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**AUGUST 2025**

**SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP**

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## **WELCOME FROM THE CEO!**

As we near the end of winter, it's a good time to reflect on the challenges and achievements of the past few months across the Shire. Our teams have been working hard to manage the impacts of recent weather events, with major efforts going into road repairs and maintenance following heavy rainfall. I want to thank our staff and contractors for their continued commitment to keeping our infrastructure safe and functional during these demanding conditions. We also extend our thanks to the community for your patience and understanding as we work through these repairs.

This month's Council Meeting saw the Long Term Financial Plan 2025–2040 adopted, setting a clear path for how we invest in local services and infrastructure over the next 15 years. Staff have also been busy across the Shire, progressing important work in areas like fire preparedness, rates, public safety, and road maintenance.

On the community front, it's great to see Jerramungup named as an entrant in the 2025 Tidy Towns Awards. These efforts reflect the strong sense of pride and collaboration that exists across our Shire. I'd also like to acknowledge our staff training initiatives, including recent snake handling training. This is a timely reminder that as the weather warms up, so too does wildlife activity.

We're also looking ahead to the upcoming local government elections in October. It's an exciting opportunity for community members to step forward and help shape the future of our Shire. If you're passionate about your local area and want to make a difference, I encourage you to consider nominating for Council. Local voices are at the heart of good decision-making, and your perspective could make a real impact.

Finally, best of luck to Jerramungup and Boxwood Hill teams still in the running for a grand final win. Your hard work and dedication throughout the season have been impressive. We will all be cheering you on over the coming weekends!

**Martin Cuthbert**  
Chief Executive Officer



### **OPERATING HOURS**

#### **ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

8 Vasey Street,  
Jerramungup

Monday – Friday  
8.30am – 4.00pm

Closed Public Holidays

Ph: 9835 1022

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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Ordinary Council Meeting  
1pm Wednesday 24  
September 2025. Council  
Chamber, Jerramungup.



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# Community News

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## SHIRE STAFF COMPLETE SNAKE HANDLING TRAINING

Several Shire staff recently took part in a snake handling course as a part of our ongoing commitment to safety and preparedness across the community.

With warmer weather just around the corner, snakes become more active. The training equips staff with the knowledge and practical skills to respond safely and confidently to snake sightings.

The course covered snake behaviour, identification, and safe handling techniques, with a strong focus on minimising risk to both people and reptiles. It also reinforced the message that snakes play an important role in our ecosystem and should always be treated with care.

While the Shire is not responsible for removing snakes from private properties, trained staff may assist in certain public areas when safety is at risk.

If you spot a snake, the best thing to do is keep a safe distance and call the relevant wildlife authorities or licensed snake catchers.



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## TIDY TOWNS ENTRANT 2025



We're proud to announce that Jerramungup has officially been named an entrant in the 2025 Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards, run by Keep Australia Beautiful.

Our nomination, led by the Jerramungup CRC, focuses on the General Appearance category, recognising the Shire's hard-working staff and volunteers who help keep our parks, streets, and public spaces clean and welcoming.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate our shared efforts and encourage everyone to keep up the good work!

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# Community News

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## WA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS FINALIST

We are incredibly proud to announce that our very own Danielle Wisewould was recently named a finalist in the 2025 WA Volunteer of the Year Awards, in recognition of her dedication to the St John Ambulance WA service in Jerramungup.

Danielle has been an essential volunteer within our community across a number of roles for over 18 years. The WA Volunteer of the Year Awards, held annually by Volunteering WA, shines a well-deserved spotlight on outstanding volunteers across the State. 21 finalists were chosen from over 230 nominations. This is an incredible honour that reflects Danielle's exceptional service.

Please join us in congratulating Danielle on this remarkable achievement. Her dedication brings real strength to our community, and we're honoured to have her as part of our team. Her recognition truly exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism that keeps our region strong.



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## DoT REMINDERS

Heading into the Shire office for anything licensing-related? Don't forget to bring your valid ID & call ahead to find out what paperwork you will be required to bring in.

Whether you're applying, renewing, or updating a licence, ID is required to process your request. A primary source (i.e. driver's licence or passport) and a secondary source (i.e. Medicare card, bank card or boat licence).

Bringing the correct ID helps us serve you quickly and ensures we meet all legal and security requirements.

## WELCOME RICHARD HINDLEY

We're pleased to officially welcome Richard Hindley, our new Manager of Development, to the Shire team. Richard joins us with a wealth of experience, having previously worked at the Shire of Esperance.

