

WELCOME!



Welcome to the March edition of the Council BUZZ.

It has been a busy start to the year with plenty happening around the Shire.

Works have commenced on the construction of the Jerramungup Sports Clubs new unisex ablution building. The foundation work, services prelay, concrete formwork and concrete pour has been completed. The site fencing will now be erected and Murphy Building Co will take over construction.

This project is funded through the CSRFF grant program and the Shire is looking forward to this project being completed by June 2024.

Works staff have been busy undertaking construction and maintenance activities on roads in various parts of the Shire, while Town Services staff have been working hard preparing our towns for the busy Easter period.

On the weekend I attended the Dancing in the Dirt Ball. I would like to congratulate the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group and in particular Jess Bailey and her team of helpers on organising another fantastic event. It was great to see so many people from surrounding districts come together and enjoy each others company.

The Shire was proud to support this event with a \$9,000 contribution allocated in the 2023/24 budget.

Martin Cuthbert
Chief Executive Officer



Jerramungup Sports Clubs new unisex ablution building

We need your feedback!

The Great Southern Development Commission and all Great Southern Local Government Authorities acknowledge the ongoing challenges in attracting and accommodating workers in the Great Southern region. A strategy is currently being prepared to identify the core issues and determine priority initiatives and projects that can improve on the many factors contributing to accommodation shortages. A survey has been developed for local businesses, organisations or agencies that are based in the region, are struggling to attract workers, and are suffering from worker accommodation shortages. Your responses are highly valued in understanding localised and broader regional needs. The short survey, which will be open until Sunday the 7th of April, can be accessed via the following link: <https://forms.gle/NZaStB8zRigeKnsH6>



The Shire of Jerramungup and DFES present:

BUSHFIRE MITIGATION INFORMATION SESSION IN BREMER BAY

Have you made a plan? We have!
Come and find out more about the upcoming bushfire mitigation plans for Bremer Bay.

Speakers will be covering the following topics:

- Local bushfire fuel
- Bushfire behaviour
- What can you do?
- Retrofitting
- Lithium battery fires

WHEN: 3 April 2024 at 5pm
WHERE: Bremer Bay Town Hall
Snacks and refreshments supplied.

Please RSVP by Monday 1 April to Dan Biddulph on 0499 351 232



FOR A SAFER STATE

March Council meeting matters

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27 March 2024 the following matters were considered;

- Budget Review 2023/2024

Council conducted a Budget Review for the financial year 2023/2024 in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. The Shire's financial position as at 29 February 2024 and performance for the period 1 July 2023 to 29 February 2024 was considered in relation to the adopted annual budget and projections estimated for the remainder of the financial year.

Road Construction

- The Road Construction Crew have completed a 3km gravel resheet of Doubtful Island Road, along with the realignment of the 60kph corner.
- They have also started a gravel resheet and a drainage upgrade on Exchange Road, from SLK 0.00 to SLK 3.00, which will be finished by the end of March.
- A 3km gravel resheet of Cameron Road, from SLK 3.45 to SLK 6.75, is programmed to follow.

Road Maintenance

The road maintenance grader has been out grading west of Jerramungup (Rabbit Proof Fence Road, Diagonal Road), and will then head south towards Boxwood Hill. A contractor is also assisting with grading of roads around Bremer Bay.

Environment

Over the last four weeks Town Services staff have been working on various invasive weed control projects both in Bremer Bay and Jerramungup. These include:

- Weed control of Vic Teatree and Polygala within the riparian zones of the Wellstead Estuary. Note that work will continue over the following months to contain further spread within the riparian vegetation zones.
- Vic Teatree outbreaks within the Bremer Bay Airstrip have been contained with hand spraying and physical removal of smaller plants, including spraying along Don Ende Drive.
- Weed control activities have also been carried out within the green waste disposal area of the Waste Transfer Station, with a key focus on controlling the spread of several invasive weed species including Aniseed Weed, African Daisy, African Boxthorn, and Vic Teatree (conducted on a quarterly basis).

In addition, an extensive and systematic Fauna Survey of the Bremer Bay Airstrip was completed, in support of the proposed cross runway extension.

Over the next couple of months Town Services staff will be conducting extensive weed control programs along the Shire's rural road network. Staff will be targeting Vic Teatree along Gairdner South Road, Swamp Road and several retired gravel pits that support small populations.



Town Services - Jerramungup

- Over the last month, Town Services staff have been busy preparing the town's parks and gardens in preparation for the Easter Holidays and ANZAC Day. This month's works projects include:
- Completion of landscaping around the Electric Vehicle recharging station.
- Pruning of street trees and weed control of streets and verges.
- Mowing and general tidy up of Roe Park, Cameron Business Centre Grounds, Rootpickers Hall grounds, and Lions Park grounds.
- Weed control and general tidy up of entry statements.
- General daily maintenance activities of all parks and gardens, including rubbish removal.
- Spraying of weeds and rubbish removal from laneway access points.
- Rock pitching of drainage systems.

