

# Shire of Lake Grace Community News



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## CEO's Corner

### Flooding Event – February 2017

The Shire of Lake Grace has undertaken the initial assessment of damage to infrastructure; the first estimate is in the vicinity of \$9,000,000. This has been submitted to Main Roads WA who has approved the appointment of an independent engineer to assess the infrastructure damage. Until this assessment is undertaken and the outcomes are formally approved, we are not able to access any WANDRRA funding. Please refer to the Shire's website [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au) or facebook page for a list of current roads that are closed within the Shire.

It has been confirmed that DAFWA will have 4 officers based in Ravensthorpe that will be undertaking impact assessments with effected landowners in the both the Ravensthorpe and Lake Grace Shires. The major focus in our district will be the area south of the line between Newdegate and Lake King which has inundation.

Recovery from this event is going to be lengthy, our first aim shall be to ensure the above area has reasonable access for business operators. Your ongoing patience in this process is appreciated.

### Local Doctors

I extend a very warm welcome to Dr Olayinka Omoniyi (Olay) & Dr Abiola Olowu (Abi) who will be officially commencing practice on Wednesday 1 March 2017. Dr Olay and Dr Abi attended the Shire Offices on Wednesday 22 February to sign a five (5) year Contract. Please make yourself known and welcome Dr Olay and Dr Abi to the community.



Shire President Jeanette De Landgraft with Dr Olay, Chief Executive Officer Denise Gobbart and Dr Abi.

### New Police Officer

Shire Councillors and Executive staff met with Acting Officer-in-Charge Tara Spencer and First Class Constable, Cameron Hobson, who has recently moved to Lake Grace from Wagin with his family.

### Opening of the New Ambulance Sub Centre

I attended the official opening of the new St John Ambulance Sub Centre last Saturday with the Shire President and Councillors. My congratulations to the St John Ambulance officers and helpers on the day, the occasion was a great success, the culmination of a fantastic community effort resulting in a wonderful community facility – well done to all involved.

### Building & Maintenance Team

Over the past fortnight the Building Maintenance Team have been busy:

- Assisting with road inspections to assess flood damage.
- Repairing the Varley Sports Pavilion ceiling and attended to other maintenance work requests on the building.
- Carried out gable repairs and other minor maintenance at the Doctors Residence - 6 Blackbutt Way Lake Grace.
- Managing the Lake Grace Independent Living Units Project contractors.
- Undertaking maintenance work requests at the Newdegate Medical Centre, Lake King Public Toilets, Newdegate Tennis Pavilion and Recreation Centre and the Lake Grace Swimming Pool.
- Continuing Shire building inspections.

### Road Works, Maintenance & Gardening Teams

Our Construction Team has been assisting with inspections of all Shire roads for flood damage and have been clearing trees and gravel carting on Morton Road. Once completed the team will move on to Taylor Road.

The Lake Grace maintenance grader and Newdegate and Lake King grading contractors have been grading and checking school bus routes.

The Road Maintenance Team have tidied up around the Sports Ground in Lake Grace.

Our Town Maintenance crew have been to Varley and have trimmed the hedges on the main street of Lake Grace. They are currently cleaning up the town entry to the west of Lake Grace.

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*CEO's Corner continued*

## Ordinary Council Meeting - Wednesday 22 February 2017

The February 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting took place on Wednesday 22 February at 3.00 pm in Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

Items of business for consideration included:

- Specification for Open Space Maintenance – Council noted the contents of the report.
- Open Space Specification Policy – Council adopted Policy 5.12 Shire of Lake Grace Open Space Specification.
- Road Program – Roads to Recovery Funding Reassessment – Council accepted the revised work program for Roads to Recovery program and considered the deferring of roads to be considered in the 2017/18 Budget for Roads to Recovery Expenditure.
- Approval for Write Off of Rates – Council endorsed the write off of unpaid rates on property A3077 of \$7,130.94.
- Newdegate Research Station Lease – Council agreed to enter into a lease for the Newdegate Research Station with the Western Australian Agriculture Authority for a three year term commencing on 1 April 2017; and, agreed to enter into an agreement with the Newdegate Community Cropping Project to fulfil the Shire of Lake Grace's obligations under the lease.
- Shire of Lake Grace Local Emergency Management Plan for the Provision of Welfare Support – Council adopted the Local Emergency Management Plan for the Provision of Welfare Support.
- Development Assessment Panels – Local Government Nominations – Council nominated Councillors Chappell and De Landgraft as its local Development Assessment Panel Members and Councillors Walker and Clarke as its Deputy Development Assessment Panel Members.
- Update – Williams Location 14146 – Estate of James Carruthers – Council received update on the Offer and Acceptance for Lot 1 South Road, Lake Grace (drainage), estate of James Carruthers.
- Lake Grace Library Resource and Community Resource Centre Management Committee – Establishment and Appointment of Members – Council established and appointed Committee Members for the Lake Grace Library Resource and Community Resource Centre Management Committee.
- Newdegate Community Library Management Committee – Appointment of Members - Council appointed Committee Members for the Newdegate Community Library Management Committee.
- Appointment of Authorised Officers – Council appointed authorised officers for the Shire of Lake Grace.

