

WELCOME!

Every year the Shire provides vital community services. The Annual Report is where we can highlight our achievements; and the progress we've made towards realising the strategic goals identified in our 2021 – 2031 Community Plan.

The Annual Report is one of our key reporting devices, providing information to the Community on the work completed in the past financial year.

The Report details our operational performance and outlines the achievements and challenges we experience throughout the year.

The Shire invites ratepayers and residents to attend its Annual General Meeting of Electors:

Venue: Bremer Bay Town Hall
Date: Wednesday, 7 February 2024
Time: 8.30am

Council welcomes questions relating to the Annual Report. Submission of questions before the Annual Electors Meeting is encouraged. Please email your questions to council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au

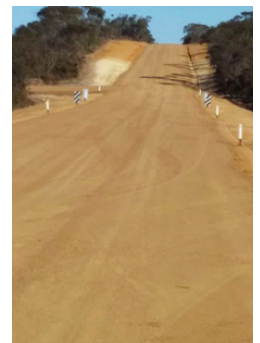
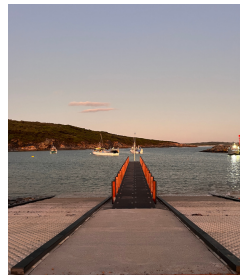
The Report can be obtained in hard copy from the Shire Administration Office, Jerramungup & Bremer Bay Libraries or can be viewed online:

<https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au> or requested via email: council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au

Ratepayers and residents are always welcome to contact the Shire office during opening hours on 9835 1022 or send an email to council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au with any questions about Shire matters.

Martin Cuthbert
 Chief Executive Officer

HIGHLIGHTS IN 22-23



EV Charging Station

The WA EV Network has reached the halfway mark with the opening of Synergy's Jerramungup Electric Vehicle (EV) fast charging site.

Synergy and Horizon Power are installing the charging stations along key travel routes, averaging less than 200 kilometres apart.

The 150kW Jerramungup charger, which allows drivers to top up their EVs in about 20 minutes, links Albany to Esperance. The WA EV network, scheduled for completion in mid-2024, is part of the Cook Labor Governments investment in EV infrastructure in WA.

The EV charging station is located on Tobruk Road, behind the Kokoda Op Shop, and was funded by the State Government. Construction works to complement the station were funded by the LRCI Program Phase 4 and the Shire of Jerramungup.



Continued Support for Bushfire Mitigation

The Shire was successful in receiving funds of \$365,500 for 35 mitigation activities through the second round of the 23-24 Mitigation Activity Fund to continue works on reducing the bush fire risks in our communities.

The proposed works will build upon achievements from recent years and foster a greater ability to withstand and recover from impacts of bushfire events across our Shire.



Grant Announcements

We are thrilled to be able to support the Jerramungup Sports Club who were successful in procuring funding of \$61,389 through the CSRFF grant program for the Supply and Construction of two toilet unisex ablution building.

Additionally, the Shire was able to secure funding under the CWSP Program for the amount of \$64,974 for the Sports Oval Water Resilience Project. Works have already commenced on the projects and the Shire is looking forward to the opportunity to work with the Sporting Groups to deliver both projects by June 2024.

December Council meeting matters

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 20 December 2023 the following matters were considered;

- Adoption of 22/23 Annual Financial Report;
- Acceptance of the 22/23 Annual Report
- Determined the date and time for the Annual General Meeting of Electors
- Terms of reference reviewed for the Bremer Bay Community Development Committee (BBCDC);
- \$1,500 out of budget expense authorised for Bremer Bay Progress Association event Bombs, Beasts & Beauties Bremer Bay Car Show;
- Consideration of management options for Wellstead Estuary;
- Agreed to provide comment to the Department of Planning Lands and Project Team regarding the possible disposition of a Crown Land parcel (Dillon Beach) to the Noongar Estate through the South West Native Title Settlement—land based consultation process.
- Received the Corporate Business Plan Quarterly Report—November 2023.
- Agreed to assume project ownership of the Bremer Bay St John Ambulance Depot project and submit a funding application to the Growing Regions Program Round 1 grant scheme;
- Selection of award winners for the 2023 Citizen of the Year Award, Community Group or Event Award, Junior Sportsperson and Senior Sportsperson of the Year to be announced at the 2024 Australia Day Breakfast.

Road Construction

- EV Charging Station Bay — Completed sealing works on Moorshead Road. Kerbing and footpath completed in January.
- Monjebup Road—Carried out a gravel re-sheet of a 3km section from SLK 0.00 to 3.00.
- Maintenance grading—carried out east of Jerramungup on Mallee Road, Lake Road,
- Fitzgerald Road and Cameron Road.
- Contractor maintenance grading—carried out on Meechi Road, Swamp Road and Marnigarup South Road.

Environment

Invasive weed control activities were carried out within the Riparian vegetation zones of the Wellstead Estuary.

