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## Acting CEO's Corner



### Happy New Year and Thank You!

I would like to start by wishing everyone a happy New Year and I hope you all enjoyed the festive break.

It's been full steam ahead here for me, having just joined the Shire of Lake Grace as Deputy Chief Executive Officer and immediately stepping into the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer. I would like to extend my thanks to all of our Shire staff for making this transition a great one and for embracing all of the changes that I have implemented to so far. It is wonderful to be working with a team that are so excited to try new things and strive for greatness! Thank you also to the community for your support during this time, it has been great getting to know some of you and familiarising myself with the local area, I am very excited to be a part of your wonderful community.

Denise Gobbart will be returning as Chief Executive Officer on 4 February 2019 and I hope that she has enjoyed a very restful and well-earned break!

### Focus Points for the Year

For the beginning part of this year, our focus will be on:

- Finalisation of the WANDRRA Flood Damage works
- Working with local communities to ensure parks and gardens are well maintained
- Working with the Department of Water and Water Corporation to secure strategic farm water dam sites, and a staged approach to improvement of existing sites.
- Preparing for the forthcoming 2019/2020 Budget

### Infrastructure Services

The Infrastructure Team will be focusing on:

- Cement stabilization & sealing works – Newdegate-Pingrup, Magenta and Lake Biddy Roads
- Resealing works at North Lake Grace-Karlgarin, Lake Biddy and Newdegate North Roads.

See below for further details

### Welcome to our new Works Supervisor

On Monday 21 January, Warren Sarginson joined us as Works Supervisor. Warren comes to us from the Shire of Kondinin and is well versed in local government contracts. With Warren's 'hands on' construction experience and team leadership skills, we are confident that he will be an asset to the team. Welcome Warren!

### Council

The date of the next Ordinary Council Meeting is Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 3.00pm.

Council meetings are open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend to ask questions relating to Shire activities.

A minimum of fifteen (15) minutes is allowed at the beginning of each meeting for questions from the public.

### 2019 Australia Day Citizenship Awards

On Saturday 26 January, Australia Day Citizenship Awards ceremonies were held as part of the Australia Day Celebrations in Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King and Varley. I would like to thank the community groups and their volunteers, who were involved in the coordination of these events and who helped to make them a success.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to all of the nominees and winners for the Citizenship Awards, your commitment and passion is what makes our community so special.

A list of nominees and winners are below:

### Newdegate Active Citizen Ship for a Group/Event Award

Nominee/Winner:

Nominated by:

### Newdegate Senior Citizen of the Year

Nominee/Winner:

Nominated by:

### Lake Grace Active Citizenship Award

Nominee/Winner:

Nominated by:

### Lake Grace Senior Citizen of the Year

Nominee/Winner

Nominated by

### Lake Grace Community Citizen of the Year

Nominee 1:

Nominated by:

Nominee 2:

Nominated by:

Winner:

### Lake King Active Citizenship Award

Nominee/Winner:

Nominated by:

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## Road Works

The Construction Crew and General Maintenance Staff have carried out the following work:

- Newdegate – Pingrup Road – loading and carting of gravel, gravel sheeting, rolling, carting of water and stabilizing
- Magenta Road SLK 24.63 – 27.63 – erection of signage, loading and carting of gravel, carting of water and water binding of road
- Plant Maintenance
- Lake Grace Tip – push up of tip and carting of waste dirt to tip
- Lake Biddy Road SLK 12.67-12.95 – stabilization
- Town Street Maintenance – Maintenance of lanes
- Private Works – Newdegate – Pingrup Road, Hoover Dam and Magenta Road

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on the following roads:

- Treloar Road
- Green Road
- Green Road
- Fisher Road
- Biddy-Camm Road
- Mallee Hill Road
- Bairstow Road

Additional works carried out by Maintenance Grader Operator:

- Road Patching – erection of signage, spreading of blue metal, patching on Lake Grace – Karlgarin Road
- Locking of Road Traffic Counters
- Installation of Shade Sail at Lake Grace Playground
- Lake Grace Tip – push up of tip

**The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on the following roads:**

- Old Ravensthorpe Road
- Breed Road
- Haig Road
- Biddy Camm Road
- Oakey Road

**The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on the following roads:**

- Muncaster Road
- Hatters Hill Road
- Ladyman Road
- Kathleen Road
- Biddy Camm Road
- Drust Road
- Broombush flat Road
- Purnta Road

