



Welcome from the CEO

Welcome to the August edition of Council Buzz. As winter draws to a close, there is plenty happening across the Shire.

With the winter sports season now complete, I would like to congratulate everyone involved across our local clubs on a successful year. From players and coaches to volunteers and supporters, community sport continues to strengthen the connections that make our Shire such a great place to live. Congratulations to Jerramungup Football Club on their League and Reserves premierships, and to Jerramungup Netball Club on their grand final wins across all three grades. A big congratulations also to the Boxwood Hill community for hosting a successful grand final day.

We are also looking ahead to one of the highlights of the year, with the Bloom Festival set to begin on 12 September. The Shire is proud to support this regional event and has contributed \$2,000 to Great Southern Treasures to assist with its delivery. The festival showcases the unique beauty of our region and provides valuable opportunities for local businesses and communities. This year's program includes several events within our Shire, including Reef Gallery Open Farm Gardens, Quaalup Delights and De-Vine Wreaths. We encourage residents and visitors alike to get involved and experience everything our corner of the Great Southern has to offer.



Martin Cuthbert
Chief Executive Officer

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

8 Vasey Street, Jerramungup
Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Ph: 9835 1022

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

Community News

CESM Attends State Forum to Strengthen Emergency Management Capability

The Shire's Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM), Janna Cheshire, recently attended the 2026 State CESM Forum hosted by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) at the Bushfire Centre of Excellence in the Shire of Murray.

The three-day forum brought together Community Emergency Services Managers from across Western Australia to collaborate, share experiences and explore emerging challenges in the emergency management sector. With CESMs representing 44 local governments in attendance, the forum provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen professional networks and exchange knowledge that supports local communities.

The program covered a broad range of contemporary topics, including bushfire mitigation, recovery operations, land use planning, local government grants, aviation operations, psychosocial awareness, renewable energy systems and lessons learned from emergency incidents across the State. Participants also received updates from key emergency management agencies and gained insights into new initiatives and resources designed to enhance preparedness and resilience.

Attendance at forums such as these is an important part of ongoing professional development, ensuring local emergency management practices remain informed by the latest knowledge, training opportunities and industry developments. The event also highlighted the strong partnership between DFES and local governments, which plays a vital role in building safer and more resilient communities.

By participating in statewide discussions and learning from the experiences of other regions, Janna is able to bring valuable insights back to the Shire to support emergency planning, preparedness and community safety. The knowledge and connections gained through the forum will help strengthen local emergency management capability and contribute to positive outcomes for the community before, during and after emergency events.



Community News

Bushfire Mitigation Burning

As part of the Shire's ongoing prescribed burning program, fuel reduction works have been undertaken at Point Henry, the Jerramungup townsite, Needilup, and Millers Point in recent weeks.

These important mitigation activities would not be possible without the invaluable support of our local volunteer bush fire brigades and dedicated volunteers. Prescribed burns are strategically implemented to reduce fuel loads, minimise bushfire risk, and enhance the protection of critical community assets, infrastructure, and the natural environment.

The Shire extends its sincere appreciation to all volunteers who contribute their time, expertise, and commitment to helping keep our communities safe.



Rates Notices Now Issued

Rates notices have now been issued, and we thank all residents for their ongoing contribution to the services and facilities that keep our community running. Payment in full is due by 6 October 2026, but if you prefer to pay in instalments, two and four part payment plans are available.

Please note that penalty interest of 11% applies to all overdue amounts. If recovery action is required, additional legal and recovery costs may also be charged. If you hold a Pensioner Concession Card, State Concession Card, or a WA Seniors Card and live at the property, you may be eligible for a concession.

If you haven't received your notice yet, or if you need assistance understanding your payment options, please get in touch with us early to avoid any complications. Support is available for those experiencing financial hardship, and early communication can make a big difference.

Key Rates Payment Dates

Full payment
due date:
**6 October
2026**

Prefer to pay in instalments?

Two Instalments

First payment due date:
6 October 2026

Second payment due date:
16 February 2027

Four Instalments

First payment due date:
6 October 2026

Second payment due date:
8 December 2026

Third payment due date:
16 February 2027

Fourth payment due date:
27 April 2027

Community News

Exercise Bremer Bushfire a Valuable Success

The Shire of Jerramungup recently participated in Exercise Bremer Bushfire, a multi-agency training exercise designed to test and strengthen local bushfire response arrangements in the Bremer Bay area. The exercise brought together emergency services personnel, volunteers, local stakeholders and partner agencies to practise responding to a simulated escalating bushfire affecting Point Henry. Participants worked through a range of scenarios, testing operational plans, incident management processes and interagency coordination.

