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CEO's Corner

Emergency Farmland Water Response Plan

The Shire is yet to receive the final mapping from the recent Farm Water Shortage Survey. Under the current guidelines for a 'Water Deficiency Declaration' there needs to be a group of five or six landowners who are having to travel 40km or more in one direction to collect water for livestock, or are likely to do so in the following 14 days. If landowners can keep the Shire updated on their water needs, this will allow any application required to be made as soon as possible.

Water Supplies – Non-Potable Water Standpipes

Water Corporation is yet to advise when the Lake Grace standpipe will be operational. We are waiting on confirmation from Water Corporation regarding our access to the old Railway Dam. Once we have access to this dam, the location of the Newdegate standpipe will be reconsidered, to allow for better access.

South West Native Title Settlement Update for Local Government Webinar – Tuesday 26 February 2019

On Tuesday 26 February 2019, Shire President Cr Jeanette De Landgraft, Cr Roz Lloyd and I participated in a South West Native Title Settlement Update for Local Government Webinar. This webinar aimed to provide Local Government Elected Members, CEOs and Officers with an update on the South West Native Title Settlement, the most comprehensive native title agreement negotiated in Australian history, reaching across 101 WA Local Governments.

Focusing on the key issues from a Local Government perspective, the webinar addressed:

- the present status and main elements of the Settlement
- the role of the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council in the Settlement
- key heritage elements of the Settlement, and
- creation of the Noongar Land Estate.

Council

Special Council Meeting – Wednesday 27 February 2019

The following items were considered at this meeting:

- Proposed Variation to Regulatory Control Priority at the Intersection of Collie-Lake King, Albany-Lake Grace, and Gorge Rock-Lake Grace Roads – Council has requested that Main Roads WA make a presentation to Council at the Ordinary Meeting to be held 20 March, prior to any decision being made on this matter.
- Water Corporation – Transfer of Surplus Dams –

Council is seeking to advise Water Corporation that AA Dam 377 North Lake Grace and AA Dam 547 Dempster-Varley be vested and included in the Emergency Farmland Water Response Plan and that the shire will not be contributing funds to remove existing hazards from the dams.

- RFT 2018-07 Road Verge Clearing and Pruning Services

The date of the next Ordinary Council Meeting is Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 3.00pm

CEO Connections Forum – Friday 8 March 2019

On Friday 8 March 2019, I attended a CEO Connections Forum, hosted by LG Professionals at the City of Stirling.

The focus of this forum was local government inquiries, with a presentation from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries on the how, why, when, what and who of inquiries and Neil Douglas of McLeods Barristers and Solicitors provided an insight on how to prepare for an inquiry. Andrew Sharpe CEO City of Albany shared his experience in the City of Canning inquiry, the impact on both staff and the community.

From these presentations, all in attendance workshopped 'What should early interventions look like?' this was a timely discussion due to the current review of the Local Government Act.

Road Works

The Construction Crew and General Maintenance Staff have carried out the following work:

- Lake King Recreation Ground – Connelly sandpit
- Newdegate Recreation Ground – Connelly sandpit, loading and carting of sand
- North Lake Grace/Karlgarin Road SLK 9.6-11 – Signage, carting water, water binding, traffic control, rolling, erecting of guide posts
- Lake Grace Tip - Push up tip and loading and carting of sand
- Lake Grace Recreation Ground – Carting of sand to oval
- Magenta Road SLK 24.63-27.63 – Grading of shoulders and erecting of guide posts
- Pickernell Road – Moving of plant, marking out of job and erecting signage, grading of back slopes and carting gravel
- Pickernell Road SLK 20.08-22.30 – Gravel re-sheeting

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- Plant maintenance

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on the following roads:

- Mallee Hill Road
- Burngup South Road

Additional works carried out by Maintenance Grader Operator:

- Rural Roads Signs & Guideposts – Erecting of signs

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

- Pickernell Road
- Bidy Camm Road
- Hatters Hill Road
- Norseman Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on the following roads:

- Aylmore Road
- Witham Road
- Bidy Camm Road
- McDonald Road
- Buniche North Road
- Kirwin Road
- Easton Road
- McCracken Road

