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### CEO's Corner



#### **Flooding Event – February 2017**

The Shire has submitted an application to Main Roads WA (MRWA) for funding for road repair works through WANDRRA and we are still awaiting confirmation. Once we receive confirmation of funding, a Tender will be advertised for construction and repair works. Consideration will be given to the timeliness of works as well as quality of construction.

Our application submitted to the Office of Emergency Management seeking financial assistance to remove the water and restore Old Ravensthorpe, Magenta and Hatters Hill Roads, has been approved. Details of required works for Hatters Hill Road and the southern end of Old Ravensthorpe Road have been approved by MRWA. Works has commenced on draining the water from these roads.

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.

#### **WANDRRA Day Labour Exemption**

An announcement was made on Tuesday 9 May that Local Government now has a choice to use their own plant and equipment when rebuilding essential public assets damaged during the February flood event. Although the exemption has been granted there are still processes to be followed. Currently we are still waiting on MRWA approval for the funding of our recovery works. Once this is approved we then will be required to submit our individual costing for each road to MRWA for approval and be able to show value for money as opposed to using contract services.

There are a number of other issues outstanding, one being the ability for neighbouring Local Governments to be able to assist in undertaking the repair works. The percentage of overheads claimable is another matter outstanding, wages can be claimed, but it is unknown as to the level of other on charges, superannuation, workers compensation etc which can be claimed.

#### **Ward Review**

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Local Government and Communities, advising that the Minister for Local Government has approved the recommendation of the Local Government Advisory Board to abolish the Shire of Lake Grace's current ward structure and for the number of offices of councillor to remain unchanged at nine.

With this change the current election cycle is to be maintained. Councillors Armstrong, Chappell, De Landgraft, Stanton and Walkers' current terms expire in October 2017. During the 2017 election period, nominations will be called for these five (5) positions.

Administrative processes are now in place to obtain the Governor's approval and publish the changes in the Government Gazette. This change will be implemented for the 2017 local government elections being held in October 2017.

#### **4WDL Meeting**

The Shire President and myself attended the 4WDL meeting held on Tuesday 9 May in Dumbleyung.

The 4WDL is a group of Councils who have joined together to form a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (i.e. VROC) and consists of the Shires of Wagin, Williams, West Arthur, Woodanilling, Dumbleyung and Lake Grace. Shire Presidents and CEOs attend the meetings every two months.

The May meeting included presentations from Graham Cooper, Chair of Regional Development Australia (RDA) Wheatbelt, MRWA Acting Regional Manager Rob Barnsley and DFES Great Southern Superintendent Wayne Green. The opportunity to ask questions of the presenters prompted discussion, with a lot of information being shared across a wide range of topics of importance.

Topics discussed on the day included:

- Commodity Routes road funding and the fact that there is funding for national and state roads but none for local government roads;
- WANDRRA submissions, claims and the approval process;
- Albany Highway / Arthur River intersection modifications;
- Albany Highway Williams River bridge replacement;
- Upcoming bushfire season and the need for DFES to keep local volunteers engaged in bushfire events;
- 4WDL Aged Housing Progress Report; and,
- Current issues around the recent Corruption and Crime Commission's (CCC) statement to the media regarding the Shire of Exmouth and the suggested mismanagement in local government in regional areas.

*CEO's Corner continued*

## Lake King Sports Ground Upgrades

Congratulations to the Lake King community on their initiative, planning and hard work over the last couple of years in making major improvements to the Lake King Sportsground.

The results of their efforts were on show for the first time on Saturday with the first home game for the winter sports season was held. The multipurpose court resurfacing, the Sports Pavilion enclosed patio addition and the refurbished kitchen area, are recent projects all undertaken by the Lakes Winter Sports Committee under the umbrella of the Lake King Progress Association. Funding was sourced through various avenues with matching funding being provided by the community.

These projects can only come about with a lot of hard work and effort by the community, the upgraded sports facilities are a credit to those involved and will benefit the community for many years to come. Well done Lake King.

## Building and Maintenance Team

Works are continuing on the Lake Grace Independent Living units:

- Unit 2 – gyprock flushing nearing completion;
- Unit 3 – gyprock fixing commenced; and
- External trims continuing on all units.

Maintenance requests completed over the past fortnight:

- Newdegate Sports Pavilion;
- Newdegate Medical Centre; and
- Lake Grace airstrip.

## Road Works

During the past fortnight the Construction Crew have completed works on Hatters Hill Road. The team has now moved onto Magenta Road to lift the level of the road where the flood damage occurred. Lifting the road level is attempting to mitigate future flooding of the road section during the coming winter period. When complete the team will be then moving onto Parsons Road to finish off the floodway.

The Maintenance Grader has been working on Fourteen Mile Road, Bairstow Road and Pelham Road. The grader will be then moving onto Argent Road, McNamara Road and North Burngup Road.

The Newdegate grader contractor has been working on Ardler Road, Magenta Road and will be moving on to Whurr Road, Biddy Camm Road, Haigh Road and Shalders Road.

