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SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP





OPERATING HOURS

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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 Ordinary Council Meeting 1pm Wednesday 26
 November 2025. Council Chamber, Jerramungup.

WELCOME FROM THE CEO!

Welcome to the October edition of the Council Buzz! It's been a busy few weeks at the Shire following the recent local government elections. I'd like to congratulate Cr Nathan Brown on his election as Shire President and Cr Paul Barrett on his election as Deputy Shire President. Both bring strong local knowledge and commitment to their new roles, and I look forward to working closely with them, along with all councillors, to continue delivering for our community.

A warm welcome also to Cr Naomi Hall, who was officially sworn in this month. It's great to see new faces bringing fresh ideas and energy to the Council table.

As we move into the warmer months, please remember that the Prohibited Burning Period begins 1 November across the whole Shire. Thank you to everyone for preparing early and helping reduce the risk of bushfires this season.

Australia Day Award nominations are now open. These awards celebrate individuals and groups who make a positive impact in our community or achieve success in sport. If you know someone deserving of recognition, I encourage you to submit a nomination.

Award categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Community Group or Event of the Year
- Senior Sportsperson of the Year
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year

Recipients will be announced at the Australia Day BBQ Breakfast on 26 January 2026.

Finally, with harvest underway, please take extra care on the roads. Increased machinery and heavy vehicle movement can change road conditions quickly — a little patience goes a long way in keeping everyone safe. Wishing everyone a safe and successful harvest season.

Martin Cuthbert
Chief Executive Officer

Community News

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED SHIRE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Shire of Jerramungup congratulates Cr Nathan Brown on his election as Shire President and Cr Paul Barrett on his election as Deputy Shire President, following their appointments by fellow councillors at the Council meeting held on 29 October 2025.

Cr Brown has served on Council since 2023 and is a long-term local farmer in the Jerramungup Shire. He has been actively involved in numerous local organisations and committees, including the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group and Jerramungup Football Club. Cr Brown is passionate about supporting the growth and sustainability of the community and ensuring that future generations have access to the same opportunities that current residents enjoy.

Cr Barrett, also elected to Council in 2023, is a second-generation farmer with a strong connection to the local community. He is actively involved in several community groups, including the Jerramungup Football Club, Lions Club of Jerramungup and FESA. Cr Barrett is a strong supporter of initiatives that enhance local infrastructure, community services and engagement across the Shire.

As Shire President, Cr Brown will lead the Council in setting strategic direction, representing the Shire at regional and state levels, and working with the community to progress key projects and priorities. Cr Barrett, as Deputy Shire President, will support this leadership role and act as President when required.

Both councillors bring a strong commitment to representing the interests of residents, supporting local development, and continuing to build on the Shire's ongoing programs and partnerships. The Shire of Jerramungup looks forward to working with Cr Brown and Cr Barrett in their new roles and thanks them for their dedication to serving the community.



Community News

JERRAMUNGUP POOL NOW OPEN

The Jerramungup Community Swimming Pool is officially open for the 2025/26 season!

Pool induction courses have been happening throughout October, and it's great to see so many community members getting involved and preparing for a safe and enjoyable season. If you haven't had the chance to attend an induction yet, don't worry, more sessions are planned in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on the Shire's Facebook page for dates and times.

The pool is open daily from 5:00am until dark (around 7:00pm), and the season will run until the end of May 2026. Access to the pool requires a key fob. If you already have a fob and your induction is still valid (pool inductions remain valid for three years), you can visit the Shire office to pay for your season pass and have your fob reactivated.

If you are new to the pool or your induction has expired, please contact the Shire to register for an upcoming induction course and arrange your key.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the pool for another fun and safe summer!

2025/26 POOL FEES Full Season family pass (2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult \$180 and 3 children) Full season single adult pass \$110 Full Season child pass (only to be purchased with an adult \$50 or family pass) Full Season Seniors pass \$60 (WA senior cardholders) Monthly family pass (2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult \$40 and 3 children) Monthly single adult pass \$30 Monthly child pass (only to be purchased with an adult \$10 or family pass) Monthly Seniors pass \$10 (WA senior cardholders) Casual Entry (per person & under Keyholder \$4 supervision only) **Key Bond** \$40



Council Matters

29 October 2025

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

26 November 2025

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 26 November 2025 at 1.00pm at the Council Chamber, 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 1 October 2025 can be found on the Shire's website.

RECENT SHIRE WORKS

Road Construction

The Road Construction Crew has started forming up of the road surface and drainage on a further 5km section of Meechi Road. The Crew is aiming to start carting gravel during the week of 20 October 2025. The sealing contractor is booked for 2 December 2025.

Road maintenance

The road maintenance grader has been working on Bowra Road and Jerramungup North Road and is working to the east on roads out to Fitzgerald Road. A contract grader has also been helping with the maintenance of roads in the southern end of the Shire.



Town Services

Town Services staff have completed the following in Bremer Bay:

- Mowing of firebreaks on Shire properties.
- Filled in potholes along Wellstead Road.
- Removed vandalised signs.
- Installed bollards/gates to stop public access along firebreaks at Point Henry.
- Reinstated irrigation systems around townsite.
- · Weed control.
- Mowing of parklands.
- Removal of fallen trees within Wellstead Estuary walk trail.
- Picking up rubbish.

Town Services staff have completed the following in Jerramungup:

- Weed control of gardens and townsite.
- Contractor has upgraded the irrigation system at Roe Park.
- Mowing of firebreaks, alleyways and Shire properties for fire season.
- Reinstated irrigation systems around townsite.
- Picking up rubbish.

Council Matters

29 October 2025

CR NAOMI HALL AND CR NEIL FOREMAN SWORN IN

The Shire of Jerramungup extends a warm welcome to Cr Naomi Hall and congratulates Cr Neil Foreman on his re-election. Both councillors were officially sworn in at this month's Council meeting following the recent local government elections. Cr Hall joins Council for her first four-year term, while Cr Foreman begins his second. The Shire looks forward to working with both councillors and thanks them for their commitment to serving the Jerramungup community.



STRUCTURE PLAN FOR LOT 9500 BORDEN-BREMER BAY ROAD

Council agreed to support the proposed Structure Plan for Lot 9500 Borden–Bremer Bay Road, Bremer Bay, subject to a number of modifications.

The Structure Plan, lodged by Dynamic Planning and Developments on behalf of Dilate Pty Ltd, outlines a future residential development area with an indicative yield of around 121 dwellings and includes provision for public open space totalling approximately 17% of the developable area.

The plan was advertised for public comment earlier in the year, with six submissions received and reviewed by the Shire. The modifications endorsed by Council address matters such as road layout, drainage management, pedestrian and cycle pathways, and environmental considerations within the Public Drinking Water Source Area. The endorsed plan will now be forwarded to the Western Australian Planning Commission for final determination.

DRAFT POLICY ON ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION

Council agreed to prepare a draft Local Planning Policy – Ancillary Accommodation for public consultation. The policy outlines development standards for secondary dwellings on residential and rural residential lots. It will be advertised for community feedback before being finalised.

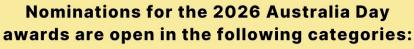
WELCOME PATRICK STEINBACHER

The Shire is pleased to welcome Patrick Steinbacher as our new Manager of Works, who joined us earlier this month.

Pat has worked with the Shire over the past year in a consulting capacity and has already made a valuable contribution across several projects. We're delighted to have him join the team permanently and look forward to the experience and leadership he brings to the Works Department.

2026 Australia Day Award Nominations Now Open





- Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award
 - Australia Day Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event
- Senior Sports Person of the Year Award
- Junior Sports Person of the Year Award



Nominating is simple and can be done by completing a nomination form available upon request from the Shire office or from the Shire website.

Ranger News

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

Hours:

Mon - Fri: 8.30am to 4.00pm

Phone:

0499 351 141

Email:

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

Ranger News

PROHIBITED BURNING FROM 1 NOVEMBER

A reminder to all residents that the Prohibited Burning Period begins 1 November across the entire Shire of Jerramungup. During this time, no burning of any kind is permitted, including garden waste, paddock burns, or campfires.

The Prohibited Burning Period helps reduce the risk of bushfires as temperatures rise and vegetation dries out.

Please take the time now to:

- Check your property's firebreaks and ensure they meet Shire requirements.
- Remove dry grass, leaves, and other flammable materials from around buildings.
- Make sure firefighting equipment such as hoses and pumps are in working order.



Lighting a fire during the prohibited period can result in penalties under the Bush Fires Act 1954.

Stay up to date with local fire notices and restrictions on the Shire's website or by contacting your local Bush Fire Control Officer. Together we can help protect our community during the fire season.

KEY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTACTS

Fire Control Officers (FCO) are brigade appointed volunteers, who assist the Shire with fire safety and coordinate fire response in their designated zones.

Role	Contact Person	Contact Number
For all emergencies		000
Shire of Jerramungup		9835 1022
Chief Bushfire Control Officer (CBFCO)	Alex Jones	0429 361 034
Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer (DCBFCO)	Paul Hislop	0427 354 037
Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer (DCBFCO)	Anthony Thomas	0429 366 021
Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM)	Janna Cheshire	0499 351 368
Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator (BRMC)	Dan Biddulph	0499 351 232