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## CEO's Corner



### New CEO – Denise Gobbart

Council, with the assistance of a professional recruitment agency, has recently concluded its efforts to secure a CEO to replace current CEO Neville Hale whose contract ends in August 2016. Council received some 30 applications for the position and, from what was a strong field, interviewed four of those applicants. I am pleased to confirm what many in the community have already heard on the grapevine that Denise Gobbart is the successful applicant. Denise's appointment will be formalised at the 22 June 2016 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Denise has 30 years of experience with a number of local governments which, with the exception of Port Hedland, have all been in the wheatbelt. Prior to coming to Lake Grace as the Acting Manager Corporate Services, Denise held a similar position with the Shire of Northam (6 years) and Shire of Chittering (4 years). Denise was born and raised in the Mount Marshall Shire, the daughter of an early settler farming family so is familiar with communities such as those found in this Shire and the issues faced by farm and other businesses.

I congratulate Denise on her appointment and wish her every success.

### Tree Planting in our Town-sites

Following a previous call for people interested in revisiting the town landscaping tree planting initiative, a number of interested Lake Grace locals attended a meeting with Shire representatives on Wednesday, 1 June 2016 to provide ideas and suggestions on what could be done in the Lake Grace town-site. Main points of discussion were as follows:

- Need to specify suitable species and prioritise planting areas;
- Identify existing significant trees within the town-site and maintain;
- An idea to create a tree walk in the town where

people can walk around using a map and each tree will explain its significance;

- Impact of the new Bush Fire Prone Area requirements
- Weed management education and termite treatment;
- Signage to protect areas of significant remnant vegetation.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 June 2016 time to be confirmed.

### Ordinary Council Meeting Wednesday 25 May 2016

The Ordinary Council Meeting took place on Wednesday, 25 May 2016 at 3.00 pm at the Newdegate Library Resource Centre. Council received presentations from two community groups, both in regard to recreation facilities, namely:

- Newdegate Active Precinct Committee presented their plans for a skate park and play facility in Newdegate. Estimated cost of the project is between \$150,000 and \$250,000. Area is currently zoned Residential and will need to be changed to Recreation. It is proposed the Skate Park be located on land opposite Pioneer Park. The privately owned land is to be donated to the Shire. A formal proposal will be submitted to Council on 22 June 2016 meeting;
- Lake King Progress Association presented to Council about the recent crack repairs to Lake King Netball Courts and the effect it has had and community expectations for the future. Lake King Progress Association is seeking to have the unsafe surface repaired. A contractor has been on site to attend to their earlier repair works. The Association is now investigating the cost of court surface replacement, obtaining quotes and will be seeking grants to replace the surface of courts. A proposal is to be submitted to the Shire for formal consideration.



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CEO's Corner continued

## The following matters were the subject of Council consideration and resolution:

- Lake Grace RAV access – streets to be included in Network 2-4 – Council approved 8 roads in Lake Grace town-site to be added to the Restricted Access Vehicle network subject to conditions and also upgraded some roads to Network 7;
- Outstanding emergency services levy write off for 21 Seward Avenue, Varley and 13 Sugg Road, Lake King – Council endorsed the write off of Emergency Services Levy and Penalty Interest levied on the above properties;
- Unbudgeted expenditure for landscaping and paving at the Lake Grace Sports Pavilion – Council authorised unbudgeted expense of \$3,700 for the completion of the supply and installation of lawn in front of the Sports Pavilion subject to the work being undertaken prior to the 2016 Colts Carnival, or else it would be considered in 2016/2017 budget deliberations; and,
- Shire of Lake Grace Cemeteries Amendment Local Law 2016 – Council approved the giving of state-wide public notice of the Shire of Lake Grace Cemeteries Amendment Local Law 2016 in order to seek public comment and to submit to the Minister for Local Government a copy of the proposed law.

For further information in regards to the above Council decisions, the minutes of the May 2016 Ordinary Meeting are available on the Shire's website, [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

*Neville Hale*

**Chief Executive Officer**

## Lake Grace Drum Pick-up

All chemical drums will be picked up from the Lake Grace 27 June 2.30pm. People are welcome to drop any chemical drums at the Lake Grace Tip before 27 June.



## Roaming Dogs in Our Towns

It has been noted that there has been an increase in the number of dogs roaming the streets. This has caused unnecessary stress to other residents with a dog attacking a cat, growling at residents and in general causing a nuisance.

