

Shire of Lake Grace Community News

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CEO's Corner

Welcome to another edition of the CEO's Corner.

The Ordinary Council Meeting for April 2015 was held on Wednesday 22 April 2015 at the Council Chambers, Lake Grace.

Included in Council's deliberations were the following items:

Lease Agreement – Lake Grace Daycare

Community Support Services Unit withdrew the Daycare service in April 2015. The Lake Grace Daycare committee in conjunction with the Shire identified an alternative service provider, TBZ Leyte Holdings Pty Ltd.

Council has agreed to enter into a three year lease with the new daycare provider, motion carried 8/0.

Congratulations to the Lake Grace Daycare Committee and Shire staff on a wonderful outcome.

Reserve 34213 Fence Road, Lake Camm

The Department of Parks and Wildlife (PAW) wrote to the Shire seeking its support for the transfer of Crown Reserve 34213 to the Conservation Commission of Western Australia as a class "A" natural reserve. Council had previously rejected two similar requests received in 2011 and 2013. Council did not support the Department's proposal in its current form and invited the Department to make a presentation to Council regarding the Department's future management of Reserve 34213. The Department has accepted an invitation and will attend the June 2015 Council meeting to make its presentation.

Lake Grace and Ravensthorpe Land Conservation District Committee (LCDC) – Appointment of Delegates

The Department of Agriculture and Food wrote to the Shire requesting nominations for appointment to the Lake Grace and Ravensthorpe LCDC's.

Council resolved to nominate Cr Allan Marshall as its representative to the Lake Grace Land Conservation District Committee and nominate Cr Len Armstrong

as its representative to the Ravensthorpe Land Conservation District Committee. If appointed by the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation, their terms will run for three years, expiring in 2018.

Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government

The Shire received a request from The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to support its campaign to restore indexation of the Commonwealth's Financial Assistance Grants (FAGS). The Commonwealth's FAGS assist Council to provide important community services and infrastructure. Therefore Council resolved to acknowledge the importance of FAGS and clearly identify Commonwealth grant funding in Council publications

Purchase of 44 Bennett Street, Lake Grace

At its March 2015 Ordinary Meeting, Council authorised the purchase of 44 Bennett St, Lake Grace from the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust WA. At its April meeting Council authorised the use of the common seal on the relevant documents allowing the purchase to be finalised.

Peter Dittrich
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Further information on the above items can be found in the Shire's April 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes on our website, www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

The next Shire of Lake Grace Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

Wednesday, 27 May 2015, 3.00pm
Location: Newdegate Library
Resource Centre

Members of the public welcome.

A minimum of 15 minutes is set aside for public questions time, giving members of the public an opportunity to ask questions relating to Shire activities





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END OF RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

30 April marks the CLOSE of the Restricted Burning Period (Permit Required).

During the unrestricted burning period a permit is not required to burn. Please remember to check the weather conditions prior to lighting a fire.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Restricted Burning Period (Permit Required)
19 September to 31 October

Prohibited Burning Period (No Burning)
1 November to 31 January

Restricted Burning Period (Permit Required)
1 February to 30 April

BULK USED ENGINE OIL COLLECTION – FREE FOR FARMERS

The Shire is seeking all those who have got bulk used oil stored on their farming premises, and wish to dispose of it without paying a fee.

The Shire will commence charging those who drop of commercial quantities of used engine oil at the collection points at the rubbish tips, so it is in farmers' best interests to use this service.

Please contact the Shire on 9890 2500 to leave your name, address, contact details and the approximate volume of oil you wish to dispose of. These details will then be passed onto Wren Oil who will organise



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CAT OWNERS

The *Cat Act 2011* requires the identification, registration and sterilisation of all domestic cats. The new cat laws are about; encouraging responsible pet ownership, reducing the number of unwanted cats in the community and reducing the number of cats euthanised each year.

All cats that have reached 6 months of age are to be:

- Microchipped;
- Sterilised; and
- Registered with the relevant local government.

Cats are required to wear a collar and registration tag to ensure that owned cats can be easily identified and returned to their owner.

Attention Cat Breeders

The legislation requires that a person who chooses to breed cats must apply to their local government for a permit.

When a cat is sold, the seller must ensure the cat is microchipped and sterilised prior to transfer. If the cat cannot be sterilised due to its young age, a voucher must be issued to the new owner

Did You Know?.....Even if you wish to only breed one litter from your cat, you are considered a cat breeder.





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PREPARING FOR STORMS STAY SAFE and be prepared this Storm Season.

Did you know...

Dangerous storms are the most common natural hazard in Australia and on average can cause millions of dollars in damage. They cause more damage and destruction than cyclones, earthquakes, floods and bushfires. They pose a significant threat to people property, crops and livestock.



Most storm damage to homes occurs from:

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

A few tips...

- 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.

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:

- Making emergency temporary repairs to homes and businesses. It is your responsibility to organise permanent repairs and contact your insurance company.
- Clearing fallen trees.
- Rescuing trapped or injured people.
- Sandbagging areas in danger of flooding.
- Assisting in relocating people.

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.

If you need help

- For life threatening emergencies call **000**
- If your home has been badly damaged, call the SES on **132 500**.





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Office Opening Hours

Monday to Friday
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Staff can be contacted by phone
between 8am - 5pm.

Licensing Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday Friday
8.30am - 4.15pm 8.30am - 4.00pm

Tip Opening Hours

Lake Grace
Monday, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday
7am - 6pm

Newdegate
Wednesday 9am - 3pm
Saturday 8am - 12pm

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.

Please Note: There is no kerbside recycling collection service in Lake King or Varley.

Lake Grace	Newdegate
18 May	11 May
1 June	25 May

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 5 June 2015

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 19 May 2015

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

We want your photos

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.

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

Community E-News

Are you wanting to receive the Shire's Community News, updates and latest news direct from the Shire to your email?

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



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