

FEBRUARY 2026
SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP



COUNCIL BUZZ



WELCOME FROM THE CEO!

February has been another active month across the Shire, with a number of important initiatives and events supporting community safety, preparedness and local engagement.

I'm pleased to share that the Shire has funded and supplied LifeVac anti-choking devices to a range of community facilities across Jerramungup, Bremer Bay and Boxwood Hill. Providing this equipment in well-used public spaces adds an extra layer of protection in emergencies and reflects our ongoing commitment to safer community environments.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting of Electors held in Bremer Bay this month. These meetings are an important opportunity for residents to hear updates, ask questions and share feedback directly with Councillors and staff. We value this input and the role it plays in shaping priorities for the year ahead.

Preparations are also well underway for the Bremer Bay Bushfire Expo 2026 in April. This free, family-friendly event will provide practical information and activities to help households better understand bushfire risks and preparedness. I encourage everyone to come along and take advantage of this valuable local resource.

Finally, with the extraordinary Council election approaching in March, I encourage electors to take the time to learn about the candidates and participate in the voting process. Local government decisions directly influence our community's future, and community participation is an important part of that.

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in our Shire.



Martin Cuthbert
Chief Executive Officer

OPERATING HOURS

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

8 Vasey Street,
Jerramungup

Monday - Friday
8.30am - 4.00pm

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Ordinary Council Meeting
1pm Wednesday 25 March
2026. Council Chamber,
Jerramungup.

Community News

NEW LIFEVAC ANTI-CHOKING DEVICES SUPPLIED ACROSS THE SHIRE

The Shire of Jerramungup has funded and supplied LifeVac anti-choking devices to a range of community facilities, with funding allocated in the 2025/26 budget as part of the Shire's ongoing commitment to community safety and emergency preparedness.

LifeVac is a portable airway clearance device designed to assist in choking emergencies if standard first aid methods are not successful. Each location has also received a LifeVac Choking Guide to provide clear instructions if required.

Devices are now available at local childcare centres, community resource centres, sporting facilities, the Bremer Bay Town Hall, Jerramungup District High School, the Shire Administration Building, and the Boxwood Hill Combined Sports Club. These sites were selected as well-used community spaces, including places where children and more vulnerable people may be present.

Providing these devices adds an extra layer of protection in an emergency and supports safer community spaces across the Shire.



Shire Chief Executive Officer Martin Cuthbert at Skylar in Jerramungup with new LifeVac device.

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Community News

ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

The annual meeting of electors was held on Tuesday 10 February 2026 in Bremer Bay. The gathering provided an important opportunity for residents to hear updates on the Shire's activities, ask questions, and provide feedback directly to Councillors and staff.

Topics discussed included recent community projects, budget highlights, infrastructure developments, and environmental initiatives. Attendees were also given an overview of the Shire's financial performance and upcoming priorities for the year ahead.

The meeting encouraged open dialogue and allowed the community to engage with local government decision-making. The Shire thanks everyone who participated and looks forward to continuing to work together to support and improve the region.

BREMER BAY BUSHFIRE EXPO 2026

Shire staff have been busy this month preparing for the upcoming Bremer Bay Bushfire Expo 2026, a free, family-friendly event focused on helping the community get ready for bushfire season.

The Expo will be held on Friday 10 April from 10am at the Bremer Bay VFES Building. Anyone is welcome to drop in to chat with local emergency services, pick up practical bushfire safety information, and enjoy interactive activities for kids.

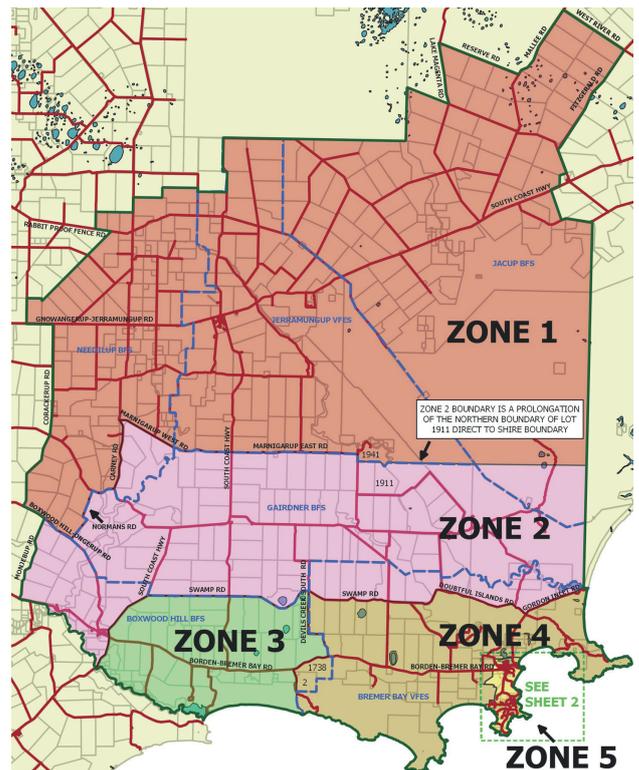
FINAL RATES INSTALMENT DUE 8 APRIL 2026

The fourth and final Rates Instalment for 2025/2026 is due for payment in full by 8 April 2026.

