



A G E N D A

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

20 October 2026

Notice of Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting for the Shire of Corrigin will be held on Tuesday 20 October 2026 in the Council Chambers, 9 Lynch Street, Corrigin commencing at 4.00pm.

Order of Business

1.00pm – 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm – 3.30pm	Discussion Forum
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Break
4.00pm	Council Meeting

I have reviewed this agenda and am aware of all recommendations made to Council and support each as presented.



Natalie Manton

Chief Executive Officer

15 October 2026

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

Council acknowledges the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land and pay our respect to their elders past and present as well as the pioneering families who shaped the Corrigin area into the thriving community we enjoy today.

Councillors, staff, and members of the public are advised that the Council meeting is recorded for future publication.

2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers are reminded of the requirements of s5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, to disclose any interest during the meeting before the matter is discussed and of the requirement to disclose an interest affecting impartiality under the Shire of Corrigin Code of Conduct.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A period of 15 minutes is allocated for questions with a further period of 15 minutes provided for statements from members of the public. The procedure for asking questions and responding is to be determined by the presiding member. The time allocated for questions is to be decided by the members of the Council and members of the public are to be given an equal and fair opportunity to ask a question and receive a response.

Questions and statements are to be –

- a) presented in writing on the relevant form to the Chief Executive Officer prior to commencement of the meeting; and
- b) clear and concise.

5 MEMORIALS

The Shire has not been notified of any passings since the last Council Meeting.

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

7.1.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Shire of Corrigin Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 2026 (Attachment 7.1.1).

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Shire of Corrigin Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 2026 (Attachment 7.1.1) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

7.2 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7.2.1 BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 8 October 2026 (Attachment 7.2.1).

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 8 October 2026 (Attachment 7.2.1).

8 MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

8.1 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	12/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Tanya Ludlow, Finance / Human Resources Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	FM.0036
Attachment Ref:	Attachment 8.1.1 – Accounts for Payment – September 2026

SUMMARY

Council is requested to note the payments from the Municipal and Trust funds as presented in the Schedule of Accounts Paid for the month of September 2026.

BACKGROUND

This information is provided to Council monthly in accordance with provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* Section 6.8 (2)(b) and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* Clause 13.

Accountability in local government can be multifaceted, as councils seek to achieve diverse social, political, and financial goals for the community benefit. The accountability principles of local government are based on strong financial probity, financial propriety, adherence to conflict of interest principles and expectations that local government is fully accountable for community resources.

All payments are independently assessed by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, to confirm that all expenditure that has been incurred, is for the Shire of Corrigin and has been made in accordance with Council policy, procedures, the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations. The review by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer also ensures that there has been no misuse of any corporate credit or fuel purchase cards.

COMMENT

Council has delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make payments from the Shire's Municipal and Trust funds as required. A list of all payments is to be presented to Council each month and be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the list was presented.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

S6.4 Local Government Act 1995, Part 6 – Financial Management
R13 Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 3.1 – Purchasing Policy
Policy 3.15 - Corporate Credit Cards

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure in accordance with the 2026/2027 Annual Budget.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Civic Leadership

Strong Governance and Leadership

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
4.1	Deliver a high standard of governance and administration	4.1.2	Long term financial plans are implemented and monitored to assist with the timing and achievement of our goals.
		4.1.3	Implement and monitor the annual budget to support timely progress toward strategic goals

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the list of accounts paid during the month of September 2026 as per the attached Schedule of Payment, and as summarised below:

Municipal Account (inclusive of credit card and fuel card purchases)

EFT Payments EFT23037 – EFT23117 \$999,055.27

Direct Debit Payments \$87,579.30

EFT Payroll Payments \$151,486.41

Total Municipal Account Payments \$1,238,120.98

Trust Account

EFT Payments EFT23071 – EFT23072 \$62.20

Total Trust Account Payments \$62.20

Licensing Trust Account

Direct Debit Payments \$34,623.45

Total Licensing Trust Account Payments \$34,623.45

Total of all Accounts \$1,272,806.63

8.1.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	15/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Myra Henry, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Number:	FM.0037
Attachment Ref:	Attachment 8.1.2 – Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30 September 2026

SUMMARY

To present the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 30 September 2026 in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, regulation 34 states that a local government must prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget.

Variances between budgeted and actual expenditure including the required material variances (10% with a minimum value of \$10,000) are included in the variance report.

COMMENT

The Shire is required to prepare the Statement of Financial Activity as per *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34* but can resolve to have supplementary information included as required. All mandatory information is provided, and the closing surplus balances to the net current assets at 30 September 2026.

Key Points

- The September result shows a surplus after imposition of general rates of \$7.08 million, which is \$1.02 million ahead of budget. This favourable position is mainly due to a higher than budgeted opening surplus, grant funding received earlier than anticipated and operating expenditure remaining below budget.
- Cash and investments total \$11.47 million, comprising \$6.68 million in municipal funds and cash at bank and \$4.79 million held in reserves. Cash balances remain strong and continue to support the Shire's operational and capital requirements.
- Operating revenue is currently \$231,242 above budget. This is largely due to grant income being received earlier than budgeted, higher interest earnings and proceeds from asset sales.
- Operating expenditure remains below budget, particularly in employee costs, materials and contracts and utility charges. Most variances are timing related, with a number of budgeted activities yet to occur.
- Capital expenditure totals \$673,072 against the annual capital works and plant program budget of \$5.30 million. Several plant purchases have now been completed, with the majority of capital projects scheduled to occur later in the financial year.
- Rates collections continue to perform well, with 82.6% of rates levied collected by 30 September 2026. Outstanding receivables remain at manageable levels and continue to be actively monitored.

The September 2026 Monthly Financial Report incorporates all known transactions processed at the time of preparation. As the 2025/26 Annual Financial Statements and audit process remain underway, some balances, including depreciation and other year-end adjustments, may still be subject to change.

Detailed Explanation

Item	Reference
Cash at Bank Total cash and investments as at 30 September 2026 were \$11.47 million. This comprises \$6.68 million in municipal funds and cash at bank and \$4.79 million in reserve funds held in term deposits. Cash balances remain at a healthy level and continue to provide sufficient funding for operational requirements and the delivery of the adopted capital works program.	Page 10 – Cash and Financial Assets Page 11 – Reserve Accounts
Capital Acquisitions Capital expenditure to 30 September 2026 totals \$673,072 against an annual capital works and plant program budget of \$5.30 million. Expenditure incurred to date primarily relates to plant and vehicle purchases together with preliminary expenditure on a number of capital projects. As expected, most major projects remain scheduled for delivery later in the financial year. At this stage there are no concerns regarding the delivery of the adopted capital program.	Page 12 – Capital Acquisitions Page 13 – Capital Acquisitions Continued Page 14 – Disposal of Assets
Receivables Rates receivables total \$596,265 as at 30 September 2026, with approximately 82.6% of rates levied collected. Other receivables total \$51,915, with the majority remaining current. Outstanding debts continue to be actively monitored and there are no concerns regarding recoverability at this time.	Page 15 – Receivables
Closing Funding Surplus/(Deficit) The year-to-date closing funding surplus at 30 September 2026 is \$7.08 million compared with a budgeted surplus of \$6.05 million, representing a favourable variance of \$1.02 million. The result is largely driven by a higher than budgeted opening surplus position, grant funding and interest income being received earlier than forecast and operating expenditure tracking below budget.	Page 5 – Note 2(a) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity.

