

# Shire of Lake Grace

# Community News



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## CEO's Corner

### Flooding Event

The contractors are estimated to have completed 25% of outstanding works. As this work is being carried out, 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](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au) or Facebook page for a list of roads that are closed within the Shire.

### Council

Ordinary Council Meeting – Wednesday 28 March 2018

Items of business considered by Council at the meeting included:

- Annual Statutory Compliance Audit 2017
- Annual Budget Review 2017-2018
- Lake Grace Memorial Swimming Pool repainting
- The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 18 April 2018.

### BFAC Meeting - Thursday 5 April 2018

Highlights of the items discussed at the meeting include:

- **Grants** - Western Power has offered grants to the Bush Fire Brigades managed through the Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades. There are 11 grants in total between Lake Grace and Kent and these have been submitted to the AVBFB
- **Training** - Training has been conducted with the Varley Volunteers and the W.I.F.E Association, with minor training sessions carried out in Newdegate and Lake King. Enquiries are now being made into an 'Introduction to Bush Fire Fighting' course and an 'Introduction to Structure Fire Fighting' course.
- **Vehicles** – Lake Grace has received a new 4WD HSR (Hazmat, Structure and Rescue) appliance. Lake King's appliance now has a portable AVL (Automated Vehicle Locator).
- **Radios** – After some reports of bad radio communication, DFES have now checked the towers and found that the radio equipment needed to be recalibrated, for optimum performance. The recalibration has now been carried out and this issue should now be resolved.

### Wheatbelt Conference 2018

On 5–6 April 2018, Councilor Steve Hunt, Councilor Roz Lloyd and I attended the Wheatbelt Conference 2018, held in Jurien Bay. This conference focused on the theme of 'Small Towns – BIG Dreams: Transitioning Regional Economies', with keynote speaker Barry Urquhart, who is an internationally respected and in-demand business speaker, consumer behaviour analyst and facilitator of strategic planning workshops.

The question raised by Barry was "What is Wheatbelt?"

The Wheatbelt covers 42 local government authorities, stretching from the coast lines of Guilderton to Jurien Bay, to east of Southern Cross and our most eastern boundary.

What is the story that 'Wheatbelt' is telling given the vastness of our district with white beaches, clear turquoise waters, rolling hills, winding streams to the rugged and magnificent terrain to the north, south and east? What is it we should be famous for and what story should we tell? We need our old information looked at with a new perspective.

### Road Works

The Construction Crew has been working on:

- Kuender bends – grading, excavating and culverts
- Magenta Road – final trim
- Holt Rock South Road
- Buniche Road – carting gravel
- Lake Grace Tip – covering waste

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader and General Maintenance Staff have been working on:

- Kuender bends – blackspot work
- Stennetts Lake Road – signs and guide posts
- Bairstow Road – Grading
- Mallee Hill Road – Grading
- Jarring South Road – Grading
- Mechanical repairs to various machinery

The Lake King Maintenance Grader has carried out grading work on:

- Milerup Road
- Smerdon Road
- Allen Road

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CEO Corner *Cont.*

### Parks and Gardens

The Town Maintenance Crew has carried out work at:

- Lake Grace Medical Centre – cleaning up of the car park
- Lake Grace Pavilion – weeding and watering of dead patches, mowing and whipper snipping of rec ovals, fixed the water meter at the old doctor's surgery and watering of Townsite gardens
- Lake Grace Town Maintenance – repairs to reticulation at the railway station and median strip
- Lake Grace Cemetery maintenance
- Lake Grace BBQ area
- Varley – Town and Cemetery maintenance

### Building & Maintenance

The Building and Maintenance team has carried out work at:

- Newdegate Golf and Bowling Club – removal of roof sheeting and placement of anti-condensation insulation to rectify condensation/water issues
- Newdegate Sports Pavilion – stadium roof repairs to address water leaks
- Lake King Playground – replacement of unit pump and investigation of potential water leaks at tank or reticulation system
- Lake King Public Toilets – replaced all toilet roll dispensers and completed lock repairs
- Lake Grace Town Clock – reset time twice due to power outages.

### Insurance Responsibility

A friendly reminder to any Community Groups, Organisations, Associations, Social Clubs, Sporting Groups, Senior Groups etc. that undertake any activity (e.g. fund raising, holding an event etc.) should have their own insurance coverage. The insurances to consider are Public Liability, Association & Officers Liability, Volunteer Workers and Community & Family Events. The type of coverage needed depends on the activities your group undertakes.

The Shire's insurance covers any property and contents owned by the Shire and liability to the public for areas within the Shire's responsibility. If you are a group that uses Shire owned facilities or grounds to store your equipment or goods, it is important that you have your own contents insurance to cover any loss that may occur.

The Shire policy will not cover the loss of property not owned by the Shire. I am happy to catch up with any group that is concerned about the need for insurance and the limitations of our policies.

In the year 2000, Australia's insurance industry faced a public liability crisis because of the prohibitive costs for

community groups. From here the Local Community Insurance Services was established to manage the special needs of clubs, community groups and not-for-profit associations. You can check out this risk management service at the following link <https://www.localcommunityinsurance.com.au>

*Denise Gobbart*  
Chief Executive Officer

## Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

**Date: 18 April 2018**

**Time: 3:00 pm Wednesday**

**Location: Council Chambers**

**1 Bishop St Lake Grace**

*Members of the public welcome*

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

## Restricted Burning Period

We are now in the Restricted Burning Period

1 February - 30 April (all dates inclusive)

**Permits to burn are required for all burning during this period.**

Permits can be obtained by contacting one of the Shire's Fire Control Officer.

## Cat Trap

A cat trap is available for loan from the Shire- a \$50 deposit will be required.



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### 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 May 2018 Friday**

**Friday - 8 June (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 17 April 2018**

**Tuesday 1 May 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](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

### Tip Open 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
16 April	23 April
30 April	30 May

**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.

### Office Opening 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)

# Anzac Day



Wednesday 25th April 2018

## Lake Grace Anzac Service



Time: 11am Anzac Day Service  
Location: Lake Grace RSL Hall  
Stubbs Street, Lake Grace  
*Followed by morning tea*

## Newdegate Anzac Service



Time: 5.15am Dawn Service via ABC radio  
Location: Railway Station  
at the Sporting Precinct  
*Followed by breakfast, tea and coffee*

## Varley Anzac Service



Time: Marcher's assemble at 5.25am  
Dawn Service at 5.30am  
Location: Memorial Hall,  
Varley District Hall, Carstairs Road  
*Followed by breakfast at Varley Hall*

## Lake King Anzac Service



Time: Service at 6.30am  
Location: Bicentennial Park (behind the tavern)  
Varley Lake King Road, Lake King  
*Followed by breakfast behind the church*

The Centenary of Anzac 2014 to 2018 is Australia's most important period of national commemoration. Marking 100 years since our involvement in the First World War, the Anzac Centenary is a time to honour the service and sacrifice of our original ANZACs and the generations of Australian servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms, in wars, conflicts and peace operations throughout a Century of Service.

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