

**MARCH 2026**  
**SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP**



## **WELCOME FROM THE CEO!**

Welcome to the March edition of the Council Buzz. It has been another busy month at the Shire as we come into Autumn.

The Extraordinary Election was held on 26 March, and I am pleased to congratulate Paul Hislop and Nathan McQuoid on their election to Council. Both bring a wealth of experience, knowledge, and dedication to the Shire, and I look forward to working with them as they step into their roles, contributing their perspectives and expertise as we continue working for the benefit of our community.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our staff who have worked hard behind the scenes this month to support the Extraordinary Election process. Organising an election involves a significant amount of preparation and coordination, and I appreciate the work that has gone into ensuring it ran smoothly. Thank you as well to everyone in the community who took the time to vote and take part in this important process.

A big congratulations also goes to the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group for another successful Dancing in the Dirt Ball that took place earlier this month. It was great to see so many people from surrounding districts come together and enjoy the evening. The Shire was proud to support this event with a \$10,000 contribution allocated in the 2025/26 budget.

Our works crews have been busy around the Shire this month with works continuing on the sealing project at Cuiss Road which begun earlier this year.

I'm glad to see Harvest Fire Conversations being held across the grain-growing regions, providing a valuable opportunity for communities to talk about harvest fire risks. An informative session was hosted by Karen Chappel AM JP in Katanning on 26 March. If you're interested, another session will be held in Esperance on 8 April, and I encourage anyone who can to attend.



**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 22 April  
2026. Council Chamber,  
Jerramungup.

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# Extraordinary Election Update

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS

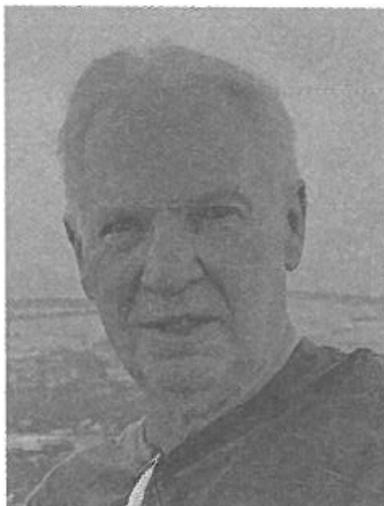
On Thursday 26 March, the Shire held its Extraordinary Election by postal vote to fill two vacant positions on Council. Three candidates nominated for the election: Nathan McQuoid, Paul Hislop and Andrea Nordstrom.

We are pleased to announce that Paul Hislop and Nathan McQuoid have been elected to Council, with terms expiring October 2029 and October 2027 respectively. The Shire thanks all candidates for putting their names forward and acknowledges the time and commitment involved in standing for Council. Thank you also to community members who took part in the voting process.

Paul has lived in the Shire of Jerramungup his entire life and farms locally with his wife, sons and their families. With a background in mixed farming and long-standing involvement in sporting and volunteer groups, including leadership roles within the Jerramungup Sports Club and local fire services, Paul brings strong community ties and practical experience. He has indicated his commitment to supporting agriculture, volunteer organisations, small business and the continued growth of the district.

Nathan first came to the Jerramungup district in 1991 while working as a ranger in Fitzgerald River National Park at Jacup and has remained strongly connected to the area ever since. A self-employed ecologist, Nathan nominated to give back to the district and represent the community and its environment. He has expressed support for evidence-based, economically sound and environmentally responsible decision-making, with a focus on accountability, transparency and community consultation.

The Shire looks forward to working with the newly elected councillors and continuing to deliver outcomes that reflect the priorities of our community.



*Nathan McQuoid*



*Paul Hislop*

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# Community News

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## **COUNCIL PLAN UNDERWAY**

Shire staff have been busy preparing for the development of the Shire of Jerramungup's next Council Plan, which will guide our priorities over the coming ten years. Keep an eye out next month for opportunities to have your say, including a short community survey and local workshops where you can share your ideas and help shape the future of our Shire.

## **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](mailto:rates@jerramungup.wa.gov.au).

## **FAREWELL TO CALLAN O'MEARA & ASHLI McALINDEN**

We would like to wish Callan O'Meara and Ashli McAlinden all the best as they move on from the Shire. Both have been valued members of our works crew since November 2023, contributing to the maintenance and improvement of our roads, parks, and public spaces across the Shire. Their hard work has made a real difference to the community. We thank Callan and Ashli for their efforts and wish them every success in the future.

## **DOT IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

A reminder to bring in adequate ID when accessing Department of Transport services at the Shire. To avoid disappointment, check what ID is required before you come in:

[www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/identity](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/identity)

The following are DoT requirements of all ID:

- All documents must be originals
- One of the documents must contain your signature
- The name on your documents must be the same (if this is not the same, evidence of change of name should be provided)

## **SHIRE ENTERS FULL RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD FROM 5 APRIL 2026**

Zones 1, 2, 3, and 4 within the Shire of Jerramungup have been in Restricted Burning Period since 8 February 2026. From Sunday 5 April 2026, this period will extend to the entire Shire.

