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## CEO's Corner

### Official Opening of the Newdegate Well Aged Units

The community is invited to the official opening for Newdegate's Well Aged Units to be held on Wednesday 4 May 2016 at 11.00am onsite, next to the Newdegate Town Hall - refer invitation elsewhere on the Shire news page.

Hon Terry Waldron MLA, will officiate at the opening with morning tea to follow. Following the opening, the units will be opened to allow people to walk through and inspect these brand new houses. We encourage everyone to come along and have a look.

### Season Break & Road Closure Notifications

It is very pleasant on the eye to see green grass appearing all over the countryside following a good break to the season throughout the Shire. We wish all our farmers well with their seeding programs. With the change in weather and the onset of winter, the community is reminded that immediately following periods of rain, and in order to protect the Shire's roads, there may be temporary road closures in various areas through the Shire. A reminder: you can receive a message from the Shire via SMS when such closures occur, please contact the Shire office on ☎ 9890 2500 to add your mobile number to the SMS list.

### Mosquito Control

Frequent rain events over past weeks has seen an increase in mosquito hatchings with many requests for fogging coming into the office. With more than normal use this past summer, the Shire's fogging equipment is showing its age, and has been breaking down regularly.

To rectify this a replacement fogger will be considered as a budget item in the upcoming 2016/17 budget deliberations. This week's Council agenda contains a report from the Shire's Environmental Health Officer who is looking into ways of reducing the mosquito pest

nuisance in the Shire's townsites. This will require a holistic approach if the reduction of adult mosquitos is to be successful. For those interested the report is available on the Shire's website in this month's Council Meeting agenda and/or minutes.

### Lake Grace Roadwise Committee

At a recent meeting with Main Roads WA, the Shire received positive feedback regarding the Lake Grace Roadwise Committee. With so many road accidents happening in WA country areas of late and the emphasis being placed on road safety, it was really pleasing to hear the recognition from Main Roads for our local group, its strong community support, commitment to the road safety cause and the good work that they do.

Among current issues being considered by the group is the suggestion to reduce the speed limit on Bishop St Lake Grace to 40kph in order to make the street safer. Bishop St is used to access Stubbs St from Absolon St, with the school, the library and the CRC, the sporting facilities, the swimming pool and the Lakes Village where our seniors reside all in close proximity. A reduction in the speed limit would reduce the risk and make Bishop St safer to use for everyone including motorists, gopher riders and pedestrians.

### Restricted Access Vehicles (RAV) in Townsites

The Shire is working in conjunction with Main Roads on Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) in our townsites, particularly in Lake Grace. This involves the restriction of heavy vehicles on certain town streets with a focus on the impacts on residents in residential areas. The Shire is ever mindful of the importance and the need for heavy vehicles to service our towns and businesses and that the road transport industry is crucial to our rural communities for survival in today's world.



*CEO's Corner continued*

## Tree Planting in our Townsites

The Shire is wanting to start a conversation with the community around tree planting programs in and around our townsites and would like to hear people's thoughts on where they would like to see more trees planted.

As you would all be aware, trees in our townsites are gradually disappearing through age, some die off, some require removal due to being unsafe through white ant infestations, and there is the safety issue of falling branches and the need to keep them off power lines. All of these factors have resulted in a decline in the tree canopy in our towns, with no replacement trees being planted.

As well as adding to the streetscape, the benefits of trees are well documented in that they increase the habitat available for birds and wildlife, reduce stormwater run-off and soil erosion and are even thought to positively impact on mental health.

If you have any thoughts on tree planting, the Shire would like to hear from you. We can then explore the way in which the Shire and residents can work together to increase the current tree canopies in our towns. Please contact either Jeanette Bennett or Tash Bowman at the Shire Office on ☎9890 2500, or via email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au) with your thoughts on the greening of our public areas and streets.

*Neville Hale*

**Chief Executive Officer**

## Caltrop in Lake Grace

Residents are reminded to keep on the look-out for caltrop plants.

Please either spray or remove caltrop in and around your property.

Please do not put them into your rubbish bin as this will contaminate our waste facility and neighbouring farmlands. To dispose of any removed caltrop plants please put them into a marked plastic bag and either burn them safely or take them to the Shire Depot on Absolon St where there is a specially marked wheelie bin located just outside the main gates.



## Street Banner Concept

The Shire is in the process of producing street banners for towns within the Shire over the next 2- 3 year period.

