



Welcome from the CEO

Welcome to the September edition of Council Buzz. As spring settles across the Shire, there is plenty happening in our communities as we head into the warmer months.

It has been great to see visitors enjoying our region and local businesses welcoming increased activity during the wildflower season.

As we head into the fire season, a reminder that the Restricted Burning Period is now in effect. Please ensure you check all requirements before lighting any fires. Fire Hazard Reduction Inspections will commence in October, so now is the time to make sure your property is prepared and meets the required standards.

Thank you to our residents, volunteers, community groups and staff for their ongoing contribution to making the Shire of Jerramungup a safe, connected and welcoming place to live. I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter.



Martin Cuthbert
Chief Executive Officer

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Ordinary Council Meeting
1pm Wednesday, 28 October
2026. Council Chamber,
Jerramungup.

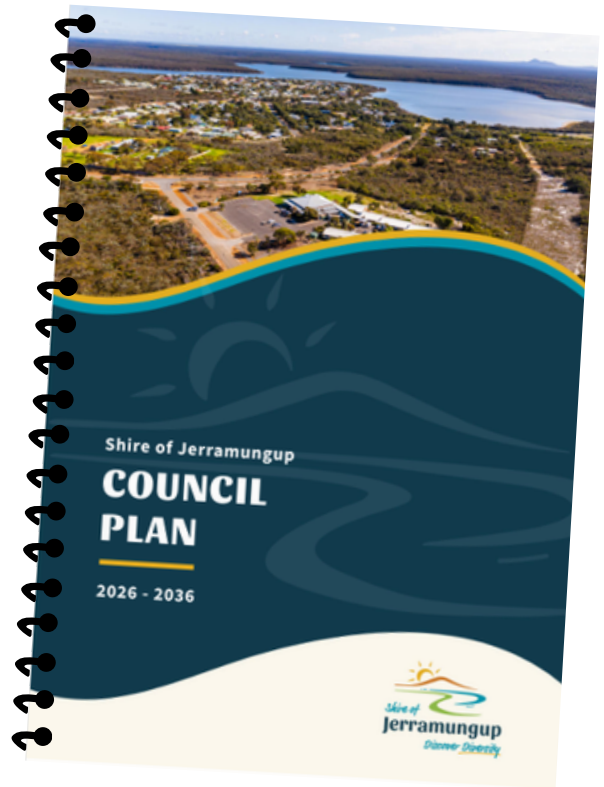
Community News

Council Plan 2026-2036 Adopted

After an extensive process of research, planning, and community consultation, the Shire is proud to announce the adoption of the Council Plan 2026-2036.

The Council Plan sets the strategic direction for the Shire over the next ten years, outlining the community's priorities and Council's vision for the future. The document has been shaped by valuable feedback from residents, community groups, businesses, and stakeholders who took the time to share their ideas and aspirations for the district. Council would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed throughout the consultation process.

We are excited to begin delivering on the priorities identified in the Plan and look forward to working together to achieve a strong and sustainable future for the Shire. The Council Plan 2026-2036 is available to view on the Shire's website or copies can also be requested from the Shire Administration Office. We encourage all community members to take a look and see how your feedback has helped shape the road ahead.



Citizenship Ceremony Held in Jerramungup



The Shire conducted an Australian citizenship ceremony in Jerramungup this month, officially welcoming two new Australian citizens to the community.

Viktorija Pocock and Billy Haitana each made the Australian Citizenship Pledge during the ceremony held on 23 September, marking an important milestone for themselves and their families. Originally from Latvia and New Zealand respectively, the new citizens now proudly join the Australian community.



The ceremony provided an opportunity to recognise the significance of Australian citizenship and celebrate the contribution new citizens make to the community. Family, friends and community members joined in the occasion, making it a memorable day for all involved.

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

Community News

New Look Street Signs Rolling Out

As part of the Shire of Jerramungup's recent rebrand, new street signs featuring the Shire's updated logo and visual identity are now being installed throughout the Jerramungup townsite. The refreshed signs are helping to create a consistent and recognisable look across the community while reflecting the Shire's new brand and identity. The rebrand project was developed to provide a fresh, unified image that represents the values and character of our communities.

Installation of the new street signs in Jerramungup is the first stage of the rollout, with signs in the Bremer Bay townsite scheduled to be installed in the new year. The gradual replacement program will ensure signage across the Shire aligns with the new branding, creating a modern and welcoming appearance for residents and visitors alike.



Rates Payments Due 6 October

Ratepayers are reminded that the due date for payment of the 2026/27 annual rates is Tuesday, 6 October 2026. To avoid penalty interest, please ensure payment is received by the due date. A range of payment options are available, including online payments, BPAY and in-person payments at the Shire office. If you have any questions regarding your rates notice or would like to discuss payment arrangements, please contact the Shire as soon as possible.

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

Council Matters

Work Health and Safety Policies Reviewed

Council reviewed and reaffirmed a suite of Work Health and Safety policies that support a safe, healthy and respectful workplace across the organisation. The review included policies covering workplace health and safety, fitness for work, workplace bullying, harassment and discrimination, sexual harassment, injury management and rehabilitation, and contractor safety. While no changes were required, Council confirmed the policies remain current, aligned with legislative requirements and industry standards, and continue to provide clear guidance for employees, contractors and visitors. Regular reviews help ensure the Shire maintains strong workplace safety practices and meets its Work Health and Safety responsibilities.

