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CEO's Corner

Flooding Event

The contractors are estimated to have completed 29% of outstanding works.

There are a number of roads that the remediation works have now been completed, if you have any concerns with the completed works please let us know and the quality of work can be inspected and repaired if required.

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 continue to have had a number of reports of vehicles speeding through road works.

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

Special Council Meeting – Thursday 26 April 2018

Items of business considered by Council at the meeting included:

- Development Application - Proposed New Carport on Lot 58 (no.14) Gumtree Drive, Lake Grace
- Community Pool Revitalisation Program Refund

Central Country Zone Meeting – Friday 27 April 2018

Shire President Jeanette De Landgraft and I attended the Central Country Zone Meeting via teleconference, at the Newdegate CRC, topics discussed during this meeting included:

- **Community Resource Centre Cuts** – WALGA acknowledges the difficulties being faced by proposed funding cuts to CRCs and the flow on effects this may have to Local Governments and will consider previous reviews into the location and functionality of CRCs. WALGA, as a high priority, will coordinate a representative paper with affected Local Governments to highlight the long term implications for the Local Government Sector and will write to the relevant Ministers and Agencies to highlight the concerns of affected Local Governments and the need for appropriate resources and long term planning to assist rural, regional and remote communities.
- **Social Media Bullying** – WALGA have endorsed a request to ALGA for its advocacy for changes to Commonwealth Legislation for implementing: cyber

bullying protections for all Australians, identification validation checks before a new social media account can be established and a social media / communications control order, similar to a violence restraining order, which will prevent a person from contacting any other person through social media.

Funding for CRCs

On Monday 30 April the State Government advised that they had written to all CRCs, seeking feedback on a recommended future funding approach at a more sustainable level.

Under the recommended approach, the majority of CRCs will be offered \$70,000 per annum. Some CRCs will be offered \$50,000 per annum where they are located either:

- In a larger community – a population of over 3,000 people, or
- In close proximity to another CRC or a major regional centre – less than 30km.

Under this proposal, all centres will continue to receive funding from the State Government.

There is still considerable work that needs to be undertaken to ensure that our CRCs continue to receive funding and we retain the level of service we have become accustomed to.

Anzac Day Services – Wednesday 25 April 2018

A huge thank you to everyone that was involved in the organisation and running of the Anzac Day services held across the Shire. These services are a great tribute to those who served and those lost their lives during war. Although it was a chilly morning for a dawn service, it was a great morning to watch the sunrise over Newdegate.

Wheatbelt Development Commission – 'Meeting the Minister' Forum

On Wednesday 2 May 2018, Councillor Roz Lloyd and I attended the 'Meet the Minister' Forum, with Minister Alannah MacTiernan MLC. The mission of this forum was to discuss economic development opportunities and to learn more about the State Government's plan for the future of the Wheatbelt.

The major announcements were

- an investment of more than \$45 million in grains research and development to keep WA farmers at the forefront of the global grains market

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- \$24 million of new funding for grains research and development
- Grains are worth almost \$6 billion to WA each year but face unprecedented international competition.

The \$45 million investment will be used to leverage co-investment from the Federal Government and other sources for:

- A new cropping systems research program;
- Genetics and crop protection projects;
- Grain product quality and market research; and
- Capacity building including university and private sector research and development grants.

Condolences

Following on from the recent tragic events, on behalf of the Shire of Lake Grace, I would like to offer my sincere and heartfelt condolences to family and friends of Jonathan and Nathan. Our thoughts are with you all during this extremely difficult time.

Road Works

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

- Kuender - North Lake Grace - Karlgarin Road
- Holt Rock, Lake Grace - Road signs
- Lake Grace Ovals - Graded around ovals
- Lake Grace Tip – Pushing up of tip

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

- Norseman Road
- Kathleen Road
- Magdhaba Track
- Milstead Road

Parks and Gardens

The Town Maintenance Crew has carried out work at:

- Lake Grace Town Oval – General maintenance
- Lake Grace Town Street - General maintenance
- Lake Grace RSL Hall - Weeding and mowing
- Lake Grace Town Site - Pruning and tree branch removal
- Lake Grace Main Street - Removal dead foliage and hedging along median strip
- Absolon Street, Lake Grace - Cleaning up of centre verge
- Lake Grace Cemetery – General maintenance
- Lake Grace Hall - Reticulation repairs
- Quondong Court and Waratah Avenue, Lake Grace – Slashing
- Lake Grace Railway Station – weeding of gardens and general maintenance of BBQ area

Building & Maintenance

The Building and Maintenance team has carried out work at:

- 6 Banksia Place, Lake Grace – continued upgrade works

- Lake Grace RSL Hall – works request
- Lake King Sports Pavilion – removal and replacement of collapsing ceiling
- All Shire Public Toilets – commenced installation of sharps containers
- Commenced inspections of all Shire public buildings

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: 23 May 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.



Check out our website

www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

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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 - 8 June 2018

Friday - 6 July 2018 (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 15 May 2018

Tuesday 29 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
14 May	21 May
28 May	4 June

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

State Library Online

Did you know library members have access to a state-wide collection of eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines and video streaming, all for free!?

By signing in with their library card, members can enjoy BorrowBox and OverDrive for a wide selection of bestselling eAudiobooks and eBooks, while RB Digital offers current and back issues of popular eMagazines. Kanopy delivers one of the largest collections of indie films, classic cinema, festival and educational documentaries right to your device or compatible TV!

There are also a number of Reference databases and eResources for kids available such as Ancestry, Britannica, and Story box Library.

Please visit the Shire website in the library tag at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au for more details on how to access and enjoy these free resources.

Cat Trap

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



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.

Progress of Newdegate Active Precinct Skatepark and Playground



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