

Council Plan 2025-2035 – Progress as at 31/03/2026

The progress on the Strategic Community Plan is outlined as follows:

COMMUNITY

Desired Outcome: Inclusive, healthy and resilient community

No	Community Priority	Priority Actions	Our Role	Progress/Status
1.1	Access to key and enabling community infrastructure and services	1.1.1 Continued provision of local GP services	Partner and Deliver	Continued to support the ongoing provision of local GP services through the renewal of a further six-year lease with Dr Raj and First Health, ensuring long-term service stability for the community. The Shire continues to provide a Shire-owned residence and vehicle for the doctor, and maintained the doctors surgery, including recent upgrades to the Wellness Centre and Medical Centre roof. Additional operational support included assistance with furniture and equipment needs and transitioning the practice to a VOIP phone system to improve service reliability, as well general maintenance and operational costs.
		1.1.2 Support initiatives to attract and retain emergency service volunteers	Partner and Deliver	Continued to support the attraction and retention of emergency service volunteers through quarterly LEMC meetings, ongoing brigade training, and participation in regional DFES workshops and information sessions. These actions help maintain a well-supported, skilled and resilient volunteer network.
		1.1.3 Advocate for the retention of the local childcare service	Advocate	Continued to advocate for the ongoing retention of the local childcare service through support for staffing, housing and funding requirements. The Shire also supported service continuity by providing a Shire-owned building under lease for the daycare to operate from.
		1.1.4 Maintain a strong supportive relationship with Corrigin District High School	Facilitate	Maintain a strong and supportive relationship with Corrigin District High School by continuing to engage with school leadership, advocate for staffing and housing needs, and support opportunities for students. Promotion of the Edna Stevenson Scholarship Fund continued to encourage local youth participation in further education. The Shire also assists with providing work placements for school based trainees and work experience.
1.2	Safe, accessible and inviting public places and facilities	1.2.1 Maintain parks, gardens and open spaces in line with resourcing (focus on Rotary Park)	Deliver	Rotary Park Redevelopment completed in 2024, with additional lawn upgrades completed in late 2025 with further funding allocated for a shade shelter over the BBQ area in the 2025/26 Budget and due for completion by 30 June. Sporting surfaces and irrigation infrastructure at CREC also upgraded in the 2025/26 Budget.

		1.2.2 Investigate opportunities / initiatives to collaborate with local businesses and community groups to enhance CCTV and lighting	Deliver	Introduced new business collaboration initiatives including the Business Assistance Grant (up to \$2,000 per project for 10 projects), the CCTV Subsidy Partnership Program (up to \$500 per installation, up to 10 rebates) and the continued Community Assistance Program. These programs support local business development, safety improvements and community partnerships, with annual funding rounds and multiple grants available each financial year.
		1.2.3 Review and demonstrate progress of the Shire Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)	Deliver	The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) was reviewed, updated and endorsed in 2025 following community and stakeholder engagement. The DAIP 2025–2030 is published on the Shire website in multiple accessible formats, and public feedback was invited during the review and draft stages. The Shire continues to implement DAIP actions and meet legislative requirements.
1.3	High standard of community and recreation activities and facilities	1.3.1 Update the Youth Plan	Deliver	The Youth Plan, last endorsed in 2023, is scheduled for review in 2026/27.
		1.3.2 Deliver targeted initiatives to teenagers and young adults (through the CRC)	Deliver	Delivered a range of youth-focused initiatives through the CRC, including school holiday programs. As part of future planning, the review and update of the Youth Plan will help guide the development of more targeted workshops and activities aimed at engaging teenagers and young adults. These initiatives are intended to continue providing opportunities for learning, recreation and social connection over the life of the Council Plan.
		1.3.3 Investigate a skate park	Deliver	Council allocated \$100,000 in the 2025/26 Budget to investigate a new youth recreation space. Staff are progressing options using the old tennis courts as the initial site, with consideration of a skate park, pump track and pickleball facilities. Further investigations will continue to identify grant funding opportunities to complete the full project.
		1.3.4 Work with local clubs to coordinate investment into sport and recreation facility and equipment upgrades	Partner and Deliver	Coordinated with local sport and recreation clubs on facility upgrades, including improved playing surfaces, CREC enhancements such as bird netting, and the installation of fans at the indoor netball courts. Further funding has been allocated in the 2025/26 Budget, and the Shire will continue working with clubs on future facility and equipment upgrades.
		1.3.5 Improve governance arrangements with local clubs to ensure they are simple and easy to implement and monitor	Deliver	Continue to work with local sport and recreation clubs to improve governance arrangements by providing guidance on grant processes, reporting requirements and compliance expectations. Efforts focused on making governance systems simple and easy for clubs to implement and monitor, supporting stronger administrative practices and more sustainable club operations.
		1.3.6 Promote and deliver the Shire's Community Grant Scheme	Deliver	Promoted and delivered the Shire's Community Grant Scheme through the ongoing Community Assistance Program, providing financial and non-financial support to community groups and not-for-profit organisations. The program continues each year, offering Community Donations,

