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CEO's Corner

Australia Day Celebrations & Citizenship Ceremonies

This year's Australia Day saw celebrations being held throughout the Shire along with two new citizens taking their pledges to become Australian Citizens, Nicola Kuchling of Lake Grace and Cornelia Van Graan of Newdegate.

Deputy Shire President, Cr Jeanette De Landgraft officiated in the absence of the Shire President. Cr De Landgraft kicked off her busy day's schedule with breakfast in Lake Grace. It was pleasing to see a crowd of 200 people in attendance at the Lion's Breakfast held at the Lake Grace Swimming Pool. Following breakfast Cr De Landgraft conducted the citizenship ceremony for Nicola which was immediately followed by the Premier's Australia Day Awards presentations conducted by Cr Debby Clarke.

After the early start in Lake Grace, Cr De Landgraft then headed to Newdegate to officiate at the citizenship ceremony for Cornelia Van Graan. The Newdegate breakfast held at Pioneer Park was attended by a good crowd of locals. The Newdegate Australia Day Awards were presented by Cr Len Armstrong.

Next stop was at the Lake King Tavern to meet and greet with locals enjoying their Australia Day lunch. It was pleasing to see so many young people in attendance. Then it was a quick dash to the Varley Recreation Centre a late lunch with the Varley Community. Cr De Landgraft presented the Premier's Active Australia Day Citizenship Award to former councillor Dean Sinclair who had been nominated by the community for his service to the Varley community.

Congratulations to the Shire's newest Australian citizens, Nicola Kuchling and Cornelia Van Graan and thanks to all those involved in organising the Australia Day events and putting forward nominees for the various awards.

Extreme Weather Events

Following last week's storms, a number of roads were blocked with fallen trees and branches. On behalf of the community I wish to thank all those locals that assisted in clearing the debris, particularly in the Newdegate area where some locals had returned from holiday and assisted the local police in making the road trafficable and safe.

Caltrop in the Lake Grace townsite

Following recent rains, the Lake Grace townsite has experienced an outbreak of caltrop. The community is keen to eradicate as much of this menace weed as possible. You can assist by:

1. Spraying and/or removing any caltrop on your property or verge, please **do not** put it into your rubbish bin as this will contaminate our waste facility and the neighbouring farm lands.
2. To dispose of any removed caltrop plants please place them into a marked and sealed plastic bag and either keep them until winter when they can be safely burned or take them to the Shire Depot where there is a special caltrop bin facility.
3. The Shire in conjunction with the CRC is looking for volunteers to form a 'Caltrop Army' – if you would like to be involved please contact Suzanne Reeves at the Lake Grace CRC on 9865 1470.

Lake Grace townsite residents will shortly receive an information flyer in their mailboxes, this will include a map of the townsite showing where current caltrop infestations are happening.

Neville Hale

Chief Executive Officer

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

3:00 pm Wednesday

24 February 2016

Location: 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.



Shire of Lake Grace Community News

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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.

Licensing Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30am - 4.15pm
Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

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 weekly and collected each Monday for Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

Recycling is fortnightly and alternates between Lake Grace & Newdegate. See below for the upcoming recycling collection dates.

Lake Grace	Newdegate
8 February	15 February
22 February	29 February

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.



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

Driving Assessor

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

Friday - 4 March 2016 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

Building Surveyor

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

Tuesday 9 February 2016

Tuesday 23 February 2016

To make an appointment please contact Josiah on
☎0438 811 944.

Harvest Ban Hotline

Useful telephone numbers:

- For emergencies dial 000
- Total Fire Ban information 1800 709 355
- Shire of Lake Grace Harvest Ban Information 9487 7191

Please contact the Shire Office on 9890 2500 if you wish to be notified of harvest bans using SMS.

Reporting Fires

All fires started mechanically (rock strike, hot bearing etc) or naturally (lightening strike) and any other fire, including suspicious fires, must be reported to the Chief Fire Control Officer Brad Watson 0427 906 441 or the Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer in your area and the Shire so that a Fire Report can be completed and lodged with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

These reports add to the combined statistics for the Shire so that when applications are made for more equipment e.g. a fire appliance for Dunn Rock, these statistics can be used as evidence to back up the application. No matter how small or easily the fire is extinguished, please report it.