## Parks and Gardens

The Town Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Lake Grace Recreation Ground – mowing, sanding,

checking of tanks and ovals, weeding, spraying of weeds around the oval and pavilion, blowing at cricket net and around pavilion;

- Plant Maintenance;
- Lake Grace Town Street Maintenance – removal of fallen trees, slashing, hedging of trees, spraying of weeds and treatment of ants;
- Lake Grace Parks and Gardens Maintenance – watering, weeding, mulching, de-heading of roses, repairs to retic, spraying of lawn for beetles and removal of snake vine from BBQ area;
- Lake Grace Medical Centre - clean up around Medical Centre;
- Lake Grace Swimming Pool – raking, blowing, mowing, whipper snipping, fertilizing, removal of fallen tree;
- Rural Roads Signs and Guideposts - erect signage at Lake Grace-Karlgarin Road Blackspot and Jam Patch;
- Lake Grace Playground – installation of shade sail
- Lake Grace Day Care Playground - change retic box
- Shire of Lake Grace Administration Building - cleaning up around Shire office, spraying of weeds and fertilizing;
- Lake Grace Cemetery - clean up at Cemetery;
- Newdegate-Pingrup Road/Magenta Road (Maintenance Grading) - clearing around pegs for grader
- Lake Grace Railway Building – picking up of palm trees and removal of rubbish and damaged pole;
- Clark Avenue, Lake Grace – installation of new retic box;
- RSL Hall Garden – removal of tree bark and leaves;
- Lake Grace Public Hall Garden – checking of retic and mowing;
- Footpath maintenance – repairs to footpath on Bennett Street.

*Belinda Knight*  
Chief Executive Officer

## Banners in the Terrace 2019

Each year the Shire of Lake Grace participates in the WA Local Government Banners in the Terrace Competition. The 2018 banner was designed by Newdegate CWA.

The Shire would like to give a community group the opportunity to design the 2019 *Banner in the Terrace* banner.

### Deadline Dates are:

*March* - Banner Registration Forms Due

*April* - Banner Design to be emailed to Perth

*June* - Completed banners to be sent to WALGA

*July to August* - Banners flown along St Georges

Interested groups, please call the Shire on 98 902500.



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## Office Open 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 licence 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 - 8 February 2019**

**Friday - 8 March 2019 - 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).

## Building Surveyor

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

**Tuesday 5 February 2019**

**Tuesday 19 February 2019**

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](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

## Tip 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 & Recycle Pickup

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
4 February 2019	11 February 2019
18 February 2019	25 February 2019

**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 Open Hours

### Lake Grace Public Library School Place Absolon St

Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm

Closed for lunch 12.30 - 1pm

### School Holidays

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

### 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*



Check out our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/shireoflakegrace](http://www.facebook.com/shireoflakegrace)

### **Australia Day Recipients for the Shire of Lake Grace**

#### **Lake King Active Citizenship of the Year Award for a Community Event of Group**

'Lake Kingfest' nominated by Lake King Progress Association.

The 'Lake Kingfest' organised by the Lake King Progress Association saw the official opening of the Bush Engineers Tractor Museum.

The event also marked the 40th Anniversary of the Church and the Tavern's 30th Birthday.

The combined celebration brought together the whole community and drew previous residents with a connection to Lake King back from across the State. The diverse event offered something of interest to both past and present members of the community with the 'Bush Engineers Tractor Museum' a lasting reminder to all future residents of the ingenuity and enterprise of the towns farming pioneers.

The Bush Engineers Tractor Museum has given the town of Lake King a focal point and encourages tourists to stop when travelling through the town.

The interactive display has brought to life the unique history of the homemade tractors of the area. It provides a visual and oral resource for surrounding schools and all those with an interest to learn about our local history.

#### **Lake Grace Active Citizenship Award for a Community Event or Group**

Lake Grace Kukerin Hockey Club nominated by Danielle Robertson, Lake Grace Development Association.

Following the withdrawal of three clubs from the Greater Wheatbelt Men's Hockey Association the Lake Grace-Kukerin Hockey Club saw a need to submit a men's team into the competition to keep it going, as there were only two clubs left.

A concerted effort by club members in rallying enough players saw the creation of our men's side for 2018. The first time since 1936 that Lake Grace has seen a men's hockey side. Not only did this effort contribute to the Lake Grace community by increasing our active participation in sport, but also to the wider Wheatbelt where we play our sport.