The Lake King grader contractor has been working on Muncaster Road, Ladyman Road, Smerdon Road and Kathleen Road.

## Parks and Gardens

The team have been working on the playgrounds in Lake Grace and have carried out works at the Lake Grace cemetery. Trimming of the street trees and spraying laneways has been carried out. Footpaths and the BBQ area on the main street in Lake Grace have been tidied up.

*Denise Gobbart*  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## Licensing

The Shire's staff will be unable to process licensing transactions on

**Tuesday 20 June, 2017**

due to staff attending training. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

**3:00 pm Wednesday, 28 June 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.



Seeding is a time to watch the sunrise and sunsets. Share your a wide shot of a sunrise, sunset, or sports grounds on the Shire pages banner, by sending them to [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.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.

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## Driving Assessor

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

**Friday - 2 June 2017**

**Friday - 7 July 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](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 30 May 2017**

**Tuesday 13 June 2017**

For an appointment contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

## Environmental Health Officer

Barry Smith the Shire's Environmental Health Officer, is available. Please contact the Shire on 9890 2500 or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto: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
29 May	5 June
12 June	19 June

**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.*



**Check out our website**  
[www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

## Bushfire Officers 2017/2018

**Chief Bush Fire Control Officer**  
Brad Watson

**Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers**  
Lake Grace Doug Dunham  
Newdegate Wes Hall  
Lake King Richard Metcalf

**Fire Weather Officers**  
Lake Grace Brad Watson  
Newdegate Wes Hall  
Varley Steven Davies  
Mt Madden Lindsay Brownley  
Lake King Richard Metcalf  
Shire of Lake Grace CESM

**Deputy Fire Weather Officers**  
Lake Grace Doug Dunham  
Newdegate Ian Lloyd  
Bill Lloyd  
Varley Craig Newman  
Lake King Hugh Roberts  
Mt Madden Bernie Giles

**Harvest Ban – CBH Advisory Officers**  
Mt Madden Lindsay Brownley  
Lake King Jason Sugg  
Varley Steven Davies  
Newdegate Bill Lloyd  
Buniche Tim Lloyd  
Lake Grace Scott Strevett  
Kuender Terry Smith  
Dunn Rock Bernie Giles  
Shire of Lake Grace CESM

### Fire Control Officers

**Fire Permit Issuing FCO's with Two Way Radios**  
**North Lake Grace**

Doug Dunham  
Brad Watson  
Leon Morgan  
Glen Willcocks  
Evan Wyatt  
Greg Carruthers

**South Lake Grace**

Scott Strevett  
Kevin Naisbitt

**North Newdegate**

Barry Ness  
Ron Shalders  
Craig Shalders  
Ian Lloyd  
Bill Lloyd  
John Dunkeld  
Tim Lloyd

**South Newdegate**

Greg Dunkeld  
Pete Walker  
Geoff Cugley  
Matt Cugley  
Simon Cugley  
Wes Hall  
Peter Kennedy  
Syd Walker  
Geoff Richardson

**Lake King/Varley**  
Ben Hyde  
Jason Sugg  
Arthur Sugg  
Jorg Brinkmann  
Craig Newman  
Steven Davies  
Richard Metcalf  
Hugh Roberts

**Mt Madden/Dunn Rock**  
Bernie Giles  
David Roberts  
Lindsay Brownley  
Peter Newman  
Rhys De Landgraft

**Newdegate Town**  
**Lake Grace Town**  
**Lake King Town**  
**Varley Town**  
David Tonkin  
Reid Stubberfield  
Lawrie Dickins  
Ben Hyde

**Shire of Lake Grace**  
John Zurnamer  
CESM

**Non Permit Issuing FCO's without Two Way Radio**  
North Lake Grace Ross Chappell

### DUAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS FOR THE SHIRE OF LAKE GRACE

Representatives from the Shire of Lake Grace appointed as Dual Fire Control Officers for the following Shires for the 2017/2018 Bush Fire Season:

Ravensthorpe	Matt Cugley
	Simon Cugley
	Bernie Giles
Kondinin	Hugh Roberts
Kulin	Doug Dunham
	Evan Wyatt
	Steven Davies
Dumblebung	Kevin Naisbitt
	Leon Morgan
Kent	Leon Morgan
	Brad Watson
Esperance	Richard Metcalf
	Pete Newman

The following are able to issue clover and proclaimed plant burning permits during the 2017/2018 season in conjunction with the closest available Fire Control Officer to the person making the application:

- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer;
- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers;
- Chief Executive Officer; and,
- Community Emergency Services Manager.

The following are able to supply information relating to harvest bans for general radio broadcasting during the 2017/2018 season:

- Chief Executive Officer;
- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer;
- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers; and,
- Community Emergency Services Manager

# Kookoo Kookaburra colouring competition



To enter bring your completed coloured picture to the Kookoo Kookaburra Show

**Friday 26 May 5pm at the  
Lake Grace Shire Hall.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_