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### CEO's Corner

#### **Flooding Event – February 2017**

On Tuesday 14 November the first Start Up meeting was held with all successful contractors involved in the restoration works for the WANDRRA claim. This meeting was critical to ensure that all appointed contractors were aware of the administrative requirements, which come with the funding. It is imperative that we have the administrative processes correct, or payments will be delayed.

The process is Contractors undertake the work; the Shire pays the contractors and then submits a claim for reimbursement. All works are required just to bring the road to its original condition; no betterment can be undertaken. If Main Roads WA is satisfied with our claim, we will be reimbursed the value of the claim.

For current road closures 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 roads that are closed within the Shire.

#### **80km Road Restrictions**

With harvest in full swing all road users are asked to exercise extreme caution on our road network. Many useable roads are still subject to damage including shoulder scouring, soft edges with single lane use only.

All vehicles greater than 4.5 tonnes are restricted to a maximum speed of 80 km/hr on all gravel roads within the Shire of Lake Grace from 1 November to 31 December 2017 inclusive.

#### **Manager Infrastructure Services**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Dave Holland, Manager Infrastructure Services, who commenced work on Monday 13 November. Dave has worked in Local Government for a considerable amount of time at the Shire of Bruce Rock, City of Stirling and most recently Shire of Victoria Plains. Please make yourself known and welcome Dave to our community.

#### **Lake Grace Independent Living Units**

The community is invited to the official opening of the Lake Grace Independent Living Units to be held on Thursday 14 December at 11.00am, corner Lawson and Bennett Street, Lake Grace. Please RSVP at the Shire Office on 08 9890 2500 by 11 December 2017 if you wish to attend.

#### **Building and Maintenance Team**

This fortnight, Wayne Trawinski, the Shire's Building and Maintenance Supervisor reports that the Lake Grace Independent Living Units are now complete.

Works are continuing at the Lake Grace Sports Pavilion including:

- Hot mix complete;
- Infill above kitchen complete and ceiling fixed;
- Range hood and splashback for ovens installed;
- Electrical throughout old section nearing completion; and,
- Preparation for tiling underway.

Other maintenance completed over the past fortnight:

- Lake King Hall;
- Lake King Public Toilets;
- Lake Grace Swimming Pool;
- Shire Administration Office; and,
- Lake Grace Old Sports Pavilion.

Scheduled maintenance (gutter cleaning) will be commencing at:

- Lake King;
- Varley;
- Newdegate;
- Pingaring; and,
- Lake Grace.

#### **Road Works**

During the past fortnight the construction crew have been on White Dam Road carrying out clearing, extending culverts, installing headwalls and gravel sheeting. The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader operator has been working with the Construction team over the past weeks.

The Lake King grading contractor has carried out works on Old Newdegate Road, Fitzgerald Road and Milstead Road. Due to the high volume of traffic on Fitzgerald Road the contractor will be grading this road again.

The Newdegate grading contractor, over the past fortnight has worked on Whurr Road, Magenta Road, Taylor Road and south end of Old Ravensthorpe Road. They will be carrying out school bus routes inspections and moving on to Aylemore Road.

#### **Parks and Gardens**

The town maintenance crew have carried out mowing of lawns, whipper snipping and weeding to the public and open space areas within the Lake Grace townsite. The crew have been to the cemetery, Apex Park and entry statements to carry out general garden maintenance.

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Maintenance at the town oval and medical centre has been carried out.

The team has travelled out to Lake King and carried out mowing, weeding and spraying to public spaces, the Lake King Sports Pavilion and general maintenance at the Lake King cemetery.

**Newdegate and Lake Grace Swimming Pools**

Both pools are now open. Congratulations to Bridget for getting the water quality of the pool up to scratch so quickly after difficulties with installation of the new pump. Well done.

Both pools are looking great. We hope you all enjoy the facilities provided over the coming months.

*Denise Gobbart*  
Chief Executive Officer

## 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.



## Roads During Harvest

All vehicles greater than 4.5t are restricted to a maximum speed of 80km/hr on all unsealed roads within the Shire of Lake Grace from 01/11/2017 to 31/12/2017 inclusive.

Due to the Flood Event in February, a number of roads within the Shire require shoulder reinstatement. There are numerous areas with soft edges and scouring. Roads may also be single lane only.

It is anticipated that Flood Event repair works will commence mid-November. Be alert and considerate of other road users.

## Hazard Perception Test Update

Due to an error with the Hazard Perception Test Update, Hazard Perception Tests are currently not available through the Shire of Lake Grace.

Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace if you have any further queries on this matter.

The Department of Transport Update to Licensing New & Old Vehicles through inspections has recently changed. Please note that the potential owner of the vehicle is to be present at the Shire Office at the time of application and will need to provide primary identification (driver's license) to licensing staff for the application process to be completed.

## Christmas Trading Hours

All traders have a right to exercise individual discretion whether to open or not during the proposed Christmas/ New Year trading extension (Monday 4 December 2017 until Monday 1 January 2018 inclusive) as listed below.

