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## CEO's Corner

### New Doctors – 1 March 2017

After a vigorous recruitment process, the Shire of Lake Grace is pleased to announce that a General Practice Agreement will be entered into with Dr Olayinka (Olay) Omoniyi and Dr Abiola (Abi) Olowu for a five year term commencing 1 March 2017. Dr Olay will be the resident doctor supported by Dr Abi during this agreement.

The doctors are currently working in rural WA, with Dr Olay having worked in Beverley for four years and Dr Abi having worked in Pingelly for three years. Both doctors are credentialed to work with the Western Australian Country Health Service and are looking forward to managing their own practice.

The Shire looks forward to the doctors providing for our communities health needs in the long term.

### Medical Practice – Locums

Sunday 29 January saw Dr Peter Lacey finish his service agreement with the Medical Practice, Dr Lacey was a much welcomed addition to our community during January. We have now entered into a locum agreement with Dr John Whitelaw commencing Monday 30 January through to Friday 10 February 2017. It is hoped that Dr Whitelaw will obtain his credentials to work at the hospital within a few days of his arrival. Please call 9865 1208 the staff at the practice for an appointment.

### Removal of the Local Government Vehicle Licensing Concession

Effective 1 July 2017, the current concession on vehicle license fees and stamp duty that has applied to local governments for many years will be removed. This policy decision by the State Government was included in the State Government 2016/2017 Budget Papers.

The Shire was not aware that the Government announced the change nor publically alerted the sector to change at the time of the budget being presented in May 2016. Along with other local governments, the Shire was advised on the policy change by email dated 6 January 2017.

The forward estimates suggest the additional revenue to the State will be \$5.6m per year but this amount includes the removal of the concession from local

government as well as the Department of Defence and Commonwealth of Australia. The additional funds will be allocated to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) however; it would appear that the Government has reduced the MRWA budget by the same amount so in effect there are no additional funds for road works.

We have undertaken the exercise of calculating the likely financial impact the removal of the exemption vehicle license fees and stamp duty will have on the Shire and the community. The impact of removing the exemption vehicle license fees (based on the current licensing fees) on the Shire will be around \$42,000 per annum. The impact of the stamp duty (based on current stamp duty costs) cost over a 10 year period for the Shire will be approximately \$308,000!

Based on an average cost per annum, on current values the Shire would need to find at least an additional \$73,000 revenue per annum (about 2.6% of rates) to cover the additional State Government fees.

Given the impending financial impact to the Shire and the local government sector of WA as a whole, correspondence has been sent directly to the Premier, Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of Nationals WA seeking their direct support to have the local government concession on vehicle license fees and stamp duty reinstated.

### Review of Wards and Representation

As mentioned previously, the Shire of Lake Grace is required to conduct a review of its wards and representation and is keen to invite public participation in the review. Ward boundaries and the number of offices of Councillor for each ward will be reviewed against the following factors: Community of interest; Physical and topographical features; Demographic trends, Economic factors; and, Ratio of Councillors to electors in the various wards. A Discussion Paper is available outlining the current situation and alternative options.

Public submissions are invited and must be submitted to: Shire of Lake Grace, 1 Bishop St, PO Box 50, Lake Grace, WA, 6353, Fax: 9890 2599 or email: [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au) **by 10.00am on Monday 27 February 2017.**

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## CEO's Corner continued

For further information and a copy of the Discussion Paper please contact our Governance Officer, Tash Bowman, at the Shire on 9890 2500. The Discussion Paper is also available for download on the Shire's website at [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

In order to provide the opportunity for the community to have input into the representation model the following community forums are scheduled. It is extremely

important that the community be part of this process in order to ensure the equity of the review process and the final outcome, so all are encouraged to attend a meeting in their locality.

COMMUNITY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Newdegate	Tuesday 7 February 2017	7.30pm	Newdegate Recreation Centre
Varley	Wednesday 8 February 2017	3.00pm	Varley Town Hall
Lake King	Wednesday 8 February 2017	6.30pm	Lake King Town Hall
Lake Grace	Thursday 9 February 2017	7.30pm	Lake Grace Town Hall

## Strategic Community Plan

The first stage of the Strategic Community Plan review is a Community Engagement Survey. This survey will be undertaken throughout February and March. This will be followed up by community engagement workshops to be held 27 and 28 March 2017; with the Community Perception Report finalised by the 31 March. After this there will be elected member and executive workshops in April; with the final document being presented to Council in May. Community input is essential to ensure the vision and values of the Shire are as one with the community.

## Building Works - Progress on Lake Grace Units & Maintenance

Lake Grace Home Improvements have commenced gyprock work to the ceiling of Unit 1. Extra posts on steelworks are being carried out by Ironstone Fabrications. The building team are currently seeking quotes for external cladding for all three units. The building team have completed the roof timber works and fascia's on Unit 2. They are currently installing the windows for Unit 2. Once this is completed the triple grips, tie down bolts for walls, steel and timber work for Unit 3 will be carried out in readiness for the contractor to start.

The Building Maintenance Team are prioritising and planning maintenance and capital works as well as carrying out works requests. They have also been attending meetings in relation to the Lake Grace Sports Pavilion Redevelopment Project.

## Road Works

Our Construction Team have finished installing pipe work on Holt Rock South Road and are currently carrying out water binding ready for bitumen sealing later this month.

The Lake Grace maintenance grader has been on North Burgup Road, Biddy Camm Road and will be moving onto South Burgup Road, North Beenong Road, Milton Road, Duckworth Road and other school bus routes.

