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## CEO's Corner



### Flooding Event – February 2017

WML Consulting Pty Ltd has now been appointed as the successful Project Manager, and in conjunction with the Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) they have prepared the necessary documentation of tenders for supervision services, plant and labour. Two tenders were advertised on Saturday 12 August in "The West Australian". The tenders close Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 3.00pm WST. The tenders are being conducted within an electronic environment utilising WALGA's E-Tendering Portal Tenderlink.

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

### Road Funding – Direct Grants Cut by 42%

Since receiving the good news that Local Government was successful in having our vehicle licensing concessions reinstated, we have now been informed that the Government has reduced our road funding.

The Government has now made the decision to reduce the Direct Grants pool of the State Road Funds to Local Government Program by the values of \$10.3 million in 2017/2018 and \$9.8 million in subsequent years. This will result in a near 42% reduction to each Local Government's previous 2017/2018 Direct Grant indicative allocation.

This has a direct impact of reducing our road funding from \$296,514 to \$170,765 a direct loss of \$125,749. This equates to 4.45% in rate revenue as opposed to the average \$73,000 or 2.5% loss in relation to the vehicle licensing concessions.

### Local Government Week – 2017 Convention

Councillors De Landgraft, Hunt together with myself attended the 2017 Local Government Convention in Perth on 2 - 4 August 2017. The Local Government Convention brings together local governments from all over WA and is an important event on the Local Government calendar.

During the Convention the Local Government Honours

Recipients 2017 were announced and awarded. Notable mentions from our neighbouring Shires were;

- Cr Gordon Davidson, Shire of Dumbleyung – Eminent Service Award  
This recognises personal commitment, eminent service and contribution to the Association as a President, Executive Member or Serving Officer, of the Association or Member Council.
- Cr James Sullivan, Shire of Kulin – Long and Loyal Service Award  
This recognises long and loyal service of a high degree to Local Government or the WA Local Government Association.
- Mr Greg Hadlow, Shire of Kulin – Local Government Distinguished Officer Award  
This recognises outstanding contributions made by serving officers of member Local Governments to the Association, the sector or other agencies and local communities.

### 4WDL Meeting

The Deputy Shire President and myself attended the 4WDL meeting held on Tuesday 8 August in Woodanilling.

The 4WDL is a group of Councils who have joined together to form a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (i.e. VROC) and consists of the Shires of Wagin, Williams, West Arthur, Woodanilling, Dumbleyung and Lake Grace. Shire Presidents and CEOs attend the meetings every two months.

Topics discussed on the day included:

- Aged Housing Project
- Appointment of 4WDL Chairman for a two year period
- Sharing arrangements for Environmental Health Officers / Building Surveyors
- Group Purchasing
- Review of the Local Government Act

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## Development Applications (Planning/Building Approvals)

A friendly reminder, if you are undertaking any development on your property (i.e. building something new or using your land for another purpose) please contact the Shire on 08 9890 2500 to ensure all the relevant approvals and permits are in place.

## Staffing

Mr Paul Webb officially left the employ of the Shire on Friday 11 August. Interviews are being conducted this week to recruit a suitable Manager Infrastructure Services. We are currently negotiating the services of a relief manager until the role can be filled on a more permanent basis.

## Building and Maintenance Team

This fortnight, Wayne Trawinski, the Shire's Building & Maintenance Supervisor reports that works continue on Independent Living units:

- Internal fittings of skirtings, internal door hardware is nearing completion for Unit 2;
- Mirrors have been installed by Contractor;
- Painting still occurring internally;
- Paving is nearing completion; and,
- Electrical fitouts nearing completion.

Building maintenance has been carried out when required, however, the Building & Maintenance team have been assisting with the works at the Independent Living units.

## Road Works

Our Construction Team has completed works on Hollands Track Road and has moved onto Beynon Road for formation works and gravel carting on 4.5 to 7.5 straight line kilometres.

The Maintenance Grader has been working on White Dam Road, O'Neill Road, Hilton Road and Willcocks Road.

The Newdegate grading contractor has been working along Baker Road, Kane Road, Grant Road, Creek Road, Tuck Road, Orr Road, Newman Road and

Mission Road and will then move onto Biddy Camm Road.

The Lake King grading contractor has been working on Holt Rock South Road, the western end of Biddy Camm Road, Hewson Road, Drust Road and Fox Road.

## Road Maintenance

The Road Maintenance Team have been carrying out road patching on Mallee Hill Road and Fourteen Mile Road and have installed white posts along Tarco Road and Old Newdegate Road.

