

LAKE GRACE LINK NEWS

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Harvest Woes



A 4WD ute makes its way through the floodwaters west of Pingaring closely followed by a sedan.

Photo courtesy Lois Dickins

Rain has turned harvest into a stop start situation with farmers wondering when they can get a clear run with their harvest. With the bulk of harvest generally done by mid December and most looking forward to holidays in January, the damp finish to the growing season has the grain industry throwing its hands in the air.

By Monday 15th December Lake Grace had already recorded 38.4mm of rain, a not so handy addition to the 22mm received in November. Cooler than

average temperatures have not helped the situation.

Wednesday 10th December brought a deluge to the district, although Lake Grace 'only' received 29.2mm, Newdegate Research Station recorded 42mm. However this is not a true reflection of what some areas received.

Wyatt's, 9km east of Pingaring, wondered what had hit them when

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Telecentre Opening Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Library Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

9am - 12:45pm then 1:15pm - 5:00pm

CLOSED on Wednesday

Deadlines & Editions



All articles, news & advertisements should be submitted to the Telecentre by close of business on Monday of paper week.

Next Deadline

Friday 23rd January

Next Edition

Thursday 29th January 2009

Advertising Charges

All prices inclusive of GST

1/8 page	\$ 8.80
1/4 page	\$13.20
1/2 page	\$22.00
Full Page	\$41.25
Classifieds	85c /line

We would appreciate your advertisements and articles emailed if possible.

Please email all material to:



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

Gwen Oliver
Elsie Bishop
Eileen Mather

Thank you also to our many contributors of articles.

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EDITORIAL

- Well thank you to everyone for your valued support of the Telecentre and the Lakes Link News throughout 2008. We will be operating on reduced hours over January (see below) but still want to know what is happening around town. Volunteers, committee and staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year. If you would like to join our band of volunteers (there is a variety of jobs) then please drop in and have a chat, you don't have to be here every fortnight!
- Thank you to everyone who has been so prompt with their subscriptions, we do appreciate your efficiency.
- If anyone has a key for the Telecentre and is no longer a member I would appreciate it if you could return your key. We are starting to run low on available keys and as they cost close to \$20 to replace I would appreciate their return.
- I have run out of room....a big thank you Mary Naisbitt, Eileen Mather, Christine Fyfe, Maurie Gilson, Helen Hunt, Liam Fyfe and Nat Fyfe (must have been a rain day) for collating last fortnights paper.

Suzanne Reeves



Marj Clarke would like to wish all her friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many thanks for all the Christmas cards and good wishes.

Marj

TELECENTRE HOURS

OUR HOURS WILL REMAIN AS NORMAL UNTIL
5PM WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER,
THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER - CLOSED
FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER - CLOSED

FROM MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER-WEDNESDAY
31ST DECEMBER THE TELECENTRE WILL BE
OPERATING AT REDUCED HOURS, 9AM-1PM,
THURSDAY 1ST JANUARY - CLOSED
FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY - CLOSED

FROM MONDAY 5TH JANUARY UNTIL FRIDAY
23RD JANUARY THE TELECENTRE WILL BE
OPERATING AT REDUCED HOURS:
9AM - 1PM



LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will be closed for the Christmas break from Friday 19th December and reopening on Tuesday 6th January.

During the school holidays the Lake Grace Library will operate on reduced hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9am—12:45pm
1:15pm—5pm

The Library will be closed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Normal opening hours will resume on Friday 30th January 2009.

O'Neill and Leech Wedding



Marcus O'Neill of Tarin Rock was married to Kylie Leech of Perth, formerly Queensland, at the Vines on October 24th.

They were attended by Chief Bridesmaid Tahryn Gray, stepsisters Cassie & Ashleigh Leech & Jessica Parker. Marcus' Best Man was Luke O'Neill & Groomsmen were Matthew and James O'Neill (who returned from Germany for the wedding) and mate Beau Varis.

Marcus and Kylie honeymooned in Fiji and are now building their first home in Perth.

Thank You

Rob, Narelle, Travis, Ethan, Katelyn and Hayley would like to thank everyone for their concerns, phone calls and best wishes when Hayley had a one-way flight to Perth.

To those who helped us out in any way **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.** Your generosity is amazing.

Special thanks to Dr Sam, Hospital staff, St John Ambulance, The Royal Flying Doctor and Mum (alias Grandma) who is always there to pull an extra shift.

Hayley is doing fine and back playing outside!!!

We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, safe, happy holidays and a prosperous New Year.



SBM TYRES & MECHANICAL

86 Stubbs Street, Lake Grace

Ph: 9865 1301 Fax 9865 1283

Jason, Penny and staff at SBM
Tyres and

Mechanical would like to wish all our clients a very
Merry Christmas, and a Safe & Happy New Year.

We thank you for your support throughout the
year and look forward to doing business
with you in 2009.



ABOUT TOWN

- Congratulations to Bill Willcocks on celebrating a significant birthday. He doesn't look a day over 60!
- Sincere sympathy to ex Lake Grace resident Sue Millar, who's husband Tony passed away recently.
- Sympathy also to past principal of Lake Grace District High School, Delva Russell, who's husband David also passed away recently.
- Congratulations to all the students of Lake Grace District High School who were presented with awards at this weeks end of year concert.
- Don't forget to purchase your RFDS raffle tickets, they are available from the Post Office. Raffle will be drawn on 23rd December.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



18th December	Bianca Kennedy		
19th December	Natalie O'Neill	10th January	Bodhi Power (10)
	Juanita O'Neill		Leanne Carruthers
	Aidan Pelham		Carley Hardy
20th December	Korey Clifton	11th January	Jackson Callope
	Des Pelham	12th January	Tayla Stuart
	Trenton Medlen	13th January	Marie Battison
21st December	Clem Bennett		Shannon Smith
	Graeme Taplin	15th January	Shelley Stanton
23rd December	Melissa Cugley		Gerard Farrelly
24th December	Liam Fyfe	16th January	Darren Clifford
	Leigh Hardy	17th January	John McGlinn
25th December	Pat O'Neill		Briana McWhirter
	Latisha McGlinn	18th January	Abbey Trawinski
26th December	Anna Taylor	19th January	Nicole Chappell (18)
	Esme Lane		Katelyn Hutter
	Jack Jenks	20th January	Melissa Clifford
	Jaimee Withnell		Christine Willock
27th December	Lindsay Slarke	21st January	Andrew Hunt
29th December	Tarryn Dowling		Geoff Duckworth
30th December	Jasmine Cugley		Jarrad Slarke
31st December	Laura Willock		Jason Lay
	Elizabeth Spencer (10)	23rd January	Natasha Strevett
1st January	Bevan Taylor		John Gambuti
2nd January	Karl Fleay		Harry Strevett
4th January	Maurie Gilson		Abbey Strevett
5th January	Lenore Gladish		Jacob Strevett
	Josh Giles	24th January	James Eaton
6th January	Shane Reynolds	25th January	Keiran Humphreys
7th January	Brayden Reynolds	26th January	Damien Lay
	Thomas Dunham	28th January	Letisha Marshall
8th January	Tracey Milton	29th January	Rhiannon Barnett
	Marcus Owen		Amber Pearce (1)
	Rick de Vree		
9th January	Melanie Naisbitt		
	Bianca Naisbitt		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

18th December - Dave & Kim Allen
 2nd January - Steve & Genni Curtin
 5th January - Raymond & Narelle Bird
 11th January - Andrew & Linda Hunt
 17th January - Greg & Kathy Edwards

18th January - John & Donna Hendry
 19th January - Pat & Belinda O'Neill
 24th January - Len & Shirley Elliott
 26th January - Ollie & Lucy Farrelly
 29th January - Peter & Michelle Lay

Lake Grace Weather

- Terry Gladish



December Extremes

Highest Monthly Rainfall	70.2mm	1913
Lowest Monthly Rainfall	0mm	1953
Highest Number of Rain Days	8	1999
Lowest Number of Rain Days	0	1953
Highest Daily Rainfall	64.3mm	20/12/1913

Date	Min	Max	Rain
3/12	15.7	27.8	3.4
4/12	11.8	25.5	5.4
5/12	13.3	24.5	
6/12	12.6	25.5	
7/12	11.5	33.7	
8/12	14.5	25.4	
9/12	13.0	23.5	1.0
10/12	12.3	17.0	0.6
11/12	12.6	21.7	22.8
12/12	10.5	24.8	
13/12	12.5	30.5	
14/12	15.7	33.5	
15/12	17.2	29.3	
16/12	13.7	24.8	
17/12	10.4		

Are you looking for Christmas gifts?
Hand Crafted Glassware
 made at Margaret River WA
 is available at

Keturah's Hair Studio

Keturah would like to wish
 everyone a Merry Christmas and
 a Happy and Safe New Year.



