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CEO's Corner

Dry July 2019

Congratulations to the members of our Administration team and our Councillors that successfully completed this year's Dry July Challenge! There were a few of us that didn't quite make the full 31 days and owed a little extra to the donations box, but everyone put in a fantastic effort!

As a team we managed to collate a final total of \$2,238.80 in donations, which means we have smashed our target of \$2,000!

Thank you to everyone that donated, I am very proud of the team and their achievements in this challenge.

Same time next year?

Astrotourism

On Monday 05 August 2019, along with Cr Stoffberg, Alan George and Cheryl Chappell, we met with Carol Redford to discuss the Astrotourism Project. Carol is the founder of Astrotourism WA and you may have seen her on your television screens recently, on ABC's Landline, during which a story on the Astrotourism Project was aired.

During our meeting with Carol, we discussed potential viewing sites for star gazing and sites for astrophotography in the Shire. We also discussed the benefits that Astrotourism would bring to each of our towns, including increasing the number of our visitors staying overnight and increased trade for our local

business and services.

So what's next for the project? We will now be conducting further investigation into the preferred sites and their suitability, with Carol making a return visit at night to make a better assessment, as we are keen to ensure we offer the best view available of our beautiful night skies.

Road Safety Council Community Forum – Narrogin

The Road Safety Council is currently seeking community views on road safety, to help inform a new strategy for the State Government to consider. The Council is engaging with the community and stakeholders across WA to ensure the new strategy is based on improvements that are supported by the WA community.

The Road Safety Council is consulting with community in facilitated forums across WA to share information and to understand what you would support in the State's next road safety strategy.

A Community Forum will be held in Narrogin at the Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre:

Event: Narrogin Road Safety Community Forum
Date: Tuesday 3 September 2019
Start: 5:45pm for 6:00pm start – 7:45pm concludes
Location: John Higgins Room, Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre
Address: 50 Clayton Road, Narrogin 6312

REGISTER AT: https://imaginezero.rsc.wa.gov.au/forums/survey_tools/rsvp-for-forums

This is your chance to have your say and to contribute to the development of WA's new road safety strategy.

Staff Changes

Unfortunately we will be bidding farewell to our Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM), Mike Barnes, at the end of August.

Mike has done a fantastic job as our CESM and has been a pleasure to work with. I would like to wish Mike the very best of luck in his new position with the Shire of Plantagenet and thank him for his contribution to the Shire of Lake Grace. Mike can now enjoy quality time with his family.

We are now working with the Shire of Kent and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to recruit Mike's replacement.

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Above : Alan George (Deputy CEO), Cr Peter Stoffberg, Denise Gobbart (CEO) and Carol Redford (Founder, Astrotourism WA) met at the Shire Offices on Monday 5 August 2019.

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Local Government Professionals CEO Connections Forum

On Tuesday 6 August 2019, I attended the Local Government Professionals CEO Connections Forum in Perth. These forums provide an opportunity for Local Government CEOs to come together and share their experiences and insights. The focus for this forum was 'Community Engagement' with a discussion around the trends and common challenges across local governments when it comes to engaging communities.

During the forum, we heard case studies from Stephen Cain, CEO – City of Cockburn and Matthew Scott, CEO – Shire of Esperance, who shared their ups and downs of working with communities. There was also a presentation from Professor Andrew Timming from the University of WA, on the preliminary findings of the UWA CEO Health and Wellbeing survey.

Breakfast with Hon David Templeman MLA, Minister for Local Government, Heritage, Culture and the Arts

On Wednesday 7 August 2019, Shire President Cr Jeanette De Landgraft, Shire Deputy President Cr Steve Hunt and I attended the Breakfast with Hon David Templeman MLA, Minister for Local Government, Heritage, Culture and the Arts event held in Perth, as part of the 2019 Local Government Week.

Given the important role that Local Government plays in all communities and that every role a Local Government is charged with ultimately affects its citizens' wellbeing, the topic for this forum was around the importance of welcoming new talent and knowledge in the local decision-making process.

Strengthening equitable representation in Local Government is inherently a democratic issue, though we should strive towards having local representation that reflects our society.

2019 State & Local Government Forum

Following the Breakfast with Hon David Templeman MLA on Wednesday 7 August, Cr De Landgraft, Cr Hunt and I attended the 2019 State and Local Government Forum.

At this forum there were presentations from:

- Hon David Templeman MLA - Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts
- Hon Dave Kelly MLA - Water; Fisheries; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science
- Hon Stephen Dawson MLC - Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
- Hon Rita Saffioti MLA - Transport; Planning
- Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC - Regional Development; Agriculture and Food

After these presentations we were fortunate enough to be able to meet with the Water Corporation CEO Mr Pat Donovan to discuss our recent experience with Water

Corporation and the issues we are currently fronted with.

We also met with Main Roads WA Managing Director Mr Peter Woronzow to discuss our concerns with the crossroads in Lake Grace. Mr Woronzow has made a commitment to visit Lake Grace with the Regional Manager to see first-hand the issues with this intersection.

