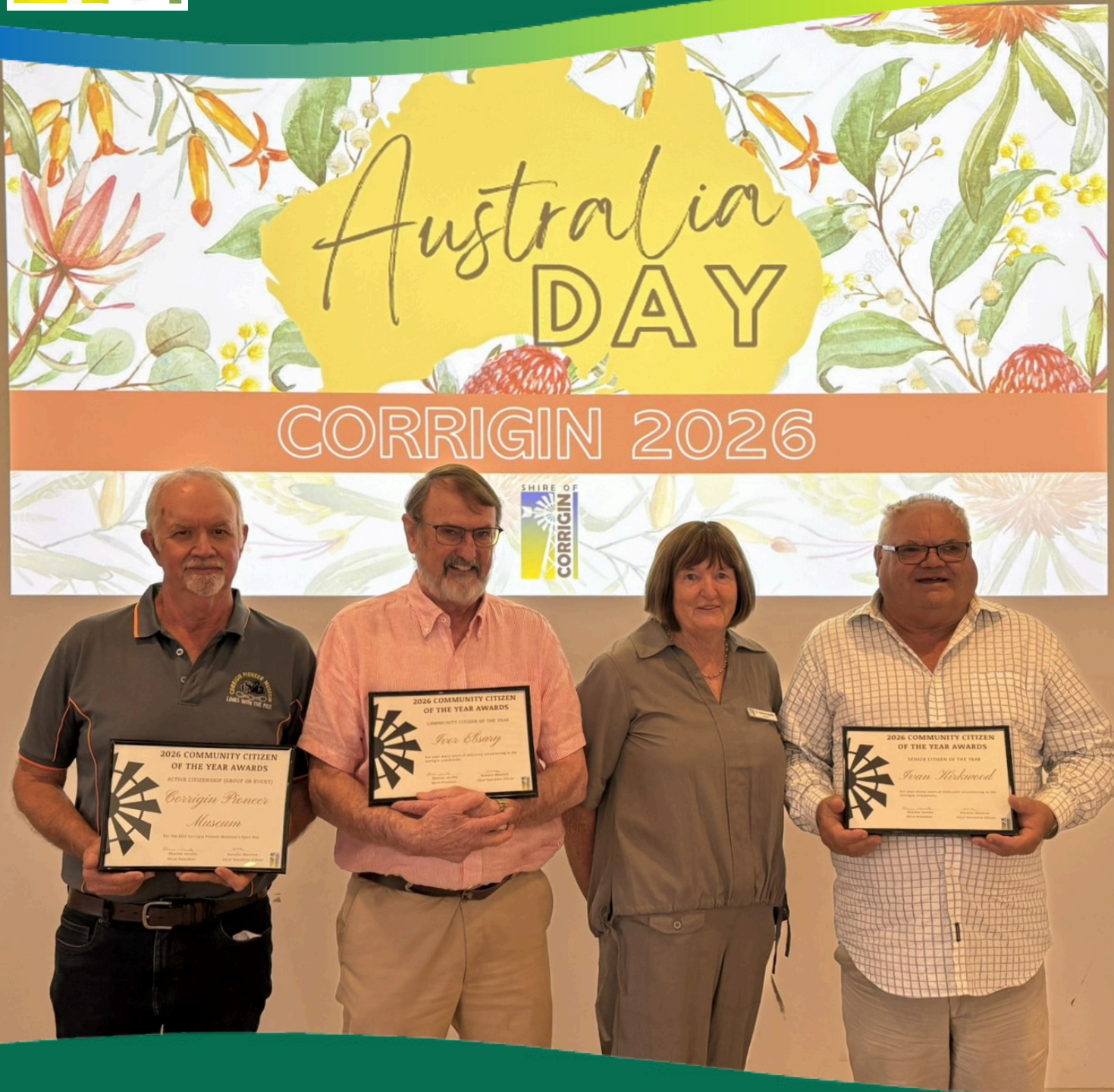




Corrigin
Community Resource Centre

Newsletter



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DECEMBER COUNCIL DECISIONS

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGIC PLAN 2025/2030

Council has endorsed a new Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Strategic Plan for 2025/2030. The plan focuses on modernising Council's technology infrastructure, strengthening cybersecurity, and transitioning to a cloud-first approach. These improvements will support efficient internal operations and ensure digital services continue to meet community needs.