If you are unable to meet this payment deadline or have any queries regarding your rates, please contact the Shire's Rates Officer by phone on 9835 1022 or by email at rates@jerramungup.wa.gov.au.

RESTRICTED BURNING IN ZONES 1, 2, 3 & 4

From 8 February 2026, zones 1, 2, 3 & 4 within the Shire of Jerramungup have entered restricted burning period. During the Restricted Burning Period you must not start a fire without a permit. Contact your nearest FCO to obtain a Permit to Burn.



Extraordinary Election Update

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL ELECTION NOMINEES

Nominations have now closed for the two vacant positions on Council, as part of the upcoming extraordinary election. During the nomination period, three candidates nominated for election: Nathan McQuiod, Paul Hislop and Andrea Nordstrom.

This election provides an important opportunity for community members to have their say in who will represent them on Council and help guide decision-making for the Shire. Electors are encouraged to take the time to learn more about each candidate by viewing their profiles on the following pages or on the Shire of Jerramungup website.

The Extraordinary Election will be conducted by postal vote through the Western Australian Electoral Commission. Postal voting packs should already be arriving in electors' mailboxes. Voting closes at 6.00pm on Thursday, 26 March 2026.

Further election information will be shared as it becomes available from the WA Electoral Commission.

Nathan McQuiod

First coming to the Jerramungup district in 1991, as a ranger in Fitzgerald River National Park at Jacup, I was hooked by the area and have been attached ever since.

I am a self employed ecologist. My motivation to nominate for council is to give back to the district, and to represent the people, community and the best interests of the district and its famous environment.

I support progressive, evidence based, economically sound, consultative, fair and socially and environmentally responsible policies that best benefit and express our community.

I believe accountability, community priority, and transparency in Local Government are critical.

I am passionate about maintaining and sharing the district's natural values, and the lifestyles and enterprises that this world-renowned heritage affords. I strongly support the prime agriculture in our district and its pioneering and enterprising people.

Hearing and discussing your views and concerns, and representing you on council will be my focus.

Paul Hislop

I've lived in the Jerramungup Shire all my life and enjoy farming with my wife, sons and their families.

We run a mixed farm enterprise of cropping, and sheep for wool and meat. I have always been passionate about agriculture and the role it plays in rural communities.

I've had a strong affiliation with sport and community groups my whole life as a participant and in leadership and administrative roles, these include Jerramungup Sports Club President for many years and Deputy Fire Chief.

I've also been actively involved in the Football and Basketball Clubs, FESA and FBG.

I believe my experience and exposure to all these groups will be of great benefit in my role as a councillor.

I have a strong commitment to support community, sporting and volunteer groups and promoting the growth of small businesses to ensure the Shire of Jerramungup is a progressive, vibrant community for all to enjoy.

Extraordinary Election Update

Andrea Nordstrom

My family and community are at the heart of who I am. I have been married for 20 years and am the proud mother of 5 children. Raising my family has taught me patience, resilience and the importance of listening – indeed necessary for any relationship and leadership. These qualities, combined, ultimately, we must work as a team if we are to get things done well.

I have studied at universities in the School of Law, Politics and Public Health. I have been actively involved in the 3 most recent National, Federal and State campaigns. This experience has afforded my understanding of community engagement, grassroots advocacy and again, listening. I have travelled extensively across Australia to our most remote regions. I understand the resilience needed and challenges of living in regional communities.

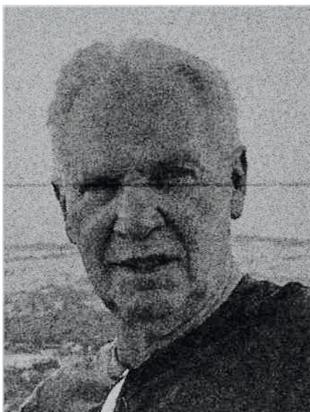
These experiences have strengthened my love for our Great Southern Land and I am committed to the continued assurance that our Shire is the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Sport has also been essential to my life from coaching at community level through a state representative teams in netball, water polo and AFL. I have gained resilience, teamwork skills and deepened connection to community spirit sport has shown me the value of inclusion and participation and I want to bring the same sense of opportunity and belonging to our Shire. I am committed to emphasising that this region is the best place to live work and raise a family.

