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CEO's Corner

Flooding Event

The contractors are estimated to have completed 49% of outstanding works, and we are officially at the half way mark of our designated timeframe to complete the works.

There are a number of roads on which 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 at 30 June 2018, the Shire has spent \$5,121,728 on repair works to reinstate the road network as a result of February 2017 Flood Event. This figure doesn't include work undertaken throughout June. As a result of the WANDRRA claim, \$153,400 is the minimum contribution our local government has had to make towards the repair works. On top of that figure we also spent \$78,578 using our own works crew, these funds are not eligible to be refunded.

Currently Main Roads WA has reimbursed the Shire \$3,133,395 to June 30. We have Claim 6 with Main Roads totaling \$911,450 awaiting approval with Claim 7 being \$844,904 being prepared for submission to Main Roads.

As this work is being carried out, the Shire would like to remind road users to be courteous and slow down within the areas that 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.

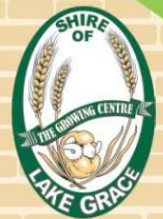
2018 WA Local Government Convention

The 2018 WA Local Government Convention is due to take place at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre, on 1 – 3 August 2018. The Local Government Convention brings together local governments from all over WA and is an important event on the Local Government calendar. Deputy Shire president Cr Steve Hunt, Cr Deb Clarke, Cr Roz Lloyd, Cr Peter Stoffberg and I will all be attending this event.

The theme for this year's convention is 'Ready and Relevant' and has been designed to encourage us to reflect on where we are as a sector, and to plan for the challenges ahead. With a host of exciting guest speakers, including Anh Do, Dr Geoff Raby, Mark McCrindle and Billie Jordan, we are all very much looking forward to this event.



Lake Grace
Newdegate
Pingaring
Lake King
Varley



Banners in the Terrace

Held each year alongside the annual Local Government

Continued over ..

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CEO Corner Cont.

Convention, the Banners in the Terrace Competition highlight the variety of landscapes, lifestyles and communities that exist across WA.

Local Governments were able to submit an entry in five different categories covering schools, community groups, creative artists and professional or digital, with the banners on display along St Georges' and Adelaide Terraces thanks to Convention Supporter the City of Perth.

This year our banner was designed by Newdegate Country Women's Association and it will be on display from Sunday 22 July – Saturday 28 July 2018.

2018 Regional Telecommunications Review

The Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee will conduct reviews into the adequacy of telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia. The Committee (RTIRC) is established approximately every three years by Part 9B of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*.

As part of the review, the committee will consider:

- How regional communities can maximise the economic benefits of digital technologies
- How regional Australians use their broadband service and how they could achieve further benefits from it
- The outcomes achieved through the Mobile Black Spot Program, and
- Remaining gaps in mobile coverage in regional Australia.

Submissions are due by Sunday, 5 August. They can be made by post to
2018 Regional Telecommunications Review Secretariat
Department of Communications and the Arts
GPO Box 2154
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You can also have your say online through the following webpage <https://www.communications.gov.au/have-your-say/2018-regional-telecommunications-review>

Road Works

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

- Lake Grace Plant Repairs
- Relocating stockpiled blue metal from Magenta Road to Bidy Camm Road and from Holt Rock South Road to Bidy Camm Road, and retrieving signs
- Lake Grace Rural Signs and Guideposts
- Lake Grace Tip – fill from Carruthers Pit to Tip
- Newdegate Drainage – fixing of failed culvert on North Newdegate Road

Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out the following work:

- West Kuender Road
- O'Neill Road
- Naisbitt Road
- Treloar Road
- Griffin Reward Road
- Road inspections carried out as a result of recent rain

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

- Bidy Camm Road
- Hewsons Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out work on:

- Newdegate North Road
- Witham Road

Parks and Gardens

The Town Maintenance Crew has carried out the following work:

- Lake Grace Town Street Maintenance – checking of town site, clearing of drain grates, whipper snipping, removal of trees and branches, slashing of open areas, spraying of lane ways and industrial area, hedging and pruning of trees
- Lake Grace Recreation Ground Maintenance – marking of football oval, weeding and sanding around ovals, and mowing of ovals
- 3 Clark Avenue, Lake Grace – garden clean up
- Lake Grace Hall – checking of retic and general garden maintenance
- Lake Grace Cemetery – clean up and spraying
- Shire Administration Building – clean up and mowing of lawns
- 6 Banksia Place, Lake Grace – mowing of lawns
- Small plant repairs
- Depot operating and repairs – clean-up of dog pound
- Lake Grace Tip – works request to replace bins
- Lake Grace Airstrip – spraying
- Lake Grace Visitor Centre – general garden maintenance and hedging
- Newdegate Hall – general garden and retic maintenance

Building & Maintenance

The Building and Maintenance Team have carried out the following work:

- 6 Banksia Place, Lake Grace – internal painting completed
- Shire buildings and house – cleaning and servicing of air conditioners
- Newdegate Lesser Hall – lifting of paving to add extra storm water pipe to relieve water problem prior to the repair of the hall floor and reinstate paving

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

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Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday 25 July 2018

Time: 3:00 pm

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.

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.

Cat Trap Hire

If you are being kept awake at night by singing cats or ones that are fighting please be aware that the Shire has a cat trap available for hire, \$50 bond which will be returned to you upon the return of the cat trap.



Power Outages

Customers affected by power outages lasting 12 continuous hours or more, may be eligible for an \$80 service standard payment.

To find out if you are eligible go to: <https://westernpower.com.au/power-outages/make-a-claim/>



Check out our website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

State Library Online

Did you know that 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!

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.

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.

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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 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 - 3 August 2018

Friday - 7 September 2018

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.

Building Surveyor

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

Tuesday 21 August 2018

Tuesday 4 September 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
23 July	30 July
6 August	13 August

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



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COUNTRY ARTS WA & ACT-BELONG-COMMIT PRESENT

A boy named ★
CASH
★ JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE SHOW ★

starring
Monty Cotton

((AS SEEN ON
THE VOICE!))

Country Dress
Themed

WED 15 AUGUST, 7.30PM

LAKE GRACE SHIRE HALL

BAR
AVAILABLE
Bring Your
Own Nibbles

Bookings: Shire of Lake Grace ☎ 08 9890 2500,
or Lake Grace Post Office ☎ 08 9865 1047

LOCALLY PRESENTED BY LAKE GRACE ARTIST GROUP & SHIRE OF LAKE GRACE

Adult: \$30 | Concession: \$15 | Youth (15+): \$15 | Family (2x2): \$60 | Tables of 6: \$150 (Extras \$25 each)

Recommended for audiences aged 15+

Followed by
Local Musicians

