

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

On Sunday, 11 April, Cyclone Seroja crossed the Mid-West coast near Kalbarri and moved through the northern and eastern parts of the Wheatbelt. Our shire was lucky in that we received some decent rainfall with thankfully not much in the way of damaging winds. The amount of rain received varied within the shire however there was some decent rain hitting some dams. Some farmers have commenced seeding so let's hope we have good rains to follow.

We are still looking for some representatives from the wider Shire community to fill some positions on the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee which will be a new Committee of Council to replace the Lake Grace Visitors Centre Committee. We are keen to have representation from Lake King or Varley to participate in the Advisory Council as local knowledge of your area is invaluable.

The old Burngup railway dam is undergoing a facelift with the Department of Water funding the desilting of the dam and cleaning up some of the catchment under the watchful eye of the Department of Biodiversity, Culture and Attractions. The dam built in 1926 had about 4 metres of mud. Once full it will prove to be a valuable water source which will be able to be accessed from a tank to be located on the corner of Burngup North Rd and Biddy-Camm Rd. The Department of Water has plans for several other sites within the shire which are being explored.

Budget planning is underway for next year so if anyone has any ideas they want to put forward for consideration now is the time to submit or discuss with a councillor. Community Funding applications are now closed however there is an infrastructure improvement request. You can find the documents on the Shire website.

ANZAC Day Sunday 25 April

This year Lake Grace will be holding a dawn service for the first time in many years. Newdegate, Lake King and Varley will also be holding dawn services. Lest We Forget.

Lake King Progress Association Meeting

Councillors Clarke, Chappell and President Armstrong attended the Lake King Progress Association on Wednesday 14 April.

Animal Welfare in Emergencies Survey

The Shire of Lake Grace is conducting research for a Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies and would like to hear from livestock owners. This survey will assist the Shire to develop the Plan which aims to better prepare the community to provide for the welfare of their pets and livestock during and after major emergencies such as flood or bushfire.

The survey will gather information about livestock numbers and locations. It will also identify resources in the community that could help during such an emergency.

The survey should only take 10 minutes, and your responses are confidential.

To complete the survey please go to: <https://s.surveyplanet.com/5shbslyHP>

If you have any questions about the survey, please email us: cesm@lakegrace.wa.gov.au We really appreciate your input.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Coming Events

Mothers Day
Sunday 9 May

Mother's Day Morning Tea
Lake King
Tuesday 4 May

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Lake Grace
Sunday 9 May 2pm
Lake Grace Regional
Artspace

Yuk Circus Lake Grace
Monday 24 May
Lake Grace Shire Hall

Varley Progress Association
Tuesday 29 June 6.30pm

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.

Community Infrastructure Service

Gravel re-sheeting has finished on Bidy Camm Road off the east side of Newdegate North Rd, while re-sheeting works are continuing on North Burngup Road.

Old Ravensthorpe Road near the highway will have its formation widened and surface re-sheeted over the next couple of months ready for future works.

Shire drainage contractors Roamin Enterprises have been busy doing culvert upgrades with works being completed on Shalders/Tonkin Road intersection, Burngup/Bidy Camm Road intersection and Slarke Street.



Above: Slarke Street Drainage Upgrade

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

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Bidy Camm Rd
- Shalders Rd
- McGlenn Rd
- Trevenen Rd

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Bidy Camm Rd
- North Newdegate Rd
- Dragon Rocks Rd
- Buniche North Rd

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

- Muncasters Rd

Parks & Gardens

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

Lake Grace

- Mowing of football and hockey oval
- Town site rose bush maintenance
- Cover cricket pitch and spread sand
- Repair to hockey oval sprinklers
- Tidy of fallen tree branches around town
- Footpath and tree debris tidy up on South Rd and

Stubbs St

Newdegate

- Mow hockey and football ovals
- Mow Pioneer Park and tidy garden
- Maintenance to Skate park
- Spray weeds around ovals

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Preparing tank pads for Newdegate and Lake King fire sheds
- Repairs to water main pipe
- Lakes Village Hall maintenance
- Reinstating of rural road signs
- Lake Grace Medical Centre maintenance
- Pingaring Pavilion maintenance
- New tin roof to Lake Grace swimming pool porch
- Clean up hydraulic spill in Newdegate
- Repairs to Newdegate Medical centre door

Local building contractor Andrew Lewis has finished replacing the old roof section of the Lake Grace Pavilion so a big thanks to him and his team.

Catchment works have been completed at Lake Bidy dam, the solar system is booked in to be installed next week. A general tidy up and minor road works will see this project complete by mid-June.

Works on the Varley cemetery entry upgrade have commenced with works being carried out by Varley Shire gardeners with assistance from community members.

The upgrade will consist of installation of limestone filled gabion basket fence with wagon wheels installed as artwork and a few loads of gravel around the entry.



Above: Varley Cemetery Upgrade

Craig Elefsen
Manager Infrastructure Services

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 - 7 May 2021

Friday - 4 June 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 27 April	Tuesday 4 May
Tuesday 11 May	Tuesday 18 May

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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Monday 24 May 2021, 7.30pm Lake Grace Shire Hall

Adults \$30 Seniors \$15

Bookings: trybookings.com - BYO Drinks & Glasses

Pre-order Cheese Plates \$10ea

Locally Presented By Lake Grace Artists Group & Shire of Lake Grace



Tour coordination by Regional Arts WA