The key focus was to target the removal of Polygala, Vic Tea Tree, Boxthorn and Kikuyu. Stage 2 of this project is the habitat restoration works along The Esplanade, opposite the Wellstead Estuary Walk Trail.

Since December 2023 the Town Services team have removed up to 55 fencing posts and 100m of wire from the sand dunes.

Works are also being undertaken to remove tyres from the Wellstead Estuary, up to 60 tyres have been removed to date.

Works will continue at the Wellstead Estuary through January.



Ranger Services

The Shire continued with the 'Respect Bremer Bay' campaign, requesting visitors to adhere to local regulations when camping and travelling around and through our Shire to promote the protection of our environment and residents.

The Shire engaged the services of Contract Rangers once again to assist the Shire Ranger with the influx of tourists between the Christmas and New Year peak period.

Regular patrols of Shire reserves were conducted daily with 84 infringements for illegal camping, dogs and parking being issued over that period.

The Shire encourages visitors to Bremer Bay to plan their trip and ensure accommodation is available in advance of their arrival!



Town Services - Jerramungup

- Pruning street trees along Vasey Street and Memorial Road.
- Weed control of verges, entry statements and footpaths.
- Pruning trees and roses around the Rootpickers Hall grounds, the War Memorial, and the CRC grounds.
- Mowing and whipper snipper treatment of Roe Park, Entertainment Centre grounds, Child Care grounds and Cemetery grounds.
- Rubbish removal within the townsite and along the major roads leading into Jerramungup.

Town Services - Bremer Bay

Town Services staff were kept busy attending a number of sites that were vandalised including the Bennett Street revegetation site where fencing was pulled down and nesting boxes destroyed.

Staff were also busy repairing damaged signage and working on a number of projects including:

- Repainting white lines (No Parking Zones) from the Bremer Bay CRC grounds to the local store;
- Re-stencilling the shared bicycle/walking path along the Bremer Bay Road opposite the Wellstead Estuary.
- Staff worked with local gardening contractors on the Fisheries Boat Harbour reserves, removing rubbish, pruning vegetation, reinstating bollards and signage, slashing weeds and low vegetation around the Fisheries ablutions.
- Weed control targeting Fleabane along Wellstead Road, Borden-Bremer Road and White Trail Road.
- Weed control along Seadragon Road and entry statements.
- Pruning of street trees, mowing and slashing of verges within the townsite.
- Revitalisation of the top garden in Pelican Park.



Thankyou

Councillors and Staff would like to sincerely thank Shane and Juanita for their tireless work for continuing to deliver a high standard in cleaning services for the Bremer Bay area.

The work undertaken over the Christmas and New Year Period in particular is commended. Their commitment to maintaining our public amenities and spaces at a high level during peak periods is truly creditworthy.

New Staff

Councillors and Staff would like to formally welcome Kevin Hopkinson to the position of Town Services in Bremer Bay.

Welcome

Congratulations to Gordon Capelli who has recently become the very proud grandfather of his first born grandson Luca Peter Henderson, born 28 December 2023.

Congrats

Councillors and Staff take this opportunity to congratulate Jamie Turner for successfully completing his Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management through South Regional TAFE which was funded by the Shire.

As part of his Diploma, Jamie prepared and assisted in the implementation of a management plan regarding the revegetation and rehabilitation of a site on Meechi Road.

The continued implementation and management of revegetation works on Shire managed reserves ensures the protection of the incredible diversity of native flora and fauna within the Shire.

Any rare, priority and significant flora and fauna within the road reserve needs to be continuously recorded, clearly identified and protected prior to any future works being carried out.

To achieve this carefully managed program Jamie has adopted sound management practices using observation and science to tune the program and continually improve where required.

Jamie is a highly valued and extremely capable member of the Shire's Town Services Team.



Next Council Meeting

28 FEBRUARY 2024

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 28 February 2024 at 10.00am in 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;

<https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/>

72 hours prior to the meeting.

Minutes from last council meeting

The minutes from the last council meeting held 20 December 2023 can be found on the Shire's website

<https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council-meetings>

Alerts & Emergency SMS Service

Did you know the Shire of Jerramungup provides a text message service to its subscribers with important information such as local fire bans, flooding and other emergency alerts?

These warnings give you the available advice about the levels of risk and danger and the actions to take to stay safe.

You can subscribe by calling the Shire office or completing the registration form located on the Shire website.

This service is funded through the emergency services levy and available to all residents within the Shire.

Waste Transfer Station

OPENING HOURS

Bremer Bay Tip — Wellstead Road

Wednesday: 10am—2pm

Friday: 10am—4pm

Sunday: 12pm—4pm

The Bremer Bay Waste Transfer Station is currently open on **Thursdays** in addition to usual opening hours.

This applies up to and including

1 February 2024.

Thursday opening hours are

10am—2pm.

Jerramungup Tip — Chittowurup Road

Tuesday: 12pm—5pm

Sunday: 10am—4pm

No additional hours opening hours through January

Tip Passes or Fees apply!

