



Acting CEO's Corner

Welcome to 2018

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2018.

Flooding Event – February 2017

The contractors are now back in full swing and have started on the school bus routes and the worst areas within their sections. They will then prioritise the sections that will require a large amount of work and have a large amount of heavy vehicles traveling on them. After this is completed the contractors will then go onto the smaller sections.

As this work is being carried, the Shire would like to remind road users to be courteous and slow down within the areas crews are working, this will allow them to do their job in a safe manner and complete it sooner.

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.

Road Works

The construction crew have now started the drainage works on Magenta Road and Holt Rock Road as their first job of the New Year, with construction works to begin for the sealing of a further 3 kilometres from the existing seal, which is still expected to start in February on Magenta Road. The 4 kilometre section left on Holt Rock Road will be completed with a combination of Shire staff and contractors.

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader operator has now returned to the grading required to be carried out. In this time he has completed various roads not affected by the flooding event, carried out some school bus routes and following up on the flood damaged areas that were not part of the contract.

The Lake King grading contractor has carried out works on Pickernell Road, Kathleen Road, Broombush Flat Road (SLK 0–10), Paulsen Road, Days Road, Ace Road, Finlay Road (SLK 0–6). He will be looking at doing the following roads; far end of Biddy Camm Road from Brookton Highway to Fence Road, Hogan Road and Ladyman Road.

The Newdegate grading contractor, over the past fortnight has worked on Ardlar Road with the following roads being looked at in the coming weeks; north end of Old Ravensthorpe Road, Aylmore Road, Tuck Road, Breed Road and various backslopes and spurs.

Parks and Gardens

The town maintenance crew have carried out mowing of lawns, whipper snipping and weeding to the public and open space areas within the Lake Grace townsite. The crew have been to the cemetery, Apex Park and entry statements to carry out general garden maintenance.

The team has travelled out to Lake King and Varley to carry out general town inspections of reticulation that had failed before Christmas, and to investigate what is required to repair the systems in these locations.

Maintenance at the town oval is being carried out by our new employee George Chircop. After the Christmas break a problem with the reticulation on the main oval and the hockey oval was discovered. It was found there was a problem with the timers. This has now been rectified and the ovals should bounce back in the near future.

The Shire will be doing some renovations to ovals in the coming weeks to get ready for the footy and hockey season, with the main oval getting a de-thatch and the hockey oval getting a level and top dress. These are expected to commence by the end of January to allow the grass to come back in time for the start of the season.

The town maintenance crew have been carrying out various customer requests throughout the towns.

Building and Maintenance Team

This fortnight, works continue on the Lake Grace Sports Pavilion:

- tiling completed;
- partitions completed;
- extra benches and drawers installed;
- installation of vanities to commence;
- plumbing fitout to commence;
- installation of ceiling panels; and,
- painting by volunteers to be completed.

The Building Maintenance Team has carried out maintenance at:

- Lake Grace Swimming Pool;
- Newdegate Swimming Pool;
- Australian Inland Mission Hospital, Lake Grace;
- Varley Sports Pavilion;
- Lake King Public Toilets; and,
- Chief Executive Officer's office.

Acting CEO Corner Cont.

Medical Centre Hours

A doctor will be available on Tuesday afternoon 16 January, Wednesday 17 January (Lake Grace am and Newdegate pm) and on Thursday 18 January, 2018.

The Medical Centre will be back to its normal roster commencing on Monday 22 January with a locum doctor Dr Michael Griffies on duty until our Doctors return on Monday 5 February 2018.

Unlicensed Motorbikes

There have been unlicensed motorbikes driving around the Lake Grace Township most days this month. This activity has been impacting on residents' enjoyment of their own homes. In addition, the motorbikes have been accessing the Lake, leaving unsightly tire marks on the surface of Lake Grace itself. However, the specific area of concern in regard to being a "nuisance" is the Shire's vacant land behind Blackbutt Way. For this reason, this area and access to the Lake, across Shire owned land, will be signed shortly as "All off road vehicles and unauthorised vehicles are prohibited in this area". This will allow policing of the area, and the ability to enforce penalties for unauthorised use.

