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Submission to the Shire of Jerramungup regarding Draft Council Plan 2026–2036

Dear Chief Executive Officer and Councillors,

The Jerramungup Sports Club, on behalf of the sporting groups represented within our town, would like to provide feedback in relation to the Shire of Jerramungup Draft Council Plan 2026–2036.

We have reviewed the Draft Council Plan and were pleased to see the recognition given to both volunteers and sporting groups and the important role they play in supporting healthy, connected and sustainable communities.

In particular, we were encouraged to see the following actions included in the Draft Council Plan:

- **1.2.3** Identify and support opportunities, facilities and services that enhance outcomes for young people across the Shire;
- **1.2.4** Provide and maintain quality sporting, recreation and community facilities that meet current and future community needs;
- **1.3.2** Support the long-term sustainability, governance and volunteer capacity of sporting clubs and community organisations; and
- **1.3.4** Allocate an annual funding round for sporting and volunteer groups.

We believe the work currently being undertaken by a small group of volunteers in Jerramungup strongly aligns with these objectives and provides an opportunity for the Shire and local sporting groups to work together to achieve the outcomes identified in the Council Plan.

The Importance of Sport in Rural Communities

Sport is the backbone of small rural communities. It brings people into our towns, creates a sense of belonging, fosters community pride, and plays a vital role in supporting both physical and mental wellbeing.

In communities such as Jerramungup, sporting clubs are much more than places to play sport. They are gathering places that connect generations, welcome new residents, provide opportunities for young people and strengthen the social fabric that keeps our community thriving. On any one home game, our precinct attracts between 300 and 1000 people with finals sometimes having in excess of 1,500 players, officials, visitors and supporters. Making it one of the busiest and most important precincts in which showcase our town and community.

With this in mind, we would like to provide the Shire with an update on the work currently underway to develop a long-term vision for the future of the Jerramungup Sporting Grounds.

Background

The Jerramungup Sports Club first engaged Caroline Robinson from 150 Square to facilitate discussions around sustaining clubs and sporting participation within the Jerramungup community.

This work included a member and community survey, a committee workshop held on 10 September 2025, and the preparation of a precinct planning summary.

Through this process, the Sports Club Committee identified four key priorities:

1. Development of a precinct plan for the sporting grounds;
2. Review of the Sports Club lease arrangements with the Shire;
3. Learning from comparable sporting clubs and facilities; and
4. Improving communication and collaboration between member clubs.

Following this initial work, the Jerramungup Sports Club established a Precinct Planning Group (PPG) comprising representatives from each affiliated sporting club, together with a representative from the Sports Club.

The purpose of the PPG is to develop a long-term precinct plan for the entire Jerramungup Sporting Grounds and ensure that future improvements are considered in a coordinated and strategic way.

Since its formation, the group has met regularly and developed a number of concepts and priorities for the precinct.

These include:

- Upgrading the Pavilion kitchen and indoor areas to better support sporting and community events;
- Creating a welcoming entrance and safe children's play area at the Sports Club;
- Exploring ways to better link the Pavilion and Sports Club facilities during the winter sporting season;
- Improving lighting infrastructure for football, hockey and bowls; and
- Developing a coordinated long-term vision for the entire sporting precinct.

Lighting Infrastructure

Upgrading lighting for our football, hockey and bowls facilities has emerged as a particularly high priority.

The PPG is currently working with 150 Square to obtain lighting plans and quotations that will assist with future planning and funding applications.

This work is an example of local volunteers taking the initiative to identify community needs, investigate options and develop projects that can be progressed when funding opportunities become available.

Where to From Here?

The PPG is currently working with 150 Square and SportsENG to prepare an overview of the sporting grounds and develop a framework for future improvements.

The key priorities identified by the Sports Club and PPG include:

1. Develop a Precinct Layout Plan

The plan will investigate and provide concept designs for:

Pavilion upgrades, including:

- Expanded kitchen facilities;
- Enclosing the veranda to increase usable year-round space;
- Re-roofing; and

- Installation of a simple children's playground.