During the Restricted Burning Period, residents must not start any fires without a valid Permit to Burn. Permits can be obtained from your nearest Fire Control Officer (FCO) and ensure that burning is conducted safely and in accordance with fire management regulations.

Residents are reminded to follow all conditions of their permit and take care when conducting fire-related activities. For more information, including FCO contact details, please visit the Shire website or contact the Shire office.

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# Council Matters

25 March 2026

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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**22 April 2026**

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

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – LOT 112 HORSE HILL ROAD, BREMER BAY

Council considered a development application for Lot 112 (43) Horse Hill Road, Bremer Bay, proposing tourist accommodation in the form of 10 eco tents, a reception centre, and associated infrastructure.

Following assessment and consideration of 20 public submissions, Council refused the application. Key concerns included the scale and intensity of the proposal, potential impacts on neighbouring properties, bushfire risk, environmental constraints, and insufficient supporting information relating to traffic, wastewater, and site suitability. Council determined the proposal was not consistent with the objectives of the 'Rural' zone and could not be supported in its current form.

## TEN YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2025/26 – 2034/35

Council adopted the Ten Year Capital Works Program for 2025/26 to 2034/35, providing a long-term plan to guide investment in the Shire's road network. The program uses the Road Hierarchy to prioritise upgrades and maintenance, supporting a strategic approach to infrastructure planning.

The first five years provide a detailed outlook, with later years remaining flexible to respond to changing needs and funding. Year two of the program will form the basis of the 2026/27 capital road works budget, subject to the annual budget process.

## BUDGET REVIEW 2025/26

Council adopted the 2025/2026 mid-year budget review and associated budget amendments to ensure the Shire remains on track to deliver services and projects within budget. This annual review is required under legislation and considers the Shire's financial position and performance to date, along with projected outcomes for the remainder of the financial year. Details can be found in the Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes on our website.

## ADOPTION OF LPP23

Council adopted Local Planning Policy No. 23 – Ancillary Accommodation, proceeding with the policy without modification. The policy was advertised for public comment, with no submissions received, and will now guide future planning decisions on ancillary accommodation across the Shire.

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## ADOPTION OF UPDATED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

Council, by absolute majority, adopted the updated Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates, ensuring compliance with the Local Government Amendment Act 2024 and associated regulations effective 1 January 2026.

## MODIFICATION TO MANAGEMENT ORDER AT RESERVE 31381

Council delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Management Order for Reserve 31381 (3 Spitfire Avenue, Jerramungup), enabling a power to lease for 21 years. This will allow the Shire to finalise the lease with Purple Butterfly Pty Ltd trading as Skylar Early Learning.

## PROPOSED LEASE OF RESERVE 26384

Council approved a lease of 7 Mary Street, Bremer Bay, to ETA Pharmacies Group Pty Ltd for the operation of a pharmacy. The lease includes a three-year rent-free period and a five-year term with an option for a further term, subject to statutory advertising and no significant objections.

## WALGA SECTOR CONSULTATION – ELECTORAL REFORM

Council endorsed the Shire's response to WALGA's electoral reform consultation, supporting the continuation of biennial half-spill elections and voluntary voting, and opposing four-year full-spill elections and compulsory voting due to potential governance disruption, loss of corporate knowledge, and increased administrative burden for small regional councils.

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## RECENT SHIRE WORKS

### Town Services: Jerramungup

- Weed spraying through the townsite.
- Mowing of parklands and cemetery grounds.
- Weed control at the airstrip.
- Filling in potholes.
- Rubbish collection within townsite.
- Pruning of gardens around Rootpicker's Hall and War Memorial.
- Pruning of CRC gardens.

### Town Services: Bremer Bay

- Replaced old signage around coastal reserves.
- Mowing of parklands and around townsite.
- Contractors have cleaned out blocked stormwater pipes and sumps and outlets within townsite.
- Rubbish collection from Miller's Point.

- Weed spraying and removal within townsite.
- Vic Tea Tree control on road verges and within the airstrip grounds.
- Filling in potholes.
- Pruning walk trail along Wellstead Estuary.
- Pruning of walk trails within townsite.
- Rubbish collection within townsite

### Road Construction & Maintenance

Construction crew continued work on Cuiss Road doing drainage and forming work on the 4.25km section to be sealed. The road maintenance grader has been east of Jerramungup on Fitzgerald Road, Mallee Road, Lake Magenta Road and Middamidgup Road. The Contract Grader has been doing work on gravel roads around Bremer Bay and also on Murray, Meechi and Doubtful Island Roads.

# 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

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# Public Notices

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **COUNCIL POLICY OP5 – TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION**

#### **FEES**

Council has adopted a Temporary Accommodation Policy and Guidelines.