			Community Grants and Significant Event Sponsorship to support locally led projects, events and initiatives.
	1.3.7 Support local arts and culture initiatives	Partner and Deliver	Continued to support local arts and culture initiatives by working with the Corrigin Arts Club to promote arts-based activities, exhibitions and community participation. Planning has also progressed for future mural projects identified through recent community engagement. The Shire will continue to explore additional arts opportunities and partnerships to increase creative activity across the district. Recent Business Assistance Grants have also been structured to allow business owners to incorporate public art or murals into shopfront improvements, supporting both cultural expression and streetscape enhancement.
	1.3.8 Support the Corrigin Senior Citizens group in initiatives that promote and deliver benefits for our seniors.	Partner and Deliver	Supported the Corrigin Senior Citizens group through ongoing collaboration on initiatives that benefit local seniors, including assistance with future facility planning and engagement with aged care service providers. The Shire also progressed actions from the Aged Friendly Community Plan, such as improving pathways and accessways and strengthening relationships with home-care providers, to enhance safety, accessibility and wellbeing for older residents. In addition, the Shire recently provided in-kind support toward the Senior Games hosted in Corrigin. Ongoing collaboration with the Senior Citizens Committee will continue to identify future improvement opportunities and support seniors-focused programs over the life of the Council Plan.

ECONOMY

Desired Outcome: A strong, diverse local economy

No	Community Priority	Priority Actions	Our Role	Progress/Status
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	Deliver	We continued carrying out our road program based on Council's priorities and long-term plans for building, upgrading and maintaining our roads. Major works included reconstruction and widening on Corrigin–Quairading Road and Wickepin–Corrigin Road, final seals on Corrigin–Quairading Road and Babakin–Corrigin Road, shoulder reconditioning on Yealering–Kulin Road, and crumbed-rubber reseals on narrow bitumen sections. Floodway and safety improvements were also completed. Ongoing gravel road maintenance and future upgrades will continue to be guided by the annual review of the 10-year Road Works Program.
		2.1.2 Advocate for Brookton Hwy improvements as well as access to the Corrigin CBH site	Advocate	Advocacy for Brookton Highway upgrades and improved access to the Corrigin CBH site continued through regular engagement with Main Roads WA and relevant State Government agencies. These priorities will remain a focus in future transport planning and funding discussions.
		2.1.3 Develop and implement a Gravel Source Management Strategy and Policy	Deliver	The Shire will begin developing a Gravel Source Management Strategy and Policy as part of future planning to identify long-term gravel supply needs, sourcing options and site management requirements. This work will focus on ensuring reliable gravel availability to support the Shire's ongoing road construction and maintenance program.
2.2	Improve the town central business district and housing options	2.2.1 Continue to develop the Main Street enhancement in conjunction with the business community	Deliver and Support	The Shire introduced the Business Assistance Grant program to support improved frontages and streetscape appeal and will continue working with the business community to enhance Main Street presentation, with further opportunities to be identified over time.
		2.2.2 Identify and coordinate residential and industrial land assembly and headworks	Partner and Deliver	Planning will begin to identify future residential and industrial land needs, including reviewing available sites and the headworks required to support development. With all Granite Rise residential blocks sold in 2026, future planning will also consider options for additional land supply to support long-term growth in the Shire.
		2.2.3 Collaborate with local groups and RoeROC to seek opportunities, funding and partnerships for the delivery of new housing options	Partner and Deliver	Continued working with local groups and RoeROC to explore opportunities, funding and partnerships for new housing options, building on the regional Housing Needs Analysis and Key Worker Housing work already completed. Further planning will focus on identifying funding sources and collaborative projects to support future housing development across the region.