Town Services - Bremer Bay

In preparation for the Easter Holidays and the expected high visitation of tourists to Bremer Bay, Town Services staff have been busy preparing the town's parks, gardens and reserves. Works projects include:

- Weed control and vegetation pruning along streets, footpaths and verges.
- Landscaping and mulching of gardens, including the Community Resource Centre grounds, Pelican Park and entry statements.
- Mowing of street verges, including weed control activities.
- Pruning of vegetation around Paperbarks ablution block, including the removal of Kikuyu grass to minimise the fuel risk.
- Removal of beehive from peppermint tree behind the Paperbarks ablution block.

Community Citizen Science Project

The Shire of Jerramungup's Environment Officer, Steve Elson would like to hear from members of the public who have observed Carnaby's Black Cockatoos between Bremer Bay and Jerramungup.

To assist in identifying and securing the birds critical foraging habitats within the Shire's road reserves, Steve would appreciate any information on Carnaby's Black Cockatoo sightings including:

- Date, Time and Location
- Flock Size
- Habits, including foraging, in flight or loafing
- Photos if possible

Contact details: eo@jerramungup.wa.gov.au





POSITION VACANT

Facilities Cleaner (Casual)

Enterprise Bargaining Agreement – Base Rate \$31.55/hour

The Shire is seeking a casual Facilities Cleaner to join our cleaning team for an immediate start.

The successful applicant will be required to work on a flexible roster scheduled in consultation with the Works Supervisor. Work could be scheduled for between two hours and eight hours across six days. Shire Facilities Cleaners do not usually work on Saturdays. Some early morning cleaning will be required.

Facilities Cleaners must be able to carry out physical work and use a range of equipment.

The salary for this position is at a starting rate of \$31.55 per hour under the Shire of Jerramungup Works Enterprise Agreement 2018. Additionally, there is an attractive superannuation co-contribution scheme and a supportive team environment.

The applicant will need to undergo a pre-employment medical, drug and alcohol screening test prior to being appointed into the role. It is an essential requirement for the position that the successful applicant is able to undertake manual labouring tasks in a safe manner.

The Shire is an equal opportunity employer that actively seeks to include, welcome and value contributions from all people. All employment is decided on by an applicant's capacity to meet the requirements of a position.

For further information download the position description from the Shire website, email council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au or visit the Shire office. To discuss the position further, please contact Works Supervisor, Gordon Capelli on 0400 219 073.

Applications should include a resume with relevant work experience and at least two recent referees. These can be submitted in person, mailed to PO Box 92, Jerramungup WA 6337 or emailed to council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au.

Applications must be submitted by 4.00pm, Wednesday, 27 March 2024.

Martin Cuthbert

Chief Executive Officer

14 March 2024



PUBLIC NOTICE

Easter Waste Transfer Station Opening Hours

Bremer Bay Waste Transfer Station

CLOSED:	Friday, 29 March 2024 (Good Friday Public Holiday)	
OPEN:	Wednesday, 27 March 2024	10.00am – 2.00pm
	Sunday, 31 March 2024	12.00pm – 4.00pm
	Monday, 1 April 2024	10.00am – 4.00pm
	Wednesday, 3 April 2024	10.00am – 2.00pm

Jerramungup Waste Transfer Station

OPEN:	Sunday, 31 March 2024	10.00am – 4.00pm
	Tuesday, 2 April 2024	12.00pm – 5.00pm

MARTIN CUTHBERT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

21 March 2024

Next Council Meeting

24 April 2024

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 24 April 2024 at 10.00am in the Town Hall, Bremer Bay.

A full copy of the meeting's Agenda can be viewed at the Shire office, or downloaded from the Shire website;

<https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/> 72 hours prior to the meeting.

The minutes from the last council meeting held 27 March 2024 can be found on the Shire's website

Congratulations!

Councillors and Staff take this opportunity to once again congratulate Jamie Turner for receiving top honours in his TAFE Diploma. This outstanding achievement resulted in Jamie's Lecturer nominating him for a Certificate of Excellence in Conservation and Ecosystem Management which he was awarded at a presentation at South Regional TAFE.

Congratulations Jamie on this highly commended certificate which is a testament to your hard work and dedication to revegetation and rehabilitation within the Shire.



Public Holidays

Office closure

Please note that the Shire's administration offices in Jerramungup and Bremer Bay will be closed for the following Public Holidays:

Good Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Monday 1 April 2024

ANZAC Day 25 April 2024

Staff Updates

Daniel Biddulph has been appointed to the position of Bushfire Risk Planning Coordinator for the Shires of Jerramungup and Gnowangerup. Daniel will be working closely with local volunteers and key stakeholders facilitating the planning and review of the Bushfire Risk Management Plan within the Shire of Jerramungup. Amongst other tasks he will also be responsible for identifying and scheduling bushfire mitigation strategies, monitoring treatment progress, undertaking post treatment risk assessments and providing support to local brigades with prescribed mitigation burns.

Kellie Nichols has been appointed as the new Waste Facility Attendant at the Jerramungup Transfer Station. We are looking forward to having you on the Shire team Kellie and if you see her at the Waste Transfer Station, please be patient as she learns the ropes.

Rachel Smith has returned from maternity leave and will be working part time as our Community Engagement Officer. Welcome back Rachel!