



Shire Community News

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Happy New Year and Thank You!

'I would like to start by wishing you all a very happy New Year and I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable stress free break.

Here is hoping for some decent rains this year to replenish much depleted reserves and to provide some relief for farmers and townies alike.

I have been the Acting Chief Executive Officer since just prior to Christmas and will be continuing in this position for the time being.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Shire staff and Councillors for their support during this time and I am very much looking forward to the year ahead.'

Focus Points for the Year:

For the beginning part of this year, our focus will be on:

- The maintenance of water supplies in conjunction with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and the Water Corporation
- Completing or commencing several projects that have been included in this year's budget including; footpath lighting at both the Newdegate and Lake Grace Recreation Grounds, repainting of the Lake Grace Swimming Pool (including some refurbishment of the Kid's Pool), progression of the planning stages for the upgrade to the Newdegate Country Club, the purchase of land for much needed industrial purposes in Lake Grace and finally the installation of the much awaited jumping pillow at Lake King to complete the upgrade to the playground
- Maintenance of parks and gardens throughout the Shire.

Our Infrastructure Services Team will be focusing on:

- Ongoing maintenance of the unsealed roads within the Shire
- Re-sheeting of some unsealed roads within the Shire
- Maintenance on Shire infrastructure

Bush Fires

2019 brought with it some of the worst bushfires the country has ever seen, with nearly every state affected by fires at some stage. In our region alone, we have already seen several fires rip through thousands of hectares of land, which have put our emergency services resources to the test.

So with this in mind, it is important that we are all prepared and ready to act, should a bushfire occur. Bushfires are unpredictable, but having a plan in place may save your life.

The three main questions to consider when putting together your plan are:

- When will you know when to leave?
- Where will you go?
- Which way will you go?

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) offers a fantastic tool on their website to help you and your family with putting together your own Bush Fire Plan. Whether you chose to leave early or stay and defend in the event of a bush fire, their website offers plans and toolkits that could prove vital in a fire.

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/Pages/default.aspx>

It is also important that you familiarise yourself with Bushfire Warning Systems, as these alerts provide information on the severity of bushfires once they have started and reflects the risk to life and property:

Emergency Warning – An out of control fire is approaching very fast. You need to act immediately to survive. If you haven't prepared your home it is too late. You must leave now if it is safe to do so.

Watch and Act – A fire is approaching and is out of control. Put your plan into action. If you plan is to leave, make sure you leave early. Only stay if you are mentally, physically and emotionally prepared to defend your property and you have all the right equipment.

Advice – A fire has started but there is no immediate danger. Stay alert and watch for signs of a fire

You can receive bushfire alerts and warnings at:

Website: www.emergency.wa.gov.au

Phone: 13 33 37 (13 DFES)

Social media: www.twitter.com/dfes_wa or www.facebook.com/dfeswa

ABC Local Radio or 6PR emergency bulletins

Once again, on behalf of the Shire of Lake Grace, I would like to extend our gratitude to our emergency services and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to battle these fires and to keep our communities safe, whilst putting their own lives on the line.

Our thoughts are also with those affected by the horrific fires in New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria.

2020 Australia Day Citizenship Awards

On Sunday 26 January, Australia Day Celebrations were held in Newdegate, Lake King and Lake Grace and I would like to thank all of the community groups and their volunteers for their involvement in the excellent coordination of these events.

As part of the celebrations in Lake Grace and Lake King, Australia Day Citizenship Awards were presented and I would like to

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extend my congratulations to all of the nominees and winners of these awards. Our volunteer and community spirit is second to none and is what makes our Shire such a great place to be.

Staff Changes

We said farewell to our Manager Infrastructure Services, Vanessa Crispe on 24 December 2019.

Vanessa hit the ground running when she joined the Shire back in March 2019, bringing with her a wealth of experience from her previous roles within local government and the mining sector. Vanessa did an excellent job in implementing maintenance programs for both our roads and buildings, as well as building good working relationships with her crew, external suppliers, contractors and our wider community.