The exercise was a successful opportunity to strengthen preparedness, enhance communication between agencies and identify areas for continuous improvement. Training exercises such as this play an important role in ensuring emergency services and support agencies are ready to respond effectively during real emergencies. The Shire thanks everyone involved for their time, professionalism and commitment to helping keep our community safe.



Funding Boost for Local Water Security Projects

The Shire of Jerramungup was pleased to secure more than \$109,000 in grant funding through the Community Water Supplies Partnership (CWSP) program, helping deliver important water infrastructure projects in Bremer Bay and Boxwood Hill. Jointly funded by the Australian and Western Australian Governments through the National Water Grid Fund, the program supports projects that improve water security, strengthen emergency response capability, and reduce reliance on scheme water supplies in regional communities.

The Shire received \$100,000 towards improvements at the Bremer Bay Sporting Oval, including the installation of a new 197,000-litre water storage tank, pump infrastructure, automated irrigation systems and an overhead standpipe. A further \$9,050 was awarded to increase water storage capacity at the Boxwood Hill irrigation dam by raising the dam spillway. These projects will help provide a reliable and sustainable water source for local sporting facilities while improving the quality of community grounds. Importantly, the infrastructure will also support regional firefighting efforts and help secure emergency water supplies when needed. The Shire welcomed the funding announcement and thanks both the State and Federal Governments for their investment in local water security. The projects represent a valuable investment in community infrastructure and will help build resilience for the future.

Council Matters

Development Application Approved

Council approved a development application for a reception centre, tourist accommodation and associated infrastructure at 43 Horse Hill Road, Bremer Bay. The approval includes conditions addressing bushfire safety, traffic management and environmental impacts.

Information Bulletin July - August

During the reporting period, four planning applications were approved and three building permits and one crossover permit were issued, reflecting ongoing development activity across the Shire.

Council Adopts Updated Local Laws

Council adopted a number of updated local laws covering animal management, bush fire brigades, dogs, dust and sand control, and parking facilities. The updates modernise the Shire's regulatory framework and help support community safety, environmental protection and effective local governance.

LPP20 Approved

Council adopted Local Planning Policy No. 20 – Unhosted Short Term Rental Accommodation. The policy will guide the assessment of unhosted short-term rental accommodation applications within the Shire.

Bremer Bay Men's Shed Lease Approved

Council approved the lease of a portion of Reserve 511 to the Bremer Bay Community Men's Shed for the establishment of a Men's Shed facility. The project will provide a dedicated community space to support local residents and community connection.

Council Plan 2026-2036 Adopted

Council adopted the Council Plan 2026-2036 following community consultation and public feedback. The Plan sets the Shire's strategic direction for the next decade and outlines the key priorities and actions that will guide decision-making, service delivery and long-term planning.

Next Council Meeting

Thursday, 24 September 2026 - Jerramungup

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

WORKS AND TOWN SERVICES REPORTS

Works Update

Works on Meechi Road have commenced, with crews currently installing new culverts ahead of planned road construction works. Planning and funding applications also continue for future road projects, including a submission to the Commodity Freight Routes Program for the sealing of a four-kilometre section of Jerramungup North Road.

The Shire has submitted an application to undertake an audit of its non-potable water infrastructure, with funding sought to identify future improvements and support priority maintenance works across the network. Preparations are also underway for a new regional waste collection contract being developed in partnership with the Shires of Plantagenet and Denmark.

Progress continues on the Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Planning (CHRMAP) project, with a steering committee now established and its first meeting scheduled for September. WALGA's Coast WA Local Government Facilitator, Lucy Sheehy, will also attend the September Council meeting to provide an overview of the CHRMAP process. Other projects currently progressing include the Pelican Park Playground proposal and preparations for the disposal of surplus plant and equipment.

The Shire is also pleased to welcome Coral Kneebone to the Bremer Bay Town Services team in September. Staff recently completed Traffic Management training, with several members of the works team also attending a Roadside Native Vegetation Management Field Day in early September as part of ongoing professional development.