Thank You Lake Grace

Pete and Ali Dines would like to thank the people of Lake Grace for welcoming us so warmly into your community this year. We would particularly like to thank all the playgroup Mums and the school staff for befriending and supporting us.

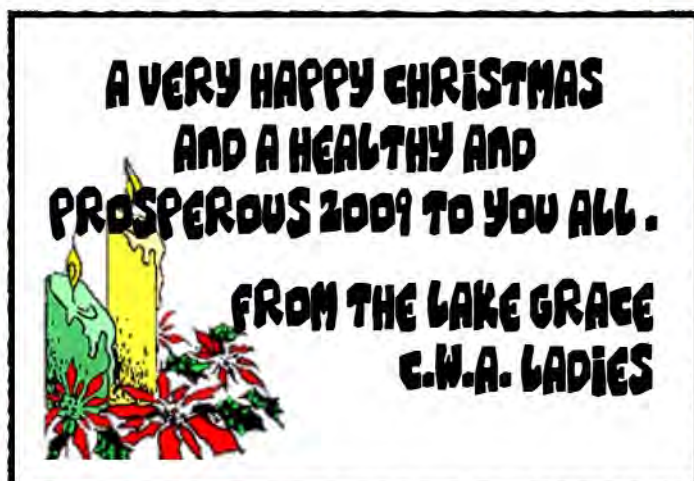
So thanks everyone, we have really enjoyed our first year here and look forward to many more happy years in this lovely town.

Pete, Ali, Stella & Mabel Dines.

Many of you went out of your way to help us to settle in and we really appreciate your kindness and care. Of course our greatest appreciation goes to Jill, Amanda and Heather for safely (and speedily!) delivering baby Mabel in rather unusual circumstances... *ladies, you are deadset legends!*



Above: Amanda Milton, Jill Duckworth (holding Mabel, about 1 hour old) and Heather Bell - midwives extraordinaire!!



SAND'N' SALT



FASHION FOR THE SALT OF THE EARTH

For all your Christmas needs call in and see
Dot and Vicki.

Heaps of Rip Curl stocking
fillers have arrived.



Dot and Vicki would like to wish everyone a very Merry Xmas and prosperous new year and would like to thank you all for your support over the past year

Arthur Richard Duckworth

1 April 1919 - 28 November 2008

Eulogy was written and delivered by Arthur's son, John Duckworth.

Arthur Richard Duckworth (Arty) Aged 89 years. Where do I start?

Born in the Old Valima Maternity Hospital in Narrogin on 1 April 1919. He was the 3rd of 5 sons of Ted and Molly Duckworth and is survived by only 1 brother – Bill who is the youngest.

War and Early Years

Dad grew up on a farm in North Lake Grace with his family and attended the Beenong Primary School until he was 14. His father passed away when he was 8. He worked on the home farm and for neighbours. In his first job, he earned 12 shillings and 6 pence a week and his second job he ONLY received 10 shillings.

Times were pretty tough so in 1940 Dad enlisted in the Army during the Second World War. He served in the Middle East in DON Company 2/28th Battalion and was sent to Tobruk, thus the name "RATS OF TOBRUK".

Dad was wounded and sent to hospital in Alexandria Egypt to recover. He rejoined his battalion and was involved in the 1st attack on German Forces at EL ALAMEIN and was later captured at RUIN RIDGE.

I later asked Dad why he surrendered and he said 'We were down a Fox Hole and the Jerries were going to throw in a grenade.....so he thought it was best he come out!!!' He was taken as a POW to Italy and then later to Austria when Italy capitulated. Dad later told us the Italians were the worst fighters because they had tanks with 10 reverse gears. While a POW he and his mates formed a soccer team to play the Poms. Their Guernsey's were hand made from singlet's supplied by the Red Cross. That began Dad's lifelong passion for sport. He was a POW for 3 and a half years.

On return to Australia he fought for the Army Boxing Heavy Weight Title and duly won.....so you know now why us boys held him in such high regard.

After the War Dad leased a farm in Lake Grace where he met Jessie Forbes, a local School Teacher, they married on the 12 November 1947. They had four children John, Rod, Heather and Bill. There is 18 months difference between myself and Rod and then a big gap and 8 years later Heather was born and 2 years later Bill was born. We don't know if Dad was firing blanks in this time or not, but if it had been one of his stud rams that wasn't producing he would have said 'Hit the bastard on the Head'.

In 1949 they moved to 'Glen Orrin' Harrismith to farm Mum's father, John Forbes, farm. Dad farmed firstly on his own then when Rod finished school they farmed together.

Times were pretty tough but Dad and Mum always loved their sport and so the whole family then developed a passion for sport. There was always a

game of cricket in progress, either in the yard or on the verandah. All of Dads working dogs became exceptional fielders and their ability to work sheep became less significant.

Dad and Mum retired to Carinya Cottage Homes in Narrogin in 2003.

Sport

Dad was a champion cricketer and a very good footballer, they tell me he was pretty tough. As a cricketer for Harrismith he still holds the record for the only person to make a 100 in each innings of the Grand Final. He played in many Association sides for the Wickepin Cricket Association. After he retired from playing cricket he helped establish the Wickepin Junior Association, where he became Coach and Manager of most of the kids from Dudinin and Harrismith. One of the 'Greats' he managed was Australian Test Player Geoff Marsh.

He played football for Lake Grace and Harrismith plus Association sides in both Leagues. Dad took up golf and was a Foundation Member of the Harrismith Golf Club. Naturally he became a very good golfer and at one time playing off a single figure handicap. He won the Harrismith Club Champion no less than seven times.

The Harrismith Golf Club has an annual Men's event "Glen Orrin Cup" which was instigated by John Forbes which was Jess's father who also was an avid golfer.

Dad became a Life Member of the Harrismith Golf Club in 1971 and the Wickepin Cricket Association in 1981.

He was also a Life Long member of the Freemasons.

Stories

Dad naturally followed and supported us boys in our football and cricket and Heather's hockey, although she was a mean cricketer herself. After he retired, he became both Umpire, Scorer, Mentor and Coach in both cricket and football.

As a Cricket Umpire all the opposition sides used to call him a 'cheat' because close calls always seemed to go his boys way.

As a Football Goal Umpire for Dudinin Dad, Wally Steere and Bert Miller would have a couple of 'King Browns' at half time... so all close calls after half time went our way.

Dad's three brothers who pre deceased him all passed away around the age of 67. So when Dad was



Arthur Richard Duckworth (cont.)

approaching that age he started to shit himself because he thought his time was up. So every time you saw him that year he would get rid of some more bits and pieces.....but we were fortunate to have him for another 22 years.

As a Father he was the best and we have so many stories we could tell. The one that sticks in our minds was when Rod and I were young we were down the shed with him, Rod was in the truck hanging out the window and I opened the truck door and Rod fell out on his head. I bent over to see how Rod was and Dad kicked me in the arse. I hit my head on the corner of the truck door. Consequently he had to put us under each of his huge arms and carry us back to the house and then rush us both to Narrogin Hospital with our heads spilt open.

Another was that Dad never liked Bill's late night driving exploits, especially full of beer. If the car had any damage he would ask him what happened, Bill would say 'I hit a Roo'. Dad's reply would be 'you didn't have to chase it through the bush'.

When I came home from Vietnam, Dad and I went to Lake Grace to see his brothers and my cousins and after a HUGE day of drinking Dad said 'you drive'. Not far out of Lake Grace he asked me to stop as he wanted an 'Up & Under'. We got home and copped a

spray from Mum and she said 'Where are your teeth?' They were 5 miles out of Lake Grace on the side of the road.....where I found them.

Dad you had an amazing life. You didn't quite make the Don Bradman average but to us you were our Hero. You were held in High Esteem throughout your local community. You loved nothing more than teasing the young kids, who followed you like the Pied Piper or shit stirring in general. EVERYONE knew MR DUCKY.

