

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2026-2031

SHIRE OF CORRIGIN

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Shire of Corrigin acknowledges the Aboriginal people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and pays respect to Elders past and present.

The Shire commits to embedding culturally appropriate and inclusive approaches across all public health initiatives.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2026–2031 establishes a locally driven and evidence based framework to improve health outcomes in Corrigin. The Plan aligns with the State Public Health Plan 2025–2030 and adopts the objectives: Prevent, Promote, Protect and Enable.

The Plan responds directly to local data and community feedback. Corrigin faces elevated risks associated with obesity (45.5%), insufficient physical activity (51.3%), and higher-than-average rates of alcohol-related and tobacco-related harm. Transport-related injury is also significantly elevated.

Community engagement identified priorities including access to health services, safety, housing, youth support and infrastructure. These issues form the basis of the actions in this Plan.

Message from the Shire President





We are pleased to present the Shire of Corrigin's Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2026-2031, which will provide direction for the next 4 years. The Public Health and Wellbeing Plan sits alongside the Shire's Council Plan 2025-2035 and is designed to provide direction on public health, healthy lifestyles and recreation for members of our community.

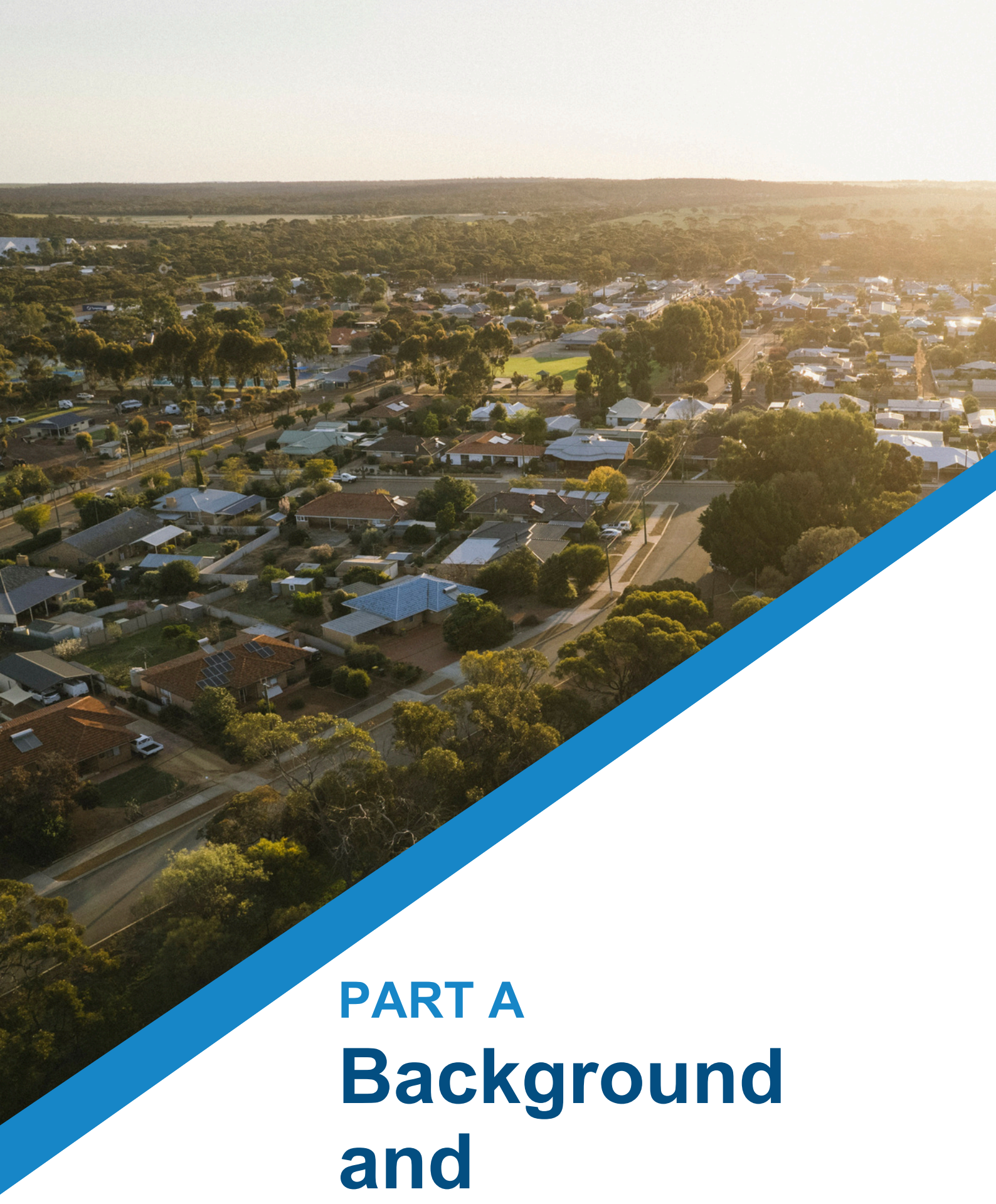
Each local government in Western Australia is required by the Public Health Act 2016, to enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of its community and align with the State Public Health Plan for Western Australia 2025-2030.

