

Shire of Lake Grace

Community News



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CEO's Corner

Flooding Event

The contractors are estimated to have completed 29% 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. Unfortunately we have had a number of reports of vehicles speeding through road works, some people have been spoken to and the police will be notified of this issue.

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.

Council

Ordinary Council Meeting – Wednesday 18 April 2018

Items of business considered by Council at the meeting included:

- Deed of Consent to Assignment of Lease – Totally Smiles Pty Ltd
- Development Application – Proposed New Additional Dwelling – Lot 2541 Dawson Road, South Newdegate
- Water Corporation – Transfer of Surplus Dan AA No. 379 Lake Grace East
- Water Corporation – Transfer of Surplus Dam No. 626 Lake Romani
- Youth Engagement Grant Program Application
- Playground Request for Supporting Speaker

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 23 May 2018.

4WDL Media Release – Aged Housing Project Hailed a Massive Success

Royalties for Regions Funding Makes a Difference in Regional WA

Seven shires in the Wheatbelt and Great Southern Regions of WA have recently completed an Aged Persons Independent Living Units project that has seen the construction of 50 units across 7 shires dedicated to aged persons. The project commenced in 2010 and was completed this year.

The project was funded by Royalties for Regions, with every dollar of funding going towards the unit's construction. Units were built based on evidence of need across the 7 shires and 9 communities to ensure

that those communities with greatest need built to address this evidence of need. Five different funding programs have contributed to the project over the last 8 years.

Funding totalling over \$15m was secured for the implementation of this project, with a further \$3m committed by the local governments and in Wagin and West Arthur, the Cottage Homes Committees. The average unit cost was \$366,326 across the project area. Overall project management was led by the Shire of Williams, who was responsible for all project reporting and acquittal. Often projects engage consultants in the delivery of projects, which can turn out to be costly for projects. In this project's case, the Shires were able to use local staff, which kept the cost of project management to around \$100,000 over the 8 years duration.

'This project is a good news story for Royalties for Regions, and showcases what regions can achieve with great collaborative efforts – fantastic value for money, locally managed and locally delivered'.

The project has been recognised across the region for the high standard of project initiation, development and implementation and reporting. This project was the first of its kind, and has been used as a template to develop many of the other regional housing projects that have been initiated. The Wheatbelt Development Commission proudly showcase this project often as one of its 'good news stories' of how regional collaboration can make a real difference.

'This project has made a tangible difference to the regional communities, with aged persons able to live in their community of choice and not have to leave in their twilight years'

As part of this project the Shire of Lake Grace has been able to construct a total of 10 Independent living units, with six located in Lake Grace and four constructed in Newdegate.

Newdegate Swimming Pool Management Committee Meeting – Wednesday 11 April 2018

Highlights of the items discussed at the meeting include:

- Maintenance and repairs undertaken this season including: installation of a new pool pump and power points, repairs in the main pool due to seed popping up and the installation of

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- shade covers
- Future maintenance and repairs – repair of broken lateral inside the sand filter, upgrade of surrounding security fence, servicing of the Kreepy Krawly during off season, winter chemical ordering and research in to quotes for new pool covers
- Pool car park upgrade
- Relocation of the pool defibrillator to the school office during pool off season
- It has been a very busy pool season with Newdegate and Lake King swimming lessons, Vacswim, pre-primary swimming lessons, Newdegate Primary Sporting Schools Swimming Programme, Interschool Swimming Carnival with Newdegate, Lake King and Pingrup Primary Schools all taking part, Winters Sports pre-season training and Lake King Swimming Carnival preparation
- Thank you to all of the staff and visitors for a great pool season, see you next year!

Newdegate Library CRC Management Committee Meeting – Wednesday 11 April 16, 2018

Highlights of the items discussed at the meeting include:

- It has been a very busy time for the CRC with weekly Pilates and Feldenkrais classes, monthly Rhyme Time Sessions, a DoTerra Workshop and Caroline Robinson's Constitution Session.
- The main room has been booked out at least once a week by local clubs and community groups, along with the School Assembly's, performances and their Anzac Service.
- The hire price of the main room and has been increased from \$20 to \$30 in preparation for the proposed funding cuts
- Thank you to all of the staff and visitors for your continued support of the CRC.

Re-opening Ceremony of Lake Grace Sports Pavilion – Friday 13 April 2018

On Friday 13 April 2018, I attended the Grand Re-opening Ceremony of the Lake Grace Sport Pavilion, hosted by Shire President Jeanette De Landgraft with special guest Mr Rick Wilson. The Sporting Complex has so far undertaken three stages of funding in the redevelopment and the community has worked very hard to accomplish this.

Stage I

With funding provided from the Department of Sport and Recreation CSRFF, the following projects were carried out:

- Relocation and construction of the netball/ basketball courts
- Relocation and construction of the tennis courts

Stage II

With funding from Royalties for Regions, Department of Regional Development, Shire of Lake Grace and

Lake Grace Recreational Council Trust, the following projects were carried out:

- Construction of the toilets and change rooms
- Upgrading and enlargement of the function room

Stage III

With funding of \$119,549 from National Stronger Regions Fund Federal and \$90,000 from the Lake Grace Winter Sports, Lake Grace Pingrup Football Club, Lake Grace Recreation Committee Trust and the Shire of Lake Grace, the following projects were carried out:

- Laying of a new lawn area and reticulation system between the pavilion and the football oval
- Laying of new red asphalt area on two sides of the netball court and around the tennis shed
- Installation of new timers to automate the external lights on the football oval, hockey oval, netball court and tennis court
- Demolition and Rebuilding of the pavilion's kitchen walls and erecting new cool room walls to enclose a larger area than previous
- Fitting out the new kitchen with stainless steel benches, sinks, hand basins, fridges, a bain-marie trolley, pie warmer, chip fryer and commercial-grade rangehood
- Installation of new honeycomb blinds to the function room's windows to insulate from sunlight heat and reduce echoing, as well as roller and vertical blinds to the glass doors
- Replacement of the function room's ceiling panels, with acoustic variants to reduce echoing
- Replacement of bathroom ceiling tiles
- Refurbishment of bathrooms, including installation of new fixtures and fittings, tiling, painting of ceiling tiles



Above: Shire President De Landgraft and Mr Rick Wilson MP

I would like to thank everyone that was involved in this project and I hope that you enjoy the new facilities, which have arrived just in time for the start of the winter sports season!

