

Shire of Lake Grace Community News

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CEO's Corner

Road Safety – RAC's Elephant in the Wheatbelt

The Shire extends its appreciation to the RAC for its 'Elephant in the Wheatbelt' promotion during the Colts Carnival held on the weekend of 13/14 June 2015. The multi coloured Elephant certainly had a high visual presence on the lawn in front of the Shire Office last Friday when a morning tea was provided. The Shire President, Cr Andrew Walker, together with Cr Marshall and Cr Chappell were in attendance along with a number of community members.



The message: "In 2013 the Wheatbelt fatality rate was more than four times the State average and more than double the fatality rate of nearby regions."

Some points to consider:

- Two out of three road deaths in the Wheatbelt between 2007 – 2012 were drivers from the local area;
- Almost two in every three fatalities in the Wheatbelt occurred in daylight hours; and
- Surprisingly, given the law has been in place for more than 40 years, almost 33% of drivers or passengers were not wearing a seatbelt.

2015 Colts Carnival

Congratulations to all involved in organising this event. It provides a wonderful opportunity for local regional players to compete against the best from other regions. I believe there were 7 teams competing over the weekend. The oval and recently upgraded Sports Pavilion looked a treat thanks to the voluntary efforts of many in the days leading up to the first bounce-down.

From The Works Team

- The Shire has recently completed the following:
- 5km reseal of Newdegate North Road;
- Edge repairs on Newdegate – Pingrup Road
- Kerb repairs in Lake Grace and Newdegate
- Laid new asphalt on Stubbs Street, Lake Grace, from South Street to Franks Street, to fix potholes.

Storm Water Harvesting - Lake Grace

The Shire has recently been advised that it was successful in securing a grant of \$66,721 to meet material costs in its storm water harvesting project. This project will see improvements to the road-side drainage between the South Street sump and the CBH facility, a new pipe laid between the recreation dam and the oval water tanks, and the installation of a solar pump to move water from the CBH dams to the sump. I would like to acknowledge Louka Shopov, Manager of Infrastructure, for his efforts in securing this funding.

2015/16 Budget - Update

Council met on Tuesday, 9 June 2015 for its latest workshop to consider operational expenditures. Following a detailed review this element has been agreed, subject to final deliberations of the full document.

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Council will be holding a further workshop in the coming week to consider capital and other items before consolidation into the final budget. Peter Dittrich, Manager Corporate Services is driving the agenda for these workshops and it has been noted by his staff that his hair is receding at a faster rate than usual!

Local Laws

Council has recently been undertaking a review of the Shire's Local Laws. Under the *Local Government Act 1995*, Local Laws require review after each eight year period and this Shire's last review was in 2000/2001.

Last Tuesday Council met with Mr Bruce Wittber of BHW Consulting to 'walk through' the various updates to the Shire's Local Laws. The changes will be presented to Council for consideration at its upcoming June 2015 Ordinary Meeting, followed by a community consultation period. Council will then consider any feedback it receives from that process, formally adopt the changes and submit the Local Laws to the relevant State Government body for final approval.

Neville Hale

Chief Executive Officer

Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Wednesday, 24 June 2015, 3.00pm
Location Council Chambers
Lake Grace



SHIRE OFFICE HOURS

Please be advised that the Shire Office will close at 4.00pm every Wednesday

Bulk Kerbside Collection

Lake Grace / Newdegate / Lake King / Varley

Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 June 2015

Items are not to be placed earlier than 10 days prior to 23 June 2015.

All enquiries should be directed to the Shire of Lake Grace on: (08) 9890 2500.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Fire & Emergency Services



Letter of Appreciation of Outstanding Response

I would like to thank members of the Lake Grace South Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade for their continued dedication and commitment to fire and emergency services in Western Australia, particularly during the January/February 2015 bushfire in the South west and Lower South West regions.

During the Northcliffe and Boddington bushfires, the skills and expertise of hundreds of volunteers from across the State were needed to battle the challenging conditions on the fire ground, as well as provide important emergency response in areas of operation.

The response effort was exceptional, not only from local volunteers but also those who travelled far from their local communities to contribute to operational efforts.

There were well over 4000 incidents across the State within a two month period earlier this year. With this in mind, I am extremely appreciative to those brigades, groups and units who were not required to attend the bushfires in southern WA but stayed within their local communities to ensure that fire and emergency response capabilities continued to be available across the State.

The tireless efforts of fire and emergency service volunteers does not go unnoticed and the continued dedication and commitment of the Lake Grace South Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and its members is highly valued and recognised.

Volunteering is a truly selfless undertaking and the praise you receive for your efforts in helping to keep the community safe is well deserved.

Please extend my gratitude and acknowledgement to all of your members for their valued contribution to fire emergency services in WA.

Wayne Gregson APM

COMMISSIONER



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Office Opening Hours

Monday to Friday
8.30am - 4.30pm

Wednesday 8.30am- 4.00pm

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

Licensing Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am - 4.15pm
Wednesday and Friday 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
29 June	22 June
13 July	6 July

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 3 July 2015

Friday 7 August - 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 16 June 2015, Tuesday 30 June 2015

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

Bulk Used Engine Oil Collection

FREE FOR FARMERS

The Shire is seeking all those who have 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 off 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 collection.

Please contact the Shire before end of June 2015.

Pick-up is expected to be during July.





HOME FIRE SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY IN YOUR HOME THIS WINTER

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FIRE SAFETY IN YOUR HOME THIS WINTER

Every year more than 1,000 fires occur in the home causing millions of dollars damage and costing people their lives. Most deaths occur from smoke and toxic fumes. Sadly, most household fires are accidental and preventable.

Winter sees an increase in fires in the home, often due to an increased need for heating appliances. It is important to be vigilant around your home, particular throughout the winter months.

WHEN HEATING YOUR HOME

- ALWAYS make sure all items are AT LEAST A METRE FROM THE HEATER
- Never leave heaters on in bedrooms, especially children's
- Heaters should be checked once a year to make sure they are in working order, worn out electrical cords and plugs should be replaced immediately
- Check your heater, fireplace brickwork, chimney and flue before lighting the first fire of the year to make sure it is clean



FIRE SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Switch off all kitchen appliances after use
- Avoid wearing loose clothing with big sleeves when cooking as they can catch fire
- Never hang items such as tea towels near stoves or on cooking appliances

If a fire does start in your home you need to be able to escape as quickly and safely as possible. Having working **Smoke Alarms** and a **Home Fire Escape Plan** will increase your chances of getting out of your house safely.

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE

- Crawl low under smoke
- Assist or alert any people in danger, but only if it is safe to do so
- Go to your safe meeting place, such as your letter box
- Call **000** (triple zero)
- Wait for firefighters to arrive
- Do not re-enter a burning house under any circumstances.

HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- Know two ways out of every room
- Decide where your safe meeting place is (outside your home)
- Keep keys in deadlocks to escape quickly in the event of a fire
- Provide alternatives for anyone with a disability
- Consider an escape plan for your pets
- Practise your plan with your family at least twice a year

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