As the 2025/26 Annual Financial Statements and audit process have not yet been finalised, a number of balances remain subject to adjustment, including depreciation and other year-end accounting entries.

The Shire remains in a sound financial position as at 30 September 2026, with overall results tracking favourably against budget expectations.

Further information on the September 2026 financial position is contained within the explanation of material variances included in the Monthly Financial Report on page 6.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

s. 6.4 Local Government Act 1995, Part 6 – Financial Management

r. 34 Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

r. 35 Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Income and expenditure in accordance with the 2026/2027 Annual Budget.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Civic Leadership

Strong Governance and Leadership

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
4.1	Deliver a high standard of governance and administration	4.1.2	Long term financial plans are implemented and monitored to assist with the timing and achievement of our goals.
		4.1.3	Implement and monitor the annual budget to support timely progress toward strategic goals

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Statement of Financial Activity for the month ending 30 September 2026, together with the accompanying financial position report and notes relating to material variances.

8.2 GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

8.2.1 REVIEW OF SHIRE OF CORRIGIN LOCAL LAWS

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	12/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Jarrad Filinski, Executive Support Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	LE.0002
Attachment Ref:	Attachment 8.2.1.1 - Local Laws (Combined) Attachment 8.2.1.2 - Local Laws Review Report 2026 Attachment 8.2.1.3 - Local Laws Reforms FAQ

SUMMARY

This item presents the outcome of the review of the Shire of Corrigin's local laws following public consultation and seeks Council determination that the local laws reviewed remain unchanged.

BACKGROUND

Section 3.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires local governments to periodically review their local laws and determine whether each local law should be repealed, amended or remain unchanged. Legislative amendments have extended the review period from eight years to fifteen years.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 August 2026, Council resolved to undertake a review of the following local laws:

Local Law	Gazettal Date	Last Review Date
Pest Plants Local Law	30 July 1982	19 September 2017
Trading in Public Places Local Law	23 January 2001	19 September 2017
Standing Orders Local Law	23 January 2001	19 September 2017
Fencing Local Law	26 September 2003	19 September 2017
Health Local Law	11 October 2016	19 September 2017
Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law	6 December 2016	19 September 2017
Animals, Environment and Nuisance Amendment Local Law	12 February 2019	Not previously reviewed
Dogs Local Law	9 June 2021	Not previously reviewed
Bush Fire Brigades Local Law	31 May 2024	Not previously reviewed

The review was undertaken collectively to combine the Shire's current local laws into a single review process and align future statutory review dates.

Following Council's resolution, local public notice was given inviting submissions on the local laws from 24 August to 9 October 2026, providing a submission period exceeding the required six weeks.

The Shire of Corrigin Local Laws Review Report provided in Attachment 8.2.1.2 provides details of the outcome of the review.

Copies of the Shire of Corrigin Local Laws reviewed are provided as Attachment 8.2.1.1 along with the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) FAQ document.

Public submissions were invited from 24 August to 9 October 2026. No submissions were received and the review has not identified a need to repeal or amend the local laws at this time.

COMMENT

The review determined that the Shire of Corrigin Local Laws remain suitable for their intended purposes. The review did not identify any changes requiring repeal or amendment and no concerns or requests for changes were raised through public submissions.

During the 2017 review, Council identified the Standing Orders and Fencing Local Laws for repeal and replacement. The processes to make new or amendment local laws were not completed, and the existing local laws remain in force. As outlined in the report presented to Council on 18 August 2026, the review supported retaining the existing Fencing Local Law and also retaining the Standing Orders Local Law pending consideration of an updated model local law.

The current review has not identified a need to progress amendments to either local law at this time. Any future legislative changes, operational requirements or relevant model local laws may be considered separately as they arise.

It is therefore recommended that Council receive the report of the review and determine, under section 3.16(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, that each of the local laws remain unchanged.

This determination will complete the current review process and establish a common reference date for future periodic reviews. Council may consider amendments before the next statutory review becomes due if a need is identified.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

S 3.14. Commencement of local laws

A local law comes into operation on the 14th day after the day on which it is published in the Gazette or on such later day as may be specified in the local law.

s 3.15. Local laws to be publicized

A local government is to take reasonable steps to ensure that the inhabitants of the district are informed of the purpose and effect of all of its local laws.

3.16. Periodic review of local laws

(1) Within a period of 15 years after the day on which a local law commenced or a determination in respect of the local law was last made under subsection (4), as the case requires, a local government must carry out a review of the local law to determine whether it considers that the local law should be repealed, be amended or remain unchanged.

(2) The local government is to give local public notice stating that —

(a) the local government proposes to review the local law; and

(b) a copy of the local law may be inspected or obtained at any place specified in the notice; and

(c) submissions about the local law may be made to the local government before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given.

(3) After the last day for submissions, the local government is to consider any submissions made and cause a report of the review to be prepared and submitted to its council.

(4) After the report has been submitted to its council, the local government must determine whether it considers that the local law should be repealed, be amended or remain unchanged. * Absolute majority required.*

(5) If no determination is made under subsection (4) within the applicable 15-year period under subsection (1), the local law is repealed at the end of that period.

(6) If a local law is repealed by subsection (5), the local government must, not later than 14 days after the end of the applicable 15-year period —

(a) give notice of the repeal to —

(i) the Departmental CEO; and

(ii) if a department of the Public Service other than the Department assists in the administration of an Act under which the local law was made — the chief executive officer of that other department; and

(b) publish notice of the repeal in the Gazette; and

(c) give local public notice of the repeal.

(7) If different provisions of a local law commenced on different days, the local law is taken, for the purposes of this section, to have commenced on the earliest of those days.

(8) This section does not apply to a local law if all it does is amend the text of, or repeal, a local law.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Community Engagement Policy

9.2 Bushfire Control

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Civic Leadership

Strong Governance and Leadership

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
4.2	Keep the community informed and seek their feedback	4.2.1	Improve regular communication and expand channels to inform our community of decisions, actions and opportunities for feedback

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council, by absolute majority and pursuant to section 3.16(4) of the Local Government Act 1995:

- 1. Receives the Shire of Corrigin Local Laws Review Report 2026.*
- 2. Notes that public notice of the review was provided in accordance with section 3.16(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 and that no submissions were received.*
- 3. Determines that the following local laws remain unchanged:*
 - a) Pest Plants Local Law;*
 - b) Trading in Public Places Local Law;*
 - c) Standing Orders Local Law;*
 - d) Fencing Local Law;*
 - e) Health Local Law;*
 - f) Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law 2016 (including amendments adopted through the Animals, Environment and Nuisance Amendment Local Law 2018);*
 - g) Dog Local Law 2021; and*
 - h) Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2024.*
- 4. Notes the future local law review dates contained within this report and requests that the review schedule continue to be maintained within the Shire of Corrigin Local Laws Register and governance compliance framework.*

8.2.2 REGISTER OF COUNCIL POLICIES REVIEW

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	12/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Natalie Manton, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	CM.0059
Attachment Ref:	Attachment 8.2.2 – Register of Council Policies

SUMMARY

Council is asked to review the existing policies in the Shire of Corrigin Register of Policies that were last reviewed and adopted by Council in October 2025 and incorporate new policy 7.8 – Event Registration, Refund, and Fee Waiver Policy into the Register of Policies.

