



Corrigin
Community Resource Centre

Newsletter



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FEBRUARY COUNCIL DECISIONS



AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE UPDATE

In line with recent legislative changes, Council has accepted the Audit Committee name change from Audit and Risk Management Committee to, Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. The Terms of Reference have also been amended to reflect new requirements, including the introduction of an independent chair and proxy chair. These updates ensure the committee remains compliant with current governance standards while continuing to oversee audit, risk, and improvement functions.

RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK REVIEW

Council has reviewed the Shire's Risk Management Framework to ensure the Shire continues to identify, assess, and manage risks effectively. The framework provides clear guidance on risk management processes, supporting sound decision-making and responsible governance.

COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN

The Shire has completed its Compliance Audit Return for the 2024 calendar year, which assesses compliance with legislative requirements set by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. Council has endorsed the return, which will now be certified by the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer before submission.

PROPOSED CHANGE OF MEETING TIMES

Council meetings will now be commencing at 6pm rather than 3pm.

MINING EXPLORATION LICENCE

There were no objections to an application for an exploration licence covering private land in Corrigin and surrounding areas. The application, submitted to the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, follows the legal process outlined in the Mining Act 1978.

BENDERING LANDFILL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025

Council has endorsed the 2025 Bending Landfill Management Plan, which outlines future development and rehabilitation of the site in line with environmental regulations. As the lead agency for the facility, the Shire of Corrigin will also seek independent accounting advice to ensure clear financial reporting for RoeROC councils.

BENDERING LANDFILL OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

To improve waste management at the Bending Landfill Facility, Council has approved a new operational plan. The plan clarifies what types of waste can be accepted and sets clear procedures for all four RoeROC councils. This will help ensure smooth operations and better long-term waste management.

KEY WORKER HOUSING INVESTMENT PROJECT - ROEROC

A study on the need for more key worker housing across RoeROC councils has been endorsed. The Cost-Benefit Analysis and Preliminary Business Case highlight the benefits of building 29 new worker homes and outline possible funding options. Council will continue working with RoeROC partners to secure funding and move the project forward.

CORRIGIN GOLF CLUB UPGRADE

Council is supporting the Corrigin Golf Club's grant application to upgrade the ladies changerooms and add accessible toilets. To help with the project, Council will contribute \$5,000 in the 2025/26 budget. These improvements will make the club more accessible and comfortable for members and the wider community.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - FARM WORKER ACCOMMODATION - 734 RIGBY ROAD

A development application for the setup of new farm worker accommodation at 734 Rigby Road, Bulyee has been approved. The new buildings will provide much-needed accommodation for farm workers and will be set up alongside existing worker housing on the property.

SHIRE UPDATES

STAFF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Cr. Brooke Filinski for her dedicated service on Council over the past year and a half. Brooke has recently made the difficult decision to resign due to a change in meeting times.

We also wish to express our gratitude to Gerry Smith, who has resigned from her position as Finance Administration Officer to pursue a new venture in their farming business.

Additionally, we bid farewell to Kyla Addis, our Pool Manager, who will be leaving us in a few weeks as she and her family relocate to Albany.

We wish both Gerry and Kyla much success and happiness as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

PLAYGROUP ACTIVITY

Playgroup joined us for story time, and we were very fortunate to have Robyn Connelly read her recently published children's book *Monty the Monster Truck's Flipping Adventure*. Afterward, they headed outside for another delightfully chaotic 'messy play' activity. The kids got their hands dirty in a series of color-themed trays. They made delicious ice creams for each other, created castles with kinetic sand, discovered creatures hidden among the swappy noodles, played with safari animals, and even broke up Arctic jelly icebergs!

WHEATBELT MEDICAL SCHOOL IMMERSION PROGRAM

Corrigin once again hosted medical students from Curtin University for the annual Wheatbelt Medical School Immersion trip facilitated by Rural Health West.