The Shire of Lake Grace is Home of:

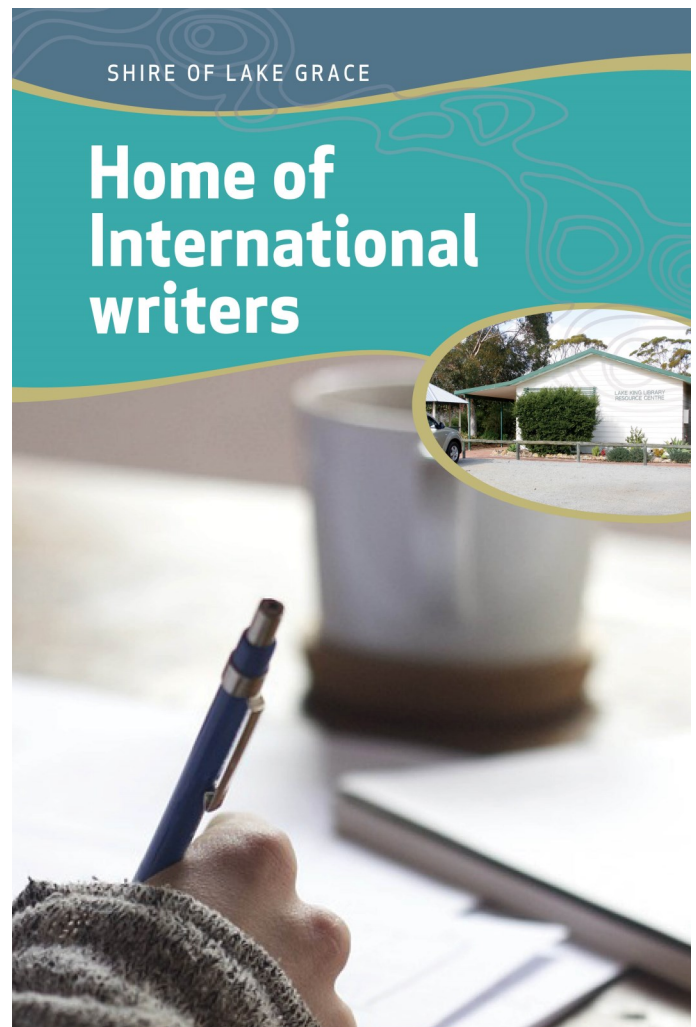
- International Writers
- The 2015 Brownlow Medal
- State Hockey Players
- Sculptures by the Sea artists

We are asking if there are people within the Shire who has reached state, interstate or international level in sports and arts to be included on the banners. This could be dart, tennis, basketball, netball or cricket players, singers etc.

Please see example below, there will be no names on the banner simply the field of the achievement.

Please contact: Lee Holben or Cheryl Chappell

☎ 9890 2500 or ✉ [cms01@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:cms01@lakegrace.wa.gov.au)





# 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
2 May	9 May
16 May	23 May

**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](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

## Driving Assessor

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

**Friday - 6 May 2016**

**Friday - 3 June 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](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au)

## Building Surveyor

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

**Tuesday 3 May 2016**

**Tuesday 17 May 2016**

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

## Environmental Health Officer

Environmental Health Office, Lauren Pitman will be available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

**Wednesday & Thursday 4 & 5 May 2016**

**Wednesday & Thursday 18 & 19 May 2016**

To make an appointment please contact Lauren on ☎0427 137 431 or email: [eho@corrigin.wa.gov.au](mailto:eho@corrigin.wa.gov.au)



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.



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The Shire of Lake Grace

# Invites Members of the Community

to the Official Opening of the

## NEWDEGATE WELL AGED HOUSING UNITS

by the Honourable Terry Waldron MLA.



**Date:** Wednesday 4 May 2016

**Location:** Maley Street, Newdegate, WA

**Time:** 11.00 am - Morning tea to follow

**RSVP Essential for Catering :** Tash or Reece at the Shire ☎9890 2500  
or ✉ [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

The units are part of the 4WDL Regional Well Aged Housing Project between the Shires of Wagin, West Arthur, Woodanilling, Williams, West Arthur, Dumbleyung and Lake Grace and made possible with funding from Royalties for Regions.

### Heritage Week - Holland Track

Heritage is about the places and stories that make Australia special.

For the past few years the Shire in collaboration with the Lake Grace Regional Artspace has installed a window display of our regional heritage for annual Heritage Week.

This year with support and significant contribution from **Newdegate Hainsworth Heritage Committee** the window exhibition is the history of the Holland Track, from John Holland's walk in 1892, until today.

Holland Track travels through a large amount of private property so to keep the HOLLAND TRACK accessible to future generations various sections have now become JOHN HOLLAND WAY which is the road system which lies closest to the original track.

People can rediscover the experience of John Holland as they travel some of the 4 wheel drive access track.

Come along and learn something about our past at the Regional Artspace until the end of May. Thank you to the Lake Grace Regional Artspace for their support.