The following new fees are adopted in association with the Council Policy, effective from 1 March 2026:

- \$125 for temporary accommodation for greater than 5 days to a maximum of 30 days.
- \$600 for temporary accommodation for greater than 30 days to a maximum of 24 consecutive months.
- A temporary accommodation renewal fee of \$300.

Council Policy OP5 - Temporary Accommodation is available on the Shire of Jerramungup website:

<https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council/document-centre/Policies.aspx>

**MARTIN CUTHBERT**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

6 March 2026

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# Public Notices

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### SUBMISSIONS INVITED – PROPOSED LOCAL LAWS Recommended

The Shire of Jerramungup proposes to adopt the following local laws in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the *Cat Act 2011* and the *Dog Act 1976*. The local laws are –

1. **Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law**  
Purpose – to provide for the regulation, control and management of animals and the prevention of environmental damage and nuisances.  
Effect – to establish the requirements with which any person keeping animals or undertaking activities that have the potential to impact the environment or create nuisance must comply.
2. **Bush Fire Brigades Local Law**  
Purpose – to revoke the *Shire of Jerramungup Bylaws Relating to the Establishment, Maintenance and Equipment of Bush Fire Brigades* published in the Government Gazette on 13 July 1990, and make provisions for establishment, management and administration of Bush Fire Brigades in accordance with the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.  
Effect – to align the requirements for bush fire brigades with legislation and local practice.
3. **Dogs Local Law**  
Purpose – to make provisions about the impounding, the number that may be kept on premises, the manner of keeping dogs and create offences for non-compliance.  
Effect – to repeal the existing Dogs Local Law published in the Government Gazette on 7 February 2003 and provide for the controls of dogs within the district and impose penalties for non-compliance.
4. **Dust, Sand and Erosion Local Law**  
Purpose – to repeal the *Shire of Jerramungup Dust and Sand Local Law 2011* and make provisions about the control of dust and sand, and activities which may cause erosion on land and create offences for non-compliance.  
Effect – to provide for the controls of activities creating a nuisance from dust and sand, and those which may cause erosion, and impose penalties for non-compliance.

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5. Fencing Local Law

Purpose – to prescribe sufficient fences, the standard for construction of fences and create offences for non-compliance

Effect – to establish the minimum requirements for fencing, provide for permitted and prohibited fencing, and create offences for non-compliance.

6. Parking and Parking Facilities Amendment Local Law

Purpose – to make amendments to the local law updating for use of disability parking permits, and modified penalties.

Effect – to amend references to be consistent with legislation and increase offences for non-compliance.

7. Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law

Being dealt with separately

A copy of the local laws may be inspected –

- by contacting the Shire Office on 9835 1022 during office hours;
- from the Shire website;
- at the Jerramungup or Bremer Bay Public Libraries; or
- email to [council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au)

Submissions on the local laws or suggested changes should be made in writing to the **Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Jerramungup, PO Box 92, Jerramungup WA 6337** or by email to [council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au) by 4.00pm, Tuesday, 12 May 2026.

All previous submissions will be reconsidered in full.



MARTIN CUTHBERT  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
24 March 2026

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# Ranger News

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## WANDERING ANIMALS

We're encouraging all pet owners in the Shire to check their fences and enclosures, and to make sure their animals stay safely on their own property. Wandering pets often end up lost, hurt or causing problems for neighbours and wildlife.

If you see a dog roaming on its own, please don't approach it. Contact the Ranger so we can check whether the dog is microchipped and get it returned to its owner safely.

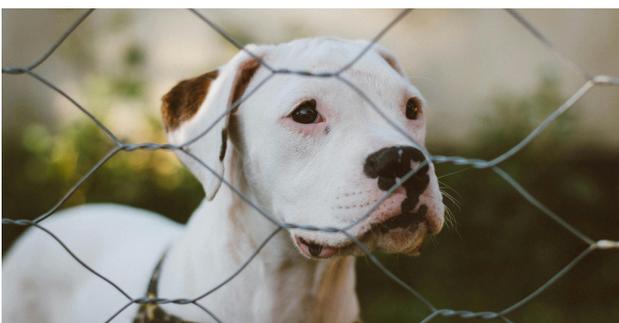
### For dog owners:

- Make sure your fence and gate are solid, with no holes or gaps your dog could sneak through.
- Walk your dog on a lead when away from home and make use of designated dog exercise areas around the Shire.
- If your dog is registered yearly, remember the renewal deadline is 31 October.
- Make sure your dog is microchipped and the contact details are up to date.

### For cat owners:

- Consider keeping your cat inside or in a secure outdoor enclosure.
- Cats aged six months and older must be microchipped, sterilised (unless exempt) and registered.

A few quick checks around your home can make a big difference to keep pets, wildlife, and our community safe.



## 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)