

Community Resource Centre Newsletter



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CEO's Corner

How amazingly resilient is our community and our environment?

On my drive around the fire scarred landscape last week I was surprised to see new shoots already appearing on the trees along the road verge despite the lack of rain at that time.

There is nothing like a drop of rain to boost spirits and restore hope of a positive future. It would be a welcome relief for our farmers as it was heartbreaking to see the topsoil blowing around in the wind before the rain.

Donations

A huge thank you to the Corrigin Community Fund, Corrigin Bowling Club for their large donations to fire affected families. Many donations have also been received from near and far which are greatly appreciated. A working group will meet in the coming days to decide on the most appropriate way to distribute the funds.

If you would like to make a donation please deposit in the following account:

Corrigin Disaster Fund BSB 086-576 Acc 50-831-1432 REF: Donor Name Fire Donation

Disaster Recovery Funding

The Shire of Corrigin along with the Recovery Committee welcomed the recent announcement from Hon Stephen Dawson Minister for Emergency Services and Hon Bridget McKenzie Minister for Emergency Management and National Recovery and Resilience that the Disaster Recovery Funding has been made available for the Shackleton and Wamenusking fires that started on Sunday 6 February 2022. This funding will greatly assist in the recovery of public assets and enables some financial assistance to flow through to affected property owners.

More information on the specific funding for affected farmers was provided at an information session on 31 March 2022.

CREC Roof

The matter of the CREC roof continues to progress in the courts, albeit slowly. President Des Hickey and I attending a mediation session in Perth last week and while there is no resolution as yet there does seem to have been some progress.

Welcome to Blaze Aid

Blaze Aid set up camp on 15 March 2022 and will work in the area the next few months to clear fence lines and rebuild fences. The Blaze Aid team with assistance from Lex Stone, Sharon Jacobs and Sindy Rendell will be coming around to all affected farmers to discuss fencing needs including location, ground, fencing type and kilometres damaged.

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Thank you to Kellie Bell and volunteers for setting up the catering roster to provide meals for Blaze Aid volunteers.

I am sure they are very well fed and have been made to feel very welcome.

Please contact me on 9063 2203 or email <u>shire@corrigin.wa.gov.au</u> if you have any questions or queries.

Natalie Manton Shire of Corrigin Chief Executive Officer



MARCH 2022 COUNCIL DECISIONS

Proposed Local Planning Policy - Disaster and Emergency Recovery Council approved a draft local planning policy to enable landowners to repair and rebuild their properties in a timely manner following the recent fires.

Tender Wellness Centre

The Shire received one response for the advertised tender for the redevelopment of the Wellness Centre and new dental surgery which was almost double the budgeted amount. The project will now need be reassessed and the scope revised to see how the project can be delivered in future.

Lease Agreement Corrigin Farm Improvement Group

Council resolved to enter into a new lease agreement with the Corrigin Farm Improvement Group for a five year term, with the option of a further five years for the use of the Old Roads Board building at 21 Goyder Street.

Compliance Audit Return

Council reviewed the 2021 Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 which assists the Shire of Corrigin to monitor legislative compliance under the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*.

Budget Review

Council is required to undertake a review of the budget each financial year between 1 January and 31 March. The budget was reviewed against actual income and expenditure to ensure that a maintain a high level of services across all programs.

Purchase New Prime Mover

Council resolved to purchase a new Mack Prime Mover to replace the 2011 Iveco as per the plant replacement program. Five offers to purchase the 2011 Iveco Powerstar 6x4 Prime Mover were received ranging from \$22,000 to \$55,000. The disposal of the Iveco truck was deferred and will be readvertised when the new prime mover arrives.



2022 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month, except January. Meetings commence at 3pm in Chambers and interested members of the public are welcome to attend.

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LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Used Engine Oil Run

The Shire of Corrigin is going to facilitate a bulk Wren Oil collection from farmers and commercial businesses in the district.

If you have over 400L of used engine oil and would like to participate, please contact the Shire reception and lodge your expression of interest.

This is a free service provided by Wren Oil, however if the oil is contaminated with water or hydraulic oil it they may charge for it or reject the load.

