

# COUNCIL PLAN

## QUARTERLY REPORT

**APRIL - JUNE 2025**



# Perenjori

Embrace Opportunity



# Our Highlights this Quarter

## Office of Auditor General

The Shire's financial reporting practices were rated in the top 20 achievers for the second year in a row. The rating is based on timeliness and quality of financial reporting, quality of support, availability of staff during the audit, management resolution of accounting matters, and no audit report modifications. This is a great result which reflects the efficiencies of the finance team.

## EASTER FUN DAY

In partnership with the Perenjori Community Resource Centre, the Shire's Community Development Officer donned a rabbit suit and visited the Seniors' Morning Tea, Perenjori Primary School, and finished with an Easter Egg Hunt at the Perenjori Pavilion.



## LIFE PROGRAM

The Seniors' health and wellness program was finalised with a celebratory Wellness Expo. The program introduced exercise and health eating programs to senior community members.



## ANZAC DAY

The annual ANZAC Day ceremony and breakfast was well attended and included the story of local veteran, Private George Fowler.

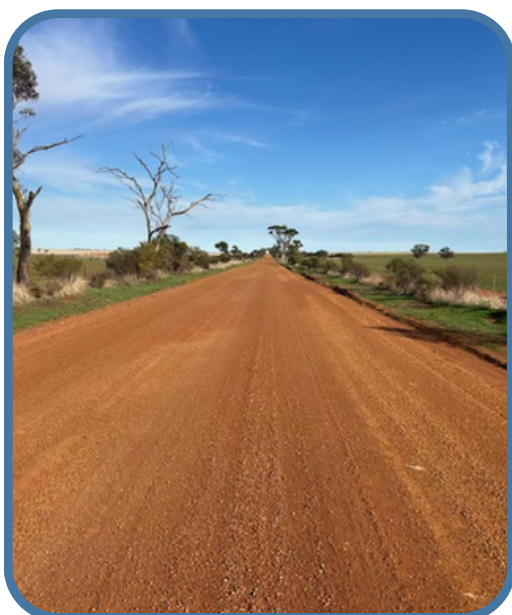




## Performance against the 2023-2033 Council Plan

### STRATEGIC DIRECTION for the Shire of Perenjori

*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.**

- Free use of Gym for community members.
- Access to the Perenjori Aquatic Centre is free for all users.
- The Aquatic Centre hosted the Perenjori Primary School Swimming Faction Carnival.
- Ongoing maintenance of sports oval and hockey field for upcoming winter sports season.
- Successful funding application for upgrades to the Perenjori Pavilion.
- Coordination of Fervor event.

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

- Employee support for St John Ambulance volunteer response.
- Upgrade to equipment in Perenjori Bushfire Brigade Shed.
- Council endorsed financial support as a Gold Member for the 2025 Agricultural Show.

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

- Disability access audit scheduled.
- Disability Access & Inclusion Plan report submitted to Council for endorsement.

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

- Two furnished houses provided for REED staff members.
- Sourced funding for attraction and retainment of regional childcare workers through the Department of Communities.

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

- Perenjori Primary School student leaders invited to attend a Council Meeting.
- Shire support for school holiday event held by Blue Light.
- Coordinated an Easter Bunny visit to the Perenjori Primary School and an Easter egg hunt for local young people at the Perenjori Pavilion.
- Sponsored a young community member with resources required for leadership program.

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

- Visiting Physiotherapist located in Council building.
- Ongoing assistance to Perenjori Medical Centre including annual subscription to Medical Director software.



# Goal 1...continued

## Strategic Objectives

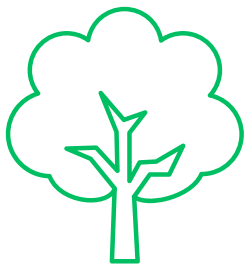
### **Seniors are valued and supported to age in place.**

- Ongoing support for weekly seniors' morning tea at the Lodge.
- Ongoing advocacy for Home and Community Care services.
- Funding sourced to provide a 6-month social and strength-building program for seniors.
- Personal Trainer conducted fitness activities at the Seniors' morning tea and an introduction to strength building at the Perenjori Gym.
- Physiotherapist provided sessions on aging and exercise.
- Seniors' outing to Dongara.
- Easter Bunny visit to Seniors' morning tea.
- Wellness Expo to celebrate end of seniors' fitness and health program.

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

- Local Emergency Management Committee meetings held quarterly.
- Ongoing Volunteer Bushfire Brigade inductions undertaken to comply with new WHS Act.
- Updates to burning season periods are provided to the public.
- Support and participation in emergency services drill.





## 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.**

- Provision of housing for two Police officers.

#### **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.

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

- Annual housing inspections undertaken by external provider.
- Building maintenance schedule is ongoing.
- Draft Lease Agreement prepared for the Latham Golf & Bowling Club.
- Quotes obtained for relining of Aquatic Centre pool bowl.

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

- Meeting held with indigenous representatives and Aboriginal Corporation to determine support for indigenous tourism proposal.
- Townscape planning underway for Indigenous Interpretive site.
- Renovation of Museum ceilings including Shire assistance in relocating contents of the building prior to work commencing.

#### **Waste management services are provided efficiently and sustainably.**

- Weekly disposal service with licensed waste provider.
- Regular maintenance at waste disposal sites.
- Budget allocation included in 24/25 Budget for upgrades to the Latham Tip.
- New cell in use 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.
- 2024-25 sealed pavement repair works completed in accordance with Budget.
- Completion of Mid West Secondary Grain Freight Network program.

