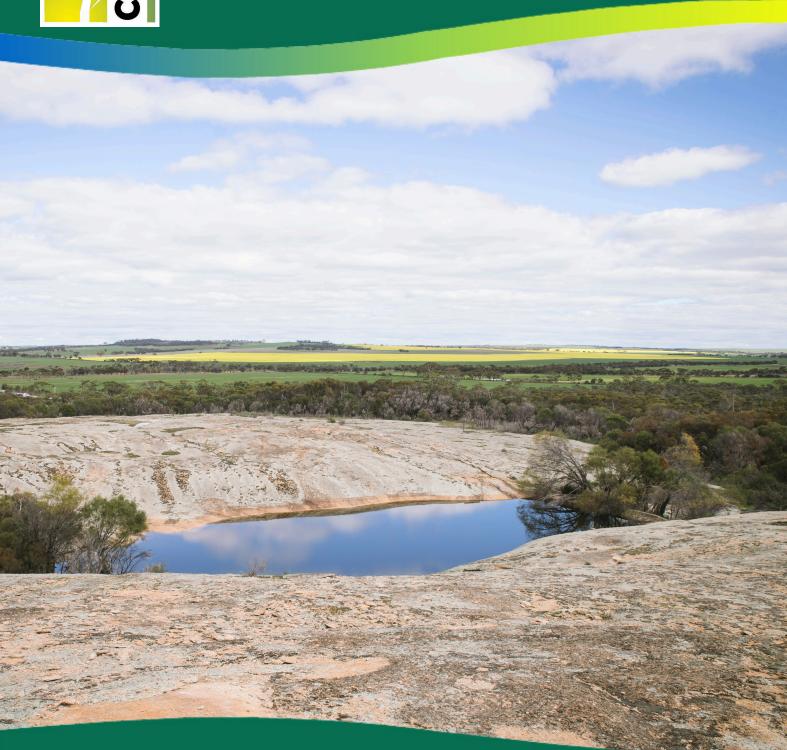




## Newsletter



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## **AUGUST COUNCIL DECISIONS**

#### **GOVERNANCE, RISK, COMPLIANCE**

Change to July Council Resolution Resolution 73/2025 from the July Ordinary Council Meeting has been changed to move the rates second instalment due date from 26 October 2025 to 29 October 2025. This keeps the instalment notice compliant, and reflects the rates notices other materials. All other payment dates and arrangements remain the same.

#### WALGA AGM Voting Delegates

Cr Jacobs and Cr Leach were appointed voting delegates for the Western Australia Local Government Association Annual General Meeting, and Cr Dickinson and Cr Fare as proxies.

#### Fraud and Corruption Policy

The Fraud and Corruption Control Policy was updated to align with the Australian Standards strengthen the prevention, detection, and response measures. The revised policy reinforces a zero tolerance approach, clarifies responsibilities, and supports a culture of integrity and accountability.

#### **OVAL RETICULATION UPGRADE**

BD Water was awarded the contract to install a new efficient and water wise irrigation system at the Corrigin town oval, replacing the existing 25 year-old infrastructure. The upgrade will improve the lawn quality and reduce water waste across the football, cricket, and hockey fields, as well as surrounding areas. Works will be scheduled to cause as little disruption to sporting fixtures as possible.

#### LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME REVIEW

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage's Report of Review for Local Planning Scheme No.2 has been endorsed, marking the first step in preparing a joint Local Planning Strategy with neighbouring Roe ROC Shires. This collaborative approach position the region for future growth.

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING

Council Plan 2025-2035

Following extensive community consultation and a detailed review of existing plans, the Shire has adopted the Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035. The Plan combines the former Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan, setting out the Shire's vision, outcomes, and priority projects for the next decade, and the four-year delivery program.

Workforce Plan 2025- 2029

The updated Workforce Plan outlines how the Shire will maintain a skilled and flexible team to deliver the priorities in the new Council Plan. The review undertaken noted a younger and more balanced workforce, with experienced staff passing knowledge to new employees. The plan focuses will improve consistency, address on retaining expertise, supporting shared planning challenges, and staff development, and promoting the Shire as an employer of choice.

Ordinary Council Meetings are held at 6.00pm on the third Tuesday of each month at the Shire Administration Office. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Upcoming dates: 16 September, 21 October, 18 November, and 16 December.

## **SHIRE UPDATES**



At the close of nominations on 4 September 2025, five nominations were received for five vacancies.

Congratulations to the following people who were elected policies/integrated-planning-and-reporting unopposed as Councillors for the Shire of Corrigin.

