

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

Students from Lake Grace District High School Jessica Chircop and Stephanie Gunnell participated in a week of work experience at the Shire office and Evelyn Oatridge spent her week at the Lake Grace Visitor Centre.

It is an opportunity to experience a working environment while introducing them to the processes and procedures within a workplace. They will continue to come to the office and visitor centre every Tuesday next school term.

Movies in Lake Grace and Lake King

Saturday saw 123 turn out to see Croods 2 in Lake Grace. Great to see so many people supporting a community event. A little quieter in Lake King on the Sunday no doubt those who went enjoyed the movie.

Lake Grace Pool

The family fun day in Lake Grace was a busy day for the Manager, thank you to Jen who had 125 people over the day through the door to celebrate the end of the pool season by getting out all the pool toys on Sunday 21 March, only a few days to go before the end of season to have your last swim.

Easter

Have a safe Easter break the Shire office will close 4pm Thursday 1 April and reopen Tuesday 6 April 2021.

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Rural Water Planning have provided information regarding recent funding in progress and recently completed.

National On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme –

High uptake of scheme

Total number of applications received since the Scheme opened - 1447

Total number of applications approved and paid since the Scheme opened - 936

Number of applications received and in the queue before 2 October 2020 - 447

Number of applications received and in the queue from 3 October 2020 to 20 January 2021 when scheme closed/no more applications accepted. - 64

Total funds disbursed \$5.120 Million.

The Western Australian Government has reached an agreement with the Federal Government to provide funding to farmers who applied under the National On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme. Due to significant demand the scheme was oversubscribed, and the previous funding was fully allocated. The additional funding provided through this agreement will see a further 511 farmers with applications already submitted receive a rebate for water infrastructure installed on their farm.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is working with the Federal Government on the formal funding agreement, and when in place, the department will contact the affected farmers directly to provide further information on the assessment and payment of grants.

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Coming Events

DIY Grassheads
Monday 29th March 2021
2:45 - 4pm
Lake Grace
Regional ArtSpace

Wire Zoo
Friday 9th April 2021
10 - 11am
Lake Grace
Regional ArtSpace

Monster Critters
Monday 12th April 2021
10 - 11:30am
Lake Grace
Regional ArtSpace

Yuk Circus Lake Grace
Monday 24 May
Lake Grace Shire Hall

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on

Wednesday 28 April 2021
from 3:30pm at the Council Chambers, Administration Building. The Agenda will be available on www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Everyone 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.

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Community Water Supply program 2020/21 Round -In Progress

