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CEO's Corner



Water Deficiency Declaration

On Friday 10 May an application to be declared water deficient was submitted to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) on behalf of eight (8) farmers in the Mallee Hill area. An announcement was made by the Minister of Water the Hon. Dave Kelly on Wednesday 15 May that the area was water deficient.

Given this the Government will start carting water to provide farmers with emergency water for livestock. The farmers included in this declaration are the only farmers that are able to access the water being carted. Initially there will be 375KI of water carted per week, this will be monitored to ascertain the future requirements.

DWER have engaged a contractor to desilt, enlarge, create a spillway and upgrade the catchment at Tommy's Dam. They have also ordered a tank ~300KI to be located at Tommy's Dam as part of the upgrade.

It is also proposed that another tank will be located at the Mallee Hill Standpipe by DWER.

White Ant Treatment at the Newdegate Hall

The treatment of the white ant infestation at the Newdegate Hall is now complete and there have been no further reports of any white ant activity.

Please note that we will be back to complete the varnishing of the hall floor before the Newdegate Field Days.

If you spot any further white ant issues, please call the Shire office on 9890 2500.

Motorbike Damage at the Jam Patch

It has come to our attention that someone has done burn outs at the Jam Patch with their motorbike which has torn up the reserve and damaged the pathways.

What might not be known is that this behaviour constitutes an offence under Section 60 of the Road Traffic Act (reckless driving on space open and used by the public). For first time offenders the penalty is a



minimum \$600 fine, seizure of vehicle, and a six month licence suspension – hefty consequences.

If you witness further incidents of antisocial and destructive riding/driving in the Shire, the Lake Grace Police advise taking a photo or video of the offender if possible, then report the incident to them and they will investigate.

Driving on Lake Grace

Once again, the Lake Grace has been adorned with tyre tracks left by people driving on the lake.

As an entry way to our Shire, this is not an attractive sight for any visitors passing through and also ruins the look of the lake for those stopping off.

Driving on the lake is unsafe, as the land is often very soft and unpredictable. There is also a high chance that you will end up getting yourself bogged.

I would like to remind the community that driving on the Lake is prohibited.

Staff Changes

Welcome to our new Marketing and Engagement Coordinator

I would like to welcome Meredith Taylor, who joined the Shire as our new Marketing and Engagement Coordinator, on 29 April 2019.

Meredith joins us from the Shire of Gingin, where she held the position of Corporate Communications and Marketing Officer for six years. Meredith brings with her a wide variety of skills that cover relationship building and leadership, the ability to develop communications and marketing plans/strategies, creative concepts, and an understanding of traditional, digital and social media and how best to use them.

We are very excited to have Meredith on board, as she will play a lead role in our upcoming rebranding project. Watch this space!

Farewell to our Deputy Chief Executive Officer

It is with sadness that I must farewell our Deputy Chief Executive Officer Belinda Knight, who will be leaving the Shire on 31 May 2019.

Belinda joined the Shire back in January and since then has introduced many positive changes to our systems and processes, which have all been well received by the team.

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It has been a pleasure to work with Belinda over the past few months, however, Belinda has expressed a desire to be closer to her family, who are spread from Mundijong to Margaret River.

I would like to thank Belinda on behalf of the Shire Councillors and Staff for all of the contributions that she has made during her time with us, it may have been short, but it was definitely sweet!

We wish Belinda all the best in her new position as CEO at the Shire of Wandering.

Local Government Economic Development Framework Launch and Seminar

On Tuesday 7 May 2019, Shire President Cr Jeanette De Landgraft, Shire Deputy President Steve Hunt and I attended the Local Government Economic Development Framework Breakfast Launch and Seminar, held at Crown Perth.

The Local Government Economic Development Framework and Policy Agenda represents a culmination of research and input from the sector, to provide Local Governments with guidance on our role in economic development, as well as practical support to understand the ways in which we can help our local economy to thrive.

During this event, the Minister for Local Government spoke on the State's focus on growing and diversifying the economy and we learned more about how the sector can work with other levels of government, businesses and the community to support better economic outcomes within our community. We also heard from other Local Governments about the practical activities that they are undertaking to drive their local economy.

This event confirmed the importance of the contributions that can be made by Local Governments to improve the economy and that this doesn't just sit in the realm of the Commonwealth and State Governments.

