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## CEO's Corner

### Flooding Event

The contractors are nearing completion of outstanding works, it is anticipated that we will have all works finished prior to December. The work outstanding is as follows;

Western Sector - headwalls on Biddy Camm, Duckworth, Fourteen Mile and Mallee Hill Roads.  
South Sector – Newdegate-Pingrup, Dawson & Beynon.  
Remedial works on Lockhart, Dyke and the Northern end of Old Ravensthorpe Road. Culverts Magenta, Nield and Old Ravensthorpe Road.

All Sectors – Culvert cleaning is to commence next week, this is additional work that has been authorised by Main Roads WA.

Audits are currently being undertaken on the completed works to ensure all work has been completed as 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 the road works.

### Driving and Parking Vehicles on Footpaths and Verges

It has been brought to my attention that there are a number of vehicles driving and or parking on footpaths and verges. These areas are not designed for traffic movement. Kerbing and footpaths are being damaged as a result of these vehicle movements. This damage then costs both time and money at the expense of the ratepayer. This matter will be monitored over the coming months.

### Council

#### Ordinary Council Meeting – 17 October 2018

The items of business discussed at this meeting included:

- Fixed Standpipe Review
- Licence and Indemnity Agreement to Access Portion Reserve 20629
- Lake Grace Sporting Precinct Upgrade Advisory Group Request Support for Community Sport Infrastructure Grant Program
- Chief Executive Officer – Annual Performance Review 2018

### Water Corporation Fixed Standpipe Review

The Water Corporation commenced a review in early 2017 to collate corporate knowledge of fixed standpipes and critically analyse all aspects of the management process including receipt and processing applications, application of land use ratings, infrastructure installed at the point of distribution, pricing and the policy governing the use of fixed standpipes.

The issues identified were;

Some commercial customers access community purpose standpipes and pay concessionary rates; this creates inequity and results in the community and state government subsidising the activities of private enterprises on an unequal basis;

Scheme pressure and supply issues caused by standpipes being used for undesignated purpose (i.e. commercial user accessing community purpose standpipes);

Lack of publically available information about standpipes, how they work, where they are located, the permitted scope of use for a given standpipe, and what pricing applies.

Local Governments are entitled to access concessional pricing for water used for our own purposes. This will not change, however high flow rate Local Government owned fixed standpipes that are publicly accessible will no longer be charged concessional rates and commercial rates will apply.

All Local Government standpipes with a meter size of 20mm or 25mm will receive concessional rates and are to be used by the Local Government or for community purposes only (such as drought assistance for farmers or households not connected to scheme water when a drought condition is announced by the Government). All standpipes with a meter size above 25mm will be charged at a commercial rate, but an exemption to consumption charges does apply for water used for fire-fighting purposes.

Although the Shire has invested money to install electronic card readers to access water, there is a significant difference in the quantity of water billed by Water Corporation against our billings for water accessed from standpipes. Based on these differences in the 16/17 billing period, if the new commercial charges were in operation, the Shire would have had an expense of \$37,000 in water not billed.

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

### CEO Corner *Cont.*

It has been resolved that the standpipes will be nominated as Community Use Standpipes, which would allow the Shire to have access to the concessional rates

### Local Government Act Stage 2 Review Forum

On Thursday 11 October 2018, Shire President Cr Jeanette De Landgraft, Shire Deputy President Cr Steve Hunt and I attended the Local Government Act Stage 2 Review Forum held at the Narrogin Reception Centre.

In 2017 the McGowan Government announced a review of the Local Government Act 1995. This is the first significant reform of local government conducted in more than two decades. The objective is for Western Australia to have a new, modern Act that empowers local governments to better deliver for the community.

The next stage will result in a new Local Government Act and focuses on delivering for the community based on the themes Agile, Smart and Inclusive. Local governments and community members are currently invited to have a say on some or all of the reform areas.

This review is open to everyone and if you think we should have different ways of doing business, this is your time to make comment. There are surveys online or various community drop in sessions and forums at different locations. All relevant information is available using the following link <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/localgovernment/strengthening/Pages/LG-Act-Review.aspx>

### 2018 WA Transport and Roads Forum

On Tuesday 16 October 2018, the Manager Infrastructure Services John Dyer and I attended the 2018 WA Transport and Roads Forum held in Perth. Hosted by the WA Local Government Association and Main Roads WA, the aim of this forum was to provide local governments with the opportunity to influence the future direction of policy, explore challenges and share strategies, hear the latest updates and engage with the State Government.