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



Australia Day 2016



Congratulations to Cornelia Van Graan and Nicola Kuchling who became Australian Citizens on Australia Day.

Left: Cornelia Van Graan with her husband Herman and their children with Deputy President Cr. Jeanette De Landgraft at Newdegate

Right: Nicola Kuchling with Deputy President Cr. Jeanette De Landgraft at Lake Grace



2016 Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award Recipi-



Left: Brittnee Knill, Newdegate Young Citizen, with Peter Ness Newdegate Citizen of the Year.

Peter accepted the Community Group award for the Newdegate Railway Station Relocation and Restoration Project.



Above: Paula Carruthers, Lake Grace Citizen Acknowledgement. Emily Younger, Young Citizen of the Year.

Cr. Deb Clarke representing Lake Grace Artists Group – High Tea, for the Community Event.

Tania Spencer Citizen Acknowledgement.

Fr. Joseph Sousa accepted on behalf of Fr. Gayan Thamel Lake Grace Citizen of the Year as he was unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Left: Cr. Jeanette De Landgraft presented Dean Sinclair with Varley Citizen of the Year.





Lake Grace Swimming Pool

LIFEGUARDS ARE NOW TARGETING SCREEN TIME

IS YOUR CHILD YOUR FOCUS?



Swim the Bite

Good news on the Swim the bite, we are well past the halfway mark and our total distance so far stands at 640 km with 520 km still to go to beat Nibbles the Shark, to the Bite.

We also have a new leader board in the pool foyer called the 'Nibbles "Superfish" 25km Club'. There's only one way to join and that is to swim 500 laps of the Lake Grace Swimming Pool and you too can be a "Superfish".

Pre Season Sports Training

Are you ready - Have you thought about it yet?? Get started at the LG pool. We have heaps of H2O fitness equipment for your use, and its low impact on your body and you can still get your heart rate up for a great workout. Give it a go at Lake Grace Swimming Pool.

Australia Day at the Pool 2016

With the group of keen chefs ready for a big cook up, the barbies were lit and the bacon was sizzling by 7am.

Between 7 - 11am, 219 people (plus a few prams) came through the pool gate to join in the annual Australia Day breakfast proudly hosted by the Lake Grace Lions Club.

Following the awards ceremony it was time for the kids to have some fun in the water making the most use of the inflatables both small and big.



The morning which had been forecast to be a stormy and overcast turned out to be very pleasant and balmy, very appropriate for the occasion.

Many thanks to the Lions Club for their workmanship and generosity for the event. Donations collected on the day will go to the Lake Grace District High School Parents and Citizens Association.



Can you clear that vegetation? What's changed?

The Eucalypt Woodlands of the WA Wheatbelt are now listed as 'critically endangered' under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)*

Are you wondering what this listing could mean for you and your property?

Do you have questions or concerns you'd like answered?

Join the Australian Government's Department of the Environment community consultation sessions throughout the Wheatbelt, covering:

- what the new listing means for local farmers
- community consultation on the EPBC Act
- protected matters in the region.

Sessions will be held at:

Kondinin

Wednesday 10 February 2016, 12.30 – 2pm
Kondinin Country Club, 11 Gordon Street.
Contact the Shire of Kondinin on 08 9889 1006.

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Thursday 11 February 2016, 3 – 4pm
DAFWA building, 10 Doney Street.
Contact South West Catchments Council on 08 9724 2400.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF PURPOSE OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS



Local Government Act 1995

The Shire of Lake Grace proposes to use \$160,000.00 from the Newdegate Hall Reserve Fund containing \$236,541.72 as at 31 December 2015 for another purpose, namely the Newdegate Independent Living Units and Lesser Hall Project.

The Shire of Lake Grace proposes to use \$30,000.00 from the Housing Reserve Fund containing \$30,393.99 as at 31 December 2015 for another purpose, namely the Newdegate Independent Living Units and Lesser Hall Project.

The objects of, and reasons for the change are to address the funding shortfall identified to complete the Newdegate Independent Living Units and Lesser Hall Project.

The report presented to Council 21 December 2015 identified an estimated funding shortfall of \$160,688.00.

One month's notice of this intention is given as required by the Local Government Act 1995.

Neville Hale
Chief Executive Officer
15 January 2016