CARAVAN PARK LEASE EXTENSION

Council is pleased to confirm a five-year lease extension for the Corrigin Caravan Park with current operators Rick Button and Rhys Walsh. The extension provides long-term certainty for the operators and reinforces Council's commitment to supporting regional tourism and continued economic growth within the Shire.

POLICY UPDATE – AUTHORISATION TO PURCHASE GOODS AND SERVICES

Policy 3.2 – Authorisation to Purchase Goods and Services has been updated to improve governance and strengthen internal controls. The changes introduce clearer requirements to separate ordering and authorising responsibilities for higher-value purchases.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER REVIEW

The Shire's Customer Service Charter has been reviewed and updated to ensure it aligns with current legislation and practices. Key changes include clearer guidance on reporting breaches and updated contact details for the Department of Local Government.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025

Council has adopted the Shire's 2024/2025 Annual Report, which includes audited financial statements and the Auditor General's report. The audit found no significant issues, and the report highlights the Shire's achievements, major projects, and financial performance over the year.

2026/2027 CULTURAL EVENT

Council has endorsed the inclusion of a YUCK Circus performance, Naughties, in the 2026/27 Annual Budget. The all-female circus production combines acrobatics and comedy and includes optional post-show Q&A sessions and youth workshops. The event supports local arts and culture and will be delivered during the October–November touring season, targeting audiences aged 15 years and over.

CONTRACT EXTENSION – MEDICAL SERVICES

Council has approved the renewal of contracts with Dr Ramakrishna (Dr Raj) and First Health to continue GP and practice support services in Corrigin from 1 April 2026.

Dr Raj has been part of the Corrigin community since July 2014, and Council is grateful for his long-standing service and commitment to the health and wellbeing of our community.

2025/2026 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Council has approved a cash contribution of up to \$2,000, along with in-kind support, for the Corrigin Historical Society to host the Dusty Boots Heritage Festival on 4 April 2026. The festival will celebrate local heritage, activate the town centre, and provide a family-friendly event featuring live music, market stalls, and an Easter egg hunt.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – NEW COVERED WASHDOWN BAY

Council has approved a development application for a new covered washdown bay and associated infrastructure at the Corrigin CBH site, supporting improved site operations and safety.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – PROPOSED ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO CBH BULYEE

Approval has been granted for alterations and additions to the CBH grain handling facility in Bulyee. The works will increase storage capacity by 29% and are expected to reduce heavy vehicle movements during peak harvest periods.

PROPOSED A CLASS RESERVE

The Shire has provided feedback on a proposed new A Class nature reserve at Kurrenkutten. Comments noted limited road access and concerns about how well the area represents local habitat for some identified threatened species. Council did not object to the proposal.



COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come have a cuppa with some of the Councillors!

The informal catch up will be a great opportunity to ask questions, share thoughts, and connect with the Shire team and other community members.

Tuesday 3 March 2026

10am - 1130am

Mallee Tree Cafe

No RSVP's necessary, just turn up!



2026 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council meetings will be held at 4.00pm in the Council Chambers, 9 Lynch Street, Corrigin, on the following dates:

17 February	18 August
17 March	15 September
21 April	20 October
19 May	17 November
16 June	15 December
21 July	

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2024/2025 Annual Report was presented at the Annual Electors Meeting held on 3 February 2026. It outlines the Shire of Corrigin's activities, governance, financial performance and progress against the Strategic Community Plan during the 2024/25 financial year. The full Annual Report is available on the Shire's website, with a summary provided below.

The Shire of Corrigin experienced a year of steady progress in 2024/25, with Council and staff working collaboratively to deliver key infrastructure projects, strengthen governance frameworks and continue investing in the long-term future of the community.

Council and Elections

In March 2025, Councillor Brooke Filinski resigned from her position on Council, with the Shire President acknowledging and thanking her for her contribution and commitment to representing the Corrigin community during her time as an elected member.

As at 30 June 2025, the Council comprised Cr Des Hickey (President), Cr Sharon Jacobs (Deputy President), Cr Matthew Dickinson, Cr Brydon Fare, Cr Michael Weguelin, and Cr Megan Leach.

Budget and Infrastructure

The 2024/25 Budget, adopted in July 2024, included a 4% rate rise and provided for continued investment in essential services and infrastructure across the Shire.

Budget allocations included:

- \$2.83 million for road and footpath projects
- \$1 million for plant and equipment
- \$346,000 for land and building upgrades
- \$409,000 for parks and ovals
- \$396,000 for other infrastructure



Community Facilities

Several important community and civic facilities were upgraded during the year, enhancing accessibility, safety and amenity.

