



Shire Community News

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The Start of a New School Year

Well the summer holidays are over for another year and I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable break.

Its back to school for our young ones and I would like to wish all of our students the very best of luck as they embark on the next steps in their school lives, whether thats moving up a year in their current schools or packing up, saying goodbye to mum and dad and heading off to boarding school.

Water

Water is still a hot topic around our district, as our long, hot and dry summer continues.

Water Corporation is carting approximately 11 million litres of drinking water each week to Cranbrook, Grass Patch, Hyden, Lake King, Varley, Rock Gully, Wellstead, Salmon Gums, Ravensthorpe and Walpole and with the lack of rain forecast it is expected that water carting may be needed for other towns, including Jerramungup, Ongerup, Frankland and Borden by the end of March.

On behalf of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), Water Corporation is also carting water to six water deficient declared areas for animal welfare needs. Approximately 250 tanker movements are carting water each week for town water supplies and water deficient declared areas.

The lack of rain has also meant that some on-farm dams are at low levels or empty, which has resulted in property owners becoming more reliant on standpipes connected to Water Corporation Schemes and this extra demand has made carting necessary over the last six months.

The total cost of carting to the schemes and to water deficient declared areas since January 2019 is estimated to be over \$4million and without any substantial rain this could potentially exceed \$11million by the end of June 2020.

With this in mind, Water Minister Dave Kelly has asked that householders, farmers and small businesses in our communities be careful with their water use and to only take as much water from standpipes as they need for their weekly needs.

Farmers are also still encouraged to complete the farm water surveys circulated previously by DWER, as these provide State Government Agencies working to support farming communities with essential information to help them to continue to provide assistance. You can complete the survey by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stock-Water-Dry-Season-Survey>

2020 Annual Electors Meeting

On Wednesday 5 February 2020, we held our Annual Meeting of Electors at the Varley Sports Pavilion.

All nine of our Shire Councillors and myself were in attendance at this meeting and disappointingly only one member of the public was present.

During the meeting the Shire of Lake Grace 2018/2019 Annual Report was received and no other matters of general business or public questions were raised.

Lake King's Bouncing Pillow has arrived!

After months of waiting (due to contractor issues), the Bouncing Pillow was finally installed at Lake King by 'A Mountain of Fun'. This new edition will complement the town's new playground facility and will provide hours of fun for our kids (and possibly some of our adults!).

This Bouncing Pillow is the first of three Pillows to be installed across our Shire, with Newdegate and Lake Grace next on the list to receive these awesome attractions!



The guy from 'A mountain of Fun' and Trevenen Earthmoving hard at work on Tuesday 28 January.



Community Services Officer Cheryl Chappell taking a test drive of the inflated pillow

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ShoWcAse in Pixels 2020

Would you like the chance to show off your community clubs/groups creativity and showcase our beautiful region in a location that will be seen by thousands? Then get involved with this year's ShoWcAse in Pixels 2020 event!

This annual exhibition of artworks from Local Governments will be displayed at the iconic digital tower at the heart of Yagan Square.

Individuals, schools, community groups/clubs or artists from within the Shire of Lake Grace are invited to submit their designs for this year's competition.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by Wednesday 18 March 2020. For more information, please contact Cheryl Chappell, Community Services Officer on: 9890 2500 or email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

SAVE THE DATE!

In March 2020, the Shire will be hosting two Movie Events in Lake Grace and Lake King and we would like to invite you all to join us for some family fun!

The dates are confirmed as below, with more information to follow in the coming weeks:

Saturday 7 March 2020

Lake Grace Visitor Centre Lawn at 6.30pm

Sunday 8 March 2020

Lake King Hall at 11.00am

Black Friday – Stargazing Event

On Friday 13 March, we will be hosting a 'Black Friday – Under the Stars' event at the Lake Grace Football Oval.

Join us for a night of stargazing, where you can find out more about Astrotourism and what it means for our Shire.

The event will kick off at 6.30pm with an Astrotourism talk and a telescope 101, followed by stargazing from 7.45pm.

Fish and chips will be available for purchase at the Lake Grace Sportmans Club.

BYO Chairs, rugs, picnic, drinks, torches, warm clothes, fly nets and insect repellent. Please RSVP to Jo Morgan and Helen Bennett at the Visitors Centre on 9865 2140.

Condolences

On behalf of our Shire Councillors and staff, I would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Kathleen Holmes. Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

Staff Changes

Farewell – Cheryl Cavanagh, Executive Assistant

On Thursday 13 February 2020, we will be farewelling our Executive Assistant, Cheryl Cavanagh. Cheryl joined the Shire back in April 2018, reporting directly to

our CEO to provide executive administration and secretarial support to our CEO, Executive Management Team and our Elected Members.

