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CEO's Corner



We are quickly approaching the end of financial year with many tasks still to be addressed.

Our road programme has a number of outstanding projects, mainly due to an additional \$700,000 of Roads to Recovery monies being made available by the Commonwealth Government. This is good news for a Shire such as Lake Grace that is dependent on its significant road network.

Staff are currently reviewing the current budget provisions to ensure as many jobs as possible are competed.

This raises the prospect of next year's budget which is now being prepared. If you or your local community organisation have a project for budget consideration, please let us know the details ie cost, local funding options, timelines etc.

Lake Grace / Newdegate Medical Practice

Over the past few weeks, Dr Lochner has opened the practice on a Saturday to coincide with local football games, hockey etc. This has proven to be well received by locals. Congratulations to Dr Lochner for his initiative which has helped many who could not normally attend the practice during the week.

Council Meeting Update

At its 27 April 2016 Ordinary Meeting, Council:

- Approved a planning application for a proposed new single dwelling on Lot 220 (19) Wattle Drive, Lake Grace, subject to conditions;
- Agreed to support the development of a revised Mosquito Management Plan and consider in its 2016/17 budget deliberations the purchase of a new vehicle mounted "fogger";
- Agreed to make an offer to the Executors of the Estate of Mr James Carruthers to finalise the purchase of Lot 1 South Street, Lake Grace which has been a long outstanding transaction for land acquired for the construction of the drainage facility

that has occupied the land for some 40 plus years;

- Authorised unbudgeted expenditure of \$2,847 to finance the purchase and fitting of a "roobar" to the Doctor's Shire provided vehicle;
- Agreed to donate surplus computer tablets – HP Elite Pads, to the Lake King Primary School; and,
- Endorsed the appointment of Ms Anne Rintoul as the Newdegate Community Development Association representative to the Shire's Newdegate Rejuvenation Committee.

Independent Living Units and Lesser Hall – Newdegate

The official opening of the Units and Lesser Hall upgrade was held on Wednesday, 4 May 2016 with Tuck Waldron officiating at the unveiling of the plaque together with Shire President Jeanette De Landgraft. Local students also participated in cutting ribbons to each of the Units.

The opening was well attended by locals and fellow 4WDL Shires all wishing to see the end result after some months of uncertainty and fluctuating expectations. The Shire's building team and local contractors have done a great job in delivering a quality outcome that received positive comments from those in attendance.

Notwithstanding, there remains some minor final touches to be completed mainly in regard to services such as power and water and other issues raised will be discussed at next week's Newdegate Rejuvenation Committee meeting. The Shire held the official opening of these facilities on Wednesday, 4 May 2016 (See featured story).

Independent Living Units (ILU's) – Lake Grace

With completion of the four (4) Newdegate ILU's, this brings to seven (7) the total of such accommodation constructed in the Shire over the past three years. The Shire has laid the sand pad for a further three (3) ILU's to be constructed on Lot 107 Bennett Street, Lake Grace, with construction to start within weeks.

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Overall the Shire will have ten ILU's to meet the needs of its "well aged" residents. I have been asked what "well aged" means and it is not as some have mischievously suggested, the very old; but rather "aging and in good health" that can be independent for some years to come.

I would like to extend the Shire's appreciation to the 4WDL Volunteer Organisation of Councils, consisting of Wagin, Williams, West Arthur, Woodanilling and Kent, which together with the Shire of Lake Grace have facilitated some \$15 million of Royalties for Regions investment for forty five (45) independent living units across the seven Shire's. The work of Heidi Cowcher from the Shire of Williams, who has driven the investment applications, finance management and acquittal requirements over these past five years cannot go unmentioned. Thanks Heidi, thanks 4WDL.

Neville Hale

Chief Executive Officer

Office Space Newdegate

There is office space available at the Newdegate Hall with a reception area, office and a small kitchen previous known as the doctor surgery.

Any enquiries please contact Lee Holben

☎ 9890 2500 or

✉ mcms@lakegrace.wa.gov.au



Caltrop in Lake Grace

Residents are reminded to keep on the look-out for caltrop plants.

Please either spray or remove caltrop in and around your 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 or take them to the Shire Depot on Absolon St where there is a specially marked wheelie bin located just outside the main gates.



Photos of Our Shire

Have you noticed the banner on the Shire's Community News page has changed, this will be happening each month. Would you like to see your landscape photo of your area as the Shire banner?

Email your photo to
shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

When there are people in the photo please ensure you have permission from the people who are captured in the photo.



2016 Census

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is preparing to count close to 10 million dwellings and approximately 24 million people in Australia on Census night.

The 2016 Census will be Australia's first Census where more than two thirds of Australia's population (more than 15 million people) are expected to complete the Census online in August 2016.

The Census provides an important snapshot of Australia's people and their housing. It helps estimate Australia's population, which is used to distribute government funds and plan services for your community, including housing, transport, education, industry, hospitals and the environment.

Farwell Max

Max Ratana has recently returned home to his family in New Zealand.



Shire staff and Councillors wish Max well in the future and thank him for the four and half years of service to the Shire communities throughout his employment.





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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
16 May	23 May
30 May	6 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.

Driving Assessor

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

Friday - 3 June 2016

Friday - 1 July 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 17 May 2016

Tuesday 31 May 2016

To make an appointment please contact Josiah on ☎0438 811 944.

