



CEO's Corner

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Citizenship Ceremony

On Tuesday 5 November 2019, the Shire of Lake Grace hosted a special Australian Citizenship Ceremony for two local community members Sandhya Dwarakanath and her daughter, Neha.

Shire President Cr Jeanette De Landgrafft was the Presiding Officer and conducted the ceremony as prescribed in the Australian Citizenship Act 1997 and the Australian Citizenship Regulations 2016, under the authority of the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon David Coleman MP.

As Presiding Officer, Cr De Landgrafft received Sandhya and Neha's pledge as citizens of the Commonwealth of Australia. Making the pledge is the final step for Sandhya and Neha to become Australian Citizens and is a public declaration of their commitment to Australia.

The ceremony was well attended with Councillors and number of Sandhya and Neha's family and friends present, who were all delighted to witness this special event.

On behalf of the Shire of Lake Grace, I would like to congratulate Sandhya and Neha on becoming two of Australia's newest citizens and wish them health, happiness and luck for their future in Australia.



Our new Australian Citizens Sandhya and Neha Dwarakanath stand proudly with their Citizenship Certificates, surrounded by family, friends and Councillors

LG Professionals Annual State Conference

On 6 – 8 November 2019, LG Professionals hosted their Annual State Conference at the Crown Perth. I attended the conference with our Finance Officer – Payroll & Rates, Rebecca Clark. You may remember from previous editions of CEO's Corner that Rebecca was the recipient of the LG Professionals Wheatbelt South Branch Scholarship to attend the conference.

This conference is the key professional development event in the calendar of CEOs, Directors and Senior Managers in Local Government.

The theme for this year's conference was 'Be unstoppable: Join forces now!' and focused on the idea that we may be good at our own individual jobs but to maximise our success, we often need to collaborate, or partner with others.

This year's program was filled with exciting and inspiring speakers, covering a variety of different topics including: Our Resources are in our Relationships, The Future of Local Government, Actual Emergencies Look More Like People Coming Together Not Cities Falling Apart, Maintaining a Clear Line of Sight in Planning for Optimal Impact, Connecting Communities, and Collaboration Proves Instrumental in Achieving Strategic Community Outcomes.

Overall the Annual Conference was an excellent opportunity to network, share ideas and become inspired.

Our Finance Officer, Rebecca, who attended the Conference for the first time commented:

"I feel so privileged to have been in attendance at the Local Government Professionals Annual State Conference. The conference was attended by Local Government Professionals from far and wide who came together to celebrate the diversity, challenges and importance of the sector.

I was able to listen and learn from some amazing keynote speakers, who not only inspired me in many areas, but also made me think of the impact of Local Government on a broader spectrum. I was also able to network with a number of other Local Government Professionals, sharing experiences and knowledge. I am feeling very inspired after my trip and feel like I have taken away invaluable information that I am sure is going to help me continue on my Local Government Career path.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Local Government Professionals Wheatbelt South Committee for selecting myself to attend and to my wonderful colleagues at the Shire of Lake Grace, past and present, for supporting me and inspiring me daily."

Rebranding Workshops

The Shire's rebranding project got its kick-start last week with two workshops being held in Lake Grace and

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Newdegate. There were a total of 18 community members from around the Shire who were able to take time out of their busy schedules to participate. Facilitators for the workshops were Brad Haseldine and Jez Reilly from branding agency Marketforce, who did an excellent job of getting everyone engaged and thinking creatively.

This process will now assist in the development of a number of different concepts for a new logo, which will eventually be narrowed down to one. We will keep you posted as this exciting project continues.



Getting Creative: Re-branding Workshops taking place at Newdegate and Lake Grace

Dry Season for Livestock Water Supply - SURVEY EXTENDED

Livestock farmers are encouraged to complete a short survey about your livestock water supplies ASAP. This will help the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) to manage emergency livestock water and community water supplies during the dry summer/autumn season. The survey will remain open over the summer period, however DWER are keen to hear from as many farmers as soon as possible.

To complete the survey, please visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stock_water_dry_season_survey

If you would like more information, please contact DWER, Rural Planning on 08 9841 0100 or email: dryseasonsurvey@dwer.wa.gov.au

We would encourage you also to speak to your neighbours and check they're aware of this survey.

