

## **Bremer Bay Residents and Rate Payers Meeting**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Bremer Bay Community Hall

**Attendance:** Julie Batchelor, Anne Gadsby, Ruth Reader, Pip Doney, Dorthe Fleitmann, Ken Dowdell, John Paini, Mike Southern, Kim Hobbs, Astrid Kernan, Helen & Mal Poett, Lynn Paini, Katrina Wellstead, Anthony White, Terri Smart, Louise Gadsby, Deb Wahlstrom, Veronica Thomas, Michael Lance, Barry Atkins, Colin Hobbs, Darcy & Jan Roberts, Graeme Drew, Jen Harland, Troy Treeby.

Meeting commenced at 9:05am.

The meeting aimed to offer a chance for Bremer Bay residents to share issues and concerns to be collated to present to the Shire of Jerramungup at the Annual Meeting of Electors to be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8:30am. The issues presented are summarised and grouped below.

### **Shire of Jerramungup**

- People are generally unhappy with the Shire and feel that they do not engage with the Bremer Community
- Need an engineer on the Shire. They are missing key people.
- Need better communication from the Shire
- The Shire needs to share information on maintenance operations and plans with Bremer residents
- Need two rangers full time, especially during holiday periods
- Why are we bringing up the same issues every year, lack of enthusiasm from Shire
- Hard to get commercial land and no encouragement to start a business
- Free camping, need a designated place
- Servicing of new infrastructure
- Strategic plan from Shire in a public place for all to read
- Money from Bremer Tourists does not seem to be coming back to Bremer
- We need to get more cohesive across Bremer and the whole Shire
- Potholes not fixed right
- All beaches need more public toilets and rubbish bins

### **Rubbish Collection**

- Skip bins in strategic places
- More bins around town
- More hours at rubbish dump
- More designated areas for rubbish

### **RV Dump Point and Water fill up (on way into and out of town)**

- There is strong support for an RV dump point to support the increasing tourism in town
- Do not really need deep sewerage, other towns do not require this
- There is room for a dump point at Shire works yard (which has deep sewerage and water supply)
- Maybe RV users pay for water and dump point

### **Roads & Footpaths & Street lighting**

- The town is generally untidy
- Better signage around town
- Roads at Point Henry need the verges done better
- Foot path lighting

- No path from pub to skate park
- No path along Susan St
- Path not all the way along Bennet St.
- Street sweeping is once a year??
- Parking for RVs and caravans needs to be far better everywhere. Outside CRC, shop etc.

#### Carparks

- All the beaches need far better parking. An accident waiting to happen.
- Fisheries, boat trailers have no parking.
- Signage for Orca tours on where to park.
- 24hr RV park need the dump point

#### Internet

- Internet is so bad over the summer. It interferes with emergency services ability to perform.

#### Power

- The amount of outages is ridiculous
- Renewable energy generation in Bremer to reduce reliance on the SW grid

#### Estuary Fence

- A lot of local community members do not support having a fence
- Solution offered - have a fine for people driving along the Estuary explained by signage

#### Airport

- Needs some TLC as more tourists are flying in
- No toilets there

#### Marine Park

- Graeme Drew is on the committee
- They are pushing to make it a sanctuary from Doubtful to Hopetoun
- Committee want it from Gairdner River east as sanctuary.
- So Doubtful would be a General area is pretty much the same as now
- Next Marine Park 23 March and then back to residents to answer

#### Overflow Camping

- Can we use the Sports Oval
- Need toilets and showers
- Needs to be managed
- Must be self-contained

#### Timing/Notification of Meeting

- It was felt that the Annual Electors Meeting was not advertised widely enough
- Community members in attendance questioned the timing with a view to hold it in the evening or at a more suitable time for working people to be able to attend

We are having the same issues every year.

Meeting closed at 10:20am.