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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 for WANDRRA funding. It is hoped that the approval for the repair works will be given this week. As soon as we receive confirmation of funding, tenders will be advertised for construction and repair works. Consideration will be given to the timeliness of works as well as quality of construction.

The application submitted to the Office of Emergency Management seeking financial assistance to remove water and restore Old Ravensthorpe, Magenta and Hatters Hill Roads, has been approved. Works has commenced on draining the water from these roads. Hatters Hill Road is now clear of water; the road will be reopened when the running surface has dried.

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.

Flooding in Western Australia (January & February 2017) – AGRN 743

Category C Recovery Grants

On Friday 2 June it was announced that recovery grants are now available to help primary producers in Lake Grace, Ravensthorpe and Swan who were severely affected by flooding.

Following the event, the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) undertook a comprehensive assessment of the impacts on primary producers in the affected area.

Based on this assessment, the Premier and Prime Minister agreed to the establishment of recovery grants for primary producers who had suffered damage during the flooding in the Shires of Lake Grace and Ravensthorpe and the City of Swan.

Primary producers that have suffered direct damage as a result of the flooding in the Shires of Lake Grace and Ravensthorpe are eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000 and for those in the City of Swan the grant is up to \$25,000. This grant is to cover costs incurred for the clean-up and immediate restoration as a result of the damage. The grants will not cover loss of income.

This assistance is managed by the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA).

All claims for Category C Recovery Grants must be lodged with DAFWA before 4 December 2017. Claims which are incomplete or are lodged after this date will not be accepted.

Further information including the online application process is available at <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/emergency-response/wa-natural-disaster-relief-and-recovery-arrangements> or by calling 1800 198 231.

Staffing

In the coming week we will advertise for an Administration Officer. With the resignation of our Executive Officer Jeanette Bennett we have redefined the position. The Administration Officer will be reporting to Infrastructure Services, as it is an area currently lacking in administrative support.

The position Final Trim Grader Operator/Leading Hand will also be readvertised, the position has been filled internally since the resignation of Norbert Marwick.

Ordinary Council Meeting – Wednesday 24 May 2017

Items of business considered and approved by Council at the meeting included:

- Development approval for a proposed new outbuilding (shed) on Lot 500 Absolon Street, Lake Grace subject to conditions and advice notes.
- Development approval for a proposed new telecommunications infrastructure on Lot 53 Pitt Street, Varley subject to conditions and advice notes.
- Amendments to the Shire of Lake Grace Local Planning Scheme No.4.
- Disposal of Asset 101 – Newdegate Library / Resource Centre from the Asset Register.
- Authorisation for the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of the 2017 Local Government elections.
- Appointment of delegates to the 2017 Western Australian Local Government Association Annual General Meeting.
- Donation of \$4,000 to BlazeAid in recognition of their valuable assistance to the community following the February 2017 flood event.

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

CEO's Corner continued

Building and Maintenance Team

This fortnight the Shire's Building and Maintenance Team reports that works are continuing on the Lake Grace Independent Living Units as follows:

- Gyprock is nearing completion on all units;
- Storm water grates have been installed;
- Down pipes are being installed; and,
- Quotes being obtained for cabinetry, tiling, retaining walls, paving, fencing and landscaping.

Over the past fortnight maintenance requests have been completed for:

- Newdegate Medical Centre;
- Newdegate Hall;
- Newdegate Sports Pavilion;
- Lake Grace AIM Hospital Museum;
- Lake Grace Day Care Centre;
- Old Lake Grace Uniting Church;
- 65A Bennett Street, Lake Grace;
- 6 Banksia Place, Lake Grace;
- Shire Administration Building;
- Lake Grace Playgroup; and,
- Lake Grace sewerage site.

Road Works

During the past fortnight, Doug Whiting, the Shire's Infrastructure Supervisor advises that the Construction Crew have finished graveling the floodway on Magenta Road. Work on back slopes along Magenta Road have also been carried out. The team has now moved on to Old Ravensthorpe Road to do patching work around the lakes and back slopes and will then move onto Parsons Road to finish off the floodway.

The Newdegate contract grader has been working on Shalders Road, Tonkin Road and will move on to Dragon Rocks Road and Witham Road.

The Lake King contract grader is currently away however, next week will be on Smith Road, Winchcombe Road and Varley South Road to carry out back slope works.

Wagin Earthmoving (contractors) have been carrying out back slope works on Newdegate-Pingrup Road near Mallee Hill Road.

Road Maintenance

The team has completed the sweeping off of dirt on Magenta Road and off the streets in Lake King and Varley, and erecting signs in the Newdegate and Lake Grace area.

Parks and Gardens

This fortnight the Town Maintenance Crew have been working on the main street in Lake Grace, spraying weeds around the town and carrying out playground maintenance. The team have travelled to Varley for gardening work around the cemetery including mowing.