Shire officers have reviewed of the Shire of Corrigin's previous Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2022-2026 and have now aligned it with the new State Public Health Plan 2025-2030 to ensure it reflects the needs of the community.

Council is committed to delivering improved health and wellbeing outcomes informed by community input and local data, through partnerships and strategic investment.

It is our goal, as a Council, to implement this plan in collaboration with key stakeholders to improve health outcomes for all residents in our Shire.

Sharon Jacobs
Shire President



PART A

Background and Health Profile

Introduction

This Public Health Plan has been prepared in accordance with Part 5 of the Public Health Act 2016 (WA) and outlines how the Shire of Corrigin will protect, promote and improve the health and wellbeing of its community over the period 2026–2031.

The Plan provides a structured, evidence-based approach to identifying local public health risks and implementing actions aligned with State and local priorities. It is informed by both quantitative health data and qualitative community engagement.

Public health relates to protecting and improving the health and wellbeing of people and their communities, and encompasses a wide range of activities and disciplines.



Health Promotion
Encouraging health behaviours and providing access to healthier environments.



Disease Prevention
Vaccination programs, screening and preventing the spread of infectious diseases.



Environmental Health
Ensuring clean air and water, safe food and effective management of waste and pollution.



Policy and Advocacy
Developing and recommending health policies and advocating for policies and laws that protect health (e.g. tobacco regulations).



Emergency Preparedness and Response
Planning for and responding to natural disasters, pandemics etc.



Health Equity and Determinants of Health
Encouraging health behaviours and providing access to healthier environments.



Community Engagement and Services
Working with local organisations to deliver health services and supporting mental health and wellbeing programs.

Vision

A healthy, inclusive, connected and resilient Corrigin community.

This vision reflects a commitment to:

- Supporting physical and mental wellbeing
- Improving access to services
- Creating safe environments
- Strengthening community connection