Shire of Lake Grace Parking

As you would be aware we do not have a local law in relation to parking in the Shire of Lake Grace, and do not feel there is a need to impose time limitations and engage a ranger to enforce them. The Shire relies on residents' courtesy and thoughtfulness when parking in parking bays that support local businesses and are utilised by their customers, not to occupy them for an unreasonable length of time.

Linda Gray

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Landscape Photos

The Shire is looking for photos to promote your area and town.

If you have any photos of events, infrastructure or general landscapes please email, with a description, to shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au. Please include written permission for the Shire to use your photo in any Shire publication.

The photo may be used as Community News Header during the year, promote the area on the Shire website, Facebook page, and publications. Wherever possible you will be acknowledged when your photo is published



Australia Day
Friday 26 January



Lake Grace
Hosted by: Lake Grace Lions Club
When: Friday 26 January 2018
Where: Lake Grace Swimming Pool
Time: 7:30am
Details: Free BBQ breakfast BYO plates, cutlery & mug
 Presentation of Australia Day Citizenship Awards
 Australian Citizenship Affirmation

Newdegate
Hosted by: Gateway Uniting Church
When: Friday 26 January 2018
Where: Pioneer Park
Time: 8:30am
Details: Free BBQ breakfast with live music
 Presentation of Australia Day Citizenship Awards
 Australian Citizenship Affirmation



Lake King
Hosted by: Lake King Progress Association
When: Friday 26 January 2018
Where: Bicentennial Park, behind the Tavern
Time: 12 noon
Details: Free BBQ
 Presentation of Australia Day Citizenship Awards
 Australian Citizenship Affirmation



Caltrop in Townsites

Following the recent rainfall the townsites have experienced an outbreak of caltrop.

What You Can Do

You can assist by spraying and/or removing any caltrop on your property or verge, please do not put into your rubbish bin as this will contaminate our waste facility and the neighbouring farm lands.

Disposing of Caltrop Plants

To dispose of any removed caltrop plants please:

- place them into a marked and sealed plastic bag and keep them until winter when they can be safely burnt
- or
- take them to the Shire Depot, at Absolon Street Lake Grace, where there is a specially marked caltrop wheelie bin facility located just outside the main depot gate.



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 - 2 February 2018 (times available)

Friday - 2 March (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 23 January 2018

Tuesday 6 February 2018

For an appointment contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

Environmental Health Officer

For an appointment with the Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Will Pearce, please contact the Shire on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

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

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
22 January 2018	29 January 2018
5 February 2018	12 February 2018

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 Holiday Hours

Lake King Library - Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Rd

Thursday 25 January 2018 - Open 8.30-3.30

Back to School - Tuesday 30 January 2018 - Closed
Thursday 1 February Open 8.30-3.30

Lake Grace Public Library - School Place Absolon St

Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 5pm
Closed for Lunch 12.30 - 1pm

Back to School - Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm
Closed for lunch 12.30 - 1pm

Newdegate Public Library Collier St

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

Everyone welcome



Check out our Facebook page



Bushfire Bulletin

Thank you to Local Fire Fighters

A tremendous turn out of our Volunteers saw a fire just west of Newdegate brought to a halt in just six hours.

This fire happened around 10am Sunday morning, which burnt 1100 hectares including areas on two farms and the research station, which was started by a header bearing.

The quick thinking of one of the Fire Control Officers to use fire extinguishers almost put it out, but as the wind had picked up just prior to the start saw the fire run under the header in the stubble and get away. The header escaped any serious damage and no one encountered any injuries with very little crop lost.

Two dwellings were threatened by the fire coming to within 100m of them. A fire break was constructed around these dwellings and also in the bushland close by. This fire break measured a kilometre long with Parks and Wildlife conducting a back burn with the wind to stem the fire within this area.

The fire was brought under control by late afternoon with blackout and monitoring operations happening throughout the night and continuing the next day.

All the volunteers deserve a pat on the back for such a large and responsive turn out, this had a direct impact on decreasing the potential of the fire.

The fire did not go without incident with some vehicles having mechanical breakdowns, encounters with wildlife and the heat of the fire itself. This would serve as a great reminder to be vigilant when travelling to a fire or traversing the fire ground as we all need to safely get back to our loved ones after the incident.

