



Shire Community News

From the CEO

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It's that time of the year again and the Shire annual budget is almost complete with the finishing touches to be completed and adoption by Council in the next week or two.

It is good to see some rain but some more would be most helpful. Thoughts go out to the people in Victoria and NSW with the fresh Covid breakout and let's hope that WA can maintain its good record of control.

Lake King Progress Association meeting

Craig Elefsen, myself along with Councillors Armstrong, Chappell, Clarke and Marshall attended the Lake King Progress Association meeting held Wednesday 1st July.

Lake Grace Development Association meeting

Shire President Len Armstrong attended the Lake Grace Development Association AGM held on Monday 6 July at the Men's Shed.

They farewelled President Helen Bennett who has held the role for six years, the new President is Kerrie Argent.

Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) information session

As part of the Wheatbelt Industry Network, I attended the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries Wheatbelt annual Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) information session.

This was facilitated online Thursday 2 July, summarising the CSRFF program, assessment criteria, application requirements and the reporting acquittal process for the CSRFF grant application for the resurfacing of the Lake Grace Netball/Basketball Courts.

Traffic Management Course

Our seven works crew attended a Traffic Management Course from Wednesday 1 July to Friday 3 July at the Lake Grace Community Resource Centre.

Tickets are required to be refreshed every three years and the Lake Grace CRC had graciously organised and hosted the course for us so that our crew can undertake traffic controlling and traffic worksite setup duties in the future.

The course was provided by TAFE and covered the theory of the traffic controlling and worksite setup, followed by a practical exercise on a live road.

Congratulations to crew members who have passed the course, you may see them holding lollipops out on the roads in the future!

Water from Lake Grace Pool

Lake Grace pool is due for a repaint, the last time was in 2000. As the pool requires to be emptied we are offering farmers the use of the water. If you are interested in getting some of the water for your stock please contact the office 9890 2500.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday 19 August 2020

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Council Chambers, 1 Bishop St
Lake Grace

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.

Library 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.

Shire Infrastructure News

Works

Contractors and our staff have carried out the following works:

The Lake Grace maintenance grader has carried out grading on:

- Burns Road
- Harvey Road
- Maiola Road
- Pelham Road
- White Dam Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Biddy Camm Road
- Mount Sheridan Road
- Webb Road

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

- Biddy Camm Road
- Broom Bush Flat Road
- Dempster Rock Road
- Pickernell Road
- Winchcome Road

Building

The Building Maintenance Crew has carried out the following work:

- Lake Grace Visitor Centre roofing works
- Assembly of new Visitor Centre Fence
- Sliding door repairs to 14 Blackbutt Way
- Air strip lighting repairs



Above: The new fence to prevent access to the railway line, creating a safe picnic area.

Parks & Gardens

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

- Mowing of Football and Hockey Ovals (Newdegate and Lake Grace)
- Tidy of Op Shop yard

- Fallen tree clean up at Lake Grace Doctors Surgery
- Apex Park waste and leaf disposal
- Stubbs Street weeding
- Mowing and Weeding of Shire Office lawn
- Netball playground, cemetery and parks and gardens maintenance
- Lake King Sporting precinct, playground, cemetery and parks and gardens maintenance

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Seen a faulty streetlight?

Western Power has recently automated streetlight fault reporting, making it easier to report faulty streetlights.

If a streetlight doesn't turn on, turn off or flickers, let Western Power know using the streetlight reporting tool at:

<https://westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/> or call on 13 10 87

Help stop the spread of caltrop

Following the recent rainfall the townsites have experienced an outbreak of caltrop.

What You Can Do:

You can assist by spraying and/or removing any caltrop on your property or verge, please do not put into your rubbish bin as this will contaminate our waste facility and the neighbouring farm lands.