Integrated Planning and Reporting

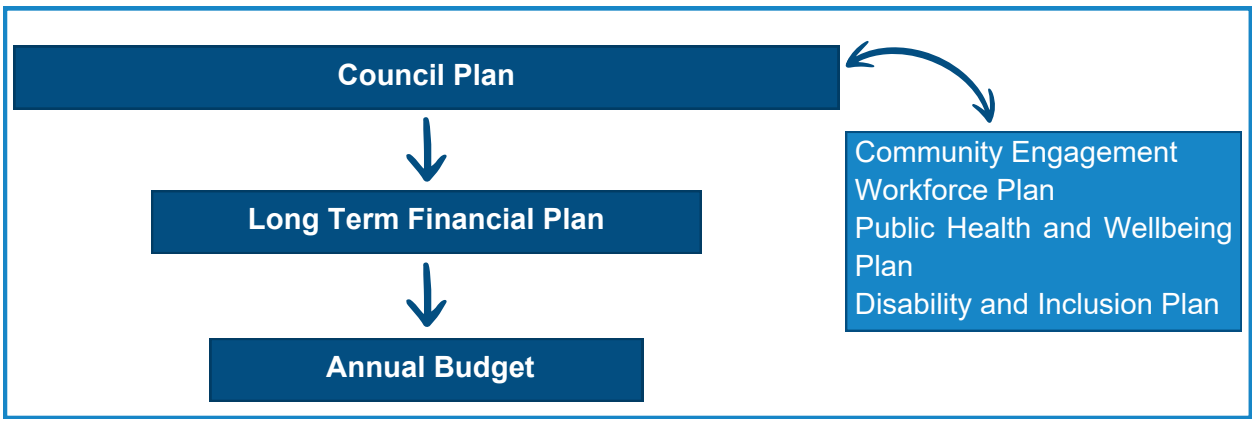
This Public Health and Wellbeing Plan aligns with the Shire's broader planning framework and relevant State strategies, including:

- Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025 - 2035
  Linking the community's aspirations with Council's vision and long-term strategy.

- State Public Health Plan 2025–2030
  Regional and State health and wellbeing strategies that inform local government capability to deliver the services and assets required by the community.

This alignment ensures a coordinated approach across health, infrastructure, community development, and economic outcomes.

It also ensures that public health is embedded within Council's overall strategic planning and decision-making processes. As represented in the chart below, the Shire of Corrigin's Public Health and Wellbeing Plan is one of the key informing strategies.



Determinants of Health

Health outcomes are influenced by a range of social, economic and environmental factors, including

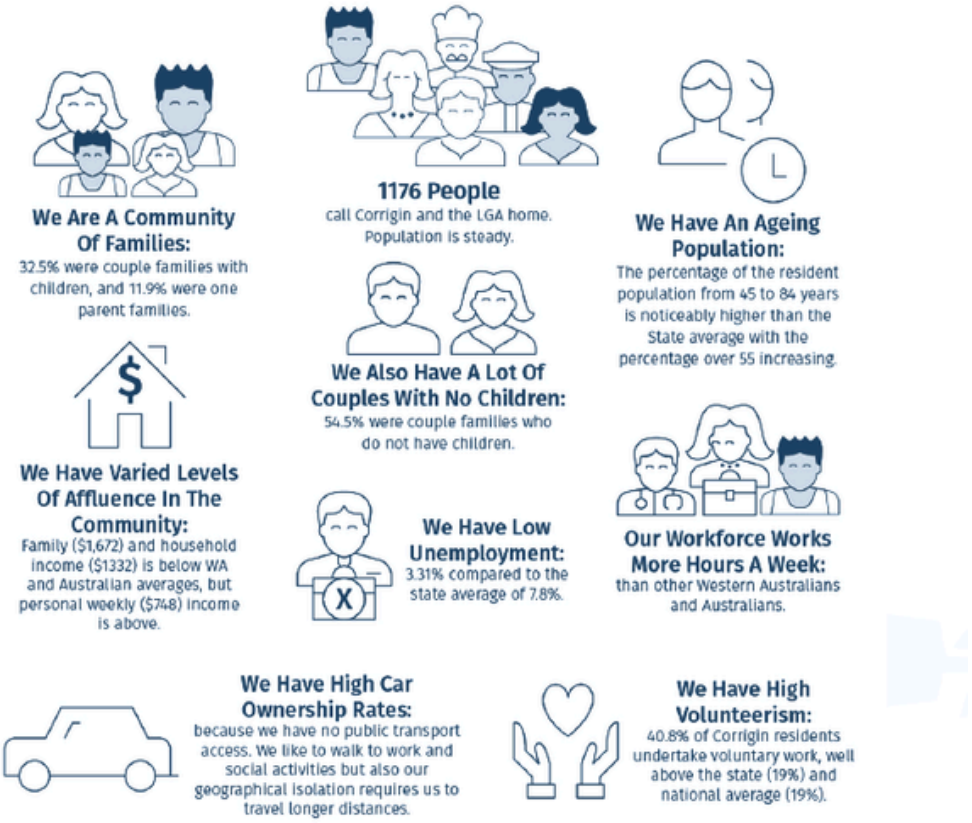
- Housing availability and quality
- Employment, income, and financial resources
- Education and access to services
- Infrastructure, including roads, recreational and sporting facilities, and green spaces
- Social and family connection, and community participation
- Access to healthy and nutritious food

