



CEO's Corner

PO Box 50, Lake Grace WA 6353 Ph: (08) 9890 2500
Fax: (08) 9890 2599
Email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au



Water

On Wednesday 4 December 2019, Water Minister Dave Kelly declared a Water Deficiency covering the Ardlor Road area, south of Newdegate and the State Government has started carting water for emergency water supplies for animal welfare needs.

This declaration follows an application from the Shire on behalf of seven farmers in the area and the declaration has been made as a last resort after continued dry conditions.

The declaration will see the State Government cart an estimated 920,000 litres of water each week to a new tank at the Ardlor Road dam site, reducing the distance farmers need to travel to source emergency livestock water. Water will be supplied from a number of sources, including a disused scheme in Newdegate and other areas in Lake Grace. Water carting arrangements are being managed by DWER with support from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the Water Corporation.

This is the second area within the Shire and the fourth water deficiency to be declared in Western Australia this year.

For the full Media Release, please visit: <https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2019/12/Water-deficiency-declared-in-the-Shire-of-Lake-Grace.aspx>

If you are concerned about water supplies in your area, please contact DWER Rural Water Planning on 08 9841 0122

Livestock Farmers - please don't forget to complete the DWER Dry Season Water Survey, which will help assist DWER to manage emergency livestock water and community water supplies during the dry season.

To complete the survey please visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Stock_Water_Dry_Season_Survey

Alternatively, a hard copy of the survey can be obtained from the Shire Office or Lake Grace and Newdegate CRCs.

A downloadable PDF version can also be accessed via the Shire website at: <https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/council/community-information/dry-season-survey-for-livestock-water-supply/>

Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbours as it is extremely important that DWER receive as many completed surveys as possible to ensure they manage our water supplies appropriately.

Updated Strategic Community Water Supplies Maps for the Shire of Lake Grace and the Shire of Kulin, as provided by the DWER, are also now available to download from the Shire website at: <https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/council/community-information/updated-strategic-community-water-supplies-map-is-now-available/>

Hard copies of these maps are available at the Shire office.

Bush Fires – Shire of Lake Grace

Our thanks is extended to all of the volunteers that have responded to attend fires within the Shire over the past fortnight. The fire at Magenta burnt approximately 2,600 hectares with many machine and man hours having been used to contain this fire. Our thanks also to our neighbours in the Shire of Ravensthorpe, who have actively assisted in fighting the fire and catering for the volunteers.

Currently we still have the Frank Hanh Bushfire (47,566 Hectares) in our west, this fire has now joined the Forrestania Bushfire (151,000 Hectares). This fire will now be known as the Forrestania Bushfire, as part of the Lake Hope Bushfire Complex. These fires are being managed from Esperance and involve the Shires of Esperance, Dundas, Lake Grace, Kondinin and Ravensthorpe. Containment lines are continually being extended and it is believed that it will not impact the farmlands in our east.

These fires have certainly extended our resources, the efforts of all involve are sincerely appreciated.

Harvest Festival Late Night Shopping Event

On Thursday 12 December 2019, Lake Grace held its annual Harvest Festival Late Night Shopping event and what a great evening it was. There was a fantastic variety of goods on offer and it was a great opportunity for our locals to grab some last minute Christmas presents. The kids were also kept well entertained by a circus skills workshop, a spectacular fire juggling show and a visit for from the man himself, Santa!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Lake Grace Community Resource Centre and Living Communities for all of the hard work and effort put into creating such a well organised, inclusive and fun event.

Staff Changes

Welcome to Our New Community Emergency Services Manager

On Monday 16 December 2019, Suzan Lees came on board as our newly appointed Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM).

Continued over ..

Shire of Lake Grace Community News *Cont.*

CEO Corner Cont.

Suzan joins us from the City of Albany, where she served as Administration Coordinator Ranger & Emergency Services for the past six years. Suzan has a wealth of experience of working closely with Bushfire brigades, developing and implementing emergency management plans, contributing to community engagement activities relating to bushfire preparedness and providing support to brigades during bushfire incidents.

Suzan will split her time between the Shire of Lake Grace and the Shire of Kent, as Mike Barnes did previously.

We are very excited to have Suzan on-board and are sure that she will be a great asset to the Shire.

Welcome to our New Infrastructure Services Team Members

On Thursday 2 January 2020, we will be welcoming two new staff members to our Infrastructure Services Team.

Rhione Foster – Maintenance Grader Operator

Rhione joins us from the Shire of Cue, where she worked as part of the construction team, operating Graders, Semi Water Carts, Excavators, rollers and side tippers, as well as supervising the team. Rhione has a variety of plant and equipment operation experience following 11 years in the Mining industry. As well as working for the Shire of Cue, Rhione also worked for the Shire of Sandstone, where she was part of the road construction team, which has given Rhione a good understanding of Local Government policies and processes.

Dennis Latter – Plant Operator/General Hand

Dennis will also be joining us from the Shire of Cue, where he was a Plant Operator/Truck Driver. Dennis has a variety of plant operation experience, including Semi Water Carts, side tippers, rollers, loaders and Excavators. Dennis also has strong mechanical experience and knowledge, having been mechanically trained in CAT, which will be a great asset to the team.

