



Shire of Lake Grace Community News

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CEO's Corner



Flooding Event

The South West of Western Australia has recently been subject to a significant storm event which has been the cause of damage to assets throughout the region. The Shire of Lake Grace is currently undergoing an assessment of this damage. Your assistance and patience in this process is appreciated.

Shire crews will be driving every road within the Shire over the coming days to determine accessibility and the extent of the damage. Local community input is encouraged to assist in establishing the issues.

We are awaiting any announcements on any financial assistance that may be offered through natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements, to bring our assets back to standard. For this type of claim we need to identify the local road name, SLK section and have digital photos of the damaged road. Given the information we are required to obtain, we cannot just repair any road damage, to do this would likely exclude that road from any external funding. Again, your assistance and patience in this recovery process is appreciated.

Medical Practice – Locums

Dr John Whitelaw will be in attendance at the Medical Practice until Wednesday 15 February. I now have confirmation that Dr Olay will be attending the Practice the following week. There will be no Doctor available Tuesday 21st and 28th February. Full coverage at the Medical Practice commences 1st March 2017. Please contact the Medical Practice staff who will be able to assist with appointments.

Ranger Services

The Shire is engaging the WA Contract Ranger Services to assist Dog and Cat Management. The first phase of this engagement will be an education process with the Rangers visiting each household within our townsites, to ensure pet owners are aware of their responsibilities. The Ranger will be commencing next week, after the initial education we will move into a regular monthly service of ranger patrols within our townsites.

All complaints that require Ranger Services are to be directed to the Shire Office. Arrangements will then be made with the attending ranger.

Review of Wards and Representation

Community briefing forums were held last week in Newdegate, Varley, Lake King and Lake Grace. The forums were held to review the discussion paper and offer the opportunity for issues and concerns to be addressed prior to a submission being made. Thanks to all who attended; we look forward to receiving your submissions.

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 by 10.00am on Monday 27 February 2017.

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.

Strategic Community Plan Review

The Shire undertaking a major review of its Strategic Community Plan 2013-2023; and during February and March is calling for the community to contribute to the review.

The Strategic Community Plan provides a long term (10+ years) plan for the Shire, expressing the vision, aspirations and priorities of the community and is the Shire's principal strategy document, influencing all other planning and decision making at the Shire.

Refer to the Shire's Public Notice in this publication on how to have your say.

Building Works - Progress on Lake Grace Units & Maintenance

Lake Grace Home Improvements have completed the gyprock ceiling and external doors have been fitted on Unit 1. The Contractor (Trevenen Building) has nearly completed the roof for Unit 2 and windows have been ordered for Unit 3.

The Building Maintenance Team are prioritising and planning maintenance and capital works as well as carrying out works requests. The team have attended a site meeting with the architect, *Continued over..*



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structural engineer for the Lake Grace units, and a meeting in relation to the Lake Grace Sports Pavilion.

Road Works

Our Construction Team have finished water binding on Holt Rock South Road and have moved to Morton Road to carry out tree clearing and gravel carting. Once completed, the team will then move to Taylor Road.

The Lake Grace maintenance grader has been on Duckworth Road, Gordon Road, Biddy Camm Road, South Burngup Road, Mallee Hill Road and Fourteen Mile Road.

The Newdegate grading contractor has been grading Aylmore Road, North Buniche Road and then will move on to Ardler Road and Old Ravensthorpe Road to carry out backsplopes and drains.

The Lake King grading contractor has been grading Tarco Road, Old Newdegate Road and then will move on to Fitzgerald Road, Long Creek Road, Mallee Tree Road and Milstead Road.

Road Maintenance

The maintenance team have been erecting white posts and signs on the school bus routes. The team have removed the fence from the tennis courts which are located behind the Shire Office in Lake Grace.



Gardeners

The town maintenance crew have been to Pingaring Sports Ground for spraying of weeds and general clean up. They have been out to Varley for mowing and spraying of weeds and the team are currently trimming the island in the main street of Lake Grace.

Denise Gobbart

Chief Executive Officer

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.

Ranger Service for Shire

The Shire of Lake Grace has recently engaged the services of WA Contract Ranger Services Pty Ltd. The Rangers will be shortly commencing door to door compliance checks relating to responsible pet ownership, registration of cats and dogs. The purpose of these compliance checks is to ensure every dog and cat is registered, micro chipped and the owners of the animals adhere to the relevant legislation.