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Promote the visitor experience, particularly nature based tourism

2.3.1 Aesthetic improvements to each of the town entry areas

Deliver

Progressed planning for future aesthetic upgrades to the town entry areas, with consideration given to improved landscaping, updated signage and other visual features to enhance the Shire's presentation and sense of arrival. Funding has been included in the 2025/26 Budget, with further design work and opportunities for additional improvements to be explored as part of future planning.

2.3.2 Active participation in Roe Tourism Association to promote our attractions

Partner and Deliver

Continued active involvement in Roe Tourism to promote Corrigin's attractions through regional marketing, signage improvements and shared tourism initiatives, with further opportunities to be explored through ongoing collaboration.

2.3.3 Enhance the natural and heritage walk trail experiences across the Shire

Deliver

Planning continued for improvements to the Shire's natural and heritage walk trails, including better signage, wayfinding, interpretive information and general maintenance. Further improvements will be explored over time to enhance the overall trail experience. The Shire is also working with DBCA to maintain trails for fire risk mitigation while protecting the Corrigin Grevillea and other native wildflowers.

Environment

Desired Outcome: Preservation of the natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations

No	Community Priority	Priority Actions	Our Role	Progress/Status
3.1	Waste management within the Shire	3.1.1 Continue to lead and participate in the Bending Regional Waste Site	Partner and Deliver	Continued active participation in the Bending Regional Waste Site through ongoing operational coordination and compliance activities with RoeROC member Shires. Further planning will focus on long-term site management, capacity monitoring and future infrastructure needs to support regional waste services.
		3.1.2 Continue to provide a high standard waste transfer station	Deliver	Maintained a high standard at the Corrigin Waste Transfer Station, ensuring safe operations, clear site signage and compliance with waste handling requirements. Future improvements will consider layout refinements, traffic flow, and potential upgrades to support increased recycling and waste diversion.
		3.1.3 Continue to educate the community about best practice waste disposal	Deliver	Provided ongoing community education on correct waste disposal and recycling practices through Shire communications, signage and staff assistance at the Waste Transfer Station. Future initiatives may include updated information campaigns, expanded recycling guidance and targeted education programs for high-waste user groups.
3.2	Protect and use natural resources sustainably	3.2.1 Prepare the community and Shire assets for more frequent natural events	Partner and Deliver	Continued preparedness activities, including regular LEMC meetings, emergency exercises and maintenance of Shire assets to withstand adverse weather events. Future planning will include updating risk assessments, improving resilience measures and reviewing asset protection strategies as climate impacts evolve. Alongside other RoeROC Shires, the Shire will also seek funding opportunities for generators and alternative power sources at the CREC to strengthen its capacity as an emergency support facility.
		3.2.2 Manage weeds and pests, verge side vegetation and firebreaks	Partner and Deliver	Ongoing management of weeds, pests, verge vegetation and firebreaks through the annual maintenance program and regulatory compliance checks. Future planning includes reviewing vegetation management practices, exploring additional control methods and strengthening seasonal preparedness.
		3.2.3 Implement Council's Waterwise plant selection policy for Shire parks, gardens and verges	Deliver	Applied Waterwise plant selection principles across Shire parks, gardens and verges to improve sustainability and reduce water use. Future planning will investigate opportunities to expand Waterwise landscaping, increase drought-tolerant plantings and incorporate water-efficient irrigation systems.
		3.2.4 Optimise stormwater capturing opportunities and ensure effective	Deliver	Maintained effective drainage systems throughout the Shire and identified opportunities to improve stormwater capture and flow management. Future works will focus on upgrading priority drainage networks, expanding stormwater reuse options and addressing localised

		drainage systems		flooding risks.
		3.2.5 Develop Renewable Policy and Renewables Community Benefit Framework	Partner and Deliver	Work on developing a Renewable Energy Policy and a Renewables Community Benefit Framework has not yet commenced; however, it remains an important future planning activity for the Shire. This work will be progressed in a future stage and will include stakeholder engagement, policy development and assessing opportunities for renewable energy generation and community benefit outcomes.

Civic Leadership

Desired Outcome: Strong governance and leadership

No	Community Priority	Priority Actions	Our Role	Progress/Status
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	Deliver	The Shire's financial management systems and procedures continue to support effective governance and administration and are operating effectively. In line with a commitment to continuous improvement, the Shire will continue to review system capability and consider future enhancements to ensure ongoing compliance, efficiency and integration. This includes working with the RoerOC Shires to explore potential ERP system options and tender pathways, informed by audit findings, best practice and changing operational needs. To support this, annual budget allocations of \$100,000 have been set aside in a reserve from 2024/25 onwards, and the project is identified as a priority within the ICT Strategic Plan endorsed in 2025.
		4.1.2 Long term financial plans are implemented and monitored to assist with the timing and achievement of our goals	Deliver	Continued to implement and monitor the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) to guide financial decision-making and the timing of major projects. Regular reviews ensure alignment with the Annual Budget and the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) framework to support long-term sustainability. The LTFP was reviewed and updated in 2025 and is scheduled for further review as part of the upcoming budget workshops over the next three months.
		4.1.3 Implement and monitor the annual budget to support timely progress toward strategic goals	Deliver	Implemented and monitored the annual budget to support timely progress toward strategic goals, supported by monthly financial reports to Council that track performance and variances. Budget workshops were held for the adoption of the 2025/26 Budget. A mid-year budget review was completed in February 2026 to ensure the 2025/26 Budget remains on track and to identify any potential variances, with a further review scheduled for June to ensure an accurate carry-over surplus for the 2026/27 Budget. Budget workshops for the 2026/27 Budget will commence in April. Ongoing improvements will continue to strengthen financial oversight and support transparent audit preparation.
		4.1.4 Investigate shared services and resourcing through partnerships	Partner and Deliver	Continued to explore shared service and resourcing opportunities through RoerOC and other regional partnerships. Future planning will assess options for procurement efficiencies, specialist staffing, policy alignment and joint project delivery. Work is also underway with RoerOC to investigate shared ERP system options and potential tender processes to support improved resourcing and system integration across member Shires.
		4.1.5 Continue to implement, monitor and report against the Integrated Planning and Reporting milestones	Deliver	Maintained compliance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) framework through regular monitoring and reporting on strategic, financial and workforce plan milestones. Ongoing work includes preparing for future IPR document reviews, audits and statutory reporting cycles to support continuous improvement. This report also demonstrates the continued monitoring and implementation of the updated Council Plan endorsed in 2025.

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	Deliver	Improved regular communication through the Shire website, public notices, newsletters and active Facebook updates, including emergency information, event promotions and public consultation notices (e.g., planning proposals, community events, Coffee with Council). Future planning will focus on expanding communication channels, increasing engagement opportunities and strengthening two-way feedback with the community.
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