Benjamin HYDE
My name is Benjamin Hyde. I reside in the Varley District. I am 46 years old and have lived in the Varley area all my life. I farm with my wife, my brother and his family. I have three children whom are all in Perth at boarding school and completing an apprenticeship. I am an honest person and join the Shire with no agenda. I will be there to represent my town and surrounding districts, needs, concerns and issues. I am heavily involved in the Progress Association and am currently President. I am also involved in the Holt Rock Tennis Club based in Varley. I am approachable to most people and look forward to representing my community and surrounding district in their best interests.

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Shashi BALEKUDRU
My family and I have lived in Lake Grace for the last five years, having spent time in other country towns before. Being a Community Pharmacist and Zonal Chair for Lions, the “Community” is ingrained in me. I bring out of the box thinking to make the decision-making process a more cohesive one. I believe in team spirit, would like the chance to represent the council and be a strong and effective councilor.

Vote for me: Active, Approachable, Accountable and Accessible.

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Greyham (Rusty) LEE
I am standing for our Shire elections to offer solid leadership and experience I have gained from being involved in Local Government in the past. I was elected in Lake Grace in 1997-2001. Re-elected in Ravenshthorpe 2001, where I served as chairman till retiring in 2008. This being when BHP’s Ravensthorpe Nickle was established. Giving me a very solid grounding in local government procedure and law and how to get the best for our communities. To serve all members of the community without favor where ever they live. To allow outcomes that reflect community needs and services through strong governance. Supply representation to all our communities, listen to their concerns and if I do not know the answers, get the information for those concerned and to reinstate specified area rating. I urge you to vote Rusty 1 to give good solid representation with unbiased outcomes for all electors.

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Walter (Wally) NEWMAN
Our family have been farming at Newdegate since 1922. In 1972, I purchased the family farm comprising 2000 hectares, now 15000 hectares, growing crops and running sheep. With a lifelong dedication working with the community, 25 years as Councillor on the Lake Grace Shire, 20 years on CBH, with 6 years as chairman and with extensive experience in commercial business practices, I offer a proven record of sound business acumen, trust and stability to provide timely leadership and vision required to fairly achieve the expectations of our communities. The role gives me the opportunity to work with councilors, management and partners to constantly improve our ability to provide services within the shire. I am fully aware that my commitment to council is demanding and time consuming. My intention is to meet these challenges with dedication, as shire continues to position itself for an exciting sustainable future for all.

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Stephen HUNT
I am a small business owner in the Shire of Lake Grace. I am married to Helen and have a son, Adam. I have been a Councillor in the past and believe I have a lot more to offer our region. I am passionate about maintaining good governance and accountability within the Shire. I have always made myself available to serve on any committee or group as required by council and believe I served the roles well.
I believe it is important to have an even spread of councilors from small business, general public and the farming sector. This gives council a wide range of options when decisions need to be made.
I would appreciate your votes on the coming elections. It is very important that you exercise your right to vote. A vote for me is a vote for our future.

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Shane CARRUTHERS
Born in Lake Grace, a descendant from a pioneering family, Shane attended Lake Grace District High School before joining the Royal Australia Navy at the age of 15. Since returning to Lake Grace in 1984, Shane has become an active community member and was last year awarded Life Membership of the Lake Grace Pingrup Football Club. Shane will continue to push for accountability, transparency and improved efficiency within our Shire. Shane is not afraid to ask the hard questions on local issues and is committed to listening and representing everyone in the Shire. “We need a strong united council that will represent all communities and make decisions in the interest of the whole Shire, not just our own backyard and remove the “them versus us” mentality. I strongly believe in “locals supporting locals” and will work extremely hard to achieve this for all our communities.

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