In Corrigin, rural factors can significantly shape health outcomes. Addressing these determinants is critical to improving long-term community wellbeing.

- Distance from services
- Limited workforce availability
- Housing constraints

Our Community

The Shire of Corrigin is a small rural community with strong social cohesion and a close-knit community. Corrigin's population is stable, with a mix of families, older residents, and agricultural workers who all demonstrate strong levels of community participation and volunteerism. The community is reliant on regional and visiting services for healthcare.



Our Health

The Health and Wellbeing Profile (2015-2024) highlights several significant health challenges in the Shire of Corrigin, which identify key priorities for improving community health and wellbeing.

51% of adults and 70% of 5-15 year olds don't meet recommended physical activity levels.

Alcohol and tobacco attributable hospitalisation and deaths are higher than the WA average.

Access to health care services is limited due to rural location.

Less than 6% of adults and 11% of under 15 year olds eat the daily recommended amount of vegetables.

Over 23% of the community report a mental health condition.

Transport related injuries are significantly higher than the WA average.

45% of adults are classified as obese, higher than the WA average.

Community Engagement

Through the Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025 - 2035 community consultation process, the Shire identified consistent priorities, which directly inform strategic actions in this plan.

- Access to health services identified as highest priority (majority high responses)
- Safety and security concerns including roads and lighting
- Housing shortages impacting health and workforce stability
- Need for youth activities and facilities
- Road maintenance and infrastructure as a major concern





PART B

Priorities and Actions

Public Health Priority Framework

The Shire of Corrigin Public Health and Wellbeing Plan is structured around the four objectives of the State Public Health Plan 2025–2030: Promote, Prevent, Protect and Enable. These objectives provide an integrated and balanced approach to improving community health outcomes.