You had an adoring wife, 4 children together with their partners, who loved you dearly, 10 grandchildren, who absolutely adored you and 3 great grandchildren to whom you were the world.

We love you and will miss you forever.....So long mate.....

Darren, Tania and
Elizabeth Rose
Spencer
would like to wish
all clients of
Spencer Shearing
and Spencer Wools a
very Merry Christmas
and a Happy and
Prosperous
New Year.





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Ph: 9865 1217**

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GMC jigsaw, angle grinder,
circular saw and hedge
trimmers.**



**Peter, Deb and Alex wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and
a Safe and Happy New Year.**

Year 10 Graduation

Lake Grace District High School's graduation went ahead on Wednesday 10th December at the Lake Grace Shire Hall. Although rain threatened to dampen the evening it cleared just in time.

Keeping the tradition alive, the year nine students and their parents catered and served the meal of roast meat and salads. Family members of the graduating students, five year 10 and one year 12, attended the relaxed but enjoyable evening.

A blue light disco was held after the meal, the graduating students were joined by year eight and nine students with dancing and fun becoming a high priority.

All of the year 10 students are going on to further education.

Photo: (back l to r) Clair Cable, Stefan Greyling, Trent Roper (front l to r) Courtney Withnell, Brad Lay and Amber McPherson



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

20th December at Lake Grace Pavilion 7:00pm start.
All ages welcome. Come along for some Christmas Cheer
BYO Drinks! Finger Food and Sweets to share

Mystery Raffle - Donations gratefully accepted for mystery raffle - please support money board. All proceeds go to RFDS.

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Shire of Lake Grace

NEWS & NOTES

PO Box 50 Lake Grace • Phone 9890 2500 • Fax 9890 2599 • Email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

RATES

Thank you to all ratepayers who have kept up with their instalments so far. The next instalment is due to be paid by the 9th January 2009.

If you choose to make payment via online banking *please* make sure you include your **assessment number** in the reference. Your assessment number is found at the top right hand corner of your rates notice.

If you are having trouble keeping up with your payments please contact Danielle at the Shire office immediately to arrange a suitable repayment program.

It is Council policy to use a debt collection agent to collect outstanding rates. Clearly, this is an extreme action which can be avoided through communication.

SHIRE KEYS

If anyone has possession of any Shire of Lake Grace building keys and is no longer in need of them, please return them to the Shire office as soon as possible.



Rubbish & Recycling Collection will be as usual over Christmas and New Year

RUBBISH

Monday, December 22nd & 29th

RECYCLING

Monday, December 22nd & January 5th

We ask you to make a special effort to recycle Christmas packaging, cans, wrapping paper, bottles, etc.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

to Narrogin Senior High School Dux of School students **Shona Garlick (TEE)** and **Tarnie Bird (WSA/VET)**.



Shire Office

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS

The Shire Office will close Wednesday 24th December 2008 at 12:00pm and re-open 8:00am on Monday 5th January 2009

TRANSPORT & LICENSING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
from 4.00pm Tuesday 23rd December to 8.30am Monday 5th January

Licensing renewals and transactions can be made by mail or via the internet at www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing
For help or information call 13 11 56



Shire of Lake Grace

NEWS & NOTES

PO Box 50 Lake Grace • Phone 9890 2500 • Fax 9890 2599 • Email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Do you recognise this Newdegate Property?

This framed aerial photograph of Yoothapina, Newdegate, 1965, was given to Lake Grace Library by visitors to the district. The photograph shows a house (in the trees), paddocks and lakes. Please contact Michelle Slarke (Tel: 9890 2500 or michelle@lakegrace.wa.gov.au) so we might pass it on to the past or present owners.

Shire Staff Emergency Contacts During Christmas

In the event of an emergency during the Christmas break, please telephone staff on call:

Mark Burbridge - 0427 081 433

Daniel Berglund - 0428 651 109

A number of staff will be taking holidays during January. We wish them all a happy holiday.

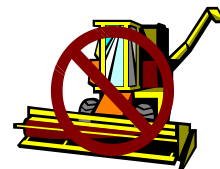


**White Ribbons™
for Road Safety**
1 December 2008 to
5 January 2009

**Working together to save
lives on our roads**

Christmas Day Harvest Ban

A harvest ban and a ban on the movement of all vehicles and machines and the operation of internal and combustion engines is imposed on Christmas Day.



HARVEST BAN INFORMATION SERVICE

After the success of previous seasons, the Shire is running the SMS service for notification of Harvest Bans and Bush Fire Alerts for the summer of 2008/2009.

All registered users from previous years remain listed and those who have requested to be listed this year have also been added.

New users are encouraged to contact the Shire on 9890 2500 to have your name added to the service.

Harvest Ban Hotline

The Harvest Ban Hotline is (08) 9487 7191. This Hotline will be updated whenever a harvest ban has been put in place.

Bush Fire Control Officers 2008-09

Chief Fire Control Officer

Darcy Roberts: Tel 9874 4013 or 0427 744 013

Deputy Chief Fire Control Officers

Doug Dunham: Tel 9865 3054 or 0427 653 054

Bill Lloyd: Tel 9871 1534 or 0428 711 533

Richard Metcalf Tel 9874 4066 or 0428 744 066

Fire Weather Officers

Lake Grace - Doug Dunham: Tel 9865 3054 or 0427 653 054

Newdegate - Bill Lloyd: Tel 9871 1534 or 0428 711 533

Varley - Gary Miles: Tel 9874 4057 or 0428 744 057

Mt. Madden - Peter Roberts: Tel 9838 9060 or 0428 389 060

RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

Prohibited Burning Time

1st November 2008 - 31st January 2009

Restricted Burning Times (Permit required)

15th September 2008 - 31st October 2008

1st February 2009 - 15th March 2009





*Rosie's will be closed
from Thursday 25th
December
and will re-open
Monday 12th January.*

*Velia, Steve and the staff
at Rosie's wish all their
customers a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.*

*Know what you're
going to make
your Art 2 Weqr
costume out of?*



*What about **paper
and cardboard...***

Have you thought of using:

- Paper doilies
- Shopping receipts
- Lotto tickets
- Shredded paper
- Envelopes
- Stamps
- Match boxes
- Cereal boxes
- Old birthday cards
- Playing cards
- Letters
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- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Telephone books
- Milk cartons

CCL HARDWARE

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customers
a Very Merry Christmas and a
Safe, Happy and Prosperous New Year.*



*Thank you for supporting
local business.*

See Mark, Allan, Rita,

LAKE GRACE HOSPITAL

providing 24 hour emergency health care services to Lake Grace and the surrounding area

TEL: 9890 2222 FAX: 9890 2202

Merry.
Christmas



To all our clients, our many volunteers
and all community members:

We wish you a very Merry Christmas,
and a Healthy and Happy New Year,
and PLEASE keep safe over this very busy time!

From all the staff at the Lake Grace Hospital

Allied Health Visits to Lake Grace: Physiotherapist

- ♦ Thursday 11th December
- ♦ Tuesday 6th January
- ♦ Friday 16th January
- ♦ Tuesday 27th January



Phone **Primary Health** in Narrogin for all enquiries and appointments (for Physiotherapist, Dietitian, Speech Therapist, Mental Health, Occupational Therapist, ACAT, etc) ph: **9881 0385**.

Southern AgCare:

Margaret Cole (Clinical Psychologist/ Family Counsellor) will be in the Lake Grace area from 16th—19th December.
Telephone 0427 441 459
or e-mail colwheat@westnet.com.au

December / January events (please note changes to regular activities):

Swimability:

Last trip on 22nd December
(date to resume trips TBA)

Foot Clinic:

There will be no clinic in January.

Chair Aerobics:

During January there will be limited staff available who are trained to take these. Please check the notice board in the Village Hall to keep updated on when sessions will be held.

Next HACC / MPS newsletter will be published first week in February 2009.

NB: If you have any urgent queries or problems, please call the Hospital on 9890 2222 to get advice on any medical issues from the nursing staff.

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SCIENCE AND STUFF

WHY WE LOVE TO HATE THE HUMBLE SPIDER:

Movies starring the superhero Spiderman may rake in dollars by the millions the humble spider inspires fear and loathing quite unlike that of other creepy-crawlies. A third of women and a fifth of men admit to being scared of spiders, and an obvious explanation is that we have evolved a dread of spiders because they can be poisonous.



