



Jerramungup History Group

Meeting Minutes - July

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Date: 25/06/2026

Time: 1:00pm – 2:40pm

Location: Jerramungup Community Resource Centre / Online

Facilitator: Omo Neil Foreman

Note-taker: Krissy Hindley

1. Attendance

- Present: Neil Foreman, Krissy Hindley, Roni Forrest (online), Andrew Price, Andrea Furniss, Richard Hindley, Paul Hislop, Graham Carthew, Aida Pocock, Fred Powell, Mel Aitchison, Martin Cuthbert, Kathy Reside, Merv Reside
- Apologies: Gill Bailey, Melissa Barrett

2. Approval of minutes

- Approved – Richard Hindley
- Seconded – Aida Pocock

3. Agenda Items

a) Committee Roles

- i. Chairperson – Neil Foreman nominated/accepted – Seconded Martin Cuthbert
- ii. Secretary – Krissy Hindley nominated/accepted – Seconded Omo Neil Foreman
- iii. Treasurer – Shire of Jerramungup nominated – Accepted Martin Cuthbert
- iv. Deputy Chairperson – Paul Hislop nominated/accepted – Seconded Andrew Price

b) Strategic plan

- Preserve the History of Jerramungup
- Digital and Archival material to be made available to the public
- Mel Aitchison reported that there has been support for this previously

c) Round table discussion:

- Mel Aitchison provided information on the following:
 - i. Previously collected items and information stored onsite at the Jerramungup CRC.
 - ii. Digital scanner in Library storage.
 - iii. The Shire of Jerramungup had previously considered supplying a laptop for use and digital storage.
 - iv. Sue Lefroy at Albany Public Library had previously provided guidance.
 - v. Some information is possibly stored at the Shire of Gnowangerup.
- Paul Hislop discussed:

- i. The Jerramungup Lion's Park would be ideally suited as a location to begin the project with a gazebo style information booth.
 - ii. Possibly 3-4 panels with key focus areas being Jerramungup, Noongar, Soldier Settlement and Hassell histories.
 - iii. Inclusion of a large map that provides the locations to key Jerramungup sites.
 - iv. Roni Gray indicated that she is happy to work on the Noongar history panels and may be able to source some funding.
- Fred Powell discussed:
 - i. 6 tiers of Jerramungup history
 - 1. Noongar history
 - 2. Wellstead & Hassell history
 - 3. Reid & Powell history
 - 4. War Service Settlement
 - 5. Conditional Purchase (CP) blocks (1967)
 - 6. The Future
 - ii. Needilup and Jacup history has been collated.
 - iii. The Seniors fund may be a possible source of funding.
 - iv.
 - Andrew Price discussed:
 - i. The use of a History Research template to assisting creating histories.

4. Other Business

- a) Strategic Plan workshop to identify priorities, potential projects and opportunities to preserve and share Jerramungup's history through displays, digital resources and community engagement.
- b) Short term priorities:
 - i. Install information panels/interpretive gazebo at the Lion's Park Jerramungup.
 - ii. Develop a tourist heritage trail.
 - iii. Investigate the history behind local street names.
- c) Long term projects:
 - i. Establish a static museum or permanent historical display.
 - ii. Preserving and interpreting a War Service House.
 - iii. Producing video/social media presentations for public access via YouTube, Facebook, Instagram etc.
- d) Digital History and interpretation – ways to improve access to local history through digital technology possibly:
 - i. QR codes linked to historical information.
 - ii. Oral history recordings
 - iii. Historical photographs
 - iv. Community contributions including images and stories.
- e) Historical topics and themes to consider for further research:
 - i. Noongar history, wildflowers, co-operative history, sporting clubs, community groups, War Service settlement, Birth of the Shire, school history, local businesses, social life, significant Shire of Jerramungup sites, local characters, farms and farming families, town residents, doctors and nurses, Landcare and farming groups,

Government agencies – Agriculture Department, Western Power, Telstra, Water Corporation, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).

- f) Displays and exhibitions:
 - ii. Library history displays
 - iii. Decorative historical surrounds for town services e.g. bins
 - iv. Displays featuring local identities and special interest collections.
 - v. Farm machinery displays
 - vi. Military displays
 - vii. Sale yards history
- g) Potential community history projects:
 - i. The first eight families.
 - ii. Fire brigade history.
 - iii. Ambulance Service history.
 - iv. Working bees.
 - v. Hospital and nursing post history.
- h) Next steps:
 - i. Prioritise short term projects for immediate planning.
 - ii. Allocate research topics among interested members.
 - iii. Continue to collect photographs, stories and memorabilia from the local community.
 - iv. Investigate funding opportunities for signage, displays and digital interpretation.

5. Next Meeting

- Date: 28/07/2026
- Time: 1:00pm
- Location: Jerramungup CRC Conference Room

Prepared by: Secretary – Krissy Hindley

Approved by: