

COUNCIL PLAN

QUARTERLY
REPORT

JANUARY - MARCH 2024



Perenjori

Embrace Opportunity



Our Highlights this Quarter

AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT

Funded through Council and Auspire, the Australia Day BBQ and Citizen of the Year celebrations took place at the Aquatic Centre on Friday 26 January.

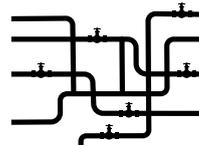


CARON DAM TANK

A new tank and solar pump installed to provide safe access to water for fire fighting trucks and roadworks crew.

MINING

Terra Mining given Main Roads approval for heavy haulage from Extension Hill to Geraldton Port until 31 March 2025.



WATER CORPORATION

New water pipes installed along laneway and Timmings St as essential upgrades to Perenjori water infrastructure system.



OFF-ROAD RACING

The Caravan Park was booked to full capacity for the 2024 Perenjori 300 off-road racing event held 1-3 March.

COMMUNITY HUB

Tender received for construction and fit-out of the proposed Community Hub to be located at 26-30 Fowler St.



Caravan Park

The Shire welcomed a new Caravan Park Manager, Pauline Harris and partner Allan.





Performance against the 2023-2033 Council Plan

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The strategic direction for the plan is driven by the community. It covers the things that the Shire is directly responsible for, as well as things that others are responsible for (such as Federal or State Government, industry, or other stakeholders).



VISION

Our community is strong and growing.

We create our own future with imagination and energy.

We are proud of this place we call home and welcome visitors to share in its outstanding natural beauty.



Other Progress



Goal 1 - Social

An inclusive community and a great place to live for all ages and stages of life.

Strategic Objectives

The community is active and has access to a range of sport and recreation facilities.

- An estimate of 200,000 litres of water per week pumped from North Rd bore tanks to maintain improved conditions of town oval and hockey field .
- The Aquatic Centre had an average of 36 visitors per day.
- Free use of Gym being utilised by community members.
- Free entry to Aquatic Centre has encouraged greater use of the facility.
- Installation of new matting and equipment at Perenjori Gym.
- The Aquatic Centre hosted Perenjori Primary School faction carnival and interschool carnival.

Community life is enhanced and nurtured with well supported clubs, community groups, and essential volunteer-based services.

- Employee support for St John Ambulance training.
- Council commitment of 2024/25 Budget funds to support Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund application from Latham Golf & Bowling Club for the purposes of installation of a new bowling green.
- Citizen of the Year awards presented at the Australia Day celebrations in January 2024.

The community is accessible for and inclusive of people with disability.

- Accessible housing units built in Russell Street, Perenjori.
- Accessibility options available on Shire of Perenjori and Visit Perenjori websites.

Early childhood services are provided in support of workforce participation and educational outcomes.

- Assisted with promotion of advertising for early educators for Regional Early Education & Development (REED).
- Provision of council house for REED staff.

Young people are engaged in pro-social activity and civic life.

- Provision of extended Aquatic Centre hours.
- Ongoing support for Blue Light activities in provision of venue.
- Commencement of 'No Pool No School' initiative to encourage school attendance.'

Gaps in medical, allied health services, and other community services are filled where possible to meet the needs of the local population.

- Facilitated a Well Women's Clinic.
- Visiting Physiotherapist located in Council building.
- Ongoing assistance to Perenjori Medical Centre.

Goal 1 ...continued

Strategic Objectives

Seniors are valued and supported to age in place.

- Support for weekly seniors' morning tea at the Lodge.
- Ongoing advocacy for Home and Community Care services.

Emergency management and associated community liaison and education activities are undertaken to protect the community and minimise harm from disasters.

- A Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meeting was held to review the Local Emergency Management Arrangements, which were then endorsed by Council.





Goal 2 - Natural & Built Environment

Eco-friendly, attractive and well-maintained towns, surrounded by outstanding natural beauty, landscapes, flora and fauna to be protected and enjoyed.

Strategic Objectives

Public health, safety and amenity standards are upheld.

- Adoption by Council of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements and Recovery Plan.

Land use and building regulations are designed and administered to meet the current and future needs of the community.

- A buy-back offer has been extended to Lot 160 England Crescent as per Council Budget and Council resolution.
- Monthly EHO visits to the Shire to assist the community in environmental health compliance.
- Adoption by Council of a Local Planning Policy on Tree Farms.

The Shire's buildings and leases are administered to an appropriate standard for the benefit of the community according to their need and use.

- Lease Agreement undertaken between the Shire of Perenjori and Perenjori Sports Club.
- Cancellation of a residential lease agreement to protect Council assets.
- Council endorse construction of housing and a 10-year lease for Government Regional Officer Housing.

Local Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal stories, structures and places of interest are acknowledged, preserved and promoted as appropriate.

- Inclusion of an Aboriginal Interpretive site in the Perenjori Townscape Plan.

Waste management services are provided efficiently and sustainably.

- Weekly disposal service with licensed waste provider.
- Regular maintenance at waste disposal sites.
- Fencing at Perenjori tip completed.
- Tyre recycling undertaken at Perenjori Tip.

Roads, footpaths and drainage are appropriately managed according to their need and use.

- Maintenance carried out in line with the sealed roads program.
- Unsealed roads maintained regularly by fleet of graders.
- Line marking undertaken on the Perenjori-Carnamah Rd.
- A request for tender released to market for the Mid West Secondary Grain Freight Route.
- Sealed pavement repair contract awarded to tenderer.

Parks, gardens, street trees and reserves are appropriately managed according to their need and use.

- Advertised for staff to join the Parks & Gardens team.
- Kerbing installed on Fowler Street, along with backfill and mulching.
- Planting throughout townsite to beautify and provide green space.

The provision of cemeteries reflects community needs, heritage values, and a peaceful natural environment.

- Ongoing grounds work undertaken.



Goal 3 - Economic

A diverse economy, with flourishing businesses offering a suite of trades, services and retail offerings.

Strategic Objectives

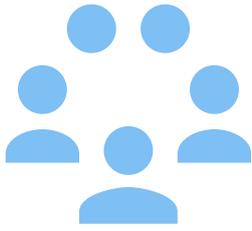
Opportunities are maximised to promote economic growth and local development.

- Provision of housing for Regional Early Education and Development (REED) to accommodate a team leader for the early learning centre.
- Negotiations following a request for tender submission for construction and fit-out of a purpose built supermarket.

Visitors are welcomed and well-catered for.

- Employment of a new Caravan Park Manager.
- Installation of master key system for Accommodation Village.
- Reinstallation of Eco 1 house as Caravan Park accommodation.
- Upgrades to septic system for whole of Caravan Park.
- New hot water systems installed at Caravan Park.





Goal 4 - Governance & Leadership

A strong and diverse Council working closely with the proactive and involved community.

Strategic Objectives

The community is well-informed and engaged.

- Regular social media and website posts of roadworks, events and projects.
- Annual Electors Meeting held in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The Shire listens to and works closely with the community and its decision making is transparent and accountable.

- Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes published on Shire website.
- Public submissions invited for Council consideration for inclusion in Annual Budget.

The Shire advocates and partners effectively on behalf of the community.

- Telstra representative met with Elected Members and staff to advise on future upgrades and fault management.

The Shire works proactively with the Traditional Owners regarding sites and other matters of significance to the Badimia people.

- Badimia representative undertook Welcome to Country at Australia Day celebrations.

People receive a high standard of customer service in their dealings with the Shire.

- Staff training ongoing as per requirements.
- Annual staff performance reviews undertaken.
- Workplace assessments undertaken for outside staff.

The organisation, assets and finances of the Shire are managed responsibly.

- Implementation of MEX software to streamline the Shire's maintenance and asset management practices.
- Capital works program undertaken in accordance with Council Budget.
- Budget Review undertaken in accordance with Section 33A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.
- Archive Room installed with shelving and records transferred from external storage.
- Compliance Audit Return adopted by Council and submitted to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.
- Transition of banking services following Bankwest closure.

Capital Expenditure - 2023/24

2023/24 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM	
Governance	Road Program
Altus Payroll	Warriedar Copper Mine Rd SLK 5.2-7.3 final seal
Altus Bank Red Application	Syson Rd SLK 30.00-33.05
Library Software	Carnamah Perenjori Rd SLK 0.00-5.20
Printer Depot Admin	Warriedar Copper Mine Rd SLK 3.00-5.2 final seal
Archive Room fit-out	Warriedar Copper Mine Rd SLK 6.5-7.30
Master Key System	Taylor Rd SLK 5.6-22.35
Aged Units x 2 – 42 Russell St	Loading St SLK 0.00-0.66 Stage 1
Caravan Park Village key system	Midwest Secondary Grain Freight Network
Fencing of Perenjori Tip	Sealing of Cemetery carpark
Community Hub project	
Dump Point surrounds	Plant Replacement Program
Purchase of industrial land	Toyota Prado CEO vehicle
Caravan Park furniture and equipment	Small/med hybrid Finance Manager
	New Backhoe Loader
Unfinished Projects from 22/23 Budget	Prime Mover Hino Motors C/F PO 8959
Perenjori Hall roof retention expense	Mitsubishi Triton 4 door C/F 9034
Perenjori Oval water project	Mitsubishi Triton GLX MR6W20 C/F PO 9035
Refurbishment of Perenjori oval toilets	Mitsubishi Triton GLX MR6W20 C/F PO 9036
Fowler St landscaping	Mitsubishi Triton GLX MR6W20 C/F PO 9037
Construction of shelter at Cemetery	Isuzu D-Max MT23 4x4
Solar lights at Latham Community Centre	Isuzu D-Max MT23 4x2
Solar lights at Cemetery	New 2WD utility
Solar lights North Rd (townsite)	Multi-tyre roller attachment
Perenjori Evacuation Centre upgrade	New Holland Tractor (Gardeners)
Perenjori Town Water project	Slasher – Latham Golf Club
Static Water Supply (DFES)	

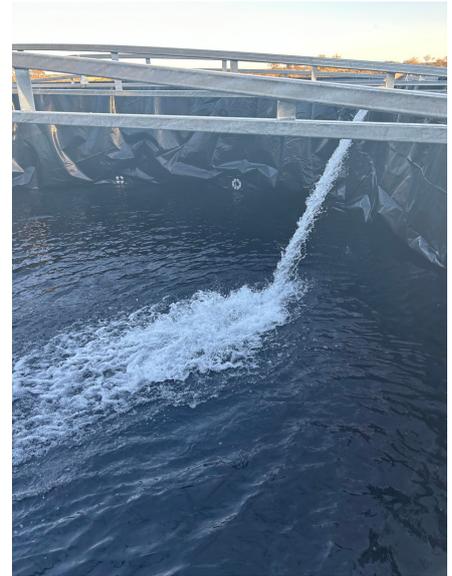
Capital Works Highlights - 3rd Quarter

COMPLETED

Caron Dam

Funded through the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, installation of a water tank and solar pump at Caron Dam will provide safe access to water for fire fighting trucks and roadworks crew. The dam has limited accessibility and, dependent on the level of the water, can also create safety issues which has led to the installation of the tank.

This project enhances the recent repairs to the Caron Dam roof which provides a safer and water-saving resource.



COMPLETED

Aged Units

Funded through the State Government's Social Housing and Economic Recovery Program (SHERP), this \$812,933 project will deliver additional housing options to local senior community members to enable them to remain living in the community for longer. Construction including landscaping and fencing was completed in March. Council will consider tenant applications at the May 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.



IN PROGRESS

Council Housing

Allocation of \$1,200,000 was made in the 2023/24 Annual Budget for two 3 x 2 houses, which includes funding of \$200,000 received through the DFES Cyclone Serorja Community Resilience Fund. The modular houses were delivered in December and are located at 5 Hirshauer Rd and 25 Timmings St within the Perenjori townsite. Shire staff are project managing finishing construction including fencing, plumbing, concrete surfaces and landscaping.



IN PROGRESS

Archive Room

In accordance with the 2023/24 Annual Budget, internal fit-out of the Archive Room has commenced with construction of shelving and transfer of archive boxes from external storage. Installation of Compactus units and additional shelving will complete the construction program.

