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CEO's Corner

ANZAC Day Services

On Thursday 25 April 2019, ANZAC services were held in Lake Grace, Lake King, Newdegate and Varley to honour those who served and those who lost their lives during the war. Thank you to all of those involved in the organisation of these events, they are a great tribute to our servicemen and women and your efforts are most appreciated.

Varley and Districts Museum Re-opening Ceremony

On Thursday 25 April 2019, the Varley and Districts Museum was officially re-opened to the public following its refurbishment works.

Bev Hyde has been the driving force behind this project and, with support from Jane McPhee and Loraine Atkins, provided on the ground project management throughout the works, liaised with building contractors and coordinated an army of volunteers. Funding for this project came from a successful Building Better Regions Grant application.

Congratulations to the Varley and Districts Progress Association, who took responsibility for this project and the financial management of the refurbishment. Well done to Ben Hyde and Cameron Mudge from the Association who have put in the hours to ensure that the project was financially completed.

Thank you to the Shire staff, who have supported the project and assisted with the grant application and acquittal stages of the project.

This is a fantastic effort and would not have been possible without the help of our local community volunteers, so thank you all.



L-R: Jedd Hodges, Loraine Atkins, Cr Jeanette De Landgrafft, Bev Hyde, Jill Mudge, Gary Strother, Jane McPhee and Ben Hyde

2019 Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week

This week is the 2019 Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week event, which is running from 6 – 12 May 2019.

This is an annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, partnering road safety organisations and government. This initiative provides us with an opportunity to raise awareness of the impact of road trauma and road safety, as well as to show our appreciation to our first responders.

Road safety is a vital concern within our community and every year more than 1,200 people are killed and another 35,000 are seriously injured on Australian roads. Traffic injury is the biggest killer of Australian children under the age of 15 and the second biggest killer of Australians aged between 15 and 24. The impact of a road fatality in a country community such as ours can be especially devastating.

These numbers are growing every year but are fully preventable, that's why we are supporting the 2019 Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week event.

The Shire will be participating in a number of activities to show our support of this initiative and we encourage you all to log onto the road safety week website <https://roadsafetyweek.net.au> and take the 2019 pledge.

On Monday 6 May 2019, a 'Remember the 1200@1200'



A few of our wonderful emergency services personnel at the morning tea (L-R): St John Ambulance volunteers Cr Ross Chappell, Murray Parker, Aileen Winchester and Cr Debby Clarke, and Lake Grace Police officers Snr PC Fiona Main and newly arrived PC Scott Oatridge.

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morning tea event took place at the Lake Grace Visitor Centre. This event was held to encourage the community to observe a minute's silence at 12:00pm to acknowledge and support those victims, families and friends who have lost loved ones in road crashes. I would like to thank all of those involved in the organisation of this event, Cr Peter Stoffberg for leading the minute's silence, the Lake Grace Police, St John Ambulance Volunteers and all of the community members that were in attendance.

Outcome of Biosecurity Management of Plants and Weeds Grant Application

Following an invitation from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources to submit an application for a grant under the 'Communities Combating Pests and Weeds Impact during Drought Program', the Shire made an application for a grant that would allow us to work with our communities on eradicating Caltrop in our public spaces and recreational areas.

On 18 April 2019 the Shire received notification that our application had not been successful, which is disappointing, however we will resubmit an application for the next funding round.

WALGA Forum: Management of Roadside Vegetation

On Friday 3 May 2019, our Manager Infrastructure Services Vanessa Crispe and I attended the WALGA Forum: Management of Roadside Vegetation, held in Northam. At this event we learned, via a variety of case studies, about ways to improve the management of roadsides to better protect vegetation, and improve condition and resilience.

