statement gardens.
- Pruning of gardens at CRC.

Public Notices



PUBLIC NOTICE

ADOPTION OF LOCAL PLANNING POLICY NO.23 – ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION

The Shire of Jerramungup has resolved to proceed with Local Planning Policy No.23 – Ancillary Accommodation in accordance with Clause 4(4) of the Deemed Provisions (set out in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 Schedule 2).

Copies of the Local Planning Policy are available on the Shire's webpage:

<https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/planning-information.aspx>

MARTIN CUTHBERT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

13 April 2026

Ranger News

LITTER AND THE LAW

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping continues to be a growing concern across our beautiful region. Whether it's household rubbish, old furniture, tyres, green waste, or building materials, dumping unwanted items in bushland, on roadsides, or in public spaces is not only irresponsible—it's illegal. Dumping rubbish on public or private land without permission is an offence under the Litter Act 1979. Offenders can face heavy fines, legal action, and even prosecution.

Illegal dumping harms the environment, poses health and safety risks to our community, attracts pests, and can damage the reputation and natural beauty of our Shire. It also comes at a cost to ratepayers, with cleanup and enforcement diverting valuable resources that could be better used for community projects and services. The Shire is committed to protecting our environment and maintaining clean, welcoming spaces for residents and visitors.

How you can help

- **Dispose responsibly:** Make use of local waste transfer stations, recycling depots, and public waste bins.
- **Speak up:** If you know someone who is dumping waste illegally, encourage them to do the right thing.
- **Report it:** If you witness illegal dumping, please report it to the Shire Ranger immediately. When witnessing littering or illegal dumping, take note of: Date and time of the incident Type of vehicle and registration number Description of the person/s who have allegedly committed the offence Location it has taken place.



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

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