



# Shire Community News

*From the CEO*

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Driving home after work I have watched the house on the corner of McMahon and Absolon St go up. Well done to all the local tradesmen it is looking good.



## Water

The Water Corporation has turned off the non-potable water supply to the tank on the eastern end of Lake Grace town until further notice.

Water Corporation are attempting to bank water being stored at the Lake Grace Dam prior to summer and will be supplementing the dam with scheme water.

They are taking this opportunity while farmers have access to some water on farms and the scheme standpipes have sufficient capacity to keep abreast of demand.

## Local Government Extraordinary Postal Election

Remember you still have time to place your vote. The election polling closes this Friday 11 September 2020 at 6:00pm.

## Stubbs Street

Stubbs Street upgrade project a long time coming has now started.

This project will see new gardens and reticulation put in the centre islands along with the corner garden near the roadhouse.



## Porridge Riders

Porridge Riders will arrive at Lake Grace Sports Pavilion Friday 11 September 2020. Lake Grace Pingrup Winter Sports will be greeting the riders and providing tea. Everyone is welcome to join them and help fundraising for children.

## Possible Power Disruption

Please be aware mains power is to be turned off on Stubbs St and McMahon St from 9am until 2pm on Sunday 13 September 2020.

## Regional Development Grants

Finding and applying for grants can be time consuming, frustrating and complicated for many people. However, a unique collaboration has provided an exciting, easy-to-use solution.

Funded by Regional Development Australia (RDA) Midwest Gascoyne and RDA Wheatbelt the new Funding and Grants Hub will take the stress out of the process and empower local businesses, community groups, sporting clubs and not-for-profit organisations to easily find and successfully apply for grants - all in one place.

You can assess the skills required to complete an application; when you can do it yourself or when a grant writing consultant would be required. Top tips and videos show the 'how to' when applying for funding. Visit [www.rdawheatbelt.com.au](http://www.rdawheatbelt.com.au) for the link to the WA RDA Funding and Grants Hub

## Congratulations

Mrs Ann McLeish and her support crew walked the last leg of her Narrogin to Newdegate Fundraising Walk, on Friday, 4th September. Congratulation to Anne and her crew on completing the massive task, well done.

*Alan George*  
Chief Executive Officer

Australia Day  
Reflect Respect Celebrate

Community Citizen of the year Awards

## KNOW SOMEONE GREAT?

Nominate an individual or a group for a 2021 Australia Day Award.

[citizenshipawards.com.au](http://citizenshipawards.com.au) | Closing Date: 31 October 2020

Local Government Recognising Community Champions.

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## Shire Infrastructure News

The last couple of weeks has been busy throughout the Shire with numerous projects well underway. We have seen the installation of the Lake Grace Jumping Pillow which seems to be getting plenty of use by people of all ages, the pillow is still soft but as it gets used more it will firm up so please be patient.

We have installed a new footpath along Griffin Street and currently in the process of installing a footpath around the Gumtree Drive area.



The Stubbs Street gardens are finally getting a makeover so hopefully this will brighten up the main street and make it a more pleasant space.

The new staff houses are coming along quickly and look great thanks to all the local tradies your doing a great job.

The Shire is in desperate need of gravel for upcoming roadworks on the Old Ravensthorpe Road (Newdegate to Lake King Road end) If any farmers in the area are prepared to sell the Shire gravel please make contact with Jason or Craig at the Shire office and they will be more than happy to make a deal.

### Road Works

A dangerous section on Magenta Road has been fixed up with a few loads of gravel carted in to make it safe again. Shire staff are still working on Bidy Camm Road of Lake Bidy Road re-sheeting and will move onto Rodger road in the next few days.

The Lake Grace maintenance grader has carried out grading on:

- Bidy Camm Road
- Rodger Road

The Newdegate maintenance grader has carried out grading on:

- Dillon Road
- Jensen Road
- Edwards Road
- Watson Road
- Magenta Road
- Grant Road

The Lake King and Varley maintenance grader has carried out grading on:

- Norseman Road
- Lake King streets
- Lake King Airstrip

### Buildings

The Building Maintenance crew has carried out the following work:

