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CEO's Corner



Flooding Event – February 2017

The Shire is still awaiting confirmation from Main Roads WA (MRWA) in regards to the submission made by the Shire of WANDRRA funding for repair works. As soon as we receive confirmation of funding, a Tender will be advertised for construction and repair works. Consideration will be given to the timeliness of works as well as quality of construction.

Our application submitted to the Office of Emergency Management seeking financial assistance to remove the water and restore Old Ravensthorpe, Magenta and Hatters Hill Roads, has been approved. Details of required works for Hatters Hill Road and the southern end of Old Ravensthorpe Road have been submitted to MRWA. Work to remove water from these two road sections will commence shortly.

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

The BlazeAid base camp which is now set up in Ravensthorpe continues helping those affected by the floods. If you require assistance from BlazeAid you can contact BlazeAid on 0427 614 540. Further information is available on the website www.blazeaid.com.

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.

Central Country Zone Meeting

The Shire President and I attended the Central Country Zone meeting on Friday 28 April in Quairading. Some topics up for discussion were:

- Discontinuation of the Vehicle Licensing Concessions – WALGA continues to advocate on behalf of local government. The focus is to get the concession reinstated for plant and equipment. Vehicles supplied as part of a salary package would be excluded from this concession.
- Post Border Biosecurity Policy Position – The policy position taken by WALGA is that there is a reinstatement of an appropriately resourced Agriculture Protection Board, that the State

Government adequately fund DAFWA for biosecurity officers to be able to administer full compliance regarding biosecurity matters. WALGA is to continue to advocate a review of the operation and effectiveness of the Biosecurity and Management Act 2007 as a priority.

- Police Resources in Regional Towns – WALGA to advocate the need for adequate police staff resources for regional centres to avoid the need for police staff resources from smaller communities being used to supplement the needs of regional centres.

Service Delivery Review & Levels of Service

The Shire of Lake Grace Executive team attended the Service Delivery Review and Levels of Service Workshop in Perth on Thursday and Friday 4-5 May. A service delivery review aims to drive more efficient use of resources whilst providing services to meet the needs of the community.

Local Governments are under increasing financial pressure, and there is often a widening gap between revenue and expenditure. At the same time there is the expectation to be environmentally and socially responsible and provide a wide range of quality services.

Service delivery reviews help clarify the needs of their communities and use an evidence-based approach to assess how efficiently and effectively it is meeting those needs. It was very informative and provided staff with the appropriate tools to commence the review process.

Ordinary Council Meeting – Wednesday 26 April 2017

Items of business considered by Council at the meeting included:

- Endorsement of unbudgeted expenditure for a replacement water tank at the Newdegate Sports Dam.

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In Deepest Sympathy

Sincere condolences are extended to former Councillor Helen Bennett and her family on the tragic loss of Clem.

Our thoughts are with you all.

Shire President, Councillors and Staff



CEO's Corner *continued*

- Approval for the transfer of budgeted funds from Rodger Road for improvement works to be undertaken on Magenta Road 11 slk.
- Development approval for a proposed new outbuilding (shed) on Lot 105 Bennett Street, Lake Grace subject to conditions and advice notes.
- Development approval for a proposed short-term accommodation, reception centre and incidental office at Lot 1 Stubbs Street, Lake Grace subject to conditions and advice notes.
- Endorsement of the Shire's Mosquito Management Plan 2017.
- Authorisation for the reallocation of budgeted expenditure for the Lake Grace Visitor Centre to assist in meeting the standards required for accreditation.
- Authorisation of unbudgeted expenditure for reimbursement of repairs at the Varley Radio Retransmission Site.
- Approval to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Lake Grace Community Men's Shed Inc. for use of the old St John Ambulance building.
- Requests for the waiver of fees and charges associated with the hire of the Lake Grace Town Hall by the Lake Grace Gymnastics Club and the Lake King Community Hall by the Lake King Playgroup were not approved.
- Approval to relocate the old Council tables and chairs from the old Lake Grace Railway Station building to the old St John Ambulance building.
- Appointment of Bushfire Control Officers for the 2017/2018 season.
- Rescheduling of the August 2017 Ordinary Meeting to take place on Tuesday 22 August 2017 commencing at 1.00 pm.
- The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to seek valuations and negotiate compensation for the excision of land for the Black Spot road realignment project on Dunham Road.
- Adoption of the 2017 Budget Review for the eight months ended 28 February 2017.
- Endorsement of the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Doctor.

The minutes of the April 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting are available on the Shire's website at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Building and Maintenance Team

Works are continuing on the Lake Grace Independent Living units:

- Wall and ceiling insulation installed on all 3 units;
- Unit 1 - gyprock and cornice fixing completed;
- Unit 2 – gyprocking commenced.

The repairs to the sub floor at the Lake King Hall have been completed, floor coverings to follow.

Maintenance requests completed over the past fortnight:

- Lake Grace Medical Centre

- Newdegate and Lake Grace Sports Pavilions
- Lake Grace Airstrip, Visitor Centre and Town Clock

Road Works

During the past fortnight the Construction Crew continue to work on Hatters Hill Road for the 11.25 section of works and will be finished on Friday 5 May. The team will then be moving onto Parsons Road to finish off the floodway.

The Maintenance Grader has been working on Dunham Road, Robertson Road, Willocks Road, Cummings Road., Duckworth Road., Gordon Road and Pelham Road.

