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CEO's Corner



Opening of the Lake Grace Independent Living Units

The official opening of the Independent Living Units (ILUs) was held on Thursday 14 December with Peter Rundle MLA officiating at the unveiling of the plaque together with our Shire President Jeanette De Landgraft.



Above: President Jeanette De Landgraft and Peter Rundle MLA officiating at the unveiling of the plaque.



Above: Cutting of the ribbon Shire CEO Peter Rundle MLA and President Jeanette De Landgraft

The opening was well attended by locals and fellow 4WDL Shires CEOs and Shire Presidents all wishing to see the end result. The Shire's building team must be congratulated for their valuable contribution during the construction of the ILUs. Along with our local contractors they have delivered a quality outcome for our community. The feedback on the day was very positive, well done to all involved.

School Concerts & Award Presentations

On Tuesday 12 December and Wednesday 13 December, I attended the Newdegate Primary School and Lake King Primary School Christmas Concerts. The students in both communities certainly entertained the all in attendance. By all reports all Schools Concerts were well attended and the students and teachers gave their respective communities a wonderful evening of entertainment.

Congratulations to all the students who received certificates and awards, these are great achievements to cap your school year.

Thanks to our teachers for the contribution you have made to your respective communities throughout the year. For those that are leaving we wish them well, with a reminder they are always welcome to return at any time.

Christmas and New Year

Please be reminded that the Shire office will be closed over this period, staff will be available in the event of any emergency situation to attend the office. The office will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2017.

I will be taking leave in January, during this time Ms Linda Gray has been appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer. Both Linda and Dave Holland Manager Infrastructure Services will be available in January to address any matters that may arise.

Councillors and Staff wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas, and look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

Flooding Event – February 2017

Over the past weeks the contractors have started on priority roads and bus routes within their sections, this will continue up until Thursday 21 December then commence the Christmas break, with the crews expected to return to work in the New Year on Monday 8 January.

CEO Corner Cont.

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

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.

80km Road Restrictions

With harvest in full swing we would remind all road users to exercise extreme caution on our road network. Many useable roads are still subject to damage including shoulder scouring, soft edges with single lane use only.

All vehicles greater than 4.5 tonnes are restricted to a maximum speed of 80 km/hr on all gravel roads within the Shire from 1 November to 31 December 2017 inclusive.

Road Works

During the past fortnight the construction crew have completed White Dam Road, Burns Road guide posts, Webb Road re-sheeting, Benyon Road floodway clearing, Magenta and Holt Rock Road by-passes for culverts to be installed and the culverts at the winery on Burns Road.

The construction crew will be starting the replacing culverts on Magenta Road and Holt Rock Road on return to work after the New Year. With construction works expected to commence late January/February on Magenta Road in preparation for the sealing of a further 3km from the existing seal. The remaining 4km unsealed section of Holt Rock Road will also be completed with a combination of Shire staff and contractors.

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader operator has now returned to the grading, in the time he has been out he has completed various roads not affected by the flooding event.

The Lake King grading contractor has in the past fortnight has been busy with preparing for WANDRRA Flood Damage Works however will be commencing to grade Hogan Road, Norseman Road, Biddy Camm Road and Kathleen Road in the near future.

The Newdegate grading contractor, over the past

Christmas Trading Hours

All traders have a right to exercise individual discretion whether to open or not during the proposed Christmas/New Year trading extension (Monday 4 December 2017 until Monday 1 January 2018 inclusive) as listed below.

8.00 am to 9.00 pm	-	Monday to Friday
8.00 am to 5.00 pm	-	Saturday
11.00 am to 5.00 pm	-	Sundays and public holidays
Christmas Day	-	Closed

fortnight has graded Old Ravensthorpe Road and Taylor Road. They are now working on the WANDRRA Flood Damage Works on Biddy Camm and Whurr 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 townsite. The crew have been to the cemetery, Apex Park and entry statements to carry out general garden maintenance. Maintenance at the town oval and medical centre has been carried out.

The team has travelled out to Lake King and Varley to carry out general town maintenance such as mowing, weeding and spraying to public spaces, the Lake King Sports Pavilion and general maintenance at the Lake King cemetery. They have also been helping out in in all towns doing various jobs that have come in from customer requests.

Building and Maintenance Team

This fortnight, Wayne Trawinski, the Shire's Building and Maintenance Supervisor reports that the team have been tiling at the Lake Grace Sports Pavilion with grouting to commence next week.

Other maintenance completed over the past fortnight:

- Varley Public Toilets; and,
- Distributed ashes to the Lake Grace Cemetery.

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Caltrop in Townsites

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.



Office Opening Hours

The shire office will be closed from Monday 25 December and reopen Tuesday 2 January 2018.

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 - 5 January 2018

Friday - 2 February 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.

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 9 January 2018

Tuesday 23 January 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.

Tip Opening Hours

Lake Grace

Monday **Closed Christmas Day** 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
25 December	1 January 2018
8 January 2018	15 January 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 Holiday Hours

Lake King Library - Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Rd

Tuesday 19 December - Closed
Thursday 21 December - Open
Tuesday 26 December & Thursday 4 January - Closed

Tuesday 9th January 2018 - Open 8.30-1.30
Tuesday 16th January 2018 - Open 8.30-1.30
Thursday 25th January 2018 - Open 8.30-3.30

Back to School - Tuesday 30 January 2018 - Closed
Thursday 1 February Open 8.30-3.30

Lake Grace Public Library - School Place Absolon St
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



Check out our Facebook page

Everyone welcome

Bushfire Season

Stay Informed During a Bushfire

Take these **4 easy steps** to stay informed during bushfires and emergencies near you:

Step 1. Get connected: connected communities are safer communities.

