

7.2 a) Bremer Bay Community Development Committee Minutes



Bremer Bay Community Development Committee

MINUTES

Bremer Bay Community Resource Centre and Library,
Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee, Fitzgerald Biosphere Group,
Bremer Bay Progress Association

Wednesday 7 May 2025
Bremer Bay Town Hall
Bremer Bay
9:00am

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Cr Joanne Iffla declared the meeting open at 9.01am.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members:

Cr Joanne Iffla	Shire of Jerramungup (Chairperson)
Leonie McMahon	Fitzgerald Biosphere Group/Bremer Bay Trails Committee
Jody Scott	Bremer Bay Progress Association
Tara Pittard	Bremer Bay Progress Association
Jan Roberts	Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee
Cr Raegan Zacher	Shire of Jerramungup

Support Staff/Observers:

Cr Julie Leenhouders	Shire of Jerramungup
Martin Cuthbert	Shire of Jerramungup
Noel Myers	Shire of Jerramungup
Glenda Forbes	Shire of Jerramungup (Minute Taker)
Chloe Norton-Woad	Shire of Jerramungup

Apologies:

Jen Harland	Bremer Bay CRC
Cr Gavin Mair	Shire of Jerramungup

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Bremer Bay Community Development Committee held 13 November 2024 to be confirmed.

Moved: Raegan Zacher

Seconded: Jody Scott

That the Minutes of the Bremer Bay Community Development Committee held 13 November 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

5. MEMBER ITEMS

5.1 Bremer Bay Community Resource Centre and Library

Report provided by Jen Harland

Please accept my apologies for not attending this meeting.

There have been big changes here at the CRC. DPIRD ordered a Financial and Structural Review of the CRC. There are quite a few CRCs across the state who are undergoing the same thing.

We have employed Fiona Murray as our interim Manager. Unfortunately it is only for one day a week which is less than ideal. We had to make two positions redundant to streamline the CRC. The restructure is still ongoing and a few changes will be coming as things get into place. One of these is the change of hours to the CRC which from 16th May will be closing Fridays. The Post Office will remain open 5 days a week. The BBCRC management committee and staff are working to get the best outcome we can.

The community garden is still going strong and the produce is tasty! I hope you are all harvesting from it.

5.2 Fitzgerald Biosphere Group

Shorebirds Project

The Shorebirds Project has now finished. Part of the project involved working with the school and with children at the Bombs Beasts and Beauties Car Show to decorate chick shelters. All survived.

Caring for Wellstead Estuary Coastal Vegetation

This project involves working with the Shire Town Services Team – the new Team has been fantastic. This is between the Caravan Park and Wellstead Estuary walk track. Minor paths have been closed off and main paths are being made more obvious. A couple of erosion points have been fixed and an information brochure has been provided to the caravan park. A specialist spraying contractor is due this month.

Strategic Weed Management Project

This project covers a broader area and involves a number of contractors and the Shire Town Services Team. Prioritised areas for weed management are conduits to the Fitzgerald River National Park or valuable vegetation. There will be a community element involving workshops. Vic Ti Tree is the main weed being managed.

Bird Hide

The Bird Hide project is progressing very well. All the drawings are coming together and it is intended to have a project budget proposal ready for the Shire to consider by the end of May. Some preliminary work on the Bird Hide has been carried out by Ian Weir and Luke Tulloch.

5.3 Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee

No Trails Committee meetings have been held.

Can a barrier of some sort be installed at the end of the bike path as it meets Main Beach to slow bikes down? There have been several near misses between kids using the bike path and pedestrians.

5.4 Bremer Bay Progress Association

The Bremer Bay Primary School received a grant for an environmental focussed project to increase understanding of the region's biodiversity. Community will also be invited to participate.

Additionally, in the Management Plan for the John Street bush completed in 2018, there was a proposed tree top walk. The Primary School, together with the Bremer Bay Progress Association, would like to bring this idea to fruition. Nathan McQuoid will provide ecological advice.

The community was surveyed to see what they would like to do with money raised from the Bombs Beasts and Beauties car show. The community prioritised the Rock Cairn as this is an area they are passionate about and is in need of repair. The Progress Association and the Men's Shed are each willing to contribute \$10,000. The Progress Association would love support from other organisations. They are obtaining quotes to do the repairs to the Rock Cairn and are hoping the area can be made more accessible and have more seating available. Noted that the tourist buses are all visiting the Cairn area. The Progress Association is also keen to work with the Trails Committee and Indigenous people to get some plaques up there as well, to include some history and whale viewing information.

5.5 Shire of Jerramungup

5.5.1 Visitor Information Bay

If the Progress Association wish to take on the care of the Information Bay the Shire is happy for this to happen and to provide advice or assistance if required. Businesses can advertise there – the Bremer Bay CRC has plaques for businesses. Shire re-branding will impact the timing of any work on this.

5.5.2 Bin Locations

Street Sulo bins around Bremer Bay will have metal bin covers installed which will improve their appearance.

5.5.3 Public Access Way in Front of the Bremer Bay Store

The Public Access Way in front of the Bremer Bay Store is a cluttered space with conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles. Discussions have been held with the Store owner. Proposing to help define the footpath by adding rumble strips.

5.5.4 Parking Signs Across the Road From the Bremer Bay Store

Agreement with the Store owner that the Shire will install blue parking signs across the road from the Store where the gravel is.

Requested that the pothole in the ACROD parking bay at the Store be fixed. The Shire will fix the pothole, however the carpark is the responsibility of the property owner.

5.5.5 Installation of Park Benches – Mary Street Park

The Shire has purchased some park benches to provide additional seating in the grassed area across from the Bremer Bay Store under the tree cover. A path will also be run from the Bennett Street frontage to the park to encourage access that way.

5.5.6 Pelican Park

The Shire intends to install another park bench in Pelican Park. It will be situated under the peppy tree and a path will be added to help access.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 BBCDC Meeting Start Times

Agreed that meetings will start at 9.30am.

Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of August and November:

- 6 August 2025
- 5 November 2025

6.2 Clarification on Shire Involvement with Bremer Bay CRC

The Bremer Bay CRC is run by its own Committee. DPIRD has responsibility and sets the KPIs. The Shire provides the premises and funds the library component and a small additional amount. Rents from leases are paid to the CRC.

The CRC has done an excellent job getting the Daycare going and it is really helping the town.

6.3 Cuneo Drive

Cuneo Drive is not a gazetted road. The Shire will investigate gazettal of it, however it is a very lengthy process and would need thorough consideration.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Bremer Bay Community Development Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 August 2025 at 9.30am at the Bremer Bay Town Hall Meeting Room.

8. CLOSURE

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9.43am.