Town Services

Bremer Bay :

- Mowing of parklands and around town site
- Revamping roundabout gardens
 - Finishing mulching the skate park gardens
- Revamping road side gardens out from skate park
- Weed spraying and removal within town site
- Rubbish collection within town site
- Widening of walk trails
- Installation of new signage at Little Boat Harbor

Jerramungup:

- Weed spraying throughout the town site
- Mowing of parklands and cemetery
- Rubbish collection within town site
- Finished renovation of Roe Park/war memorial gardens
- Revamping/mulching CRC gardens
- Airstrip maintenance



Public Notices



BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP APPOINTMENTS

It is hereby notified for public information that the below listed persons have been appointed as Fire Control Officers for the Shire of Jerramungup under and for the purposes of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, effective from 29 July 2026:

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Alexander Jones
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 1 - Anthony Thomas
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 2 – Wade Brown

Fire Weather Officer – Alexander Jones

Fire Control Officers:

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| 1. Stuart Hocking | 11. Peter Wisewould | 21. Matt Foster |
| 2. Rohan Murdoch | 12. James Lyall | 22. Paul Hislop |
| 3. Michael Campbell | 13. Jye Duggan | 23. Jeremy Wisewould |
| 4. Brad Shelton | 14. Alexander Baum | 24. Paul Barrett |
| 5. Craig Hall | 15. Clint Pocock | 25. Trenton Parsons |
| 6. Bruce Hill | 16. Peter Buckenara | 26. Daniel Biddulph |
| 7. Daniel Smart | 17. Terry Anderson | 27. Janna Cheshire |
| 8. Michael Lester | 18. Stacey Francis | 28. Derek Jones |
| 9. Brad Bailey | 19. Ruairi Sinnott | |
| 10. Trevor Ross | 20. Siwel Solomon-Maere | |

Fire Control Officers for permit issuing duties only:

1. Steve Booth

All previous appointments are cancelled.

MARTIN CUTHBERT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

19 August 2026

Public Notices



SUBMISSIONS INVITED PROPOSED LOCAL LAWS RECOMMENCED

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 recommencement of these local laws results from submissions previously made.

The local laws are –

1. 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.

2. Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law

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.

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

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 by 4.00pm, Friday, 9 October 2026.

All previous submissions will be reconsidered in full.

MARTIN CUTHBERT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Public Health

HAVE YOUR SAY: EARLY CANCER DIAGNOSIS IN RURAL WA

HELP US IMPROVE CANCER CARE FOR RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES



We are exploring attitudes, experiences, and barriers around seeking medical help for possible cancer symptoms. Findings will help improve cancer campaigns and services for rural Western Australians.

Eligibility:

- ✓ 40 years and older
- ✓ Living in rural or remote Western Australia
(regions: Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid West, Goldfields, Great Southern, South West, Wheatbelt)

Participation involves completing an online survey taking only 20 minutes. Click the link or scan the QR code to find out more!



Curtin University

Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has approved this study (HREC number HRE2025-0613).

Ranger News

Fire Control and Preparedness

Fire control information flyers have been sent out with rates notices this month.

This is the first and final notice which is served to all landowners and/or occupiers within the Shire of Jerramungup, who have the legal responsibility to prepare their properties to reduce the risk of outbreak and spread of fires within the Shire. Your property must comply from 1 October 2026 in zones 1-4 and from 1 September 2026 in zone 5 and be maintained through to 30 April 2027 for zones 1-4 and 31 May 2027 for zone 5.

For further information on current Fire Control Officers, signing up to Harvest Ban information message, contractors assisting with fire control works, map of Fire Zone boundaries, variations to the Fire Control Notice and other fire control information, visit the Shire of Jerramungup website at <https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/services/fire-control.aspx>



Scan here to find out what you are allowed to do during a total fire ban/ harvest and vehicle movement ban

Important Dates to Remember

Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4

- **Burning Permitted - Be Responsible**
1 May 2026 - 30 September 2026
- **Restricted period (Permits required)**
1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026
- **Prohibited burning period**
1 November 2026 to 5 February 2027
- **Restricted period (Permits required)**
6 February 2027 to 30 April 2027
- **Burning Permitted - Be Responsible**
1 May 2027 - 30 September 2027

Zone 5

- **Burning Permitted - Be Responsible**
1 June 2026 - 31 August 2026
- **Restricted period (Permits required)**
1 September 2026 to 31 October 2026
- **Prohibited burning period**
1 November 2026 to 5 March 2027
- **Restricted period (Permits required)**
6 March 2027 to 31 May 2027
- **Burning Permitted - Be Responsible**
1 June 2027 - 31 August 2027

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)