The creation of the men's side has not only allowed those who have never played hockey before to be involved in a sporting club, but brought forward members of our community who had previously had limited social outlet. It has helped with limiting the detrimental effects of solitude and heavy workloads and given the men involved a sense of camaraderie and increased their physical and mental wellbeing.

#### **Newdegate Active Citizenship Award for a Community Event or Group**

Newdegate Active Precinct Committee nominated by Rochell Walker.

Newdegate Active Precinct group - Sarah Lloyd, Helen Steicke and Emily Gilmour have created, sourced funding and delivered a high quality, fabulous looking and functioning nature play and skate park to our town.

The combined talents of the wonderful trio of Sarah, Helen and Emily to form the Newdegate Active Precinct Committee have taken what was a vacant corner block and turned it into one of the greatest nature play – skate park – community garden combinations that can be seen in Western Australia.

The committee took this project from an initial idea, through to planning, funding and creation. Their hard work, determination and perseverance saw a project that commenced groundworks in March 2018 be delivered to our community by June 2018 with the grand opening held on the 1st of July 2018.

Not content to just deliver a world class precinct, the committee also organised skate lessons to be held on the opening and lunch for the community delivered at no cost to participants because they had continued their efforts to fundraise to ensure the experience could be enjoyed by all.

The delivery of the new active precinct to our community has improved not only the aesthetics of our town, but provided a hub for locals as well as visitors to meet and engage in an active lifestyle. Their ability to create a venue that has brought our community together across the ages has provided us with a valuable asset that will be treasured for many years to come.

#### **Lake Grace Senior Community Citizen of the Year**

Elizabeth Carruthers nominated by Lake Grace Community Resource Centre.

Mrs Carruthers in her very unassuming way makes her way around town and onto the North Lake Grace road picking up litter. She is regularly seen by community members and travellers walking with bag in hand and collecting the litter to keep our community clean.

An octogenarian Mrs Carruthers has a daily exercise regimen, this includes walking around our town collecting litter; no area escapes her attention. She also collects along the North Lake Grace roadside between the town and the family farm.

There are a number of members of our community who continue to clean up after those who carelessly discard their refuse; but nobody puts in the hours that Mrs Carruthers does. Although she will undoubtedly be very

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cross about being nominated, Mrs Carruthers is a very worthy nominee.

Elizabeth Carruthers nominated by Lake Grace Development Association

For many years Elizabeth has been a champion for keeping our town of Lake Grace clean and tidy.

Elizabeth had spent many hours walking and collecting rubbish on the roadsides to the entries to our town. The town site has not missed out either and she can often be seen around the streets on her walks busily improving the environment.

Tourist and visitors often comment on what a lovely tidy, neat town Lake Grace is and we are sure this is from Elizabeth's commitment to making Lake Grace a pleasant place to live and visit. We thank and salute you Elizabeth, well done.

Elizabeth Carruthers nominated by Lions Club Lake Grace.

Seldom do we come across a person more considerate and community minded than Mrs Elizabeth Carruthers. To keep fit and healthy Elizabeth has chosen walking, and walking she does all over town and well beyond its boundaries. To add value to her time and effort Elizabeth always picks up what others left behind, a plastic bottle, aluminum can, a paper bag, to whatever unsightly object she sees on her way.

For Elizabeth, this has become her hobby, and rather her passion to keep the roadway uncluttered and free of rubbish. There is no day too cold or a day too hot to stop her pursuing her effort to maintain her fitness and her will to keep our roadsides as she wants them to be, clean and attractive.

We hope and expect that her unselfish act will inspire and motivate others to do same. Elizabeth's way of telling those who are careless in their rubbish disposal, please put a STOP to it, and let's make our town beautiful.

We at Lions Club of Lake Grace see Mrs Elizabeth Carruthers as a person who embodies all the qualities of a truly valued citizen who genuinely deserve the honour of the Senior Citizen of the year.

### **Newdegate Senior Citizens of the Year**

Eileen and Barry Ness nominated by Bill Lloyd.

Eileen, in partnership with husband Barry, have run the North East Bushfire Radio Base Station for the last 45 years (7 years in the old house and 38 in the new). They did the daily roll calls during the summer seasons for many years and will still do it when required.

They also attended and fought the all the fires that started in the area. They now stay close to their two-

way radio in the house to keep the communication channels open between the fire coordinators.

Eileen was born and schooled in Newdegate and she and Barry have been married since April 1959.