2019 WA Local Government Annual General Meeting

On Wednesday 7 August, Cr De Landgraft, Cr Hunt and I attended the WA Local Government Annual General Meeting, as part of WA Local Government week. Items of business discussed at this meeting included:

- Coastal Erosion
- Department of Housing Leasing Residential Property to Charitable Organisations
- Motorist Taxation Revenue and Spending in WA
- Biosecurity Groups (RBGs)
- WALGA Members Support for Waste to Energy
- Membership of Development Assessment Panels
- Third Party Appeal Rights

2019 WA Local Government Convention

From Wednesday 7 – Friday 9 August 2019, Cr De Landgraft, Cr Hunt and I attended the 2019 WA Local Government Convention, held at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre.

The theme for this year's event was 'Renewal Practical' and included an inspiring and exciting line up of guest speakers. Lord Sebastian Coe, President of the International Association of Athletics Federation and Olympic Gold Medallist was this year's opening Keynote Speaker and we also received presentations from Professor Roberta Ryan, Hugh Riminton, Dale Williams ONZM JP, Gary Adshead and Andy Dexterity.

Following the presentations, we participated in a variety of concurrent sessions that covered the following topics: Community Opportunity on Common Ground, Outcomes Measurements and Cultural Infrastructure, Embracing the Future of Transport: Mobility as a Service, Collaboration for Prosperity, Reframing Rural Fire, Integrity and Local Law Making, Government's WARR on Waste, More on Community Engagement, and Social Media and Local Government: How to Balance the Risks and Rewards. The topics were contemporary and sometimes controversial, but provided attendees with the opportunity to converse, debate, and share ideas.

Overall the event was a great success and provided an excellent networking opportunity for myself and our Elected Members that were in attendance.

Roadworks

Our Construction and General Maintenance Staff have carried out the following works:

- Erection of School Bus Signs - Newdegate school bus routes now completed

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- Road patching on Newdegate-Pingrup Road, North Newdegate Road, Lake Biddy Road, Fourteen Mile Road and West Kuender Road
- Nields Road - culverts cleaned out and headwalls replaced
- Magenta Road - floodway stabilised and rock pitching
- Duckworth Road - replacement of a number culverts currently being undertaken

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Goddard Road
- Biddy Camm Road
- Jugos West Road
- Beenong Road
- Burngup North Road
- South Burngup Road
- Duckworth Road

Parks & Gardens

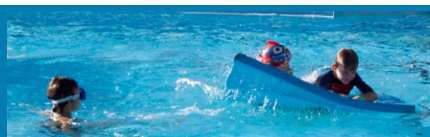
The Parks and Gardens Crew have carried out the following work:

Lake Grace

- Town Street Maintenance - weeding and spraying around the town site, mowing of open spaces along Stubbs Street and verge slashing on Dewar Street and Boulton Road
- Lake Grace Recreation Ground – mowing of hockey oval, cleaning around netball courts and hockey oval and cleaning and blowing around football oval

Lake King

- Town Street Maintenance - spraying of weeds, mowing and whipper snipping around town site
- Clean up of Lake King Tip
- Mowing of the Oval
- Playground Maintenance and Gardening



**Save the Dates
VacSwim
2019/20**

January Program 1, 2020

General information can be found at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/vacswim> with updates shown on the Programs and Locations page.

Lake Grace: Tuesday 31 December 2019 to
Friday 10 January 2020

Newdegate: Tuesday 31 December, 2019 to
Friday 10 January 2020

8 days x 45 minute lessons (no lessons New Years
Day Wednesday 1 January 2020)

Varley

- Spraying of weeds around the town site and road verges

Building

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

Lake Grace

- 14 Blackbutt Way - repairs and replacement of pipes
- Lake Grace Medical Centre, - ventilation to the Blood Room and cleaning of gutters
- Lake Grace Sports Pavilion - repairs to showers, toilets and cleaning of gutters
- Lake Grace Playgroup - drainage repairs and cleaning of gutters
- Lake Grace Daycare - cleaning of gutters
- 3 Clarke Avenue - minor internal repairs and cleaning of gutters

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday 21 August 2019

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.

State Library Online

The school holidays are starting Friday 5 July, 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 and OverDrive 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.

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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.

Please ensure you arrive at the counter with sufficient time for your transaction to be completed by closing time, as it is necessary for staff to reconcile Department of Transport transactions each day. Please keep in mind that farm equipment and Learner's 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 - 6 September

Friday - 4 October - 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:

Tuesday 20 August 2019

Tuesday 3 September 2019

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 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
19 August 2019	26 August 2019
2 September 2019	9 September 2019

Please Note: There is no kerbside recycling collection service in Lake King or Varley.

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



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FRIDAY 30 AUGUST, 12:30 PM

LAKE GRACE SHIRE HALL

BOOKINGS: SHIRE OF LAKE GRACE ☎ 9890 2500

OR: LAKE GRACE POST OFFICE ☎ 9865 1047

ADULT: \$20 | CONCESSION: \$15 | CHILD: \$10

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