Community engagement and accountability my guiding principles. I believe residents deserve genuine opportunities to have their voices heard and reflected in outcomes. If elected I want to focus on the growth and prosperity of the Shire. Growth must be more than infrastructure it should include supporting small businesses, creating opportunities for young people, supporting the environment and strengthening community well being with careful planning and community input. We can embrace development while protecting the unique character and heritage of our region.

Ultimately, I want to bring optimism energy and fresh ideas to council. I believe challenges can be turned into opportunities when we work together. My vision is to inspire confidence and ensure that every resident feels supported and empowered in shaping the future of our Shire.

In summary, my life experiences, marriage and motherhood, higher education in legal studies, politics and science, political and sporting involvement, travel and community service have prepared me to represent and serve our community with dedication. My values of family, accountability and engagement will guide every comment I make, ensuring that the Shire continues to support every member of its community. I hope to inspire ideas, listen with intention and represent my constituents authentically.



Nathan McQuiod



Paul Hislop



Andrea Nordstrom.

Council Matters

25 February 2026

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

25 March 2026

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 25 March 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 25 February 2026 can be found on the Shire's website.

LEASE FINALISED FOR JERRAMUNGUP CHILDCARE FACILITY

Council agreed to enter into a five-year lease with Skylar Early Learning for the Shire-owned property at 3 Spitfire Avenue, Jerramungup, supporting the continued operation of a local childcare service.

The facility has operated as a childcare centre under an interim arrangement since October 2025, following the closure of the previous service. Formalising the lease secures ongoing childcare in Jerramungup. No public submissions were received during the required advertising period.

Council authorised the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to execute the lease and will now seek Ministerial approval as required under the Local Government Act.

BUSHFIRE MITIGATION WORKS CONTRACT AWARDED

Council agreed to award the contract for delivery of chemical, mechanical and prescribed burning works under the Bushfire Mitigation Activity Fund Program (2025–2028) to Indiji Flora.

The program supports targeted fuel reduction and land management activities aimed at lowering bushfire risk across priority areas of the Shire. The approved works form part of the Shire's ongoing bushfire mitigation planning and will be delivered over a three-year period.

LOCAL LAWS REVIEW UPDATE

Council has recommenced the statutory process to update several Shire local laws as part of the ongoing Local Laws Review. Draft local laws relating to bush fire brigades, dogs, dust, sand and erosion, fencing, parking and parking facilities, and animals, environment and nuisance are being progressed.

Many of the current local laws are outdated or no longer aligned with contemporary legislation and local practice. Updating these laws will help ensure they remain clear, enforceable and relevant to the Shire's operations and community needs.

For each local law, local public notice will be given and submissions invited over a minimum six-week period, with drafts available for community review. Feedback received during the advertising period will be considered before the laws are presented for final adoption.

Council Matters

25 February 2026

RECENT SHIRE WORKS

Road Construction

The construction crew commenced at Cuiss Road upon their return to work in January. They are again being led by Nigel Ritchie from Campbells Transport who is acting in the final trim grader role. At the time of writing the new gravel pavement is being placed, although there was a slight delay of two or three days following substantial rain on Tuesday, 10 February and showers thereafter.

A week or so was also lost due to the fire in the Fitzgerald National Park following the decision to suspend work so as to not hinder firefighter access as well as during days of extreme weather in that time.

Road Maintenance

The Shire's maintenance grader has been concentrating on roads in the Jacup, Magenta and West Fitzgerald areas while the maintenance grading contractor continues in areas to the south of Jerramungup either side of the South Coast Highway and around Bremer Bay.

Additionally, the Shire engaged the services of another Campbells employee who operated the Shire's second grader for the month of December including over the Christmas/New Year's break which proved invaluable given harvest traffic on the busier roads at that time.



Town Services: Bremer Bay

- Cleaned up vandalism from the Christmas/new year's holiday season.
- Replaced damaged street signs.
- Removed fallen trees along Wellstead Road.
- Contractors have removed large trees/limbs impeding along power lines.
- Mowed parklands and around townsite.
- Rubbish collection from Millers Point.
- Sprayed and removed weeds within townsite.
- Mowed parklands.
- Rubbish collection within town site.

Town Services: Jerramungup

- Sprayed weeds throughout the townsite.
- Mowed parklands and cemetery.
- Weed control at the Airstrip.
- Cleaned up vandalism from the Christmas/new year's holiday season.
- Rubbish collection within town site.
- Weed spraying in gardens.



