

Shire of Lake Grace Community News

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CEO's Corner



Newdegate Independent Living Units

Due to an inability of Eclat Building to deliver on contractual obligations at the Newdegate Independent Living Units, it has been necessary for the Shire to issue a notice of intent to reclaim the building site. The Shire will also on 23 November 2015 issue a notice of termination of contract to enable the Shire to take control and make arrangements to complete works on the Units. The Shire's building team will undertake the required works with assistance of contractors.

Farewell to Devon

Recently we farewelled Devon Stubberfield as a member of staff after over 20 years of service to the Shire. We wish Devon all the best in her future endeavours and thank her for her efforts over the period of her employment.

Medical Practice

Welcome to our locum doctor, Dr Peter Coxhead and his wife Grace who have recently relocated to Lake Grace to provide interim medical services to the communities of Lake Grace and Newdegate. Peter will be with us for a month, ending 9 December 2015. The Shire has engaged First Health to manage the Practice and provide the required locums until it secures the services of a permanent doctor.

Remembrance Day Service

Councillors Walker, Stanton and Chappell attended the Remembrance Day service in Lake Grace last week. Well done to those involved from Lake Grace District High School and the Artist group for providing what has been reported as a very well-run service.

Local Government Extraordinary Election

Nominations for one representative for the Rural Ward for the Extraordinary Local Government Election closed at 4:00pm on Monday 16 November 2015.

As no nominations were received Council will now

appoint someone to fill the vacancy as per section 4.57 of the Local Government Act.

Harvest Road Damage

It is that time of the year again when our roads will be subject to high volumes of trucks carting grain. It is good to see another promising harvest. However, should you see evidence of road damage, severe corrugations, potholes etc, please contact the Shire office and report the location and type of damage.

Neville Hale

Chief Executive Officer

To Devon,

Thank you for your many years of dedicated service as a staff member for the Shire.

Shire Councillors and staff wish you the best for your retirement.



Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Nominations

Nominations closing SOON

Friday 27 November 2015.

Application forms are available by contacting the Shire of Lake Grace on 9890 2500 or shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au



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Office Opening Hours

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday
8.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday 8.30am- 4.00pm

Licensing Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30am - 4.15pm
Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Tip Opening Hours

Lake Grace

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 2pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

Newdegate

Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm

Lake King & Varley

Open Every Day



Waste & Recycling Pick up Dates

Household Waste Collection is weekly and collected each Monday for Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

Recycling is fortnightly and alternates between Lake Grace & Newdegate. See below for the upcoming recycling collection dates.

Lake Grace	Newdegate
30 November	23 November
14 December	7 December

Please

There is no kerbside recycling in Lake King or Varley.

Note:

collection service

For more information on Waste Management visit the Shire's website.



Check out our website
www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Driving Assessor

The Practical Driving Assessor will be at the Shire of Lake Grace Office on:

Friday - 4 December 2015

Friday - January to be confirmed

Please contact the Shire's Customer Service Officer for an appointment.

You can now book your PDA online. For more information visit www.transport.wa.gov.au

Building Surveyor

Shire Building Surveyor, Josiah Farrell will be available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

Tuesday 1 December 2015

Tuesday 15 December 2015

To make an appointment please contact Josiah on ☎0438 811 944.

Dog Micro Chipping Deadline

From **1 November 2015** it is compulsory for dogs to be microchipped.

For more information visit the Department of Local Government and Communities' website at www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/cats and www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/dogs



Extraordinary Postal Election

An Extraordinary Postal Election will be held on:

23 December 2015

for the Rural electorate in the Shire of Lake Grace

Harvest Ban Hotline

STRICTLY NO CAMPFIRE

The Harvest Ban Hotline is 9487 1791.

This hotline is updated whenever a harvest ban has been put in place.

Please contact the Shire Office on 9890 2500 if you wish to be notified of harvest bans using SMS.



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Jerry Cans During Bushfires

DFES has received numerous reports of petrol erupting from jerry cans when firefighters have opened them.

Three of these events resulted in the ignition of the released fuel, with one occurrence causing significant burns to a firefighter's hands and another resulting in a light tanker being destroyed by fire. Two other events resulted in fuel spraying into firefighter's eyes.

Due to the recurrence and potential severity of the outcomes, a procedure has been developed for refuelling static motors, such as the pump motors on fire tankers or generators, at incidents involving fire.

Refueling Static Motors at incidents operational personnel are directed to remove Jerry Cans from ALL Career and Volunteer Light Tankers on arrival at an Incident and place the Jerry Can at either;

- A control point;
- With your additional appliance responding to the incident (other than a Light Tanker); or
- In a shaded area that will not be impacted by fire;

Static motors are not to be refilled under any circumstances from a Jerry Can that has come off the rear of a light tanker once the petrol powered pumpset/ static motor has been running for any period of time.

If the Jerry Can has been left on the appliance during operations, the Jerry Can must be allowed to cool for a minimum of 4 hours prior to opening.

