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## CEO's Corner

### Flooding Event

The contractors are estimated to have completed 38% 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 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](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au) or Facebook page for a list of roads that are closed within the Shire.

### Poor Behavior

In the past weeks we have had a couple of instances of poor behavior. Firstly, at a recent home game fixture involving our local towns, faeces was smeared in the ladies toilets, the mess had to be cleaned by our local cleaner. No one should have to do these types of cleaning duties.

Another incident being rubbish bins being knocked over on the Lake Grace Dumbleyung Road after they had been put out for collection on the Sunday night. This is an inconvenience to all involved, let alone the rubbish that would have blown away with the wind.

As a community we all need to be reminded that we don't just accept poor behavior, if we see it happening, address the issue at hand if possible or report the matter so that it can be followed up. Sometimes we just need to remind others of our community standards.

### 4WDL Meeting – Tuesday 8 May 2018

On Tuesday 8 May 2018, I attended a 4WDL CEOs Meeting in Wagin. The key topics of discussion were:

- Exploring opportunities for internet connectivity improvements across our six regional shires. We are exploring the possibility of undertaking a feasibility study or review of our current digital infrastructure.
- Astro-Tourism Presentation – The Stargazers Club WA are looking to establish Astro-Tourism Towns. The Perth domestic market seeks dark night skies in places that are safe and close to Perth, this includes

Astronomical Societies, Clubs, Astrophotography/ Photography Group. Science based activities are attractive for local Perth families due to their educational nature. This may be an opportunity to build on our community's economy and diversify our tourism options.

### 'Future of CRCs' Meeting – Monday 14 May 2018

A number of CRC Managers and Shire representatives met again in Narembeen On Monday 14 May to workshop opportunities that may be presented to the State Government to assist with their budget reform agenda.

The key points from the meeting were;

- CRCs deliver far more services in communities than what the funding contract stipulates
- The criteria for funding/tiers identified by the State Government need to be clear and transparent
- CRCs want to be involved in the review and the development of alternative revenue streams.

### Road Works

The Construction Crew and General Maintenance Staff have been working on:

Lake Grace:

- Kuender Bends – North Lake Grace/Karlgarin Road
- Maintenance on plant

Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out work on:

- Biddy-Camm Road – Grading
- Hilton Road – Grading
- Pot hole repairs in Laneway between Carruthers Street & Bishop Street
- Pot hole repairs in Laneway between Carruthers Street & McMahon Street

The Lake King Maintenance Grader:

- No grading work has been carried out in the Lake King area in the past fortnight due to dry weather conditions. The Grader should be back in action next week.

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out work on:

- Buniche North Road, between Lake Grace-Newdegate Road and Biddy Camm Road - Backslopes in the process of being cleared
- Mount Sheridan Road, between Newdegate North Road and Tonkin Road

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- Biddy Camm Road, between Mission Road and Holt Rock South Road – Including some off shoots

### Parks and Gardens

The Town Maintenance Crew have carried out work at:

- Lake Grace Football Oval – General maintenance and removal of trees
- Lake Grace Railway Station - Mowing of lawn area, Mulching and weeding
- Lake Grace Town Hall - Mowing of lawn area
- Lake Grace Town Street – General maintenance and cleaning of garden island beds
- Lake Grace Doctors House – Gardening
- Lake Grace Townsite – Whipper-snipping, slashing and cleaning up of tree branches
- Lake Grace Old Tennis Courts – Whipper-Snipping
- Tool Maintenance

### Building & Maintenance

The Building and Maintenance team has carried out work at:

- Western Power meter counts for Shire properties within the entire Shire
- Continuation of building inspections throughout the Shire
- Lake King Pavilion – Completion of ceiling and painting
- Lake King Public Toilets – Installation of new toilet roll holders

- Lake King Emergency Services Building – Replacement of damaged ceiling panels
- Varley Public Toilets – Installation of new toilet roll holders
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- 6 Banksia Place, Lake Grace – Continuation of upgrade works
- 36 Bennett Street, Lake Grace – Housing maintenance
- Shire of Lake Grace Office – Assembly and installation of office furniture
- Shire of Lake Grace Depot – Gutters
- Lake Grace Airstrip building – Installation of new door and repairs to gate
- Newdegate Public Toilets – Installation of new toilet roll holders
- Newdegate Fire Shed – Installation of coded door locks

*Denise Gobbart*  
Chief Executive Officer

## Pension and Senior Card Advice

Under the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992, the Local Governments are required to periodically review all pensioners.