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

- Ongoing weed spraying program throughout townsites.

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

- Budget provision made for installation of Niche Wall at the Latham Cemetery, and design/planning underway.



## Goal 3 - Economic

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

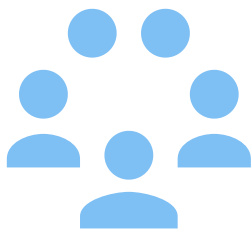
### Strategic Objectives

#### **Opportunities are maximised to promote economic growth and local development.**

- Construction of a new supermarket is completed, pending power installation.
- Partnered with LG Professionals in a local government career campaign initiative.
- Extension to road use agreement for mining corporation.
- Lease agreement entered into with local mechanic using an industrial incubator.

#### **Visitors are welcomed and well-catered for.**

- Promotion of Astrotourism through public events and social media updates.
- Upgrades to Caravan Park Chalets including new flooring, internal painting, and upgrades to showers.



## 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.
- Flyers installed on notice boards throughout town advising of Council happenings, events, projects and general information.
- The Bush Telegraph utilised as an online/hardcopy tool to inform the community.
- Members of the public are able to ask questions on any matter affecting the Shire in time set aside for this purpose at meetings of the Council.

#### **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.

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

- Consultation with Cooperative Bulk Handling in regards to upgrades to the Perenjori North Receiving Point.
- Relationship building with mining corporations.

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

- Ongoing consultation and cooperative facilitation of Aboriginal Interpretive site with local Badimia elders.

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

- Staff training schedule implemented to provide best practice delivery to the community.
- Job Descriptions updated as required.
- Annual Performance Reviews undertaken.

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

- Capital works program undertaken in accordance with Council Budget.
- Budget Review conducted in February 2025.
- Compliance Audit Return adopted by Council and submitted to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture Industries.



# Capital Expenditure - 2024/25

Job	Description	Budget	Status
FE02	Altus Payroll	\$70,000	Research into alternative programs
BC27	Master Key System - Depot	\$5,000	C/F 23/24 Completed - \$4,375.84 (\$624.16▼)
FE04	Library Software	\$10,600	Completed - \$13,800 (\$3,200▲)
FE09	Server - In-house	\$50,000	Completed - \$20,873 (\$29,127▼)
FE08	Admin Printer	\$9,499	Completed - \$9,499
HC28	New housing landscaping	\$36,000	Completed - \$57,626.98 (\$21,626.98▲)
IO09	Latham Bowls Green	\$184,428	In progress
IO02	Community Hub	\$4,107,604	Construction complete
LA01	Purchase of industrial land	\$20,000	Lawyers proceeding
BC19	Chalets 3 & 4 reno	\$30,000	Completed - \$21,597 (\$8,403▼)
IO08	Latham Refuse Site	\$50,000	Pending
IO12	Radio Broadcasting	\$60,000	Waiting on contractor
HC33	Demolition of gifted property	\$40,000	Pending
IO11	Latham Cemetery Niche Wall	\$10,000	Pending - estimates of costs received (\$20,000)
HC32	GROH housing x 2	\$1,200,000	Only one house required - \$600k
IO10	Pump Track	\$150,000	Pending external funding

Capital Expenditure - 2024/25 Cont.

Road Program

Job	Description	Budget	Status
RRG141A	Warriedar Copper-Mine Rd SLK 6.5-7.3	\$446,500	Completed
RRG049A	Syson Rd SLK 6.00-9.00	\$228,798	Completed
RRG165	Carnamah Perenjori Rd SLK 21.39-23.42	\$219,817	Completed
R2R094	Oversby Rd	\$207,146	Completed
R2R014	Grant Rd	\$152,789	Progressing
R2R009	Hill Rd	\$261,255	Completed
R2R123	Crossing St reseal	\$417,220	Completed
RC196	Iona Rd reseal	\$18,810	Completed
RC005	Lochada Rd	\$148,860	Completed
RC001	Bowgada Rd	\$62,373	Completed
12008	MSGFN - Boundary Rd	\$2,433,491	Completed
12008	MSGFN - Hill Rd	\$168,233	Completed

# Capital Expenditure - 2024/25 Cont.

## Plant Replacement Program

Job	Description	Budget	Status
04259	Small SUV	\$40,000	Completed
CP36	Utility - Works Crew	\$65,000	Completed - \$61,504.55 \$3,495.45 ▼
CP37	Manager of Infrastructure Utility	\$65,000	Completed - \$46,025.45 \$18,974.55 ▼
CP39	New truck	\$366,000	Completed - \$36,090.91 \$5090.91 ▼
CP40	Tri-axle water tank	\$150,000	Completed
CP41	Multi-tyre roller attachment	\$70,000	Completed
CP42	Multi-tyre roller attachment	\$70,000	Cancelled
CP38	Bobcat trailer	\$20,000	Cancelled
CP34	EV Charging station	\$6,600	PO issued for installation



# Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights

## COMPLETE

### Capital and Maintenance Roadworks Program

Capital roadworks completed:

- Syson Rd resheeting

### Road Maintenance

- Culvert installed on Hill Rd
- Roadside vegetation cleared on Hill Rd, Grant Rd and Bowgada Rd



## IN PROGRESS

### Supermarket Construction

Building construction has been completed on the supermarket project. Power installation to be finalised in June.