A reminder that dog owners have a legal responsibility to keep their dogs under control, either within a fenced area on their property or on a leash when in public.

Owners are also required to pick up after their dog while in public areas.

## Dog Registration Fees

By law all dogs over the age of three months are required to be registered with the relevant local government.

1 YEAR REGISTRATION			
	Full	Concession	Working dog
Sterilised	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Unsterilised	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$12.50
3 YEAR REGISTRATION			
	Full	Concession	Working dog
Sterilised	\$42.50	\$21.25	\$10.60
Unsterilised	\$120.00	\$60.00	\$30.00
LIFETIME REGISTRATION			
	Full	Concession	Working dog
Sterilised	\$100.00	\$50.00	-
Unsterilised	\$250.00	\$125.00	-

## A Thank You

Hello to all the staff at Shire of Lake Grace,

We would like to compliment you on your pretty little town and the excellent state of your public toilets at the old railway station. We live in Esperance and always travel through Lake Grace on our trips to and from Perth, using the great facilities.

We hope everyone appreciates the effort which goes in to keeping everything clean and that it gets looked after by all travellers.

Thank you all. Regards, Sue and Arthur, Esperance



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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
13 June	20 June
27 June	4 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.

## Driving Assessor

**Please note there will be NO (PDA) in July**

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

**Friday - 5 August 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 14 June 2016**

**Tuesday 28 June 2016**

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

## Environmental Health Officer

Shire Environmental Health Officer Lauren Pitman is available to contact during the following hours:

**Hours: 9am-5pm Wednesday Thursday Friday**

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

## Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

**3:00 pm Wednesday 22 June 2016**

**Location: Council Chambers  
Bishop Street 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.

Agendas and Minutes available on Shire website.



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## PREPARING FOR STORMS

Dangerous storms are the most common natural hazard in Australia and on average, cause more damage and destruction than cyclones, earthquakes, floods and bushfires.

### State Emergency Service (SES)

DFES State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers help the community of Western Australia during storms and other natural hazards and emergencies. SES volunteers assist by:

During a severe storm there may be hundreds of calls for emergency assistance. Each call is prioritised so please be patient – SES volunteers will attend as soon as possible.

### Did you know...

- Each year from May to October, storms, including, tornados, thunder, lightning, hail, flash flooding and gale force winds cause major destruction to the southern half of the State from Kalbarri to Israelite Bay.
- As storms are unpredictable, felt locally and happen in smaller areas their devastating impact is often underestimated.

### Most storm damage to homes occurs from:

- Loose and broken roof materials.
- Fallen trees and branches.
- Flooding from blocked gutters and downpipes.

**STAY SAFE** and be prepared this Storm Season.

For more information visit [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) or contact DFES Community Engagement 9395 9816

### DFES has these tips to help you and your family stay safe:

- ⇒ Trim branches around the home or business to prevent them falling on roofs or cars.
- ⇒ Hire a contractor to clear trees from power lines.
- ⇒ Clear gutters and downpipes of leaves and blockages.
- ⇒ Check the roof for cracked ridge capping, loose tiles or loose nails.
- ⇒ Store or weigh down loose objects like outdoor furniture, playground equipment, trampolines and sheds.
- ⇒ Clear rubbish from around the yard, balcony or patio.
- ⇒ Prepare an emergency kit with a portable battery operated radio, torch, spare batteries and a first aid kit.



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# Afternoon at the Movies

The best way to spend a cold afternoon is sitting in a cosy warm place with a good movie and a container of freshly popped popcorn, that is what twenty seven seniors did on Thursday 2 June.

The Lake Grace Artists Group has purchased a new movie system and StarWest Party Hire has set it up so it is very compact and easy to use. Greg travelled from Perth on Thursday morning and showed members how to use the new equipment.



*Above: After the show Gwen Oliver and Mary Naisbitt sat and enjoyed a cuppa.*

The seniors Group had the pleasure of being the first group to trial the new equipment and all went very well.

The movie shown was *The Hundred Foot Journey* that is about two competing restaurants, one French restaurant, Madame Mallory's and across the road an Indian restaurant run by the Kadam family from Mumbai. Starring Helen Mirren and Om Puri the movie was a light hearted romantic story and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.



*Above: The new compact equipment*