The Shire of Merredin	\$75,120	Improve their extensive stormwater reuse network to provide water for irrigation of public open spaces. The non-potable piping system will be extended to the town cemetery site and a new 362 kilolitre capacity storage tank will be installed. Extending the non-potable supply network will replace scheme water to irrigate the gardens. Annual scheme cost savings will result in approximately \$8000.
The Shire of Mukinbudin	\$100,000	Lay 15 kilometres of pipe from the 200,000 kilolitre capacity Barbalin Dam to the town of Mukinbudin. The dam, fed by a large rock catchment has been recently handed over from Water Corporation and will reliably provide an additional 90,000 kilolitres to irrigate the sporting facilities and public open spaces.
The Shire of Wyalkatchem	\$100,000	This project component aims to address poor drainage issues associated with the 693,603 square metre eastern catchment that flows to the town's non-potable community dam that is in poor condition with ineffective channel gradients. Works will include channel reconstruction and realignment to optimise runoff into the dam.
The Shire of Wyalkatchem	\$79,759	This project component aims to also address poor catchment drainage issues including flooding in sections of the 112,840 square metre Flint Road and Gamble Street catchment channels to the town's non-potable community dam. The catchment channels will be upgraded and realigned to optimise runoff into the town dam.
The Shire of Chapman Valley	\$100,000	Upgrade the 30 year old pump and pipe infrastructure from the Rockwell bore to improve supply of non-potable water to the Yuna townsite. Twelve kilometres of new pipework will be installed from the bore to Yuna and fitted with a new submersible pump system. Additional solar panels will be installed to increase the capacity of the network to deliver more water to Yuna. A new 132 kilolitre capacity tank will be installed at the sporting facilities.
The Shire of Toodyay	\$79,818	This project builds on the Shire's previous works undertaken to enhance storage and access to emergency firefighting water across the Shire. The project will focus on four fire brigade sites and boost the stormwater harvesting systems. Storage capacity will be enhanced at each site where combined storage capacity will increase by 775 kilolitres. The additional water storage and pump system upgrades will secure an emergency non-potable source for firefighting and reduce the reliance on the Shire's limited scheme water supplies.
The Shire of Jerramungup	\$87,174	Project will boost the non-potable emergency water supplies in the Boxwood Hill area of the Shire which in recent years has experienced well below average rainfall. a new 15,000 kilolitre capacity dam on the old rock quarry site at Boxwood Hill. The supply will provide an important non-potable water supply to supplement the existing irrigation dam that is becoming increasingly unreliable due to salt seepage The source will also boost the emergency water supply network in the Gairdner area that has experienced water deficiencies and provide a back-up emergency livestock drinking water.
The Shire of Plantagenet	\$94,031	Project will further boost their non-potable supplies in Mount Barker to irrigate the expansive Sounness Park Recreation Precinct and Frost Park Oval. A new 35,000 kilolitre capacity dam with be constructed at the turf club training track. The dam will be linked to the existing 30,000 kilolitre capacity dam through a new pump and pipe system.
The Shire of Gnowangerup	\$100,000	Project will build a 12,000 kilolitre capacity dam at the Gnowangerup airstrip. There is an existing 10,000 kilolitre dam that captures water off the runway and surrounding reserve however this is inaccessible and regularly overflows. Connection between the two dams will increase total capacity to 22,000 kilolitres. A solar pump system will be installed to transfer water between dams and a generator will serve as a backup power system. Two 250 kilolitre capacity tanks will be installed and an road created for farmers and the fire brigade to access the tanks.
The Shire of Lake Grace	\$100,000	Project will upgrade two Agricultural Area dams north of Newdegate town. Recently handed over to the Shire from the Water Corporation, the Lake Biddy dams will be desilted, the dam batters and inlets will be upgraded and stabilised with rock pitching. Half of the large 44 hectare catchment will be upgraded to optimise runoff to both dams and the system will be equipped with a 250 Kilolitre capacity tank and solar pump system.
Total	\$926,656	

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Community Infrastructure Service

With Easter knocking on our door things have been busy in the infrastructure team with drainage upgrades on Mallee Hill Road in full swing (job currently running ahead of schedule), gravel re sheeting on North Burngup Road and Bidy Camm road has commenced, Lake Bidy dam project is on the home stretch with the last of the catchment being completed as we speak and solar pump is booked in to be installed in the next few days. Fogging for both Newdegate and Lake Grace is scheduled to be completed at various stages over the next 2 weeks weather permitting.

This fortnight our works crew have completed the below roadworks & maintenance;

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- North Burngup Rd
- Bairstow Rd
- Mallee Hill Rd
- Fourteen Mile Rd

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Aylmore Rd
- Edwards Rd
- Witham Rd
- Bidy Camm Rd

The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Old Newdegate Rd
- Hatters Hill Rd

Parks & Gardens

The Parks and Gardens Crew have carried out the following work:

Lake Grace

- Mowing Football & Hockey ovals
- RSL & Visitors Centre mowing & weeding
- Tidying major leaf debris around town
- Cemetery maintenance
- Town Hall garden/ lawn maintenance
- Lake Grace swimming pool lawn
- Weeding around Lake King public toilets & "Goods Shed"

Newdegate

- Fogging Mozzies
- Garden maintenance to skate park
- Clean BBQ's at pioneer park
- Pump silt dam water into sports dam
- Mow football & hockey ovals

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Maintenance to Old Doctors Surgery
- Lake King Pavilion toilet
- Replacement of signs around Lake King & Lake King refuse site
- Remove corroded plastic roofing from Lake Grace pool roof
- Maintenance to Dunn Rock Tennis building
- Refurbishment of Lake Grace town signs
- Erect fence around Ezy-dump & pump station (Lake Grace jumping pillow)
- Newdegate Pavilion playground maintenance

All shire owned public buildings, land and shire residential buildings have been independently valued by an external valuing consultant over the last week

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Have a safe and Happy Easter



from Shire Councillors and staff

Every Town, Every Memorial

Places of Pride, the National Register of War Memorials, is an Australian War Memorial initiative to record the location and photos of every war memorial across the country.

