



Welcome from the CEO

Welcome to the July edition of Council Buzz, featuring a fresh, new look.

This month has been an exciting one in the Shire with the launch of our new logo and branding. A significant amount of work has gone into this project over the past two years, involving Council, staff and community members, so it is rewarding to see those efforts now coming to life. The new brand provides a modern identity that better reflects the Shire as a whole, and you will begin to see it rolled out across our publications, signage and digital platforms over the coming months.

We have also been busy finalising our annual budget for the 2026/27 financial year, which was adopted at the July Council meeting. The \$20 million budget continues to focus on sustainable service delivery, infrastructure investment and long-term planning, while balancing community priorities and cost-of-living pressures. The budget includes the commencement of the Bremer Bay Medical Centre, continued planning for the Bremer Bay Cultural Precinct, the rollout of the Shire's new brand identity, and ongoing investment in roads, community facilities and public assets.



Martin Cuthbert
Chief Executive Officer

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Ordinary Council Meeting
1pm Tuesday 1 September 2026.
Bremer Bay Sports Club,
Bremer Bay.

Community News

INTRODUCING OUR NEW BRANDING THE SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP: DISCOVER DIVERSITY

Our brand story

The Shire of Jerramungup, in Western Australia's Great Southern region, is as historically rich as it is ecologically significant. Within its diversity there are endless discoveries to be made.

From the dramatic hinterland and golden fields of canola, to the squeaky white sands of Blossoms Beach. From a self-funded museum filled with local heritage to the hundreds of wildflowers found only in the Fitzgerald National Park biosphere. From a visit to where our returning ANZACS began their Jerramungup journey under the Soldiers Settlement scheme, to launching a tinny at Little Boat Harbour beach. From a yarn about the Shire's deep Noongar history to the awe-inspiring sight of Southern Right Whales calving just offshore.

At the Shire of Jerramungup, we believe the more we embrace diversity, the more we discover. We invite you to be part of our supportive community, explore our rich history, immerse yourself in our pristine natural environment, experience our thriving agricultural industry, and connect with the people who make this place special. Discover true diversity in the Shire of Jerramungup... all you have to do, is look for it.



Our Brand mark is made up of various elements that represent the diverse natural offerings within the Shire of Jerramungup – beautiful sunsets, lush hills, wondrous waterways and pristine beaches. A stylised sun is also incorporated as a subtle nod to the region's Soldier Settlement history, symbolising renewal, resilience and the enduring connection to the Anzac legacy. The Shire of Jerramungup primary colour palette reflects the shire's region, its natural landscape as well as its community and culture.

Community News

Australian Citizenship Ceremony

This month, the Shire held our fourth Australian citizenship ceremony for 2026. The ceremony was held at the Bremer Bay Town Hall to officially welcome five new Australian citizens to the community.

George, Jess, Jorge, Natali and Santiago each made the Australian Citizenship Pledge during the ceremony, marking an important milestone for themselves and their families. Originally from Peru, Canada and the United Kingdom, the new citizens now join the Australian community and contribute to the rich diversity of the Shire.

The Shire congratulates George, Jess, Jorge, Natali and Santiago on becoming Australian citizens and wishes them all the best for the future.



Works Crew Complete Machinery Training

The Shire's works crew recently completed front-end loader and excavator training, with team members successfully obtaining the required tickets to operate the machinery.

The training supports the ongoing development of newer crew members and will assist with essential maintenance and construction activities, including drainage improvements, culvert cleaning and road construction. Additional training is planned to further strengthen the team's skills and capability.

Staff Updates

Welcome to Langdon Gadean & Darryl Stanton

The Shire's works team has recently expanded, with Darryl Stanton and Langdon Gadean joining the crew. Since commencing, both have quickly become part of the team and are contributing to a range of maintenance and infrastructure projects across the district. Their support will help strengthen the delivery of road works, facility maintenance and other essential services throughout the Shire.

Council Matters

CEO Performance Review

Council has completed the annual performance review of Chief Executive Officer Martin Cuthbert in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Shire's adopted CEO Performance Review Standards. Council accepted the review outcome of "Meets Performance Requirements" for the 2025/26 review period and endorsed the CEO's Key Result Areas for 2026/27.

Section 33 Notice Adopted for 2026/27 Fire Season

Council has adopted the Shire of Jerramungup's Section 33 Notice for the 2026/27 fire season and authorised its publication and distribution in accordance with the Bush Fires Act 1954.