We welcome Rhione and Dennis to the community of Lake Grace and we look forward to working with them in the New Year.

Christmas and New Year Office Closure

Please be reminded the Shire Administration Office will be closed from 1.00pm on Tuesday 24 December 2019 and will re-open on Thursday 2 January 2020 at 8.30am.

There will be a small number of staff on call to respond to any emergency requests and to manage the watering of gardens.

Please note that Department of Transport Licencing Services will not be available during this time. Should you require these services, please contact the Department of Transport on 13 11 56 or visit: www.transport.wa.gov.au

Please note that our Practical Driving

Shire of Lake Grace

PUBLIC NOTICE

2020 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 2020.



Date	Time	Place
January 2020	N/A	N/A (annual break)
Wednesday 19 February 2020	1.30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 18 March 2020	1.30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 15 April 2020	1.30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 20 May 2020	1.30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 17 June 2020	1.30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 15 July 2020	1.30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 19 August 2020	1.30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 16 September 2020	1.30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 21 October 2020	1.30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 18 November 2020	1.30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 16 December 2020	1.30pm	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 Cheryl Cavanagh, Executive Assistant at the Shire Office for more information on tel: 9890 2500.

Denise Gobbart

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Lake Grace Community News *Cont.*

CEO Corner Cont.

Assessor will not be conducting any Practical Driving Assessments in Lake Grace in January, but will return in February.

There is also no Ordinary Council Meeting in January and the first Council meeting of 2020 will take place on Wednesday 19 February.

I will be taking leave from 23 December 2019, returning on Monday 28 January 2020. During this time our Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Alan George, will be stepping into the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer. Both Alan and our Manager Infrastructure Services, Vanessa Crispe will be available in January to address any matters that may arise.

On behalf of the Shire of Lake Grace Councillors and Staff, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2020.

Roadworks

Our staff have carried out the following works

- Reshaping Griffin Reward Road
- Relocation of school bus sign from Kathleen Road to Norseman Road
- Continued mounting of new road signs

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Bairstow Road
- Biddy Camm Road
- Brookfield Road
- Fisher Road
- Lake Road
- McGlenn Road
- North Burngup Road
- Pelham Road
- Tommys Dam Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Magenta Road
- Old Ravensthorpe Road
- Taylor Road

The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grader has

carried out grading on:

- Ace Road
- Fitzgerald Road
- Hatters Hill Road
- Long Creek Road

Parks & Gardens

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

Lake King

- Re-installation of reticulation at the Lake King playground behind the tavern
- Clean up and mowing of Lake King ovals, lawn of new playground, tavern and cemetery

Lake Grace

- Spraying of ants at Lake Grace Playgroup and Lakes Village Hall;
- Spraying of weeds in Lake Grace verges, laneways, Main Street and sewerage ponds
- Mowing of Lake Grace ovals
- Dropping of mosquito tablets around Lake Grace town
- Slashing of west/east entrances into Lake Grace, Lake Grace airport, Griffin Street open area and Gumtree Drive park
- Transfer of water from silt trap to Lake Grace sports dams

Varley

- Clean up of Varley public toilets area and hall

Building

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Removal of furniture from 36 Bennett Street
- Installation of kitchen cabinetry, vanity and tiling of 10a Gumtree Drive
- Hanging of Christmas lights
- External painting of 3 Clarke Avenue
- Replaced broken light fixtures at Lake Grace Medical Centre (a few LEDs still require replacement)
- Installed new lock at Newdegate Sports Pavilion
- Installed defibrillator on to external side of Lake Grace Sports Pavilion

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

**The Shire of Lake Grace Office will be closed from
1.00pm on Tuesday 24 December 2019
and will re-open on Thursday 2 January 2020 at 8.30am**

Emergency Contacts

During our office closure, there will be a few staff members on hand to manage watering of gardens etc and to respond to any emergency requests. Should you require emergency assistance, please call:

0460 416 959 or 0448 089 092

Any request will be inspected and any major works required will be scheduled to be undertaken in the New Year.

Waste Pickup Days over Christmas and New Year will remain as normal.
Monday 30 December 2019

Lake Grace & Newdegate Tip will open at their usual times during the Christmas and New Year Period.



Shire of Lake Grace Community News *Cont.*

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.

Driving Assessor

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

January 2020—there will be NO driving Assessor
Friday 7 February 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.

Building Surveyor

Shire Building Surveyor, Elena Bull will be available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

Wednesday 15 January 2020

Libraries

School Holiday Opening Times

Lake Grace Public Library

CLOSED:

23 December 2019 & 3 January 2020.

OPEN:

Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 5pm

Lunch 12.30 - 1pm

Normal hours start from Tuesday 28 January 2020

Newdegate Public Library

Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm

Closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm

Friday 9am - 2pm

Lake King Library

Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

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 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 & Recycle Pickup

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
23 December 2019	30 December 2019
6 January 2020	13 January 2020
20 January 2020	27 January 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.

Recycling Services

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.