BACKGROUND

The register of policies is to be reviewed annually and provided to Council for consideration and adoption.

The objectives of the Register of Policies are:

- to provide Council with a formal written record of all policy decisions.
- to provide staff with guidelines in which to act in accordance with Council's wishes.
- to enable staff to act promptly in accordance with Council requirements but without continual reference to Council.
- to enable Councillors to adequately handle enquiries from electors without undue reference to the staff or Council.
- to enable Council to maintain a continual review of policy decisions and to ensure they are in keeping with community expectations, current trends and circumstances.
- to enable ratepayers to obtain immediate advice on matters of Council policy.

COMMENT

Attachment 8.2.2 shows track changes throughout the document to draw attention to any changes that have been made to policies.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 2.7 Role of council

- (1) *The council governs the local government's affairs and, as the local government's governing body, is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.*
- (2) *The council's governing role includes the following -*
 - (a) *oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and*
 - (b) *determine the local government's policies.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Review of the Shire of Corrigin Register of Policies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Civic Leadership

Strong Governance and leadership

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
4.2	Keep the community informed and seek their feedback	4.2.1	Improve regular communication and expand channels to inform our community of decisions, actions and opportunities for feedback

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. adopt the Register of Council Policies as provided in Attachment 8.2.2 including the amendments shown in track changes as the new Shire of Corrigin Register of Policies 2026 in accordance with Section 2.7(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995.*
- 2. adopt policy 7.8 – Event Registration, Refund, and Fee Waiver Policy and incorporate the policy into the Shire of Corrigin Register of Council Policies.*

8.2.3 PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	14/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Lauren Pitman, Environmental Health Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Number:	PH.0035
Attachment Ref:	Attachment 8.2.3 Draft Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2026-2031

SUMMARY

This item seeks Council endorsement of the Draft Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2026- 2031.

BACKGROUND

The Public Health Act 2016 requires local governments to implement public health plans which align to the State Public Health Plan. Public health planning is a shared responsibility between the State Government, Local Government, and non-government agencies.

The Shire of Corrigin published the first Public Health and Wellbeing Plan in 2022. This new plan replaces the Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2022-2026 and is aligned with the current State Public Health Plan 2025-2030.

The local Public Health Plan was derived from the following elements:

Health and Wellbeing Profile 2015 - 2024 - which provides background evidence and analysis of the health status of the local population and provides an overview of the public health needs and risks of the community.

Council Plan 2025 – 2035 - that outlines the objectives and policy priorities, achieving positive public health outcomes through promotion, improvement and protection of public health and the development and delivery of public health services.

COMMENT

Local governments in Western Australia are required by the Public Health Act 2016 to enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of its community through a Public Health Plan that aligns with the State Public Health Plan for Western Australia 2025-2030.

The Shire's Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2026-2031 is designed to work alongside the Shire of Corrigin Council Plan - which incorporates Council's long term Strategic Community Plan, and Business Plan – and provides direction on public health, healthy lifestyles, safety, and recreation for members of the community.

The outcomes of the community consultation conducted for the Shire's Council Plan in 2025 helped form the community's input to the Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2026-2031. The Department of Health's Health and Wellbeing Profile for the Shire of Corrigin (2015-2024) was also a valuable resource in the formation of this plan.

Council will implement the plan in collaboration with key stakeholders to improve health outcomes for all residents in our Shire.

The plan focuses on four objectives which align with the State Public Health Plan 2025-2030 – Promote, Prevent, Protect and Enable, with all strategic priorities falling under each objective. An annual action plan is presented in Appendix A within attachment 8.2.3, and each year a new action plan based on the priorities presented in the Health and Wellbeing Plan and annual budget provisions, will be presented to Council for endorsement.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Public Health Act 2016, section 16

A local government has the following functions in relation to the administration of this Act — (a) to initiate, support and manage public health planning for its local government district;

(b) to develop and implement policies and programmes to achieve the objects of this Act within its local government district;

(c) to perform the functions that are conferred on local governments by or under this Act;

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Community Engagement Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of maintaining shire facilities and services is included in the annual budget and long term financial plans.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Civic Leadership

Strong Governance and leadership

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
4.1	Deliver a high standard of governance and administration	4.1.4	Investigate shared services and resourcing through partnerships
4.2	Keep the community informed and seek feedback	4.2.1	Improve regular communication and expand channels to inform our community of decisions, actions and opportunities for feedback

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to give local public notice of the intention to adopt the Shire of Corrigin Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2026-2031 as provided in Attachment 8.2.3.*
- 2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to consider any submissions received during the public advertising period and to make minor administrative, editorial or formatting amendments arising from the consultation process.*
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and adopt the Shire of Corrigin Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2026-2031 following completion of the public advertising period where no material changes to the strategic objectives, priorities or actions of the Plan are required.*
- 4. Refer the matter back to Council should any material changes to the strategic objectives, priorities or actions of the Plan be required following consideration of submissions.*

8.2.4 DRAFT RATING STRATEGY

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	14/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Myra Henry, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	RV.0001
Attachment Ref:	Attachment 8.2.4 – Rating Strategy

SUMMARY

To seek Council's endorsement of the Draft Rating Strategy as the guiding framework for future rating decisions and long-term financial sustainability.

BACKGROUND

The Shire currently sets rates annually through the budget process in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995.

As part of strengthening the Shire's long-term financial planning and governance framework, a Draft Rating Strategy has been prepared. The Strategy establishes a documented approach to rating and outlines the principles that will guide future rating decisions.

The Draft Rating Strategy is attached for Council's consideration.

COMMENT

The Draft Rating Strategy provides Council with a clear framework for considering future rating decisions while maintaining flexibility through the annual budget process.

Advantages of adopting the Strategy include:

- Greater transparency for ratepayers regarding how rating decisions are made.
- Improved alignment between rating decisions, the Long Term Financial Plan and the Council Plan.
- Support for long-term financial sustainability.
- Consistency in future rating discussions and decision making.

The Strategy does not set rates, differential rates, minimum payments or annual rate increases. These will continue to be considered and determined by Council each year during budget deliberations.

An alternative option would be to continue setting rates annually without a formal rating strategy. While this remains permissible, it provides less guidance for future decision making and less transparency for the community.

The Draft Rating Strategy provides Council with a clear and transparent framework to guide future rating decisions while supporting the Shire's long-term financial sustainability.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995:

- *Section 6.32 - Local governments to levy general rates.*
- *Section 6.33 - Differential general rates.*
- *Section 6.34 - Minimum payment.*
- *Section 6.35 - Imposition of minimum payment.*
- *Section 6.47 - Concessions.*

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

The Draft Rating Strategy has been prepared to provide guidance consistent with the rating provisions of the Local Government Act 1995. Annual rates and minimum payments will continue to be adopted by Council resolution through the annual budget process in accordance with the Act.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Draft Rating Strategy supports Council's existing approach to budget development, rate recovery and financial hardship assistance as reflected in:

- Policy 3.7 Budget Adoption;
- Policy 3.12 Rates – Procedure for Unpaid Rates; and
- Policy 3.13 Financial Hardship Policy.

No changes to the Policy Manual are proposed as part of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with adopting the Draft Rating Strategy.