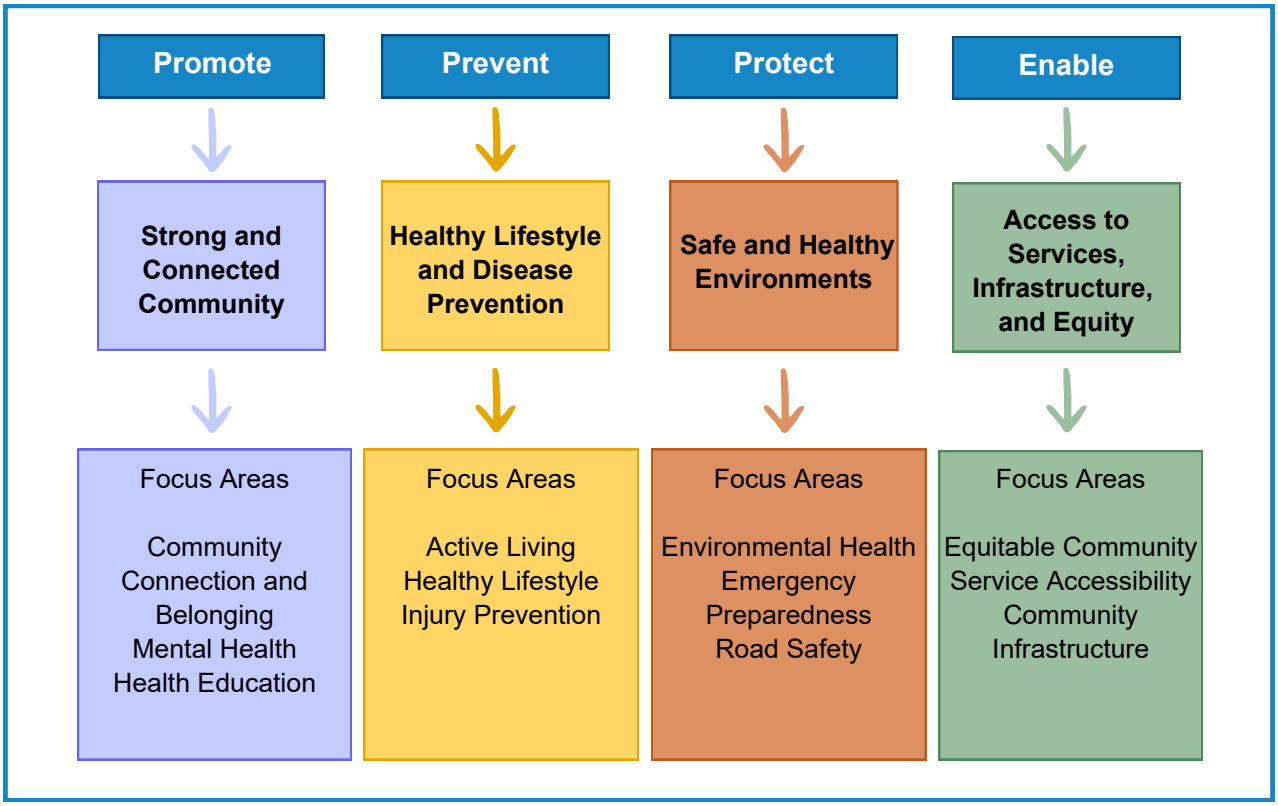
Promote
Strengthening health through education, awareness and community programs.

Prevent
Reducing risk factors such as physical inactivity, poor nutrition, smoking and alcohol use.

Protect
Ensuring safe environments, environmental health and food safety, emergency preparedness.

Enable
Improving access to services, addressing equity, and strengthening community connections.

They are applied across all priorities and actions within this Plan and are supported by a strong focus on Aboriginal health and wellbeing, equity and inclusion, and community engagement and partnership.



Strategic Priorities

Based on analysis of local health data and community engagement, the following strategic priorities have been identified.

Strong and Connected Community
Supporting social connection, mental wellbeing, community participation and belonging.

Healthy Lifestyles and Disease Prevention
Addressing risk factors such as physical inactivity, poor nutrition, obesity, smoking, and alcohol use.

Safe and Healthy Environments
Improving road safety, environmental health, and emergency preparedness.

Access to Services, Infrastructure, and Equity
Improving access to healthcare, addressing housing challenges, and supporting vulnerable populations.

The following health risk areas fall under the identified strategic priorities as shown, and make up the basis for the focus areas used in the Action Plans.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

23.6% of our population has been diagnosed with a mental health condition, and 20.6% have experienced high psychological distress. Limited service access creates increased vulnerability in the community.

Chronic Disease Risk

Local data indicates 51.3% of our population undertake insufficient physical activity, and 45.5% are obese. These contribute to long-term health conditions including cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Alcohol and Tobacco Related Harm

Higher than average rates of alcohol and tobacco related harm contribute to preventable disease and hospitalisations.

Injury and Road Safety

Transport-related hospitalisation rates are significantly higher than the WA average, highlighting the importance of road safety and infrastructure.

Social Determinants

Community feedback indicated housing shortages, road maintenance, and infrastructure gaps, which significantly impact health outcomes and community wellbeing.