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Induction to Local Government Workshop

The workshop is open to those interested in participating in the Local Government Elections to be held in October 2017.

The one day workshop is designed to provide an overview of Local Government, where it fits into the Australian political scene, what are its primary responsibilities and how is it funded. The role of Council and relationships between Elected Members and staff will also be discussed. In addition, facilitators will give an insight into ethical behaviour.

The program runs from 9.30am to 4.00pm

Tuesday 20 June 2017

For those people interested in attending please contact the Shire and register attendance. Please note that a light lunch will be provided phone: 9890 2500 or email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

3:00 pm Wednesday, 28 June 2017

at Council Chambers 1 Bishop St Lake Grace

Members of the public welcome

A minimum of 15 minutes is set aside for public question time, giving members of the public an opportunity to ask questions relating to Shire activities.



KidSport enables Western Australian children to participate in community sport and recreation, no matter their financial circumstances.

The fees go directly to the registered KidSport clubs through their participating local government.

Applicants must be aged 5-18 years and have a Health Care or Pension Concession card.

For more information phone the Shire on 9890 2500

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 - 4.15pm
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.

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.

Please note: the Shire's staff will be unable to process licensing transactions on Tuesday 20 June due to attending training.

Driving Assessor

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

Friday - 7 July 2017

Friday - 4 August - 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.

Firearm Licence

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

Building Surveyor

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

Tuesday 13 June 2017

Tuesday 27 June 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
12 June	19 June
26 June	3 July

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

Dreamtime Story Kookoo Kookaburra Night

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.

Leonard Donahue told the dreamtime story about Kookoo Kookaburra who sang his song when telling a funny story to his friends.

On arrival at the Lake Grace Shire Hall on Friday 26 May children had the opportunity to colour in a Kookaburra, and they were all so fantastic everyone received a prize. Many enjoyed the hot sausage sizzle to warm up before the show started at 6.30pm.

Kookoo the Kookaburra is a morality tale - set within the cultural context of the Dreamtime. Kookoo Kookaburra was friends with everyone until one day Kookoo runs out of kind stories to tell, and he turns to teasing and making fun of the other animals. Refusing to listen to the sage advice of his uncle, Kookoo finds himself alone and ignored by his friends. When he finally listens to the sounds of his own laughter echoing around the bush and realises it has become an unhappy sound, Kookoo is forced to remember his uncle's words and change his ways '*kindness is like a boomerang if you throw it often, it comes back often*'. Everyone was given a kindness pledge card to pass on to others.

Leonard and Alli Pope gave a workshop at Lake Grace District High School on Friday morning. Alli reported the students were very involved in the workshop and were one of the best groups on their tour.

Country Arts Shows on the Go provide the opportunity for rural communities to host theatrical shows during March, April or May on their annual circuit.

Thank you to Country Arts WA, Act Belong Commit, the Lake Grace Artist Group and the Lake Grace Resource Centre for their support and the opportunity to have live shows in our Shire.

We appreciate Country Arts WA in their efforts to ensure arts and culture is woven into the fabric of our lives and developing rural WA's diversity in cultural experiences.

Thanks to all involved - with the Shire's financial backing and the Lake Grace Artist's Group commitment these shows will continue.



Above: the story tell, Lenard Donahue plays the didgeridoo with Kookoo Kookaburra and his friend owl.

Below: His best friend Billay try to tell him to be kind.



Above: Children had an opportunity to chat with Leonard after the show.

Great Job Opportunity



The Shire of Lake Grace is looking for a person to operate under the direction of the Manager—Infrastructure and is able to provide high level customer service, clerical and administrative support to the infrastructure team. This is a position with a focus on also providing administrative and clerical support in the areas of planning, building and health. Appropriate training will be provided.

Administration Officer - Infrastructure

Full Time Employment

Cash Salary \$48,000—\$55,000 per annum

Monday to Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

This includes a monthly Rostered Day Off

For further information and to obtain an application package for this position

please contact Rebecca Clark, Administration Officer,
on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Applications to be marked 'Confidential' and addressed to;

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Lake Grace, PO Box 50 Lake Grace WA 6353

Applications for the position close 4.00pm Wednesday 21 June 2017

The Shire of Lake Grace is an equal opportunity employer

Great Job Opportunity for a Keen Individual



The Shire of Lake Grace is keen to hear from a reliable and experienced Final Trim Grader Operator who is committed to working in a team environment within the construction field. The Grader Operator must be able to understand and implement quality control techniques. Must also be capable of directing and coordinating standards of production and quality of other operators, on multiple types of machines while maintaining a safe working environment.

Final Trim Grader Operator/Leading Hand

Full Time

\$60,752 pa

76 hours worked over a 9 day fortnight

Subsidized staff housing is available

For further information contact Manager Infrastructure Services, Mr Paul Webb on 9890 2500

To obtain an application package for this position please contact Shire of Lake Grace Administration Officer, Rebecca Clark on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

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