The Rangers will be authorised to exercise and discharge the powers and functions in relation to animal control, this includes issuing infringement notices, orders and carry on legal proceedings under the various Acts and Regulations.

WA Contract Ranger Services can assist pet owners with micro chipping their pets by offering an in home service at a rate of \$55 per animal. Discounts apply for multiple pets and pension discount are also available. Alternatively please contact your local Vet.

The Ranger can be contacted on 0459 678 154 anytime for the booking of micro chipping and general Ranger enquires relating to the above legislation, however all complaints need to be directed in the first instance to the Shire Office.



knowyourcouncil.com is a website for Local Governments to provide the annual adjustments to budget requirements and the impact on residential rates.



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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 21 February 2017

Tuesday 7 March 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
20 February	27 February
6 March	13 March

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.

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

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.



Check out our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace



Check out our website

www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au



Caltrop in Townsites

Following the recent rainfall the townsites have experienced an outbreak of caltrop.

What You Can Do



You can assist by spraying and/or removing any caltrop on your property or verge, please do not put into your rubbish bin as this will contaminate our waste facility and the neighbouring farm lands.

Disposing of Caltrop Plants

To dispose of any removed caltrop plants please:

- place them into a marked and sealed plastic bag and keep them until winter when they can be safely burnt or
- take them to the Shire Depot, at Absolon Street Lake Grace, where there is a specially marked caltrop wheelie bin facility located just outside the main depot gate.



  BUSHFIRE WARNINGS: WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?		
Alert Level	When Will it be Issued	What Should I Do
<p>ADVICE</p> <p>Be aware and keep up to date Issued at 11am and 4pm unless the situation changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a fire has started but there is no immediate danger • There is no known threat to lives and homes • The fire is likely to be small and may be causing smoke near homes • Firefighters will be able to control the fire 	<p>You need to be aware</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay alert and monitor your surroundings by watching for signs of a bushfire, especially smoke and flames • Check the Fire Danger Rating for your area • Close all doors and windows • Turn off evaporative air conditioners but leave water running through the system if possible • Read through your bushfire survival plan. If you do not have one decide what you will do if the situation gets worse
<p>WATCH AND ACT</p> <p>Put your preparations into action – do not wait and see Issued every two hours unless the situation changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a fire is approaching and conditions are changing There is a possible threat to lives and homes • The fire will be out of control. There may be smoke and embers around your home and roads • Firefighters will be working with machines to put in containment lines to stop the fire spreading 	<p>You need to leave or get ready to defend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put your bushfire survival plan into action • If you have decided to leave for a safer place, leave now and take your survival kit with you • Leave well before roads are closed and full of smoke • If you are not prepared for a bushfire the safest place is to be away from the fire • If you plan to stay and actively defend make final preparations now
<p>EMERGENCY WARNING</p> <p>Take immediate action to survive – you will be impacted by fire Issued every hour unless the situation changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When there is immediate danger and the fire will impact your home • There is a threat to lives and homes • The fire will be out of control and moving very fast. This is the highest level of warning • Firefighters will find it difficult to control the fire and it will take significant firefighting resources and a change in conditions to bring it under control • A siren sound called the Standard Emergency Warning Signal 	<p>You need to act immediately to survive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the way is clear leave immediately for your safer place and take your survival kit with you • If you have not prepared your home, it is too late to do it now. Your safest option is to leave for a safer place, if the way is clear • Do not relocate at the last minute in a vehicle or on foot as this is deadly, leave immediately if the way is clear • If you are unable to leave you need to get ready to take shelter in your home and actively defend it
<p>ALL CLEAR</p> <p>Take care to avoid any dangers and keep up to date Issued when the threat has passed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the danger has passed and the fire is under control • Firefighters will be working to put the last bits of the fire out and make the area safe • It may still not be safe to return home. Emergency services will advise when you can go home 	<p>You need to be careful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remain vigilant in case the situation changes • When driving in the fire area you should take extreme caution and drive slowly • Dangers like smoke, fallen trees and downed power lines may be on roads and emergency services will still be working in the area

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

**EXTRAV-
AGANZA!**

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

SHOWS
ON THE
GO
VOTED

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



Tour coordination by Country Arts WA