

**MAY 2026**

# SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP



## WELCOME FROM THE CEO!

Welcome to the May edition of the Council Buzz.

As we move into the cooler months, there has been plenty happening across the Shire. Hazard reduction burning has been taking place in a number of areas as part of ongoing fire mitigation efforts, and I would like to thank residents for their patience and cooperation during these works. These activities play an important role in preparing for future fire seasons and reducing risk across our communities.

Footpath works have also commenced in both Jerramungup and Bremer Bay. These upgrades will improve accessibility and pedestrian safety, and I encourage everyone to take extra care around work areas while construction is underway.

This month has also seen a number of positive community milestones. We recently welcomed three new Australian citizens through ceremonies held in Jerramungup and Bremer Bay, and we also recognise Danielle Wisewould for her outstanding service to the community through St John WA, following her admission into the Order of St John.

It was also great to see strong community support for the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea fundraisers held in both Jerramungup and Bremer Bay this month. The Shire was pleased to contribute to both events, which helped raise funds and awareness for an important cause while also bringing community members together.

I'd also like to remind the community that the Jerramungup Swimming Pool is now closed for the season. Thank you to everyone who made use of the facility over the warmer months.

As always, thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to the Shire through volunteering, community involvement and local initiatives. Your efforts help make our communities strong, connected and welcoming.

**Martin Cuthbert**  
Chief Executive Officer



### OPERATING HOURS

#### ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

8 Vasey Street,  
Jerramungup

Monday - Friday  
8.30am - 4.00pm

Ph: 9835 1022

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Ordinary Council Meeting  
1pm Wednesday 24 June  
2026. Bremer Bay Sports  
Club, Bremer Bay.

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# Community News

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## **DANIELLE WISEWOULD RECOGNISED BY ST JOHN WA**

The Shire would like to congratulate staff member Danielle on recently being admitted into the Order of St John, one of the highest honours awarded within St John WA's awards and honours system.

The honour recognises Danielle's long-standing contribution and commitment to emergency response, volunteer support and community service through her involvement with the Jerramungup St John sub centre over many years.

Since joining St John in 2007, Danielle has contributed across a range of volunteer and leadership roles, supporting emergency callouts, mentoring volunteers and assisting with community engagement activities. Danielle has also played an important role in the ongoing development of the local sub centre and its facilities.

The award was formally presented during an Investiture Ceremony held at Government House earlier this month. The Shire congratulates Danielle on this well-deserved recognition and thanks her for the significant contribution she continues to make to the community.



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## AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

The Shire conducted two Australian citizenship ceremonies this month, with ceremonies held in both Jerramungup and Bremer Bay to officially welcome three new Australian citizens to the community.

Camila Cordova, Keita Francis and Harikoa Nikora each made the Australian Citizenship Pledge during the ceremonies, marking an important milestone for themselves and their families. The ceremonies provided an opportunity to recognise the significance of Australian citizenship and celebrate the contribution new citizens make to the community.

The Shire has now welcomed four new citizens so far this year, with additional citizenship ceremonies expected to be held in the coming months as more residents complete the process of becoming Australian citizens.

Citizenship ceremonies are an important part of civic life and reflect the Shire's diverse and welcoming community. The Shire congratulates Camila, Keita and Harikoa on becoming Australian citizens and wishes them all the best for the future.



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## Shire of Jerramungup Council Meeting Changes

### Change of venue:

24 June Council Meeting will be held at 1.00pm  
at the **Bremer Bay Sports Club**

### Change of date:

26 August Council Meeting will now be held on  
**1 September at 1.00pm** at the **Bremer Bay Town Hall**



## POOL CLOSURE DATES

**The Jerramungup pool will be closed for the winter season from 31 May 2026 and will reopen in September 2026.**

**If you do not intend to be a key holder in the 2026/27 season, please return your pool key to the Shire office.**

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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

### 24 June 2026

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 24 June 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 27 May 2026 can be found on the Shire's website.

## COUNCILLOR FEES AND SUPERANNUATION REVIEWED

Council reviewed Elected Member meeting attendance fees and allowances for the 2026/27 financial year following the release of updated determinations from the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal. Council endorsed a 3.5 per cent increase to Councillor and Presidential meeting fees and allowances, in line with the State-wide determination.

Council also resolved to introduce superannuation contributions for Councillors following recent changes to the Local Government Act 1995. Councillors will be able to choose whether to opt in or opt out of receiving contributions, with the changes to take effect from the 2026/27 financial year.

The changes recognise the time commitment and responsibilities associated with serving as an Elected Member.

## PROPOSED SHORT STAY ACCOMMODATION PLANNING POLICY

Council resolved to prepare a new Local Planning Policy for Unhosted Short Term Rental Accommodation as part of an ongoing review of the Shire's planning policies. The proposed policy is intended to provide guidance for the assessment and management of unhosted short stay accommodation within the Shire. The draft policy will now be advertised for public comment before being presented back to Council for consideration and potential adoption. Once adopted, the new policy would replace the current Local Planning Policy relating to holiday homes.

## AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL PLANNING POLICIES

Council adopted minor amendments to several Local Planning Policies following a review of the Shire's existing planning framework. The amended policies included Local Planning Policy 16 – Outbuildings, Local Planning Policy 17 – Water Conservation, and Local Planning Policy 18 – Point Henry Fire Management.

## INFORMATION BULLETIN APRIL – MAY

The April-May Information Bulletin included two CEO donations of \$250 towards the Jerramungup and Bremer Bay Biggest Morning Tea fundraisers. During the reporting period, four planning applications were approved, and three building permits were issued, reflecting ongoing development activity across the Shire.

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## RECENT SHIRE WORKS

### Works Report

Works crews continue to make steady progress on gravel sheeting projects across the Shire, with works currently underway on Cowalellup Road before progressing to Corackerup and Monjebup Roads. These projects are helping to improve road condition and long-term network resilience.

Routine road grading has continued throughout the southern areas of the Shire, with road conditions generally holding up well despite recent weather conditions. In addition, external contractors have been engaged to undertake grading works on several roads within the Fitzgerald area that require attention.

The Shire has also been successful in securing funding approval from DFES to assist with repairs relating to damage caused by last year's flood event. Consulting engineers engaged by the Shire are currently preparing a Request for Quotation document to allow the procurement process for a civil works contractor to commence.

Work is continuing in relation to the Fair Work Commission's Road Transport Contractual Chain Order – Fuel Cost Recovery, with advice being sought from external legal advisors to ensure compliance requirements are met where applicable.

Recruitment efforts have also strengthened the outdoor workforce, with two new employees expected to commence in the coming weeks. Both bring considerable experience in plant and truck operations and will be valuable additions to the team.

Preparation of the draft 2026/27 works budget is also currently underway as planning continues for future infrastructure and maintenance priorities across the Shire.



### Town Services: Bremer Bay

- Renovation of Skatepark gardens
- Renovation of Information Bay gardens
- Mowing of parklands and around townsite
- Finished upgrading Coastal reserves at Fisheries Beach top car park
- Weed spraying and removal within townsite
- Mowing of parklands
- Filling in potholes
- Rubbish collection within townsite
- Contractors have started footpath renovations around townsite

### Town Services: Jerramungup

- Weed spraying throughout the townsite
- Mowing of parklands and cemetery
- Rubbish collection within townsite
- Pruning of gardens around townsite
- Pruning of vegetation within the Biosphere Gardens
- Filling in potholes within town site
- Contractors have started footpath renovations around townsite

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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 a Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Purpose – to make provisions for the management of public places, thoroughfares and all local government property.

Effect – to repeal existing local laws, establish necessary controls for public places, thoroughfares and local government property, provide for permitted and prohibited use and activities, and create offences for non-compliance.

This local law is a recommencement of the proposal from April 2025 and incorporates significant changes in relation to beach access provisions.

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 law 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, Friday, 3 July 2026.

All previous submissions will be reconsidered in full.

MARTIN CUTHBERT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
15 May 2026

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# Ranger News

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## DOG OWNERSHIP

### Tips for responsible dog ownership:

- Ensure that you have an enclosed yard large enough to keep the dog in
- Have your dog sterilized, vaccinated and micro-chipped
- Register your dog with the Shire office
- Walk your dog on a leash unless in a designated off-leash area
- Always clean up after your dog in public

### Limitation on Dog numbers

Within a town site: up to two dogs over 3 months old, plus the young of those dogs under that age.

Outside a town site: up to six dogs over 3 months old, plus the young of those dogs under that age.

### The person in charge of a dog will be issued an infringement if their dog:

- Is constantly roaming
- Is in certain public places not on a leash
- Is in a designated 'no dog' area
- Excretes in a public place

### Dog Exercise Areas:

- Bremer Bay Golf course
- Back Beach, Bremer Bay
- Bremer Beach, north of Wellstead Estuary
- Bremer Bay Sports Oval
- Jerramungup Golf course
- Jerramungup Old Oval

### Dogs are prohibited in these areas:

- John Cove, south of the Wellstead Estuary
- Little Boat Harbour Beach
- Fisheries Beach
- Sports grounds located at Bremer Bay, Boxwood Hill, Gairdner and Jerramungup
- All parks within the Jerramungup townsite
- All parks within the Bremer Bay townsite
- Public buildings
- Jerramungup Public Swimming pool
- Food premises or food vehicles

**Dogs must be held or kept on a leash in all townsite public areas except those listed as designated exercise areas.**



## 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)

**For more information on dog ownership laws refer to the Dog Act 1976.**