The Strategy supports the assumptions and financial modelling contained within the Shire's Long Term Financial Plan and will assist Council in considering future rating decisions that support long term financial sustainability.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035

Objective: Civic Leadership

Desired Outcome: Strong Governance and Leadership

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
4.1	Deliver a high standard of governance and administration	4.1.2	Long term financial plans are implemented and monitored to assist with the timing and achievement of our goals
		4.1.3	Implement and monitor the annual budget to support timely progress toward strategic goals
		4.1.5	Continue to implement, monitor and report against the Integrated Planning and Reporting milestones
4.2	Keep the community informed and seek their feedback	4.2.1	Improve regular communication and expand channels to inform our community of decisions, actions and opportunities for feedback

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Draft Rating Strategy as attached.*
- 2. Adopt the Draft Rating Strategy as the Shire's guiding framework for future rating considerations.*
- 3. Note that annual rates and minimum payments will continue to be determined through the annual budget process in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995.*

8.2.5 DUAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS 2026/27

Applicant:	Shire of Kondinin
Date:	1/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Jarrad Filinski, Executive Support Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	ES.0001
Attachment Ref:	Attachment 8.2.5 – Shire of Kondinin Dual FCO Appointments

SUMMARY

The Shire of Kondinin has requested that the Shire of Corrigin appoint Dual Fire Control Officers for the 2026/2027 bush fire season.

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Corrigin has received correspondence from the Shire of Kondinin advising the following people were appointed as Dual Fire Control Officers in the Shire of Corrigin for the 2026/2027 bush fire season:

- Roger Northey
- Glenn Browning

COMMENT

Fire Control Officers who adjoin neighbouring shires require the adjoining shires endorsement to act as a Dual Fire Control Officers.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Bush Fires Act 1954

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Community

Inclusive, healthy and resilient community

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
1.1	Access to key and enabling community infrastructure and services	1.1.2	Support initiatives to attract and retain emergency service volunteers.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint the following Dual Fire Control Officers in the Shire of Corrigin for the 2026/2027 bush fire season, subject to the officers obtaining the appropriate accreditation, further noting that Dual Fire Control Officers are not permitted to issue burning permits within the Shire of Corrigin:

Shire of Kondinin:

- *Roger Northey*
- *Glenn Browning*

8.2.6 APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER AS FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	13/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Natalie Manton, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Number:	ES.0033
Attachments:	Attachment 8.2.6 – Community and Emergency Services Memorandum of Understanding

SUMMARY

Council is requested to appoint the Community and Emergency Services Manager (CESM) as a Fire Control Officer (FCO) for the Shire of Corrigin, in accordance with clause 5.2 of the CESM Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Shire of Corrigin, the Shire of Brookton, the Shire of Pingelly, and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Corrigin participates in a joint CESM program established through a MOU with the Shire of Corrigin, the Shire of Brookton, the Shire of Pingelly, and DFES.

The CESM role provides shared emergency management, preparedness, and volunteer support across the participating local governments.

Under the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, each local government is required to appoint FCO's who are authorised to carry out duties relating to fire prevention, response, and enforcement of firebreak requirements within the district.

The appointment of the CESM as FCO for the Shire of Corrigin is consistent with clause 5.2 of the MOU and ensures appropriate delegation and operational capacity for fire preparedness and response activities across the region.

COMMENT

Appointing the CESM as a FCO formalises the existing operational role the position holds in supporting local bushfire brigades, coordinating training and preparedness activities, and assisting with incident management and recovery when required.

The appointment of FCO's for 2026 was made at the Ordinary Council meeting in April 2026 based on recommendations from the Bush Fire Advisory Committee. Roger Northey, Acting CESM was appointed as a Shire of Corrigin FCO at that time. As his appointment has come to an end it is recommended that his FCO status be revoked.

Mark Charles was appointed as a CESM in September 2026 and has completed the required training for the role. It is recommended that he be appointed by Council as an FCO for the 2026/27 season.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Bush Fires Act 1954 s 38 Local government may appoint bush fire control officer

Bush Fires Regulations 1954

Shire of Corrigin Bushfire Brigades Local Law

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 9.2 Bush Fire Control
Bush Fire Policy and Procedures Manual

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the CESM program are paid by DFES (60%) and the shires of Brookton, Corrigin and Pingelly (40%).

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Environment

Preservation of the natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
3.2	Protect and use natural resources sustainably	3.2.1	Prepare the community and Shire assets for more frequent natural events
		3.2.2	Manage weeds and pests, verge side vegetation and firebreaks

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. appoint Mark Charles, Community and Emergency Services Manager, as a Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Corrigin in accordance with section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 and in line with clause 5.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Provision of a Local Government Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM).*
- 2. remove Roger Northey as a Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Corrigin as he is no longer employed in the Community Emergency Services Manager role.*

8.2.7 CHRISTMAS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY RETAIL TRADING HOURS EXTENSIONS

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	15/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Jarrad Filinski, Executive Support Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	NIL
Attachment Ref:	Attachment 8.2.7 – 2026-2027 Regional Extended Trading Package

SUMMARY

Council is asked to accept the 2026–27 Regional Extended Trading Package offered by the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety, allowing general retail shops within the Shire of Corrigin to trade extended hours over the 2026 Christmas period and specified public holidays in 2027.

BACKGROUND

On 2 October 2026, the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety advised that the Minister for Commerce had approved extended retail trading hours for the Perth metropolitan area over the Christmas period and for specified public holidays in 2027.

A corresponding extended trading package has been offered to regional local governments. Acceptance requires written confirmation to the Department by 22 October 2026, with no separate application required.

Local governments seeking alternative arrangements may submit an application at least three weeks before the proposed extensions.

COMMENT

The proposed package provides the following trading hours for general retail shops:

Period	Trading Hours
Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays between 5 – 28 December 2026	8am to 6pm
Weekdays from 7 – 11 December 2026	8am to 9pm
Weekdays from 14 – 24 December 2026	7am to 9pm
Christmas Day, 25 December 2026	Closed
29 – 31 December 2026	8am to 9pm
Specified public holidays in 2027	8am to 6pm

The specified public holidays in 2027 are:

- New Year's Day — 1 January.
- Australia Day — 26 January.
- Labour Day — 1 March.
- Easter Monday — 29 March.
- ANZAC Day public holiday — 26 April.
- Western Australia Day — 7 June.
- King's Birthday — 27 September.

Acceptance would provide local retailers with additional flexibility to respond to customer demand during the Christmas period and public holidays, while providing residents and visitors with opportunities to shop locally.

Individual retailers retain discretion over whether to open during the additional hours. Acceptance does not require any retailer to extend its trading hours.

Where an existing standing order permits earlier opening or later closing, those more permissive hours will continue to apply.

It is recommended that Council accept the package and that local retailers and the community be advised of the arrangements.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Retail Trading Hours Act 1987 – Sec 12E Variation of trading hours

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Civic Leadership

Strong Governance and leadership

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
4.2	Keep the community informed and seek their feedback	4.2.1	Improve regular communication and expand channels to inform our community of decisions, actions and opportunities for feedback

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Accept the 2026–27 Regional Extended Trading Package, as detailed in Attachment 8.2.7, for general retail shops within the Shire of Corrigin.*
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to notify the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety of Council's acceptance by 22 October 2026.*
- 3. Request that local retailers and the community be advised of the extended trading arrangements, including that opening during the additional hours remains at the discretion of individual retailers.*

8.2.8 MINING EXPLORATION LICENCE 70/6883

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	15/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Natalie Manton, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	ED.0002/ RV.0003
Attachment Ref:	Attachment 8.2.8 Application for Mining Tenement

SUMMARY

Council is asked to consider raising any objections or comments regarding an application for an exploration licence over various lots in the Shire of Corrigin.