It may be necessary to attend a garage to refuel the petrol powered pumpset should the 4 hour cooling period not have expired. Oncoming crews must be advised of the number of hours before the crew can use the Jerry Can from the appliance.

Whilst operating at an incident you are directed to return to either the control point, your appliance, or another fuel location to refuel the petrol powered pump set.

Incident Management teams are to ensure that Jerry Cans are removed at the control point and this Information disseminated to crews during briefings.

This is an interim measure to ensure the safety of crews. Other short term engineering controls are currently being considered for trial and an operational circular will be released in the near future to provide an update on these.

Swooping Magpies & Slithering Snakes

Magpies are widespread, conspicuous birds commonly seen around. Their breeding season is generally between August and December, lasting up to six to eight weeks and they are protective of their nest within a 100m radius. During this time the magpies may swoop what appears to them as intruders.

The following steps can be taken to avoid or reduce the impact of swooping magpies:

- Wearing of a wide rim hat and eye protection
- Don't look up
- Take an alternative route to your destination
- Wear a helmet if riding a bike or be taken via a car during the season
- **Never deliberately provoke or harass a magpie as they become more defensive and have long memories.**

Now that the warm weather is upon us this brings the snakes and other reptiles out and about, foraging for food. Generally the snakes are just as scared of us as we are of them. Snakes are very mobile at the moment and generally will not stay in one location for too long.

The following steps can be taken to avoid and reduce the impact of snakes around where we live and work:

- Ensuring that your bird and chicken enclosures are regularly cleaned
- Controlling of any mice or rat problems
- Be aware and take care in bush land and grassy areas
- Walk and /or cycle on cleared areas only
- When out bushwalking, wear long trousers and boots or other enclosed footwear that preferably covers the ankles to reduce the risk of being bitten
- Keep a watchful eye on the ground about a metre ahead of where you are walking and avoid entering areas of long grass, rushes and undergrowth
- Spring clean time around the house, property and or work place by keeping your yard clean of long grass (lawns mowed low) and items that provide cover such as stacks of timber, rocks, corrugated iron, compost heaps or discarded household items
- Dog owners are urged to take extra care when walking their beloved pets, as dogs rarely survive a venomous snake bite unless veterinary treatment is given as soon as possible, which is a long way
- Ensure that there is little opportunity for snakes to enter your home by keeping doors shut, fitting weather seals to doors and blocking any gaps or cracks

Harvest Road Safety

Harvest brings more grain trucks on our gravel roads, take care, be aware of other roads uses and road signs. Don't drive in the dust from the vehicle in front, slow down, there is no way of knowing what else is in that cloud.

All road users be aware of shire maintenance vehicles on roads in your area throughout harvest.

- Dust impairs vision increasing the risks of accidents.
- Abide by road signs and do not speed.
- Vehicles seen driving without caution will be reported.

Always be aware of what is behind you and ensure that any traffic will not collide with you if you slow down in a dust cloud.

Be cautious, considerate and aware at all times.



Rubbish Disposal Costs

As a consequence of the amended Licence conditions applied to the Shire's waste facilities it has been necessary to man the Lake Grace and Newdegate sites. The cost for disposal of some items are:

Used Oil per litre	.15c
Build/Commercial building waste per tonne	\$40.00
Bulk/ commercial building waste per trailer	\$30.00
Contaminated Soil (up to Class 2 threshold only) per tonne	\$100.00

NOTE: Please use the tips in tip hours, dumping of rubbish outside of tips incurs a cost to all rate payers and a potential fine.

Hire of Shire Facilities

Please be aware when you hire any Shire facility the facility needs to be left clean. Listed below are the requirements that need to be done before you leave:

- Clean all kitchen areas used - Wipe over all surfaces, with surface sprays.
- Clean microwaves, stoves, fridges, inside and out
- Empty all rubbish bins and placed in Sulo bins outside.
- Empty fridge and clean
- Wipe ovens and pie warmer
- Wash all kitchen utensils and dishes and put away
- Sweep & mop or vacuum all floors (kitchen & function rooms).

Due to summer flies/blowies are in abundance vacuum/sweep them up.

- All toilets flushed and rubbish placed in sulo bins **outside**.
- Tables and chairs **cleaned** and restacked in their designated places.
- Remove all decorations, including sticky tape from windows/walls.
- Remove all rubbish to the outside bins.

Please note: This needs to be checked whether you hire for an hour or a day.



Newdegate Swimming Pool

Opening Thursday 19th November

Pool Inductions will be run Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November 10am –12pm.

Contact the school to book a day. Please bring with you a copy of your current First Aid Certificate if you have recently renewed. Payments are to be made to the Shire of Lake Grace.

Lake Grace Swimming Pool

Important Notice

Due to a plant room malfunction the pool will not be open and we are tending to this as quickly as possible.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and will keep you informed as to the new opening date.

Keep an eye on the Lake Grace Pool and Shire Facebook pages for regular updates.

To register for Newdegate & Lake Grace Pool SMS messages please contact the Shire of Lake Grace on (08) 9890 2500.