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Promise of a Bumper Harvest



Ready for Swathing – Anna, Kingsley and Scott Strevett dwarfed by their 2 metre canola crop.

Good looking lupins (below) and Frame wheat (below left).



What a difference a year (and good rains) make. After three years' drought, local farmers are viewing this harvest with sense of hope and anticipation.

If the weather continues to be kind, this looks to be the harvest of a lifetime. The Department of Agriculture is anticipating a record harvest in the Shire of Lake Grace with an average 2.2 tonnes per hectare for wheat (11 bags per acre) and barley (13 bags per acre) crops.

Hay baling is well underway, canola swathing has begun and farmers will begin harvesting barley and oat crops in the next few weeks. Lupins and wheat harvesting will follow. Cooperative Bulk Handling estimate in excess of 600,000 tonnes of wheat will be received in the Lake Grace shire this season compared to last season's harvest of approximately 150,000 tonnes.

Michelle Slarke

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A very BIG thank you

To the dedicated team who have produced and compiled this edition of the Lakes Link News.

Dot Kennedy
Michelle Lay
Lesley O'Neill
Phyllis Dunham
Joan Fleming



Thank you also to our many contributors of articles

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EDITORIAL

- After much hashing and re-hashing the new Lake Grace and Districts Phone book is now available. It costs \$5.50 a copy and is available from the Post Office and the Telecentre. At present we have printed off 150 copies, we did this because we knew that once we printed it off everyone would find the mistakes...if you can see an incorrect number, typo, omission (we already know that LG Engineering is missing from the business section) or an amendment that needs to be made PLEASE let us know. These corrections can be done before the next print run.
- A big thank you to Mark Burbridge who designed the map for the middle of the phone book, Mark did this in his own time and I know it will be extremely useful for future projects.
- The Lake Grace Telecentre went ahead with their AGM on Tuesday night, it was a unanimous vote from all those present to give Ollie the top job again. Thank you Ollie for remaining our Chairperson, Maurie Gilson is our Vice Chairperson, Marcelle Howe remains Treasurer and Joyce Gilson has volunteered to be our Minutes Secretary.
- The good news is that Centrelink have now provided us with dedicated Centrelink telephone and fax machine (multifunction centre, also does photocopying), the bad news is that we still haven't got a phone line to plug it into. Telstra have promised us a connection by the middle of next week. So for all your Centrelink needs just drop into the Telecentre.
- There is now only **three** more Lakes Link News for 2003, so if you want to get something in before the end of the year now is the time to act. We welcome any Christmas greetings.
- Subscribers please keep an eye out for the subscription form for 2004. We will be sending it out in the November 27th issue.

Suzanne Reeves

Thanks to Last Fortnight's Collators



Michelle Lay
Dot Kennedy
Marcelle Howe

Damage to Community Bus

It is unfortunate that the bus committee needs to report that there have been a number of seat belts damaged in the Community bus by person/s unknown (although we have our suspicions). The belts have been damaged by way of the vandal/s cutting part way through the belts using the cutting device contained within the emergency hammers that are positioned at various points about the bus.

Each belt costs approx. \$350.00 to replace plus installation costs. At this stage the committee will only replace 2 belts. The others that have been interfered with will be closely monitored, but aren't considered to be required to be replaced at this point in time.

The committee has an option to claim on its Insurance policy but by the time an excess is paid and the loss of the "No claim bonus" is taken into account it is questionable whether it is worth the exercise. Whatever the committee decides to do, the bottom line is a cost to the community. The committee acknowledges that the vast majority of the community appreciates and respects the Bus but we do ask that all users be vigilante by way of observing any unacceptable behaviour that may negatively affect the quality asset that we have for everyone's use and enjoyment.

Lake Grace Community Bus Committee

Lake Grace Art Group

It has been a long time since we have had art group news and I thought we had better let everyone know that the Art Exhibition will be happening but has been changed to March next year. This is due to study commitments of a number of the ladies involved. Margaret Carruthers, Catherine Hendry, Anna Strevett and Judy Stewart are all very busy trying to finish their last unit in the Certificate of Art so they can graduate this year. This will be wonderful and next year they will have time off from study and get some work ready for our exhibition.

So for everyone else that is keen to put some work in the exhibition, we have given you an extra six months to get your work done. But remember don't leave it to the last minute.

Any new members to the Lake Grace Shire are very welcome to be part of this exhibition. Remember it is not judged and it aims to showcase the different arts and crafts (painting, metal crafts, woodwork, textiles, etc.) that are produced within our shire. If anyone wants further information about being part of this please ring

Kerrie Argent on 9865 4042. Also if you know someone who produces, crafts, paints etc. that we may not know about please let me know so I can approach them.

This weekend (1st and 2nd November) we are having a Sculpture and Mould Making workshop in the Lake Grace Shire Hall. If there is anyone that would really like to come please ring Kerrie Argent 9865 4042 or Michelle Starke 9865 1878. See public notice for details.

During the summer we hope to hold some painting days. If you would like to join us let us know. Also after the New Year, I am hoping to run a paper making workshop. Paper made out of the wheat stubble, part of this is to pull some large sheets of paper. The workshop will be at my farm and will be free except for the help you give to help with the pulling of the large sheets. Again if anyone is interested please ring Kerrie Argent for further information. There is no date at this stage; you just need to register your interest.

Kerrie Argent

HARVEST TRAINING DAY

The Shire of Kent Community Employment Project invites interested people to two Harvest Training Schools and Machinery Demonstration Field Days.



These events will be held on two properties: 13th and 14th November near Pingrup and 17th and 18th November near Nyabing.

Those seeking training must contact Vanessa Anderson, the Community Employment Project Coordinator, to book a time to sit with an instructor on the machinery on which you wish to learn.

Further details can be gained by visiting the Shire of Kent's website www.kent.wa.gov.au, phoning the Shire offices on 9829 1051 or emailing the Community Employment Project Coordinator on epc@kent.wa.gov.au. People wishing to attend the Machinery Demonstration Field Days only are welcome to attend at any time.

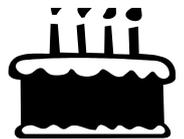
MACHINERY DEMONSTRATION FIELD DAY



ABOUT TOWN

- ♣ Welcome back to Lyn Taylor who has returned (Spud's pleased because he's eaten all his frozen dinners) from an extended holiday taking in the sights of the United Kingdom.
- ♣ Devon and Stubby have also returned from a holiday in New Zealand.
- ♣ Congratulations to Great-Granny Dot Kennedy who's now notched up her fourth great grandchild. Lindsay and Dianne's daughter Stacey and her partner Alan Price welcomed 'Jack Kennedy Price' into the world on Monday 20th October.
- ♣ A warm welcome to Isobel Anderson who is currently housekeeping for Iris Willock.
- ♣ We have a 25 year old German engineering student who is wanting to spend 3 months on an Australian farm. If you are interested in hosting him all or part of the time please phone Debby Clarke as soon as possible on 9865 4041.
- ♣ Congratulations to ex Lake Grace student Jessica Frost who was runner-up in the Evening/Ball gown section of the 'Apex 2003 Teen Fashion Awards'. Students from participating schools had to design and make the outfits themselves.
- ♣ Congratulations to those Lake Grace students who recently received awards at the 2003 Narrogin Residential College Presentation Day. Simone Mahoney won the Quiet Achiever Award while Scott Burbridge was the Citizen (boy) of the Year. Lake Grace students won awards in basketball, chess, darts, hockey and table tennis. Lake Grace students who were made prefects of the Residential College for 2004 were Marcus Trevenen, Simone Mahoney and Betina Lay.
- ♣ Well done to Tania and Jared Bray who welcomed Connor into the world on Sunday 26th October. Connor weighed in at 8lb 10oz. Congratulations to new grandparents Pauline and Terry Henderson, Jeanette and Clem Bray.
- ♣ Great to see Jordan Slarke paying a surprise visit to family and friends in Lake Grace.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

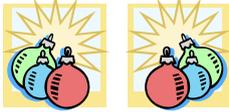


October 30	Thomas Gambuti	November 7	Kirsty Battison
	Wally Cameron	November 8	Jayne-Maree Argent
	Eileen Traves		Debby Clarke
November 1	Florence Naisbitt	November 9	Mathew Dowling
	Trent Frost	November 10	Jeanette Bennett
November 2	Kael Gray		Letty Leo
November 3	Ross Ramm	November 11	Amy Willock
November 6	John Curtin		Holly King
	Bill Willcocks	November 13	Royce Taylor
	Harley Pittard		Grant Jenks

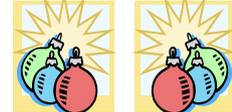
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 6 - Maureen and Neville Moulden

Fax, email or bring your *About Town* news into the Telecentre. If you would like to share your birthday or anniversary celebrations with us then please fill in the Celebrations book. Alternatively just drop your details into the box at the Post Office.



Hi Everyone...



I'm writing in to let you know the wonderful news about the Lions Club of Lake Grace sponsoring the Christmas Lights competition.

So once again in the Year 2003 we will be having three different categories.

- * The Best Decorated Home (which covers seniors, couples, families and singles).
- * The Best Business Award (this year I would love to see a little bit of rivalry to challenge the business next door!).
- * Best Tree, Bush or Object (NEW CATEGORY), you have to be school age to enter!

Cash prizes will be as follows:

- * Best Decorated Home - \$150.00
- * Best Business - \$100.00 (eg. Spend locally to buy drinks and nibbles for staff Christmas party).
- * Best Tree, Bush or Object - \$50.00

All winners will be encouraged to spend their dollars (in vouchers) locally as it's important to focus on keeping our community strong.

The competition commences in December and we will have judging completed by the 19th of December so that winners will be able to spend before Christmas Day arrives!

I'm hoping that judges can be visitors to the town, so that all judging will be free of bias.

Please let me know in the coming weeks if you would like further categories included in the competition as we may be able to incorporate them next year.

Finally thank you so much to the Lions Club of Lake Grace for being generous sponsors and supporting our town!

Loads of Christmas Cheer and Good Will.

Narelle x



PS - If I had one small wish granted it would be to see the local Hotel decorated. Sorry to put the pressure on you Steve but you'd make a small 'birdy' a very happy girl!!