Topics covered in the forum included:

- An overview of the legislative and policy context for roadside management and the clearing of vegetation;
- The ecological value of remnant roadside vegetation, including landscape connectivity, wildlife habitat, and representation of declared rare flora and threatened ecological communities;
- Tools to identify conservation value vegetation in roadsides, and considerations for site surveys;
- Planning new roads or road maintenance works such as drainage, road widening or re-alignments to minimise environmental impacts;
- Pruning, slashing and spraying considerations in roadsides;
- Risk and liability of roadside management and safety treatments;
- The economic value and 'sense of place' that roadside vegetation provides in regional area; and
- Examples of management options to conserve roadside vegetation value.

Of particular interest was a presentation by former Principal Research Scientist Greg Keighery from Dept of

Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) who acknowledged the Newdegate-Lake King Road corridor as ecologically significant to the State.

This forum was both interesting and informative and gave us some 'food for thought' on our responsibility as a local government to provide safe and efficient local road networks.

Road Works

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out:

- Grading on Hartley Road
- Grading and back slopes on Kent Road
- Grading on Duckworth Road
- Back slopes on Holmes road
- Grading on Jenks Road
- Grading on Fisher Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on Creek Road.

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

- Old Newdegate Road
- Mallee Tree Road
- Milstead Road
- Magdahba Track Road
- Long Creek Road
- Fitzgerald Road
- Muncaster Road

Parks and Gardens

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

- Lake Grace Town Street Maintenance – clearing of drains and pathways, clearing of main median strip and Anzac Day preparations
- Lake Grace Parks & Gardens Maintenance - blowing at BBQ area and tidy up of Apex Park
- Lake Grace Playground Maintenance - tidying up
- Lake Grace Recreation Ground - activating pump for football ovals, mowing and clean-up of ovals
- Lake Grace Playgroup & Day Care – sand replenishment of sandpits
- Lake King Parks & Gardens – checking of retic, maintenance of park and facilities and Anzac Day preparations
- Lake King Oval and Sporting Facilities – general garden maintenance
- Varley Parks & Gardens – checking of town site and Anzac preparation
- Varley Recreation Centre – general garden maintenance
- Varley Town Hall – general garden maintenance
- Varley Chicken Run – general garden maintenance
- Newdegate Sports Pavilion Ovals – general garden maintenance
- Newdegate Main Street – general garden maintenance
- Newdegate Cemetery – general garden

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- Newdegate Skate Park – general garden maintenance

Building Maintenance

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Lake Grace AIM - measuring and monitoring of building movement
- Blackbutt Way, Lake Grace - painting, bathrooms tiling, paving and installation of air conditioner
- 10B Gumtree Drive, Lake Grace - painting, removal of kitchen, bathroom and back patio in preparation for new installs
- Lake Grace Sporting pavilion – replacement of door and security after break-ins
- Newdegate Sports Pavilion – termite control, replacement of broken parquet flooring, sand and varnish

Denise Gobbart
Chief Executive Officer

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday 15 May 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.

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 hirers use which includes but not limited to; general cleaning, water and electricity usage.

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 for more details on how to access and enjoy these free resources.

Recycling Services

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

If items which are not recyclable are found the content can't be recycled and the load will be directed to landfill.

If an item is covered in food, it is not recyclable. Food is one of the worst contaminators in the recycling process.

Please remember to rinse out cups, cans, jars etc. before throwing them in the bin.

By using the yellow top recycling bin correctly you are contributing, in a combined community effort, to reduce the amount of rubbish that is directed to landfill facilities each year.



Landscape Photos

The Shire is looking for photos to promote your area and town.

If you have any photos of events, infrastructure or general landscapes please email, with a description, to shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Please include written permission for the Shire to use your photo in any Shire publication.

The photo may be used as Community News Header during the year, promote the area on the Shire website, Facebook page, and publications. Wherever possible you will be acknowledged when your photo is published.



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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.

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, this is because it is necessary for staff to reconcile Department of Transport transactions each day.

Please keep in mind that farm equipment and Learners 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 that there is a waiting list, so booking in advance is highly recommended.

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 14 May 2019

Tuesday 28 May 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	20 May 2019
13 May 2019	3 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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