Two year term ending 16 October 2027

- William Dyer
- Des Hickey

Four year term ending 20 October 2029

- Matthew Dickinson
- Darian Smith
- Heather Talbot

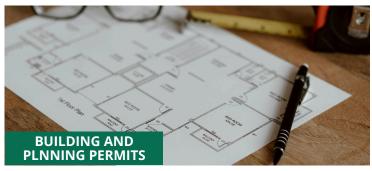
**COUNCIL PLAN** 

A copy of the Plan is available at the Shire Administration Office or on the website:

www.corrigin.wa.gov.au/news-publications-

The new Councillor terms will commence at the October Ordinary Council Meeting.

### SHIRE UPDATES



Working out if you need a building or planning permit can be tricky. If you're unsure, please contact the Shire Office for guidance.

Planning relates to how land is used. The Town Planning Scheme outlines what is permitted, discretionary, or excluded in each zone, including Residential, Commercial, General Industry, Rural, and Rural Residential. Details can be found at the <u>WA Government Planning Information</u> website. The Shire has also updated the <u>Planning and Development</u> section on our website, check it out for guidance.

Building permits ensure the structural integrity of construction work. A permit is required before starting new construction, renovations, or extensions unless otherwise exempt. Temporary buildings on site for less than one month do not need a permit. Some small structures, including garden shells, certain fences, pergolas, masts, antennas, and small retaining walls, may also be exempt. Class 10 buildings on farms, such as garages, carports, or sheds outside the townsite, do not require a permit. More information can be found on the <u>WA Building and Energy</u> website, and the <u>Building</u> section on the Shire website.

Septic tank approvals and demolitions are separate processes and are handled by the Environmental Health Öfficer.



The Shire of Corrigin is seeking to appoint an Independent Chairperson to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. The committee plays a key role in reviewing and making recommendations to Council on matters such as financial management, risk oversight, internal controls, legislative compliance, and audit planning and reporting.

This paid role involves approximately four meetings per year held in the Shire of Corrigin Council Chambers, though flexibility with electronic meetings will be considered where necessary.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday each March, June, September and December, with occasional special meetings and/or workshops as required. A background in local government, finance, risk, or governance would be ideal. Please contact the Shire of Corrigin CEO at ceo@corrigin.wa.gov.au or phone

9063 2203 if you are interested in this opportunity.



The Shire of Corrigin is committed to providing safe and accessible services for our community. Following an incident at the waste facility where a person fell and was injured while unloading a wheelie bin from the back of a ute, the Shire has reviewed the unloading area in consultation with Local Government Insurance Scheme (LGIS) and Worksafe.

New barrier rails have been installed in the unloading area to prevent falls and improve safety. The changes to the unloading area will be monitored and reviewed to ensure they are safe and easy to use.

The Shire seeks your cooperation in emptying wheelie bins from the ground and not while standing on the back of vehicles to reduce the potential risk of falls and injuries.

Please follow the signs and instructions from the waste site attendant when unloading your rubbish at the tip.

Your support in using safe unloading practices will help prevent accidents in the future and allow the Shire to continue developing long-term improvements for the facility. Please contact the Shire on 90632 203 or email shire@corrigin.wa.gov.au if you have any feedback or comments on the changes to the waste site.



The Shire has been advised of an error on the plaque at the War Memorial. If you are aware of any other errors, please contact the Shire at shire@corrigin.wa.gov.au



### SHIRE UPDATES



What an unforgettable evening at Bulyee Hall on August 16 for the Festival of Small Halls Tour! The hall was alive with storytelling music, community spirit, and warm country hospitality, with around 60 people joining the fun.

A heartfelt thank you to the Bulyee Hall Committee for their fantastic food and hospitality, and to everyone who came along to make the night so special.



As part of this year's SOCK Week road safety campaign, we invited the community to design bin stickers to help spread important road safety messages.

We received over 50 amazing entries – and our judges had the tough job of selecting 7 winning designs. The winning stickers have now been printed and are ready to share!

They're free to collect from the CRC – pick one up and help spread the message of safer roads in our community.



Maintenance grading continues on Bullaring-Gorge Rock Rd, Hartley Rd, Fullwood Rd, Gnerkadilling Rd, Reed Rd, Old Kulin Rd, Bartlett Rd, and Yealering-Kulin Rd. Culvert and drainage works are complete on Rodgers Rd, and the jet patcher has been busy fixing potholes and edges on Walton St, Lynch St, Goyder St, and Bendering Rd after the rain.

New concrete retaining wall panels have been purchased for the Waste Facility, and a new Westrac Bobcat has arrived at the Shire Depot.