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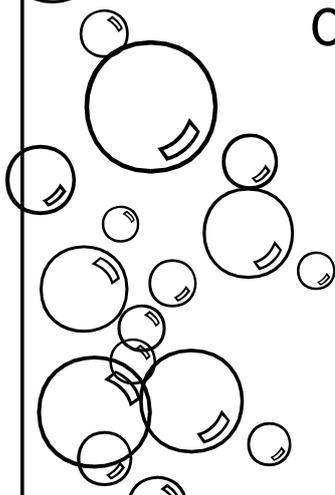
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22/23 Stubbs Street, LAKE GRACE
Telephone 9865 1465

Ladies Serali has arrived

Skirt sets at great budget prices
3/4 pants and shirts

Also value Tee's at \$12.95 in generous sizes

Christmas Presents!

Get in early for Christmas and
buy a
**Lake Grace
Country Women's Revised
Edition of the local
Cook Book 2003.**

Makes a great gift with recipes
from local identities.

Can be purchased at the
Lake Grace Post Office or
The Lake Grace Health and
Beauty Shop
or ask any member.

Price is **\$10.00**

Lakes District Well Women's Clinic

The last
Well Women's Clinic
for the year will be held at the
Lake Grace Medical Centre
Tuesday, 2nd December
This clinic is free of charge.

To make an appointment,
Please phone

**Jill Dykes on 9871 9024 or
Anna Taylor on 9865 1507**

Women should have a pap smear 2 yearly
from 18—70 years of age.

Prevention is better than cure.

Lake Grace Rejuvenation Project in Statewide Awards Finals

A locally-driven project to rejuvenate the town of Lake Grace through tourism and development ventures has reached the finals of a prestigious community award.

The Lake Grace Town Centre Development Project is a finalist in the *Strengthening remote and rural communities* category of the statewide 2003 Community Services Industry Awards.

The awards are coordinated annually by the Department for Community Development.

Lake Grace Development Association spokesperson Debby Clarke said in recent years local farmers and business people had borne the brunt of frost, locusts and drought.

"As a community we rely on agriculture for our economic survival," Mrs Clarke said.

"The events of the past five years have seen families and young people forced to leave town to find employment and education opportunities elsewhere."

Mrs Clarke said the volunteer-run Association was working with Lake Grace Shire, local business and community groups on ways to revitalise the town and boost the population.

"We are creating an ambitious tourism and development plan for the town," Mrs Clarke said.

"More than 55,900 vehicles drive through Lake Grace each year on their way to and from Perth and Esperance – there is great potential for our town to be a tourist destination in its own right."

Mrs Clarke said the community was also looking at marketing Lake Grace as an attractive retirement location.

"This includes investigating starting an aged care services industry in Lake Grace, which could also serve surrounding communities from Kukerin to Lake King," she said.

Mrs Clarke said the community of Lake Grace had embraced the Town Centre Development Project.

"Our people have a 'can do' attitude to life – people are getting involved in lots of projects to enhance our town," she said.

Projects include:

- Landscaping the town's main street
- On the Sheep's Back public art sculpture project
- Conservation of the Stationmaster's House
- Construction of a town clock and volunteers' mosaic artwork
- Recycling station
- Lake Grace skate park.

In congratulating this year's finalists, Department for Community Development Director General Jane Brazier said the awards highlighted the outstanding achievements of finalists from more than 200 entries.

"For nearly a decade we have been recognising excellent community programs, services and people in WA – the real shining lights of our community," Ms Brazier said.

"The Community Services Industry Awards offer a great opportunity to publicly thank people and organisations working to build a better Western Australia.

"I'm sure the outstanding efforts of this year's finalists – including a hospice in Busselton, support for midwest children with special needs and regeneration of the community landscape in Lake Grace – will serve as an inspiration to us all in forging stronger communities."

Ms Brazier thanked this year's sponsors of the Community Services Industry Awards – *The West Australian*, Lotterywest, Radio 882 6PR, WIN Television, Rendezvous Observation City Hotel, Staging Connections and Goundrey Wines.

Winners of the nine categories of the Community Services Industry Awards will be announced at a presentation evening at Rendezvous Observation City Hotel on Monday November 24.





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Where Are They Now?

Sonia and Clive Hall are the children of Jeff and Sandra Hall, farmers who live 26 km east of Lake Grace.

Sonia was born on 31 July 1973 in Albany Regional Hospital (there was no doctor in Lake Grace at the time).

Sonia attended school at Lake Grace from 1979 to 1988, enjoying the small class sizes at Lake Grace as it allowed for individual attention from teachers. Sonia didn't have a favourite subject, at one time she was in a special group where she did different activities and learnt to play Bridge. Sonia also received musical tuition.

School camps and excursions were a source of great pleasure, though she dreaded sports carnivals. Sonia remembers taking part in 40 hour famine where they kept busy with a wool spinning demonstration, manicuring nails and making soap. A highlight for Sonia was preparation for and the excitement of the end of year concert.

After Sonia graduated from year 10 in 1988 she attended Albany Senior High School (ASHS), boarding at 'Amity House', where she made lifelong friendships. From 1991 to 1994 Sonia attended Curtin University and completed a Bachelor of Science, qualifying as an Occupational Therapist. While attending Curtin Sonia boarded at St Columba College.

Sonia's first job was at Hollywood Private Hospital where she worked in many different areas, resigning after two years. For six months Sonia backpacked through Europe and the United Kingdom. Switzerland was Sonia's favourite country. No, not because of the scenery, it was the superb chocolate that made it a hit!

After the holiday Sonia worked at Ravensthorpe Nursing Home (United Church), this was also a rewarding experience. At present Sonia is working for *Transition and Integrations* as Assistant Manager. This business provides care and accommodation for people with disabilities primarily acquired from brain injuries. This job requires understanding and patience.

In 2001, Sonia visited Clive in America and also managed to squeeze in a trip to Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia in her holidays. At present Sonia lives in Nedlands. For exercise, she plays sand volley ball weekly and goes on hikes whenever she can. She is making plans for a walk on the Bibbulmun Track (Denmark section) later this year. As you can tell, Sonia enjoys city life and keeps busy.

Sonia's brother Clive Hall was born on 14 December 1974 along with classmates Des Pelham, Kaylene Pelham, Linda Nash and three others (not known) - a mini baby boom or Christmas rush at Lake Grace Hospital! Extra bassinets were needed from Narrogin!

From 1978-79, Clive attended pre primary at Lake Grace. Clive was young to start school (just 5) but gained maturity to become Head Boy in Year 10. He did well in Maths, Science, English and read many books on the bus to and from school. He is still an avid reader.

Clive was Student of the Year for music and like Sonia received great trophies. In Year 7 he was chosen to participate in an academic extension course which involved him travelling to Narrogin every week. He received extra encouragement during this time.

A highlight for Clive was winning a whole-school spelling competition in Year 8. From 1990-91, Clive attended ASHS and boarded at Amity House. He studied Maths, Physics, Chemistry, English and Geography for TEE. Clive also did well in the annual Australian Mathematics competition.

From 1992 to 1995, Clive attended UWA and graduated with a Bachelor of Computer and Mathematical Science. This degree qualified him for a career as Software Research Engineer which involves constructing leading edge ultra-high speed networking and communications equipment.

Clive's first job, in 1996, was at the Cooperative Research Centre for Broadband Telecommunications and Networking in Perth. He then worked for Atmospheric Networks in Perth and in 1999 was transferred to USA as Senior Software Engineer for the same company. He later worked for DiTech Communications Altamar Networks in California. Clive is currently employed by Topspin.

Clive lives in Silicon Valley, California. Like Sonia he travels and goes camping as often as possible. He has travelled extensively in USA, including the cities of New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Las Vegas, Seattle and New Orleans. Probably the highlight was the national parks, especially Grand Canyon, Death Valley and Yosemite. Clive's latest trip was to the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame in San Dusky.

We are pleased that Clive has come home to Lake Grace every year even if the long trip is boring and uncomfortable. We are looking forward to seeing him again in March 2004. I wish him Godspeed.



COUNCIL NEWS AND NOTES

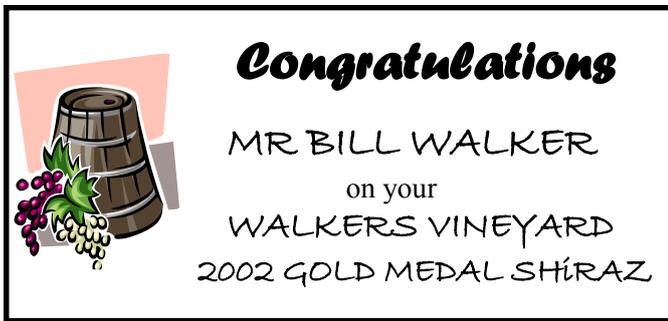
Shire of Lake Grace

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STAFF CHANGES

With the recent resignation of Mr Jon Wearing, Council welcomes relieving Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mr Bill Bond to Lake Grace.

Rob Hutter has resigned his position as Building Maintenance Officer to start up his own business in Lake Grace. We wish Rob & Narelle all the very best in their new venture.



GRANTS AVAILABLE

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES GRANTS

Funding is available for aged care facilities to enhance services and infrastructure that will add to the quality of life of residents. Funding is for capital works or equipment beyond that required for accreditation. Small grant funding of up to \$10,000 may be applied for under the Seniors Project Grants Program. Applications can be made at any time. *For information contact The Seniors Funding Co-ordinator at Lotterywest on 9340 5270 or 1800 655 270, grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au or visit www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au*

ONE OFF GRANTS TO FAMILY CARERS

The Family and Carer Grants Scheme is open with grants of \$5000-\$10,000 available for initiatives assisting family members who cared for people with disabilities, chronic or mental illness and those who are frail. Funding could range from organising forums and workshops on career related issues to the development of family carer information or resources that are currently not available. *For information contact Carers WA on www.carerswa.asn.au or 9444 5922. Applications close 26th November.*



Congratulations
Lake Grace
Development
Association
Town Centre Project

RESTRICTED BURING PERIOD

15th September—31 October

A reminder to owners and occupiers that Burning Permits are required and are available by contacting your nearest Fire Control Officer.



For more information contact Chief Bushfire Control Officer Alan Connolly on 9865 1054.

FIREBREAKS

Owners and occupiers of land in the Shire are reminded of the requirement to have their firebreaks cleared by 31 October 2003.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Wheatbelt Development Commission has formed an Education Committee to address community concern regarding education issues.



