



# COUNCIL BUZZ

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP APRIL 2023

## FROM THE CEO DESK



Welcome to the April edition of the Council BUZZ.

It has been a busy start to the year with plenty happening around the Shire.

Congratulations to all nominees and winners of the Shire's Australia Day Awards. These were presented at the very successful Australia Day event held in Bremer Bay on 26 January.

We are now planning for our ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Gunfire breakfast on 25 April. This is a significant day in the calendar for us, with Jerramungup being established as a war service settlement area.

Works staff have been busy undertaking construction and maintenance activities on roads in various parts of the Shire, while Town Services staff have been working hard to keep our towns looking good.

Bollards have recently been installed at the Bremer Beach carpark area adjacent to Paperbarks Park. The car park area is now closed to vehicles with trailers, caravans and boats, and signage has been installed accordingly. Launching of motorised vessels from the car park area is also now prohibited. These changes were made to ensure the safety of pedestrians moving in the area, and will remain in place until further notice.

Welcome to the monthly edition of the Council BUZZ.

The Council Buzz aims to bring you the latest Shire information including; decisions of Council, current works and other news from the office and around town.

The Buzz can be sent straight to your inbox, if you would like a copy, please email - [council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au).

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## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS — OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Shire's administration offices in Jerramungup and Bremer Bay will be closed for the following Public Holidays:

Good Friday	7 April 2023
Easter Monday	10 April 2023
ANZAC Day	25 April 2023

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# COUNCIL MEETING MATTERS

At recent Council Meetings the following matters of interest were considered:

## Great Southern Treasures—MOU

Council resolved to continue participating with Great Southern Treasures for a further three years. Great Southern Treasures is a Local Tourism Organisation representing nine Shires in the Upper Great Southern region.

The purpose of the collective is to build brand awareness of the tourism assets within Great Southern Treasures locally, nationally and worldwide. The stated Mission is to collectively plan and promote the tourism assets, experiences and events across member local governments.

## Local Government Elections 2023— WA Electoral Commission Postal Voting

Local Government elections will take place on Saturday, 21 October 2023.

Council resolved that the Electoral Commission will be responsible for the conduct of the 2023 Shire of Jerramungup ordinary elections, and decided that a postal election will be held.

## Updated Bremer Bay Trails Master Plan 2023

The Shire's current Trails Master Plan was prepared in 2013 and various elements of the Plan have been implemented, however, it had not been reviewed since that time. Council has now reviewed the Plan to ensure that it is consistent with current community aspirations and priorities. The Draft Bremer Bay Master Trails Plan has been adopted subject to it being advertised for a 14-day public consultation period, which has now commenced. The Public Notice and Master Plan 2023 are available on the Shire's website.

Agendas and Minutes of Council Meetings can be found on the Shire of Jerramungup website [www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au](http://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au) and at the Jerramungup and Bremer Bay Libraries.

**25 April 2023**

**Dawn Service commencing at 6am at the**

**Jerramungup War Memorial**

**Gunfire breakfast to follow in the Rootpickers Hall**





## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS INVITED ON THE DRAFT BREMER BAY TRAILS MASTER PLAN 2023.**

The Shire of Jerramungup in conjunction with the Bremer Bay Trails Committee and the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group are pleased to release the draft Bremer Bay Trails Master Plan 2023 for public comment prior to its final adoption.

The Master Plan reviews and updates the current plan that was adopted in 2013 to ensure that it is consistent with current community aspirations and priorities which were sought via the community survey and targeted consultation that was undertaken by the Trails Committee.

The objective of the Master Plan is to develop a recreational trails plan that encompasses the town of Bremer Bay and the three peninsulas that surround it.

Submissions on the Draft Master Plan should be made in writing to the **Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Jerramungup PO Box 92 Jerramungup WA 6337** or by email to [council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au) by **4.00pm Monday 10 April 2023**.

Copies of the report are available for view on Shire website or can be emailed upon request. A hard copy is also available for view at the Bremer Bay Library. Queries may be directed to Noel Myers Manager of Development on 9835 1022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Cuthbert", written in a cursive style.

MARTIN CUTHBERT

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

24 March 2023

# COUNCIL WORKS REPORT

## Works

- Stock Road — recently completed construction work consisting of forming up the road, drainage, and gravel sheeting of 3km section.
- Doubtful Island Road — commenced full reconstruction.
- Bremer Bay Roads—the construction grader has been working on Millers Point Road, Ocumup Road, O’Dea Road, Point Gordon Road, and Warramurup Road.
- Jerramungup North Road and Cameron Road — maintenance of back slopes, shoulders and off chutes.
- Lake Magenta Road and Lake Road—repair of blowouts from large volume of trucks using the roads.
- Grading of bus routes and maintenance of shoulders, back slopes and off chutes on various roads before it rains.

*Please slow down in roadworks to keep Shire staff safe.*



## Town Services

### Bremer Bay

- Revitalization of entry statements and garden beds and reinstatement of various signs.
- Weed control on streets and footpaths.
- Coastal reserves maintenance, including weed control.
- Pruning of vegetation at beach access points, including weed control around public amenities.
- Pelican Park reticulation and maintenance of Cemetery grounds.
- Weed control of invasive weeds along roads.



### Jerramungup

- General maintenance of parks and gardens, including weed control activities.
- Revitalization of entry statements.
- Revitalization of street trees along Vasey Street and Memorial Road.



If you see something that needs fixing, please report it to the Shire.

