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## Acting CEO's Corner

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their time and effort during January whilst I was the Acting Chief Executive Officer; it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience but also gave me a better understanding of the huge responsibilities of the role. Welcome back to the Chief Executive Officer, Denise Gobbart, after a well-earned break.

### Events Program

The Shire had a meeting with the Visitor Centre and Community Resource Centre and an event program and monthly calendar is going to be implemented to bring more events to the community. The events calendar will be displayed on the Shire Notice boards and in the Lakes Link of upcoming events within the district.

### Katherine Outback Experience Show and Tom Curtain Live Music Event

The Katherine Outback Experience Show and Tom Curtain Live Music event is coming to Newdegate on Friday 9 February 2018 from 6.00 pm at the Newdegate Field Day Site. The intent of the event is to entertain guests and provide an insight into life on the land through real horse-breaking and working dog demonstrations. Tickets can be purchased through their website and clicking on the button marked Newdegate.

### Flooding Event

The contractors have started on the bus routes and the worst areas within their sections. They will then carry on with sections that will require a large amount of work and have a large amount of heavy vehicles traveling on them, then will go on to the smaller sections once completed.

Whilst this work is being carried out the Shire would like to remind road users to be courteous and slow down within the areas crew are working, this will allow them to do their job in a safe manner.

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

### Road Works

The construction crew has completed the drainage works on Magenta Road and Holt Rock South Road. A combination of Shire staff and contractors are now preparing the final 4km unsealed section of Holt Rock South Road in readiness for sealing. Work on Magenta Road is expected to commence in February. The sealing of both roads is expected to be completed in the first few weeks of March.

The Shire re-sealing program is expected to start next week with the sweeper coming in to do the town streets of Lake Grace, Lake King and Varley in preparation of the roads being sealed. The sealing is expected to start early February.

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader operator has been out and has completed various roads not affected by the flooding event. The operator is also doing some school bus routes and following up from the flood damaged areas that were not part of the contract.

The Lake King grading contractor has carried out works on Winchombe Road, Holt Rock South Road, Dempster Park Road and Purnta Road. They will then be moving onto Broom Bush Flat Road, Pickernell Road, Mulcahy Road and Hendersons Road.

The Newdegate grading contractor, over the past fortnight has graded parts of Old Ravensthorpe Road, Taylor Road, Magenta Road, Hollands Track Road and Mallee Hill Road. In the future they will be focusing on school bus routes as well as Mount Sheridan Road, Lockhart Road and Dyke Road.

### Parks and Gardens

The town maintenance crew have carried out mowing of lawns, whipper snipping and weeding to the public and open space areas within the Lake Grace town site. The crew have been to the cemetery, Apex Park and entry statements to carry out general garden maintenance and spraying.

They have also been working in all towns doing various jobs in response to customer requests.

Maintenance at the town oval is being carried out, and the retic is now fixed and with some much needed rain, the two ovals have bounced back and are in a good condition. The Shire will be doing some renovations to the two ovals in the coming weeks to get ready for the footy and hockey season, with the main oval getting a de-thatch and the hockey oval getting a level and top dress for this season. These are expected to start on the week after the 100th celebration of the cricket association; this will allow the grass to come back in time for the relevant start of the season.

### Building and Maintenance Team

This fortnight sees the completion of the building teams work at the Lake Grace Sports Pavilion. Works to be carried out by contractors and volunteers are as follows:

- Vanities installation;
- Plumbing fitout;

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- Mirror installation in bathrooms;
- Kitchen door;
- Painting in toilets;
- Acoustic panel installation;
- Ceiling panel installation in toilets and change rooms; and,
- Reinstate fencing.

**The Building Maintenance Team has carried out maintenance at:**

- Shire Office;
- 6 Blackbutt Way, Lake Grace;
- Lake Grace Public Toilets;
- Lake Grace Medical Centre;
- Lake King Public Toilets; and,
- Pioneer Park, Newdegate.

### **Australia Day**

It was great seeing so many in our communities getting involved in the Australia Day celebrations. The Deputy Shire President Cr Steve Hunt and I attended the Australia Day Services in Lake Grace. Councillor Roz Lloyd attended the Australia Day Services in Newdegate and Lake King. I would like to thank the community and the helpers who assisted on the day to make them all a success.

The Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards were presented at the events in Lake Grace, Newdegate and Lake King. Congratulations to all nominees and recipients of these awards, it is a great honour to be nominated for these awards and demonstrates your commitment to your community.

