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CEO's Corner

Flooding Event – February 2017

The Shire received notification from Main Roads WA (MRWA), that our Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements cost estimate of \$10,607,882 for AGRN 743 has been approved. This is based on the use of contractors for the re-instatement works for the local roads.

We are now in the process of engaging a Project Manager with the tenders closing on Thursday 13 July 2017. This position was sourced from the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) preferred supplier panel. The tenders will now be assessed and presented to Council to determine the successful Project Manager. Once appointed, the Project Manager will call the required tenders on behalf of the Shire for supervision services, plant, equipment and materials as required.

These tendering processes are required to ensure we are compliant with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995. It is estimated that the timeframe to undertake these processes will be a minimum of six weeks.

For current road closures please refer to the Shire's website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au or Facebook page for a list of roads that are closed within the Shire.

AGRN 743 Category C Recovery Grants

Primary producers that have suffered direct damage as a result of the flooding in the Shire's of Lake Grace and Ravensthorpe, are eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000. This grant is to cover costs incurred for the clean-up and immediate restoration as a result of the damage. The grants will not cover loss of income.

The above assistance is managed by the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) and all claims for Category C Recovery Grants must be lodged with DAFWA before 4 December 2017. Claims which are incomplete or are lodged after this date will not be accepted.

Further information including the online application process is available at <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/emergency-response/wa-natural-disaster-relief-and-recovery-arrangements> or by calling 1800 198 231.

CEO Support Program

The CEO Support Program is a joint initiative of Local Government Professionals Australia WA (LGPA) and the Department of Local Government (DLG) to provide

mentoring and general support to anyone appointed to the position of CEO in a local government for the first time. The program may extend over a period of 6 months from the time of appointment of a new CEO, and aims to provide participants with the opportunity to discuss a wide range of governance and management matters with the LGPA mentor and DLG officer.

I was fortunate enough to be invited to participate in the program last week. The program was held in Lake Grace and attended by Stuart Fraser, Principal Advisory Officer DLG and mentor Kenn Donohoe, CEO Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, with President De Landgraft attending for the first session.

The program covered a vast array of discussion topics including;

- Role of the CEO;
- Governance;
- Strategic and Long Term Planning;
- Legislative Framework;
- Town Planning;
- Working Relationships and Local Politics;
- Risk Management;
- Resource Management;
- Managing the Business of the local government;
- Family impacts and considerations; and,
- Media interaction.

It was an invaluable experience, and I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to participate in the program.

2017 Local Government Elections

2017 is an election year for local government throughout Western Australia. Election Day is Saturday 21 October. While October may seem a long time away, key decisions need to be made by local government in August and the electoral rolls close on Friday 1 September. The Shire will be using the WA Electoral Commission to conduct a postal ballot.

All residents in a local government district who are enrolled on the State Electoral Roll are automatically enrolled on the corresponding local government roll. People, who own or occupy property within the shire, can apply to be included on the roll as an owner/occupier, as long as they are eligible electors. A body corporate may apply to have up to two eligible electors to be included on the owner/occupier roll.

CEO's Corner continued

In the coming Local Government Election the shire will have five (5) vacancies. The current term for Councillors Armstrong, Chappell, De Landgraft, Stanton and Walker expires this year. As the Shire has now gone away from wards and is now a single district for election purposes, it means the five (5) candidates with the highest number of votes are duly elected. If there were only five (5) nominations all nominees would be elected unopposed.

For any community members interested in standing for Council, we will conduct some candidate briefing sessions prior to close of nominations.

Building and Maintenance Team

This fortnight the Shire's Building and Maintenance Team reports that works are continuing on the Lake Grace Independent Living units as follows:

- Fencing is 90% complete;
- Tiling is completed for all units;
- Skirtings, architraves and door frames are 80% complete;
- Paving is complete on Unit 1 and has commenced on Unit 2; and,
- Internal doors and door fixture works will commence shortly.

The Building Maintenance Team has carried out works for:

- 14 Blackbutt Way, Lake Grace;
- 5 Banksia Place, Lake Grace;
- Lake Grace Medical Centre; and,
- Lake Grace Airstrip.

Wayne Trawinski, the Building Supervisor, attended a meeting with the Lake Grace Recreation Committee in regards to the refurbishment of the Lake Grace Pavilion.

Road Works

During the past fortnight, Doug Whiting, the Shire's Infrastructure Supervisor, advised that the Construction Crew have been located on Hatters Hill Road and have commenced installing the required culverts.

The Maintenance Grader has been working on West Kuender Road, White Dam Road and is currently working on Jarring South Road.

The Newdegate grading contractor has been working along Dragon Rocks Road for the entire length and will then move on to Granville Road. The second grader has commenced on Breed Road and Magenta Road. On the weekend of 15-16 July, the contractor removed the tree in front of the Newdegate Post Office and trimmed the Bottle Brush tree.

The Lake King grading contractor has been working on Norseman Road, Stennetts Lake Road, Hogan Road and Ace Road. The contractor will be continuing on Norseman Road for the next week.

Road Maintenance Team

The Road Maintenance Team has been inspecting drains in the Newdegate townsite area and has commenced road patching on North Lake Grace Karlgarin Road.

Parks and Gardens

This week the Town Maintenance Crew has been spraying laneways in the Lake Grace townsite. The team has attended the Lake Grace airstrip and has carried out slashing around the lights, buildings and carried out routine inspections to lights etc. Works have also been carried out at the playgrounds on Gumtree Drive and McMahon Street. Spraying of weeds has been carried out at the Lake Grace saleyards.

Last Friday the crew went out to Lake King to carry out works at the cemetery, public toilets and the playground area.