BACKGROUND

MKII Consulting Pty Ltd has advised that an application has been submitted to the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration (DMPE) for consent to mine over portions of private land within the Shire of Corrigin.

The Shire of Corrigin has received notice of an application for an exploration licence of private land in the Shire of Corrigin. The *Mining Act 1978*, stipulates that mining may be carried out on certain classes of land with the written consent of the Minister for Mines and Petroleum. The *Mining Act 1978* and its associated regulations set out the process for a variety of licences and lease types including requirements for mineral exploration.

Applications for licences after 2006 are for an initial five-year term plus a possible extension of five years and further periods of two years thereafter, with 40 per cent of ground to be surrendered at the end of the sixth year.

The holder of an exploration licence may, in accordance with the licence conditions, extract or disturb up to 1,000 tonnes of material from the ground which includes overburden. The Minister may approve extraction of larger tonnages.

COMMENT

There are no apparent reasons why Council would object to the application.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Mining Act 1978

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Potential mining rates income.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Civic Leadership

Strong Governance and leadership

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
4.2	Keep the community informed and seek feedback	4.2.1	Improve regular communication and expand channels to inform our community of decisions, actions and opportunities for feedback

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council advise the Mining Registrar's Office that the Shire of Corrigin has no objection to the Application for Exploration Licence – No. 70/6883.

8.2.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 REFORM – DADOUR PROVISIONS

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	13/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Natalie Manton, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	GOV.0019
Attachment Ref:	NIL

SUMMARY

Council is asked to consider the State Government's proposed repeal of the Dadour Provisions contained within Schedule 2.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and support WALGA advocacy for retention of the existing provisions.

BACKGROUND

On 17 September 2026, the State Government announced the next phase of reforms to the *Local Government Act 1995* in a [Media Release Next phase of local government reforms to reduce voter fatigue](#)

The reforms include the introduction of four-year election cycles, measures intended to improve voter participation and governance arrangements, and the removal of the provisions commonly referred to as the Dadour Provisions. The State Government has stated that the removal of the Dadour poll provisions is intended to reduce barriers to voluntary local government boundary changes and amalgamations and support the long-term sustainability of the sector.

The Dadour Provisions are contained within Schedule 2.1, Clauses 8, 9 and 10 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. These provisions establish a process whereby electors of affected local governments may petition for a poll on a proposed amalgamation. Where the statutory thresholds are met, an amalgamation proposal cannot proceed. The provisions are widely regarded as providing communities with a direct mechanism to determine whether a proposed amalgamation should proceed.

Several local governments have expressed concern regarding the proposed repeal of the Dadour Provisions and are seeking support through the WALGA Zone structure for their retention.

COMMENT

The Shire of Corrigin supports strong local governance, local representation and meaningful community participation in decisions that may significantly affect the future of a district.

The State Government has indicated that the proposed repeal of the Dadour Provisions is intended to facilitate voluntary amalgamations and remove barriers to local government boundary reform. The Shire acknowledges that local government structures should be capable of evolving where communities identify clear benefits from doing so.

The Shire also recognises that amalgamations may, in some circumstances, provide benefits through improved service delivery, stronger organisational capacity, workforce attraction and retention, or enhanced financial sustainability. There may also be circumstances where an amalgamation could result in reduced local representation, diminished community identity, increased service costs or a loss of local decision-making.

The Shire of Corrigin has a long history of successfully collaborating with neighbouring local governments and regional organisations to improve service delivery without the need for structural amalgamation.

Examples include participation in the Roe Regional Organisation of Councils (Roe ROC), Roe Health, the Bendering Regional Landfill Facility, regional mutual support arrangements for emergency response and recovery, a shared Community Emergency Services Manager service and regional planning services delivered through the City of Kalamunda.

These arrangements demonstrate that local governments can achieve efficiencies, share specialist expertise and improve service delivery while still retaining local representation, community identity and local decision-making. The Shire's experience shows that many of the objectives often associated with amalgamation, including improved efficiency, access to specialist expertise, regional service delivery and improved organisational capacity, can also be achieved through voluntary shared service arrangements and collaborative regional partnerships.

For many rural and regional local governments, shared service models and regional partnerships provide a practical alternative to amalgamation. There is merit in legislative and policy settings that continue to support and encourage these collaborative arrangements.

For many rural and regional communities, local government represents the most accessible level of government and plays an important role in local leadership, advocacy and community development. Changes to local government boundaries can have significant impacts on local representation, infrastructure priorities, service delivery, community identity and the ability of local communities to influence decisions affecting their district. Decisions regarding amalgamations should continue to be informed by the views of the communities most directly affected.

Where a proposed amalgamation demonstrates clear and measurable benefits for affected communities, electors should have the opportunity to support it. Where the benefits are unclear or where there is a likelihood of adverse impacts on representation, service delivery or community identity, electors should retain the ability to reject the proposal.

The current Dadour Provisions provide a mechanism through which local communities can determine whether a proposed amalgamation is in their best interests. Retaining that right is consistent with the principles of local democracy and community self-determination.

Communities need access to comprehensive, independent information and analysis to inform any decisions about future governance arrangements. The State Government has announced the proposal to remove the Dadour Provisions, without any information on how communities would assess the benefits or challenges of potential amalgamation proposals.

Any consideration of boundary changes or amalgamation would require State Government funding to support independent business cases, financial assessments, service delivery reviews and community engagement processes. This would assist communities to make informed decisions based on evidence and a clear understanding of both the potential benefits and risks.

The Shire supports measures that strengthen the long-term sustainability of the local government sector and acknowledges the State Government's objective of facilitating voluntary local government reform. Local communities need to retain a direct role in determining whether amalgamation proposals proceed. Retention of the Dadour Provisions, support for voluntary shared service arrangements and provision of independent information to communities considering structural reform would provide a balanced approach that promotes local government sustainability and local choice.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Schedule 2.1 - Changing Boundaries of Local Governments.

Clauses 8, 9 and 10 relating to polls of electors on local government amalgamation proposals (commonly known as the Dadour Provisions).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No direct financial implications associated with the recommendation. The cost of any future local government legislative reform, boundary changes, amalgamation proposal or expansion of shared service arrangements is unknown at this stage.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Civic Leadership

Strong Governance and Leadership

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
4.1	Deliver a high standard of governance and administration	4.1.1	Investigate the best option and budget for financial management systems for effective governance and administration of Council
		4.1.4	Investigate shared services and resourcing through partnerships
4.2	Keep the community informed and seek their feedback	4.2.1	Improve regular communication and expand channels to inform our community of decisions, actions and opportunities for feedback

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Support the retention of the provisions contained within Schedule 2.1, Clauses 8, 9 and 10 of the Local Government Act 1995 (commonly known as the Dadour Provisions) to retain the right to determine whether a proposed local government amalgamation is in the best interests of the local community;*
- 2. Advocates for legislative reforms that support and expand voluntary shared service arrangements, regional partnerships and resource-sharing between local governments as alternatives to amalgamation where appropriate;*
- 3. Advocates for State Government funding to support independent business cases, financial modelling, service reviews and community engagement for local governments considering amalgamation or boundary change proposals; and*
- 4. Requests the WALGA Central Country Zone delegates for the Shire of Corrigin seek support for this position through the WALGA Zone and State Council processes.*

8.2.10 COUNTRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	14/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Natalie Manton, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	GR.0008
Attachment Ref:	NIL

SUMMARY

This item seeks Council's support for renewed advocacy by the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) for reinstatement of the Country Local Government Fund, or an equivalent dedicated funding mechanism, to provide rural local governments with predictable, long-term funding for locally determined infrastructure priorities.