<b>Lake Grace</b>	
<b>Citizen of the Year</b>	<b>Nominated by:</b>
Phil Clarke - Recipient	Lake Grace Community Men's Shed
Tania Bray - Acknowledgement	Lake Grace Development Association
<b>Senior Citizen of the Year – Senior (65 years or over)</b>	<b>Nominated by:</b>
Nick Maaoufl	Lake Grace Development Association
<b>Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event</b>	<b>Nominated by:</b>
St John Ambulance Lake Grace Sub-Centre	Lake Grace Development Association
<b>Lake King</b>	
<b>Citizen of the Year</b>	<b>Nominated by:</b>
Terri Brownley	Lake King Progress Association
<b>Newdegate</b>	
<b>Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event</b>	<b>Nominated by:</b>
Newdegate Machinery Field Days Inc.	Anne Bishop

*Linda Gray*

Acting Chief Executive Officer

## Shire of Lake Grace Australia Day Recipients 2018

### **Lake Grace Citizen of the Year, Phil Clarke, nominated by Lake Grace Community Men's Shed**

Phil has been involved in the Lake Grace Community Men's Shed (LGCMS) since the beginning of the project, over 10 years ago. He has been a key driver in steering and progressing the Shed, and has headed up the Lake Grace Community Men's Shed Committee for the duration of this time. He has been involved in all aspects of the project - and being a retired farmer - his "Jack of all Trades" training has stood him in good stead.

Phil has always believed in the benefits that Men's Sheds offer their communities, and this has been evident in the way he has contributed to the project.

From initially researching and identifying potential Shed location sites, through to planning and designing the shed with members and community, negotiating the final location, obtaining incorporation, fundraising, seeking sponsorship, servicing members, and equipping the shed, Phil has been committed to seeing the project come to fruition - from beginning to end.

He has worked closely with the Shire, the Community, the Committee and members to ensure that the Shed is and will continue to be a reflection of what the community wants and needs. He has worked to overcome any obstacles which presented themselves in the building and fundraising processes, and has dedicated many hours to ensuring that the Shed is a viable asset to the Community. With Committee support, Phil has implemented projects to aide in financial sustainability for the Shed including the ongoing battery drive, community projects and collaborations, and grant and sponsorship opportunities.

Phil has been a great ambassador for the Men's Shed project, and since the beginning he has been dedicated to ensuring that the Shed is, and remains, relevant and accessible to all community members. He has provided leadership and support to the Committee, members and Community throughout the project.

He has attended both state and national men's shed conferences, and more recently, the state zone meetings. He has ensured that the Lake Grace Community Men's Shed has been a

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member of both state and national Men's Shed bodies. Phil has been a passionate advocate for the benefit of Men's Sheds to all communities and shown initiative and innovation in the way the Shed is run.

When discussing with members of the Lake Grace Community Men's Shed what they like about their Shed, one of the most common answers is "no-one pulls rank", and "there is no pecking order". These are values that Phil upholds and shares resulting in Phil being well respected by members and peers. Phil has been proactive in encouraging interaction and activities with other Sheds and their members and the Lake Grace Community Men's Shed has taken a number of bus trips and Shed visits over the years.

Phil has been a longstanding committed community member who has lived and farmed in Lake Grace most of his life. He has held a number of roles and been involved with a number of community groups over the years, with his most recent achievement celebrating 32 years with the Lake Grace Lions Club – and 15 years involvement with the Lake Grace Lions Calendar.

### **Lake Grace Citizen of the Year Acknowledgement, Tania Bray**

#### **nominated by Lake Grace Development Association**

Tania has been the driving force behind the School Promotion Committee, of which she is the current Chair, during 2017. She has sourced funding to aid with school promotion activities; spent many hours engaging with education department officials and politicians; liaised with surrounding schools, school bus services and families to enable students from surrounding towns to attend the Lake Grace District High School. A successful promotion activity held in 2017 was a School Promotion Committee stand at the Newdegate Field Days. One of Tania's passions has been to re-instate the Design and Technology program for high school students at Lake Grace, which involved lobbying local business for support. Tania has also reported regularly to the Lake Grace Development Association on progress of the School Promotion Committee.

Tania is a committed community volunteer in all aspects of community life. This year has been of particular note due to her commitment to the School Promotion Committee and the progress made in attracting students from surrounding towns to Lake Grace District High School.

### **Lake Grace Senior Citizen of the Year Nick Maalouf, nominated by Lake Grace Development Association**

Nick Maalouf is very much a quiet achiever for our community. He has been a committed Lions Club Member for many years, and a stalwart for the Lake Grace Golf Club. Nick has always made himself available to assist, always in a very unassuming manner. As the local RAC towing service contractor Nick goes above and beyond when going to assist stranded motorists, arriving with food and drinks to ensure the comfort of those he is attending. He also goes further afield, if required, usually on weekends when there is no-one else available to provide assistance.

Nick is a valued and capable community contributor in many aspects of community life, willing to make himself available where he can be of assistance.

### **Lake Grace Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event St John Ambulance Lake Grace Sub-Centre nominated by Lake Grace Development Association**

The official opening of our fantastic new Lake Grace St John Ambulance sub-centre building was held on Saturday 25th February 2017.

This was the culmination of seven years of planning by the Lake Grace sub-centre volunteers, then, under direction of Project Manager Amanda Milton, the last fifteen months seeing the build from start to spectacular finish. There were over 200 people in attendance for the official opening including officials, our own Saint John Ambulance volunteers and from other sub-centres, people from near and far who donated to the project, and local community members.