Shire Event



BREMER BAY BUSHFIRE EXPO *LET'S TALK FIRE*

Bring your friends, family, and neighbours along and join the Shire of Jerramungup and local volunteers for a fun community day with activities for all ages - all under the banner of bushfire awareness, safety, and preparedness.



**FRIDAY 10 APRIL 26
FROM 10 AM**



**VFES BUILDING
BREMER BAY**

- Virtual reality bushfire experience and interactive games
- Local bushfire mitigation information
- Information stalls and displays
- Food and refreshment options
- Kids activities

Public Notice



PUBLIC NOTICE

STRATEGIC FIREBREAK MAINTENANCE – POINT HENRY, BREMER BAY

The Shire of Jerramungup advises residents and visitors that maintenance works will soon be undertaken on strategic firebreaks between Point Henry Rd and Black Rocks Road Point Henry, Bremer Bay.

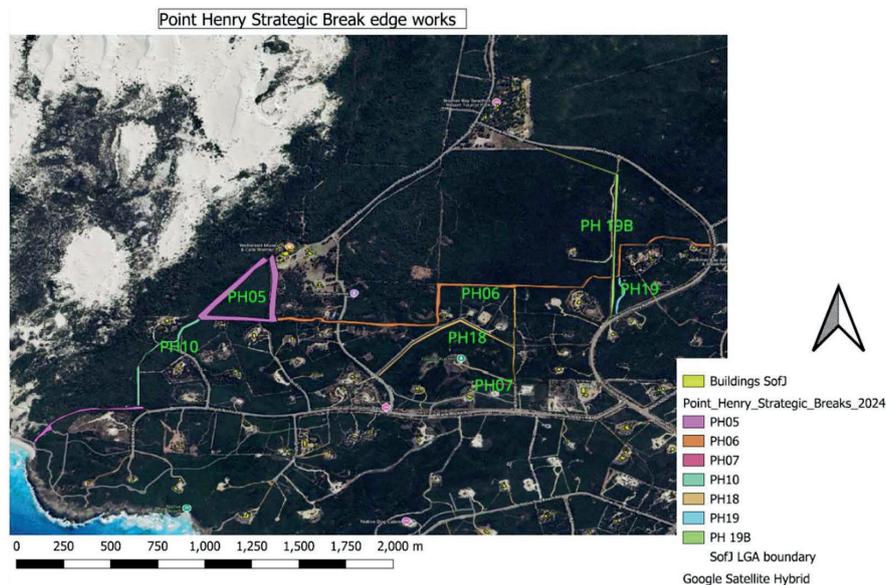
PURPOSE: To reduce the risk of bushfire by maintaining clear and functional strategic firebreaks across the Point Henry peninsula. To allow safe access for emergency services in the case of a bushfire.

SCOPE OF WORKS:

- Trimming vegetation encroaching into established breaks
- Mulching trees and regrowth to maintain the full width of strategic firebreaks
- Clearing overgrown sections to prevent the breaks from closing up

DATE: March 2026

LOCATION: Areas of Point Henry Peninsula, Bremer Bay as per the map below:



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Contractors operating machinery along firebreaks.
- Temporary access restrictions.
- Increased vehicle movement and noise.

If you have any concerns or require further information, please contact the Shire of Jerramungup on 08 9835 1022.

Martin Cuthbert
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
23 February 2026

Ranger News

LITTER AND THE LAW

Littering & Illegal Dumping

Littering and dumping are illegal practices where people deliberately deposit their rubbish and unwanted items on streets, in public bins, in parks, on vacant land or in bushes and nature reserves.

More serious illegal dumping occurs where people fill up trailers and trucks and dump items in areas where they think they will not be seen such as National Parks, bushland reserves or parks.

This negative and harmful practice shows disregard for Jerramungup's natural environment. There is no excuse for this type of dumping when there are existing waste services available.

Reporting Litter

For litter which has been dumped on public land, please contact the Shire on 9835 1022 or report it using the 'Report It' form on our website. Our Ranger will attend to investigate and arrange for litter to be removed. Litter which has been dumped on private property is the sole responsibility of the property owner.

People who witness littering or illegal dumping should if possible, take note of the following:

- Date, time and place of the offence
- Description of the offender & vehicle
- Type of litter or nature of the illegal dumping

Fines for Littering

In Western Australia littering infringements can be issued by authorised officers that include: police officers, local government rangers and other officers employed by government departments that oversee the protection of the environment and waterways.



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

Phone:

0499 351 141

9835 1022 (Shire office)

Email:

ranger2@jerramungup.wa.gov.au
(monitored during business hours)