- Disposal of Side Tipper Trailer – Council resolved to instruct the CEO to put its Allroads Rockwheeler side tipper trailer out for public auction.

The minutes of the February 2017 Ordinary Meeting are available on the Shire's website at [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

*Denise Gobbart*

**Chief Executive Officer**

## Strategic Community Plan Review

The Shire is 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.

Community surveys can be completed via the Shire website [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au); Lake Grace Shire Office, Lake Grace Library and CRC, Newdegate Library and CRC, Lake King Store and Varley Store.

Please return survey forms by 4.00pm Wednesday 29 March 2017.

## Mosquito Fogging

Mosquito Fogging has been carried out in the Lake Grace and Newdegate townsites with both townsites being fogged twice weekly.

To help control the mosquito breeding cycle please be vigilant and check your property for any stagnant water (e.g. in pot plants) and reduce overgrown vegetation around your property.

## Ranger Service

Last week the Rangers visited households within townsites to provide information and to ensure pet owners were aware of their responsibilities in that their pets were registered and to ensure they did not roam the streets. Ranger patrols within our townsites will now be undertaken monthly.

Complaints that require Ranger Services are to be directed to the Shire Office and arrangements will then be made with the attending ranger.

## 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.

## Driving Assessor

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

**Friday - 7 April 2017**

**Friday - 5 May 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.

## 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.

## Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

**3:00 pm Wednesday 22 March 2017**

**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.

## 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)

## 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

## 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 March	13 March
20 March	27 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.

## 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 website**

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



## Fight the Bite at Home



Mosquitoes can breed around your home. They will lay their eggs in fresh or salty water, and often in containers that hold water. Common breeding sites include pot plant drip trays, gutters, ponds, pet water bowls, old tyres, rubbish, containers and pools that are not well maintained.

Stop mosquitoes breeding around your home by following these simple steps:

- empty out or discard containers and rubbish that may hold water
- clean out roof gutters to prevent water from pooling
- empty, clean and refill bird baths, stock troughs and pet water bowls at least once a week
- keep swimming pools properly maintained
- empty wading pools at the end of each day
- cover rainwater and septic tank openings, wells or other large water containers with mosquito-proof mesh keep edges of ponds clear of vegetation.



Where possible, avoid exposing your baby or child to mosquitoes. Consider staying indoors, using pram netting or dressing them in loose long-sleeved clothing, socks and shoes.

**Under 12 months** – repellents containing DEET or picaridin are not recommended.

**From 12 months** – repellents containing up to 10% DEET or picaridin can be used.

**Adults** - repellents containing up to 20% DEET or picaridin.

- Always apply the repellent according to the instructions on the label.
- Do not allow children to apply repellents.
- Apply repellent first to the hands of the carer and then spread evenly to exposed skin of child.
- Avoid applying repellent to the child's hands, near the eyes or mouth.
- Avoid applying repellent under clothing

For more information go to: [http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/N\\_R/Prevent-mosquito-bites-at-home](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/N_R/Prevent-mosquito-bites-at-home)



## Bushfire Bulletin



### Safe Places in a Bushfire

It is important to identify places where you can go as a last resort if you are unable to leave or implement your bushfire survival plan. A 'safer place' is somewhere you can shelter during bushfire. These places may include a local open space, a dam or beach. Identify and plan where your family safer place will be.

**There are things that you will need to consider if you do plan to use a safer place in your bushfire survival planning:**

- They do not guarantee safety in all circumstances. You and your families' safety should be your first priority.
- There may be a risk with travelling to your safer place. Check to see if the route is safe and clear, have a contingency route or safer place in your back-up plan.
- Firefighters may not be there, they may be fighting the main fire front elsewhere.
- Your safer place caters for animals or pets. You will need to consider this in your bushfire survival plan.
- Your safer place may not cater for animals or pets. You will need to consider this in your bushfire survival plan.

Your safer place may not provide shelter from the

elements of a bushfire, particularly flying embers and hot weather. Keep woollen blankets in your car to give you shelter from flying embers and a supply of drinking water.

### sms Notifications

To register for sms regarding Harvest Bans and Road Closures please contact the Shire of Lake Grace on (08) 9890 2500.

**Please Note:** Do not reply to the *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* notification SMS message.

### 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.

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



Lake Grace Community Resource Centre



Tour coordination by Country Arts WA