Existing and Ongoing Actions

Objective: Promote
Strategic Priority: Strong and Connected Community

Existing Strategies	Focus Area	Description	Stakeholders
Pre-Harvest Breakfasts	Mental health Community Connection and Belonging Health Education	Residents of the area are invited to come together for a free cooked breakfast and coffee at the outlying localities of Bilbarin, Bullaring, Bulyee and Gorge Rock in September each year. Mens Regional Health Initiative representative gives a talk about mental health and men's health and the service they offer.	Shire of Corrigin Regional Mens Health Initiative Volunteer Bushfire Brigades
Park Party	Community Connection and Belonging	The community is invited to attend a free end of year celebration which is held at a Shire Park or other facility. Activities, games, and entertainment is free. Santa visits and gives each child a small gift. Food vans or stalls are organised and food can be purchased and enjoyed in a relaxed picnic environment.	Shire of Corrigin Funding stakeholders Vendors Community Members
Christmas CRC Workshops	Community Connection and Belonging	A Christmas themed activity for adults and one for children is held at the CRC each December. The activities are organised by the CRC and advertised for a fee. Examples include wreath making, gingerbread house making, gift making.	Shire of Corrigin Community Members
Movie Club	Mental Health Community Connection and Belonging	Movie Club is held at the CRC on the third Tuesday of every month. This gives people an opportunity to watch a movie with others and enjoy the company and connection.	Shire of Corrigin Community Members
Shire of Corrigin Newsletter	Health Education	The Shire publishes a newsletter in the locally produced Windmill Newspaper, and online. Every three months a health-related topic is featured by the Shire's Environmental Health Officer.	Shire of Corrigin
Ad Hoc Community Workshops and Events	Community Connection and Belonging	Each year, various small-scale community workshops and events are organised as opportunities arise which provide opportunities for community education and connection.	Shire of Corrigin Community Members

Existing and Ongoing Actions

Objective: Prevent
Strategic Priority: Healthy Lifestyles and Disease Prevention

Existing Strategies	Focus Area	Description	Stakeholders
Provision of Fully Equipped Gym	Active Living Injury Prevention	In 2024 the Shire provided a fully equipped gym and leased to a local business to run. This was in response to a petition signed by local people and lobbying of Councillors in previous years.	Shire of Corrigin Business Owner Gym Members
Indoor Heated Pool Activities	Active Living Injury Prevention	The Shire's Pool Manager runs private swimming lessons and aqua aerobics classes at the indoor heated pool facility. This encourages physical activity in the water particularly outside of the summer swimming period. It gives parents the opportunity to give their babies and young children the skills they need to prevent drownings.	Shire of Corrigin Community Members
Recreation Space and Facilities	Active Living	The Shire provides and maintains many facilities for community sport and recreational use, such as the football, cricket and hockey ovals, dog exercise area, 50m outdoor pool, heated indoor pool, Rotary, Miss B's, and Apex parks, Adventure Playground, squash courts, indoor netball and basketball courts, and outdoor netball courts.	Shire of Corrigin Sporting Clubs Regional Sporting Associations Community Members
Cooking Classes	Healthy Lifestyle	A free cooking class is held each year for anyone who would like to attend. The focus is on nutritional food on a budget.	Shire of Corrigin Foodbank WA Community Members

Existing and Ongoing Actions

Objective: Protect
Strategic Priority: Safe and Healthy Environments

Existing Strategies	Focus Area	Description	Stakeholders
RoeHealth MOU	Environmental Health	The RoeHealth MOU has been in place for approximately 12 years. The Shire of Corrigin employs and houses a full-time EHO and a part-time EHO who provide regulatory environmental health service to the Shires of Corrigin, Kulin, Kondinin, Narembeen and more recently, Lake Grace. The provision of this service benefits the Shire's in the group in fulfilling their regulatory duty and providing knowledge in the area of environmental health to the community	Shires of Corrigin, Kulin, Kondinin, Narembeen, and Lake Grace
Community Emergency Services Manager MOU	Emergency Preparedness	The Shires of Corrigin, Brookton and Pingelly have an agreement to provide an emergency services manager as there is an increasing need for coordinated preparedness for bushfire events as the climate changes and bushfires become more prevalent. The Shire of Corrigin now provides housing for this position so that the officer can live local to the area. A large part of the role is to run training on bushfire safety and fire fighting skills for local bushfire volunteers.	Shires of: Corrigin, Brookton, and Pingelly
Local Emergency Management Committee	Emergency Preparedness	The Shire of Corrigin Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) collaborates with local support agencies and follow or enact Local Emergency Management Arrangements in the event of an emergency that would trigger the arrangement.	Shire of Corrigin Bushfire Brigades Corrigin Hospital St Johns WA - Corrigin
Roads infrastructure maintenance	Road Safety	The Shire is responsible for maintenance of all non Main Roads roads within the Shire. They are assessed annually and budgeted for by priority, determined by safety.	Shire of Corrigin