On behalf of the Shire of Lake Grace staff and Councillors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vanessa for her fantastic contribution during her time with us and we wish Vanessa every success in her new role with the Shire of Boyup Brook.

Alan George
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday 19 February 2020

Time: 1:30 pm

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.

Save the Date

Dolittle coming to Lake Grace Saturday 7 March

Frozen II coming to Lake King Sunday 8 March

shoWcAse in Pixels



The shoWcAse in Pixels competition formerly known as Banners in the Terrace is one of the State's largest ongoing arts projects.

The format has changed as banner poles in the city were further reduced in number – the artworks are digitally displayed at the Yagan Square 45-metre high tower screen.

46 Local Governments entered the shoWcAse in Pixels competition last year. The WA Local Government Association, WALGA runs the competition as part of its annual Convention at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Shire would like to give a community group the opportunity to design the 2020 shoWcAse in Pixels digital display. Interested groups, please call the Shire on 9890 2500.

The categories are:

- Junior primary school(s) (Pre-primary - Year 3)
- Upper primary school(s) (Year 4 - 6)
- Secondary school(s) (Year 7 - 12)
- Community group(s) / Non-Professional
- Professional / Digital (including digitally designed prints, artist produced banners)

Shire of Lake Grace



PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Meeting of Electors

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Lake Grace is to be held on Wednesday 5 February 2020 at 7.30 pm at Varley Sports Pavilion, Varley WA.

The purpose of the meeting and order of business is:

- To discuss the contents of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2019
- Other General Business

Each elector is entitled to one vote however voting is optional.

Members of the Public who wish to have questions **answered** at this meeting may do so by lodging written submissions with the Chief Executive Officer at the Shire Office PO Box 50, Lake Grace WA 6353 no later than Friday, 31 January 2019.

Please be advised that the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2019 is available and may be obtained by contacting the Shire Office on (08) 9890 2500, collected from the Shire Office at 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace, or from the Shire's website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Shire Infrastructure News

Our infrastructure staff have carried out the following works:

Road Works

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- 14 Mile Road (bad sections)
- Bairstow Road
- Mallee Hill Rd (bad sections)
- O'Neill Rd
- Naisbitt Rd
- Jarring South Road
- Old Lake Grace Road
- Treloar Road

The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Hatters Hill Road
- Muncaster Road
- Long Creek Road
- Mount Madden Road

Shire Maintenance

- Installing new road name signs and general sign maintenance in the Newdegate, Lake King and Varley areas
- Footpath maintenance Lake Grace
- Walk way maintenance Lake Grace Cemetery
- Cleaning up of the Lake Grace Tip
- Maintenance on football oval dams
- Footpath maintenance Newdegate

Parks and Gardens

The Parks and Gardens Crew have carried out the following work:

- Mowing of lawns at Lake Grace Town Hall, Lake Grace Swimming Pool, Lake Grace Visitor Centre, Shire Admin building, Lakes Village, Lake Grace Pavilion and RSL gardens
- Garden maintenance at Lake King and Varley open spaces
- Removal of branches after recent wind events
- Completed many customer requests regarding poor visibility at intersections
- Spraying of ants in public areas
- Mowing of Lake Grace oval

Building

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Install new roof sheeting to the back patio 10a Gumtree Drive
- External painting of 3 Clarke Ave
- Fence repairs from recent storm events
- Make and install new fly screens Newdegate Rec Centre
- Maintenance at the Lake Grace Railway Station public toilets

- Maintenance at Lake Grace Hall toilets
- Install gates at Lake King Playground
- Maintenance Lake King Fire Shed
- Bathroom ceiling repairs to 5 Banksia Place
- Maintenance to 6 Blackbutt Way

Facility Hire

The responsibility of all people, groups, clubs who hire public buildings include:

- Tables and chairs are to be returned to designated storage area.
- All rubbish is to be put into outside sulo bins provided, including rubbish in toilets.
- Ensure all stoves and lights are turned off
- Any damages incurred while hiring facility will be charged to hirer.
- Facility to be left in the same condition as found upon arrival include the floors.