A major highlight was the restoration of the Corrigin Town Hall, including reinstatement of the historic front steps and installation of a new accessible ramp on the northern side of the building. These works preserved the heritage value of the Town Hall while ensuring ongoing accessibility for all users.

Other key projects included:

- Installation of new airstrip lighting, improving safety and reliability for emergency and after-hours operations, including the Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Completion of Rotary Park redevelopment, supporting recreation and community use



Strategic Planning and Community Initiatives

Council maintained a strong focus on long-term planning and alignment with community priorities throughout 2024/25.

Work commenced on the development of a new Council Plan, which will integrate the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan into a single, streamlined framework to guide the Shire over the next decade.

Community consultation and Councillor workshops were undertaken to inform this refreshed vision.

Key governance and planning documents reviewed and endorsed during the year included:

- Register of Policies – annual review endorsed October 2024
- Corporate Business Plan – reviewed and endorsed June 2025
- Delegations Register – reviewed and endorsed June 2025

Community wellbeing initiatives continued, with support for events, workshops and programs delivered through the Corrigin Community Resource Centre, including school holiday programs, Pre-Harvest Breakfasts and community events.



Thank You

The Shire President and Chief Executive Officer extended sincere thanks to Councillors, staff and the Corrigin community for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Through the combined efforts of Council, staff and the community, Corrigin continues to be a strong, resilient and forward-looking district.

SHIRE UPDATES



WORKS CREW

Roadworks Update
Reconstruction works are continuing on Corrigin South Road. Culvert cleaning and headwall construction has progressed on Drywell Road and Kunjin Street.

Town Crew Update
The Town Crew have been actively maintaining public open spaces, including mowing, fertilizing, and watering the parks and main oval. Reticulation upgrades on the oval are ongoing, with top-dressing and levelling works underway to prepare the surface for the upcoming winter sports season.

In addition, the crew has been repairing irrigation systems and laying turf at various Shire properties, undertaking routine garden maintenance, pruning roses, and completing slashing works across the townsite.



WREATH WORKSHOP

In December adults had the chance to get creative at our preserved wreath workshop, expertly guided by Regan from The Blue Posy. Participants crafted wreaths to suit their own personal style, and it was wonderful to see the variety of beautiful designs come together.



COMMUNITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

We hosted a community breakfast on Australia Day, and presented the Community Citizen of the Year Awards. Corrigin is a community of volunteers with so many people pitching in to help others and get things done. Shire President Sharon Jacobs expressed appreciation and thanks to everyone who has volunteered in our community over the past year.

Congratulations to the award winners:
Community Citizen of the Year: Ivor Ebsary
Senior Community Citizen of the Year: Ivan Kirkwood
Active Citizenship: Corrigin Pioneer Museum Open Day

Thank you to the Corrigin Rotary Club for their BBQ expertise, breakfast was delicious!



2025 CORRIGIN PARK PARTY

Despite a last-minute venue change due to windy weather, CREC proved to be the perfect spot for a safe and fun end-of-year celebration. The community enjoyed an incredible lineup of activities, including laser tag, a bouncy castle, meltdown inflatable amusement, a mechanical train ride, oversized games, the big bubble station, face painting, and the Spinning Wheels workshop and display.

With live music by Tamsyn, Santa arriving in a fire truck, and a spectacular LED light show to finish the night, there truly was something for everyone.

A huge thank you to our generous sponsors, hardworking vendors, dedicated volunteers, and everyone who came along to make the evening so special.



MIX, MAKE & BE MERRY

As part of our Christmas activities, 11 kids enjoyed a festive afternoon at the CRC, creating personalised air-dry clay gift tags and preparing cookie jars filled with dry ingredients for the perfect homemade gift, all while listening to Christmas carols and soaking up the holiday vibes.



STAFF UPDATE

We're pleased to share some recent changes and additions to our team.

Dawnella Freeman, who has been part of our Containers for Change depot team since April, has moved into the role of Waste Site Attendant following John's retirement.

We also welcome Hope Subritzky, who has started with us as our new Finance Administration Officer.



BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT

CCTV INCENTIVE GRANT

SHIRE FUNDING AVAILABLE

Businesses can claim up to \$2,000 to improve shopfronts, public-facing spaces and streetscape appeal.

You can claim up to \$500 to help install CCTV systems that improve community safety



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE SHIRE OF CORRIGIN WEBSITE



www.corrigin.wa.gov.au

WHO CAN APPLY

- ☒ Local Businesses
- ☒ Property Owners
- ☒ Residents and tenants



2026-2027 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Community Organisations can apply for up to \$10,000 to assist with projects or events.