Existing and Ongoing Actions

Objective: Enable
Strategic Priority: Access to Services, Infrastructure, and Equity

Existing Strategies	Focus Area	Description	Stakeholders
Provision of Local GP Services	Service Accessibility	The Shire provides a medical centre premises, contracts a General Practitioner doctor, and provides housing and a vehicle for the doctor in Corrigin.	Shire of Corrigin
Rockview Community Cropping Lease	Equitable Community	The Shire leases out 100 hectares of cropping land to community groups or sporting clubs. The successful applicant group holds the lease for three years and the profits generated from the cropping must be reinvested into local community projects and infrastructure.	Shire of Corrigin
Grant Funding Programs	Equitable Community	The Shire offers funding programs that are applicable to public health a wellbeing. • The CCTV Subsidy Partnership Program is for businesses that install CCTV that enhance public safety. • The Business Assistance Grant can help small business drive economic development in Corrigin and the • Community Assistance Program provides financial and non-financial support for community groups and not-for profit groups to deliver projects, events and initiatives that strengthen community connection.	Shire of Corrigin
Low-Income Housing Provision	Equitable Community	The Shire in partnership with the Department of Housing and Works provides housing (5 units) for low-income earners such as apprentices that are employed in Corrigin. The applicants for the rentals are means tested and need to meet certain criteria.	Shire of Corrigin
Community Sporting Facilities and Shire Owned Venues	Community Infrastructure	The Shire of Corrigin leases many of its buildings/venues to community groups and sporting clubs for example the Tennis Club; Golf Club; Creative Arts Club etc. Small businesses can also hire Shire owned venues to provide services to the town – for example Chiropractor in the Wellness Centre; Group fitness classes at CREC and CWA buildings.	Shire of Corrigin Small business Local sports clubs & groups

Annual Action Plan

The Annual Action plan for the current financial year can be found in Appendix A.

The annual action plan will be updated each year to reflect what actions the Shire intends to implement during the finacial year, based on the public health priorities identified in this plan, funding resources and the Shire's annual budget.

Partnerships

Effective implementation of this Public Health and Wellbeing Plan relies on strong collaboration across government, health services, and the community.

The Shire of Corrigin will work in partnership with a range of organisations to deliver actions and improve health outcomes.

Key Partnerships

- Department of Health (WA) and Chief Health Officer
  Providing strategic leadership, guidance, and alignment with State Public Health priorities.
- WA Country Health Service (WACHS)
  Supporting delivery of clinical services, population health programs, and regional health initiatives.
- Public Health Units and Regional Health Agencies
  Contributing expertise in environmental health, disease prevention, and health promotion.
- Local community organisations and volunteer groups
  Supporting community engagement, program delivery, and social connection.
- Schools and education providers
  Assisting with delivery of health education, physical activity programs, and youth engagement.
- State Government agencies (e.g. Main Roads WA, DFES)
  Supporting infrastructure, road safety, and emergency preparedness initiatives.

Partnership Approach

Strong partnerships are essential to addressing complex public health challenges, particularly in rural communities with limited local service availability.