However, psychologist Georg Alpers at the University of Wurzburg, Germany, and his team believe that if this theory is correct, we would be just as afraid of stinging insects such as bees and wasps. To find out if this was the case, Alpers's team asked 76 students to rate photos of spiders, wasps, bees, beetles, butterflies and moths on three counts: how much fear and disgust they inspired and how dangerous the students felt they were. It transpired that spiders triggered far greater fear and disgust than any of the other creatures and were believed to be more dangerous (Evolution and Human Behaviour, DOI: 10.1016/j.evolhumbehav.2008.08.005). Stuart Hine, an entomologist at London's Natural History Museum, thinks fear of spiders is probably a learned behaviour. You only have to see someone standing on a chair screaming "Spider Spider" to pick up on that fear, he explains. "It stems back to the days of plagues when people suspected anything that crawled out of the thatch as carrying disease.

HOW MOUTH BUGS MAKE FOOD TASTIER:

Gargling, sucking and spitting are the unsavoury actions that serious wine lovers say a proper tasting demands. But the full complexity of taste may come from something even more distasteful: mouth bugs. These bacteria help give us the rich flavours of wine, onions and peppers. It has long been known that smell plays a big part in the perception of flavour, and Christian Starkenmann and his team at Fermenich, a flavour company in Geneva, Switzerland, had previously found that saliva can turn odourless sulphur-containing compounds from fruit and vegetables into aromatic chemicals called thiols. Now they have shown that bacteria in saliva are responsible. The team's sniffing panel could detect odours from the compounds only when extracts were dissolved in saliva. The aromas wafted up after 30 seconds and faded after 3 minutes (Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry, DOI: 10.1021/jf801873h). At least one species of mouth bacteria, *Fusobacterium nucleatum*, is responsible for the conversion. The team showed this by adding the bacterium to otherwise sterile saliva containing the odourless starting substances. Only when the bacterium was added were the thiols created. Starkenmann says the compounds could be used to flavour food.



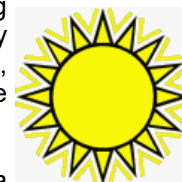
age before humans intervened. The ice caps at Earth's poles formed only in the past 30 million years, as levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere fell.

Then around 2.5 million years ago, as the overall cooling trend continued, something strange happened: the climate began seesawing ever more wildly between conditions like today and ice ages every 20,000 to 50,000 years (New Scientist, 6th September, p32). According to a simple climate model developed by Thomas Crowley at the University of Edinburgh, UK, these oscillations were a sign that the climate was set to flip to a new stable state: a permanent ice age lasting tens of millions of years or more. This flip could have occurred in about 100,000 years from now, or possibly earlier. "It's not proven, but it's more than just an interesting idea," he says (Nature, vol 456, p 228). However, by pumping so much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere we have delayed this transition indefinitely. "We are probably very comfortably away from it happening now," says Crowley.



TEST NANOMATERIALS NOW: More and more nanomaterials are creeping into consumer products and need urgent testing for safety and environmental impact, says the UK's Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution. For example, bactericidal nanosilver used in clothing may affect aquatic life. The commission wants Europe's regulatory rules for chemicals to be extended to such materials.

ADD DAYLIGHT, SAVE ENERGY: Extending the daylight-saving period by four weeks last year saved the US enough energy to power 100,000 households for a year, says a report to Congress by the US department of Energy. Every day during the extra period reduced national energy consumption by at least 0.5 per cent, with the difference greatest in the springtime when evenings are brighter.



KYOTO ON COURSE: If it were a school report card, it would read, "Good progress so far, but needs to knuckle down now". Preliminary figures show the world is on track to meet Kyoto protocol emissions targets – though things will get tougher from here on. Under the Kyoto protocol, the intention to stabilise greenhouse-gas in the atmosphere, 38 countries agreed to cut emissions and new UN figures show 16 of the countries met their targets and 19 had not. But most of it was caused by a drop in the 2006 economic slump in European countries. The data has come ahead of the climate summit in Pznan, Poland which will mark the half way point of the Bali summit and next years new agreement must be signed.

Maurice Gilson. (Be sceptical – Question everything).

GLOBAL WARMING SAVED THE DAY: The planet's climate was on the brink of entering a permanent ice



Lake Grace Art Notes



Last Sunday, the Art group wrapped up their busy 2008 program with an AGM and Christmas BBQ dinner at the Artspace (we'll give you the low-down on the AGM and president's report when the Lakes Link returns). Everyone's now heading off for festive celebrations of their own – and a little more harvesting – but there's plenty happening in early 2009 to keep you on your toes over summer.

We've an **exhibition coming up in February**, similar to the Thin Red Line exhibition of this year. Anyone's invited to participate and apart from a few guidelines to get you started, there's no limit to what you can do: you'll get **two little canvases, each 12" x 4" in size, which you can work on in red, yellow and orange** to form one fabulous artwork. Whether you paint, knit, sculpt or write onto your canvas is up to you, it just needs to be in those colours. It costs \$15 for the two canvases. So if you want to take part or find out more contact Kerrie on 9865 4042.

And while you're working on your 12" x 4"s you might also want to give some thought to your **Art 2 Wear costume which will be needed for early April next year**. The themes are Wild West; Recycled; Cyber-punk and Contraptions – but basically any costume you come up with is going to fit into one of these, so don't hold back. So start collecting your materials – or at least

help others start collecting! If you stuck for an idea, or need some help getting started on the making of your piece, then contact one of the art groups members and we'll be only too happy to help.

We honestly, truly don't bite – at least not at Christmas time.

Sarah Allen (08) 9864 9043

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Friday 26th December (Boxing Day) 2008 - NO fish & chips available.

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Harvest Woes (cont.)

they received 116mm between midday and 3pm on the 10th December, this was then followed by another 29mm overnight. Although there were only a few stock losses, fences were swept away, three dams burst their banks and Wyatt Road became a river. Roads have suffered damage; with some only open to 4WD's. Damage to the railway has meant the closure of the line until repairs are done. Like many, Wyatt's have had the triple whammy of suffering frost, hail and now floods.



The upside of the summer rain is that water supply dams at Lake Grace, Varley, Newdegate and Lake King are now all at full capacity.

As can be expected CBH's grain receipts are down, currently running at 30%, down from 95% in 2007. The Albany Zone has estimated it would receive 2.8 million tonne this season but has currently only received 784,000 tonne.

The damper weather has meant that grower's barley is being taken as feed barley rather than malt, unfortunate in that there is a large supply of feed barley currently available in the world which is forcing down growers prices.

Left: Helping Hand. Not making it on its own the sedan has to be pushed through the remainder of the water.

Below: Railway Line. Floodwaters were across the railway line crossing.





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HUMOUR

Clear Off

A rookie police officer was out for his first ride in a cruiser with an experienced partner. A call came in telling them to disperse some people who were loitering. The officers drove to the street and observed a small crowd standing on a corner.

The rookie rolled down his window and said, "Let's get off the corner people."

He got a few glances, but no one moved, so he barked again, "Let's get off that corner... NOW!"

Intimidated, the group of people began to leave, casting puzzled stares in his direction. Proud of his first official act, the young policeman turned to his partner and asked, "Well, how did I do?"

"Pretty good," chuckled the vet, "especially since this is a bus stop."

Sheriff and Vet

The sheriff of a small town was also the town's vet. One night the phone rang, and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

"Do you require his services as a sheriff or as a vet?" the wife asked.

"Both!" was the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's a burglar in it."

Best Marksman

One of the best marksmen in the FBI was passing through a small town. Everywhere he saw evidences of the most amazing shooting. On trees, on walls, and on

fences there were numerous bull's-eyes with the bullet hole in dead center.

The FBI man asked one of the townsmen if he could meet the person responsible for this wonderful marksmanship. The man turned out to be the village idiot.

"This is the best marksmanship I have ever seen," said the FBI man. "How in the world do you do it?"

"Nothing to it," said the idiot. "I shoot first and draw the circles afterward."

Is God Real?

An atheist professor was teaching a college class at Alabama and he told the class that he was going to prove that there is no God. He said, "God, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you 15 minutes!" Ten minutes went by.