If any of the details checked do not match, the claim may be rejected and concessions may be amended or cancelled.

Therefore, some things that pensioners and seniors may need to consider and advise the Shire about are:

- Do I hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card as well as a Seniors Card and am I only registered at the Shire with my Seniors Card?
- Has my partner also now received a card and we have not completed a joint application yet?
- As I am now not working more than 25 hours per week and am over 60, have I applied for a Seniors Card yet?
- Has the ownership of my property changed recently?
- Have I moved from one property to another and not made a new application for concessions with Water Corporation yet?
- Has my spouse ceased occupation of the property and I have not completed a new application?

If you work more than 25 hours per week, you are no longer eligible to have the Seniors Card and must return the card to Department of Community Services with a note advising them of your situation.

Unfortunately if concessions are cancelled, pensioners/seniors do not get their rebates again until new applications are made.



KidSport enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5 to 18 years to participate in community sport and recreation by offering them financial assistance of up to \$150 per calendar year towards club fees.

### Who is eligible for KidSport?

All Western Australian children aged 5 to 18 with a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card are eligible for KidSport. Find your nearest club through <https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/portal/find-a-club>.

### How does KidSport work?

You can apply for KidSport online or by using a hard copy application form.

KidSport applications are assessed by the local government in which the child resides or by the KidSport team at Sport and Recreation (WA). If an application is approved, the KidSport team will email you a voucher code (unique to the child). The code needs to be provided to the club when registering so that the approved amount can be deducted from the registration or membership fees. For further information: <https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport>

## Shire of Lake Grace Community News *Cont.*

### 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](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 29 May 2018**

**Tuesday 12 June 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
28 May	4 June
11 June	18 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

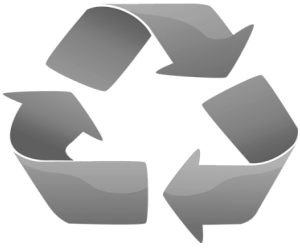
**Lake King Library** Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Rd  
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

*Everyone welcome*



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





# What's Recyclable What's Not!



## What's Not:



- \* Plastic wrap
- \* Plastic bags
- \* Styrofoam (including disposable coffee cups)
- \* Paper towels, napkins, tissue paper
- \* Paper plates, soiled paper
- \* Fast food wrappers
- \* Food waste
- \* Cups, plates, wine and drinking glasses
- \* Light bulbs
- \* Batteries
- \* Green Waste

## What's Recyclable:



- \* Plastic bottles
- \* Newspaper
- \* Cardboard (clean)
- \* Paper Grocery bags
- \* Egg Cartons
- \* Magazines, junk mail, stationery and envelopes
- \* Glass bottles and jars
- \* Milk & Juice cartons
- \* Aluminium/tin cans, foil, trays
- \* All plastic food containers
- \* Empty aluminium aerosol cans

## Recycling Services

Recycling bins are collected by Warren Blackwood Waste and transported to a recycling facility.

If items which are not recyclable are found the content can't be recycled and the load will be directed to landfill.

If an item is covered in food, it is not recyclable. Food is one of the worst contaminators in the recycling process.

Please remember to rinse out cups, cans, jars etc. before throwing them in the bin.

By using the yellow top recycling bin correctly you are contributing, in a combined community effort, to reduce the amount of rubbish that is directed to landfill facilities each year.



Reduce

Reuse

Recycle

# HEYWIRE

The ABC has run the annual regional youth project in partnership with the Australian Government since 1998.

Heywire puts young Australians at the centre of the conversations that shape their communities.

regional or rural Australia. Heywire encourages young people to tell stories about their life outside the major cities in text, photo, video or audio format. Over the past 17 years more than 9,000 young Australians have taken part.

The annual Heywire cycle begins with a storytelling competition - open to people aged 16-22, living in

Entries open in February 2018! When your story is ready, submit it by filling in our simple online entry form by September 16, 2018 to be in the running to win. Go to: <http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/competition/>