- Installed floor drains outside Shire office archive room to prevent flooding reoccurring
- Painting of Gumtree playground post
- Lake Grace Cemetery gazebo repairs
- Install Lake Grace jumping pillow
- Lake Grace swimming pool gutter clean and shower head replacement
- Repairs to Lake King public toilets
- Maintenance to Newdegate public toilets and medical centre
- Local plumbers have been busy maintaining the sewerage system and raising manhole covers throughout the Lake Grace lane ways



### Parks & Gardens

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

- Verge spraying around Lake Grace town site
- Gardening at 10A Gumtree Drive
- Mowing of RSL and Visitor Centres lawns
- Verge mowing on Village Hall, Gumtree Drive and Gimlett Street
- Pruning of Stubbs Street roses
- Mowing of Wattle Drive reserve
- Gardening and tidy up around Newdegate, Lake King and Varley

Once again thank you for all your efforts and support, watch this space as all the upcoming new and exciting projects unfold over the next few months. If anyone has any queries, suggestions or complaints please contact me and I will endeavour to help where possible.

*Craig Elefsen*

Manager Infrastructure Services

## 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 2 October 2020**

**Friday 6 November 2020 - 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 15 Sept 2020	Tuesday 22 Sept 2020
Tuesday 29 Sept 2020	Tuesday 6 Oct 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 contaminants 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](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au).



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### NRM News – AUGUST 2020

Nature Resource Management  
Shires of KENT and LAKE GRACE

#### Water Deficiency Declarations (WDDs)

In August DWER commenced a process of assessing whether the WDDs should be revoked due to current water storages being deemed satisfactory for animal welfare.

A decision on this will be made by DWER over the next month or so. If the WDDs are formally revoked by DWER and water deficiencies re-occur then new WDD applications will need to be prepared by the Shires in consultation with local landholders. In the meantime please keep a thorough record of your on farm water storage levels so that when DWER request the information it is readily available.

#### NRM/Landcare Projects

##### Wild Dog (WD) Control in the Magenta Area:

A draft management plan is being developed for management of wild dogs in the Magenta area. The goal is to have this draft completed by November with the hope it will provide the proof 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 Baiting Project:

The Shire of Kent is managing a project across 12 Shires in the Upper Great Southern where we are providing fox baits to willing property owners/leases/managers/workers to protect local sheep industries from foxes predation. Almost 10,000 pieces of bait have been distributed so far. A final fox bait delivery run is planned for February next year, so if you would like to bait your property get in contact with the Shire of Kent before harvest as the permit application process takes time.

##### Feral Rabbit Numbers Increasing Rapidly:

Multiple reports of feral rabbit activity have been received recently, which is a sure sign that local rabbit populations could increase rapidly over the next few months.

Go to the DPIRD's website to view the extract from on control options for feral rabbits <https://agric.wa.gov.au/n/2232>

##### Establishing FODDER on SALTLANDS

**Event:** Master Class in Saltland Management

**Location:** Jerramungup

**Dates:** 21 – 22nd of September 2020 (2 day workshop)

**Hosts:** Gillamii Centre and Fitzgerald Biosphere Group

## Bush Fire Training Opportunities

There is a great opportunity for experienced bushfire fighters to complete formal Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) training in Kulin in October. The qualifications are necessary for anyone who would like to volunteer for intrastate and interstate deployment and are prerequisite qualifications for higher level Meals and accommodation is provided.

**Introduction Firefighting** - Designed to provide participants with the base knowledge and skills required to assist at firefighting incidents under direct supervision and is a combination of theory and practical drills. The course covers:

- Teamwork and safety
- Use and maintain equipment.
- Basic fire theory
- Radio Communication

**Bushfire Fire Firefighting** - Provides participants with the required knowledge and skills to undertake bush fire firefighting operations safely, efficiently and confidently under direct supervision. The course is a combination of theory and practical drills and covers:

- Rural Urban Interface (RUI) strategies and theory
- Burnover blanket theory and practical
- Bush fire behaviour
- Bush fire safety awareness
- Bush fire suppression
- Maps and map reading
- Hand tools

#### WHEN:

Friday 16th October 4pm—9pm and  
Saturday 17th October 8am—5pm, 2020

DFES is changing their bushfire courses next year and it is anticipated that the new equivalent qualification will take two days each to complete under the new course structure.

If anyone would like further information, please contact the Shire of Lake Grace Community and Emergency Services Manager, Suzan Lees, on [cesm@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:cesm@lakegrace.wa.gov.au) or phone 0436 668 242.