For any concerns regarding local education issues please contact Helen Bennett on 9865 1026.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Council invites nominations of outstanding individuals or groups for this year's Active Australia Day Awards

Nominations for the 2004 Awards close on Friday 28 November 2003.

Forms are available at the Shire or online at www.ausdaywa.com.au

For further information contact Jeanette Bennett on 9865 1105



COUNCIL NEWS AND NOTES

Shire of Lake Grace

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EASTERN DISTRICTS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE



The Eastern Districts Watch Dog Committee (EDWDC) was formed at the beginning of 2003 to address some of the issues facing the control of wild dogs. At the time the main concern was a lack of funding, which we have endeavoured to address and this has taken us on a

continued journey to ensure that the control of wild dogs is maintained and improved. It is a slow and challenging process with many hurdles that we would never have imagined when we started.

At a meeting held recently between nine shires, CALM, Dept of Agriculture, Agricultural Protection Board, Declared Animal Group and the EDWDC, it was agreed that more information was needed with regard to sightings and attacks by wild dogs. This information makes it easier for the doggers to identify

and target problem areas. It also helps to keep everyone informed of the extent of the problem.

The following form has been developed to make the reporting process as easy as possible and we ask that you make some copies, keep them handy and report any sightings of and attacks by wild dogs. If you're not sure if it is a wild dog – send in the report with a short note stating that it is a **suspected** sighting or attack.

If you would like any further information on wild dogs, how they are being controlled or what the Eastern Districts Watch Dog Committee is doing, please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members listed below:

- Brian Mudge: 9875 2021
- Tom Mulcahy: 9880 7070
- Andy Cattle: 9874 4052
- Hugh Pearce: 9880 5315
- Rod and Sue Turpin: 9875 1023

WILD DOG SIGHTINGS & ATTACKS

IN ORDER TO BEST TARGET PROBLEM AREAS WE REQUEST THAT ALL LANDHOLDERS, MANAGERS ETC REPORT ALL SIGHTINGS AND ATTACKS BY WILD DOGS OR SUSPECTED WILD DOGS. THANKYOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

REPORTED BY:

PROPERTY DETAILS:
NAME & LOCATION:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

Sighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	No. of dogs sighted	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attack	<input type="checkbox"/>	No of stock attacked	<input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE FAX BACK TO 9880 5051

SCIENCE AND STUFF

History of the world's tallest mountain range revealed

The discovery of rocks in Nepal that are nearly 10 times as old as the Himalayas themselves suggest that today's mountains formed on the site of a much more ancient mountain range. The present-day Himalayas started to form 55 million years ago when India collided with Asia. The rocks from the Himalayas in Nepal were mostly ancient metamorphic rocks, dating back 500 million years. Metamorphic rocks need high temperatures and pressures to form and are often created during mountain building. Geologists think erosion pared down the ancestral mountains around 450 million years ago and the site was blanketed by sediment until 55 million years ago. Then the collision between the Indian and Asian plates pushed the remnants of the mountain upwards forming the present-day greater Himalaya. The lesser Himalaya formed from new rocks as India continued to push north.

Earliest shark upsets family tree.

The oldest known fossilized, articulated shark not only had the same toothy bite as modern sharks but also sported spines on its pectoral fins. It is a feature that may mean the fish family tree will have to be reorganized. The fossil of the early shark, called *Doliodus problematicus*, is about 409 million years old, 15 years older than the remains of any other known articulated shark. The species was first identified in 1892 from fossilized teeth, and was called *D-problematicus* because it was so difficult to classify. Like modern sharks it had "tooth families"- teeth that grow one behind the other in groups, giving the shark's gape its fearsome look, but its pectoral fin-spines are, so far, unique among sharks.

Power failures.

The whole of Italy was plunged into darkness a few weeks ago because somewhere in the Swiss alps a tree fell over. The troublesome tree took out a cable carrying electricity into Italy, which buys almost a fifth of its power. The incident triggered a cascade of failures that left more than 50 million people in the dark. Earlier in September, 4 million Scandinavians suffered a similar fate when a transmission line between Sweden and Denmark was lost in stormy weather. In August, 50 million people in the U.S. and Canada endured days of chaos after a massive power failure. Again the problem was traced back to a single power line. Many believe that the recent spate of power failures shows that distribution grids urgently need to be made more resilient. If one particular transmission line is taken out the system should still survive.

Ozone hopes holed.

If you thought the ozone hole had gone for good, think again. Predictions that it would be sinking into the Antarctic sunset by now appear wrong for the hole has come back with a vengeance.

The annual spring thinning of the atmospheric ozone layer over Antarctica is as serious this year as in the

record year of 2000, and it has lasted longer than ever, only beginning to break up over the Southern Ocean in recent weeks. Most worrying is that the thinnest part of the ozone hole, where levels are less than half normal, was the largest on record, peaking at 18 million square kilometers.

Sonar Killer Whales.

Whales blasted by military sonar signals appear to die of symptoms similar to the bends. The finding means that the use of sound waves to detect submarines might need to be restricted. Scientists from Spain and the UK have uncovered the first evidence that cetaceans exposed to sonar develop nitrogen bubbles in their vital organs. Lesions caused by bubbles were found in 14 beaked whales stranded in the Canary Islands after sonar was used in a major naval exercise in the area in September, 2002.

Stories from New Scientists magazines of October 4th and 11th, 2003

Maurie Gilson

HOUSE FOR SALE

Hopetoun

House built 1996 with
3 Bedrooms
Large living area
Front and back verandahs
Freshly painted inside and out
New wood flooring throughout

Large shed with power and cement floor
Size 9.5 x 7.5m
with lean-to attached 7.5 x 3.5m

Front yard landscaped with stone wall
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LAKE GRACE & DISTRICTS HEALTH SERVICE

Have YOU completed the Health Survey that was sent out last week?

Please take a few minutes to fill it in and return in the Reply Paid envelope. Your responses are important to us!



"Broome & Beyond"

Celebration Time!
Wednesday 12th November 2003
Commencing 7:00 pm
Medical Centre Conference Room

Come along and join us in celebrating the completion of this program:

Fun and games
Wine & nibbles (healthy choices of course?)
Prizes for the best decorated walking shoes



And see how far we have walked.....

Mosaics & Fountain

The installation of the fountain and mosaic pavers (to go between the Hospital and Medical Centre) will be happening in the early New Year.

If you are likely to be available & interested in helping with this project, please phone Kerrie on 98654042.

This project must be completed before school goes back in February!



Immunisation Clinics

Lake Grace—13th November
Medical Centre 12:30—1:30 pm
With Dr Moffson and Elizabeth Trevenen

Newdegate—5th November
Health Centre 12:00—1:00 pm
With Jill Dykes

Walk There Today to Find Thirty

A week of walking events
3—9 November 2003

The first week of November is a chance for families, workplaces, schools, local governments and community groups across WA to participate in and promote walking.

If you would like a free walking guide about the "Walk There Today - Find Thirty" campaign, please call the Hospital for one to be sent to you.



Walking for at least 30 minutes a day is not only a great way to get around, it can also help to improve your health.



Country Women's Association Lake Grace Branch Achievements for 2003



Men at Work. Pictured in photo from front are Henk Doelman, John DeVree, Arthur Slarke and Neil Bishop. Members of the Lion's Club who made a pyramid for our very successful International Day.



John DeVree laying the foundations for the cement skirt around the CWA building to protect the building from water and rising salt.



Anne Rees (Divisional President), Maurie Gilson and Amy Hardy (guest speakers) at our International day on Egypt. They are holding a prayer rug kindly loaned to us by Lynne and Anne Parker.



Lyn Smith dressed as Cleopatra with Amy Hardy, who travelled from Perth to talk on her trip to Egypt.



A plaque has been mounted on a rock next to the avenue of trees in Stubbs Street marking 75 years of CWA in WA..

Police Post



Lake Grace Police Station
Stubbs Street:

Ph: (08) 98651007

Fax (08) 98651429

HEAVY VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSES

With the impending bumper harvest, we have been inundated with requests for drivers license upgrades from 'heavy rigid' to 'heavy combination'.

To dispel a great myth, the transitional period for holders of the old 'B' class license to upgrade to a heavy combination license ended in November 2002 after a six month extension period. The option to upgrade your license has now passed and in order to tow a trailer with the gross mass of greater than 9000kg, you will need to apply for a learner's permit for a 'HC' license. Contact the Telecentre on 9865 1470 or Shire on 9865 1105 for further information.

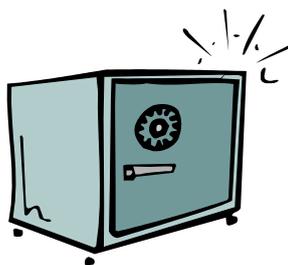


Please note that we do not conduct practical driving tests for classes higher than 'HR'. Testing for 'HC' or 'MC' licenses is conducted at regional centres, the closest being Narrogin.

HAS ANYONE LOST A GUN SAFE?

Recently, a beige coloured gun safe was located abandoned in a dam on a rural property. Also found was a worn out angle grinder and it was apparent that the offenders had gained entry to the cabinet after some effort. Despite exhaustive inquiries, the owner has not been located.

If you own a firearms cabinet, please check on it to make sure it is still there! If it isn't, you had better report it.



HANDGUN BUYBACK

A reminder that the current handgun buyback expires on 31 December 2003. That means that you only have two months left to act, as there will be no extensions.

Avoid the disappointment of losing your pistols AND missing out on compensation for them by acting soon. If you are unsure if your handguns are prohibited or otherwise, call into the station or phone 1800 005 532.



UNLICENSED MOTORBIKES

It appears that there is a belief by some that it is okay to ride up and down the railway reserve and then proceed on to cut up in the bush blocks on the outskirts of town.

If this continues the offenders will be charged and face the prospect of hefty fines and loss of licence or disqualification from holding a licence for up to 9 months.

Show some respect for others and stay out of property that isn't yours!



SCHOOL PLACE IS ONE WAY

Please remember that School Place is one way and can't be used as a thoroughfare for motorists leaving the oval. These changes were made to alleviate the dangers for children as they walk or ride their bikes home from school.