The Newdegate grader contractor has been working with the Shire on Hatters Hill Road. They will then be continuing with works on Ardler Road, Lockhart Road.

The Lake King grader contractor has been working on Kathleen Road and Norseman Road to the Shire's boundary.

Parks and Gardens

The team have been out to Pingaring and Varley for works around the sports pavilions, spraying of drains and spraying and mowing around the Chicken Ranch and the entry statements.

In Lake Grace the team have been trimming the hedges in the main street (Stubbs Street) and mowing the open areas on the eastern side of town. The team have completed the cleaning of the footpaths and spraying for caltrop around town and the team have carried out playground inspections in Lake Grace.

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Firearm Licence

All firearm licensing including the payment of licence renewals is now done at the Lake Grace Post Office.

Hirers of Shire Buildings

The Shire requires all hirers to ensure there is a hire agreement/contract in place before the hire of all Shire facilities. This sets out the guidelines in relation to the hirer's responsibilities of use and obligations to safeguard the Shire assets. These include:

- A person/organisation using a facility to make a profit
- An incorporated body
- An Association
- A sporting group



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.

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 - 4.00pm
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.

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.

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.

Driving Assessor

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

Friday - 2 June 2017

Friday - 7 July 2017 - 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.

Building Surveyor

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

Tuesday 16 May 2017

Tuesday 30 May 2017

For an appointment contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

Environmental Health Officer

Barry Smith the Shire's Environmental Health Officer, is available. Please contact the Shire on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au for an appointment.

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
15 May	22 May
29 May	5 June

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

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 and Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

Everyone welcome.



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



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

Department of Transport

Due to processing changes in 2016, vehicle concession changes can now take quite a while to complete, in fact, on occasions it can be an hour or more. This is because the Department of Transport (DoT) now requires the applicant's completed forms to be forwarded to them by email, which means they now end up in an email queue. The time taken depends on the length of the email queue and the DoT staff available to deal with the transaction.

Prior to this, the Shire called DoT and the employee at DoT made the changes immediately over the phone. After the changes are made by DoT, the Shire staff would proceed with issuing the new number plate, accept payment and receive the old plate. The relatively new process means that the transaction needs to be finalised on the same day and people have to wait at the Shire until all facets are completed. However, you are always welcome to have a cuppa while you wait, please just ask.

We realise Lake Grace is a small community, but as we are an agent for the DoT and all our daily work is audited independently, we have to follow the procedures set in place by the DoT. Please be patient and courteous to our staff, and remember we are only an agency and unable to process transactions as quickly as the DoT offices in larger centres.

Cat Registration

1 YEAR REGISTRATION

	Full	Concession
Sterilised	\$20.00	\$10.00
Unsterilised	\$50.00	\$25.00

3 YEAR REGISTRATION

	Full	Concession
Sterilised	\$42.50	\$21.25
Unsterilised	\$120.00	\$60.00

LIFETIME REGISTRATION

	Full	Concession
Sterilised	\$100.00	\$50.00
Unsterilised	\$250.00	\$125.00

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.



KIDSPORT



KidSport online applications now available!

If you hold a valid Health Care Card / Pensioner Concession Card you can apply for your KidSport online.
For more details: www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport



Department of
Sport and Recreation

Our whole
community wins

www.dsr.wa.gov.au

Country Arts WA and Act-Belong-Commit present

Kookoo Kookaburra

by A.J. Bailey adapted from
the book by Gregg Dreise

Follow Kookoo and his friends
in a journey of story-telling,
dancing and didgeridoo.



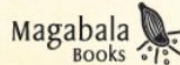
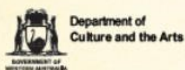
Adult: \$25
Concession: \$10
Child: \$5
Family 2 x 2: \$50

Sausage Sizzle
at 5pm
\$2ea

Lake Grace Shire Hall

Friday 26 May 2017

Show starts at 6pm



Our coordination by Country Arts WA

PUBLIC NOTICE



CHANGE OF DATE & TIME

AUGUST 2017 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

The August 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council, originally scheduled to be held on Wednesday 23 August 2017 at 3.00 pm has been rescheduled and will now be held on:

Date: Tuesday 22nd August 2017

Time: Meeting commencing 1.00 pm

Venue: Council Chambers, 1 Bishop St Lake Grace WA.

The agenda will be available for viewing on the Shire's website: www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au prior to the meeting.

A minimum of 15 minutes is set aside at each Ordinary Meeting of Council for public question time. Members of the public are encouraged to attend to ask questions relating to Shire activities.

If you have any further queries please contact the Shire's Governance Officer, Tash Bowman on phone: 08 9890 2500.

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Laughing Kookaburra

The Laughing Kookaburra is the largest of the kingfisher family, and famous for its chorus of laughter which echoes through the Australian bush. Unlike most of its relatives, kookaburras occupy the same territories year-round which they mark with their noisy calls. Each group knows the boundaries of each other's territories by communicating before the spring breeding season to establish boundaries.

Kookaburras aren't selective eaters. Their diet consists of snakes, lizards, rodents and the odd small bird, but they live primarily on different insects and invertebrates. Their method of hunting is to perch and pounce.

Kookaburras are famous for their early morning and evening songs. The call sometimes described as a 'cackle' is used as a territorial marker and is renowned as Australia's quintessential bush anthem.