Annual Budget for 2026/2027

Council adopted the Annual Budget for the Financial Year 2026/2027. You can view the full budget on the Shire website.

Local History Advisory Group Established

Council has adopted the Terms of Reference for the Jerramungup Local History Advisory Group and formally established the group as a Council Advisory Group. The advisory group will provide advice to Council on matters relating to the preservation, promotion and interpretation of the Shire's history and heritage. Council also appointed Cr Neil Foreman as Chairperson, Cr Paul Hislop as Deputy Chairperson, and endorsed the appointment of current Jerramungup History Group members.

Draft Council Plan

Council has endorsed the Draft Shire of Jerramungup Council Plan 2026-2036 for public advertising and consultation. Developed through community surveys, workshops and stakeholder engagement, the Draft Council Plan outlines the Shire's vision and strategic priorities for the next 10 years, along with the key actions proposed over the next four years. Community members will have the opportunity to review the document and provide feedback before the final Plan is presented to Council for adoption.

Information Bulletin June - July

During the reporting period, ten planning applications were approved, three building permits were issued, reflecting ongoing development activity across the Shire.

Next Council Meeting

Tuesday, 1 September 2026 - Bremer Bay

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 1 September 2026 at 1.00pm at the Bremer Bay Sports Club, Bremer Bay.

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 29 July 2026 can be found on the Shire's website.

WORKS AND TOWN SERVICES REPORTS

Works Update

The Shire's gravel sheeting program has now been completed, with crews moving on to maintenance works and training activities. Maintenance grading is continuing across the southern parts of the Shire where required.

Planning and funding applications continue for a number of road projects. Surveying and design work for Meechi Road will commence shortly, with construction expected to begin as weather conditions permit. Funding submissions have also been prepared for future road works, including Meechi Road, Cuiss Road, Swamp Road and Jerramungup North Road.

The Shire has submitted a Black Spot funding application for the full length of Derrick Street. The proposal includes traffic-calming measures aimed at improving road safety and reducing vehicle speeds. If funding is secured, community consultation will be undertaken prior to implementation.

A tender has been released for the reconstruction of flood-damaged roads on Doubtful Island Road, Cuiss Road and Boxwood Hill-Ongerup Road. Work is also progressing on a new regional waste collection tender being undertaken in partnership with the Shires of Plantagenet and Denmark.

The Shire has successfully secured \$200,000 in funding from the WA Planning Commission to prepare a Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHMAP) for Bremer Bay. A steering committee has been established to guide the project, with further information to be provided to Council in the coming months.

Other projects currently progressing include the Pelican Park Playground proposal, the Bremer Bay Trail Project, and preparations for the disposal of surplus plant and equipment. Discussions also continue regarding the closure of the Bremer Bay Airstrip project and the acquittal of grant funding received to date.



Town Services

Bremer Bay :

- Mowing of parklands and around town site
- Removal of African box thorn/African daisy within estuary walk trail
- Removal of vegetation encroaching onto footpaths and roads
- Weed spraying and removal within town site
- Re-mulching half of skate park gardens
- Cleaning material partially blocking storm water drain inlets around town site
- Rubbish collection within town site

Jerramungup:

- Weed spraying throughout the town site
- Mowing of parklands and cemetery
- Rubbish collection within town site
- Pruning of trees around the town site
- Started work on renovating Roe Park/War Memorial gardens

Budget Highlights

Budget Snapshots

Law, Order & Public Safety

\$1.26M will fund bushfire mitigation works, strategic firebreaks, volunteer support and training, firefighting operations, emergency water supplies, ranger services, signage and community bushfire awareness initiatives.

Community Amenities

\$1.47M will fund waste and recycling services, town planning, cemetery and public amenity maintenance, the Jerramungup effluent system, replacement of townsite bins, associated employee costs, and planning for the proposed Bremer Bay Cultural Precinct.

Transport

\$1.9M investment in the maintenance of essential transport and community infrastructure, including rural roads, footpaths, townsite streets, street sweeping, drainage, the Bremer Bay boat ramp and associated facilities, airstrips and associated employee costs.

Recreation & Culture

\$1.67M will support parks, recreation and community facilities, with capital works including skate park fencing, Kokoda Op-Shop repairs and planning for future community projects.

Governance

\$272k will fund governance and corporate leadership activities, including audit services, Council elections, memberships, community commemorations and associated employee costs.