Mike Barnes

Community Emergency Service Manager

Get Ready for a Storm

When bad weather is expected the SES has these tips to help you and your family stay safe and reduce risk of injury and property damage:

- Park vehicles and boats under shelter
- Charge your mobile phone to ensure you have reception
- Store or weigh down loose objects around your home like outdoor furniture that could be picked up and thrown by strong winds, causing damage or injury
- Ensure your emergency kit is complete including a battery operated radio, torch, spare batteries and first aid kit
- Ensure pets and animals are in a safe area
- Unplug electrical appliances and avoid using landline telephones if there is lightning
- If you are away from home contact family or friends to prepare your property
- Construction site workers should store loose building material and tie down sheds
- Boat owners should securely moor their boats or make sure they are protected on land
- Campers should find safe shelter away from trees, powerlines, storm water drains and streams

You can keep up to date with the latest storm warnings and advice:

- On the DFES website www.dfes.wa.gov.au
- DFES Public Information Line on 13 DFES (3337)
- Through news bulletins on radio, TV or online (use a battery operated radio if the power is out)
- Bureau of Meteorology's website www.bom.gov.au or by calling their Weather Warnings and Flood Warnings Advice Line on 1300 659 213.

Total Fire Bans

A Total Fire Ban (TFB) is declared on days of extreme weather or when widespread fires are seriously stretching firefighting resources.

The need for the ban is assessed throughout the day and the ban may be revoked if weather conditions ease.

People who ignore Total Fire Bans (TFBs) will be targeted under a new scheme aimed at educating Western Australians on the dangers of breaching a ban as well as catching and prosecuting serious offences.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services' (DFES) records show almost one third of out of control fires on Total Fire Ban declared days during the 2016-2017 bushfire season started as a result of banned fire activity.

The penalty for breaching a TFB or TFB exemption is a fine of up to \$25,000 and/or imprisonment for twelve months. DFES will proactively investigate TFB breaches and issue warning notices where appropriate or take

action to prosecute repeat offenders and serious offences.

DFES Assistant Commissioner Country Operations Graham Swift said people breaching TFBs are putting the community at unnecessary risk.

"Total Fire Bans are declared on days fires will be very difficult to control due to extreme fire weather conditions, or if there are widespread fires seriously stretching firefighting resources," Assistant Commissioner Swift said.

"Ignorance isn't an excuse during a Total Fire Ban so do the right thing and don't put the lives of your family and neighbours at risk."

"These bans are issued to protect the community and our emergency services personnel from the devastating effect of bushfire so it is vital everyone acknowledges and adheres to a ban."

Shire of Lake Grace

PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Meeting of Electors



Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Lake Grace is to be held on Wednesday, 7 February 2018 at 7.00 pm at Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace WA.

The purpose of the meeting and order of business is:

- To discuss the contents of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2017
- Other General Business

Each elector is entitled to one vote however voting is optional.

Members of the Public who wish to have questions answered at this meeting may do so by lodging written submissions with the Chief Executive Officer at the Shire Office PO Box 50, Lake Grace WA 6353 no later than Thursday, 1 February 2018.

Please be advised that the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2017 is available and may be obtained by contacting the Shire Office on (08) 9890 2500, collected from the Shire Office at 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace, or from the Shire's website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Linda Gray
Acting Chief Executive Officer



Government of **Western Australia**
WA Local Government Grants Commission

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be Held at the:

Shire of Lake Grace
1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace
Monday, 19 February 2018
Commencing at 2.30pm and Concluding at 4.30pm

Order of Proceedings:

1. President to open the hearing.
2. Introduction by the Chair of the Commission.
3. Presentation by the Commission on its role, function and the process it uses to determine Financial Assistance Grants.
4. Discussion on Submission (if submitted).
5. Close of hearing.

The WA Local Government Grants Commission makes annual recommendations to the State Minister for Local Government on the allocation of Financial Assistance Grants to local governments in Western Australia.

In accordance with the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 the Commission is required to conduct public hearings with local governments in connection with the Financial Assistance Grant recommendations and also to discuss any submissions made to the Commission by local governments.

Organisations or persons wishing to make a submission, in connection with the Financial Assistance Grant recommendations of the Commission, at the above hearing, are requested to register their interest with:

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