They have always been actively involved in the community in many ways from way back in their younger days. In more recent times they were active and productive members, Eileen in the Catering and Barry 9 years as Treasurer, on the Newdegate Machinery Field Days Committee.

Eileen and Barry regularly attend the Newdegate Community Development Association meetings to keep involved in the happenings in and around their community. Eileen and Barry continue to work together as a very well-oiled machine and really enjoy participating and assisting in community events.

### **Lake Grace Community Citizen of the Year**

Mr Geoff Sabourne nominated by Lake Grace Community Resource Centre

Geoff is a tireless volunteer who gives of his time to numerous organisations within our community; when he offers to assist with something you know you can rely on him. His volunteer time has meant that a variety of projects and organisations have continued to provide necessary recreational and civic facilities and in the case of the Lake Grace Sportsman's Club made a valuable contribution to their financial situation.

As a JP he's willingly made himself available to anyone needing documents witnessed; at the Community Resource Centre we're grateful that we have someone readily accessible within our community that we can send people to.

Lake Grace Pingrup Football Club - currently Geoff is the Club's goal umpire; since 1983 he has officiated at over 500 A and B Grade games. Over the 35 years he has been involved with the club he has been the Secretary, Treasurer, Bar Manager, Canteen Manager, Team Manager (for both A & B Grades), Tribunal Representative (20+ years), Time Keeper and Club Delegate for the League.

Lake Grace Sportsman's Club - Geoff volunteers his time every Friday night to cook meals for the paying public; his volunteering of his time has assisted the club in providing a service that has brought clients through the door and helped keep the club financially viable.

Lake Grace Bowls Club – Geoff is a keen member of the bowls club and over his many years of involvement has been club President, Secretary, Captain and fulfilled other roles within the team.

With rural sport suffering from a lack of volunteers Geoff's willingness to take on roles has helped his club survive.

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Lake Grace Basketball Club - now in recess the basketball club was the recipient of many hours of Geoff's volunteer time in a variety of roles.

Driver Reviver – Lake Grace Roadwise manages a Driver Reviver van for long weekends, Geoff is a keen volunteer and always the first to respond to fill a place on the roster.

JP – Most people at some point in time need documents verified, Geoff is always available to help people whether it be from his place of work or from his home.

Geoff works in administration at Great Southern Fuels; he has a marvellous attitude toward the customers, particularly the elderly and is always willing to help them whether it be with managing the card service, getting the fuel cap off or fueling up.

Geoff is incredibly committed to his community and would be an incredibly deserving recipient of the citizenship award.

### **Lake Grace Community Citizen of the Year Acknowledgement Award**

Mrs Paula Carruthers nominated by Lake Grace Development Association

Paula has made significant contributions to many organisations in the community of Lake Grace over the last 25 years. She has shown outstanding commitment to those organisations. Due to her commitment our community of Lake Grace enjoys wonderful facilities, an attractive safe environment to live, work and socialise.

She is currently Chairperson of the Lake Grace Community Resource Centre, Secretary of the Lake Grace Development Association and Secretary since 2013 of the Lake Grace/Pingrup Football Club.

As Secretary for the Lake Grace Great Southern Colts Carnival she not only does the secretarial work Paula helps cook breakfasts, washes jumpers and anything else that needs doing to make it a success for the past 17 years.

Paula is a valuable Lake Grace St John Ambulance Officer and has been since 2012. They train every Thursday and the volunteers are always on call. She was also Secretary of the District Hospital Board.

Along with her husband Greg and son Justin, they volunteer to donate machinery and help with the seeding and harvest for the Lake Grace Community Cropping; the crop which is to benefit all the organisations in Lake Grace in the future.

Paula has been President of Lake Grace Land Conservation District Committee (LCDC) since 2013 and worked with the Lake Grace Jam Patch Rejuvenation Group on the Jam Patch Protection Project since 2015.

While her three children attended Lake Grace District High School Paula she was an active member of the Lake Grace P&C until all three had completed year ten. During those years she was very active in the Lake Grace Swimming Club, coaching, a committee member, accredited coach and became a life member of the Swimming Club. Another passion of Paula's been the Lake Grace Gym Club and was an accredited coach for 15 years.

Paula is a valued member of any organisation she becomes involved with. This nomination for the Premiers Australia Day Active Citizenship Award is for the many hours she has given to our wonderful community not only during 2018 but for many years previously.

Paula has carried out her roles in the above organizations in a professional manner which has contributed to them being well organized and a great asset to our community.