WANTED

ST JOHN AMBULANCE VOLUNTEERS *IF FOUND PLEASE FORWARD TO.....*

The Lake Grace St John's Ambulance Sub Centre
Tuesday 4th November at 7.30 pm

ALL interested folk are invited to come along to our centre for an Information evening. Currently we have 3 qualified *volunteer* Grade 2 Officers and 3 qualified *volunteer* Grade 1 Officers. These people have given up their time to become familiar and be assessed on skills and protocols pertaining to their roles within the organisation. We also have a band of *volunteer* drivers who selflessly give their time and efforts when called upon. These drivers are as equally as important as our Officers – we all work as a team.

WE ARE ALL NORMAL PEOPLE LIKE YOU!

Funnily enough we all have jobs, families, hobbies, etc.....

At present we are **seriously** in need of more interested people to join our team. Alan Wright (District Manager) will be in attendance for the Information Evening as will all the Lake Grace St John's folk.

We will all be there to help you understand our roles and what we do for the organisation. More importantly we would like to let you know how you can help our organisation if you are interested. If you see any of us in the street please stop us if you would like to have a chat and find out more – we are all very approachable people.

Ever wondered what the inside of the Ambulance looks like?
Want to know what is in all those lockers?
Want to know what all the 'bits' of the Ambulance do?
Ever felt the need to do something to help people but not known how to go about it?
Do you enjoy being with supportive and caring people?

*Can you offer some of your time to assist others in
need within your local community?*

NEW EQUIPMENT

The Lake Grace Subcentre will very shortly be in possession of a Scoop stretcher. Local sporting groups will be pleased to know that we will have this equipment on the ready should it be required.

If you would like to know more about it or what it looks like just ask one of our members for more information or a demonstration

LAKE GRACE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The October meeting of the Lake Grace Development Association covered many and varied subjects, some of them were:

Town Centre Development: This has now been completed and we are waiting to tie up some loose ends before acquitting the grant funding.

Station Masters House: The huge efforts of Lyn Stewart and her work were acknowledged. A Quilt has been donated for a raffle by the Craft ladies and a permit has been applied for.

On The Sheep's Back: Still negotiating with the artist regarding final model. Wheatbelt Development Commission suggested sponsorship packages to help raise the rest of the monies.

Recycling: Another collection has been completed. There needs to be more education regarding squashing of milk containers. Thank you to Darren Spencer who has donated lots of wool packs. The garden shed to be erected but site has yet to be decided.

Community Bus: Problems with seatbelts, it appears as though five or six have been deliberately cut through, insurance factors and follow up to be addressed by Bus Committee.

Roadwise: Kids in cars; it was disappointing that 12 enrolled, 7 participants arrived but 2 left at midday. It will be suggested at the next meeting that Kids In Cars still be held annually but rotate the course throughout different towns. There has been a meeting with Main Roads and locals about road problems. It is hoped that there will be some signs moved, some new ones put in place and some islands to be replaced by flat lower cement.

Tourism: Rifle range Hill ownership was discussed and the possibility of cleaning up the club site since it has been severely vandalised. This would make it an extremely attractive area for tourist and bush walkers to visit. There will be another Discovery Walk on the 11th of November at the White Dam.

Regional Aging Lifestyle Accommodation: Awaiting feedback from surveys.

Town Clock: No further work till after harvest now as engineering firms workload is high.

Community Christmas Tree: There will be a meeting in the near future to finalise the details.

Cambinata Feast: An excellent promotion for this area and well received by those lucky enough to attend. Mary Nenke, an excellent host, was able to encompass a wide range of products and local expertise throughout the area.

Christmas Lights: Works Supervisor Ian Bartlett would like to dress up the main street with Christmas Lights, especially the two palms in the Coronation Gardens. A brochure was available to select a suitable decorative emblem.

There was discussion on celebrating the achievements of our locals. The recent recognition of Walkers Wines at the Mount Barker Wine Festival and the LGDA being finalists for the Community Services Award both need to be celebrated.

The next meeting will be in the Council Chamber on the 10th Nov, commencing 7.30 pm.

Debby Clarke

Mosaic Water Feature

For anyone who has been checking out the paper for news on the mosaics, there is finally something to tell! We need to get the mosaics in place and completed by the beginning of March 2004.

Our plan is that we will start installation after the New Year. What I really need is a list of names of people that are keen to help. Could you please ring and let me know so that I can tee up some dates with everyone. I would really appreciate as much help as possible. I can be contacted on 9865 4042 or 9865 1206.

If anyone is interested in helping with the sealing of the mosaics this will be happening on 22nd and

23rd November. Just bring along a paint brush, some old soft rags, packed lunch and a water bottle. We will be starting at 10:00am on the Saturday morning.

Last but not least could anyone that has not given me their story about their paver (only has to be from one line to one page) please get it to me as soon as possible. These can be faxed through on 9865 1393 or 9865 4042 "Attention Kerrie" or alternatively you can post them to me. I would really like these in soon, it doesn't have to be much - just something.

Kerrie Argent

“ A Tonne for Malleefowl ”

The Malleefowl Preservation Group is launching a new tax deductible fund raising campaign. During this year's harvest farmers will be able to donate grain through CBH grain receival bins to raise funds for malleefowl conservation projects in Western Australia.

The focus this year will be to improve broad scale feral animal controls (foxes, rabbits and feral cats) in response to the recent increases in feral populations. This increase is contributed to the loss of coordinated baiting programs, recent changes in 1080 handling regulations and decline in Agency support in the rural sectors.

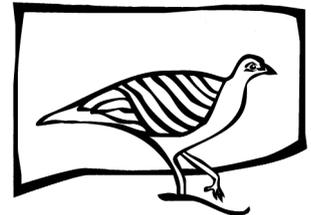
Depending on the success of the campaign, the group's second priority will be developing the "Mulga to Mallee" wildlife corridor from the south coast to the Goldfields. This will link vegetation remnants and assist malleefowl chick disbursal throughout the agricultural regions.

"The Malleefowl Preservation Group is a farming based grass roots organisation with a strong

"getting out and getting things done" focus. We have requested donations in the past and are aware that as farmers we have had some tough seasons in most regions over the last 2-3 years. However we hope that many will be able to make a small tax deductible contribution to the "Tonne for Malleefowl" fund raiser this year" explained Group Chairperson, Susanne Dennings.

Further information on the Malleefowl Preservation Group's projects can be accessed through the web site www.malleefowl.com.au or by phoning the group on 9828 2007.

Truck drivers wishing to lodge their donation are asked to notify the weigh bridge staff who will allocate the nominated grain portion to the Malleefowl Preservation Group customer number available at the CBH weigh bridge office.



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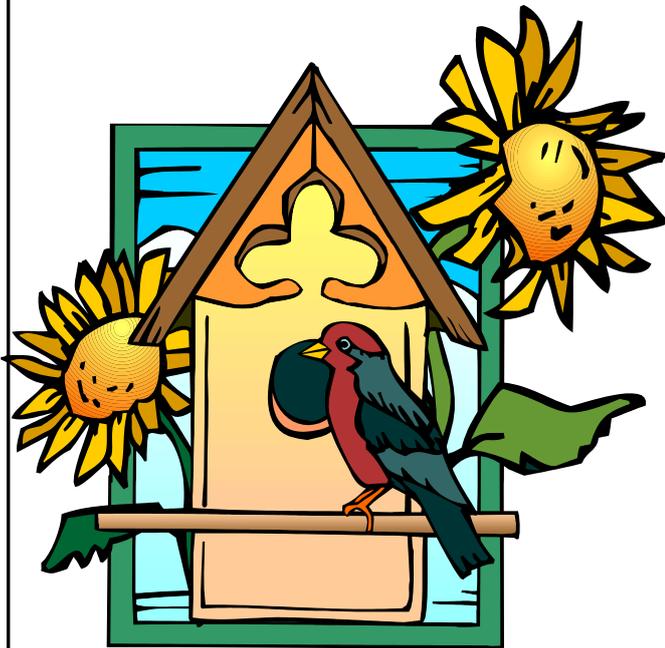


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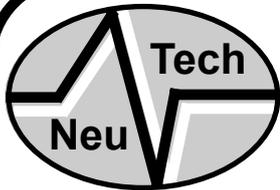


Lake Grace Weather

- Terry Gladish



Date	Min	Max	Rain
16/10	5.0	25.8	
17/10	5.4	20.8	
18/10	4.0	17.5	trace
19/10	4.0	23.0	
20/10	7.9	23.2	
21/10	10.2	26.0	
22/10	12.6	25.5	
23/10	12.5	24.3	
24/10	9.7	22.0	
25/10	8.5	28.1	
26/10	12.5	26.3	
27/10	11.8	16.5	2.4
28/10	8.9	21.7	
29/10	9.6		



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Steps to Staying on Your Feet



~ Manage your Medicines ~

Medicines can improve our quality of life and assist us to manage our health. There are also risks with the use of medicines, including side effects that can increase an older person's risk of falling. The reasons why you take certain medicines can change so it is important to have your medicines checked regularly.

Medicines do not only include those that you get with a doctor's prescription, but also over the counter & herbal medicines that you can buy in pharmacies, supermarkets and other shops. Sometimes medicines or a combination of medicines can cause side effects that include confusion & disorientation, blurred or double vision, dizziness and unsteadiness, all of which increase the risk of falling.

As part of the 'Steps to Stay on Your Feet', managing medicines reminds you to **keep a written record** of your medicines and to **learn about possible side effects** so you can quickly

identify them should they occur. **Regularly review** the medicines you take, your pharmacist or GP is the best person to discuss your medicines and any possible side effects.

Home medicine reviews are a service provided jointly by doctors & community pharmacists. Next time you visit your doctor; ask if it would be worthwhile if you had a home medicine review. If your doctor thinks that you should have a home review, they will refer you to a suitably qualified community pharmacist of your choice. The pharmacist will then visit you in your own home to look at all of your medicines and discuss any difficulties or uncertainties you may have.

If you would like more information on falls prevention, or would like a guest speaker for your group, please contact the Upper Great Southern Primary Health Service on 9881 0385.



Lake Grace Lions Club (Inc)

Free Cancer Screening Clinic

The Lions Cancer Institute and a Member of the Australian Society of dermatologists Will conduct a Free Skin Cancer Screening

Saturday 22nd November
at the Shire Hall
10.00 am to 4.00 pm

If you are 20 years or older and can answer 'YES' to three (3) of the following you may be at risk.