FUNDING CATEGORIES

- Community Donations (up to \$500) ☒
 - Community Grants (up to \$5,000) ☒
 - Significant Events (up to \$10,000) ☒
- (conditions apply)

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & COURSES AT THE CRC



Corrigin
Business Advice

Free 1:1 Business Advisory Sessions

Wednesday, 4 March 2026
At Corrigin Community Resource Centre

I'll be visiting the Corrigin area and would love to support your business and provide advice specific to your business needs. Drop in or contact me by phone or email to book an appointment. I look forward to meeting with you!

Ben Stangoni ☎ 0432 665 711 ✉ ben.stangoni@ipsau.com.au
Business Advisor | IPS Management Consultants



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4 March 2026

Excel for Beginners: Mastering the Basics (Free Workshop)

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, 4 March 2026
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Location: Corrigin Community Resource Centre, 55 Larke Crescent, Corrigin
Presenter: Ben Stangoni, Business Advisor from IPS Management Consultants

Who can participate?

All small business owners wanting to master the basics of Excel.

Main Topics covered in this workshop

- Introduction to Excel
- Data Entry and Formatting
- Basic Formulas and Functions
- Working with Worksheets
- Sorting and Filtering Data
- Creating Simple Charts
- Printing and Page Setup

What to Bring

Your laptop! You will need it for the hands-on activities - laptops won't be supplied.

Why join this hands-on workshop?

Come along to this FREE workshop to be equipped with foundational Excel skills for everyday business use! Don't miss out ... register by scanning the QR code below!

☎ 1300 275 477
✉ business@ipsau.com.au
🌐 ipsbusinessadvisory.com.au

Scan this QR code to Book Now!
Scroll down our Workshops page and select this workshop!



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Expressions of Interest Short Courses Let us know what you want!

Examples:

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

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Contact Us

Corrigin Community Resource Centre
admin@corrigin.wa.gov.au
(08) 9063 2778

Please include the following details in your email:

- What course
- Preferred time of year





POOL UPDATE

POOL CLOSURES

The Corrigin Pool will be closed to the public on:

5 March
Corrigin Swimming Carnival until 3pm

28 March
Corrigin Triathlon

SWIM TO ROTTO ISLAND POOL CHALLENGE

Complete the distance from the mainland to Rottnest by swimming laps in our pool.

Pool staff will record your laps and track your total distance as you go.

Swim at your own pace and see how far you can make it!

KIDSPORT

Children aged 5-18 can receive a free 3 month pass to the Corrigin Swimming Pool through the KidSport program.

Eligibility applies to children listed on a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

Apply at the Shire Administration Office.

AQUA AEROBICS

Class Times

Mon: 5:45pm – 6:30pm
Wed: 5:45pm – 6:30pm
Thurs: 11:45am – 12:30pm

Cost

\$15 per class
\$140 for 10 classes

Con: \$11.25 per class
\$105 for 10 classes

To secure your booking, contact Rachel on 0400 467 904.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Wednesday

11, 18 and 25 February
4, 11 and 18 March

10:30am – 11:00am	9 months – 1.5 yrs
11:00am – 11:30am	1.5 yrs – 2.5 yrs
11:30am – 12:00pm	2.5 yrs – 4 yrs

Thursday

2, 19 and 26 February
5, 12 and 19 March

11:00am – 11:30am	1.5 yrs – 2.5 yrs
11:30am – 12:00pm	2.5 yrs – 4 yrs

Cost first child: \$90

Second child or more: \$84

To secure your booking, contact Rachel on 0400 467 904.

Follow the Shire of Corrigin Facebook page for the latest pool updates, or call the Shire Office on 9063 2203.

DATES TO REMEMBER

10 February
Movie Club 7pm @ CRC

17 February
Ordinary Council Meeting 4pm

18 February
Practical Driving Assessments

26 February
Accidental Counsellor Workshop with Holyoake @ CRC

3 March
Coffee with a Councillor 10.00am - 11.30am @ Mallee Tree Cafe

4 March
Excel for Beginners with IPS @ CRC

5 March
Pool closed to public until 3.00pm (CDHS Carnival)

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Movie Club 7pm @ CRC

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Ordinary Council Meeting 4pm

18 March
Practical Driving Assessments

28 March
Pool closed to public (Corrigin Triathlon)

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