He kept taunting God, saying, "Here I am, God. I'm still waiting." He got down to the last couple of minutes and a big 240 pound football player in the class walked up to the professor, hit him full force in the face, and sent him flying from his platform. The professor struggled up, obviously shaken and yelled, "What's the matter with you? Why did you do that?"

The football player replied, "God was busy so he sent me."

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Grand Delusions

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"Of course," replied the patient. "In the beginning, I created the Heavens and the Earth..."

A Fishing Lure

A couple of young boys were fishing at their special pond off the beaten track. All of a sudden, the Game Warden jumped out of the bushes.
Immediately, one of the boys threw his rod down and started running through the woods like a bat out of hell. The Game Warden was hot on his heels.
After about a half mile, the young man stopped and stooped over with his hands on his thighs to catch his breath, so the Game Warden finally caught up to him.
"Let's see yer fishin' license, Boy!" the Warden gasped. With that, the boy pulled out his wallet and gave the Game Warden a valid fishing license.
"Well, son," said the Game Warden. "You must be about as dumb as a box of rocks! You don't have to run from me if you have a valid license!"
"Yes, sir," replied the young guy. "But my friend back there, well, he don't have one."

Golf With Bob

Joe: Why don't you play golf with Bob any more?

Mike: Would you play with someone who curses after each shot, cheats in the bunkers and enters false scores on his card?

Joe: No!

Mike: Neither will Bob.

Fascinating

A teacher asks her class if anyone can use the word fascinate in a sentence. Brian raises his hand and says, "The sky is fascinating."

The teacher says, "No that's fascinating."

Jennifer raises her hand and says, "When I saw the tigers at the zoo I was fascinated."

The teacher says, "No that's fascinated."

So finally Little Johnny raises his hand and says, "My mom bought a new blouse with 12 pearl buttons, but she's so big she could only fasten eight!"

Shingles

A man walked into a health centre and the receptionist asked him what he had.

He said, "Shingles." So she told him to have a seat.

An hour later he got in to see the doctor who asked him what he had. He said, "Shingles."

The doctor said, "Where?"

He said, "Outside in the lorry. Where do you want them?"

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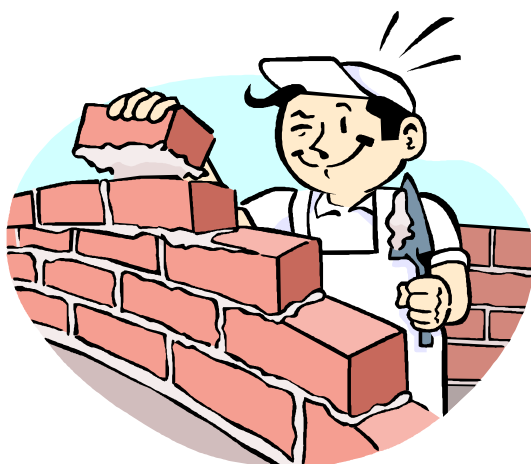
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Friday 26th	CLOSED
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THE STORYTRAIL

If you still have a great story to tell about the history of Lake Grace main street, it is not too late. The Shire of Lake Grace has received a Lotterywest grant to create the second stage of the main street history trail. The project will see a series of story pavers, signs and public artworks in Stubbs Street. The trail will tell the stories of major events and businesses in the main street.

The first phase of the StoryTrail Phase One, the installation of etched granite pavers in the footpath, will be completed early next year. The Shire of Lake Grace has now received a \$15,000 Lotterywest cultural interpretation grant to complete the StoryTrail Phase Two. This involves installing signage showing images and stories of former businesses at vacant lots in Stubbs Street. Cultural interpretation consultant Michelle Slarke will collect community stories and design the signs specific to each site.

The sign frames will be designed and manufactured

locally. The lectern style sign frames will be approximately 80 cm tall and based on the farmhouse gate with an arrangement of implements to do with farming and the particular site. Signage will be located adjacent to vacant sites (to show the pre-existing buildings) or where it is impractical to place pavers.

The StoryTrail project covers the area from western end of Stubbs Street, from the Shire offices to Retravision and from Neu-Tech to the former railway station. Ms Slarke welcomes any stories, information, images and advertising material related to the Stubbs Street lots listed below. Contact Michelle Slarke at PO Box 67 Lake Grace or telephone 9865 1878.



Lot 80 CCL Hardware Yard – former Horse Yard

Do you have any photographs of this lot or of working horses?



Lot 13 Vacant Block – General Agent and family residence at rear



Lot 81 Hotel Yard – Tunney's Emporium; Ernie Rock – saddler; CH King - General Agent



Mid-late 1920's. Photo: Florrie McCulloch nee Price

Lot 14 Vacant Block – Boarding house, c1920



Lot 6 Vacant Block



Malcolm's Store early 1920's . Photo: Tomlinson

Lot 16 Retravision - Former Blacksmith's Shop



Blacksmith Shop with Yorkie Parkin at left. Photo: Laurence Oliver

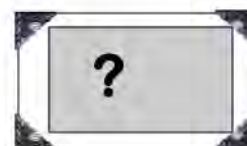
Lot 11 Vacant Block



Whiteley's Garage Mid 1920s

Lot 363 - Rest stop/ Truck bay - Vacuum Oil Company Depot 1929

Do you have any photographs of this site or any to do with bulk fuel handling and use?



Lot 351 Stubbs Street - Neu-Tech Auto Electrics



NIGHT WATCH

Welcome to Night Watch for the period from midnight Friday 19th December to midnight Friday 30st January 2009 Astronomy is looking up. 2009 – INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY.

PHENOMENON: Solstice is at 8:56pm on Sunday 21st when the Sun is at its furthest point south at 30° south and denotes the real start of summer as the Sun starts its journey north. On Monday 29th Mercury, Jupiter and the Moon will be close together in the west/south west twilight. Mercury and Jupiter remain close together until January 3rd. More information appears below. The Earth on Sunday 4th January at 11:52pm will be at Perihelion (closest) to the Sun at 149,197,000 kms.

On Australia Day, 26th January 2009, there will be a partial eclipse of the Sun and will be at its maximum at 6pm.

Our local star "THE SUN" will start this in the constellation of Sagittarius and remain until January 21st when it will rise in Capricornus until February 21st. The Sun gives off light at magnitude -26.72.

Morning twilight begins on Saturday 20th at 4:19am, Wednesday 31st at 4:27am, Thursday 15th January 2009 at 4:41am and Friday 30th January at 5am. Evening twilight ends at 9:54pm on Saturday 20th, 9:57pm on Wednesday 31st December, 9:54pm on Thursday January 15th and at 9:42pm on Friday 30th.

The 7% MOON on Thursday 25th in Scorpius at will be 0.09° north of the red star Antares and may be viewed at 3:15am. The Moon on Saturday 27th will be at Apogee (furthest) from Earth at 2:38am, 406,601 kms in the constellation of Ophiuchus. Also at 9:14pm the NEW MOON will occur. On Sunday 4th January 2009 the 45% 1st quarter Moon will occur at 8:48pm in Pisces in the north/west. The 98% Moon in Taurus on Saturday 10th will be at Perigee (closest) at 7:42pm, 357,497 Kms from Earth.

The FULL MOON on January 11th occurs in Gemini at 12:19pm in the north in daylight. On Sunday 18th in Virgo the 51% last quarter Moon occurs at 6:06pm in daylight at magnitude -6.0. The 10% Moon in Ophiuchus on Friday 23rd at 9:02am in the north will be at Apogee (furthest) at 406,118 kms from Earth. On Monday 26th at 4:47pm the New Moon occurs in Sagittarius in the West.

MERCURY: in the constellation of Sagittarius on Saturday 20th, sets at 9:18pm in the evening twilight at magnitude -0.7 in the west/south west and may be found with binoculars. On Monday 29th Mercury will be 0.7° (close) south of the 1% Moon at magnitude -0.6 setting at 9:33pm (binoculars). Mercury and Jupiter will be 1.3° apart on Wednesday 31st, setting at 9:30pm (binoculars). On Friday 2nd January Mercury rises in Capricornus. Mercury on January 4th will be at its Greatest Elongation East 19°, setting at 9:33pm (binoculars in west/south west. On Wednesday 21st January Mercury will be at Inferior Conjunction (between the Sun and Earth), and will rise in the morning twilight from Friday 23rd.