- A family member who has had a malignant melanoma (Mother, Brother, Sister or Grandparents)
- Five or more moles (not freckles) on your forearms
- Previously have moles removed that were not cancers
- Previously had skin cancer
- A mole or freckle, which is changing, size, colour or shape
- Fair skin that always burns rather than tans
- Had blistering sunburn as a child enough to stay off school
- Any inflamed skin sores that do not heal



For bookings please contact The doctors surgery 98651208

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NIGHT WATCH

Welcome to night watch for the fortnight from midnight Friday, October 31 to midnight Friday, November 2.

Our local star, the Sun (sol), is in Virgo on Saturday but is in the constellation of Libra on Sunday for the rest of the fortnight.

The first quarter moon is on Saturday, at 12.15pm, in Capricorn at 378,000kms distant. The full Moon is on Sunday 9th, at 9.03am, in Aries at a distance of 405,600kms. On Monday 10th, in Taurus, the Moon will be at apogee (furthest) at 406,200kms distant.

Mercury, in Libra until the 12th when it will be in Scorpius, is in the evening twilight. It sets on Saturday evening at 6.51pm and 4 minutes later each night. On Friday 14 Mercury will be 3° north of the reddish star Antares (the heart of the scorpion).

The bright planet, Venus at -3.9 in Libra, will have moved into Scorpius on Tuesday 4. Venus sets at 8.04pm on Saturday and sets 2 minutes later each night. On Monday 10 Venus will be 4° north of the reddish star, Antares, and will have moved into Orphiuchus.

Mars, in Aquarius, sets at 2.35am and will set 3 minutes earlier each morning. On the 3rd Mars, at -1.2 will be 3° north of the moon.

The giant gas planet, Jupiter, in Leo at -1.8 magnitude, rises at 2.42am and will rise 2 minutes earlier each morning.

The giant ringed planet, Saturn, in Gemini at magnitude 0.0, rises at 11.21pm and rises 4 minutes earlier each night. Saturn will be 5° south of the Moon on Friday 14.

Uranus, the blue/green planet, in Aquarius, at magnitude +5.8, sets at 2.08am and sets 4 minutes earlier each morning. On the 2nd Uranus will be 5° north of the moon.

Neptune, the grey/green gas planet in Capricornus, sets at 1.04am, setting 4 minutes earlier each morning. Neptune, at magnitude +7.9, will be 5° north of the Moon on the 1st.

The small distant planet, Pluto, sets at 9.16pm, and sets 4 minutes earlier each night in the constellation of Ophiuchus at magnitude +13.8.

During the fortnight there will be some bright fast meteors in the morning night sky in the constellations of Taurus and Orion, although the Moon is in the morning sky. The Moon is in the night sky for two thirds of the fortnight.

Sunrise times are:

Date	Rises	Sets	Date	Rises	Sets
Nov. 1	5.10am	6.31pm	Nov 8	5.04am	6.37pm
Nov. 2	5.09am	6.32pm	Nov. 9	5.03am	6.38pm
Nov. 3	5.08am	6.33pm	Nov. 10	5.02am	6.39pm
Nov. 4	5.07am	6.34pm	Nov. 11	5.02am	6.40pm
Nov. 5	5.06am	6.35pm	Nov. 12	5.01am	6.41pm
Nov. 6	5.06am	6.35pm	Nov. 13	5.00am	6.42pm
Nov. 7	5.05am	6.36pm	Nov. 14	5.00am	6.42pm

On Monday 24 November there will be a partial eclipse of the Sun, from sunrise to 1.00pm, which will be seen over most of Australia.

Look at the surface of boiling water and you will have a rough image of the surface of the sun. Latest images of the Sun show that hot gas rises from 200 to 450kms above the surface. Many individual granules show bright faces through a telescope. These are faculae, regions where gas is hotter than it's surroundings.

All visitors for viewing or inquiries welcome.
 Maurie Gilson, a member of the Astronomical Society of WA. 16 Clarke Avenue, Lake Grace.
 Phone: 9865 1516

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 the days we need to get stock — will keep it to once a month



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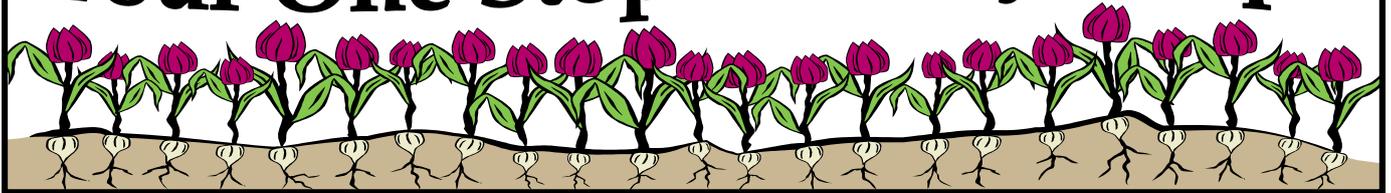


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Wildflower Watch

October/November is the height of this shire's wildflower season with all the sandplain and gravel bushland at its most colourful, especially with the wonderful season we are having.

The road verges behind the areas trashed last year, the Rifle Range Reserve and the bushland from the White Dam to Griffin Reward Road are some of the places closer to town where you can see an amazing display.

Lake King Progress Association has created 3 nature trails within their townsite, making the most of the flora and fauna in that area and of course there are many reserves and gravel road verges within the shire where a huge variety of wildflowers can be seen.

The verticordia and grevillea species are especially abundant at the moment. Also prolific are many melaleucas – specifically the pinks.

This will be the last *Wildflower Watch* for this year so enjoy them but...

Please don't pick the wildflowers

Traversing the Continent

Following last fortnight's feature we continue with Rodney's exploits.

18th August

It is Monday morning and I am in Balladonia. Over the last five days I have covered 190km from Norseman and while it was pretty tough I now know that there is no stretch of days that will be any harder than those I have just done. So far I have covered about 1300 km in 48 days although obviously not all of these days have been walking.

As there is little to look at over the next 5 or 6 weeks the breaks will be less frequent and I should cover a lot more k's in a shorter time.

Those of you that have kept in touch by phone will have noticed that you haven't been able to reach me. Telstra, unlike your's truly, hasn't taken on the Nullarbor yet. It seems that I won't have phone reception until Ceduna which isn't until late September. This is a bit of a pain as the phone makes you feel less isolated. You start to feel that you're not part of the 'real' world, that you have your own little world and no one else is part of it. You really do have a lot of time to think. Sadly I can't focus on one thing for long enough to make use of this 'thinking' time.

Internet access also appears to be a bit hit and miss as many of the roadhouses don't have internet terminals, so my updates may become less frequent. Some of you probably think that is a good thing.

I hope to be in Adelaide around 14/10 but will give a definite date when I get to Ceduna. I hope at least some of you can come and visit.

There are no towns until Ceduna really, just roadhouses and food is something less than interesting. Unless I'm at a roadhouse my diet has become 2 minute noodles, baked beans and spaghetti, tuna tempters, biscuits and lollies. Suffice to say I have come in two notches on my belt, that is definitely not a bad thing. Only two more notches to go.

I miss all of you guys for one reason or another and do feel lonely occasionally, you know I hate being around people, but the mind and body are still strong.

It is a real experience that I would not swap for quids.

Tip of the day. Do not buy Premium Unleaded at Norseman, it's \$1.35 per litre.

Tip 2. If you don't like 2 minute noodles don't walk across Australia.

5th September

Me again.

After 18 days, about 530 kms and a few adventures I've found an internet terminal. If you find some typos I apologise but it cost \$4 for 15 minutes so I'm not being too careful.

I am now in South Australia, Border Village actually and have left Western Australia behind, at the moment about twenty yards behind, but it is behind and it is now time to move on. There was something strangely familiar about WA and I admit to being somewhat daunted about the next little bit. I don't know, same road different state I guess.

I have met some interesting people on my travels, none more so than Bill Murray. He has a horse and covered wagon and travels the country. he confesses to being slightly mad but finds that he can't live with people after what sounded like ten years of solitary.

Trust me I do not have this problem and I take this opportunity to let you know that I will be in Adelaide on 14/10/03 and welcome your company.

Then there are the Slapes. We are competing for the same Nullarbor charity dollar. They are riding a horse and driving a horse and buggy from Norseman to Port Augusta for cord blood research. There is Josh, 5 years old, who has ridden all the way so far and his mum and grandad. They were part of a camel trek but the people with camels pulled out and the Slapes continued on. These people provide me with inspiration.

Communications out here are difficult; In an email I read a minute ago someone described it as the communication black hole called the Nullarbor Plain. That is how it feels sometimes and it makes you realize how important, to me anyway, some form of interaction with people you know and love is. It's great meeting all these weird and wonderful people but you really need to have a talk with someone about the normal things now and then. Life is not real when all you have to talk about is the cost of the drier or the best place to get a hamburger for less than \$8.

Someone asked me the other day what keeps me

Traversing the Continent *cont...*

going. Firstly I've got the cake theory. Perth to Wollongong is the cake. The big towns/cities are the slices. The days between the towns are the mouthfuls and the 2hr or 10 km in each day are the swallows. How easy is it when you look at it like that.

Then you've got the higher level motivations.

* Self-satisfaction, pride in what I'm trying to achieve on a personal and societal (is that a word) level. Just the whole idea of doing something worthwhile and completing what I set out to do. Being given an opportunity to live out a dream, that is a real privilege that few of us get to indulge, and seeing it all come to fruition, I hope.

* Not letting down friends family and people that have supported me. Having them think that the help and assistance they have provided has been worthwhile.

* The memories of those that I know have suffered from cancer and those who are fighting the good fight. If Professor Morris can make their lives a tiny bit better it has been sensational. And for those that didn't hang around long enough to see me do this, their legacy lives on, in my mind, in whatever I may achieve.

* Seeing all your smiling faces on 20/12/03 when I finish, *and I will*.

* Knowing that my mum is proud of what I am trying to accomplish.

If that's not enough motivation I don't know what is.

I had a hole in my tyre the other day about 40 kms from Madura. This could have been a nightmare but I stayed calm and fixed the problem with a sleeve of gaffa tape for the tyre. I then got the sat phone out and did an ET where Paul Darby and Doherty's Transport swung into action and I had

spare wheels and tyres delivered to Madura in less than 72 hours. Quicker than if they'd come from Kalgoorlie.