Phone 9835 1022 or email [council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au)

Staff will raise a Customer Request and the job will be scheduled.

# COMMUNITY DONATION REQUESTS

Applications for funding in Council's 2023/24 budget are now open!

If you have a project coming up that enhances the lifestyle of those living within the area then head over to our Council Donation Requests webpage via the link below and get your application in.

Alternatively you can contact the Shire on 9835 1022 or at [council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au) to request a copy of the form.

Applications close 4.00pm on Wednesday, 31 May 2023.

<https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/news/donation-requests-202324-now-open/80.aspx>



## COUNCIL MATTERS

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 26 APRIL 2023

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 26 April 2023 at 10.00am in the Emergency Services Shed, Bremer Bay. 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 22 March 2023 can be found on the Shire's website <https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/past>



## ★ GENERAL REPELLENT GUIDELINES ★

Insect repellents containing DEET or picaridin are the most effective. As a general rule, the greater the percentage of DEET or picaridin, the longer the product will remain effective.

- ★ Always follow instructions on the label.
- ★ Choose a repellent with an appropriate concentration of DEET or picaridin to match the length of time you are outdoors.
- ★ Apply directly to skin (except face) and spread evenly with hands.
- ★ For face application, apply first to hands and then spread evenly on face, avoiding mouth and eyes.
- ★ Repellents will not be as effective if applied sparingly to the skin.
- ★ Reapply repellent according to the label.

## ★ PROTECT YOUR BABY OR TODDLER ★

Where possible, avoid exposing your baby or child to mosquitoes. Consider staying indoors, using pram netting or dressing them in loose, long-sleeved clothing, socks and shoes.

### Mosquito repellents for children

- ★ **Under 12 months** - repellents containing DEET or picaridin are not recommended.
- ★ **From 12 months** – repellents containing up to 10% DEET or picaridin can be used.

### Application guidelines for children

- ★ Do not allow children to apply repellent.
- ★ Apply repellent firstly to the hands of the carer and then spread evenly to exposed skin of child.
- ★ Avoid applying repellents to hands, near the eyes or mouth.
- ★ Do not apply repellent under clothing.

## MOSQUITOES ARE MORE THAN ★ JUST A NUISANCE ★

There is no cure or vaccine to protect against mosquito-borne diseases acquired in Australia. The only way to prevent infection is to avoid being bitten.

## ★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★

Many mosquitoes are at their biting best around dusk and dawn, but some will bite day and night.



### COVER UP

Wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing to cover exposed skin.



### REPEL

Apply insect repellent containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) or picaridin evenly to all areas of exposed skin.



### CLEAN UP

Stop mosquitoes breeding around your home by removing, emptying or covering water holding containers.

### For more information

Contact the Department of Health or visit [healthywa.wa.gov.au/FighttheBite](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/FighttheBite)

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# ★ ★ AT HOME ★ ★

# FIGHT the BITE



## ★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★



## MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES ★ IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA ★

In Western Australia, mosquitoes can transmit Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus, Kunjin virus and the potentially fatal Murray Valley encephalitis virus.

The only way to confirm if you have a mosquito-borne disease is to visit your doctor for a specific blood test. There is currently no cure and no vaccine for any of these diseases. The only way to prevent infection is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

### Common mosquito-borne diseases in WA

Ross River and Barmah Forest viruses occur throughout WA. Common symptoms include:

- ★ skin rashes
- ★ painful or swollen joints
- ★ sore muscles
- ★ flu-like symptoms (fever, chills, headache)
- ★ tiredness or weakness.

Symptoms can last for several weeks to months, and in some cases, years.

### More serious mosquito-borne diseases in WA

Murray Valley encephalitis is a rare but potentially fatal disease that occurs in northern WA. Symptoms include fever, drowsiness, headache, stiff neck, nausea and dizziness. In severe cases seizure, coma, brain damage or death may result. People experiencing these symptoms should seek medical advice quickly.

Kunjin virus disease is a rare disease also occurring in northern WA. Generally, the symptoms are milder than Murray Valley encephalitis.

## COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★

### COVER UP



Wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothing like jeans. Make sure children are also appropriately covered up.

### REPEL



When outdoors and mosquitoes are present, apply insect repellent containing picaridin or DEET (diethyltoluamide) evenly to exposed skin. If you spend long periods of time outdoors, you may need to reapply your repellent.

### CLEAN UP



Simple changes around your home can reduce mosquito breeding. Remove, empty or cover water-holding containers.

## STOP MOSQUITOES BREEDING ★ AROUND YOUR HOME ★

Mosquitoes can breed around your home. They will lay eggs in fresh or salty water, and often in containers that hold water. Common breeding sites include pot plant drip trays, ponds, pet bowls, old tyres and rubbish that may collect water.

Stop mosquitoes breeding around your home by following these simple steps:

- ★ Empty out or discard containers and rubbish that may hold water.
- ★ Clean out roof gutters to prevent water from pooling.
- ★ Empty, clean and refill bird baths, stock troughs and pet water bowls at least once a week.
- ★ Keep swimming pools properly maintained and free of debris.
- ★ Empty wading pools at the end of each day.
- ★ Stock garden ponds with fish to eat mosquito larvae.
- ★ Cover rainwater and septic tank openings, wells or other large water containers with mosquito-proof mesh.
- ★ Keep edges of dams and ponds clear of vegetation.

If mosquitoes continue to be a problem around your home, contact your Local Government Environmental Health Officer or the Department of Health for further advice.