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### CEO's Corner

#### Event Flooding

The contractors are estimated to have completed 60% of outstanding works, it is anticipated that we will have the works finished by December.

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 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.

#### Road Signs

We continually receive complaints regarding missing road signs. Road name signs often disappear; this is unfortunate as they are critical if emergency services are trying to find you. They also cost ratepayers when they have to be replaced on a regular basis. Another report has been made post Grand Final celebration of a missing sign. Of any sign this must be the most regularly reported missing sign. A solution may be to change the road name to a less common family name!

#### LGIS WA Inter Municipal Golf Tournament

The Annual LGIS WA Inter Municipal Golf Tournament was held on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 September and was hosted by the Shire of Denmark, at the Denmark Country Club. I, Shire Deputy President Cr Steve Hunt, Cr Murray Stanton and Merv Spurr attended this event, along with Local Government Officers and Elected Members from 23 WA Local Governments, key stakeholders and sponsors from across Western Australia.

On the Friday, the main event kicked off from 10:00am and 18 holes were played. The winner of the event was the City of Coolgardie and their prize is to host next year's event. This event was not only great for local government Officers and Elected Members to network amongst their peers from other Local Governments across the State, but it also brought with it opportunities for the local businesses of the hosting Shire, as there were around 100 golfers attending the event all requiring accommodation and places to eat over the two days.

#### Magpie Season is upon us!

Magpie nesting season usually takes place between August and October and during this time Magpies become more defensive and aggressive. Magpies swoop to protect their eggs and young from potential predators during nesting season and they rely largely on intimidation to deter human intruders, by flying low and fast, often clacking their bill as they pass overhead. Occasionally, a Magpie will actually strike an intruder on the head, while such strikes are rare, they can inflict serious injuries with eyes being the most common target!

You can avoid or reduce the impact of swooping Magpie by following these steps:

- Never deliberately provoke or harass a magpie. Throwing sticks or stones usually makes them more defensive. Magpies have good memories and they may continuously swoop a potential aggressor;
- Avoid areas where magpies are known to swoop, remember, magpie hostility lasts only a few weeks and they usually only defend a small area of about 100m radius around their nest.
- Locate the bird and keep watching it when entering its territory, if it swoops, don't crouch in fear or stop, move on quickly but don't run;
- If you are riding a bike make sure you wear a helmet, and dismount and walk through nesting magpie territory;
- Wear a hat and sunglasses or carry an umbrella for protection. Magpies initially attack from behind but can swoop back around;
- Adopt a confident stance as this can have a strong deterrent effect.

Remember that the magpies are just trying to protect their young. Learning to live alongside wildlife is an important step towards building a better living environment, and observing and listening to magpies can be an enjoyable experience.

Taking a bird or nest from the wild is illegal without a permit and while such actions may temporarily stop attacks, it is not uncommon for another nesting bird to move in. It is better to avoid the area or live with the swooping bird for six to eight weeks until the chicks learn to fly and the problem ceases.

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

CEO Corner *Cont.*

### Road Works

The Construction Crew and General Maintenance Staff have carried out the following work:

- Lake Grace Tip – loading of tyres for disposal, clean-up of tip and firebreak
- Slarke Road – loading and carting of gravel, rolling, grading, sheeting, form and slurring and carting water
- North Lake Grace-Karlgarin Road – clearing trees
- Magenta Road SLK 24.63-27.63 – carting gravel, clearing trees
- General machinery maintenance
- Gravel sheeting over the culvert at the corner of Fourteen Mile Road and Mallee Hill Road
- Lake Grace-Karlgarin Road has been marked out for tree clearing
- Magenta Road has been pegged with levels
- Pushing up of gravel has taken place at the Griffin Reward Road gravel pit

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading work on the following roads:

- Burns Road
- Green Road

The Lake King Maintenance Grader has carried out grading work on the following roads in Lake King and Varley:

- Norseman Road
- Hogan Road
- Biddy Camm Road
- Spencer Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading work on the following roads:

- Rodger Road
- Oakey Road

### Parks and Gardens

The Town Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Lake Grace Recreation Ground – mowing of football and hockey ovals and whipper snipping of surrounds, clean-up of ovals, moving of mulch to sports complex, filling in of potholes at oval entry, mowing of lawn around cricket nets, removal of rubber mats, tarp and lawn runners on cricket pitch and whipper snipping and blowing of cricket pitch, checking and testing of watering system and repairs to sprinklers
- Lake Grace Swimming pool – weeding and pruning, removal of tree branches and debris, mowing lawn, whipper snipping, blowing and general clean up
- Sewerage maintenance – spraying
- Town Street Maintenance – spraying and weeding of Clarke Avenue, Blackbutt Way, Stubbs Street, verge slashing on Absolon Street, Elliot Street, Stubbs Street and Dewer Street and slashing of open area