Around town, the crew have been mowing and whipper snipping, topdressing and line marking the oval, preparing the CREC for winter sports finals, spraying verges and weeds, maintaining water pumps, pruning roses, and clearing fallen branches and trees from the roads.



The Wildflower Drive is bursting with vibrant colours, featuring a stunning array of wildflowers and orchids a true treat for nature lovers!

For the best experience, stop by the CRC. Our friendly staff can share details on the species you might see and tips on the top spots to catch the most spectacular blooms.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Pre-Harvest Breakfasts.

It was wonderful to see everyone come together, before we prepare for the busy season ahead.

A special mention to Regional Men's Health for coming out to each location and offering valuable insights about the importance of health and wellbeing. We'd also like to give big thanks to REST a While coffee who joined us each morning, as well as to our volunteers who lent a helping hand.



All dogs and cats must be registered with the Shire by 31 October 2025.

Did you know you can keep up to 3 cats per household? You can also keep up to 2 dogs per household. Fines apply for each unregistered cat or dog.

The Ranger has recently been responding to several complaints about stray cats in town. Cat traps are available for hire from the Shire office.

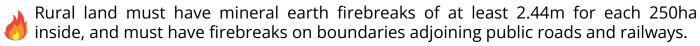
Further information on responsible pet ownership is available on the website www.corrigin.wa.gov.au

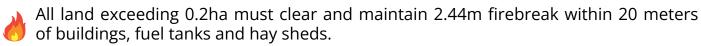
## **FIREBREAKS**

#### **MUST BE IN PLACE BY 31 OCTOBER 2025**

All firebreaks and reduction of fire hazards are due to be completed by 31 October 2025 and must remain in place until 15 April 2026 as required by the section 33 of *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

#### FIREBREAK CONDITIONS





Townsite land is required to clear all inflammable material and fire hazards, and may need to have firebreaks depending on the property size.

Inspections will be undertaken after 31 October 2025. Failure to comply may result in penalties up to \$5,000.

Full details of firebreak requirements can be found on the Shire of Corrigin website corrigin.wa.gov.au/services/emergency/bushfire-control.aspx

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR BURNING

UNRESTRICTED BURNING 16 APRIL to 18 SEPT ANNUALLY (No permit required)

RESTRICTED BURNING 19 SEPT to 31 OCT ANNUALLY (Permit required)

PROHIBITED PERIOD 1 NOV to 15 FEB INCLUSIVE (No burning, permits will not be issued)

RESTRICTED BURNING 16 FEB to 15 APRIL ANNUALLY (Permit required)



#### TREEBATE INITIATIVE

The State Government has announced a rebate of up to \$150 for West Australians who purchase a native tree from a nursery and plant it in their backyard as part of a new Treebate initiative. For more details, including eligibility criteria and how to claim, visit www.wa.gov.au/.../department-of-water-and.../treebate









### Safety Workshop

Join us for a FREE Scam Awareness Workshop presented by NBN, where we will explore how to spot the tell-tale signs of common scams, what to watch out for online and over the phone, and simple steps you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones.

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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development



Corrigin CRC 55 Larke Crescent

Thursday 18 Sept 2025

9am to 10am (\)

## CORRIGIN CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

8 Goyder Street

Wednesday 1.00pm - 5.00pm Saturday 8.30am - 12.30pm

For bulk returns of 800+ containers, call the Shire of Corrigin on 9063 2203 to organise a drop-off time. Wednesday's only.



#### <u>Please Note</u>

We are now a cashless facility.
You will only be able to receive payment for your container deposits via the Containers for Change Membership ID scheme.
c4change.info/signup





RSVP'S essential by Monday 6 October – places are limited! Call 9063 2778 or email admin@corrigin.wa.gov.au



Clant lawn games
Music and fun with friends
Lunch included: chips, nuggets & a juice box
Children under 7 require adult supervision







## FRI DEC 12

ROTARY PARK 4.30pm-8.00pm

LIVE MUSIC
FOOD & DRINKS
FACEPAINTING
AMUSEMENTS
SPINNING FLOWERS DISPLAY
& WORKSHOP
LIGHT SHOW

# 2025 CORRIGIN PARK PARTY

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

16 September Ordinary Council Meeting 6pm

18 September Scams Awareness Workshop 9am - 10am @ CRC

19 September Restricted Burning period begins (Permit required)

22 September Xero Workshop @ CRC

7 October Kites in the Sky 10am-12pm @ Rotary Park

21 October Ordinary Council Meeting 6pm

31 October Restricted Burning period ends Dog and cat registrations due

1 November Prohibited Burning period begins

18 November Ordinary Council Meeting 6pm

12 December Park Party

16 December Ordinary Council Meeting 6pm

## **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