All external doors are locked, this is most important. Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of a facility, however they are not responsible for cleaning up and putting away tables and chairs after a function.

Affiliation fees are set up to help cover some of the costs in maintaining the buildings for the hirer's use which include, but not limited to, general cleaning, water and electricity usage.

Cat Trap

If you are being kept awake at night by singing cats or ones that are fighting please be aware that the Shire has a cat trap available for hire, \$50 bond which will be returned to you upon the return of the cat trap.



Libraries Online

Did you know that library members have access to a state-wide collection of eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines and video streaming, all for free?

By signing in with your library card, members can enjoy BorrowBox for a wide selection of bestselling eAudiobooks and eBooks, while RB Digital offers current and back issues of popular eMagazines.

Kanopy delivers one of the largest collections of indie films, classic cinema, festival and educational documentaries right to your device or compatible TV!

Visit the Shire website in the library tag at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/facilities/libraries/ for more details on how to access and enjoy these free resources during the school holidays.

Community Info

Office Open 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 office, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

Monday, Tuesday & 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 licence applications. With every transaction we perform here, we try to offer the best service possible.

We do ask all licensing customers to be considerate, even though we are aware of people being 'locals' it does not exempt us from following the rules set by the Department of Transport.

Driving Assessor

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

Friday 7 February 2020

Friday 6 March 2020- to be confirmed

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments and we advise booking in advance as there is often a waiting list.

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.

Libraries

Lake Grace Public Library School Place Absolon St
Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm
Closed for lunch 12.30 - 1pm

School Holidays

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

Lake King Library Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Rd
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

Everyone welcome

Environmental Health Officer

For an appointment with the Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Brendon Gerrard. Contact the Shire on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Tip Times

Lake Grace

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 2pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

Newdegate

Wednesday 9am - 1pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

Lake King & Varley

Open every day

Recycling Services

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
3 February 2020	10 February 2020
17 February 2020	24 February 2020

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.

Waste & Recycle Pickup

Recycling bins are collected by Warren Blackwood Waste and transported to a recycling facility.

If non-recyclable items are found within the contents of a recycling bin, it can't be recycled and the load will be directed to landfill.

If a recyclable item is covered in food, it is no longer considered recyclable. Food is one of the worst contaminants in the recycling process so please remember to rinse out cups, cans, jars etc before throwing them in the recycling bin.

By using the yellow top recycling bin correctly you are making a positive contribution to the reduction of rubbish that is directed to landfill facilities each year.



Check out our Facebook

www.facebook.com/shireoflakegrace



Australia Day Recipients 2020

Lake Grace Active Citizenship Award for a Community Event or Group

Nominated by Lake Grace Development Association & Yvette Downey

Lakes Women in Farming Enterprises (WIFE)

The Lakes, Women in Farming Enterprises branch hosted the 2019 WIFE Seminar on Tuesday 17 September which was themed Farming Towards Tomorrow.

The seminar held at the Lake Grace Pavilion attracted 120 women and 4 men from all over the WA's cropping region from Dowerin to Esperance.

ABC Journalist and Presenter Di Darmody was MC, keeping everything running smoothly. Speakers included Belinda Lay, who shared her journey on becoming the first farm in Australia to track the movement of sheep using Sigfox Technology (Fitbit's for sheep).

Cyber security expert Dr David Cook was one of the highlights for the day scaring us all into changing our passwords and disconnecting from Bluetooth.

The panellist session was on 'Farming Communities Produce Resourceful Women' included Tania Bray, Natalie Manton, Jordy Medlen and Fiona Palmer.

Rosemary Bartle, Head of Succession with Rabobank taught practical tips how to communicate in family farming businesses and how to successfully run operational and strategic business meetings.

Lake Grace local, Steve Curtin presented on Farming for Profit which included a comparison between 100% croppers' vs mixed farming enterprises.

The final speaker of the day was Kondinin Farmer and CBH Director Natalie Browning. Natalie shared her leadership story and journey to the board room. Finishing the day off with a powerful message on mindset and staying 'above the line'.