Thanks to Phil and the gang at Wilderness Wear for the two new pairs of boots that were waiting for me at Border Village. Their support has been invaluable. I reckon two more pairs should get me there Phil, but I'll let you know.

Also Rob from Mainpeak. He sent me some dehydrated food which I haven't tried yet, but when I do, I'll do the Leo Schofield bit and let you know what it was like.

Ceduna is a bit less than 500 km away and that is the end of the Nullarbor. That sounds amazing to me and the closer I get to various milestones, the more confident I become. I have covered 1806 km in 67 days.

Keep leaving your emails and SMS messages they're great.

Not many eastern staters see the Melbourne Footy Show but I watch it whenever I get the opportunity. A friend of the Stroll was recently on it. Part of the show is a drama series called The House of Bolger which has developed a large cult following. Doug Hawkins, that was absolutely tragic but I cacked myself.

To all the dads, happy Father's Day. I hope you all get wonderful power tools, after shave, socks and jocks. A special happy Father's Day to you Bazz. I don't know what I got you, but I'm sure you'll like it.

Tip - If you see a German tourist driving erratically in front of you as you walk down the road get out of his way. There is a good chance he is looking through the viewfinder of his video camera while he's driving his car (yes it did really happen).

Rodney Horan

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Grand Master Choa Kok Sui, of the Phillipines has spent over 20 years studying energy and it's application in healing, and is the modern day founder of Pranic Healing. Many of the techniques used in Pranic healing are century old secrets that are now being shared with the public. It is Master Choa's goal to have a Pranic Healer in every family.

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I have been personally trained by Grand Master Choa Kok Sui, Master Gregory Castanarez and Melaney Ryan who is the founder of The West Australian Institute of Inner Studies. I have been given a role teaching Pranic Healing in a large portion of the Great Southern and I look forward to sharing these wonderful techniques with all who are interested in improving their lives. I have experienced first hand the effectiveness of this form of energy work through my own personal healing and through the results obtained with my clients. Having lived in Kojonup for the past 7 years, I understand how important it is to bring these learning opportunities to the rural people.



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\$10,000 Fine After Amputation Incident



An incident involving unguarded machinery which cost a Hyden farmer three of his fingers has led to the machinery manufacturer and supplier being fined \$10,000.

Nomel Holdings Pty Ltd, trading as McDougall Weldments, of Cuballing, received the fine, plus costs of \$857.70, in Narrogin Court.

Following the incident in 2000, WorkSafe brought a charge against the company of providing machinery which was inadequately guarded.

A Hyden farmer had three fingers amputated when they were caught in an unguarded auger on a newly purchased grain cleaning machine.

The farmer had placed his hand near exposed rotating parts on the machine.

The newly supplied grain-cleaning machine was not adequately guarded to prevent inadvertent access to the hazard point.

No operator's manual was supplied with the machine.

"This penalty is another reminder that the responsibility for a safe workplace extends beyond employers and employees," WorkSafe Acting Executive Director Nina Lyhne said today.

"Poor guarding continues to be one of the main causes of loss of fingers and limbs," Ms Lyhne said.

"This conviction follows a case earlier this year where a South Australian company was convicted in Albany of failing to ensure that the design of a grape-picking machine was safe for use in a workplace. That company was fined \$20,000 with \$9,900 costs."

That conviction followed an incident where a worker at Crystal Brook Vineyards fell from a grape-picking machine while he was attempting to clear a blockage in the mechanism.

The man sustained serious spinal injuries and was left a quadriplegic as a result of the incident.

The employer was also prosecuted by WorkSafe and fined \$25,000 for failing to provide a safe workplace, and by that failure, causing a serious injury.

"These two prosecutions are important as it is unusual for WorkSafe to have successfully prosecuted the supplier or importer of a machine involved in a workplace incident," Ms Lyhne said.

"Many serious workplace incidents can be completely avoided if safety is built into the design of machinery."

"Many people connected to a workplace have responsibility for the health and safety of that workplace – this includes the employer and the employee, but also a manufacturer or supplier of machinery."

Lake Grace



Ladies Christmas Concert

Hosted by the Lake Grace Playgroup



Friday 28th November

7:00 pm start

At the Lake Grace Shire Hall



\$2 (or more if you wish) donation to rice bowl appeal

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Narelle Hutter (9865 1675).



Lake Grace Swimming Club

Our "Open The Season" meeting was held on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30 pm, consisting of a small but enthusiastic group. Our main focus being to **Welcome Everyone**, existing members and most importantly new members.

In case you are aware who is on the Committee see below:

President:	Kerri Argent	9865 4042
Vice President:	Debby Clarke	9865 4041
Secretary:	Genni Curtin	9865 1122
Treasurer:	John Hendry	
Registrar:	Steve Curtin	
Committee:	Cheryl Chappell	9865 4058
	Nanette Wallace	
Coach:	Steve Curtin	9865 1122
Tadpole Coach:	If anyone is interested please let us know.	
The Cost:	\$20 per family for Club Registration	
	\$32 Non Competitive	
	\$47 Competitive	
	\$15 Non swimming members	

The main arrears discussed at the meeting included:

- Our open "Fun Day and Sausage Sizzle" Tuesday 11th November 2003 at 3.30pm
- We continue to work on having hot showers installed.
- Starting blocks to be purchased and placed
- Display of upcoming events on Notice Board at pool
- Condensed version of minutes placed on Notice Board
- Car Cleaning - as this is our only fundraiser for the year (and is now only during summer months) we encourage you to put your name on the roster when it suits you. The roster will be displayed on our fun day
- Busy Bee - to be confirmed one night at swimming training
- Due to insurance, registration must be paid before the next training day.

First Official Training starts - Wednesday 12th November 2003

Training Times:	<u>Juniors</u>	4.30 - 5.15 pm
	<u>Seniors</u>	5.00 - 6.00 pm

Please come along and make a splash.

Genni Curtin (Secretary)

2003 - 2004 SEASON

The Lake Grace Swimming Club is about to start, and we would welcome all new and past members back for the season. The committee, coach and myself are all working hard to make this season a fun, happy, hassle free season for everyone.

Swimming club is open to any one that can safely swim half the length of the big pool, so yes you do need to be able to swim.

You do not have to be a competitive swimmer and go to meets etc, you can be part of the swimming club simply to come to training, get fit, feel healthier and improve your swimming technique/stroke development.

Training days will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Depending on numbers, training will be 4.30 - 5.15 pm for the half pool swimmers and from 5pm - 6pm for all other swimmers but this will be worked out with the coach on Tuesday. It is not compulsory to attend training three days a week, once or twice is fine.

We are also planning on having fun days during the season, this will involve water games followed by sausage sizzles, and of course time trials will be held to see if your times are improving.

Fundraising for the swimming club is washing the AG Dept cars. This may seem a chore but it is the only fundraiser we do during the season. If you make it a family event it is done quickly and the only input is your time and a bit of fuel to get there. I have been doing the cars for four years and it is much easier than cooking and running a cake stall or organizing a crutching busy bee. As we are sharing the contract with the hockey club this year we only have to do this over the summer months. Depending on how many families we have registered we may only have to clean them two or three times per family for the season.

For all those dryland swimmers this might be the year you too could hit the water since it's going to be such a long hot summer.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE REGISTRATION DAY WITH YOUR TOGS!

Kerrie Argent (President)

**Lake Grace Swimming Club
2003—2004 Season**

**Registration
Fun Day
Sausage Sizzle**

**Tuesday 11th November
3:30 - 5:00 pm**

All swimmers need to be registered before commencing training - this is for insurance purposes.

Lake Grace Bowls

Men's Bowls

Saturday 18th October we played the Consistencies singles which was won by Peter Taylor. The trophy was donated by J & E Griffin.

Triples championships were played on Sunday 26 October for the Lake Grace Crutching Service trophy. Winners were John Griffin, Geoff Sabourne and Chris Carruthers.

Next Saturday 1 November

Men's Four Championships

These have been bought forward to this Saturday 1st due to them normally being played in the middle of harvest.

Names to be by 12.30pm.

All bowlers should be there as it is the last hit out before Pennants start.

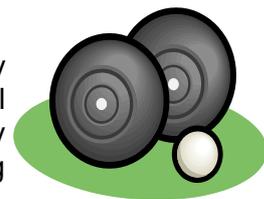
Selectors are meeting to pick Pennants side straight after bowls have finished.

Players please turn up and support your trophy donors and club.

Social bowls on Sunday 2 November.

Ladies Bowls

This bowling season the Lady Bowlers are going to run social bowls on a Wednesday morning commencing Wednesday 12 November.



People who are interested in learning what bowls is all about, without being committed, are welcome to come along.

At this stage the time slot is from 12 noon - 2pm. If this does not suit, an alternate time can be negotiated.

There is no need to wear a bowls uniform, just any suitable clothes but you are asked to wear flat-soled shoes on the green.

The purpose of the day is to learn how to play bowls in an informal atmosphere and have some fun at the same time.

Anyone interested can ring:

Lyn Taylor 9864 9026

Jean Seaman 9865 1842

Rhonda Reynolds 9865 1176

Or just roll up.

Lyn Taylor

Secretary Ladies Bowling Club

Lake Grace Garden Club Christmas Tour Wednesday November 12

Jump on the bus, sit back, relax and enjoy some of Lake Grace's fabulous town and farm gardens on the annual garden club Christmas Tour.

Join in the fun and delight in the pleasures of a leisurely stroll as you admire the creative talents of some of our dedicated gardeners.

The tour is FREE to members and just \$10 for non-members. Please bring your own lunch.

There will be raffles and plenty of laughs on the day, so get your names in to Julie Bushby ASAP to book your seat on the bus.

See you there!



Lake Grace Tennis Racket

We played our first pennant match of the season the week before last against Tarin Rock. It was neck and neck throughout the day but Lake Grace managed to hold on to win 18 to 16. Well done to everyone involved whether it was playing tennis or providing

the sensational lunch afterwards.

This weekend sees us travelling to Dumbleyung, to try and avoid a massacre we need all hands on deck! It will be fun to have a hit on real grass courts for a change. Be there for a 1 pm start.

Six Love - Bevan Taylor



Lake Grace Tennis Club presents



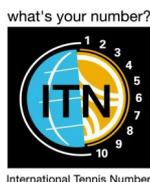
Tennis Australia and the Australian Sports Commission has created a new national program called 'Tennis Over Australia', that focuses on tennis growth in regional areas. The aims of the TOA program are to enhance player membership growth, bolster participation and introduce new junior players to tennis.