Step 2. Stay alert: if you can see or smell a bushfire that's your warning.

Step 3. Monitor Official Warnings: sign up now to get notified of bushfire warnings on social media and via apps through:

www.emergency.wa.gov.au

www.twitter.com/dfes_wa

www.facebook.com/dfeswa

ABC local radio or 6PR emergency bulletins

Third party apps: Emergency AUS, WALGA'S LocalEye, Parks and Wildlife Service Alerts and National Bushfires

Step 4. Keep your phone details up to date: a telephone warning can be sent to your mobile phone or landline in extreme circumstances.

Want to know today's Fire Danger Ratings for your area? Visit: www.emergency.wa.gov.au/#firedangerratings

Harvest Bans Zones

All fire zones in the Shire of Lake Grace will be on Channel 11 in an event of a fire.

- When a fire occurs on a property in a zone a *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* will be imposed for the whole zone until the fire is deemed safe, and the *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* is lifted.
- When a fire occurs on a property neighbouring a zone boundary both zones will have a *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* imposed until the fire is deemed safe, and the *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* is lifted.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban SMS:

To register for sms regarding Harvest Bans please contact the Shire of Lake Grace on (08) 9890 2500.

Please Note: Do not reply to the *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* notification SMS message.

Metcalfe Kristy, our deepest Sympathy to Richard, Ruth, Sam and Jody Metcalfe.

Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.



*Shire of Lake Grace Volunteer
Bush Fire Brigades*

Shire Christmas & New Year Opening Hours



The Shire of Lake Grace Office will be closed from Saturday 23 December 2017 and re-open Tuesday 2 January 2018 at 8:30am.

Monday 25 December 2017Office Closed
 Tuesday 26 December 2017Office Closed
 Wednesday 27 December 2017.....Office Closed

Thursday 28 December 2017.....Office Closed
 Friday 29 December 2017.....Office Closed
 Monday 1 January 2018.....Office Closed

Please Note:

Licensing services will not be available during this time. Licensing renewals and transactions can be made by mail or via the internet at www.transport.wa.gov.au.
For help or information call 13 11 56

Waste Pickup Days over Christmas and New Year will remain as normal.

Monday 25 December 2017
Monday 1 January 2018

Emergency Contacts

0448 089 092 (Works) 0429 404 852 (General)

Shire Operations will close during the festival period from Saturday 23 December 2017 until Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Staff will be on hand to manage watering of gardens etc and be on call to answer any emergency request. Any request will be inspected and any major works required will be scheduled to be undertaken in the New Year.

CESM contact : 0436 668 242

Christmas Lake Grace and Newdegate Tip Times

Lake Grace

Monday 25 December 2017.....Closed
All other days will remain the same.
Monday 9am - 2pm
Wednesday 9am - 2pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

Newdegate

Will be open on the usual days
Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm





Australia Day

Friday 26 January 2018



Lake Grace

Hosted by: Lake Grace Lions Club

When: Friday 26 January 2018

Where: Lake Grace Swimming Pool

Time: 7:30am

Details: Free BBQ breakfast BYO plates, cutlery & mugs.

Australian Citizenship Ceremony

Presentation of Australia Day Citizenship Awards

Australian Citizenship Affirmation



Newdegate

Hosted by: Gateway Uniting Church

When: Friday 26 January 2018

Where: Pioneer Park

Time: 8:30am

Details: Free BBQ breakfast with live music

Presentation of Australia Day Citizenship Awards

Australian Citizenship Affirmation

Lake King

Hosted by: Lake King Progress Association

When: Friday 26 January 2018

Where: Bicentennial Park, behind the Tavern

Time: 12 noon

Details: Free BBQ

Presentation of Australia Day Citizenship Awards

Australian Citizenship Affirmation





Public Notice

2018 COUNCIL MEETINGS

In accordance with section 5.25(g) of the Local Government Act 1995, residents of the Shire of Lake Grace are advised of the following Council Meeting arrangements for 2018.

Date	Time	Place
January 2018	N/A	N/A (annual break)
28 February 2018	3.00 pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
28 March 2018	3.00 pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
18 April 2018	3.00 pm	Council Chambers Lake Grace
23 May 2018	3.00 pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
27 June 2018	3.00 pm	Council Chambers Lake Grace
25 July 2018	3.00 pm	Council Chambers Lake Grace
22 August 2018	3.00 pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
26 September 2018	3.00 pm	Council Chambers Lake Grace
17 October 2018	3.00 pm	Council Chambers Lake Grace
28 November 2018	3.00 pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
19 December 2018	1.00 pm	Council Chambers Lake Grace

Council meetings are open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend to ask questions and make comment relating to Shire activities.

A minimum of fifteen (15) minutes is allowed at the beginning of each meeting for questions from the public.

The Council Agenda is available prior to the meeting and can be viewed on the Shire website: www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Minutes of Council Meetings are available at the Shire Office on request and can be viewed on the Shire website at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Contact Tash McHugh at the Shire Office for more information ph. 9890 2500.

Denise Gobbart

Chief Executive Officer



Public Notice

It is notified that as per s38(2A) of the *Bushfires Act 1954*, Mr Mike Barnes (Community Emergency Services Manager) is appointed for the Shire of Lake Grace for the 2017/18 Bush Fire Season as:

- Bush Fire Control Officer (Permit Issuing);
- Fire Weather Officer;
- Clover and Proclaimed Plant Burning Permit Officer; and,
- Dual Bush Fire Control Officer for the Shires of Ravensthorpe, Kondinin, Kulin, Dumbleyung, Kent and Esperance.

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