## Parks and Gardens

The town maintenance crew have been to Varley to carry out works in the townsite and cemetery. The team have been to Lake King to carry out works at the cemetery, public toilet area and playground behind the tavern and have been to Pingaring for works around the old tennis courts.

*Denise Gobbart*

**Chief Executive Officer**

## Newdegate Field Days

It is with pleasure that the Shire of Lake Grace looks forward to the 45<sup>th</sup> Newdegate Machinery Field Days to be held on 7 and 8 September 2017.

The site will be located in the Main Pavilion at Number 35, and the intention is to create a space where people can come and meet Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer and staff members in comfort.

As the Shire's new Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027 is very much focussed on tourism, we intend to bring a new viewpoint on this important industry by showcasing some of the beautiful and accessible tourism attractions in this area through the talent of local photographers.

In addition, there will be a competition again for a mini ipad, and some interesting information about the community and its people, as well as up to date information about the Shire and its work.

## Australia Day Nominations

**Nominations for the Community Citizen of the Year Awards for Australia Day 2018 will open 1 September 2017 and close on 31 October 2017.**

The criteria for the awards remains consistent with previous years and allows you to recognise a wider range of your community champions through the four categories:

- **Citizen of the Year**
- **Senior Citizen of the Year (over 65 years of age)**
- **Youth Citizen of the Year (under 25 years of age)**
- **Active Citizenship Award (to recognise a community group or event)**

For further information visit [www.citizenshipawards.com.au](http://www.citizenshipawards.com.au)

## Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

**1:00 pm Tuesday, 22 August 2017**

**at Council Chambers 1 Bishop St Lake Grace**

*Members of the public welcome*

A minimum of 15 minutes is set aside for public question time, giving members of the public an opportunity to ask questions relating to Shire activities.

## 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 - 1 September 2017**

**Friday - 6 October 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](http://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 22 August 2017**

**Tuesday 5 September 2017**

For an appointment contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

## Environmental Health Officer

Shire's Environmental Health Officer, please contact the Shire on 9890 2500 or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto: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
21 August	28 August
4 September	11 September

**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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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION

### CLOSE OF ENROLMENTS

Shire of Lake Grace

**ROLL CLOSE: 5:00 PM Friday, 1 September 2017**



You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government elections on 21 October 2017 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Lake Grace.

#### **Residents**

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5:00 PM Friday, 1 September 2017. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

#### **Enrolment Forms**

Electoral enrolment forms are available from the Shire of Lake Grace, all post offices, all Australian Electoral Commission offices or the Western Australian Electoral Commission and must be completed and reach a Divisional Returning Officer in Western Australia by 5:00 PM Friday, 1 September 2017.

#### **Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers**

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Lake Grace and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote. If you are **not** on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Lake Grace you may be eligible to enrol to vote. This applies if you were on the last electoral roll for the Shire of Lake Grace prior to May 1996 and have owned or occupied rateable property in the district continuously since this time. Please contact your local government for details.

Owners of land who were on the last Local Government roll continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Lake Grace to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of the application to enrol.

#### **Joint Owners and Occupiers**

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

#### **Corporations**

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

#### **Enrolment Forms – Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers Only**

Enrolment forms can be obtained from local governments and must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5:00 PM Friday, 1 September 2017. Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Lake Grace.

**Denise Gobbart**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Shire of Lake Grace  
Telephone: 9890 2500



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
Electoral Commission



## Request for Tender

### **RFT: 01/2017 Supply of Supervision Services for Road Flood Damage Repairs**

The Shire of Lake Grace is seeking Tenders from suitably experienced and qualified Tenderers for the supply of Site supervision services to oversee the activities of Roadworks contractors undertaking road flood damage repairs on various roads within the Shire of Lake Grace WA.

### **RFT: 02/2017 Supply of Plant and Operators for Road Flood Damage Repairs.**

The Shire of Lake Grace is seeking Tenders from suitably experienced and qualified Tenderers for the Supply of Plant and Operators for Road Flood Damage Repairs.

The Deadline for Tenders to be submitted is Tuesday, 29 August 2017, 3.00pm WST.

Request for Tender documents are available from [www.tenderlink.com/walga/](http://www.tenderlink.com/walga/). Further information in regards to this Request for Tender can be obtained from Amy Green on (08) 9213 2520.

Tenders must be submitted electronically via [www.tenderlink.com/walga/](http://www.tenderlink.com/walga/). Information on portal access is provided within the request document.

Canvassing of Councillors or staff will disqualify Tenderers.

**Denise Gobbart**  
**Chief Executive Officer**