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CEO's Corner

Flooding Event – February 2017

The Shire received notification from Main Roads WA (MRWA), that our Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements cost estimate of \$10,607,882 for AGRN 743 has been approved. This is based on the use of contractors for the re-instatement works for the local roads.

WML Consulting Pty Ltd has now been appointed as the successful Project Manager, and is currently producing the documentation of tenders for supervision services, plant, equipment and materials. It is intended that these services will be advertised next week. There will be two tenders issued, with a number of packages within each tender. The tenders will then be assessed and once successful tenderer appointed the aim is to commence works in mid-September, all things going to plan.

For current road closures please refer to the Shire's website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au or Facebook page for a list of roads that are closed within the Shire.

Prospective Elected Members – WEBINAR

WA Local Government Association (WALGA) is offering a free webinar to members who are thinking about nominating to become a Councillor but isn't sure of the role.

Topics will include:

- an overview of Local Government;
- the Roles and Responsibilities of Council and Council Members;
- behavioural expectations of Elected Members;
- an overview of the skills required to be a successful Councillor; and,
- impacts on Home Life.

WALGA will give you the opportunity to ask questions during the Q&A Session at the end of the presentation.

Date: Thursday 17 August 2017

Time: 5.00 – 5.45 pm (including presentation and Q&A session)

To register please visit <http://walga.asn.au/Training/Our-Services/Webinars.aspx>

Bob Palmer - Retirement

Our Mechanic, Bob Palmer retired on Friday 28 July after 11 years of service. On behalf of the Shire and the community, we thank Bob for the contribution he has made over the years, firstly as a contractor then as an employee. His knowledge and commitment to the Shire

has been invaluable. We offer our best wishes to both Bob and Coralie.

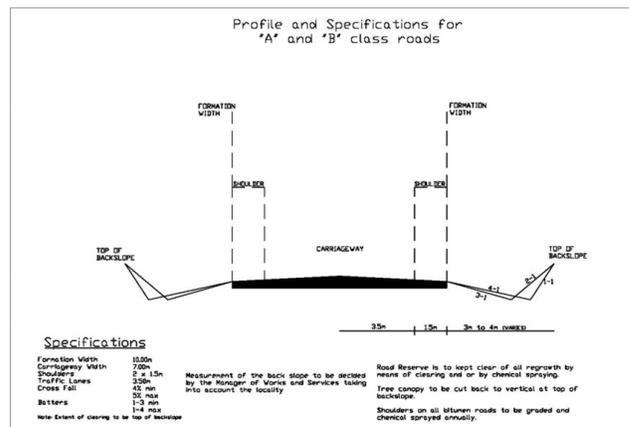


Above: Shire President Jeanette De Landgraff , CEO Denise Gobbart and Bob Palmer with his farewell gift from Shire Councillors and staff.

Road Classifications for Construction and Maintenance

Road construction and renewal works are to be undertaken in accordance with our current policy and in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Unsealed Roads Manual produced by the *Australian Road Research Board*. The objectives of these standards are to construct and maintain safe roads within the district.

The diagram below depicts the standard profile for 'A' and 'B' class roads. The maximum width of these roads is 18m from the top of the backslopes; the minimum allowable width is 16m.



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The following work criteria is attributed to both 'A' and 'B' Class Roads;

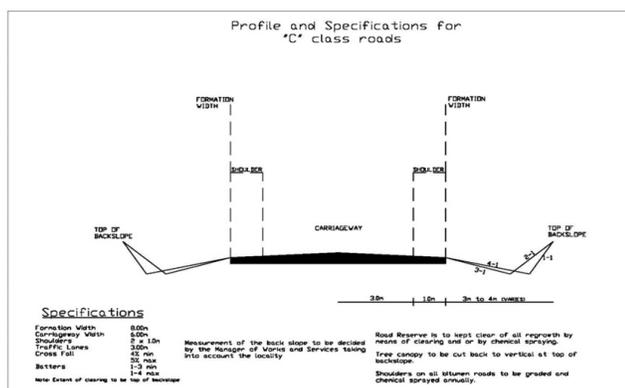
- Formation to be 10m width;
- Carriageway to be 7m with 200mm gravel sheet;
- Shoulders to be 2 x 1.5m;
- Crossfall to be 4%;
- Floodways to be equipped with a minimum of 2 x 237mm culverts and headwalls; and,
- Backslopes to be cleared annually of all regrowth.

In addition for a 'B' Class Road;

- One additional grading before harvest, if necessary.

'A' Class Roads are recognised as major regional routes and are sealed or planned to be sealed with 'B' Class Roads being recognised as major feeder roads and are built to a pre-seal standard.

The diagram below depicts the standard profile for 'C' class roads. The maximum width of these roads is 16m from the top of the backslopes; the minimum allowable width is 14m.



The following work criteria are attributed to 'C' Class Roads;

- Formation to be 8m width;
- Carriageway to be 6m with 150mm gravel sheet; and,
- Shoulders to be 2 x 1m.

'C' Class Roads are low volume farm access roads.

Please contact the shire office for further information on what classification your roads are.

It is the intention of Council to commence addressing the regrowth issues that we have between the top of our backslopes. The area between the top of the backslopes should be kept clear of vegetation, including tree canopies to be clear vertical at the top of the backslope. These works are to ensure that we have safe carriageways for our vehicular traffic. Given the back log of works required it will take some time to

undertake all works required. When re-sheeting works are being undertaken, the works will be undertaken to comply with these specifications.

