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## CEO's Corner

### Thank You!

I would like to start by extending a warm welcome and my thanks to our Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Belinda Knight for stepping into the Acting Chief Executive Officer position whilst I was away on leave. Belinda has done a great job having only just joined the Shire at the start of the year.

Thanks also to all of the staff for the support offered to Belinda during this time and for embracing the changes that Belinda is implementing.

### Farm Water Shortage Survey

The Department of Water & Environmental Regulation (DWER) have released a Farm Water Shortage Survey. It is critical that anyone with livestock completes this survey immediately. Non return of the survey form assumes that you have adequate water supplies for this summer. The survey can be found on the Shire Website or at your local CRC.

Completed surveys have started coming in to DWER and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) have allocated a staff member to collate and map the areas of concern and the estimated water needs for the district. Please ensure the effort is made to complete the survey as water is not being guaranteed from local government operated standpipes, by Water Corporation.

### Farm Water Carting

Concern has been raised with the Shire that road trains are to be carting water to dams for the watering of livestock. It is a known fact that evaporation is generally regarded as the most significant contributor to water loss in farm dams in WA.

Given the water shortages we are faced with this summer, everyone carting water for livestock, is encouraged to store this water within tanks on your farm. This will ensure that the majority of water carted is available for the livestock and isn't wasted through evaporation.

### Available Water Sources Emergency Farmland Water – DWER Update

DWER provided the following update on available water sources within the Shire of Lake Grace as at 8 February;

- Dunn Rock – Taylor Road: estimated 10,000kL pump repairs and access to 2nd dam will commence Monday 11 February.
- Cuffy's – South East Newdegate: estimated 7,000kL

- Magenta North – Ardler Road: estimated 10,000kL
  - South East Newdegate – Magenta Road: estimated 5,000kL
  - East Newdegate – Machetti's Tank: estimated 1,000kL low source
  - Lake King Tank & Standpipe: Dam level low, plumbing contractor arranged to install an off switch to avoid over flow to Lake King Irrigation Dam
  - Newdegate Town Dam (Water Corp Dam): Water Corp working to install a temporary Emergency Farm water supply
  - Lake Grace Town Dam (Water Corp Dam): Water Corp working to install a temporary Emergency Farm water supply
  - Mt Madden Bore (MM3) – near Mt Madden Dam: Is suitable for livestock. Bore is equipped with piping and pump. Farmers will need to take own generator to operate the bore.
  - Mt Madden Bore (MM6) – near Mt Madden Dam: Is capped and not available as it is too salty (~1,454mS/m)
  - Mt Madden Dam – South Lake King: estimated 13,600kL full and available, swipe card access
- Other sources not assessed but possibly available:
- Sugg Rock: Capacity 10,000kL status unknown
  - Purtna Rock Tanks: Capacity 3,600kL status unknown
  - Dingo Rock: Status Unknown
  - Varley Dam: Capacity 25,000kL status unknown

### Central Country Zone Local Government Act Review Working Group Meeting – 6 February 2019

On Wednesday 6 February, I attended a Central Country Zone Local Government Act Review Meeting held in Cuballing. The working group is made up of Elected Members and CEO's from across the region. We have been tasked with reviewing, in detail, the proposed changes to those issues listed in Local Government Act Phase 2 review and to put recommendations and a draft submission for presentation back to the Central Country Zone.

During this meeting the goal was to consider the final six discussion papers and to formulate a submission or Zone position that can be considered at the next Central Country Zone meeting to be held on 15 March 2019. The final six papers related to the following topics:

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# Shire of Lake Grace Community News *Cont.*

CEO Corner Cont.

## Smart

- Administrative Efficiencies
- Local Laws
- Council Meetings
- Interventions

## Inclusive

- Community Consultation and Engagement
- Integrated Planning and Reporting
- Complaints Management
- Elections

The review is open to everyone, if you wish to make a comment on the review and how local government operates into the future the review can be found on the Departments website [www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au)

## Communities Combating Pests and Weeds Impact During Drought Program

The Shire of Lake Grace has received 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'. Some of the main objectives of the programme are to assist communities to manage the impacts of wild dogs, vertebrate pest animals and weeds during drought, to contribute to the government's broader biosecurity objectives, and to limit the negative impact of wild dogs, pest animals and weeds on agricultural production.

The Shire of Lake Grace is keen to accept this invitation and would use this grant to work with our communities on eradicating Caltrop in our public spaces and recreational areas.

Caltrop is a weed that grows flat along the ground stemming from a central tap root to about 1m long. Leaves are oppositely arranged and flowers are yellow. Flowers then turn to woody burrs with sharp rigid spines which split into five wedge shaped segments when ripe. These spikey thorns contain 20 seeds, which could mean as many as 8000 seeds are generated from a single plant and these seeds remain viable under the soil for years! Controlling Caltrop is important, as it is can damage the feet of animals as well their mouths, stomach and intestines. It is toxic to sheep and may present similar issues to our native fauna.

We will be working with our local community groups to put together an application for this grant, for which the closing date is 15 February 2019.