In season 2003/2004 Lake Grace Tennis Club has been selected as a regional 'Tennis Over Australia' club. Our first fun day is on Sunday 9th November with a handicap doubles format. Players with any level of experience in tennis are encouraged to invite a person new to the game to come along and have some fun. There is no age limit

Format

- * Handicap Doubles - male and female, not mixed.
- * No age restriction.
- * No previous tennis experience necessary.
- * Handicapper will inhibit or enhance entrants chances as best he can.
- * Bring along a hat, shoes (non marking) and a racquet (some available at the club).
- * \$6 per couple entry fee.
- * One o'clock start.

For further information contact Ross Bowron on 9865 1164 (work) or 9865 1298 (home).



Youth Advisory Council

Wednesday 22nd October there was a meeting at the Youth Station to discuss the four remaining activity nights for the year.

Last Friday was a Video Night. Unfortunately this was not well supported possibly due to the short notice.

Friday 7th November will be a Quiz Night and Bingo, the theme will be 'beach party' with burgers for tea.

Friday 21st November there will be Karaoke and Skits with party food.

Friday 5th December will be soccer on the town oval with hot dogs for tea.

Youth Week for 2004 was discussed, this will run from March 27th to April 4th. Members decided that the ideas put forward for the art workshops sounded interesting and they are looking forward to it.

The supervisor for Wednesday 5th November will be Mrs Kaye Roper, Friday 7th November will be Connie and Barge Argent.

Debby Clarke

Tarin Rock Tennis



October 19th saw the start of the Pennant Season, playing against Lake Grace at Lake Grace. The new starting time, in the cool of the day, at 10.00 am proved a great success. With food available all day, beating the mossies inherent in the evenings and the Albany Doctor, this time suited most of our club especially those who managed to go water skiing as well.

Lake Grace just beat us 18 sets, 155 games to 16 sets, 149 games with the day being decided on the last set; very exciting and lots of fun.

A very welcome addition to our club, pennant side and playground are the arrival of Theresa Wigg and her children Jessica and Owen from Nyabing. New players and their families are always welcome; club members encourage your friends to join us at any social tennis event.

Saturday October 25th, saw a day of "busy bees". Thanks to all club members who helped to cart clean sand for the playground and to Michael Naisbitt for helping to sand the floor back in the clubhouse. Social tennis got going around 7.00 pm and it was lovely to have some new faces.

This Friday October 31st, 6.00 pm **sharp** - social tennis with a Quiz night, it's also Halloween so

beware the ghosts and ghoulies! Bring your own meat and a salad to share.

Welcome back from your travels Nanette, Donald and family - guess what, you're on the cleaning roster for Friday night!

Pennant players, if you can't be there on Friday please let Eddie know whether you are available for Sunday.

Sunday November 2nd, at Tarin Rock, 12.30 for 1.00 pm start against Wagin. All players please provide afternoon tea and a plate of nibblies for afterwards. Hot dogs will be on sale. Pat, Belinda and hopefully Luke are on cleaning roster for Sunday night.

Saturday November 8th - social tennis, 5pm with a Mexican flavour; dig out your Mexican cook books and bring a Mexican meal to share - watch out for the chillies!

Joe and Wendy are on cleaning roster for Saturday night.

Belinda O'Neill



HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday the 23rd October we travelled to Kulin with both games being played at 7.00pm.

Lake Grace 2 played Yellow. This was another close game with Yellow winning 23 to 18.

The next game was Lake Grace 1 playing White. Team members played very well however, White won 23 to 14.

This week we play on Friday, the bus will be leaving the courts at 4.40pm. Lake Grace 1 plays at 6.10pm and Lake Grace 2 plays at 7.00pm.

Any parents and friends wishing to accompany us please book your seat with Debby Clarke on 9865 4041, by Thursday night.

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Lake Grace Cricket

Saturday 18th October Lake Grace took the bus to Hyden for the opening game of the season. Hyden batted first and made 202 at the end of their overs, mainly due to a fine century by Doug Nicholl. In reply Lake Grace fell 27 runs short.

Batting - HYDEN

D Nicholl	ct G O'Neill	b D Stanton	100
M Bembrick	ct K Fleay	b D Jenkin	13
B Smith	ct D Stanton	b M Burbridge	6
C Brown	ct A Duckworth	b M Burbridge	7
D Symcox	ct D Stanton	b G Pinney	5
D Tulley		b G Pinney	7
N Madden	ct J Galantino	b G Pinney	2
C Smith	ct K Fleay	b G Pinney	1
T Herring	not out		18
L Gangell	not out		6
Sundries			16
TOTAL			202

Batting - LAKE GRACE

R Spurr		b C Brown	17
D Jenkin	ct C Brown	b D Nicholl	13
J Galantino	ct D Symcox	b D Nicholl	10
G Pinney	ct T Andrews	b B Smith	6
G O'Neill	ct B Smith	b D Nicholl	30
K Fleay	ct M Bambrick	b C Brown	6
R Stubberfield		b T Herring	8
M Burbridge	ct D Symcox	b C Brown	10
D Stanton	not out		31
A Duckworth		b D Tulley	16
R Fleay	not out		19
Sundries			9
TOTAL			175

Bowling - Lake Grace:

K Fleay 1-32; D Stanton 1-40; R Spurr 0-27; D Jenkin 1-26; M Burbridge 2-12; G Pinney 4-44; A Duckworth 0-8.

Bowling - Hyden:

B Smith 1-30; D Nicholl 3-52; C Brown 2-23; T Herring 1-18; C Smith 1-22; D Tulley 1-25.

Man of the match G Pinney. Runner-up D Stanton. Special thanks to Ian McIntosh for driving the bus and Trumby as Team Manager.

Saturday 25th October Lake Grace played North Lake Grace on the newly laid pitch and had a good win.

Batting - NORTH LAKE GRACE

R Jones	ct K Holmes	b G Pinney	59
M French	ct K Holmes	b K Fleay	3
J Burns	ct M Pinney	b D Jenkin	14
L McGlinn		b R Spurr	40
J Desmond	ct D Jenkin	b R Spurr	6
T Ellison	ct D Stanton	b R Spurr	1
B Desmond	run out		19
G Leo		b G Pinney	0
M Dowling		b K Fleay	13
Z Connolly		b L McPherson	0
B Tonkin	not out		0
Sundries			8
TOTAL			164

Batting - LAKE GRACE

R Spurr	run out		35
D Jenkin	ct J Desmond	b T Ellison	12
K Holmes		b J Burns	6
J Muir		b R Jones	63
G Pinney	retired		40
M Pinney	not out		11
L McPherson	not out		15
Sundries			14
TOTAL 5 for			196

Bowling - Lake Grace: D Stanton 0-23; K Fleay 2-14; G Pinney 2-21; D Jenkin 1-22; K Holmes 0-22; A Walker 0-23; R Spurr 3-7; L McPherson 1-15; M Burbridge 0-16.
Bowling - North Lake Grace: J Burns 1-21; T Ellison 1-54; B Desmond 0-20; L McGlinn 0-23; M French 0-31; R Jones 1-15; G Leo 0-8; B Tonkin 0-12; M Dowling 0-0.

Man of the match J Muir. Runner-up R Spurr. Next week we are at home to Karlgarin.

Saturday morning will see the commencement of Kanga Cricket for Primary School kids commencing at 9 am. Anyone interested in playing please come along.

Thanks to one of our senior members, Norm Oliver, for the donation of a fishing rod to raffle for the purchase of junior cricket gear.

Reg Fleay

NORTH LAKE GRACE CRICKET CLUB

North Lake Grace vs. Kalgarin/ Pingaring 18th October 2003

After losing the toss (welcome to another year of captaincy Marty) and being offered the new ball, Norths struggled to make any major inroads into Kalgarin/Pingaring's batting line up. At 2 for 42 we were in a reasonable position but a 102 run partnership put paid to any thoughts of a small runs chase. When the carnage had finished we were left chasing just short of 300, knowing this was going to be a difficult task. Solid bowling contributions from Brenden Desy and Burnsy held the tide back a little as did solid efforts in the files from Benny, Zane and Mark (the fill-ins).

The batting started at a brisk pace until Marty was dismissed, bringing Burnsy and Jonesy together. When Lindsay was dismissed with the score at 170, things were looking very grim – especially when we lost our next 3 wickets for 5 runs (cheers to the Desy boys – a very strong middle order effort). Some lusty hitting from Twigs and Milto got us over 200 but we still fell 78 runs short.

Remember subs are now due, payable to Travis Ellison. Also congrats to the new office bearers—Marty French (President/ Captain), Lindsay McGlinn (V/President, V/Captain) and Travis Ellison (Secretary/Treasurer).

Batting—KALGARIN/ PINGARING

D Wyatt	ct R Jones	b J Burns	7
P Gannaway	ct B Desmond	b T Ellison	22
M Spurr	ct M French	b B Desmond	44
B Lagana	ct J Burns	b T Ellison	119
A Want	Not out		68
M Turley	Not out		6
J Murray			
S James			
T James			
K Argent			
L Murray			
Sundries			29

TOTAL 4 for 295

Batting—NORTH LAKE GRACE

R Jones		bowled T James	61
M French	ct B Lagana	b D Wyatt	12
J Burns	ct A Want	b M Spurr	55
L McGlinn	c & b M Spurr		39
B Desmond	ct J Murray	b M Spurr	0
J Desmond		bowled A Want	0
T Ellison	st B Lagana	b M Spurr	27
G Milton	Not out		15
M Ditchburn	c & b S James		0
B Tonkins	Not out		1
Z Connolly			
Sundries			8

TOTAL 8 for 217

Bowling – Pingaring/Kalgarin: D Wyatt 1-29 (6 overs), M Spurr 4-55 (11 overs), A Want 1-49(11 overs), J Murray 0-14 (2 overs), S James 1-3 (3 overs), T James 1-63 (11 overs)

Bowling – North Lake Grace: M French 0-59 (9 overs), J Burns 1-26 (9 overs), L McGlinn 0-77 (8 overs), B Desmond 1-38 (7 overs), T Ellison 2-66 (11 overs),

North Lake Grace vs. Lake Grace 25th October 2003

The two Lake Grace sides faced off on the new cricket pitch which had been laid only that morning. Marty won the toss and decided to have a bat. At 2 for 39, Norths were in a bit of trouble, however a 74 run partnership between Lindsay and Jonesy brought the score up to a reasonable level. Some big hitting late in the innings from Brenden and newcomer Matt Dowling got the score over 160 however the general thought was that it may not have been enough. Welcome to the Duck Hunters Club Garry Leo and Zane Connolly. Norths snared a couple of early wickets after Burnsy had extracted some life out of the new

pitch, however that was when Jason Muir and Bob Spurr took control of the game, guiding Lakes to a comfortable win. Good to see Garry and Ben get a bowl – plenty of cricketing future in these two. See *facing page for results*.