Disposing of Caltrop Plants

To dispose of any removed caltrop plants please:

- place them into a marked and sealed plastic bag and keep them until winter when they can be safely burnt

or

- take them to the Shire Depot at Absolon Street Lake Grace, where there is a specially marked caltrop wheelie bin facility located just outside the main depot gate.

or

- Newdegate: place them in one of the two blue bins specially marked **Caltrop** on Lot 12 May St (vacant block) Newdegate.



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 7 August

Friday 4 September- 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 Officer

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 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 21 July 2020	Tuesday 28 July 2020
Tuesday 4 August 2020	Tuesday 11 August 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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Natural Resource Management - JULY 2020

Water Deficiency Declarations (WWDs)

Three (3) Water Deficiency Declarations, assisting livestock water users within Lake Grace Shire to maintain animal welfare during drought, are **still active** for the areas south east of Lake Grace town (x2) and south east of Newdegate town (x1).

The declarations have enabled the State (DWER) to cart water for emergency livestock supply to tanks at Hollands Rock in Kent Shire and Tommy's Dam and Kennedy's/Ardler Rd Dam in Lake Grace Shire.

Please note the following updates: The Department of Water & Environmental Regulation (DWER) has **suspended water carting** due to:

- Winter rainfall and associated reduced demand for emergency water, including sufficient on-farm water to meet short term demand for livestock water; and
- Available livestock water at other non-scheme community dams/tanks.

****Although DWER has suspended water carting the water deficiency declarations will **remain in place** in case the need for water carting to re-commence is identified for the coming summer.*

National On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure (25%) Rebate Scheme

Unfortunately DWER's funding for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 has been fully allocated with the WA applications received to date. DWER will continue to accept new

rebate applications, however these will only be progressed if additional funding is made available by the Commonwealth to DWER.

Current NRM/Landcare Projects

Wild Dog Control: A draft management plan is being put together for management of wild dogs in the Magenta area. The goal is to have this draft completed by early August with the hope it will prove the need to DPIRD to continue funding the current WD control project, which wraps up in December this year and after which there is currently no funding in place to continue the project. The current WD control project (mainly baiting and trapping) is targeted at protecting sheep populations and sheep farm enterprises in the Magenta area, so if you would like to see this project continue please contact the Shire's NRM/Landcare service to provide/show your support.

Fox Control: Farm owners, managers and/or workers are being encouraged to join the Upper Great Southern fox baiting project being run by the Shire of Kent. The project is providing 1080 poison meat baits to willing participants for the protection of livestock industries during drought. For further information please contact the Shire of Kent.

PAUL LEONI

**NRM COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER
(Natural Resource Management)**

DWER Improvement Works At Community Non-Scheme Dams/Tanks

Here is a summary of refurbishment/rehabilitation works completed by DWER to date:

Location	Summary of Improvement Works
14 Mile Dam	Catchment re-graded and silt trap & dam desilted.
Ardler Rd (Kennedy's) Dam	Catchment re-graded, silt trap & dam desilted, and installed: 250KL tank, solar pump and piping.
Cuffy's Dams	Catchment re-graded, silt trap and two dams desilted, and installed: 250KL tank, new solar pump and piping.
Dunn Rock Dams	CBH Collection Dams: Catchments re-graded, road culverts improved and electric pump repaired. Turkey Nest Dam: Installed 250KL tank, new solar pump and piping.
Machettis Tank	Gauge level repaired on tank and new borehole developed on adjacent farm and installed with solar pump and piping back to the tank.
Lake King Dam	Silt trap and dam desilted, and installed: 150KL tank, solar pump and piping.
Mt Madden Dam	Borehole restored, and installed: solar pump, piping and 150KL tank.
Magenta Rd (Newman's) Dam	Catchment re-graded and silt trap desilted.
Tommy's Dam	Catchment re-graded, silt trap & dam desilted, and installed: solar pump, piping and 250KL tank.
Varley Town Dams	CBH Collection Dams (at cross-roads): Dam desilted and new dam ~3,000m ³ dam excavated. Community Dam (north west of CBH): CBH drainage improved, new catchment installed, new silt trap excavated and main dam desilted/reformed.