Parks and Gardens

The Town Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Lake Grace Recreation Ground – Mowing, whipper snipping, blowing around oval and cricket nets, raking, tidying up around pavilion and retracting of basketball rings
- Lake Grace Parks & Gardens – Watering, pruning and tidying up of BBQ Area
- Lake Grace Playground - Clean up of McMahon Street playground
- Town Street Maintenance - Removing dead tree branches and fallen trees
- Lake Grace Swimming Pool – Removal of diving board, raking and cleaning up of the garden outside the front of pool and mowing
- Lake Grace Public Hall Garden – Mowing and repairs to retic
- RSL Hall Garden – General garden maintenance
- Shire Administration Building Garden – Cleaning, raking leaves and weeding
- Shire Depot - Clean up of yard
- Lake Grace Medical Centre – Treating of ants
- Rural Roads Signs & Guideposts – Erecting of signs
- Lake Grace Railway Building – Removal of Debris
- Plant maintenance
- Newdegate Tip - Manning of the tip

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday 20 March 2019

Time: 3:00 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.

shoWcAse IN PIXELS 2019

Banners in the Terrace has changed to shoWcAse in Pixels.

The annual exhibition of artwork from Local Governments will be displayed in a new format and venue this year – at the iconic digital tower at the heart of Yagan Square.

The new format of display means participants are no longer restricted to PVC canvas - you are encouraged to be as creative as you can.

As there is no limit on the choice of media or canvas, feel free to be creative! There is no need to use weather-proof paint nor a specific PVC canvas. The canvas can be in any material - some canvas ideas are:

- Floor
- Pavement
- Wall
- Fabric/Canvas
- Paper

Theme for 2019:



The important dates are:

Expression of Interest via email : by Friday, 22 March
Photographing of artwork and artwork delivery via email to by Friday, 31 May and Monday, 3 June

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)

If your group is interested in participating, please call the Shire on 9890 2500 and a Information Pack will be emailed to you.

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Pension and Senior Card Advice

Under the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992, the Local Governments are required to periodically review all pensioners.

If any of the details checked do not match, the claim may be rejected and concessions may be amended or cancelled.

Therefore, some things that pensioners and seniors may need to consider and advise the Shire about are:

- Do I hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card as well as a Seniors Card and am I only registered at the Shire with my Seniors Card?
- Has my partner also now received a card and we have not completed a joint application yet?
- As I am now not working more than 25 hours per week and am over 60, have I applied for a Seniors Card yet?
- Has the ownership of my property changed recently?
- Have I moved from one property to another and not made a new application for concessions with Water Corporation yet?
- Has my spouse ceased occupation of the property and I have not completed a new application?

If you work more than 25 hours per week, you are no longer eligible to have the Seniors Card and must return the card to Department of Community Services with a note advising them of your situation.

Unfortunately if concessions are cancelled, pensioners/seniors do not get their rebates again until new applications are made.

Hirer Responsibility when using Shire Public Buildings

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 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

Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of a facility. 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 hirers use which includes but not limited to; general cleaning, water and electricity usage.

Caltrop in Town sites

Following the recent rains Caltrop will be growing in areas. Help stop the spread of caltrop 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.

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
- Newdegate: place them in one of the two blue bins specially marked **Caltrop** on Lot 12 May St (vacant block) Newdegate or
- Lake Grace: take them to the specially marked caltrop wheelie bin outside of main gate of Shire Depot, Absolon Street Lake Grace.

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 Messaging Service

To receive:

- Harvest Ban Notices
- Newdegate Pool or
- Lake Grace Pool

SMS messages, or if you no longer need them please let us know at the Shire on (08) 9890 2500.

State 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 their library card, members can enjoy BorrowBox and OverDrive 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!

Please visit the Shire website in the library tag at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au for more details on how to access and enjoy these free resources.

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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 building.

Monday, Tuesday and 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.

Please ensure you arrive at the counter with sufficient time for your transaction to be completed by closing time, this is because it is necessary for staff to reconcile Department of Transport transactions each day.

Please keep in mind that farm equipment and Learners Permit transactions can take up to 45 minutes or more.

Driving Assessor

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

Friday - 5 April 2019

Friday - 3 May - to be confirmed

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments and we advise that there is a waiting list, so booking in advance is highly recommended.

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, Josiah Farrell will be available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

Tuesday 19 March 2019

Tuesday 2 April 2019

For an appointment contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

Environmental Health Officer

For an appointment with the Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Will Pearce, please 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
18 March 2019	25 March 2019
1 April 2019	8 April 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.

Library Open Hours

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



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