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Wickiepin has proposed an agenda item for discussion at the next WALGA Central Country Zone meeting on the Country Local Government Fund. The Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) was established through the Royalties for Regions program to provide dedicated funding to rural local governments and regional groupings for investment in local and regional infrastructure.

The CLGF provided rural local governments with a predictable source of funding that could be incorporated into longer-term infrastructure and financial planning. This was particularly important for smaller rural local governments with limited own-source revenue and significant infrastructure responsibilities.

Rural local governments continue to face challenges in funding the renewal and development of infrastructure from relatively small rate bases. Competitive State and Commonwealth grant programs provide important funding opportunities but do not provide the same certainty for long-term planning and are generally tied to particular programs, eligibility requirements and application periods.

WALGA has an existing advocacy position supporting reinstatement of the CLGF. Advocacy Position 2.4.2 Country Local Government Fund states that the Fund should be reinstated at a level commensurate with its original intent of addressing rural local governments' infrastructure backlog.

The purpose of this item is to support renewed and elevated advocacy by WALGA with the State Government for reinstatement of the CLGF, or an equivalent dedicated funding mechanism for rural local governments.

COMMENT

A predictable funding allocation provides greater capacity for Local Governments to determine their own investment priorities through strategic, asset management and long-term financial planning processes. It also provides flexibility to accumulate funding for larger projects and to use allocations as a co-contribution to other State or Commonwealth funding programs.

A contemporary funding model could be developed that provides predictable and long-term funding while retaining flexibility for individual local governments to respond to local infrastructure priorities. The funding model could also allow funding to be accumulated over multiple years, used as a co-contribution to other funding programs and support regional collaboration where appropriate.

Proportionate accountability and reporting requirements matched to the level of funding provided would ensure that appropriate oversight of public funds is maintained without creating an unnecessary administrative burden for smaller rural local governments.

The detailed design of any renewed funding model, including allocation methodology and eligible expenditure, should be developed through consultation between WALGA, rural local governments and the State Government rather than prescribed at this stage.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Civic Leadership

Strong Governance and Leadership

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
4.1	Deliver a high standard of governance and administration	4.1.2	Long term financial plans are implemented and monitored to assist with the timing and achievement of our goals.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Supports renewed and elevated advocacy to the State Government, consistent with WALGA Advocacy Position 2.4.2, for reinstatement of the Country Local Government Fund or an equivalent dedicated funding mechanism for rural Local Governments; and*
- 2. In consultation with rural local governments, advocate for a funding model that:*
 - a) provides predictable and long-term funding;*
 - b) provides equitable funding for eligible rural local governments;*
 - c) provides flexibility for Local Governments to fund locally determined infrastructure priorities;*
 - d) allows funding to be accumulated over multiple years and used as a co-contribution to other funding programs;*
 - e) supports regional collaboration where appropriate; and*
 - f) applies proportionate accountability and reporting requirements.*

8.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

8.3.1 RAV 7 ACCESS REQUEST

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	14/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Natalie Manton, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	TT.0001
Attachment Ref:	NIL

SUMMARY

Council is asked to consider the request from Main Roads WA Heavy Vehicle Services for access to roads in the Shire of Corrigin to be upgraded to Restricted Access Network (RAV) Network 7.

BACKGROUND

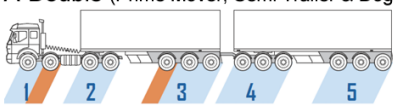
Main Roads WA Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) has received an application from Muirton Pty Ltd seeking support for the following roads to be added to the following networks / approved routes:

Requested Road(s) and RAV Network:

Dimension Requirements					
Road No.	Road Name	From Location (SLK)	To Location (SLK)	Current Network	Requested Network
4040001	Bendering Rd	Brookton Hwy (0.00)	Pruden Rd (27.83)	Tandem Drive 4	Tandem Drive 7
4040013	Nambadilling Rd	Kondinin LGA Boundary (0.00)	Dickinson Rd (6.05)	Tandem Drive 4	Tandem Drive 7
4040089	Dickinson Rd	Nambadilling Rd (0.00)	Bendering Rd (4.10)	Tandem Drive 4	Tandem Drive 7

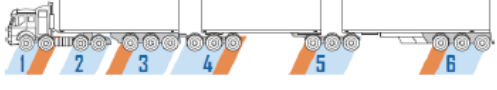
Main Roads WA describes the various prime mover and trailer combinations in the Operating Conditions. Table 1 below show the difference in length and maximum mass for RAV 4 and RAV 7 categories.

Table 1 Prime Mover, Trailer Combinations Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Categories

Category 4 RAVs				
Category	Vehicle Description	Length	Max. Mass	Approved Network
4A	A-Double (Prime Mover, Semi Trailer & Dog Trailer) 	≤27.5 m	88.5 t	RAV Network 4
Category 7 RAVs				
Category	Vehicle Description	Length	Max. Mass	Approved Network
7A	AB-Triple (Prime Mover, Semi Trailer & B-Double) 	>27.5 m ≤36.5 m	108.5 t	RAV Network 7

7B		>27.5 m ≤36.5 m	108.5 t	RAV Network 7
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Table 2 Prime Mover, Trailer Combinations AMMS Categories

Category 7 RAVs						
Cat.	Vehicle Description	Length	AMMS Level	Max. Gross Mass	Max. Modified Mass	Approved Network
7A		>27.5 m ≤36.5 m	Level 1	115 t	7 t	N7.1
			Level 2	119 t	11 t	N7.2
			Level 3	123.5 t	15 t	N7.3
7B		>27.5 m ≤36.5 m	Level 1	115 t	7 t	N7.1
			Level 2	119 t	11 t	N7.2
			Level 3	123.5 t	15 t	N7.3

More information on the specific combinations is available on the Main Roads website below.
[prime-mover-trailer-combinations-operating-conditions](#)

[Orders/tandem-drive-prime-mover-trailer-combinations-restricted-access-vehicle-categories.pdf](#)

[Tandem Drive Prime Mover, Trailer Combinations Restricted Access Vehicle \(RAV\) Categories](#)

[Accredited Mass Management Scheme \(AMMS\) Tandem Drive Prime Mover, Trailer Combinations Restricted Access Vehicle \(RAV\) Categories](#)

[AMMS accredited-mass-management-scheme-amms-prime-mover-trailer-combinations-operating-conditions.pdf](#)

In October 2019 Council adopted a road hierarchy and associated maintenance and renewal standard for roads in the shire. In the policy defined various roads in the Shire of Corrigin as follows:

- **Major Roads** - regional and connector roads connecting town sites to other town sites in the region. Strategic freight routes and those identified as being regionally significant as in detailed MRWA's *Roads 2030 Regional Strategies for Significant Local Roads Wheatbelt South Region Routes/Road*.
- **Limited Local Roads** - unsealed and servicing farms with annual average daily traffic 50 vehicles or less. Considerations such as school bus routes, harvest destinations and other factors will be considered.
- **Feeder Roads and Streets** - Generally sealed, have an annual average daily traffic greater than 50 vehicles and acting as connector roads.