Richard has hit the ground running! Bringing valuable insight, a collaborative approach, and a clear passion for community-focused development, Richard has already proven to be a great asset to our community.

We're thrilled to have him on board, please join us in making Richard feel at home!



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# Council Matters

27 August 2025

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## NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Notice is hereby given that the date for the September Ordinary Meeting of Council has been changed and will now be held on: **Wednesday 1 October 2025 at 1pm** in the Council Chambers, 8 Vasey Street, Jerramunugup.

A full copy of the meeting's Agenda can be viewed at the Shire office, or downloaded from the Shire website 72 hours prior to the meeting: <https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/>

The minutes from the last Council meeting held 27 August 2025 can be found on the Shire's website.

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### LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025–2040 ADOPTED

Council has adopted the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2025–2040, a key strategic document that guides the Shire's financial planning over the next 15 years. The plan forms part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and supports the delivery of the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

The LTFP supports delivery of the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan by outlining how the Shire will fund services and infrastructure into the future. It addresses priorities such as road and drainage maintenance, staff housing, and the ongoing renewal of community assets.

The plan incorporates projected growth in the district, with rate revenue expected to increase by 5% annually to support service delivery and long-term asset management. It also highlights the Shire's ongoing reliance on external grants and contributions to fund major projects and maintain financial sustainability.

The full LTFP is available on the Shire's website.

### RECENT SHIRE WORKS

#### Road Construction

The Road Construction Crew has been out dealing with flood damage and maintenance on all roads in the Shire after the severe weather we have been having. The Crew will start on a full reconstruction and sealing of Cuiss Road from SLK 4.25 to SLK 8.25 during August.

#### Road maintenance

The road maintenance grader has been working on flood damage as we have only one grader operator. A contractor is assisting with grading of Devils Creek South Road, Swamp Road, Murray Road, Doubtful Island Road and Millers Point Road.

#### Town Services

In Bremer Bay, staff have revamped the CRC gardens, mowed parklands, collected rubbish, and removed weeds around the townsite. Contractors installed new bench seats at Pelican Park and across from the general store, as well as new bin stands. Vic tea tree control was also completed at the airstrip. In Jerramunugup, staff carried out weed spraying, mowed parklands and the cemetery, and completed regular rubbish collection. Contractors removed large trees impacting powerlines and carried out stump removal.



# Council Matters

27 August 2025



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Shire of Jerramungup

An Ordinary Postal Election will be held on Saturday, 18 October 2025 in the Shire of Jerramungup to fill the following vacancies:

**District**

**3 Councillors**

**4 year terms**

**Nominations Open** on Thursday, 28 August 2025

**Nominations Close** at 4:00pm Thursday, 4 September 2025

Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer:

- at any time during the above period by arrangement; or
- between 2:00pm and 4:00pm Thursday, 4 September 2025 (close of nominations) at the Shire of Jerramungup, 8 Vasey Street, JERRAMUNGUP.

### Nomination Requirements

Candidates are required to lodge with the Returning Officer:

- The Commission's preferred method for candidates to nominate is through the Commission's Nomination Builder. This tool assists candidates in completing their nomination form, including their profile and additional information. The Nomination Builder can be accessed via <https://lgportal.waec.wa.gov.au/noms>. Candidates can complete their nomination details and profile, print the completed form with the allocated reference number, and lodge it with the Returning Officer. Alternatively, a copy of the prescribed nomination form is available from the Returning Officer or via [www.elections.wa.gov.au/LGE25Candidate-Information](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au/LGE25Candidate-Information)
- a single A4 page profile of not more than 1,000 characters (including spaces) containing information about the candidate.
- a nomination deposit of \$100 (cash, EFT, bank cheque or postal order).
- a recent passport-sized photograph (optional).
- every candidate must complete the online course titled *Local Government Candidate Induction*, available at [Induction for prospective candidates | LGIRS](#), prior to nominating and prove the course code on the nomination form; and
- in addition to your A4 profile, you may provide additional information that you consider to be relevant to your candidature. This written statement cannot be more than 2,000 characters (including spaces), must be in the English language and is for publication on the local government's official website only. (optional)

### Please Note:

Where an agent lodges a nomination on a candidate's behalf, it must be in the prescribed form with a written authorisation signed by the candidate. The documents may be hand delivered or posted to the Returning Officer and must be received by the close of nominations.