Seniors Day Trip to Kojonup

Wednesday 13 November 2019, saw our seniors hop on-board the community bus to be whisked away for a lovely daytrip to Kodja Place in Kojonup. With 18 seniors, along with our Shire Community Services Officer Cheryl Chappell and her husband Cr Ross Chappell, it was a beautiful day to take in some sights.

Kodja Place offers its visitors the opportunity to explore the inside story of Australian Country life, through a variety of different mediums including; the Australian Rose Maze, the Kodja Gallery and Story Place.

From what I hear, it was a fantastic day out with lots of interesting things to see and interact with. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Cheryl Chappell for all of

her hard work and effort in organising this event alongside Kristel Thomson, Acting Visitor Services Officer at the Shire of Kojonup, to Cr Ross Chappell for being the designated bus driver and to Rosemary Bywater for taking her car for those unable to ride the bus.

These events are loved by our seniors, as well as being a great way for us to show our appreciation for them and all that they bring to our community.

Lake Grace and Newdegate Swimming Pools are Now Open!

The Lake Grace Swimming Pool opened its doors for the 2019/20 Season on Saturday 9 November 2019.

The pool is open 7 days a week 12.00pm – 6.00pm (excluding Christmas Day)
Early morning swims Tuesday – Friday, 5.30am – 7.30am (excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Australia Day).

The Newdegate Pool opened its doors on Wednesday 13 November 2019. Please remember that access to the pool is via an electronic key system. Keys are available upon successful completion of an endorsed qualification and payment of fees.

The pool is open 7 days a week, 6.00am – 7.00pm. A full list for 2019/20 pool fees can be found on the Shire website.

<https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/facilities/swimming-pools/newdegate-swimming-pool/>

It's great to have these facilities open and ready for what is set to be another long, hot and dry summer, so make sure you stop by for a refreshing dip!

Gravel Roads During Harvest Period – 80KPH Limit Request

Owing to the extended dry conditions and harvest season in full swing, there are sections of gravel roads in the Shire that are already struggling under the weight and volume of frequent, fast moving heavy haulage vehicles.

These roads are deteriorating very quickly, despite the best efforts of our Roads Crew to keep them graded and up to scratch.

We've also been advised of a few near misses and have concerns for motorist safety.

We are requesting anyone using our gravel roads to please slow down to 80kph until 31 December.

In the meantime we will continue to do our best to keep them graded and in smooth, safe working order.

We would like to thank the community for your road reports so far and ask that you keep them coming.

Any road standard issues please contact Vanessa Cripse, Manager Infrastructure Services, on 0448 089 092 or 9890 2500, or shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

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Roadworks

Our staff have carried out the following works:

- Pothole maintenance on Buniche North Road and Magenta Road
- Potholes in the laneway at Carruthers and McMahon Street and at the end of Clark Avenue
- Mowing/ and slashing of verges at North Lake Grace Karlgarin Road from Pingaring heading to Lake Grace
- Re-sheeting on Cook Road and West Kuender Road

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Cook Road
- Wyatt Road
- Garard Road
- North Burngup Road
- Mordetta Road
- Burns Road
- White Dam Road
- Mallee Hill Road
- Fourteen Mile Road
- Pelham Road
- Greg Road
- West Kuender Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Dragon Rock Road
- McCracken Road
- Chamberlain Road
- Mission Road
- Whurr Road
- Buniche Road

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

- Pickernell Road

Parks & Gardens

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

Lake Grace

- Cleaning of BBQ areas
- Weeding, reticulation maintenance and replacing all the risers for the sprinklers on the hockey oval, mowing of ovals and spraying for black beetle
- Mowing lawns at Lake Grace Hall
- Trimmed back garden and tidied footpath to back of the Lake Grace Medical Centre
- 10A Gumtree Drive - gardening, mowing, pruning and reticulation maintenance
- 54 Bennett Street – mowing of lawns and full check of reticulation
- Swimming Pool - mowing, spraying for ants, pruning of gardens and removal of overgrown bushes in preparation for opening
- Main Street - trimming, weeding and watering in preparation for Remembrance Day