Economic Services

\$86k will fund building control and surveying, Millers Point Campground works, Bremer Bay Caravan Park insurance, standpipe maintenance, legal services and associated employee costs.

Education & Welfare

\$29k will provide ongoing support for childcare centres, building maintenance, seniors programs and school awards.

Health

\$848k will support local healthcare services, including General Practitioner services, medical centre operations, contract health services, associated staffing costs, and a \$300k contribution towards the Bremer Bay St John building.

Community Donations

Council will support donations for Kidzfest, the Bremer Bay Men's Shed, St John Ambulance, Friends of Fitzgerald River National Park and the Jerramungup CRC & all three sporting clubs.

Housing

\$95K investment into building maintenance and capital works on Shire owned assets.

General Purpose Funding

\$83k investment in rating and valuation services, including annual rates administration, valuation expenses, location information services, legal fees associated with rates collection and associated employee costs.

Key Budget Initiatives

Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaption Plan (CHRMAP)

The Shire has secured \$200k in funding to prepare a Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) for Bremer Bay, providing a framework to assess coastal risks and guide future planning, asset protection and adaptation strategies.

Bremer Bay Medical Centre

\$650k has been committed towards the planning and construction of the new Bremer Bay Medical Centre, supporting the continued delivery of essential healthcare services to the community.

Construction Projects

\$3.29M will fund road construction and flood restoration works, including Meechi and Cuiss Roads, new footpaths and repairs to infrastructure impacted by previous flood events.

Public Notices



CHANGE OF VENUES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*, s.5.25(1)(g) and *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, r.12, notice is hereby given of a change of venue for the following Ordinary Council Meetings:

Changed Venue – August Ordinary Council Meeting:

Date

Tuesday 1 September 2026

New Venue

Sports Club, Bremer Bay

Changed Venue – December Ordinary Council Meeting:

Date

Wednesday 16 December 2026

New Venue

Sports Club, Bremer Bay

No Change – July, September, October and November Ordinary Council Meetings:

Date

Wednesday 29 July 2026

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Wednesday 28 October 2026

Wednesday 25 November 2026

New Venue

Council Chamber, Jerramungup

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MARTIN CUTHBERT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

6 July 2026

Public Notices



DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2026-2036 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

We're planning for the future and have prepared a Draft Council Plan 2026 - 2036 to guide our local planning over the next 10 years and beyond.

This plan integrates our Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan. It addresses statutory requirements and follows the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and Guidelines.

The draft plan has now been approved for public advertising at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 29 July 2026 and we are again seeking community feedback.

You can view the Draft Council Plan by:

- Downloading a copy on our website at the link below
<https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council/notices/draft-council-plan-2026-2036.aspx>
- Scanning the QR code
- Visiting the Shire Administration Office and requesting a copy



Submissions

Written submissions can be lodged by post to PO Box 92, Jerramungup WA 6337 or by email to council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au

Submissions are open from Thursday 30 July 2026 and close at 5:00pm on Friday, 21 August 2026.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, belonging to Martin Cuthbert, is positioned above his name.

MARTIN CUTHBERT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

30 July 2026

Ranger News

Litter and the Law

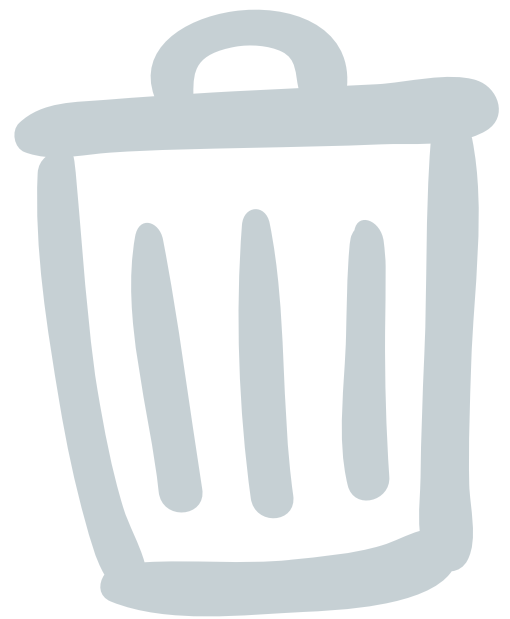
Illegal Dumping

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

Phone: 0499 351 141 or 9835 1022 (Shire office)

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