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

National Firearm Amnesty

The aim of the National Firearms Amnesty 2017 is to reduce the number of unregistered firearms in Australia and to improve public safety. The amnesty runs from 1 July to 30 September 2017, and covers all states and territories.

During the three-month amnesty, anyone can hand in unregistered firearms or firearm-related items for registration or surrender at an approved drop-off point without penalty and without fear of prosecution. There is no limit to the number of items you can hand in.

Amnesty participants do not need to provide personal details if they surrender a firearm or firearm-related article for destruction – there is a no questions asked policy. There is also no cost involved with handing in firearms or related items for destruction.

Owning and using unregistered firearms carries risks for you and your family. If you are found in possession of an unregistered firearm outside the amnesty, you may face a criminal conviction, fines and even imprisonment.

This amnesty is as much about giving family's a chance to get rid of an old heirloom as it is about getting guns off our streets.

For further information please visit the Australian Government website at www.firearmsamnesty.ag.gov.au

Bulk Oil Disposal – Rural Locations

The Shire of Lake Grace has the capacity at our licence waste facilities, to collect small scale domestic oil from residents. Users are able to pour a container weighing no more than 10 kilograms into the containment unit, in accordance with the Shire's Fees and Charges schedule.

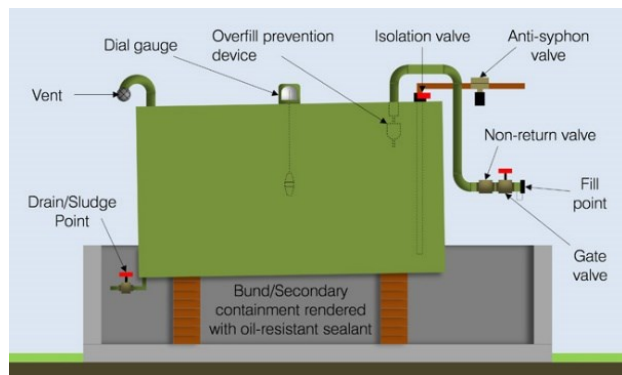
Conditions set in the Licence of the Waste Facility, require any oil container, to have the capacity to hold that oil in spill containment should that container leak or rupture. This is why the Shire can only take oil that users pour into the containment.

If the Shire was to accept any other oil in containers, we need to have an equal amount of containment to hold the volume of any containers. Any spillage is an environmental breach, which is a significant cost to clean up, and may result in fines to the Shire of up to \$50,000 and \$5,000 per day of any non-compliance. This would impact on our ability to deliver projects to our ratepayers.



The problem that the Shire has been facing, is the inappropriate delivery of oil in large containers to our waste sites. This then requires the Shire to dispose oil which is a cost to our ratepayers.

Part of the problem would appear to be that rural landholders do not believe that they have the capacity to dispose of waste oil, other than through the Shire waste facilities.



The Shire has been in contact with Wren Oil, who have indicated that they will come out to properties and pick up the waste oil.

If you have a large amount of waste oil, please contact Wren Oil by email quotes@wrenoil.com.au or by phone 08 9725 4002. Your yard will need to be accessible for a b-double vehicle, with drums and/or IBC's located in one section of your yard. A mud map would be appreciated.

Wren Oil will require:

- Credit card details
- Site address
- Contact number
- Number of drums or containers to be pumped out.

(A 205 litre drum is the smallest that their spears will fit into.)

Half Price July

Dog registration renewals are forwarded to registered dog owners in October each year.

Dog registrations expire on 31 October for 1 year and 3 year registrations regardless of the month your dog is registered.

Register your dog from 1 June to 31 October and the fee payable will be **half price** as the registration will expire on 31 October of that same year.



Walking your Dog

A reminder that dog owners have a legal responsibility to keep their dogs under control, either within a fenced area on their property or on a leash when in public.

When walking your dog pick up your dog waste:

- Keep your bags/pouches/pooper scooper products with your leash, as a reminder to take them with you.
- If you forget your bag look for bag dispensers and bins provided.
- If using the plastic bag method for cleaning up, simply put your hand inside the bag, pick up the dog poo, turn the bag inside out, then seal.

People like dogs not dog waste, please be considerate of others.



Office Opening Hours

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

Thursday 8.30am- 4.00pm
Staff can be contacted by phone between 8am - 5pm.

Transport & Licensing

All licensing payments are to be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration building.

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

As an agency we process the majority of transactions, including; renewals, transfers, number plate orders, boat registration renewals and new license applications.

Please ensure you arrive at the counter with sufficient time for your transaction to be completed by closing time, this is because it is necessary for staff to reconcile Department of Transport transactions each day. Please keep in mind that farm equipment and Learners Permit transactions can take up to 45 minutes or more.

Driving Assessor

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

Friday - 4 August 2017

Friday - 1 September 2017 - to be confirmed

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments and we advise that there is a waiting list, so booking in advance is highly recommended.

Lake Grace has one assessment day each month held on the first Friday of the month.

For more information visit www.transport.wa.gov.au.

Firearm Licence

All firearm licensing including the payment of licence renewals is now done at the Lake Grace Post Office.

Building Surveyor

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

Tuesday 25 July 2017

Tuesday 8 August 2017

For an appointment contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

Environmental Health Officer

Julian Goldacre the Shire's Environmental Health Officer, is available. Please contact the Shire on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au for an appointment.

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 a weekly service and collected each Monday for Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

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

Lake Grace	Newdegate
24 July	31 July
7 August	14 August

Please Note: There is no kerbside recycling collection service in Lake King or Varley.

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

Library Hours

Lake Grace Public Library School Place Absolon St

Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm
Closed for lunch 12.00 - 12.30pm

Newdegate Public Library Collier St

Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm
Closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm
Friday 9am - 2pm

Lake King Library Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Rd

Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

Everyone welcome.



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