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CEO's Corner

Welcome Dr Manus Lochner

Council and the Lake Grace Shire community extends its welcome to Dr Manus Lochner, who this week takes up the position of medical practitioner for the Shire of Lake Grace.

The Shire together with First Health Medical Services will enter into formal arrangements for provision of medical services to the Shire's residents.

Dr Lochner will be providing services from both the Lake Grace and Newdegate Medical facilities and will be supporting the Lake Grace Hospital services.

We trust Dr Lochner enjoys his time with the community of the Shire.

Swearing in of New Councillor

On Thursday 4 February 2016 Councillor Roz Lloyd was sworn in to the Rural Ward vacancy that remained unfilled following the 23 December 2015 Extraordinary Election.

It was fitting that the formal swearing in process took place at the Newdegate Pioneer Park gazebo in the presence of the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and Councillors.

Shire "A" Class Road Inspection

On Thursday 4 February 2016 a number of Councillors including the Shire President and Deputy Shire President undertook a road inspection of the Shire's "A" Class roads with a view to making improvements to the maintenance of roadside verges, guideposts and signage.

The current "A" Class roads are easily identified as those with 10m gravel pavement and a seal width of up to 7 metres. As part of this process, Council through its Asset Management Committee will continue to assess the requirements of its road infrastructure and future upgrade of other roads to Class "A" specification.

Lake Grace Surface Water Capture and Retention

Sharp eyed members of the public may have noticed that works have begun on this important water management solution for which the Shire has received funding from the Department of Water. This project will capture water run-off from the CBH and adjacent land and be pumped into the Recreation Dam for use on the ovals.

Newdegate Independent Living Units

I am pleased to advise that units 1 and 2 of the Independent Living Unit development adjacent to the Newdegate Town Hall have now been completed. Works will continue on Units 3 and 4 together with roadways and landscaping. Completion of this project is expected to meet its 31st March deadline.

We thank staff and local contractors for their efforts in progressing this project. We look forward to receiving expressions of interest from prospective tenants.

Doppler Radar Tower at Newdegate

State Government agencies are progressing with the formalities involved in establishing a Doppler radar tower at Newdegate.

The tower will be located adjacent to the Newdegate Field Day Site and will be used by the Bureau of Meteorology as one of three similar sites located across the Wheatbelt to enhance its ability to more accurately determine weather patterns and conditions.

Retirement After 32 Years of Service to the Shire

Bill Bolas, currently the Shire's longest serving staff member is retiring after 32 years' service. Bill has been a valuable contributor to the Shire's works team and we wish him and his wife a happy retirement.

Thanks Bill for a job well done!

Neville Hale

Chief Executive Officer



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The Shire President, Councillors, and staff wish Bill Bolas all the best on his retirement.

Bill has been a valued employee for many years and we wish him good luck, health and happiness.

Shire Road Works

Holt Rock South Rd Reconstruction

Shire of Lake Grace will start road pavement reconstruction of Holt Rock South Road, between Biddy Camm Road and Mt Vernon Rd on 22 February 2016.

Heavy machinery, trucks, a grader, rollers and a water cart truck will be involved. Please respect traffic management signs and directions from the operators. The works will be complete on 11 March 2016, weather permitting.

Road Verge Chemical Spraying

Chemical weed spraying will take place on Shire sealed roads shoulders and drainage slopes as well as in all towns landscaped areas, reserves and public open spaces.

The exact locations and timing will be advertised accordingly as this is an ongoing operation, affected by wind, rain and high weather temperatures.

Please be aware of a slow light vehicle with signage "VERGE SPRAYING".



Community Sporting Club Equipment Subsidy Scheme

The Community Sporting Club Equipment Subsidy Scheme provides valuable assistance to local sporting clubs in Western Australia to help increase and upgrade shared sporting equipment for club members.

Eligible sporting clubs have the opportunity to apply for a one-off \$500 subsidy towards shared sporting equipment accessible to all members.

Online applications open 14 March 2016
Online applications close 15 April 2016.

It's one of the many programs and initiatives which support the development of sport and recreation clubs across WA.

Subsidies for regional clubs are provided through the State Government's Royalties for Regions Program. Metropolitan club subsidies are provided through funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Go to: <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/clubs/club-equipment-subsidy>



KidSport enables Western Australian children to participate in community sport and recreation, no matter their financial circumstances. Eligible youth aged 5–18 years can apply for financial assistance to contribute towards club fees. The fees will 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 or be referred by a recognised referral agent. Primary place of residence must be in the local government area that they are applying to.



Photos of Our Shire

For people who always have their camera at hand the Shire is looking for photos to promote our area. If you have any photos of events, infrastructure or landscape please email, with a description, to shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Your photos will be used to promote the area on our website, Facebook page and publications.

Wherever possible you will be acknowledged when your photo is published.

Please ensure you have permission from the people who are captured in the photo.



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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
22 February	29 February
7 March	14 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

Friday - 1 April 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 23 February 2016

Tuesday 8 March 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.

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.



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



Bushfire Bulletin



Safe Places in a Bushfire

ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

areyouready.wa.gov.au

It is important to identify places where you can go as a last resort if you are unable to leave or implement your bushfire survival plan. A 'safer place' is somewhere you can shelter during bushfire. These places may include a local open space, a dam or beach. Identify and plan where your family safer place will be.

Consider the use of a safer place as part of your backup plan when:

- You are not able to carry out your Bushfire Survival Plan.
- Your plan was to stay and actively defend however the fire has worsened and your home is no longer a safe place to shelter. Leaving your home in this situation is now your safest option.

Once you have arrived at your safer place you need to:

- Keep up to date with fire information by radio, mobile phone or whatever means of communication you have.
- Make sure all doors and windows are sealed as best as possible if your safer place is a building.
- Seek protection from radiant heat and embers as best you can if your safer place is an open space. Cover any exposed skin with blankets or clothing and lie flat on the ground as the fire passes.
- Remain vigilant for possible ember attack and new fire fronts.

If you or a family member have special needs you should think about what assistance may be needed at a safer place. You will need to consider this in your Bushfire Survival Plan. Refer to Factsheet #1.



Safer places have their limitations. There are things that you will need to consider if you do plan to use a safer place in your bushfire survival planning:

- They do not guarantee safety in all circumstances. You and your families' safety should be your first priority.
- There may be a risk with travelling to your safer place. Check to see if the route is safe and clear, have a contingency route or safer place in your back-up plan.
- Firefighters may not be there, they may be fighting the main fire front elsewhere.
- Your safer place caters for animals or pets. You will need to consider this in your bushfire survival plan.
- Your safer place may not cater for animals or pets. You will need to consider this in your bushfire survival plan.
- Your safer place may not provide shelter from the elements of a bushfire, particularly flying embers and hot weather. Keep woollen blankets in your car to give you shelter from flying embers and a supply of drinking water.

For more information visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au or contact **DFES Community Engagement 9395 9816**



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EVERYTHING MUST GO

Adult: \$20
Concession: \$10
Child: \$5
Family: \$40
Doors open 6pm

Nancy Browne
is having a sale.
There will be
treasure like you
can't imagine.

Written and performed by
Rachel Leary. Directed by
Damian Callinan.
Recommended 15+



Friday 11 March 2016, 7pm



Lake Grace Hall

Bookings: Lake Grace Visitor Centre - 08 9865 2140

Locally presented by Lake Grace Artists Group and Shire of Lake Grace

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Department of Culture and the Arts



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Community Resource Centre

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Tour coordination by
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