VENUS: in the constellation of Capricornus at magnitude -4.2 in

the west/south west on Saturday 20th at 9:30pm sets at 11:23pm in the south/west. On Saturday 27th Venus will be 1.5° south of Neptune. Venus on Thursday 1st January will be 3° of the 17% Moon. Venus on January 2nd rises in Aquarius. On Thursday 15th will be at its Greatest Elongation East at 47° setting at 10:45pm. On Saturday 24th January Venus will be 1.4° north of Uranus in Pisces. Venus on Friday 30th will be at 9pm 3° south of the Moon and sets at 10:18pm in the west/south west.

MARS: the red coloured planet in Ophiuchus until Tuesday 23rd when it will rise in Sagittarius. On Friday 30th Mars rises at 5:21am in the morning twilight in the east/south east.

JUPITER: the giant gas planet in Sagittarius in the south west at 9:30pm sets at 10:04pm on Saturday at magnitude -1.8. On Monday 29th Jupiter will be 0.6° south of the 1% Moon which will traverse across the planet at 6pm. Jupiter will be 1.3° north of Mercury in the south/west on Wednesday 31st. (binoculars are best). On Monday 5th January Jupiter will rise in Capricornus setting in south/west at 9:14pm. Jupiter on Saturday 24th will be in Conjunction (far side of Sun) at 3pm and sets at 8:15pm with the Sun and will become a morning twilight object.

SATURN: the ringed gas planet in Leo at magnitude +1.0 rises on Saturday 20th at 12:57am in the east/north east. On Thursday 15th January Saturn will be 6° north of the Moon and rises at 11:11pm. Saturn on Friday 30th January rises at 10:11pm in the east/north east.

URANUS: the blue/green gas planet in Aquarius at magnitude +5.8 in the north/west at 9:30pm sets at 12:46am on Sunday 21st in the south/west. On Saturday 3rd January Uranus will be 5° south of the Moon (3 fingers at arms length). Uranus on Saturday 24th will be 1.4° south of Venus setting at 10:32pm. On Friday 30th Uranus will be 3° of the Moon and sets at 10:09pm.

NEPTUNE: the grey/green coloured planet in Capricornus at magnitude +8.0 in the west/north west at 9:30pm on Saturday 20th sets in the south/west at 11:29pm. On Saturday 27th Neptune will be 1.5° north of Venus. Neptune on Wednesday 31st will be 1.7° south of the 9% Moon setting at 10:46pm. On Wednesday 28th January Neptune will be 1.8° south of the 3% Moon. On Friday 30th Neptune sets at 8:51pm in the west/south west.

COMETS: there is comet C/2007 N3 (Lulin) at magnitude +8.6 in the constellation of Libra in the January morning sky and is brightening to +6.0 by February 21st.

For more information on the day or night sky at anytime night or day please call day or night.

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Lake Grace IGA (Plaza)



Wishing everyone a Merry Xmas and prosperous New Year

Hours for Xmas / New Year

Thursday 25th December: CLOSED
(Christmas Day)

Friday 26th December: 8am—10am
(Boxing Day)

Sat 27th December: Usual hours

Sun 28th December: Usual hours

Thursday 1st January: 8am—10am
(New Years Day)

2nd, 3rd and 4th January: Usual Hours



DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET	DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
20/12	5:53am	8:14pm	12:59am	1:49pm	10/1	6:07am	8:19pm	7:45pm	D.N.S.
21/12	5:54am	8:15pm	1:26am	2:48pm	11/1	6:08am	8:19pm	8:37pm	5:54am
22/12	5:54am	8:15pm	1:55am	3:47pm	12/1	6:09am	8:19pm	9:21pm	7:09am
23/12	5:55am	8:16pm	2:27am	4:46pm	13/1	6:10am	8:19pm	9:58pm	8:22am
24/12	5:55am	8:16pm	3:02am	5:44pm	14/1	6:11am	8:19pm	10:31pm	9:31am
25/12	5:56am	8:16pm	3:42am	6:40pm	15/1	6:12am	8:18pm	11:01pm	10:37am
26/12	5:56am	8:17pm	4:28am	7:33pm	16/1	6:18am	8:18pm	11:31pm	11:39am
27/12	5:57am	8:17pm	5:19am	8:20pm	17/1	6:14am	8:18pm	D.N.R	12:40pm
28/12	5:58am	8:17pm	6:14am	9:03pm	18/1	6:15am	8:18pm	12:01am	1:39pm
29/12	5:59am	8:18pm	7:11am	9:40pm	19/1	6:16am	8:17pm	12:32am	2:38pm
30/12	5:59am	8:18pm	8:09am	10:12pm	20/1	6:17am	8:17pm	1:007am	3:37pm
31/12	6am	8:18pm	9:07am	10:42pm	21/1	6:17am	8:17pm	1:46am	4:34pm
1/1	6am	8:18pm	10:09am	11:11pm	22/1	6:18am	8:16pm	2:30am	5:27pm
2/1	6:01am	8:18pm	11:06am	11:38pm	23/1	6:19am	8:16pm	3:20am	6:16pm
3/1	6:02am	8:19pm	12:04pm	12:06am	24/1	6:20am	8:15pm	4:13am	7:01pm
4/1	6:02am	8:19pm	1:04pm	12:36am	25/1	6:21am	8:15pm	5:10am	7:40pm
5/1	6:03am	8:19pm	2:07pm	1:10am	26/1	6:22am	8:14pm	6:08am	8:15pm
6/1	6:04am	8:19pm	3:14pm	1:49am	27/1	6:23am	8:14pm	7:06am	8:46pm
7/1	6:05am	8:19pm	4:24pm	2:37am	28/1	6:24am	8:13pm	8:03am	9:15pm
8/1	6:06am	8:19pm	5:35pm	3:34am	29/1	6:25am	8:12pm	9:01am	9:42pm
9/1	6:06am	8:19pm	6:44pm	4:41am	30/1	6:26am	8:12pm	9:59am	10:10pm



An invitation to celebrate the Birthday of Christ

• PRE-CHRISTMAS MASS

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December 15, 2008, Monday, Sports Pavilion
Holy Mass at 6pm followed by singing of Christmas
Carols and supper. *Everyone is invited to bring gift
offerings for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas
Appeal.*

• CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

December 24, 2008 Wednesday

*There will be singing of Christmas Carols before
Mass & Christmas Blessing of Children after Mass.
Our parish youth delegates to the World Youth
Day 2008 will be sharing their experiences and
reflections of the event.*

Shared Supper follows after mass. All welcome.

KUKERIN

St Thomas à Becket Church, 6pm

LAKE GRACE

Maria Regina Church, 8pm

• CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

December 25, 2008 Thursday

*There will be singing of Christmas Carols before
Mass & Christmas Blessing of Children after Mass.
Shared afternoon tea / refreshment follows
after mass.*

RAVENSTHORPE

Holy Family Church, 8.30am

HOPETOUN

St Peter the Fisherman Church, 11am

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JERDACCUTTUP; St Peter, the Fisherman, HOPETOUN

Christmas and New Year Greetings



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New Community Bus for Lake Grace

Lake Grace residents will soon have a new community bus thanks to a Lotterywest Grant. Terry Waldron, Minister for Sport and Recreation, Racing and Gaming, presented a \$50,000 cheque to Community Bus Committee member Elsie Bishop and Shire Councillor Ollie Farrelly this week.

member Elsie Bishop and Lake Grace Shire Councillor, Ollie Farrelly.

The Shire will trade in the current bus to purchase a 25-seat Mitsubishi Rosa Deluxe bus. In March this year, the Community Bus Committee invited comments from community groups as to their needs and preferences for a bus. Responses indicated that the Mitsubishi Rosa Bus Deluxe was the preferred bus because it is larger, has more seats and sash seatbelts.

The current bus, purchased by Lake Grace Development Association in 2000, has travelled more than 110,000 kilometres. The bus was well used by the community - twenty-eight different community groups hired the bus on 252 occasions (averaging 48.4 trips per year) since 2003. In a new arrangement, the Shire of Lake Grace will own and maintain the bus and the Lake Grace Community Bus committee will manage the bus bookings. The Lake Grace community appreciates the many efforts of this small committee in managing the bus and selecting the new one.

Photo Below: Terry Waldron presents the \$50,000 Lotterywest cheque to community bus committee



Steve, Helen
and Adam Hunt of
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Happy New Year.