Cheryl has been of invaluable assistance through her professionalism and work ethic and it is with much reluctance that we see her go.

This, however, opens up the opportunity for someone to step into the breach and we are currently advertising for her replacement so if you think that you have the qualities that we desire to become Cheryl's replacement please apply.

Alan George
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday 19 February 2020

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Council Chambers

1 Bishop St 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.

Libraries Online

Did you know that library members have access to a state-wide collection of eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines and video streaming, all for free?

By signing in with your library card, members can enjoy BorrowBox for a wide selection of bestselling eAudiobooks and eBooks, while RB Digital offers current and back issues of popular eMagazines.

Kanopy delivers one of the largest collections of indie films, classic cinema, festival and educational documentaries right to your device or compatible TV!

Visit the Shire website in the library tag at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/facilities/libraries/ for more details on how to access and enjoy these free resources during the school holidays.

Cat Trap

If you are being kept awake at night by singing cats or ones that are fighting please be aware that the Shire has a cat trap available for hire, \$50 bond which will be returned to you upon the return of the cat trap.



Shire Infrastructure News

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Cannon Road
- Duckworth Road
- Jarring South Road
- Naisbitt Road
- O'Neill Road
- Old Lake Grace Road
- Treloar Road
- White Dam Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Taylor Road
- Dykes Road
- North Burngup Road
- Witham Road
- Aylmore Road
- Buniche North Road
- Bidy Camm Road
- Bidy-Buniche Road

Parks Gardens

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

- Lake King Hall Playground Area - maintenance
- Lake Grace Railway Station - garden maintenance
- Lake Grace Swimming Pool - garden maintenance
- Spraying of the Lake Grace Sale Yards and Padley park
- Spraying of weeds on verges within Lake Grace
- RSL - garden maintenance
- Mowing of verges
- Lake Grace and Newdegate Rubbish Tip- clean up and maintenance
- Lake Grace Sports Dam - pipe replacement works
- Sign maintenance
- Newdegate preparation for reticulation improvement

Building

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Lake King - jumping pillow installation
- Lake King Hall - building maintenance
- Lake King Fire Shed - maintenance
- Varley Tool Shed - maintenance
- Removal of Ceiling at Newdegate Recreation Centre
- AIM Building - fence maintenance
- Lake Grace Sewerage Maintenance
- Lake Grace Recreation Centre - door replacement
- External Painting of Staff Housing
- Staff Housing Inspections
- Varley Public Toilets - new ambulant grab rail

Facility Hire

The responsibility of all people, groups, clubs who hire public buildings include:

- ♦ Tables and chairs are to be returned to designated storage area.
- ♦ All rubbish is to be put into outside sulo bins provided, including rubbish in toilets.
- ♦ Ensure all stoves and lights are turned off
- ♦ Any damages incurred while hiring facility will be charged to hirer.
- ♦ Facility to be left in the same condition as found upon arrival include the floors.

All external doors are locked, this is most important. Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of a facility, however they are not responsible for cleaning up and putting away tables and chairs after a function.

Affiliation fees are set up to help cover some of the costs in maintaining the buildings for the hirer's use which include, but not limited to, general cleaning, water and electricity usage.

showCase in Pixels



The showCase in Pixels competition formerly known as Banners in the Terrace is one of the State's largest ongoing arts projects.

The format has changed as banner poles in the city were further reduced in number – the artworks are digitally displayed at the Yagan Square 45-metre high tower screen.

46 Local Governments entered the showCase in Pixels competition last year. The WA Local Government Association, WALGA runs the competition as part of its annual Convention at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Shire would like to give a community group the opportunity to design the 2020 showCase in Pixels digital display. Interested groups, please call the Shire on 9890 2500.

The categories are:

- Junior primary school(s) (Pre-primary - Year 3)
- Upper primary school(s) (Year 4 - 6)
- Secondary school(s) (Year 7 - 12)
- Community group(s) / Non-Professional
- Professional / Digital (including digitally designed prints, artist produced banners)

Community Info

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 & 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 here, 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 6 March 2020

Friday 3 April - 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.

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

For more information visit www.transport.wa.gov.au.

Libraries

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

School Holidays

Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 5pm 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

Shire Town Planner, David Johnston will be available at the Shire Office on the following date:

Wednesday 19 February 2020

Environmental Health Officer

For an appointment with the Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Brendon Gerrard. Contact 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 & Varley

Open every day

Recycling Services

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

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

Lake Grace	Newdegate
17 February 2020	24 February 2020
2 March 2020	9 March 2020

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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