



Shire of Lake Grace Community News

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CEO's Corner



Flooding Event – February 2017

The Main Roads WA approved independent engineer appointed to assess the infrastructure damage has completed the physical assessment and will now prepare a report and costing to be presented to MRWA. Until this assessment is finalised we are not able to access any WANDRRA funding.

For road closures please refer to the Shire's website shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au or facebook page for a list of current roads that are closed within the Shire.

Blazeaid are setting up a base camp in Lake King in March to help those affected by the floods. Please register your interest at the Shire on 9890 2500 or contact Blazeaid on 0427 614 540. Information is available on the website www.blazeaid.com.au.

The Department of Child Protection and Family Support has set up a Disaster Response Hotline for families and individuals who may feel that they need some professional psychological support. The 1800 Disaster Response Hotline number is **1800 032 965**.

If you are aware of families or individuals within our community who have been affected by the flood events and may need some support, please encourage them to contact the Disaster Response Hotline.

WANDRRA Funding

In response to the widespread flood damage across much of Western Australia in February, a workshop was held to develop a revised model to enable Local Governments to claim reimbursement of cost incurred in restoring public assets damaged in declared natural disasters through the WA Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA).

Currently, Local Governments can only recover costs incurred by contractors or in overtime payments to staff, when reinstating public assets damaged or destroyed in natural disasters.

The workshop was attended by representatives of Main Roads, Local Government, WALGA, Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

The delegates agreed that the current Federal Government proposal to allow claims for Local

Government day labour, but excluding plant and consumables, would result in substantial under recovery for Local Governments and would not provide a feasible alternative to the current methodology of contracting out all the works.

It was agreed to develop an approach based on an "Upfront Model" proposed by the Federal Government for potential implementation next year with the following framework:

- Local Governments will prepare an upfront scope of works and cost estimate
- Main Roads will approve the scope of works and estimate and authorise the works to proceed
- Local Governments will have the flexibility to execute the work using any method that they consider the most practical and cost effective
- Local Government will claim full reimbursement based on certificates of work completed. This could be monthly or on completion
- there will be a mechanism to accommodate variations for latent defects and other unforeseen issues; and
- there will be an opportunity to claim a percentage of the estimated cost as an upfront payment.

The OEM have compiled a discussion paper and ministerial briefing seeking an exemption from the Federal Government in order to trial this model for restoration work needed following the recent disaster event.

If the reformed model is not accepted, then the OEM has further asked for an alternative exemption where the use of own source labour including plant and consumables be accepted.

Until any decision is made in relation to WANDRRA funding any works the Shire undertakes using our own staff will not be considered for reimbursement. Given this we are endeavouring to follow the current processes in place to ensure we are eligible for reimbursement on all repair work undertaken.

Marty's Party

Congratulations to all involved in bringing Marty's Party to Lake Grace on Tuesday 7 March. It was great to see so many families in attendance, a good night filled with much excitement and lots of laughter.

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CEO's Corner continued

Strategic Community Plan - Major Review

The Shire is reviewing its Strategic Community Plan 2013-2023; and is calling for the community to contribute to the review.

The Strategic Community Plan provides a long term (10 years plus) 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; Lake Grace Shire Office, Lake Grace Library and CRC, Newdegate Library and CRC, Lake King Store and Varley Store.

Return survey forms by 4.00pm Wed 29 March 2017.

Mosquito Fogging

We are currently fogging weekly in the Lake Grace and Newdegate townsites. Due to the recent floods the Shire is investigating further options to reduce the mosquito infestation around all townsites, however, it is equally as important that the community itself implements some of the simple steps recommended.

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.

Building & Maintenance Team

The Building Maintenance Team has been assisting with works at the Lake Grace Independent Living Units (ILUs) by fitting doors and windows to Unit 3 and completing timber works on Unit 3 walls.

Progress on the ILU's can now easily be seen with the completion of roof installations. The coming weeks will see the external cladding go up, putting the units into lockup which will enable internal fitout. Electrical works are progressing with fitout of internal wiring and power point locations being fixed.

Road Works

Our Construction Team finished Morton Road and returned to Holt Rock South Road to trim the road ready for bitumen sealing work which was carried out over the weekend. They are now working on Hatters Hill Road and will be staying out at Lake King.

Newdegate and Lake King grading contractors are busy grading flood damaged roads. The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader is grading school bus routes damaged by flooding.

Road Maintenance Team

The Road Maintenance Team is erecting signage throughout the many flood damaged areas of the Shire.

Gardeners

Our Town Maintenance crew has been working around the Lake Grace and Varley townsites.

Special Council Meeting – Tuesday 7 March 2017

A Special Meeting of Council took place last Tuesday to consider items of business as follows:

- Retrospective Development Application for Temporary Grain Handling & Storage Facility at Newdegate – Council approved the DA subject to conditions and advice notes.
- Meeting with Shire Auditors – Council endorsed the verbal report provided by Shire Auditor and that a meeting between the Audit Committee and the Auditor would satisfy compliance requirements.
- 2015/2016 Annual Report – Council accepted the Annual Report for the 2015/2016 financial year and authorised the CEO to give local public notice of the availability of the Annual Report.
- 2015/2016 Annual Electors General Meeting – Council endorsed the holding of the Annual General Meeting of Electors on Wednesday, 29 March 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Shire of Lake Grace Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace. The minutes of the March 2017 Special Meeting are available on the Shire's website at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Annual Meeting of Electors

The Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Lake is to be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 29 March 2017, at Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

The purpose of the meeting and order of business is:

1. To discuss the contents of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2016
2. Other General Business

Members of the public are welcome to submit questions at this meeting and may do so by lodging written submissions to the Shire by no later than Friday, 24 March 2017.

The Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2016, is available and can be obtained by contacting the Shire on 9890 2500, collected from the Shire at 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace or from the Shire's website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Denise Gobbart

Chief Executive Officer



Check out our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace

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.

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 March 2017

Tuesday 4 April 2017

For an appointment contact Josiah m. 0438 811 944.

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

3:00 pm Wednesday, 22 March 2017 at 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 - contact Barry at the Shire on 9890 2500 or email 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
20 March	27 March
3 April	10 April

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 welcome.



Check out our website
www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Community Survey - Strategic Community Plan Review

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW - COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Shire is reviewing its Strategic Community Plan; and is calling for the community to have its say through completing a short survey and attending one of the community workshops coming up later in March.

The survey is an important factor in determining levels of service for the future – we need as many people as possible to complete and return them.

Completing the survey online - the link to the survey can be found on the Shire's website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au and on the Shire's facebook page www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace

Alternatively paper copy surveys are available at the Lake Grace Shire Office, Lake Grace Library and CRC, Newdegate Library and CRC, Lake King Store and Varley Store.

Surveys are to be returned by 4.00pm Wed 29 March 2017.



Community Workshops - March 2017

Monday 27 March: 1.00pm at Varley Recreation Centre
Monday 27 March: 6.00pm at Newdegate Recreation Centre
Tuesday 28 March: 12.00 noon at Lake King Hall
Tuesday 28 March: 6.00pm at Lake Grace Town Hall

For more information and a copy of the survey or to register your intention to attend one of the workshops please call the Shire on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.



Bushfire Bulletin



What will you do if you encounter a bushfire while travelling or staying near bushland?

In Western Australia, bushfires can start suddenly without warning throughout the year. People have been killed or seriously injured during bushfires. If you are travelling or staying near bushland, fire is a real risk to you. Be aware of your surroundings and carry a printed map of the areas you are visiting. Pack an emergency kit to take with you including important items such as woollen blankets, drinking water and protective clothing.

If there is a lot of smoke

- Slow down as there could be people, vehicles and livestock on the road.
- Turn your car headlights and hazard lights on.
- Close the windows and outside vents.
- If you can't see clearly, pull over and wait until the smoke clears.

If you become trapped by a fire

- Park the vehicle off the roadway where there is little vegetation, with the vehicle facing towards the oncoming fire front.
- Turn the engine off.
- Close the car doors, windows and outside vents.
- Call 000.
- Stay as close to the floor as possible and cover your mouth with a damp cloth to avoid inhalation of smoke. If smoke enters the vehicle, toxic fumes are released from the interior of the vehicle.
- Stay covered in woollen blankets, continue to drink

water and wait for assistance.

- Stay in the car until the fire front has passed and do not open windows or doors.

Once the front has passed and the temperature has dropped, cautiously exit the vehicle. Internal parts may still be extremely hot.

During an emergency, one of the best things you can do for your safety is keep informed about where the danger is, what is happening and what to do.

DFES recommends that people use a range sources of information about an emergency.

This includes:

- using the DFES website to access warnings
- staying in touch with neighbours, family and friends
- being alert and aware of your surroundings
- tuning in to ABC local radio
- listening to 6PR if you are in the Perth metropolitan area

If someone you know alerts you to a possible emergency, or if you can see or smell something that might be dangerous, that's your warning.

Main Roads provides updated information on road closures throughout Western Australia. Call 138 138 or www.mainroads.wa.gov.au

Never rely on any one source and remember, you know best what is happening in your immediate surroundings. If you believe you may be in danger, act immediately for your own safety. In a life threatening emergency call triple zero (000).

Marty Came to Town

Marty and his team came to Lake Grace last week, the event was advertised as a great night out with lots of laughs, and the audience of 76 young and old attendees were not disappointed. It was a show that involved audience participation, so children, young people, parents and grandparents laughed, meowed, barked, baaed and mooed together. Marty was full of gags, jokes and surprising inventions, and he had the audience in fits of laughter.

Three very brave local people joined Marty on stage not knowing what was in store for them; and congratulations are in order for both their catching skills and participation, especially those under 5's!

The evening concluded with a supper supplied by the Lake Grace Artists Group, thank you to the people who kindly donated the food. Thank you to also to those who gave Jayne a gold coin donation.

Shows on the Go are a Country Arts WA initiative, enabling country people to attend theatre in their town by bringing theatre into the country. They organise tours twice a year and Lake Grace Artist Group with support of the Shire of Lake Grace are always willing to invest in the cost of bringing shows to town. Thank you to Marty and his team for a fun night out.



Above: Mark Pearce joined Marty on stage.



Above: Beau Trevenen jokes with Marty.



Above: Paige Nenke chats with Marty.



After the show families took the opportunity to have photos taken with Marty.

Left: Tyler, Seth, and Levi Argent with Marty.

Right: Marty, with Rosey, Madison, Jessica and Ali-Rose Chircop