Through these partnerships, the Shire of Corrigin will:

- Collaborate with partners to deliver coordinated and efficient services
- Support shared initiatives that align with local health priorities
- Advocate for improved service access in rural areas
- Facilitate communication between agencies and the community

Resourcing

The implementation of this Public Health and Wellbeing Plan will be supported through a combination of Council resources, external funding opportunities, and collaborative partnerships. This approach ensures that the Public Health and Wellbeing Plan remains both effective and financially sustainable over the life of the Plan.

Council Resources

- Allocate funding through the annual budget and Corporate Business Plan
- Integrate Public Health and Wellbeing Plan actions into existing service areas, including:
  - Environmental health
  - Community development
  - Infrastructure and asset management

External Funding and Grants

The Shire will seek opportunities to support implementation through:

- State Government grants such as Healthway Public Health Plan Activation Program. Grants are available to activate strategies within Public Health Plans that align to any or all of
- Healthway's five priority health areas.
- Health promotion funding programs
- Regional development funding
- Partnerships with non-government organisations

In-Kind and Partnership Contributions

The Shire will seek opportunities to support implementation through:

- Shared resources
- Program delivery partnerships
- Volunteer and community involvement

Sustainable Delivery Approach

The Shire will ensure that:

- Actions are realistic and achievable within available resources
- Priority is given to high-impact, evidence-based initiatives
- Opportunities for co-funding and collaboration are maximised

Monitoring and Review

The Public Health and Wellbeing Plan will be reviewed each year and can be amended or replaced at any time.

An Annual Action Plan will be generated each financial year, replacing the previous year's action plan as Appendix A. This will be formed in collaboration with the EHO, CEO, Deputy CEO and CRC Coordinator. Each Annual Action Plan will be presented to Council for endorsement prior to being published.

This Public Health and Wellbeing Plan will be replaced in 2031 with the Shire of Corrigin Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2031-2036, after community engagement and consultation, analysis of newly available and up-to-date statistics and health data, and review of the current plan.


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Appendix A: Action Plan 2026 - 2027

Actions	Priority Area	Timeline	Stakeholders	Measure
Objective: Promote: Strong and Connected Community				
Pre-Harvest Breakfasts	Mental Health Awareness Community Connection & Belonging	September 2026	Shire of Corrigin Regional Men's Health Initiative Bushfire Brigades	Attendance numbers
Movie Club	Community Connection & Belonging Mental Health Awareness	Monthly (third Tuesday)	Shire of Corrigin	Attendance numbers
Park Party	Community Connection & Belonging	December 2026	Shire of Corrigin Community Members	Attendance numbers
Christmas Activity Workshops	Community Connection & Belonging	December 2026	Shire of Corrigin Community Members	Attendance numbers
Objective: Prevent: Healthy Lifestyle and Disease Prevention				
Swimming Lessons & Aqua Aerobics	Active living Injury prevention	School Terms 2026-27	Shire of Corrigin	Attendance numbers
Cooking Classes	Healthy living	June 2027	Shire of Corrigin Foodbank WA	Attendance numbers
Objective: Protect: Safe and Healthy Environments				
Bushfire Brigade Volunteers Training	Emergency Preparedness	July 2026	Shire of Corrigin Bushfire Brigades	% of trained members
Widening of Wickepin-Corrigin Road	Road Safety	Oct-Nov 2026	Shire of Corrigin	Successful completion

Appendix A: Action Plan 2026 - 2027

Actions	Priority Area	Timeline	Stakeholders	Measure
Objective: Enable: Access to Services, Infrastructure, and Equity				
Key worker housing project concept plans	Service Accessibility	By Dec 2026	Wheatbelt Development Commission RoeROC Shire of Corrigin	-
Community Assistance Program	Equitable Community	Jan-Mar 2027	Shire of Corrigin Local community and sports organisations	Number of grant applications received
Business Assistance Grant	Equitable Community	Aug - Apr	Shire of Corrigin Local businesses	Number of grant applications received
CCTV Subsidy Assistance Grant	Equitable Community	Aug - Apr	Shire of Corrigin Cam-Map WA	Number of grant applications received