In April 2020 Council resolved not to support future applications for RAV 7 on Limited Local Roads due to the ongoing cost of upgrades and maintenance. Since that time there has been ongoing pressure from the land owners and transport operators to reconsider this position and approve RAV 7 access for limited roads in the shire.

Since 2020 Council has supported RAV 7 access to some limited local roads and others have been added to the network by Main Roads without consulting the Shire of Corrigin.

Council resolved in February 2021 to support a request to add the Bendering Road to the RAV 7 network based on the road hierarchy. The Bendering Road was declined by Main Roads WA in 2021 due to non-compliant swept paths at the Brookton Highway intersection.

COMMENT

Council has a responsibility to ensure that the road network is as safe as possible within the limited resources available. To achieve this, Council has committed to implementing a systematic management regime across the road network that aims to balance optimal maintenance, minimising whole of life costs, user amenity and value for money as well as economic benefits for the shire.

Main Roads WA notes that increased RAV access provides productivity benefits to the transport industry as well as considerable benefits to road managers and the local community. These benefits are based around reducing the number of heavy vehicle movements on the road and reducing risks such as serious crashes, carbon emissions, heavy vehicle noise, road wear and congestion. More information on the benefits of RAV access is outlined in the Main Roads [RAV Access Benefits](#) document.

HVS will conduct onsite assessments and consider all the safety aspects of approving RAV access in accordance with our [Standard Restricted Access Vehicle Route Assessment Guidelines](#) and [Guidelines for Approving RAV Access](#)

The [Heavy Vehicle Mapping Tool](#) can be used to show the roads in the Shire of Corrigin that have full or conditional RAV 7 access.

Council may consider approving RAV 7 access to the limited local roads with Type B conditions.

The CEO has advised HVS that Council resolved in February 2021 to support a request to add the Bendering Road to the RAV 7 network based on the road hierarchy.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Road Traffic Act 1974

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012

Road Traffic (Vehicle) Regulations 2014

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11.2 Road Hierarchy, Maintenance and Renewal Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Corrigin 10 year road program details the cost of road maintenance, renewal and upgrades of approximately \$3million per annum.

There is a significant gap between amount of funding required for road maintenance, renewal and upgrade as outlined in the policy and funding availability.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES
Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Economy

Desired Outcome: A strong, diverse local economy

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
2.1	Road network is safe, well maintained and capable of the freight task	2.1.1	Continue to deliver the Road Management Program with a view to improve maintenance of gravel roads, in line with Council's adopted road hierarchy and long term road construction and maintenance plans

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. *Request that Main Roads WA review the suitability of Bendering Road for RAV 7.*
2. *support/ not support the application for RAV Network 7 access with Type B conditions on the following limited local roads:*
 - *Nambadilling Road*
 - *Dickinson Road*

Low Vol Type B Low Volume Roads

1. *When travelling at night, the RAV must travel at a maximum speed of 40km/h and display an amber flashing warning light on the prime mover. Where RAVs are limited to 40km/h advisory signs must be installed for safety to other vehicles who may unexpectedly catch up a vehicle at night.*
2. *No operation on unsealed road segment when visibly wet, without Road Owners approval.*
3. *Headlights must be switched on at all times.*
4. *Speed restrictions. (*40 km/h or 60 km/h in accordance with the Appendix C Low Volume Rural Road Minimum Widths of the Standard Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Route Assessment Guidelines).*
5. *Direct radio contact must be maintained with other RAVs to establish their position on or near the road (suggested UHF Ch 40).*
6. *Road not to be entered until driver has established by radio communication that there is no other RAV on the road travelling in the opposing direction.*
7. *Operation is not permitted while the school bus is operating on the road. Operators must obtain school bus timetables; or where direct contact can be made with the school bus driver, operation is permitted once the school bus driver confirms all school drop offs/ pickups have been completed on the road.*
8. *The Operator must obtain written approval from the Road Owner. The approval letter must be carried in the vehicle and produced upon request.*

8.3.2 TRI DRIVE NETWORK 4.3 ACCESS REQUEST

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	14/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Natalie Manton, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	TT.0001
Attachment Ref:	NIL

SUMMARY

Council is asked to consider the request from Main Roads WA Heavy Vehicle Services for access to roads in the Shire of Corrigin to be upgraded to AMMS Level 3 Mass.

BACKGROUND

Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) has received an application to add the following road, in the Shire of Corrigin, which may be found suitable for Tri Drive Network 4 based on a preliminary assessment onto the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network.

Requested Road and RAV Network:

Dimension Requirements					
Road No.	Road Name	From Location (SLK)	To Location (SLK)	Current Network	Requested Network
4040014	Corrigin South Rd	Brookton Hwy (0.00)	CBH Bin Access Road (0.65)	Tandem Drive Network 7 Tri Drive Network 1 PBS Tandem Drive 2B	Tri Drive Network 4
Mass Requirements					
Road No.	Road Name	From Location (SLK)	To Location (SLK)	Current Mass Level	Requested Mass Level
4040014	Corrigin South Rd	Brookton Hwy (0.00)	CBH Bin Access Road (0.673)	AMMS Level 3	AMMS Level 3

The current 36.5 metre Tandem Drive Network 7.3 is shown in the diagram below

7B		>27.5 m ≤36.5 m	Level 1	115 t	N/A	<u>N7.1</u>
			Level 2	119 t	5 t	<u>N7.2</u>
			Level 3	123.5 t	9 t	<u>N7.3</u>

The proposed 36.5 metre Tri Drive Network 4.3 is shown in the diagram below

4F		>27.5 m ≤36.5 m	Level 1	119.5 t	N/A	<u>TD4.1</u>
			Level 2	124.5 t	5 t	<u>TD4.2</u>
			Level 3	129.5 t	10 t	<u>TD4.3</u>

More details of the vehicle combinations approved on the requested networks is available in the following links [Accredited Mass Management Scheme \(AMMS\) Tri Drive Prime Mover, Trailer Combinations](#) [Restricted Access Vehicle \(RAV\) Categories](#)

[AMMS accredited-mass-management-scheme-amms-prime-mover-trailer-combinations-operating-conditions.pdf](#)

COMMENT

Council has a responsibility to ensure that the road network is as safe as possible within the limited resources available. To achieve this, Council has committed to implementing a systematic management regime across the road network that aims to balance optimal maintenance, minimising whole of life costs, user amenity and value for money as well as economic benefits for the shire.

Main Roads WA notes that increased RAV access provides productivity benefits to the transport industry as well as considerable benefits to road managers and the local community. These benefits are based around reducing the number of heavy vehicle movements on the road and reducing risks such as serious crashes, carbon emissions, heavy vehicle noise, road wear and congestion. More information on the benefits of RAV access is outlined in the Main Roads [RAV Access Benefits](#) document.

HVS will conduct onsite assessments and consider all the safety aspects of approving RAV access in accordance with our [Standard Restricted Access Vehicle Route Assessment Guidelines](#) and [Guidelines for Approving RAV Access](#)

Traffic counts for the Corrigin South are not currently available but have recently been added for future reference.