Environmental Health Officer

Shire Environmental Health Officer Lauren Pitman is available to contact during the following hours:

Hours: 9am-5pm Wednesday Thursday Friday

To make an appointment please contact Lauren on ☎0427 137 431 or email: eho@corrigin.wa.gov.au

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

3:00 pm Wednesday 25 May 2016

**Location: Newdegate Library Resource Centre ,
Collier St, Newdegate**

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.

Agendas and Minutes available on Shire website



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Newdegate Well Aged Housing Opens

Well-Aged Housing for people over 55 is completed, and ready for tenants in Newdegate.

On Wednesday 4 May 2016 people came to celebrate the opening and the completion of a project which has taken some time. The official portion commenced with Shire President Jeanette De Landgraft welcoming Hon Terry Waldron, Russel Thomson Shire President of Woodanilling, John Cowcher Shire President of Williams and Heidi Cowcher the Administrator and Supervisor of the 4WDL Project.

The 4WDL was founded to “establish and maintain effective communication and consultative mechanisms between the Shires of Dumbleyung, Wagin, West Arthur, Williams, Woodanilling and Lake Grace and their communities, on policy, processes and important issues.

The students from Newdegate Primary School attended the opening and eight students had the privilege of cutting the ribbon simultaneously to each of the units allowing people to view them after the opening.

The homes impressed those who walked through them for their size and finishing touches, which is a tribute to the Shire Building Team and the local Trades

businesses for their hard work and dedication to complete the units in time for the opening. The community appreciates and is aware of the extra time and energy put into the project.

Great Southern Housing Asset Manager, Gary Cross and Tenant Manager Debbie Stone attended the



Above: Shire President Jeanette De Landgraft, Cr. Andrew Walker, Hon Terry Waldron, Shire Deputy President Steve Hunt and Shire CEO Neville Hale



Above: Newdegate residents, Shire staff and Councillors wandered through the units



Above: At the entrance to the Lesser Hall Helen McDonald, Fay Omerod, and Dorothy Reid



Above: Dale and Balyley



Above: Elijah and Fletcher



Above: Niklay and Arianah



Above: Brianna and Taite

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Newdegate Well Aged Housing Opens (Cont)

morning and spoke to a few people interested in moving into the units.

The first uses of the refurbished kitchen was the Newdegate CWA ladies who supplied a delicious morning tea which was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to 4WDL who obtained funding for the units and the refurbishment of the lesser hall from Royalties for Regions, Department of Regional Development, and the Shire of Lake Grace. Also to the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal for funding the furniture purchased for the comfort, care and cheer for Newdegate seniors by the Shire of Lake Grace.



Above: Heidi Cowcher the Administrator of the 4WDL Group with Shire President Jeanette De Landgraft and Cr. Roz Lloyd



Above: Newdegate Primary School Students attended the opening

Wheelie fun family show rolling out across WA

Internationally recognised circus performers will deliver one of the nation's best children circus acts performing in 21 regional Western Australian communities this May and June, including Lake Grace on Tuesday 30 May 2016.

From Paris to New Zealand and China winners of the Best Children's Presentation Award at the 2015 Adelaide Fringe Festival, the Trash Test Dummies will kick off a mammoth regional tour in York, before heading south to Esperance and north to Paraburdoo.

The Trash Test Dummies stars Jamie Bretman, Isaac Salters and Simon Wright are highly skilled circus performers that can trash talk with the best of them. These dexterous dummies take the audience on a journey into their playful imagination inviting us to take a fresh look at the humble household wheelie bin with riotous stunts and an astonishing display of balance, acrobatics, slapstick and juggling.

The *Trash Test Dummies* tour is in huge demand by Western Australian regional communities. It was one of the three most voted shows in Country Arts WA's 2016 Shows on the Go program, a community driven touring program offering regional communities to vote for shows they want to see tour to their town.

The show was in such demand that Country Arts WA was granted additional funding through the State Government's Royalties for Regions Program, the Regional and Remote Touring Fund, to enable Country Arts WA to meet the needs of the 21 venues wanting to present *Trash Test Dummies*.

"This year's Shows on the Go program has been well received throughout regional WA. We have seen more

community organisations, local governments, community resource centres and venues wanting to bring high quality performing arts to their town. We are most grateful to the Royalties for Regions funding in enabling us to bring this work to more people across the state," says Country Arts WA Chief Executive Officer, Jessica Machin.

"Country Arts WA coordinates the tour on behalf of the local presenters who book the show for their town and manages all elements of the tour delivery. This allows the local presenters to focus on getting ready on the ground to present the show, promoting it locally for their community to come together and enjoy a night out".

The Shows on the Go tours are presented by Country Arts WA and Healthway promoting the Mentally Healthy WA campaign message, Act-Belong-Commit.

Healthway's Acting Executive Director, Maree De Lacey said "Healthway is delighted to support the Shows on the Go tour for 2016 to promote the Act-Belong-Commit message".

"Inventive and exciting presentations like Trash Test Dummies give regional families a terrific opportunity to get together, enjoy great shows, and celebrate the power of being part of a community" Ms De Lacey said.

"That's what it means to Act-Belong-Commit, and we're proud to partner with Country Arts WA to encourage country families to join with others for a mentally healthy WA."

For more information on Country Arts WA and the tour visit <http://www.countryartswa.asn.au/current-tours/>

Media Contact – Country Arts WA