Closing date for EOI's is 14 April 2022.

Sydney II: Lost and Found

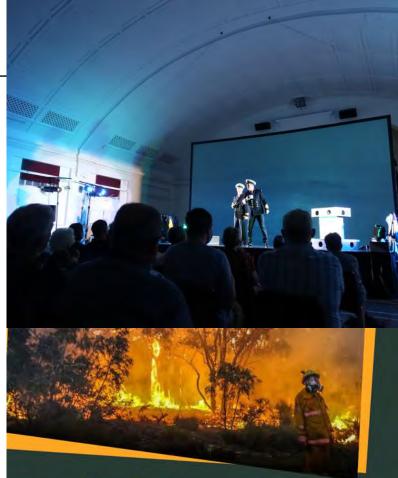
On the 26 of March the Corrigin Town Hall welcomed Theatre 180 as they presented the extraordinary story of Sydney II, locals enjoyed the striking collaboration between audio-visual projections and talented live actors.

Donations for famers affected by Corrigin fires The Shire is now accepting monetary donations for fire affected farmers. If you would like to make a donation, cash and EFTPOS donations can be made at the Shire Office or bank transfer to below details and email confirmation of payment to rates@corrigin.wa.gov.au Donations will taken until 31 May 2022.

Roads Board Building Update

The internal restoration of the Roads Board has been completed ready for CFIG to return. Works took place to repair the internal cracking, floorboards and alterations to get the sash windows working again.

Swim to Rottnest Island or surrounding town Congratulations to the 34 participants who took part in the swim to Rottnest Island program this season, many passed their initial goal.



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Shire of Corrigin Trust Account BSB 086-576 Account No. 50 831 1432 Reference: Full Name, Fire Donation



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BUSHFIRE RECOVERY CORRIGIN FIRE UPDATE 25 March 2022



The long road to recovery has started and while there is much to do the offers of support and assistance have been greatly appreciated.

The following local sub committees have been formed to coordinate the recovery:

- Infrastructure working groups for fencing and clean up chaired by Sharon Jacobs
- Economic working groups for fodder/ agistment, seed and donations chaired by Lindsay Prosser
- Community working group for catering and welfare support chaired by Claire Steele
- Natural Environment including revegetation, soil and water chaired by Veronika Crouch

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Hay and Fodder Distribution

The donations of hay, grain and straw can be collected from site near Ainsworth bin Contact John Hewett or Steven Bolt for information on collection dates and times.

Catering

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Finance

Donations have been received and the committee is working on criteria for distribution of funds.

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Funding for Primary Producers and Small Business

Now that the Disaster Recovery Funding WA has been approved the following funding may be available for eligible primary producers.

Interest Rate Subsidy

New loans to repair/replace assets that have been damaged or destroyed as a direct result of an eligible disaster, and for which this DRFAWA assistance measure has been activated.

Freight Subsidy

Reimbursement up to 50 per cent of the costs of transporting:

Livestock

Building or fencing equipment or machinery

Fencing Subsidy

Reimbursement of 100% costs associated with:

• Restoration/replacement of fencing (to pre-disaster standard) where the fencing has been deliberately dismantled or damaged due to counter disaster operations activities undertaken in order to combat the eligible natural disaster event, and/or

• Reimbursement of the costs of materials only (to pre-disaster standard) to repair/replace boundary fencing, damaged/lost fencing as a direct result of the eligible natural disaster event.

Only available where fencing adjoins a major road/rail transport corridor and where the roaming of livestock may present a danger to the travelling public (i.e. the aim being to preserve public safety). Must demonstrate that, the property was at that time being used to hold or agist livestock at the time of the eligible disaster event. Total cropping not eligible.

Department Biosecurity Conservation and Attractions may provide assistance with cost of clearing fence lines adjacent to Reserves contact Graeme Keals Graeme.keals@dbca.wa.gov.au or call 9881 9226

Professional Advice

Reimbursement of fees up to \$1,500 to obtain professional advice directly relating to addressing issues arising from an eligible natural disaster event including financial matters, hydrological or soil conservation issues, feed analysis or other stock health issues.

