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# CEO's Corner



#### **New St John Ambulance Sub Centre**

It is good to see that the St John Ambulance facility on Stubbs St Lake Grace is underway with the commencement of earthworks. We look forward to seeing this great facility develop over the coming months.

A huge congratulations to all involved in the project and to the other organisations in the Shire that have provided financial support. It is a great example of the 'can do' approach and what a community can achieve by working together.

# Newdegate Independent Living Units & the Regional Housing Project

Newdegate's independent living units project is due for completion by the 15th April 2016 with landscaping and site clean-up currently underway.

On completion, Shire staff will be undertaking a building evaluation against a checklist to ensure the buildings comply with 'liveable housing' desired guidelines, which have been used across the seven shires involved in the regional housing project.

The Shire is seeking expressions of interest from locals interested in taking up residence in the new units. Please contact Manager Community Services, Lee Holben at the Shire on 9890 2500 or the Great Southern Community Housing Association on 9845 9697.

#### **Newdegate Lesser Hall Upgrade**

The Newdegate Lesser Hall Upgrade is also due for completion this month with some painting and fixtures to be finalised.

The Newdegate Rejuvenation Project Committee is looking at alternative exterior finishes for those areas of the Lesser Hall which were to be cement rendered. Options include steel cladding similar to the units or painted hardiplex panels.

#### Wheatbelt Conference in Narrogin

On Thursday 8th and Friday 9th April the Shire President, Cr Jeanette De Landgraftt and the CEO attended the Wheatbelt Conference which was held in Narrogin. It was a joint meeting of WA Local Government Association Zones within the Wheatbelt region and well attended by some 100 delegates. The focus for the conference was 'innovation' and 'thinking smart for sustainability' with keynote speaker Gus Balbontin, Lonely Planet's former Executive Director challenging delegates to get out of their comfort zone and do some rethinking.

#### **MRWA Heavy Vehicle Inspectors**

Following a recent visit by MRWA heavy vehicle inspectors to the Lake Grace townsite, the Shire is working with local transport operators to address issues of 'right of access' for their heavy vehicles. This will ensure continued access to their business premises to allow the delivery of goods for local business.

#### **Caltrop Reminder**

A reminder to residents to keep on the look-out for caltrop plants. The Shire has recently sprayed Padley Park and the area around the Dewar St recycling yard and encourages all residents to either spray or remove caltrop in and around their property.

Please do not put them into your rubbish bin as this will contaminate our waste facility and neighbouring farmlands. To dispose of any removed caltrop plants please put them into a marked plastic bag and either burn them safely of take them to the Shire Depot on Absolon St where there is a specially marked wheelie bin located just outside the main gates.

Neville Hale



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# **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.

## **Licensing Opening Hours**

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30am - 4.15pm Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

# **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 weekly and collected each Monday for Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

Recycling is fortnightly and alternates between Lake Grace & Newdegate. See below for the upcoming recycling collection dates.

Lake Grace	Newdegate
18 April	25 April
2 May	9 May

**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.



Check out our website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

## **Driving Assessor**

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

Friday - 6 May 2016

Friday - 3 June 2016 to be confirmed

Please contact the Shire's Customer Service Officer for an appointment.

You can now book your PDA online. For more information visit www.transport.wa.gov.au

# **Building Surveyor**

Shire Building Surveyor, Josiah Farrell will be available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

Tuesday 19 April 2016

Tuesday 3 May 2016

To make an appointment please contact Josiah on 20438 811 944.

## **Environmental Health Officer**

Environmental Health Office, Lauren Pitman will be available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

Wednesday & Thursday 13 & 14 April 2016

Wednesday & Thursday 27 & 28 April 2016

# **Ordinary Council Meeting**

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

3:00 pm Wednesday 27 April 2016 Location: 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.



Check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace

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### **Australian Heritage Week**

**Discovery & Rediscoveries** is the 2016 National Trust Heritage Festival theme.

The Lake Grace Regional Artspace as part of the Australian Heritage Week has a window display of the history of the John Holland Track from John Holland's walk in 1892, until today and how people can experience it now.

Come along and learn something new about our past at the Regional Artspace until the end May. Thank you to the **Newdegate Hainsworth Heritage Committee** for their support.



## Wandering Dogs & Dog Pooping

There has been an increase of wandering dogs around town without their owner or a lead.

While walking your dog:

 Always carry a plastic or biodegradable bag, trowel or pooper scooper with you to pick up their 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.
- Dispose of your bags in litter bins, or in your bin at home.
- People like dogs not dog waste, please be considerate of others.

# FAMILY FUN DAY



WHEN: Sunday 12th June

WHERE: Visitor Centre Lawn Area Stubbs Street Lake Grace

TIME: 11:30am—3:00pm

Lake Grace Visitor Centre is looking for individual and/or community groups interested in participating in Lake Grace's very own Family Fun Day.

Food, show bags, stalls, activities and entertainment are some ways groups can be involved in this new community event

Register your interest with Elle Atwell at the Lake Grace Visitor Centre \$\infty 9865 2140 or email | Igvisitorscentre@westnet.com.au