- Clean up and trimming around RSL, Visitor Centre and adjacent car park
- Watering of all street trees
- Checking and spraying of airstrip
- Standpipe on Dewar St - mowing and slashing
- Gumtree Drive playground – general garden maintenance
- General maintenance and cleaning of drains around the town site

Newdegate

- Sub-contractor undertaking Parks and Gardens maintenance

Lake King

- Pruning of bushes and shrubs around townsite
- General garden maintenance around the playground back of tavern

Building

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Lake Grace Medical Centre - lights and fly screen maintenance
- 10A Gumtree Drive - removal of bathroom and bath, re-cementing of floor and preparation for new plumbing and shower screens. Ceilings have also been completed and the old patio removed
- Lake Grace Village Hall – gutters cleaned and a privacy screen to allow air flow to the patio has been installed
- Lake Grace Visitors Centre – gutters cleaned
- RSL building – painting of pillar and seal
- Varley Hall - repairs to leaks in the ceiling, door handle and minor maintenance
- Newdegate Recreation Centre - floor inspection for white ants, measuring up for fly screens and changes to door locks

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Prohibited Burning Period

Prohibited Burning Period is in Effect

As of 1 November 2019 the Shire of Lake Grace entered its Prohibited Burning Period which will be in effect until 31 January 2020.

Please note that firebreaks must also be maintained from 1 November 2019 until 30 April 2020.

For more information please refer to the Shire's Fire Management Notice 2019-20, on the Shire Website. <https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/our-services/bushfire-and-emergency-management-services/fire-ban-and-zones/>

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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.

Driving Assessor

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

Friday - 6 December

Friday - 3 January 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.

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.

Building Surveyor

Shire Building Surveyor, Elena Bull will be available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

Tuesday 26 November 2019

Tuesday 10 December 2019

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday 20 November 2019

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.

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 Hours

Lake Grace

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 2pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

Newdegate

Wednesday 9am - 1pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

Lake King & Varley

Open every day

Waste & Recycle Pickup

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
25 November 2019	2 November 2019
9 December 2019	16 December 2019

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

For more information on Waste Management visit the Shire's website.

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

Everyone welcome



Check out our website
www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au



Check out our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/shireoflakegrace

Seniors Day Trip to The Kodja Place

Seniors Week 2019 is a time of celebration for Western Australian seniors, with special events held in their Honour across WA.

Lake Grace celebrated Seniors Week with to *The Kodja Place* in Kojonup on Wednesday 13 November 2019.

Leaving Lake Grace by bus and car at 8.20 am they arrived in time for a Devonshire morning tea which was hosted by Kojonup Visitor Centre staff and their volunteers.

Jack, a local elder, gave the seniors a captivating guided tour of The Kodja Place.

The Kodja Place is a fascinating experience through which the many paths of traditions and cultures were and still are connected to help Kojonup become the place it is today. They walked through the history from the traditional owner's way of life and the local cross-cultural stories when the Europeans arrived and how they became intertwined.

A delicious quiche and salad lunch was enjoyed by the seniors, hosted by the Visitors Centre again. Thank you to Kodja Place and Kojonup Visitor Centre hosting the day.

After lunch they slowly wandered through the Rose Maze, a rich tapestry of roses, pergolas, seating and pathways entwined with representations of three women, an Indigenous, English and Italian origins.

The warmer weather encouraged everyone to enjoy an ice-cream on their return from the maze before getting on the bus to return home.

Thank you to COTA WA, Lotterywest, Department of Communities and the Shire of Lake Grace for their financial contributions for Lake Grace Seniors Week

event 2019. Thank you to Ross Chappell who volunteered to drive the community bus and a special thank you to Rosemary Bywaters, for taking her car for the seniors who are unable to travel on the bus.

Finally special thanks to the seniors and their continued support of Seniors Week events.



Above: Jack our guide for the morning yarning with Mary Naisbitt.



Above back: Elsie Cox, Les Fisher, Irene McGlinn, Betty Naisbitt, Mary Naisbitt, Ross Chappell, Marg Bushby, Jean Seaman, Kevin Seaman, Ross, Andrews, Faye and Elmie Aylward. Front: Joan Fisher, Nelly Lay, Rosemary Bywaters, Phylis Dunham, Eileen Mather, Marge Pratt, Shirley Altham, and Joyce Gilson.