The Newdegate grading contractor has been working on Old Ravensthorpe Road. The contractor has carried out backslopes between Alder Road and Taylor Road and will be maintenance grading Magenta Road, Lockhart Road, Dykes Road, Tonkin Road which are school bus routes.

The Lake King grading contractor has been grading Kathleen Road, Ladyman Road, Smerdon Road, Sugg Rock Road, Hewson Road, Drust Road and Biddy Camm Road east from Brookton Highway.

## Road Maintenance

The maintenance team have been erecting school bus signs on Kathleen Road and white posts along the school bus routes also.

## Gardeners

The town maintenance crew have been spraying weeds around town and mowing open areas in town. They have also been out to Varley and Lake King townsites for mowing and spraying around the towns and the cemeteries.

## Australia Day Celebrations

It was great seeing so many in our communities getting involved in the Australia Day celebrations. The Shire President Cr Jeanette De Landgraff and I attended the Australia Day Services in Lake Grace, Varley and Lake King. I would like to thank the community and the helpers who assisted on the day to make them all a success.

The Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards were presented at the events in Lake Grace, Newdegate and Lake King. Congratulations to all nominees and winners of these awards, it is a great honour to be nominated for these awards. The contribution you have all made to our communities is invaluable.

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*CEO's Corner continued*

A list of nominees and winners are below:

### Lake Grace Citizen of the Year

Amanda Milton - winner      Lake Grace Development Association

Tania Bray                      LGDHS P & C

### Lake Grace Senior Citizen of the Year

#### Senior (65 years or over)

Annie Slarke                      Lake Grace CRC

Walter Perry - winner      Lake Grace Development Association

### Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event

Lake Grace Community      Lake Grace Development Association  
Men's Shed Inc.

### Lake King Citizen of the Year

Collin Penny                      Lake King Progress Association

### Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event

St Johns Ambulance -      Lake King Progress Association  
Lake King

### Newdegate Citizen of the Year

Gaye Guelfi                      Newdegate Community Development Association

### Citizen of the Year, Youth

Rebekah Dunkeld              Ian Lloyd

### Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event

Winter Sports Awards      Newdegate Community Development Association  
Presentation Night  
Organising Committee



*Above: New Citizen Fr Joe*

Congratulations to Father Joseph Sousa from Lake Grace on obtaining his citizenship conducted by Shire President Cr De Landgraft at the Lake Grace Swimming Pool on Thursday 26 January 2017.

## Shire of Lake Grace

### Newdegate Community Library Management Committee



#### Community Representative

The Shire is seeking to appoint one (1) community representative to the newly established Newdegate Community Library Management Committee.

**Background:** *The above Committee has been established under the terms of a formal Agreement between the Shire, the Department of Education and the Newdegate CRC. The Agreement sets out usage and management of the joint library / community resource centre facility for the mutual benefit of the community, the Shire and the School.*

For further information and a copy of the Agreement which sets out the Committee Rules can be obtained from Jeanette Bennett at the Shire Office (08) 9890 2500, or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

Nominations **close on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017** and can be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer at the Shire of Lake Grace by email as per above or by post to: PO Box 50

**Lake Grace WA 6353**

## Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

**3:00 pm Wednesday**

**22 February 2017**

**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.



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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.

## Tip Opening Hours

### Lake Grace

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 2pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

### Newdegate

Wednesday 9am - 1pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

### Lake King & Varley

Open Every Day

## Building Surveyor

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

**Tuesday 7 February 2017**

**Tuesday 21 February 2017**

To make an appointment please contact Josiah on  
☎ 0438 811 944.

## Waste & Recycling Pick up Dates

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
6 February	13 February
20 February	27 February

**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.

## Driving Assessor

The Practical Driving Assessor (PDA) will be at the Shire of Lake Grace Office on:

**Friday - 3 March 2017**

**Friday - 7 April 2017** - to be confirmed

Please contact the Shire's Customer Service Officer for an appointment. You can now book your PDA online. For more information visit [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au).

## Licensing Agency Opening Hours

**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.

Being an agency there are also limitations on what we can do, we cannot process any transactions or access records over the phone. Records can only be assessed by the person who appears on them. Your partner, mother or sister cannot access your records.

Payment of invoices and renewals can be paid by any person if they present a renewal notice or invoice.

## Environmental Health Officer

Shire Environmental Health Officer Barry Smith is available.

For Barry's availability please contact the Shire on 9890 2500 or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

## Library Hours

**Lake Grace Public Library** School Place Absolon St

### **School term**

Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm

Closed for lunch 12.00 - 12.30pm

**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 & Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

*Everyone is welcome.*



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[www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace](http://www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace)



Check out our website  
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COUNTRY ARTS WA AND ACT-BELONG-COMMIT PRESENT

# Marty's Party

created and performed by **Marty Putz**

JOIN THE COMEDY  
**CHAOS** IN A  
WONDERFULLY WEIRD,

**EXPLOSIVE**

**EXTRAVAGANZA!**

SHOWS  
ON THE  
**GO**  
VOTED

**PARENTAL WARNING!**  
Mum & Dad may  
act like a  
10 year old

Adult: \$25  
Concession: \$10  
Child: \$5  
Family 2 x 2: \$50

## Lake Grace Shire Hall

### Tuesday 7 March 2017

### Door opens 6pm Starts 7pm

Gold coin  
donation for  
supper - available  
after the show



Department of  
Culture and the Arts



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