Eligibility Criteria

Check eligibility criteria at: www.agric.wa.gov.au/emergency-response/disaster-recovery-fundingarrangements

Other Funding

The state government has contributed funding to the Corrigin Farm Improvement Group (CFIG) of \$50,000 to support on-farm recovery and extension activities.

There is no funding from Lord Mayors Distress Fund.

CFIG has submitted application to NAB for funding for landscape recovery planning and mapping group session.

CFIG has submitted and been granted funding support from GRDC and Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) to run *Farming after Fire* workshops in Corrigin and Wickepin.

Asbestos

Many affected property owners have obtained second quote for asbestos clean up and disposal which is less expensive that first quotes.

The Shire of Corrigin has not been able to identify any funding to assist with the clean up of asbestos on private property or uninsured losses.

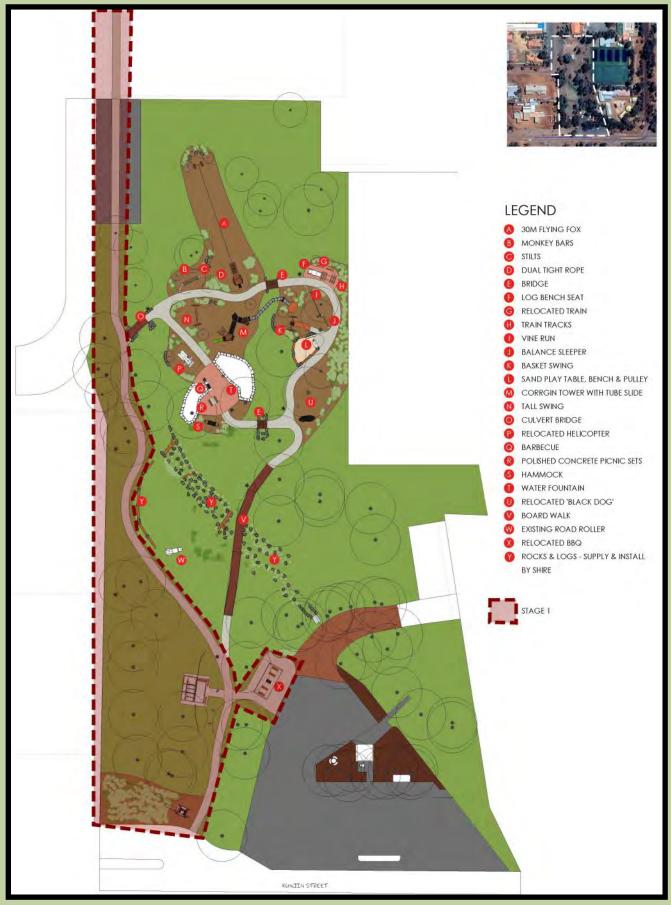
Any Questions

if you have any questions or need assistance please contact the shire at shire@corrigin.wa.gov.au or Recovery Coordinator Mike Weguelin on 0400 190 221 or Deputy Recovery Coordinator Lyn Baker on 0427 097 141.

ROTARY PARK

PHASE ONE – preparation for the installation of toilet block, new picnic area and entry statement is in progress. While the construction of the footpath connecting Lynch Street and Kunjin Street is nearing completion, this will be opened early May along with the rest of phase one.

PHASE TWO – construction of the main play space will commence April/May.





The Corrigin CRC is currently seeking **Expressions** of Interest for running a forklift licence course in Corrigin on the 9th & 10th May 2022. To register your interest please email corrigin@crc.net.au or call 9063 2779. Places are limited.

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Pulse oximeter What you need to know!

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Are you non-Aboriginal and over 65?

Are you Aboriginal and over 50?

Are you pregnant?

If you answered YES to any of the above – collect a free pulse oximeter from your local government today!

What is a pulse oximeter?

It is a small, peg-like device that clips onto your fingertip to read your heart rate and blood oxygen level. It takes only one minute to work, is reusable and can be shared between other people in your household.

Why do I need one?

If you become COVID-19 positive, you may need to be remotely monitored through the WA COVID Care at Home program. By having a pulse oximeter already in your home, a health professional can assess you and provide health advice from the comfort of your home. Visit <u>WA COVID Care at Home</u> for more Information.