IGA's Community Chest

Lake Grace Toy Library has been operating since 2005, providing a wide range of toys for children aged 0-6 to borrow.

This year we have been fortunate enough to be the

recipient of a \$500 donation from the Lake Grace IGA Plaza. The donation is as a result of the Community Chest Program which IGA has developed to support local organizations in the community.

Certain items from the shop are designated for the program and when customers purchase these items a percentage goes towards the community chest. The funds will allow the Toy Library to purchase additional toys for the children to borrow.

We thank The Plaza and the Stanton family for the kind donation and encourage shoppers to look out for the community chest items when they are shopping, as these items contribute to funding for our community.

Photo: Back l to r: Murray, Holly and Cobi Stanton, Sharon and Lucas Robinson.

Front l to r: Jonty Robinson, Connor Bray, Sara Bray.



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Lake Grace District High School Annual Awards Night 2008

Primary Awards

Year 1

Excellence - Kara Smith
Encouragement - Seaton Willcocks

Year 2

Excellence - Isabella Hendry
Encouragement - Tylah Kennedy

Year 3

Excellence - Zhane Robertson
Encouragement - Bianca Zweck

Year 4

Excellence - Brady Carruthers
Encouragement - Elizabeth Spencer

Year 5

Excellence - Phoebe Robertson
Encouragement - Peter Downey

Year 6

Encouragement - Laura Saunders

Year 7

Excellence - Shannon Smith
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Citizenship - Bart Trevenen
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Ian Robbins Memorial Environmental Award
Thomas Gambuti

Woodside Scitech Science Award
Briana McWhirter

Woodside Scitech Science Award
Cayson Earnshaw

Secondary Awards

Year 8

Elders Limited Award for Encouragement
Lucy Trevenen

Landmark Award for Excellent all Round Performance
Stephanie Marsh

Elders Limited Award for Academic Excellence
Ane Greyling

Year 9

Alan and Hazel Thiel Award for Excellence - Improved Performance
Ryan Smith

Alan and Hazel Thiel Award for Excellence - All Round Performance
Krystal King

Member for Wagin (Terry Waldron) Encouragement Award
Sheridan Fyfe

Member for Wagin (Terry Waldron) Encouragement Award
John Hendry

Great Southern Fuels Award for Academic Excellence
Nat Curtin

General Secondary Awards

Australia Post Citizenship Award
Gabbie Trevenen

Lake Grace Engineering Excellence Award
John Curtin

Lake Grace Engineering Excellence Award
Matthew McWhirter

Caltex Best All Rounder
Nat Curtin

ADF Long Tan Award for Leadership
Bradley Lay

Year 10

Kulin Masonic Lodge Award for Leadership
Courtney Withnell

Lake Grace Shire Dux of Year 10
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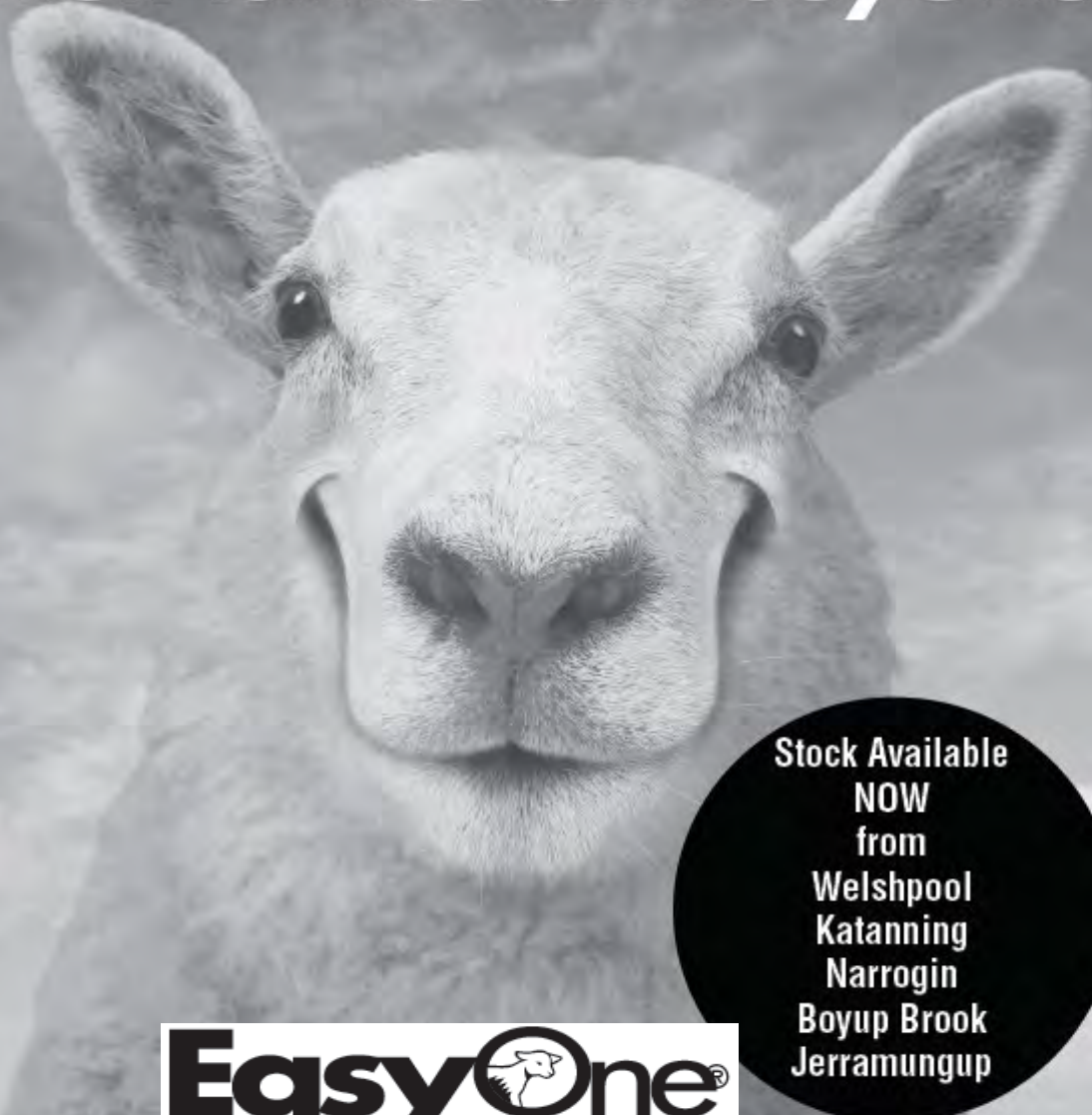
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Not in My Life Time

The 'Not in My Life Time' exhibition was held in The Moore's Contemporary Art Gallery in Fremantle. After three days hanging and many months of hard work, the exhibition of works by Tania Spencer, Lois Hayes and Kerrie Argent was opened on the 5th December by internationally renowned scientist Dr Peter Dingle.

Dr Peter Dingle opened the exhibition with a very lively talk on the environment and an admission of not having opened an exhibition before or having been to the gallery. We now have a convert who sees arts ability to tell stories about the environment. Dr Dingle also expressed a future desire to check out the art galleries, especially the Moore's, more regularly.

About a hundred people came to the opening; family, friends and fellow art lovers and supporters all turned up to a glass of wine and cheese, listen to Dr Dingle speak and view the art work. The works consisted of architectural structures protruding from the acrylic paintings depicting the displacement of our natural wet lands; puddles of resin encapsulating resin turtles some with cement on their heads; wire knitted arum lilies that evoked some amazing responses of delight or spookiness, watsonia and bridal creeper wanting to be touched and stroked, and many layers of multi coloured melted plastic depicting topographical images of the landscape in 3008. It was a great evening. The exhibition closed up on Sunday 14th December.

That was the last exhibition for 2008 but watch out for paparazzi in Albany in February. Tania's work will once again be making an appearance on the beach at Cottesloe in 'Sculpture by the Sea' in March .

An example of Kerrie Argent's work (that's where all the plastic lids have been going.)



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Continued from previous fortnight.

The following day it was off to St Andrews, famous for being the home of golf and the university of choice for Prince William in his studying days. The beach was also immortalized in the Chariots of Fire (the running along the beach scene); at least this was a sandy beach. More beautiful buildings, another castle ruin and of course had to go to the gift shop and load up on golf balls, towels, pug repairers (not necessary for Lake Grace but useful if you go where there's grass) and ball markers. Three golfers (probably praying for the drive of a lifetime), though I imagine they're used to it, had to tee off the 18th hole while us tourists stood and watched. None of them made fools of themselves.

