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CEO's Corner

Flooding Event – February 2017

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

We are now in the first steps of engaging a Project Manager. This position will be sourced from the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) preferred supplier panel. After which, the Project Manager will then call the required tenders on behalf of the Shire for Supervision Services, Plant, Equipment and Materials as required.

These tendering processes are required to ensure we are compliant with the provisions of the Local Government Act. It is estimated that the timeframe to undertake these processes is a minimum of six weeks.

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.

AGRN 743 Category C Recovery Grants

Primary producers that have suffered direct damage as a result of the flooding in the Shire's of Lake Grace and Ravensthorpe, are eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000 and for those in the City of Swan the grant is up to \$25,000. This grant is to cover costs incurred for the clean-up and immediate restoration as a result of the damage. The grants will not cover loss of income.

This assistance is managed by the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA). All claims for Category C Recovery Grants must be lodged with DAFWA before 4 December 2017. Claims which are incomplete or are lodged after this date will not be accepted.

Further information including the online application process is available at <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/emergency-response/wa-natural-disaster-relief-and-recovery-arrangements> or by calling 1800 198 231.

Local Government Vehicle Licensing Concession

Good news, on Tuesday 28 June the Upper House voted to reverse the decision made last year by the former Government to remove the Local Government vehicle licensing concession. The removal of this concession would have had an estimated impact of \$73,000 per annum to the Shire of Lake Grace.

We appreciate the efforts of MLC Rick Mazza for taking up the cause and lodging a Disallowance Motion, to have the previous decision overturned. The reversal of this decision has a \$10.7m impact of lost revenue for the State Government; it is possible that these funds could be recovered by cuts to local road funding.

Staffing

Our Executive Officer, Jeanette Bennett finished work on Thursday 29 June, after 16 years of service and will be moving to Queensland to fulfil her love of patchwork.

Mr Bob Palmer will be retiring on Friday 28 July after 10 years of service as an employee for the Shire. Bob is currently on annual leave for a fortnight, before returning to put his finishing touches to the workshop.

On behalf of the Shire and the community, I would like to thank you both for the contributions they have made over the years and offer our best wishes to you and your families.



Above: Shire President Jeanette De Landgraff presented Jeanette with a farewell gift from Shire Councillors and staff.

Our Manager Infrastructure Services Mr Paul Webb has tendered his resignation from the position. Paul will serve out the three month notice in line with his contract, during this time we will commence a new recruitment process.

CEO's Corner continued

Ordinary Council Meeting – Wednesday 28 June 2017

Items of business considered by Council at the meeting included:

- Development approval for a proposed storage yard (Lime Sand) on Lot 11 Kulin-Lake Grace Road, Lake Grace subject to conditions and advice notes.
- Development approval for additions to existing winery on Lot 97 Kulin-Lake Grace Road, North Lake Grace (Walkers Hill Vineyard) subject to conditions and advice notes.
- Reimbursement for works carried out to drain Magenta Road.
- Adoption of the Shire of Lake Grace Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027.
- Approved naming of the new access road for Dewar Street Light Industrial Subdivision as Boulton Street.
- Authorised delegations of powers to the Chief Executive Officer and the Delegations Register.
- Approved donation of \$2,000 to Southern Agcare in recognition of the tough seasonal conditions endured by the Shire of Lake Grace community.
- Approved the disposal of the Mercedes Benz Truck.

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

Central Country Zone Meeting

The Shire President and I attended the Central Country Zone meeting on Friday 23 June in Pingelly. Some topics up for discussion were:

- Road Safety Commission presentation.
- Review of Small Businesses with the Wheatbelt – Juliet Grist, Executive Officer Wheatbelt Regional Development Australia.
- Review of the Local Government Act and Regulations.
- State wide ban single use plastic bags.

Building and Maintenance Team

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

- Fencing has commenced and is 60% complete;
- Crossovers have been completed and paving has commenced;
- Kitchens have been installed including robes, cupboards and vanities;
- Tiling and screeds has commenced on all units;
- Skirtings, architraves and door frames are being installed;
- Internal painting is underway with ceiling painting commencing shortly.

Building Maintenance has been carried out for:

- Newdegate Adult Gym - Concrete slabs have been poured;
- Shire Administration Building - New doorway being installed for the server room; and,
- Lake Grace Playgroup - air-conditioner replaced.

Maintenance requests completed over the past fortnight were:

- Varley Public Toilet;
- Newdegate Hall;
- Lake Grace Medical Centre;
- Lake Grace Airstrip; and,
- Lake Grace Cemetery.

Road Works

During the past fortnight the Construction Crew continue to work on Hatters Hill Road for gravel carting, water binding and trimming of surface. Culvert pipes and headwalls will be installed next week and then guide posts will follow after.

The Maintenance Grader has been working on West Kuender Road and will then be moving on to White Dam Road.

The Newdegate Grading contractor has been working along Aylmore Road, Jensen Road, Edwards Road, Witham Road and Wield Road. They will then move on to Mallee Hill Road, Hollands Track Road and Beynon Road.

The Lake King Grading contractor has been working on Winchcombe Road, Holt Rock South Road, Strawbridge Road and Hickory Road. They will then move on to Pickernell Road, Ace Road and Hogan Road. The contractor is currently carrying out works on Varley South Road.

Parks and Gardens

The town maintenance team have been carrying out works on the Main Street and playgrounds within the Lake Grace townsite. The team have sprayed weeds around the sewerage ponds. Slashing has been carried out on the open areas around the Lake Grace townsite.

The town maintenance team headed to Varley on 28 June to carry out works in the townsite, sportsground and gardens at the pavilion and cemetery. The team then headed to Pingaring on Friday 30 June to carry out works around the sportsground and tennis courts.

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Half Price July

Dog registration renewals are forwarded to registered dog owners in October each year.

1 year and 3 year dog registrations expire 31 October regardless of the month your dog is registered.

Register your dog from 1 June to 31 October, the fee payable is **half the normal price** as the registration will expire on the 31 October of that same year.



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 11 July 2017

Tuesday 25 July 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
10 July	17 July
24 July	31 July

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

School Holidays

OPEN Tuesday & Thursday 9:00-12:30 - 1:00-5:00

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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