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Road Works

The Construction Crew has been working on:

- North Lake Grace- Kalgarin Road - Kuender Bends - carting gravel, rolling, grading, signage and excavating
- Holt Rock South Road – preparation prior to sealing

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

- North Lake Grace- Kalgarin Road - Kuender Bends – fencing, surveying, carting gravel, traffic control, moving top layer, rolling, grading and signage
- Lake Grace Tip Relief
- Magenta Road
- Jarring South Road – Grading

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading work on:

- Shalders North Road
- Mount Sheridan Road
- Tonkin Road

Parks and Gardens

The Town Maintenance Crew has carried out work at:

- Lake Grace Recreation Ground Maintenance – weeding and tree maintenance, mowing of the football/hockey ovals and surrounding areas, mowing around the pavilion and spraying around the sports complex
- Shire Administration Garden Maintenance – mowing, spraying and watering
- Lake Grace Swimming Pool Garden Maintenance – weeding
- Town Street Maintenance – hedging and tree maintenance (including removal of dead trees), spraying of back lanes and Townsite, cleaning drains, railway station garden maintenance and works requests
- Daycare Building – repair of reticulation system
- Lake Grace BBQ area
- Lake Grace Public Hall Garden Maintenance
- Tool Maintenance
- Lake Grace Tip Relief
- Lake Grace Cemetery Maintenance
- Lake King –maintenance of the cemetery, public toilets garden, park at the rear of the tavern, town hall gardens

Building & Maintenance

The Building and Maintenance team has carried out work at:

- Lake Grace Sports Pavilion – completion works and clean up prior to official re- opening
- Lake King Playground - repairs to the leaking water fountain
- Lake Grace Day Care - repairs to the leaking sink drain
- AIM Hospital – monitoring/measuring of building movement and cracks

- Newdegate Pavilion – emergency/exit lights, investigation holes for pending acoustic work
- 6 Banksia Place, Lake Grace – commenced renovation works

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Hirer Responsibility when using Shire Public Buildings

All people, groups, sporting clubs who hire public buildings are responsible for the cleaning of the facility once used.

If tables and chairs are set up by the group they must also be packed away. All rubbish is to be put into bins provided. Hirers are responsible to ensure all stoves are turned off.

Hirers are responsible for any damages incurred while hiring facility.

Shire employed cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of a facility, they are not responsible for cleaning up and putting away tables and chairs after a function by a hirer.

Affiliation fees are set up to help cover some of the costs in maintaining the buildings for the hirers use which includes but not limited to; general cleaning, water and electricity usage.

Pension and Senior Card Rebate

Are you a Pensioner, Senior or a Senior with WA Health Card holder?

Pensioners are eligible for 50% rebate on your rates. Seniors with a WA Health Card and Senior Card are also eligible to 50% rebate.

Those holding a Seniors Card are eligible for 25% concession. An annual maximum cap amount is applied to rates for both pensioners and seniors—this amount is reviewed each year by the State Government.

Whenever your pensioner/senior details or property ownership circumstances change, you are required to register your new entitlement.

You can do that by contacting the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 or visiting www.watercorporation.com.au.

Concessions only apply once an application is received and registered. The Water Corporation will then forward a copy of your completed application to the Shire.

The concession will apply from the date your application is received by the Water Corporation.

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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.

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 1 May 2018

Tuesday 15 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.

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
30 April	7 May
14 May	21 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

Rural Fire Division- Extract DFES General Circular

The State Government has announced the creation of a *Rural Fire Division* within the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

It will focus on the way the State tackles rural fire management, with a greater emphasis on mitigation activities, training and strengthening partnerships with all volunteers.

Recognising that local volunteers know their communities best, we will continue to work with volunteers to harness that knowledge and experience more than ever before.

A new State Bushfire Advisory Council will ensure greater collaboration between those involved in managing bushfires – as well as giving volunteers and the community a stronger voice in major decisions. The establishment of a Volunteer Advisory Committee will further ensure an open line of communication between volunteers, the government and DFES.

The establishment of the Rural Fire Division is an exciting opportunity for us to work together, collaborate and make the most of the wealth of expertise that exists within the emergency services community and especially among volunteers.

Other benefits include enhanced training and a reduction in red tape, along with new regional Volunteer Support Officers and Volunteer Liaison Officers.

The broadening our focus to support communities at every stage of an emergency, including preparation, planning, response and recovery. Most importantly, these changes will transform the way we manage bushfire emergencies in regional Western Australia, helping build safer and more resilient communities.

For more information, visit the DFES website <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/newsandmedia/rfd/Pages/default.aspx>.

You can ask questions by contacting the Office of the Commissioner at commissioner.office@dfes.wa.gov.au. Responses will be posted on the Rural Fire Division page where relevant.

DARREN KLEMM AFSM
COMMISSIONER

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>

Progress of Newdegate Active Precinct Skatepark and Playground



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Adult : \$30

Children : \$5

Concession – over 65: \$20

Family) 2 x 2 or more: \$60



Lake Grace
Community Resource Centre



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