- Topics covered in this forum included:
- Road safety management systems
- Towards Zero Road Safety
- A new approach to Planned Investment into Unsealed Roads
- Advances in Durable Sprayed Seal Technology for Lower Volume Roads
- Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements effective 1 November 2018
- Heavy Vehicle Access Developments Impacting Local Government

### Road Works

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

- Magenta Road – clearing of trees, carting of gravel, back slopes and surveying
- Holt Rock South Road - guide posts

- Ardler Road - drainage off shoots
- Griffin Reward and O'Neill Roads – clearing of trees and back slopes

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

- Burngup Road
- Biddy-Camm Road
- McGlenn Road
- Lloyd Road
- Lake Road

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

- Norseman Road
- Drust Road

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

- Breed Road
- Dyke Road

### Parks and Gardens

The Town Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Lake Grace Pavilion Precinct Maintenance – mowing and edging of ovals, watering, weeding, spraying and mulching
- Lake Grace Hall – weeding and mowing
- Lake Grace Swimming Pool – mowing, mulching, removal of debris, sand removal and spreading
- Lake Grace RSL Building – checking and testing of watering system
- Lake Grace Railway Building – checking and testing of watering system
- Lake Grace Main Street Maintenance – watering, weeding and spraying of aphids, slashing of verges, watering of street trees, clean-up of BBQ area
- Lake Grace East and West Town Entries – mowing and delivery of new bins
- Lake King Cemetery – general garden maintenance

### Building & Maintenance

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

- Newdegate Hall – maintenance to external doors and guttering
- Lake Grace AIM – monitoring of building movement continues
- Lake King Library – maintenance to fluoro lights and securing of shelving to wall
- Varley Hall – preparation work for external woodwork repair
- Lake Grace Swimming Pool – continued works on drainage replacement
- 10b Gumtree Drive, Lake Grace – ceilings patched and painted, window repair, doors replaced and lattice repaired

*Denise Gobbart*  
Chief Executive Officer

## 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 - 2 November 2018**

**Friday - 7 December 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 30 October 2018**

**Tuesday 13 November 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
5 November	29 October
19 November	12 November

**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)



## Is the Shire of Lake Grace Digitally Ready?

### Help plan for the future

Digital technology and the internet are now integral to our society and economy. Our ability to embrace the digital age will factor strongly in the development of the Lake Grace community and economy, for today and tomorrow.

The Shire of Lake Grace is undertaking the region's first digital census, to help it to understand what is required, to assist all homes, business and community groups, to benefit in the digital age.

Your support in completing a short online survey will help the Shire to develop future strategies, plans and actions, to position the region competitively for the digital future.

Copy the web link into your browser and this should take you directly to the online survey. Click Start and follow the instructions.

#### Web Link:

<https://optimi.typeform.com/to/X0Rj2T>

Your participation in the survey is completely anonymous.

You can access the survey from the Shire website:

[www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

or ring the Shire on 9890 2500 for a hard copy to be posted to you with a return address envelope.



### 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.

### Community Citizen of the Year Awards

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE 31 October 2018**

Go to:

<https://auspire.org.au/programs-awards/citizen-of-the-year/> and nominate a community member or an event.

#### The Community Citizen of the Year Awards 2019

##### Categories are:

##### 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



### 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

# Varley Museum Refurbishment for the Future

Varley Progress Association applied for the Building Better Regions Infrastructure Projects Stream grant with support from the Shire of Lake Grace and assistance from the Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt.

The successful grant submission for \$20,000 was announced on 16 July 2018 and with \$10,000 from Varley Progress Association work began.

The group were quick to get the refurbishment started. Rick Wilson MP visited the museum on Monday 6 August 2018 to see the renovations well commenced.



**Left: Jane McPhee with grandson Noah, Loraine Atkins, Bev Hyde and Varley Progress Association President Ben Hyde with Rick Wilson MP.**

The project was motivated by the Varley Museum Committee. Their plan is to ensure easy management of the building; to maintain it as a tourist destination and to be included in any future heritage trail for the Shire of Lake Grace, with the purpose of handing the responsibility of the museum to the younger generation.

The refurbishment included; lining and painting the interior walls, new flooring, window blinds, improved lighting and picture rails. It has ensured the preservation of the historical artefacts, by reducing dust, increased lighting and safety.

The presentation of the historical display is now an attractive destination and will help increase the number of tourists passing through Varley stop in to visit the museum.

Varley District Museum is preserving the cultural heritage of the early pioneers who opened up this vast area of the eastern regions of the Wheatbelt to agriculture in the 1920's.

The reinstallation of the artefacts began at 7.30am Wednesday 4 October when committee members arrived. This day also brought rain, leading to more volunteers arriving throughout the morning to an impressive 15 in total.

They volunteered their time to prepare the museum for the grand reopening with a date to be confirmed.

Congratulations to all involved in such a worthy project.



**Left: Harry Hyde, Joan, Ben Hyde, Loraine Atkins, Bev Hyde, Dallas Strother, Jane McPhee, Anna Scheepers, Nikki Slabbert, Graeme Atkins, Ben Slabbert.**

*The Shire of Lake Grace*

*invites all Seniors to*

# Seniors Week

## Celebrations 2018 at

Walkers Hill Winery

Wednesday 14 November

Starting 10am

Come along share a laugh and  
a cuppa with the P&K Challenge.

*Poetry* 

Followed by lunch.

Enjoy the afternoon  
listening or singing-along  
with Local Musicians.

***RSVP Essential: Bookings at  
the Shire office: 9890 2500***



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Communities



COTA  
For older Australians



WA Seniors Week  
11 - 17 November 2018