Compliance Audit Return Adopted

Council adopted the 2025 Compliance Audit Return for submission to the Local Government Inspectorate. The annual return assesses the Shire's compliance with key legislative requirements and supports transparency, accountability and good governance across the organisation.

Christmas and New Year Closure Period Confirmed

Council noted the annual Christmas and New Year closure of Shire facilities. The Jerramungup and Bremer Bay Administration Centres will close from 24 December 2026 to 8 January 2027, while the Shire Depot will close from 18 December 2026 to 1 January 2027. On-call services will remain available for emergencies during the closure period.

Information Bulletin August - September

During the reporting period, four planning applications were approved and seven building permits were issued, this reflects the ongoing development activity across the Shire.

Committee Welcomes New Member

Council adopted updated Terms of Reference for the Bremer Bay Community Development Committee, welcoming the Bremer Bay Community Men's Shed as a new member. The change will broaden community representation on the committee and support collaboration between local groups on initiatives that benefit the Bremer Bay community.

Next Council Meeting

Wednesday, 28 October 2026 - Jerramungup

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 28 October 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 24 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, while Council is also considering the awarding of works to repair flood damage from last year.

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.

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. The Shire is pleased to welcome Coral Kneebone to the Bremer Bay Town Services team in September.



Town Services

Bremer Bay :

- Mowing of parklands and verges
- Drainage works within town site
 - Slashing of drains and embankments
- Weed control at the airstrip
 - Weed spraying
- Rubbish collection within town site
- Victorian tea tree control within Shire reserves
- Contractor working on pulling up shoulders along Wellstead Road

Jerramungup:

- Weed control and spraying
 - Mowing of parklands and cemetery
- Rubbish collection within town site
- Re marking lines around town site carparks and side parking bays
- Contractors pruning and removal of trees encroaching onto power lines around town

Employment Opportunity

There are currently two positions available within our works & town services teams:
Plant Operator & Facilities Cleaner.

Scan the QR code or head to our website for more information, including how to apply.



Shire Event

Community Emergency Preparedness Workshop

**Learn how to use
Emergency WA and
stay informed**

THE
EMERGENCY
WA APP
IS HERE!

- > Set custom watch zones
- > Receive push notifications relevant to you
- > Access a live feed of incidents
- > Get official emergency information, fast



Wednesday 14 October

Session 1: 10:00am
Session 2: 5:30pm



**Jerramungup Community
Resource Centre**

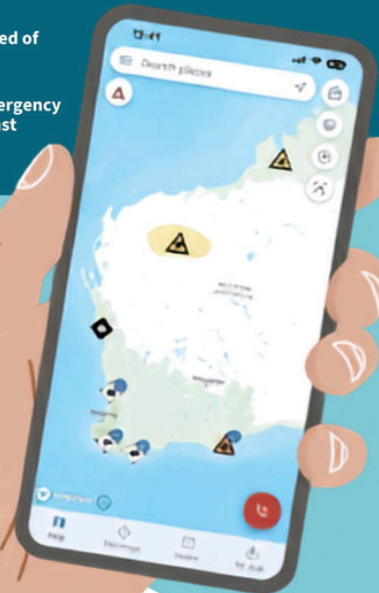
8-10 Tobruk Road,
Jerramungup WA 6337



Learn about Emergency WA, how to read emergency warnings, how to set up watch zones and explore all features.



Bring your own device if available and we can help set it up.
Light refreshments provided.



Hosted by the Community Resource Centre, delivered by
DFES and the Shire of Jerramungup.



Public Notices



ADOPTION OF LOCAL PLANNING POLICY 20 – UNHOSTED SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

The Shire of Jerramungup has resolved to proceed with Local Planning Policy No. 20 – Unhosted Short Term Rental Accommodation in accordance with Clause 4(4) of the deemed Provisions (set out in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 Schedule 2).

The purpose of this policy is to provide the opportunity for Unhosted Short Term Rental Accommodation and provide guidance on the requirements for this form of development.

Copies of the Local Planning Policy are available on the Shire's webpage and by request to the Shire Administration office.

MARTIN CUTHBERT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

10 September 2026

Ranger News

Fire Control and Preparedness

It's time to get your property bushfire ready. The Bushfire Notice & Preparedness Information 2026/27 has been sent with your rates notices and is available at the Shire office or on our website. The Notice applies to all landowners and occupiers in the Shire. This is your one and only notice, so please take a moment to check your property and make sure it meets the requirements which can be found for your property, on the back of the fire control notice.

Shire Rangers are authorised Bush Fire Control Officers and will be inspecting properties between 10/10/2026 and 18/10/2026 to ensure compliance with the Fire Hazard Reduction Notice. Persons who fail to comply with the firebreak requirements of this Notice may be issued with an infringement notice (\$250) or the Shire of Jerramungup may carry out the required work on the land at cost to the owner/occupier.

Let's work together to protect our homes, families, and community this fire season.

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



Scan the QR
code to see
what zone
your property
is in

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)