Ordinary Council Meeting – Wednesday 26 July 2017

Items of business considered by Council at the meeting included:

- permission granted for Greening Australia WA to collect native plant seed from within reserves vested in the Shire of Lake Grace;
- approval of Magenta Community Dam Lease for change in ownership of the land;
- approval to prepare draft amendment to the Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law 2016;
- adoption of the Shire of Lake Grace Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan 2017-2020; and,
- adoption of the Freedom of Information Statement 2017-2018.

The minutes of the July 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting are available on the Shire's website at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Building and Maintenance Team

Works are continuing on the Lake Grace Independent Living Units as follows:

- paving is nearing completion;
- fencing is near complete;
- electrical fitouts will commence shortly; and,
- landscaping is ready to commence.

The Building Maintenance Team has carried out works for:

- Lake King public toilets;
- 5 Banksia Place, Lake Grace; and,
- Lake Grace Shire Administration Building.

Road Works

Our Construction Team has completed works on Hatters Hill Road and has moved onto Hollands Track Road and working on 5.030 to 8.030 straight line kilometres.

The Maintenance Grader has been working on Jarring South Road, Big Lake Road, Cannon Road, Griffin Reward Road, O'Neill Road and will then move onto Burns Road and Harvey Road. The maintenance grader has been towing the new roller behind.

The Newdegate grading contractor has been working along Magenta Road, Alder Road, Old Ravensthorpe Road, Taylor Road and Breed Road and will then move onto Lockhart Road.

The Lake King grading contractor has been working on Baanga Hill Road, Smerdon Road, Old Newdegate Road, Fitzgerald Road, Long Creek Road, Mallee Tree Road, Milstead Road and Tarco Road.

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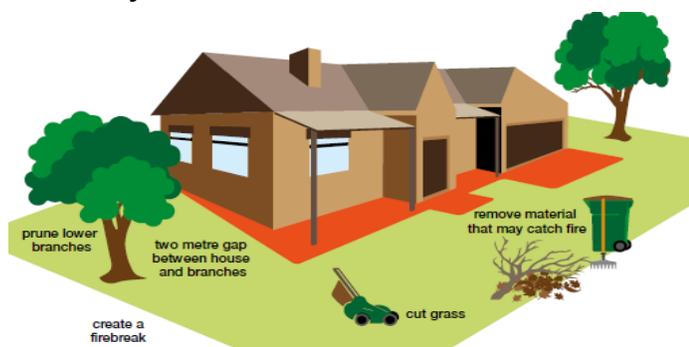
Parks and Gardens

The town maintenance crew have been spraying the sewerage pond area, along footpaths and the lawn area around the town hall in Lake Grace. The team have carried out trimming of roses at the Railway Station and clearing of the drains within the Lake Grace townsite after the rain.

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

How prepared is your property?

Don't wait until summer to start preparing your home and family for the bushfire season.



There are things you can start doing now.

To help prepare your property for bushfire take these simple steps:

Through Autumn and Winter:

- Prune trees to remove lower branches
- Clear long grass, rake leaves and twigs, and prune flammable shrubs
- Spray grass and weeds with herbicide
- Ensure petrol and other flammable materials are stored away from your home
- Make sure your personal and home protection equipment is in good working order
- Overhaul your emergency pump, if you have one
- Develop or review, your bushfire survival plan. Make sure everyone in the family knows what to do in a fire
- Move woodpiles and stacked timber away from the house
- Keep the grass short. On farms, keep grazing levels high

During Spring:

- Clean out gutters and remove debris from your roof
- Prepare your emergency kit, including your bushfire survival plan

In Early Summer:

- Water lawns, trees and shrubs near buildings to keep them green
- Recheck personal and home protection gear, screens, water supplies and gutters

For more information:

- Visit the DFES website at www.dfes.wa.gov.au
- Contact DFES Community Engagement on 9395 9816;
- Access the range of Bushfire Preparedness information <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/pages/publications.aspx>
- <http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/wintersafe/Pages/default.htm>



Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

1:00 pm Tuesday, 22 August 2017

at 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.

Walking your Dog

A reminder that dog owners have a legal responsibility to keep their dogs under control, either within a fenced area on their property or on a leash when in public.

When walking your dog pick up your dog waste:

- Keep your bags/pouches/pooper scooper products with your leash, as a reminder to take them with you.
- If you forget your bag look for bag dispensers and bins provided.
- If using the plastic bag method for cleaning up, simply put your hand inside the bag, pick up the dog poo, turn the bag inside out, then seal.

People like dogs not dog waste, please be considerate of others.



Office Opening 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 license 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 - 4 August 2017

Friday - 1 September 2017 - 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.

Firearm Licence

All firearm licensing including the payment of licence renewals is now done at the Lake Grace Post Office.

Building Surveyor

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

Tuesday 8 August 2017

Tuesday 22 August 2017

For an appointment contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

Environmental Health Officer

Julian Goldacre the Shire's Environmental Health Officer, is available. Please contact the Shire on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au for an appointment.

Tip Opening 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 & Recycling Pick up Dates

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
7 August	14 August
21 August	28 August

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 Hours

Lake Grace Public Library School Place Absolon St

Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm
Closed for lunch 12.00 - 12.30pm

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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