### Information

Full details about eligibility and nomination procedures for prospective candidates can be obtained by contacting the Returning Officer, **Christine WEEDON** on **0448 817 931** or the Western Australian Electoral Commission on **13 63 06**.

**DENNIS O'REILLY**  
ACTING ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER  
13 63 06





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# Road Closures

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Recent heavy rainfall across the Shire has led to the temporary closure of several unsealed roads, particularly to heavy vehicles. These closures are necessary to protect the road surface from further damage and to ensure the safety of all road users. Some roads have also sustained significant damage and will remain closed until they can be safely repaired.

Unsealed roads are especially vulnerable after periods of consistent or intense rain. When saturated, the surface loses its strength and becomes prone to erosion, and structural failure which is particularly damaging under the weight of heavy vehicles. Allowing time for roads to dry out helps prevent further deterioration and reduces the extent and cost of repairs required.

Shire staff are regularly monitoring road conditions and reopening roads as soon as they are safe to do so. In many cases, roads may only need to be closed for a short time, but others may require more extensive works before they can be used again. Repair efforts will begin as soon as weather and ground conditions permit safe and effective access for maintenance crews.

Please continue to drive to the conditions and avoid using closed roads, even if they appear passable. Travelling on wet or damaged roads can worsen the damage and significantly delay reopening.

For the latest updates on road closures and conditions, please visit the Shire's website before travelling and keep an eye on the Shire Facebook page.





# Rates Notice Update

## RATES NOTICES NOW ISSUED – KEY DATES AND INFORMATION

Rates notices have now been issued, and we thank all residents for their ongoing contribution to the services and facilities that keep our community running.

Payment in full is due by 1 October 2025, but if you prefer to pay in instalments, two and four part payment plans are available.

Please note that penalty interest of 11% applies to all overdue amounts. If recovery action is required, additional legal and recovery costs may also be charged.

If you hold a Pensioner Concession Card, State Concession Card, or a WA Seniors Card and live at the property, you may be eligible for a concession.

If you haven't received your notice yet, or if you need assistance understanding your payment options, please get in touch with us early to avoid any complications. Support is available for those experiencing financial hardship, and early communication can make a big difference.

### KEY PAYMENT DATES

Full payment due date:  
**1 October 2025**



### PREFER TO PAY IN INSTALMENTS?

#### Two Instalments

First payment due date **1 October 2025**  
Second payment due date **4 February 2026**

#### Four Instalments

First payment due date **1 October 2025**  
Second payment due date **3 December 2025**  
Third payment due date **4 February 2026**  
Fourth payment due date **8 April 2026**

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR RATES

#### HOW ARE RATES CALCULATED?



The Shire budgets rates revenue to provide services

Divided by combined value of all rateable properties

To get the rate in the dollar

#### WHAT YOU PAY



Multiply the value of your property

By the rate in the dollar

To get your rates for the year

*The valuation of your property is provided to the Shire by Landgate. These values are provided independently. For more information, visit the Landgate website:  
<https://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/valuations>*

# Ranger News

## FIRE CONTROL AND PREPAREDNESS

Fire control information flyers have been sent out with rates notices this month.

This is the first and final notice which is served to all landowners and/or occupiers within the Shire of Jerramungup, who have the legal responsibility to prepare their properties to reduce the risk of outbreak and spread of fires within the Shire. Your property must comply from 10 October 2025 and be maintained through to 30 April 2026.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

	<b>ZONE 1, 2, 3, 4</b> (SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP)	<b>ZONE 5</b> (BREMER BAY, INCLUDING PT HENRY PENINSULA)
<b>Restricted burning period (Permits required)</b>	01/10/25 – 31/10/25	01/09/25 – 31/10/25
<b>Prohibited burning period</b>	01/11/25 – 07/02/26	01/11/25 – 04/04/26
<b>Restricted burning period (Permits required)</b>	08/02/26 – 30/04/26	05/04/26 – 31/05/26

For further information on current Fire Control Officers, signing up to Harvest Ban information message, contractors assisting with fire control works, map of Fire Zone boundaries, variations to the Fire Control Notice and other fire control information, visit the Shire of Jerramungup website at <https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/services/fire-control.aspx>

Scan here to find out what you are allowed to do during a total fire ban/ harvest and vehicle movement ban



### 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**

**Hours:**

Mon – Fri: 8.30am to 4.00pm

**Phone:**

0499 351 141

**Email:**

[council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au)  
(monitored during business hours)