It is recommended that Council inform Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services that the application for Tri Drive Network 4.3 access is not supported for the following reasons:

- Anticipated damage to road surface from additional gross mass
- Existing bitumen surface will require significant investment to upgrade road, including stabilisation, to accommodate additional load of up to 129.5 tonnes.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Road Traffic Act 1974

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012

Road Traffic (Vehicle) Regulations 2014

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11.2 Road Hierarchy, Maintenance and Renewal Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Corrigin 10 year road program details the cost of road maintenance, renewal and upgrades of approximately \$3million per annum.

There is a significant gap between amount of funding required for road maintenance, renewal and upgrade as outlined in the policy and funding availability.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES
Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035:

Objective: Economy

Desired Outcome: A strong, diverse local economy

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
2.1	Road network is safe, well maintained and capable of the freight task	2.1.1	Continue to deliver the Road Management Program with a view to improve maintenance of gravel roads, in line with Council's adopted road hierarchy and long term road construction and maintenance plans

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council inform Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services that the application for Tri Drive Network 4.3 for Corrigin South Road is not supported for the following reasons:

- Anticipated damage to road surface from additional gross mass.*
- Existing bitumen surface will require significant investment to upgrade road, including stabilisation, to accommodate additional load of up to 129.5 tonnes.*

8.3.3 AMMS NETWORK SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW

Applicant:	Shire of Corrigin
Date:	14/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Natalie Manton, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
File Ref:	TT.0001
Attachment Ref:	NIL

SUMMARY

Council is asked to consider the Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) Network Sustainability Proposal and provide feedback on the potential implications for local governments as road managers.

BACKGROUND

On 2 October 2026, Main Roads Western Australia Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) commenced consultation on proposed Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) Network Sustainability arrangements intended to replace the former CA07 access condition process. The consultation follows amendments to the CA07 condition after legal concerns were identified regarding the direct linkage of road maintenance charges to Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) access approvals and the ability for third parties to influence the operation of Main Roads approvals.

The proposed framework introduces a new network sustainability model requiring Transport Operators operating under AMMS Level 2 and Level 3 access arrangements to obtain Road Maintenance Agreement (RMA) Confirmation Letters from relevant Road Managers where applicable. The proposal seeks to establish a process through which local governments may recover road maintenance costs associated with higher mass freight movements while maintaining an appropriate legal separation from the RAV access approval process administered by Main Roads WA.

Main Roads has advised that the proposal has been developed in consultation with WALGA and a reference group of local government representatives and is seeking feedback from Road Managers, Transport Operators, Freight Generators, industry associations and other stakeholders before determining a final framework.

As a significant grain-producing local government located within the Wheatbelt region, the Shire of Corrigin has an interest in ensuring any network sustainability arrangements appropriately balance freight productivity, agricultural efficiency and the protection of local road assets.

Full details of the proposed solution can be found on the [AMMS Network Sustainability](#) webpage on the Main Roads website.

COMMENT

The Shire of Corrigin manages an extensive local road network that supports agricultural production, freight movements and regional economic activity. These roads form an important part of the broader State freight network and are critical to the movement of grain, fertiliser, livestock and agricultural inputs.

Like many regional local governments, the Shire of Corrigin faces increasing challenges in maintaining and renewing road infrastructure. Construction and maintenance costs continue to rise while available funding has not kept pace with the cost of preserving and renewing road assets. This has contributed to a growing gap between long-term road renewal requirements and available funding.

The impacts of higher mass freight vehicles can accelerate pavement deterioration and increase maintenance and renewal costs. While these freight movements generate significant economic benefits, the cost of maintaining the infrastructure that supports them is often borne largely by local governments and local ratepayers.

Under the former CA07 process, many regional local governments, including the Shire of Corrigin, did not charge fees for providing a CA07 letter or for standard freight movements. The process provided road managers with visibility of heavy vehicle operations, potential infrastructure impacts to be assessed and communication with operators where required.

There are several aspects of the proposal require further clarification before implementation, including:

- the definition and identification of a freight generator;
- the circumstances in which a Road Maintenance Agreement would be required;
- the methodology for assessing road impacts and maintenance contributions;
- the respective responsibilities of freight generators, transport operators, Main Roads WA and the shire as road managers;
- compliance, review and dispute resolution processes; and
- the administrative obligations to be placed on local governments.

The proposal also presents challenges for agricultural regions. Unlike project-based or industrial freight operations, agricultural freight movements commonly involve multiple growers, contractors, transport operators and receival sites operating across extensive local road networks. This may make it difficult to clearly attribute infrastructure impacts to a single party and administer Road Maintenance Agreements consistently.

There is also a risk that additional administrative, engineering and compliance responsibilities may be transferred to local governments without corresponding resources or technical support.

The overall objective of improving network sustainability is supported. The final framework should recognise the infrastructure funding challenges facing regional local governments, provide practical and equitable cost-recovery mechanisms, minimise unnecessary administrative burden and recognise the unique operating environment of agricultural freight networks.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Main Roads Act 1930

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012

Road Traffic (Vehicle) Regulations 2014

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11.2 Road Hierarchy, Maintenance and Renewal Policy

Main Roads Western Australia Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network Access Policy and Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) requirements

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Corrigin 10 year road program details the cost of road maintenance, renewal and upgrades of approximately \$3million per annum.

There is a significant gap between amount of funding required for road maintenance, renewal and upgrade as outlined in the policy and funding availability.

The final framework may result in additional administrative and asset management responsibilities for the Shire, while also providing opportunities to recover costs associated with identifiable freight-

related impacts on local road infrastructure. The overall financial impact cannot be determined until the final framework is adopted.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Shire of Corrigin Council Plan 2025-2035

Objective: Economy

Desired Outcome: A strong, diverse local economy

Council Plan			
Outcome	Strategies	Action No.	Actions
2.1	Road network is safe, well maintained and capable of the freight task	2.1.1	Continue to deliver the Road Management Program with a view to improve maintenance of gravel roads, in line with Council's adopted road hierarchy and long term road construction and maintenance plans

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. *Notes the proposed Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) Network Sustainability arrangements released by Main Roads Western Australia Heavy Vehicle Services for public consultation.*
2. *Supports the objective of improving the long-term sustainability of road infrastructure impacted by higher mass freight movements and protecting local road infrastructure from extra wear associated with higher mass freight movements.*
3. *Notes the importance of ensuring the costs associated with identifiable freight-related impacts on local road infrastructure are not borne solely by local government and ratepayers.*
4. *Endorses the submission of feedback to Main Roads Western Australia requesting:*
 - a. *recognition of the funding challenges faced by regional local governments in maintaining freight networks;*
 - b. *practical and equitable mechanisms enabling the local governments as road managers to recover costs associated with identifiable freight-related infrastructure impacts;*
 - c. *recognition of the unique characteristics of agricultural freight operations;*
 - d. *clear and consistent definitions, responsibilities and assessment criteria; and*
 - e. *practical administration, monitoring and compliance requirements that do not impose an unreasonable burden on local government.*

9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer report was provided to Council during the Discussion Forum

10 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

11 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS, REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

12 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT OR DECIDED BY THE COUNCIL

13 NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Council Meeting 17 November 2026 at 4pm.

14 MEETING CLOSURE