Finally on Sunday, the Norths boys took on the job hay carting for Ross Taylor. This was an enjoyable (?) day for most, although early in the day a number of boys were a little green around the gills from the night before. After lunch and a feed of snags everyone came good and an excellent fundraising day was done.

Travis Ellison

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Mr Len Elliott	ph 9865 1137
Mr Lynn Parker	ph 9865 1217 (wk)
Mr Peter Taylor	ph 9864 9026

Lake Grace Uniting Church**Sunday 2nd November 10:00 am****Sunday 9th November 10:00 am**

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**LAKE GRACE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Mass Time-Table****Sunday 2nd November** 10.30am Lake King
6.00pm Lake Grace**Saturday 8th November** 6.00pm Pingrup**Sunday 9th November** 10.00am Lake Grace*Inquires: phone 9865 1248***Gnostic Catholic Church
of Lake Grace****Sunday 21st December 2003****Sunday 21st March 2004****Enquiries: 9865 1990**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Fri 31	High School Basketball - Kulin Fish & Chips Night - Club	Sun 9	Bowls - Social/Ladies Championship Fours Tennis - Fun Day/Format - Handicap Doubles
Sat 1	Bowls - Triple Championships Cricket - Lake Grace v Karlgarin Sculpture & Mould Workshop LG Shire Hall Steak Night - Club	Mon 10	LGDA Meeting 7.30pm
Sun 2	Sculpture & Mould Workshop LG Shire Hall Bowls - Social/Ladies Patroness/Life Members Day Tennis - Pennants Dumbleyung v LG	Tues 11	Swimming-Registration Fun Day
Tue 4	Melbourne Cup	Wed 12	LG Garden Club - Christmas Tour Swimming Training Starts 4.30pm Pizza Night at Rosies (Takeaway)
Wed 5	Pizza Night at Rosies (Takeaway)	Thu 13	Bowls - Ladies League Fours - Kond. Immunisation Clinic at Med. Centre
Fri 7	Youth Station - Quiz Night Fish & Chips Night - Club	<i>Coming events for November:</i>	
Sat 8	Bowls - Pennants - LG v Kondinin Steak Night - Club	<i>Free Cancer Screening Clinic Sat 22, Ladies Christmas Concert Fri 28, The Lake Grace and Perth launches of the "Women's History Book" will take place in late</i>	

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Malleefowl Preservation Group

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MALLEEFOWL
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Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*) are large ground dwelling birds somewhat larger than a domestic hen. One of 22 bird species known as "megapodes" (meaning big feet), they are capable of flight when seriously threatened. Megapodes are generally associated with tropical habitats however the Malleefowl is unique to the arid/semi-arid regions of Australia. Classified as "*Rare or likely to become extinct*" under the Western Australian Wildlife Conservation Act, the birds were once widespread throughout the southern half of Australia, however their numbers have seriously declined due to loss of habitat and introduced threats.

Malleefowl build a large mound of soil and leaf litter creating a compost type "incubator" from which the chicks hatch underground. The charismatic lifestyle of this strange bird has captured the hearts and concern of many Australians resulting in conservation efforts throughout rural Australia.

The malleefowl has significant cultural and heritage values to the community in the **Gnowangerup** shire, Western Australia. The shire name is derived from the South West Aboriginal name for malleefowl, the "gnow". The bird features as the faunal emblem on the Gnowangerup Shire coat of arms, the promotional shire vehicle registration plates, Gnowangerup school, Telecentre, hospital, newspaper and Gnowangerup Land Conservation District Committee (LCDC) logo. The malleefowl is the centre of a natural history display in the Ongerup Museum complimented by a malleefowl nesting mound constructed by the Ongerup school children, Apex, Museum and Malleefowl Preservation Group (MPG) members in the local museum grounds.

The Malleefowl Preservation Group's catch cry, "It's Gnow or Never" has become a well recognised slogan.

Concern for the decline in malleefowl populations resulted in local farmers and community residents meeting for a bush picnic at Ongerup in August 1992. The outcome was the formation of the Malleefowl Preservation Group (MPG) as a sub-committee of the Gnowangerup LCDC. The MPG has now developed into an independent group registered as a National Environmental Organisation.

The MPG is based in Ongerup, a small rural community of 160 residents situated in the Gnowangerup Shire approximately 400 kms south east of Perth. It is a typical mallee wheatbelt town that has witnessed the clearing of over 90% of the remnant vegetation for grain and sheep production resulting in the decline of the malleefowl and local extinction of many other native species.

This loss of biodiversity has also brought about serious threats to farmers' long term survival through declining production from increased salinity, wind and water erosion.

In addition to environmental concerns, there are many

social structure challenges requiring additional administration and volunteer input eg loss of community services, reducing human populations, distance from major centres/ technical support and declining farm incomes.

In spite of these hurdles, local residents in the Gnowangerup Shire have taken on the challenge at a grass roots level. The Malleefowl Preservation Group aims to turn the tide for the malleefowl by providing an example and encouragement to other small communities on the long term benefits for increased nature conservation.

The current state, interstate and overseas membership is 650. The MPG became a Nationally Registered Environmental Organisation in 1997 resulting in the formation of the Community Conservation Trust Fund established to offer tax deductible donations of \$2 and over to help support rural conservation projects.

Membership to the organisation comprises of a) landholders from the wheatbelt/pastoral areas b) similar interest rural groups (LCDC's, associated malleefowl groups) and c) interested urban based community members.

The Malleefowl Preservation Group has won three **State Nature Conservation Landcare Awards (1997, 1999 and 2001)**. As a result of last year's achievement, the MPG represented WA at the National Landcare Awards presented by the Prime Minister at Parliament House, Canberra, August, 2002.

In August, 1999, the MPG was awarded the **National Australia Bank Community Link Environment & Heritage** State Prize of \$2,000 and in August 2001 was the recipient of the state **Readers' Digest Environment and Heritage** award (\$2,500).

The group has established and implemented a Community Action Plan for the conservation of malleefowl. The history of the group's activities has been recorded in a 97 page publication, "The First Five Years" written by fauna consultant/Project Officer, Greg Harold and MPG Coordinator, Susanne Dennings.

The aim of the report is to advertise the achievements, provide guidance and to lead by example in encouraging others in taking up nature conservation challenges in rural Australia.

The Malleefowl Preservation Group has conducted many projects identified in the group's publication, "The First Five Years" report. The following projects have been conducted on a 95% volunteer basis

- Malleefowl research and monitoring
- Associated habitat surveys – topography, vegetation, mammal trapping, insect trapping
- Community Awareness
- School Education
- Fox and rabbit baiting

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- Feral cat eradication
- Establishment of Wildlife corridors
- Remnant Vegetation Protection
- Re-vegetation – planting local species
- Road Verges Mapping
- Recording of Malleefowl and associated fauna sightings
- Assistance to interested rural groups
- Fund raising
- Social activities
- Newsletter publication

As from March, 2000 well known Australian country folk singer, John Williamson accepted the Malleefowl Preservation Group's invitation to become our first patron to assist in promotion of malleefowl conservation throughout Australia. John has taken a keen interest in the projects of the MPG for many years having met with group representatives in 1996 followed by his cash donation to launch the MPG's Trust Fund in April, 1997.

In recognition of the conservation efforts of Malleefowl Preservation Group volunteers, the group was invited to nominate a representative to attend the a State Reception, Government House, Perth June, 2000 for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh during their Australian visit. HRH Prince Phillip took time out to chat with the Malleefowl Preservation Group representative showing his interest and knowledge of the species.

Seventy West Australian Primary Schools have been visited by the Malleefowl Preservation Group culminating in a specially designed education program, Malleefowl Magic partially funded by the Lotteries Commission. This popular package was launched by the hon Minister for Education, Sport and Recreation; Indigenous Affairs, Alan Carpenter MLA and includes a "big"book, little book, CD and 90 page curriculum/outcome based Teacher's education package introduced by the well known Naturalist, Sir David Attenborough. The package is especially designed for junior, middle and upper primary school levels.

In addition to the many donations received from members and interested public, the Malleefowl Preservation Group has received valuable support from the following *major* Corporate and Agency sectors:-

Lotteries Commission - WA; WMC Resources Ltd; Albany Toyota; John Williamson (Australian country folk singer); ITC (Integrated Tree Cropping); Environment Australia; National Australia Bank; Gnowangerup Shire; Great Southern Development Commission; Community Conservation Grants; World Wide Fund – Australia; Minister for Primary Industries: Fisheries, Hon. Monty House MLA; Dept Commerce & Trade

Aims and Objectives of the Group:

- ❖ To preserve and if possible, re-establish sustainable and secure populations of malleefowl in their natural habitat in Western Australia.
- ❖ To enhance the knowledge (distribution and natural history) through field surveys and research.
- ❖ To develop a long term conservation program for the malleefowl and to seek the support and cooperation of private individuals, community groups, government agencies, schools and universities.
- ❖ To increase community awareness for the preservation of the malleefowl by producing and extending information material to the community and contributing to school education programs.
- ❖ To raise funds and seek support from government, corporate bodies, private individuals and groups for the preservation of the malleefowl and its associated habitat.
- ❖ To ensure that the group activities do not cause disturbance to the malleefowl and associated native flora and fauna.

The Malleefowl Preservation Group has made a long term commitment to the protection of the natural environment. This has been achieved by involving land owners in the rural sector and gaining the support of the wider community. Projects undertaken by the MPG are largely dependant on membership involvement, budget availability, Government and Corporate support. The current development of a Five Year Strategic Plan will ensure the group has a well managed and well planned future towards effective on-ground conservation projects in the low rainfall areas of Western Australia.

"Malleefowl preservation is not just about saving one more malleefowl, it is about conserving our total biodiversity"