Search to find your place of pride:

<https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/>

Places of Pride is the national register of war memorials. Search your location to find a war memorial in your area.



Community Information

Office Open Hours

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday
8.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday 8.30am - 4.00pm

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

Transport and Licensing

All licensing payments are to be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration office,
1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am - 4.15pm
Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

As an agency, we process the majority of transactions including: renewals, transfers, number plate orders, boat registration renewals and new licence applications. With every transaction we perform, we try to offer the best service possible.

We do ask all licensing customers to be considerate, even though we are aware of people being 'locals' it does not exempt us from following the rules set by the Department of Transport.

Driving Assessor

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

Friday - April 2021 - not available

Friday - 7 May 2021 - to be confirmed

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments and we advise booking in advance as there is often a waiting list.

All bookings to be made at the Shire office on 9890 2500 until further notice.

Lake Grace has one assessment day each month held on the first Friday of the month.

For more information go to: www.transport.wa.gov.au.

Libraries

Lake Grace Public Library School Place Absolon St
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Closed for lunch 12.30 - 1pm

Newdegate Public Library Collier St
Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm
Closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm
Friday 9am - 2pm

Lake King Library Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Rd
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

Town Planner

Planning Officer, David Johnston and Building Surveyor, Gary Bruhn can be contacted through the Shire Office on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Environmental Health

The Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Brendon Gerrard. Can be contacted via the Shire on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Tip Times

Lake Grace

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 2pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

Newdegate

Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm

Lake King and Varley

Open every day

Recycling Services

Household Waste Collection is a weekly service and collected each Tuesday for Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

Recycling is a fortnightly service and alternates between Lake Grace and Newdegate. See below for the upcoming recycling collection dates.

Lake Grace	Newdegate
Tuesday 30 March	Tuesday 6 April
Tuesday 13 April	Tuesday 20 April

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

The recycling bins are collected by Warren Blackwood Waste and transported to a recycling facility. If items which are not recyclable are found the content can't be recycled and the load will be directed to the landfill.

If an item is covered in food, it is not recyclable. Food is one of the worst contaminators in the recycling process. By using the yellow top recycling bin correctly you are contributing, in a combined community effort, to reduce the amount of rubbish that is directed to landfill facilities each year.

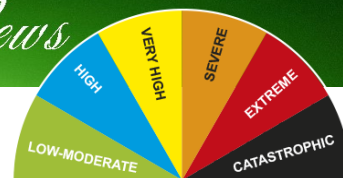
For more information on Waste Management visit the Shire's website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au.



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COVID-19 Vaccinations for Emergency Services Volunteers

The WA Department of Health (WA) has advised fire and emergency services volunteers, including Bush Fire Brigades, can register online to receive their COVID-19 vaccination from Monday 8 March 2021. DFES has been advised the AstraZeneca vaccine is being offered through this rollout. Further information about the vaccines can be found on the Healthy WA website.

Volunteers will be required to register online and provide their personal details and select a date and time to be vaccinated.

Once the volunteer has registered to receive their vaccine, they will be sent a Pre Vaccination Factsheet from WA Health with instructions about attending the clinic and information about what happens after they have received their first vaccination.

They will need to bring the following to their appointment:

- Personal ID that shows their date of birth (i.e. driver's license or passport);
- Medicare card; and
- Proof of their role in the fire and emergency services.

The following will be accepted as proof of their role in fire and emergency services:

Uniform or;
Volunteer ID Card

If the volunteer does not have a Volunteer ID card, they can print or show their profile from within the Volunteer Hub.

To register, visit: <https://vaccinatewa.health.wa.gov.au/s/login/SelfRegister>

Suzan Lees

Community Emergency Services Manager