Council

Ordinary Council Meeting – 15 May 2019

At the 15 May 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council, the following items were considered:

- Unbudgeted Expenditure – Newdegate North Road
- Expenditure Approval – Newdegate Oval Dam
- Drainage Permit Lake King-Norseman Road, Lake King
- Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network
- 2019 WALGA Annual General Meeting – Nomination of Delegates
- Refund Request – Town Planning Application Fee
- Refund Request – Hall Hire Fee – Lake King Hall
- Use of Lake Grace Saleyards
- Recommendation from Integrated Planning & Asset Management Advisory Group – Jumping Pillows and Shelters

- NRM Services Shared Agreement
- Request to purchase Freehold PTA Land, Newdegate
- Request Support for the Newdegate Active Precinct Committee – Annual Skate Clinic
- Appointment of Bush Fire Control Officers for the 2019/2020 Season
- Proposed Roe Tourism Promotional Advertising for Display on Shire of Lake Grace Waste Bins
- Lake Grace Medical Centre
- Land Purchase, Lake Grace
- CEO Performance Review
- Disposal of Toyota Landcruiser

More details on the above items of business and any other matters from this meeting can be found in the Council minutes which are available for viewing on the Publications page of the Shire's website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

The date of the next Ordinary Council Meeting is Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 1.30pm.

Road Works

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out:

- Grading on Biddy-Camm Road
- Grading on Beenong Road
- Grading and back slopes on Fisher Road
- Carting of gravel to North Burngup Road
- Carting of gravel to O'Neill Road
- Grading on Fisher Road

Road counters have also been deployed on Carstairs Road, Frenchs Road, Fourteen Mile Road, Norseman Road, Magenta Road and Burns Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out:

- Grading on Haig Road
- Grading on Biddy Cam Road
- Grading on Magenta Road
- Grading on Ardler Road
- Grading on Grant Road
- Grading on Breed Road
- Grading on Mission Road
- Grading on Shalders Road

The Lake King/Varley Maintenance Grader has carried out:

- Grading on Muncaster Road
- Grading on Stennetts Lake Road
- Grading on Baanga Hill Road
- Grading on Smerdon Road
- Grading on Hogan Road
- Grading on Ace Road
- Grading on Norseman Road
- Grading on Drust Road
- Grading on Lake Newton Road
- Grading on Purnta Road
- Grading on Carstairs Road

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- Grading on Winchcombe Rd

Parks and Gardens

The Town Maintenance Crew have carried out work at the following locations:

Lake Grace

- Town Street Maintenance - clean up, mulching, reticulation installation, removal of old trees at Apex Rest Stop, spraying and watering of the middle verges on the Main Street, clean up at the BBQ area, pruning of trees along Bennett Street, cleaning of footpaths along Absolon Street and cleaning of drainage on Griffin Street.
- Lake Grace Parks & Gardens Maintenance - cleaning and maintenance of the gardens at the AIM Hospital, Hedging, lawns and reticulation maintenance at the Lake Grace Shire Office, cleaning and removal of leaves and sticks front of the Lake Grace Pool, blow down and clean-up of skate park area and removal of the old BBQ at the Lake Grace Town Hall.
- Lake Grace Playground Maintenance – maintenance at the playground at CWA Hall.
- Lake Grace Recreation Ground - weeding of garden at the Sports Pavilion, cleaning and removal of leaves and sticks from the entry and pathway at Sports Pavilion, mowing of ovals and weekly watering schedules.
- Lake Grace Saleyards - removal of fallen trees.
- Lake Grace Airstrip - whipper snipping, slashing and clean up, runway and airport entry compaction.

Varley

- Varley Parks & Gardens - clean up around standpipe, town site and sports pavilion.

Hirer Responsibility when using Shire Public Buildings

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 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.

Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of a facility. 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 includes but not limited to general cleaning, water and electricity usage.

Newdegate

- Works undertaken by Contractor - Newdegate Sports Pavilion maintenance, main street maintenance, Cemetery maintenance, Skate Park maintenance, Medical Centre garden maintenance and Town Hall garden maintenance.

Building Maintenance

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- 10B Gumtree Drive - framing for back patio and commenced tiling bathroom.
- Lake Grace Hall – restoring of benches and tables on the lawn.
- AIM Hospital - monitoring and recording cracking.
- Lake Grace Cemetery - latches for the gates.
- Gutters at 65A & 65B Bennett Street, Lake Grace.
- Gutters and back patio repairs at 8 Wattle Drive, Lake Grace.

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Shire Office Closure - WA Day

Please note that the Shire office will be closed Monday 3 June 2019 for WA Day Public Holiday.

WA Day is a day to celebrate all Western Australians, recognising our Aboriginal history, early European settlers and the many from all over the world who have made, and continue to make, Western Australia their home.

It's a day for each of us to reflect and celebrate all the great things about our state's people, lifestyle, culture and our potential.

State Library 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 their 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!

Please 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.

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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 building, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

Monday, Tuesday and 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 - 7 June

Friday - 5 July - 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, Josiah Farrell will be available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

Tuesday 28 May 2019

Tuesday 11 June 2019

For an appointment contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

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
27 May 2019	3 June 2019
10 June 2019	17 June 2019

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.

Library Open Hours

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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