Where do I get one?

Visit your local government to collect a free pulse oximeter for you and your household (each eligible household can receive one pulse oximeter but supplies are limited).

Do **not** pick up a pulse oximeter if you are already COVID-19 positive. If you have already received a positive COVID-19 test result, the Department of Health will contact you and provide further information.

Visit COVID-19 (coronavirus) (healthywa.wa.gov.au) for more information.

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ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2022

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.





WINTER SEASON 2022

March						HEATED POOL OPEN 6AM-11AM	CORRIGIN SWIM SCHOOL		
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28	29	30	31				SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN Cost: \$60 for first child, \$56 for second child or more		
April						Bookings essential call Rachel on	per class, inclusive of pool entry fee. Interested in becoming part of our program?		
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4	5	6	7	8	9	Adult \$7.00 17, 19, 24 and 26 May			
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18	19	20	21	22	23		2:25PM - 2:55PM 4:10pm - 4:40pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	Child (4-16yrs) / Student Con\$3.75	Preschooler Stage 3/4 3:10PM - 3:40PM 4:40pm - 5:10pm		
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Stevenson Scholarship for Further Education

The Stevenson Scholarship was established by the late Edna Stevenson (a former resident of the Shire of Corrigin) to promote and advance the education of the residents of the Shire of Corrigin. Stevenson Scholarships are administered by the Trustees of the Edna Stevenson Trust.

Eligibility

Stevenson Scholarships are available to students who are residents of the Shire of Corrigin and/or whose parents or guardians are not able to provide sufficient financial assistance for the student to achieve a tertiary education.

Resident Status

Residents are defined as:

(a) A person residing in the Shire of Corrigin at the time of applying for the Stevenson Scholarship.

(b) A former resident of the Shire of Corrigin (of not more than two years absence) who was a student at a school in the Shire of Corrigin for at least three years whose immediate family resides in Corrigin.

Student Status

- Students must be enrolled in and attending any of the following: (a) Corrigin District High School
- (b) Any government run senior high school in Western Australia
- (c) An agricultural high school or college in Western Australia
- (d) A TAFE college in Western Australia
- (e) A university in Western Australia

Scholarships

Scholarships provide financial assistance to help cover the costs of text books, enrolment fees and course fees at approved educational institutions.

The following amounts are indicative only, lesser or greater amounts may be awarded depending on the course of study and financial need:

SECONDARY STUDY up to \$2,000 TERTIARY STUDY up to \$5,000

Scholarships are awarded for one year periods. Scholarship recipients may apply for further scholarships on a year by year basis.

Forms and Closing Dates

Application Forms are available from the Shire of Corrigin office at 9 Lynch Street, Corrigin. Phone: 9063 2203 or

Email shire@corrigin.wa.gov.au

Applications will be accepted at any time during 2022 for consideration by the Trustees. It is anticipated that the trustees will meet on the following dates. Monday 9 May 2022

Monday 8 August 2022 Monday 7 November 2022

Applications need to be submitted one (1) week prior to the meeting date to be considered within the agenda of that meeting. Late applications will be considered at the next meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

16 February - 15 April Restricted Burning Period

1 April Applications close for Community Grants Program

5 April Practical Driving Assessments @ Shire of Corrigin

12 April Movie Club 7.30pm @ CRC

19 April Council Meeting @ Shire of Corrigin

25 April ANZAC Day Dawn Service, 5:45am @ RSL Lookout

EASTER CLOSURE							
Shire Office	Friday 15 April Monday 18 April						
Corrigin CRC and Public Library	Friday 15 April Monday 18 April						
Waste Disposal Site	Friday 15 April						
CORRIGIN WASTE		SFER STATION					
Monday	10:00ar	0am - 2:00pm					
Wednesday	10:00am - 2:00pm						
Friday	10:00am - 3:00pm						
Saturday	10:00am - 3:00pm						
Sunday	9:00am - 12:00pm						
CORRIGIN CONTAINER DEPOSIT REFUND POINT							
Wednesday	1:00pm - 5:00pm						
Saturday	8:00am - 12:00pm						

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