The group had a full schedule visiting our town, engaging in community life, and learning about the realities of living in a rural location. Some of the highlights were visiting Dr Raj and the Corrigin Hospital, holding a 'Teddy Bear Hospital' with local children, visiting Adam Rendell's farm, meeting our emergency first responders' volunteers, and getting a taste of the range of community group activities by joining in with the Netball Club, Kelpies, and Arts Club.

The students were so impressed with the town and everyone they met, which will hopefully leave a lasting impression as they begin to consider rural 'prac' placements further in their studies, and eventual career postings after graduation.

As always it is a testament to the Corrigin community for being so welcoming, particularly those that host the students and the community groups and volunteers that provide the opportunities for the students whilst they are here.

BRENDON GERRARD CITIZENSHIP

During March, the Shire of Corrigin had the pleasure of coordinating an Australian Citizenship Ceremony for Brendon Gerrard, the Environmental Health Officer for the Roe Environmental Health Scheme. Congratulations on becoming an Australian citizen!

WORKS UPDATE

The Town Crew has been busy line marking the hockey and football fields in preparation for the upcoming Winter Sports season. They have also been carrying out reticulation repairs. In addition, they've been mowing, watering, and fertilising to keep our parks and oval in top condition.

Reconstruction, widening, drainage upgrades, signage, and clear zone improvements are complete on Corrigin-Wickepin Rd (Simpson Rd to Talbot-Clark Rd, 1.3 km), with bitumen sealing due by April 11, 2025.

Shoulder reconditioning and widening (2.34 km) have started on Kulin-Yealering Rd from the Corrigin-Wickepin Rd turnoff.

Jet patching is underway on Quairading Rd, Dry Well Rd, Bruce Rock Rd, Walton St, Gill Rd, and Corrigin-Wickepin Rd.

Maintenance grading continues on Rigby Rd, Poultney Rd, Jubuck Back Rd, Creek Rd, North Lomos Rd, Kunjin South Rd, and Talbot-Clark Rd.



KIRKWOOD ST

Tree Removal



Following community consultation, the Shire of Corrigin Council has made the decision to remove the seven sugar gum trees on Kirkwood Street adjacent to the swimming pool. These trees will be replaced with appropriate, medium-sized, Western Australian native trees that are better suited to the local environment.

This was not a decision made lightly. Council carefully considered the concerns raised by the community, as well as expert advice and infrastructure implications. A total of 28 community submissions were received during the consultation period. Of these, 17 (61%) supported the removal and 11 (39%) opposed the removal.

Key issues raised by those in favour of removal included:

- Poor visibility at the Kirkwood-Larke Street intersection, creating a traffic hazard.
- Falling branches, particularly in high winds, posing a risk to pedestrians and vehicles.
- White ant infestation, which has and could continue to compromise tree health and safety.
- Potential damage to pool infrastructure from growing roots, leading to costly repairs.
- Excessive leaf litter affecting the pool's cleanliness whilst not providing useful shade.
- Provides opportunity to build a footpath.

Those opposing the removal emphasised:

- The environmental impact, with concerns about reducing tree cover in the town.
- The role of trees in mitigating excessive heat.
- Alternative solutions, such as pruning, termite treatment, and improved traffic management.
- The need for better long-term tree management rather than outright removal.

Council acknowledged the importance of balancing safety, environmental concerns, and infrastructure maintenance. While alternative measures such as pruning and termite treatment were considered, it was determined that removal and replacement with more suitable native species would provide the best long-term outcome for both safety and the town's tree canopy. The potential damage already caused by white ants suggests that the trees may need to be removed soon regardless, making proactive removal the most responsible course of action.

The Shire of Corrigin Council appreciates the valuable input from the community and remains committed to responsible urban planning that considers both environmental sustainability and public safety. The replacement trees will be carefully selected to ensure they thrive in the Wheatbelt climate and continue to provide shade and aesthetic value without causing the same issues as the sugar gums.