Other precinct improvements include:

- Construction of a pathway connecting the Pavilion and Recreation Centre;
- Upgraded lighting for football, hockey and bowls facilities;
- Improvements to the Sports Club, including:
 - Creating a defined and welcoming entrance; and
 - Providing a safe and engaging space for children and families; and
- Potential realignment of the entrance road to improve traffic flow and safety.

2. Develop High-Level Cost Estimates

SportsENG will provide indicative costings for the proposed works.

Having high-level cost estimates will allow future priorities to be staged, funding opportunities to be identified and applications to be developed.

Importantly, this work will also assist with the Shire's future budget planning by ensuring there is a clear plan of what is required and an understanding of the likely costs involved.

Our aim is to be project-ready when funding opportunities become available, rather than waiting until an opportunity arises before beginning the planning process.

3. Plan for Future Growth

While the immediate focus is on improving our existing facilities, the precinct plan will also consider opportunities for longer-term development.

This includes the potential for a multi-purpose turf area behind the Pavilion that could support hockey, tennis and soccer facilities.

The intention is not to pursue all projects immediately, but rather to develop a clear long-term vision that allows the community, sporting clubs and Shire to understand what the sporting precinct could look like in the future and how improvements could be staged over time.

Working Together with the Shire

We believe this work provides a valuable opportunity to put the objectives of the Draft Council Plan into practice.

The local sporting groups are already investing considerable volunteer time into identifying needs, developing ideas and investigating potential projects. We would now like to strengthen the relationship between the Precinct Planning Group and the Shire so

that our plans are developed with an understanding of Shire requirements, asset management responsibilities, budgets and future strategic planning.

We would therefore like to invite a representative from the Shire to attend our Precinct Planning Group meetings.

Having a Shire representative involved would allow us to:

- Keep the Shire informed of the work being undertaken;
- Better understand the Shire's priorities and requirements;
- Ensure proposed improvements are consistent with Shire planning and asset management;
- Receive guidance as we develop concepts and obtain quotations;
- Identify potential funding opportunities and appropriate application processes; and
- Work collaboratively to develop realistic and achievable projects.

We are currently obtaining quotes for the first priority, being the lighting upgrades, and would particularly appreciate guidance from the Shire as we progress this work.

We would also welcome the opportunity to work with the Shire as we develop ideas and obtain quotes for potential upgrades to the Pavilion and Sports Club.

A Sporting Advisory Group

In addition to the work currently occurring in Jerramungup, we would like to suggest that consideration be given to including the establishment of a Sporting Advisory Group as part of the Shire's Council Plan.

Such a group could comprise representatives from sporting clubs and community sporting organisations across the different towns within the Shire.

A Sporting Advisory Group could provide a regular forum for:

- Sharing information between the Shire and sporting groups;
- Identifying common challenges and opportunities;
- Discussing the maintenance and development of sporting facilities;
- Sharing ideas and successful approaches between towns;
- Providing input into future sporting and recreation planning;
- Improving communication between sporting groups and the Shire; and
- Helping ensure that the needs of local sporting groups are considered in future planning and budgeting.

We believe this would complement the objectives already identified within the Draft Council Plan, particularly **1.2.4, 1.3.2 and 1.3.4**, and provide a practical mechanism for the Shire to work alongside the volunteers who help deliver sport and community activities throughout the district.

Conclusion

We are encouraged by the recognition of sporting groups, volunteers, young people and community facilities within the Draft Council Plan 2026–2036.

The work currently being undertaken by the Jerramungup Sports Club and Precinct Planning Group demonstrates that local volunteers are committed to the long-term sustainability and improvement of our sporting facilities.

We see the Draft Council Plan as an opportunity to build on this enthusiasm and establish a stronger partnership between the Shire and local sporting groups.

Our goal is to develop a coordinated, realistic and long-term vision for the Jerramungup Sporting Grounds, while ensuring that the facilities remain welcoming, functional and capable of meeting the needs of current and future generations.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with Shire representatives to discuss the work underway, our proposed precinct planning process and how we can work together to progress these priorities.

Thank you for considering this submission and for recognising the important contribution that sporting clubs and volunteers make to the Jerramungup community.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the Jerramungup Sporting Clubs and Precinct Planning Group