## Banners in the Terrace 2019

Each year the Shire of Lake Grace participates in the WA Local Government 'Banners in the Terrace' Competition. This competition is one of the State's largest single community arts projects and invites local communities to design a banner that represents their local government area. The banners are then displayed

in St Georges Terrace in August during Local Government Week.

Last year our banner was designed by the Newdegate CWA and they did a marvellous job!

We would now like to invite our community groups to submit their interest in designing this year's banner.

Deadline dates are:

- March 2019 - Banner registration forms due
- April 2019 - Banner design to be emailed to Perth
- June 2019 - Completed banners to be sent to WALGA
- August 2019 - Banners flown along St Georges Terrace and winner announced

If you would like to register your community group's interest or have any questions regarding this, please contact Cheryl Chappell, Community Service Officer on 9890 2500 or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

## Road Works

The Construction Crew and General Maintenance Staff have carried out the following work:

- Magenta Road SLK 24.63-27.63 - water binding, carting water, rolling and grading;
- Newdegate-Pingrup Road SLK 34.06-35.49 - wash area and carting water;
- Lake Grace & Newdegate Refuse Sites - clean up;
- Road Patching - carting gravel, fixing of culvert crossing and fixing of blow out;
- Plant Maintenance.

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on the following roads:

- Mallee Hill Road
- Starke Road
- Willcocks Road
- Road at sewerage pond
- Road at sports ground
- Shoulder on Lake Biddy Road
- Shoulder on North Newdegate Road

Additional works carried out by Maintenance Grader Operator:

- Lake Grace Tip - push up tip
- Road Traffic Counters – collection of road counters from: Mallee Hill Road, Newdegate Pingrup Road, Magenta Road, Old Ravensthorpe Road, Taylor Road, Carstairs Road, Kathleen Road, Norseman Road, North Newdegate Road, Alymore Road and West Kuender Road

The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grading has carried out works on Lake Newton Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grading has carried out works on the following roads:

- Oakey Road
- Tonkin Road
- Mount Sheridan Road

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- Bidy Buniche Road
- Rodger Road
- Buniche North Road
- Bidy Camm Road
- Beynon Road
- Dawson Road
- Lockhart Road
- Holland Track Road
- Mallee Hill Road

### Parks and Gardens

The Town Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Lake Grace Swimming Pool – mowing and general tidy up at the front of the pool;
- Lake Grace Town Street Maintenance – pick up of fallen tree branches;
- Lake Grace Parks and Gardens Maintenance – clean-up of BBQ area garden, watering and mowing around townsite and hedging of island plants on Stubbs Street;
- Lake Grace Recreation Ground – clean up around pavilion, whipper snipping around oval, checking and cleaning sprinklers, edging, mowing, weeding and blowing down of pavilion;
- Australia Day Set Up at Lake Grace Pool – set up of tables and chairs;
- Lake Grace RSL Hall Garden – general garden maintenance;
- Lake Grace Railway Building – general garden maintenance and de-heading of roses;
- Shire Administration Building – seeding, fertilizing and watering of lawn;
- Lake Grace Town Hall – general garden maintenance;
- Varley Parks and Gardens – general garden

maintenance across town site.

### Building Maintenance

The Building Maintenance has carried out the following work over the past four weeks:

- Removal of Christmas lights throughout the shire;
- Lake Grace Shire Office – repairs to signage and office light repair;
- Newdegate Public Toilets - repairs to fittings;
- Newdegate Swimming Pool – installation of new signage;
- 6 Banksia Place, Lake Grace – completion of upgrade;
- Lake Grace Public Toilets – taps replaced and internal repair;
- Lake Grace Playgroup - toilet seat replaced;
- Lake Grace Cemetery - installation of plaques;
- Lake Grace Airstrip - windsock replaced;
- Varley Chicken Ranch - door lock installed;
- Lake Grace Visitor Centre - fencing preparation;
- AIM hospital - continuation of building movement monitoring;
- Lake Grace Railway Station - external repairs;
- Lake Grace Sports Pavilion – doors replaced and painted.

*Denise Gobbart*  
Chief Executive Officer

## Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

**Date: Wednesday 20 February 2019**

**Time: 1:00 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

All people, groups, sporting clubs who hire public buildings are responsible for the cleaning of the facility once used.

If tables and chairs are set up by the group they must also be packed away. All rubbish is to be put into bins provided. Hirers are responsible to ensure all stoves are turned off. Hirers are responsible for any damages incurred while hiring facility.

Shire employed 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 by a hirer.

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.

## Power Outages

Customers affected by power outages lasting 12 continuous hours or more, may be eligible for an \$80 service standard payment.

To find out if you are eligible go to: <https://westernpower.com.au/power-outages/make-a-claim/>

## 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.



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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 - 8 March 2019**

**Friday - 5 April 2019 - 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](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au).

## Building Surveyor

Shire Building Surveyor, Josiah Farrell will be available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

**Tuesday 19 February 2019**

**Tuesday 5 March 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](mailto: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
18 February 2019	25 February 2019
4 March 2019	11 March 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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