2 May
START 10:00am
Corrigin Senior
Citizens Centre

EASTER EGG HUNT

WEDNESDAY
16 APRIL
10AM - 11AM

**MISS
B'S**

Join in some Easter craft
fun and then hunt for eggs
throughout the park.



A free information day for all Gopher owners and future drivers. Bring your own or 'test drive' the new demo Gophers around a fun obstacle course.

- **Gopher Driver Safety Talk**
SHANE HICKMAN Corrigin Police Sergeant
- **Gopher Information Q&A**
Daily Living Products
- **On-Site Gopher Servicing**
DLP Technician
- **Seniors Aids Display**
Daily Living Products
- **Morning Tea for Participants**
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Finance Administration Officer

The Shire of Corrigin is looking for a motivated and detail-oriented individual to join our finance team. This part-time position (3 days per week) will play a key role in ensuring the smooth flow of financial transactions for the Shire of Corrigin.

If you have a keen eye for detail and a passion for finance, we encourage you to apply!

Applications close 4pm Tuesday 15 April 2025.

Swimming Pool Manager

We are seeking an enthusiastic and reliable Swimming Pool Manager to oversee the operations and maintenance of the Corrigin Swimming Pool. This is an exciting opportunity for someone passionate about community engagement, safety, and aquatic recreation.

If that sounds like you, take the plunge and apply today!

Applications close 4pm Monday 28 April 2025.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2025

5.45AM ANZAC MEMORIAL, RSL LOOKOUT
MCANDREW AVE, CORRIGIN

Join the Corrigin Community in the ANZAC spirit,
by attending the Corrigin Dawn Service.

Bring along a travel mug and enjoy a hot tea or
coffee and a homemade ANZAC biscuit
after the ceremony has concluded.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning.
We will remember them.





HEATED POOL

Winter Season from 31 March 2025

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 6am - 12pm

ENTRY FEES

Adult	\$7.00
Adult concession	\$5.25
Bulk pass (10 visits)	\$60
Bulk pass (10 visits) concession	\$45
Child (up to 4 yrs)	\$3.50
Child (up to 4 yrs) concession	\$2.60
Bulk pass (10 visits)	\$25.00
Bulk pass (10 visits) concession	\$18.75
Child (4-16yrs) / student	\$5.00
Child (4-16yrs) / student concession	\$3.75
Bulk pass (10 visits)	\$40
Bulk pass (10 visits) concession	\$30
Spectator	\$2.50
Carer	FREE



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Bookings essential call or message 0400 467 904

WE NEED YOUR HELP



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Your local connection

We are currently updating the Shire of Corrigin Phonebook for the 2025-2027 edition.

To ensure your information is accurate and up-to-date, please help us by providing any changes to your:

Residential Listings
New Business Listings
Groups & Clubs Listings

You can update us in the following ways:

www.corrigin.wa.gov.au/services/corrigin-phonebook

Visit the CRC: Mon to Thurs 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Fri 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Email: admin@corrigin.wa.gov.au

Your assistance in keeping our community's phonebook current is greatly appreciated!



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Expressions of Interest Short Courses

Let us know what you want!

Examples:

- Chemical Skill Set
- Farm Safety Course
- Pilot Vehicle Course
- Xero Course
- Forklift Course
- Not listed? Let us know.

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- What course
- Preferred time of year

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DATES TO REMEMBER

1 April
Heated Pool Winter Hours Commence

15 April
Ordinary Council Meeting

16 April
Easter Egg Hunt at Miss B's

18 April - 21 April
Easter Long Weekend

25 April
ANZAC Day Dawn Service

2 May
Gopher Safety Day



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OPENING HOURS Administration Office & CRC

Monday	8.30am - 4.30pm
Tuesday	8.30am - 4.30pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday	8.30am - 4.30pm
Friday	8.30am - 4.30pm (closed 12.30pm - 1.30pm)

Waste Transfer Station

Monday	10.00am - 2.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 2.00pm
Friday	10.00am - 3.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 3.00pm
Sunday	9.00am - 12.00pm