The Event engaged with local businesses, local clubs and local organisations using and highlighting their services and products, prior to and throughout the day.

This event was run by the 20 Women in the local WIFE branch. Women in Farming Enterprises (WIFE) Aims to educate, connect and empower rural women who may not have been brought up in the farming community, through the pooling of knowledge between generations, and sharing of resources.

The event was supported by local nonmembers as well as members from around the region. It was a well-run event coordinated by local women for the benefit of the community.

Active Citizenship Award for a Community Event or Group

Nominated by Lake King Progress Association

Lake King Hall & Playground Renewal

Kate Hetherington, Karen Richardson and Courtney Toland were jointly the key members of this project.

As President of Lake King Playgroup Kate Hetherington along with Courtney Toland project managed the new playground area. The playgroup identified the need to replace the old outdated and damaged play equipment to provide a safer and fun environment for children of all ages and abilities to play, learn and socialise.

It was Kate, along with Karen Richardson, who co-ordinated the renewal of the Lake King Hall to coincide with the renewal of the playground. They organised the much needed painting, flooring and safety measures to make it user friendly, inviting and have the hall available for a greater number of community groups.

Both projects required grants to be applied for and when these were approved, coordination of other funding sources was required to complete the projects.

Kate, Karen and Courtney all showed considerable drive and determination to ensure the continued momentum and completion of both projects.

They gained the support of local groups which has enhanced the sense of community oneness and a feeling of ownership of our town hub for the next generation.

Lake King now has a modern and inviting facility for not only locals but members of the wider community to enjoy. Congratulations to all involved!

Lake Grace Senior Community Citizen of the Year

Nominated by Lake Grace Development Association

Allan Zweck

Allan has been a major contributor to the local paper, the Lakes Link.

One of his major projects has been to research the history of many of all our war service men and woman and then write articles for the Lakes Link. Allan has spent many hours at the Battye Library researching for his articles for information.

Allan's articles have educated the community about the service and sacrifice that many men and woman have made and of the loss to families when men and woman did not return home.

Allan's research has been used at many Anzac Day services and he is always available for advice on the history of any of the wars.



Australia Day Recipients 2020

Lake Grace Community Citizen of the Year

Nominated by Lake Grace Development Association

Paula Carruthers

Paula is a valued member of the Lake Grace community and is involved in many organisations. Her commitment to these organisations is commendable. She spends many hours of her time working for them and nothing is too much trouble.

Paula's office duties are always outstanding.

Paula has been involved in the following organizations which make life living in Lake Grace a pleasure.

- Chairperson of the Lake Grace CRC
- Secretary of the Lake Grace Pingrup Football Club since 2013
- Secretary for the Lake Grace Great Southern Colts Carnival
- Valued Lake Grace St John Ambulance volunteer
- Community Cropping
- Jam Patch Rejuvenation Group
- President of Lake Grace Land Conservation District Committee (LCDC) since 2013

The Lake Grace School has also benefited from Paula's involvement over the years while her children were enrolled at the school.

Paula's knowledge and capability is always sort after by many groups in our community. Paula has carried out her roles in the above organisations in a professional manner which has contributed to them being well organized and a great asset to our community.

We have much pleasure in nominating Paula for Lake Grace Citizen of the year.

Lake King Community Citizen of the Year

Nominated by Lake King Playgroup

Courtney Toland

Courtney has been an outstanding member of the Lake King Community this year. She has volunteered countless hours to project manage the new Lake King Playground, including organising designs, quotes and tradesmen.

Courtney has also spent many, many hours in at the playground doing the manual work of moving soft fall sand, mulch and seeing to the running of the whole project!

Through Courtney's active citizenship the community of Lake King has been able to gain an amazing new playground area.

Courtney has volunteered immeasurable hours of work for the community, through phone calls, emails, research, and many multiple trips to town per week, to oversee and work on the Playground project.

Without Courtney's dedication to our community and her faithful volunteering, we would not be able to have the amazing area we have today!

Congratulations Courtney!