

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

I hope people fared better than my property in Kondinin after the recent rainfall. I spent most of the weekend cleaning up water damage and making contours in preparation for the next one. We received 19ml in 15 minutes which caused a bit of damage, inside and out however, it was good to have the rain. I hope my neighbour appreciates me topdressing his paddock next door.

New Website for Shire

Who has noticed our new Shire of Lake Grace website?

The fresh new look is thanks to Market Creations team of web designers, developers and consultants who have created a cost-effective, tailor-made website for our communities. The website was developed in view of the growing number of people accessing the internet via their mobile phones and tablets. There is still a little work to be done to a few pages to update content and add functionality, so please be patient before ringing us to point out imperfections.

Meeting attended by Councillors

Councillors Armstrong, Chappell, Clarke, Lloyd attended Lake King and Varley Progress Association meetings last Wednesday and Thursday. Cr Armstrong, the DCEO and MIS all gave updates on Shire activities and projects already happening or soon to be conducted in and around those communities, and both meetings were a great opportunity to hear about what has been occurring out 'on the ground' in these towns and gain some very constructive and positive feedback on our work.

Zone Meeting

Friday 5 March President Armstrong, Deputy Chappell and Chris attended the Zone Council Meeting in Narrogin. Things that were discussed were the WALGA State Council Agenda; the proposed review of the Road Asset Preservation Model; new Codes of Conduct for Local Government Elected Members and Employees; and ongoing severe water deficiency issues across most of the Central Country Zone Councils. In addition, representatives from Main Roads WA and Local Government Insurance Services presented updates to the delegates on their current activities around the Zone.

Community Funding Request

Community Funding Request forms will be sent out to community groups and organisations next week, it will also be available on the Shire website. There will be new guidelines with a financial limit of \$5,000 each financial year. There will be a Facility Improvement Request form sent with the applications. Please complete this form for any improvements required on Shire facilities. The closing date is Friday 16 April 2021.

New water Tank for Newdegate

We have received confirmation that Water Corporation plans to upgrade the Newdegate water service tank which stores the town's drinking water. The project has been prioritised following recent drought conditions in the area. At this stage, we expect the work to start in mid-March 2021 and finish in October 2021.

There will be a planned water outage during the April school holidays to minimise impact to the school and students/caregivers. Customer notifications will be issued closer to this time.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Coming Events

Movie Night Lake Grace
Croad2
Saturday 20 March

Movie Matinee Lake King
Croad2
Sunday 21 March

Yuk Circus Lake Grace
Monday 24 May

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on

Wednesday 24 March 2021
from 3:30pm at the Council Chambers, Administration Building. The Agenda will be available on www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Everyone 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.

Community Infrastructure Service

I hope everyone enjoyed that downpour we had last week. Roads to be graded are being attended to as soon as possible. Please phone the Infrastructure Team if you have any questions or queries.

Another grant opportunity has arisen for the community. Driver Reviver have announced they will be providing funds for successful applicants to upgrade existing facilities and amenities. Fingers crossed we are one of the successful Shires to attract more tourists to our district.

This fortnight our works crew have completed the below roadworks & maintenance;

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Gimble Rd
- Green Rd
- Mordetta Rd
- North Burngup Rd

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Magenta Rd
- Old Ravensthorpe Rd
- Witham Rd

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

- Hatters Hill Rd
- Long Creek Rd
- Mallee Tree Rd
- Milstead Rd
- Old Newdegate Rd
- Tarco Rd
- Tilbrook Rd



Is your child eligible for up to \$150 towards club fees?

Find out and apply online
www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport

Parks & Gardens

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

Lake Grace

- Clean up of fallen tree
- Clear debris from Stubbs St verges
- Railway Garden weeding
- Disposal of car wreck in Pingaring

Newdegate

- Not available

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Refurbishment to Lake King public toilets
- Lake King Airstrip
- Varley Town Hall maintenance
- New flyscreens installed to Varley Pavilion

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Help stop the spread of caltrop

Following the recent rainfall the townsites have experienced an outbreak of caltrop.

What You Can Do:

You can assist 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.

Disposing of Caltrop Plants

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

- take them to the Shire Depot at Absolon Street Lake Grace, where there is a specially marked caltrop wheelie bin facility located just outside the main depot gate.

or

- Newdegate: place them in one of the two blue bins specially marked **Caltrop** on Lot 12 May St (vacant block) Newdegate.

2021 shoWcAe IN PIXILS COMPETITION

The annual shoWcAe opportunity is available for any community group to be involved in the exhibition of artwork from Local Governments to be displayed on the iconic 45-metre high digital tower at the heart of Yagan Square in Perth City.

The format of display means our participants are no longer restricted to PVC canvas - creativity is encouraged.

As one of the State's largest ongoing community arts projects, this event is widely acknowledged as being one of the most colourful and vibrant displays throughout the year, and we are very appreciative of the support provided by Yagan Square for this year's competition.

We do hope that a group will participate this year, and to assist you with your planning, we advise you of the following entry schedule:

2021 Entry Schedule

Expression of Interest via email to shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au by Monday, 15 March

Artwork deadline, to be emailed to by shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au before COB Friday, 23 July

Displayed in Yagan Square: Monday, 6 September – Sunday, 26 September*, at 12:00pm each day (*subjected to change)

Announcement of Winners: Monday, 20 September, at the WALGA Convention

If you would like to become involved please contact:

Community Service Officer Cheryl on 9890 2500

or email cmso@lakegrace.wa.gov.au



YUCK CIRCUS

Sugar, spice and apparently "nice"? With their bloody good sense of humour, YUCK are going to rip into the uncomfortable using high-flying acrobatics, absurd confessions and groovy dancing.

YUCK Circus is a 6-strong crew of elite acrobatic gals, ready to flip off double-standards and kick art in the face. They're not lightly throwing around women's issues - they're literally throwing women. Let's get into the grit of it: they're coming for your 'female standards' and rough Aussie norms!

Their award-winning Western Australian company of circus chicks are tackling the uncomfortable through dance, circus, and beaut comedic timing. YUCK is fun for the faint hearted, the strong willed and the everyday battler!

Changes to the Community Funding Request

There will be new guidelines for Community Funding Requests, with a financial limit of \$5,000 each financial year. The Community Funding Request will fund:

- Professional fees and charges associated with an event or project (e.g. entertainment, adjudicators, printing, fixed equipment, skilled labour).
- Expenses associated with the production of an event or project (e.g. equipment hire, materials, advertising, venue hire).

A Facility Improvement Request form will be available for any improvements required on Shire facilities. Please complete this form for Council to approve during the budget discussions.

The closing date is Friday 16 April 2021.

Community Information

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 and 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, 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 - Not available

Friday - 7 May 2021 - 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.

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.

Environmental Health

The Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Brendon Gerrard. Can be contacted via the Shire on 9890 2500 or email 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 16 March	Tuesday 23 March
Tuesday 30 March	Tuesday 6 April

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.



Check out our Facebook

www.facebook.com/shireoflakegrace



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MOVIE NIGHT & MATINEE



FREE FAMILY EVENT

Lake Grace Visitor Centre
Saturday 20th March
7pm

Lake King Memorial Hall
Sunday 21st March
11am



BYO chairs, beanbags, snacks
All children must be accompanied
by a parent/guardian



Presented by the Shire of Lake Grace and the
Lake Grace Visitor Centre