- 8.00 am to 9.00 pm - Monday to Friday
- 8.00 am to 5.00 pm - Saturday
- 11.00 am to 5.00 pm - Sundays and public holidays
- Christmas Day - Closed

## Cars on Display

How many Classic cars are in the district?

Is there a car in your back shed that is:

- Antique
- Vintage
- Veteran or
- Classic



- Antique - cars made before 1919
- Vintage - made between 1919 and 1930s
- Veteran - built before the First World War
- Classic - cars 20 years and older

We all enjoy looking at cars from the past, so if you have an "old" car please consider bringing it into town for people to admire.

The Shire in collaboration with the Lake Grace Community Resource Centre are looking for cars to display in a designated area during the Lake Grace Christmas Festival AKA as Late Night Shopping Thursday 14 December 2017.

If you have a car you would like to display and for more information contact Linda or Cheryl 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.

## Driving Assessor

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

**Friday - 1 December 2017**

**Friday - January 2018** 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](http://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 28 November 2017**

**Tuesday 12 December 2017**

For an appointment contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

## Environmental Health Officer

For an appointment with the Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Will Pearce, 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

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
27 November	4 December
11 December	18 December

**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 12.30 - 1pm

### School Holidays

Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 5pm Lunch 12.30 - 1pm

### 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



Check out our website  
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# Bushfire Season

## Harvest Bans Zones

All fire zones in the Shire of Lake Grace will be on Channel 11 in an event of a fire.

- When a fire occurs on a property in a zone a *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* will be imposed for the whole zone until the fire is deemed safe, and the *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* is lifted.
- When a fire occurs on a property neighbouring a zone boundary both zones will have a *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* imposed until the fire is deemed safe, and the *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* is lifted.

## Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban SMS:

To register please contact the Shire of Lake Grace on (08) 9890 2500.

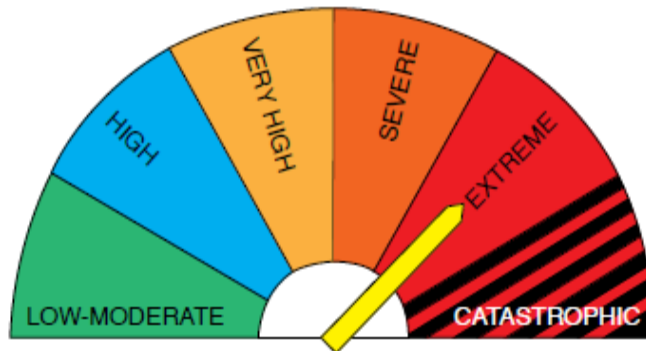
**Please Note:** Do not reply to the *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* notification SMS message.

## Power Outages

Customers affected by power outages lasting 12 continuous hours or more, may be eligible for an \$80 service standard payment.

To find out if you are eligible go to: <https://westernpower.com.au/power-outages/make-a-claim/>

## FIRE DANGER RATING TODAY



The **Fire Danger Rating** is based on the weather forecast and gives you advice about the level of bushfire threat on a particular day.

**Catastrophic:** The worst conditions for a fire. Homes are not designed or built to withstand a fire in these conditions. The only safe place is away from the bushfire area.

**Extreme Severe or Very High:** Seek out information and be ready to leave or stay and actively defend your property if a fire starts. Only stay if you are 100% prepared.

**High or Low to Moderate:** Be vigilant. Check your fire plan and continue to monitor conditions as they can change quickly.

## Shire Christmas & New Year Opening Hours

The Shire of Lake Grace Office will be closed from Saturday 23 December 2017 and re-open Tuesday 2 January 2018 at 8:30am.

Monday	25 December 2017	.....Office Closed	Thursday	28 December 2017	.....Office Closed
Tuesday	26 December 2017	.....Office Closed	Friday	29 December 2017	.....Office Closed
Wednesday	27 December 2017	.....Office Closed	Monday	1 January 2018	.....Office Closed

### Please Note:

Licensing services will not be available during this time. Licensing renewals and transactions can be made by mail or via the internet at [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au).  
**For help or information call 13 11 56**

### Emergency Contacts

Shire Operations will close during the festival period from Saturday 23 December 2017 until Tuesday 2 January 2018.

A few staff will be on hand to manage watering of gardens etc and be on call to answer any emergency request.

Any request will be inspected and any major works required will be scheduled to be undertaken in the New Year.

### Waste Pickup Days over Christmas and New Year will remain as normal.

Monday 25 December 2017  
Monday 1 January 2018

### Christmas Lake Grace and Newdegate Tip Times

#### Lake Grace

Monday 25 December 2017.....Closed  
All other days will remain the same.  
Monday 9am - 2pm  
Wednesday 9am - 2pm  
Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

#### Newdegate

Will be open on the usual days  
Wednesday 9am - 1pm  
Saturday 9am - 1pm