- and maintenance of Bennett Street trees
- Shire of Lake Grace Administration Building – general garden maintenance and spraying
- Lake Grace Cemetery – general garden maintenance and spraying
- Shire of Lake Grace Depot – spraying around depot
- Lake Grace Public Hall – general garden maintenance and mowing
- RSL Hall, Lake Grace – general garden maintenance and mowing
- Lake Grace Railway Building – general garden maintenance and mowing
- 6 Blackbutt Way, Lake Grace – gardening, mowing and retic maintenance
- Lake Grace Parks and Gardens – weeding middle verge on Stubbs Street and removal of tree limb at BBQ area
- Newdegate Field Day – collection and emptying of bins

### Building & Maintenance

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

- 6 Banksia Place, Lake Grace – upgrade to laundry
- 5 Banksia Place, Lake Grace – removal of shade cloth on patio
- Lake Grace Swimming Pool – repairs to fibreglass pool surrounds and work has commenced on drainage replacement

*Denise Gobbart*  
Chief Executive Officer

## 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](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au) for more details on how to access and enjoy these free resources.

## 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/>

## 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.

### 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).

### 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 - 5 October 2018**

**Friday - 2 November 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).

### Building Surveyor

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

**Tuesday 18 September 2018**

**Tuesday 2 October 2018**

For an appointment contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

### 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
17 September	24 September
1 October	8 October

**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)



## VACSWIM Enrolments

VacSwim classes in Newdegate and Lake Grace will be held from:

Saturday 15 December 2018  
until Friday 21 December 2018

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim for just:

- \$7.00 per child for a five day short program
- \$13.00 per child for all other programs.

It's even cheaper if you have three or more children:

- \$18.00 a family for a five day short program
- \$35.00 a family for all other programs.

The family enrolment discount only applies to three or more immediate family members or a blended family living permanently at the same address (proof may be requested).

Separate entry fees may be required at pool centres for participants and accompanying family members.

**Enrolments Close:** Sunday 4 November 2018

## Community Citizen of the Year Awards

The campaign for Community Citizen of the Year Awards 2019 will officially open on 1 September.

### There are four categories Citizen of the Year

A person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community

### Citizen of the Year – Youth.

A young person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community. To be eligible, the person must be under 25 years of age on January 26, 2018

### Citizen of the Year – Senior

An older person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community. To be eligible, the person must be over 65 years of age on January 26, 2018

### Award for Active Citizenship

A group doing outstanding work or for an event staged in the community during the past year

**NOMINATIONS OPEN 1 September 2018  
CLOSE 31 October 2018**



## GARAGE SALE TRAIL

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



**CHOOSE TO REUSE AND JOIN 400,000 AUSTRALIANS AS PART OF THE NATION'S BIGGEST EVER WEEKEND OF GARAGE SALES.**

### October 20 & 21

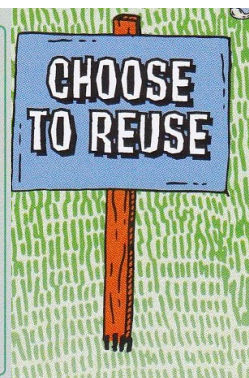
#### HOST A SALE

Declutter, make some money and meet the locals. Household, schools, community groups, even whole streets get involved. Register for free at [garagesaletrail.com.au](http://garagesaletrail.com.au) and list your sale on the Trail plus get tips, tricks and free promotional materials.

#### SHOP THE TRAIL

Find bargains and unearth unique treasures in your neighbourhood. Over 2 million items up for grabs at 15,000 garage sales across the country. Plan your weekend and search for items and sales near you at [garagesaletrail.com.au](http://garagesaletrail.com.au)

- ✓ **GOOD FOR THE PLANET**  
Reusing stuff you no longer want reduces waste to landfill and is good for the environment
- ✓ **GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY**  
\$1m + raised for charity each year  
350,000 + community connections
- ✓ **GOOD FOR YOU**  
Declutter, make money & meet the neighbours



## Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

**Date: Wednesday 17 October 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.

