FROM THE CEO DESK



During May, we were happy to be able to re-open the Boxwood-Ongerup Road to the public.

The road had been closed since the Corackerup Creek crossing was damaged by significant flooding in June 2021. The crossing has now been repaired.

The June 2021 severe weather event was proclaimed an eligible disaster under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, Western Australia, on 2 July 2021. The Shire expects to receive financial assistance for the road reinstatement works under the disaster relief and recovery arrangements.

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The Lookout Tower located at Progress Drive, Bremer Bay, was closed

temporarily for repairs and upgrades to the balustrades.

This work is now complete and the Lookout

Tower is again open to the public.





National Volunteer Week was celebrated from 15-21 May, and the Shire takes this opportunity to publicly recognise the vital work of all volunteers.

Volunteering has an enormous impact within our community, offers opportunities for social, economic, and cultural inclusion, and improves health and well-being.



We celebrate the incredible volunteers who make a difference in our communities every day.

THANK YOU

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

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COUNCIL MEETING MATTERS

At the May 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting, the following matters were considered:

Proposed Plantation—Planning Application

Council considered an application proposing the revegetation of 600ha of Lot 1854 (No. 1287) Boxwood Hill-Ongerup Road, Boxwood Hill, owned by Bush Heritage Australia. The revegetation will include a biodiverse mix of local native species, to provide connectivity between large remnant bushland areas to the east and west, and establish habitat values that will promote sustainability of native species in the area. It will be staged over three years.

The applicant was required to provide a number of reports addressing land viability, plantation management, and bushfire management. The Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development also provided comment and did not object to the proposal.

Council resolved to approve the application, with conditions relating to the matters detailed within the Plantation Management Plan and Bushfire Management Plan being implemented in perpetuity, and a notice being placed on the Certificate of Title notifying any future owner of the Bushfire Management Plan.

St John WA-New Ambulance Subcentre, Bremer Bay

Council resolved to provide in-principle support to the development of the new St John WA building in Bremer Bay on portion of Reserve 48293 Lot 500 Bremer Bay Road.

The entire Reserve will ultimately form an Emergency Services Precinct (to include DFES and WA Police buildings, in addition to St John WA).

In-principle support of the plans submitted by St John WA gives them some comfort while progressing the planning of their building. Final and formal development approval will be granted upon resolution of all tenure arrangements relating to the site.

In accordance with its usual support of community groups, Council also agreed to waiver the planning application fee, and to consider allocating funds in the 2023/24 budget to meet other fees associated with the preparation of a lease agreement.

Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) AGM

Council adopted two Recommendations made at the BFAC AGM.

The first confirmed the appointments of Office Bearers, including the Chief and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers, Chief and Deputy Chief Fire Weather Officers, and Fire Control Officers for the 2023/24 Season.

The second made two amendments to the 2023/2024 Fire Break Notice and set out the Restricted and Prohibited Burning Times for the 2023/2024 bushfire season.

If you have any questions about matters considered by Council, please contact the Shire office on 9835 1022 or email council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au.

Further detail is also available under Council Meetings on the Shire website www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au

CURRENT PUBLIC NOTICE

Shire of Jerramungup Local Law Review

The Shire has commenced the process of reviewing all of its Local Laws and By-Laws.

The current Public Notice (below) advises of the review, and invites submissions by 30 June about the existing Local Laws and By-Laws, some of which are quite dated.

It is possible that through this process a number of the Local Laws and By-Laws will be revoked, amended or replaced. Should Council resolve to make a new Local Law or amend an existing Local Law, Public Notice inviting submissions will be advertised.



PUBLIC NOTICE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP LOCAL LAW REVIEW

Notice is hereby given under section 3.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995* that the Shire of Jerramungup proposes to review the following Local Laws:

- By-Laws Relating to Reserves and Foreshores 1986
- Dogs Local Law 2002
- Beach Access Local Law 1997
- Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2005
- Local Government Property Local Law 2005
- Dust and Sand Local Law 2011
- By-laws Relating to the Establishment, Maintenance and Equipment of Bush Fire Brigades 1989

Copies of the Local Laws may be inspected at the Shire's Administration Office located at 8 Vasey Street, Jerramungup, between the hours of 8.30am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday, at the Jerramungup and Bremer Bay public libraries during normal opening hours, or on the Shire website www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au.

Submissions about the Local Laws will be received by the Chief Executive Officer to email council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au or PO Box 92, JERRAMUNGUP WA 6337 until 4.00pm on 30 June 2023.

MARTIN CUTHBERT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCIL WORKS REPORT

Works

- Doubtful Island Road completed full reconstruction of 3km, including widening, formation/drainage upgrade, gravel sheeting, and installation of four new culverts.
- Cowallelup Road commenced a section of gravel re-sheeting works.
- Maintenance Grading—Taidia Road, Rabbit Proof Fence Road, Diagonal Road, Nyerilup Road, McHardy Road, Brown Road North.

Please slow down in roadworks to keep Shire staff safe.



Town Services

Bremer Bay

- Revitalisation of the Bremer Bay Cemetery grounds and entry statements.
- Weed control activities and pruning of vegetations.
- Rubbish removal along roads/footpaths and within the parks and gardens.
- General maintenance activities within Pelican Park, Paperbarks, and CRC grounds.

<u>Jerramungup</u>

Weed control activities including entry statements, parks and gardens, and streets and footpaths.

Environment

- Victorian Tea Tree control has commenced along Swamp Road in a targeted area. Its removal will
 minimise the spread and potential colonisation with ecologically sensitive areas including the south
 western section of the Fitzgerald Biosphere.
- Meechi Road revegetation project will continue over the next couple of weeks with weed control
 activities followed by direct seeding of select native plant species.

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

Phone 9835 1022 or email council@jerramungup.wa.gov.au

or report it online at www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au

SHIRE STAFF

WELCOME TO NEW RATES OFFICER

Kiara Pittard recommenced with the Shire on 1 May 2023 as the new Rates Officer and will be working on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Kiara has previously worked for the Shire in the Finance department and is familiar with Council's database. She will be responsible for the timely issue of rates levies, collection of outstanding rates assessments and the ongoing maintenance of the property database. We welcome Kiara's return back to the team and look forward to working with her again.

FAREWELL TO SANDRA LYALL

The Shire would like to take this opportunity to thank Sandra Lyall for her commitment and dedication to the Finance department for the past 8 years. We would like to wish Sandra and her family all the best in their new endeavours.

PRACTICAL DRIVING ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- A Driving Assessor comes to Jerramungup on one day each month.
- Limited appointments are available each time.
- Appointments fill up well in advance (sometimes months).
- Please contact the Shire to book your assessment.



COUNCIL MATTERS

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 28 JUNE 2023

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on 28 June 2023 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 24 May 2023 can be found on the Shire's website https://www.jerramungup.wa.gov.au/council-meetings