There was plenty of opportunity for a guided tour of the building prior to the formalities and afternoon tea to follow. A comprehensive article covering the Grand Opening was published in the Lakes Link outlining the event. A very special touch was that every person in attendance was invited to cut the ribbon at the front of the building, to demonstrate the valued contribution of so many to bring this project to fruition. Lake Grace St John Ambulance can be very proud of this wonderful building, and the opening event will be remembered fondly by all.

The Lake Grace St John Ambulance volunteers continually contribute to the enhancement of the local community. The opening of this building offers an ongoing enhancement for the whole district.

### **Newdegate Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event of the Year Newdegate Machinery Field Days, nominated by Anne Bishop**

The Newdegate Machinery Field Days is a two day event, bringing the latest agriculture-related machinery / items of interest and free entertainment for the families of the Lake Grace Shire and surrounding areas.

The event brings over 350 displays, showcasing a wide variety of their latest machinery products, agribusiness, technology, and research information, also livestock, camping and outdoor equipment, home wares, arts, fashion, food and wine (and more) to a location easily accessible to the families and business owners in our region.

As well as the above, the businesses in the surrounding areas have opportunity to benefit from catering to all the needs of the many thousands of visitors. The event provides exposure and awareness of this region to the Australian tourism industry. When they are here, many of our long distance visitors take the opportunity to spend extra time in our beautiful region before returning home.

Our children know that generations of families have worked hard to keep this event going and that in itself is a healthy example of what is important when living in

small community - working together to make things better for future generations.

The event unites the people of our small community to rally together to plan and organise this nationally recognised and supported event. It also provides a fine role-modelling example of the importance and benefits of individuals working together on community projects.

There is opportunity for all volunteers to nominate their working hours to any local groups and organisations and/or Royal Flying Doctor Service, providing an excellent active citizenship and community life opportunity for all those involved. Funding applications are open to community groups for financial assistance for the benefit of the Newdegate community.

The event has grown considerably in its 45 years to be recognised state-wide and nationally as one of the premier agricultural display events. It is widely recognised and well endorsed in the exhibiting circuit for many of the major national manufacturing companies and is regularly featured in the Countryman and Farm Weekly newspapers.

The Committee enjoy good relationships with the Committees of Dowerin Machinery Field Days and Wagin Woolorama. There is an ongoing and reciprocal

arrangement with Wagin Woolorama Committee, providing display judging volunteers each year.

## **Lake King Citizen of the Year Terri Brownley, nominated by Lake King Progress Association**

Terri has been an integral part of the Lake King and Mt Madden communities for many decades. In this time she has contributed to the community on many number of different committees, including - Garden Clubs, Women's Club, at the Lake King Primary School, Lakes Winter Sports and the many other volunteer roles she has undertaken. Terri, is always ready to lend a hand, with a smile and help make our community great!

In specific we wish to recognise Terri's huge and vital contribution to the Lake King Progress Association in the role of Treasurer, for more than a decade.



## **Shire of Lake Grace PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Annual Meeting of Electors**



Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Lake Grace is to be held on Wednesday, 7 February 2018 at 7.00 pm at Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace WA.

The purpose of the meeting and order of business is:

- To discuss the contents of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2017
- Other General Business

Each elector is entitled to one vote however voting is optional.

Members of the Public who wish to have questions answered at this meeting may do so by lodging written submissions with the Chief Executive Officer at the Shire Office PO Box 50, Lake Grace WA 6353 no later than Thursday, 1 February 2018.

Please be advised that the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2017 is available and may be obtained by contacting the Shire Office on (08) 9890 2500, collected from the Shire Office at 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace, or from the Shire's website [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

Linda Gray  
**Acting Chief Executive Officer**



Government of Western Australia  
WA Local Government Grants Commission

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

To be Held at the:

Shire of Lake Grace

1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace

Monday, 19 February 2018

Commencing at 2.30pm and Concluding at 4.30pm

Order of Proceedings:

1. President to open the hearing.
2. Introduction by the Chair of the Commission.
3. Presentation by the Commission on its role, function and the process it uses to determine Financial Assistance Grants.
4. Discussion on Submission (if submitted).
5. Close of hearing.

The WA Local Government Grants Commission makes annual recommendations to the State Minister for Local Government on the allocation of Financial Assistance Grants to local governments in Western Australia.

In accordance with the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 the Commission is required to conduct public hearings with local governments in connection with the Financial Assistance Grant recommendations and also to discuss any submissions made to the Commission by local governments.

Organisations or persons wishing to make a submission, in connection with the Financial Assistance Grant recommendations of the Commission, at the above hearing, are requested to register their interest with:

Mr Shannon Wood

WA Local Government Grants Commission

Tel: (08) 6552 1416

E-mail: [Shannon.wood@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:Shannon.wood@dlgsc.wa.gov.au)

## 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 - 2 March 2018** (to be confirmed)

**Friday - 6 April 2018**

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](http://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 6 February 2018**

**Tuesday 20 February 2018**

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](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

## 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

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
5 February 2018	12 February 2018
19 February 2018	26 February 2018

**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 12.30 - 1pm

**Library will be closed -**  
**Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 February, 2018**

### 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 Facebook page