From St Andrews it was across to Aviemore, a ski resort where we stayed the night. A large contingent of bikers were in town to attend the annual Harley Davidson convention; this sent the tour director into spasms of despair as she was quite sure they'd be noisy, we'd all whinge and her life would take a turn for the worse. One of our bus tour members actually went along and joined in the convention (it was closed and we were warned to stay away), listened to the bands and watched the fireworks; he pulled the 'I'm on my honeymoon' card to score himself a ticket. Everyone was all tucked up in bed by 1am, the fireworks must have been quiet cause I didn't hear a thing.

From Aviemore we headed down toward Gretna Green. En route we came across the rail bridge that features in the Harry Potter movies, we did have a glimpse of the train also but it raced behind the shrubbery before we could get our cameras activated.

Our tour guide had consistently lectured us on what places we should and shouldn't shop, who would rip us off and who wouldn't. She waxed lyrical about the shopping at Gretna Green; aside from the fixation on shopping Gretna Green is just across the border for England and is home to the blacksmiths shop where young couples from England used to duck across the border to be married as the age of consent was younger in Scotland.

From Scotland we made our way back across the border to the Lakes district of England where we were met with a little more rain. This area receives 100 inches of rain each year, so probably the chance of a dry day is slim. The beautiful countryside was inspiration for many writers such as Peter Rabbit creator Beatrix Potter and poet William Wordsworth. Wordsworth, his wife, children and sister are all interred in the graveyard of St Oswald's in Grasmere.

Of the 40+ on our tour bus, the majority were Australians. One American chap from Boston was very friendly and made a point of chatting to everyone. He was quite knowledgeable and had good basic geography of the capital cities of Australia, I mentioned we were half way to Esperance which was met with a blank look, then said we were 350km south east of Perth which got a nod.

On a whim I asked him if he'd heard of Wave Rock. "Yes", he said "Are you anywhere near that?" I told him we were just down the road, and then had to spend five minutes convincing him that I wasn't pulling his leg. He was tickled pink that he now knew three people that lived down the road from Wave Rock and I was amazed that he'd even heard of it. A couple of days before we came home we did a tour of Windsor Castle, while on the tour bus I got chatting with a girl from Chicago. After discussing our respective countries she asked which part I was from so I did my geography thing again, narrowing down the landscape but hopefully keeping her in the picture. I couldn't help myself, I said we were just down the track from Wave Rock and yes she knew it!

While we continued talking a Smart car whizzed past our bus whereupon she asked if Smart Cars were big in Australia. I told her that I'd never seen them until lobbying at our motel where one was parked out the front. They're quite cute but something that your teenage children wouldn't be spotted dead in. Tiny two seaters where the back hatch of the car is directly behind the drivers and passengers seats. No good for out bush but quite good in the cities. One of the big attractions is that because of their size you can park them vertical as well as parallel to the sidewalk. Manufactured by Mercedes Benz they are purportedly ecologically sound, there's a 12month waiting list in the USA to buy one. With parking a premium in most big cities it was easy to see why they were a hit, though you wouldn't want to have too much shopping.

Liverpool was the next city on our itinerary and would you believe they were winding up the annual Beatles festival. It was the only time that our tour guide mentioned personal safety and keeping a good eye on our possessions. She stressed not to walk around the



*A zippy little smart car.
Have since seen one in the Carousel car park.*

city looking like tourists as we would be seen as a soft target. Needless to say we tentatively disembarked

Tracing the Family Path *Suzanne Reeves*

with all valuables hugged close! We stayed at the Britannia Adelphi, very very flash way back at the beginning of the 20th century. This accommodation was somewhere for the first class passengers of the transatlantic liners to lay their head while waiting for their ship to dock/sail. The passages were over three metres wide and endless; the rooms were huge as was the ballroom. Central to Liverpool and a hop step and a jump from the docks she would have been grand in her day but was looking tired; a team of cleaners would have been needed to keep the brass, marble, timber and carpet to the standard of yesteryear. The price of a single room was £299 per night, while a twin double was £340.

Naturally whilst in Liverpool we had to take a walk past where it all started for the Beatles, the Cavern Club. Apparently the city elders weren't all that impressed with the Beatles reputation and when they left town the Council in their wisdom destroyed the premises. When tourism raised its head they realized their mistake and set about rebuilding it, due to building criteria they were unable to put the doorway back in its original position but have put a display there so that we all know where the real door was. Hollowed from limestone the club was dingy and airless (not sure what its like now) which resulted in condensation dripping from the ceiling, the owners were quite concerned about hygiene and would spray the room with disinfectant. Girls attending the Beatles concerts would whip themselves into a frenzy, which upped the level of condensation. Concert goers stunk of sweat and disinfectant by the time they made their way home. As one said it was hardly worth the effort of tizzying yourself up to go out.

As European Capital of culture, Liverpool had some interesting artwork on display throughout the city, one little beastie that kept popping his head up was the lambanana (or was it the bananalamb), obviously some interesting crossbreeding happening in Liverpool. Photo below.



From Liverpool we made our way to Chester, another beautiful city with some very intact Roman gardens. It is famous for its quite distinctive black and white half timbered buildings and two tiered arcades called 'rows'. While walking around the walls we had a birds eye view into a dental surgery. Patient, dentist and dental assistant seemed quite oblivious to the nosey tourists. I found it unbelievable that a perfectly formed and sizable shrub could obtain enough nourishment to grow out of cracks in the walls.

From Chester it was onto Cardiff in Wales, where we were fortunate enough to attend a meal with a night of entertainment in Cardiff Castle. Throughout the drive the scenery was changing but always green. Wales has a firm grip on its heritage, throughout the country anything written was in both Welsh and English (see photo below). Many of the locals appeared to be keeping to their native tongue. *More next year.*



Shrub growing out of the wall in Chester.



More than Just Twelve Days of White Ribbons Christmas

The song says twelve days of Christmas but the WALGA RoadWise Program's *White Ribbons™ for Road Safety* campaign will deliver 36 days of White Ribbons Christmas this year.

The 2008 *White Ribbons™ for Road Safety* campaign celebrates its twelfth year and will run from **Monday, 1 December 2008 until Monday, 5 January 2009.**

WALGA President Cr Bill Mitchell said the *White Ribbons™ for Road Safety* campaign was a well established and recognised community campaign which brought together local road safety networks across the State to raise awareness of road trauma during the festive season.

"Each year, participation in the White Ribbons campaign increases and becomes more diverse," Cr Mitchell said.

"We now have Local Governments, police, schools, State Government departments and agencies, large private sector employers, service organisations, State and Federal members of parliament and community groups all actively participating in the campaign.

"I encourage all members of the community to help us promote the *White Ribbons™ for Road Safety* message this year – tell your family, tell your friends, wear a White Ribbon or download an e-White Ribbon.

"We hear these messages over and over but we really have to start listening. Help WALGA and the other members of the road safety network as we aim to be fatality free this festive season.

"No-one needs to celebrate Christmas without a family member or have the police knock on their door with bad news this Christmas."

To celebrate the twelve years of the campaign, the WALGA RoadWise Program has developed the "Twelve days of White Ribbons Christmas" which sees the classic Christmas carol take a road safety twist. This new Christmas carol can be downloaded from www.roadwise.asn.au and displayed around local workplaces and communities.

White Ribbons can be ordered by visiting the RoadWise

website and downloading an order form. Visit www.roadwise.asn.au and click on the White Ribbon for road safety to find out how you can get involved.

Safe drivers, travelling at safe speeds, in safe cars on safe roads.

The Twelve Days of White Ribbons Christmas

***On the twelfth day of Christmas,
West Aussies gave to me,
Twelve skippers driving,
Eleven coffee stops,
Ten speed reductions,
Nine driver revivers,
Eight AusRAP roads,
Seven vehicle air bags,
Six road safety audits,
Five star cars,
Four compliant drivers,
Three safety barriers,
Two-hourly rest breaks and a
Christmas that's fatality free!***

Need to get word out over January?

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Recycling at the Tip

The Shire of Lake Grace recognises the importance of sustainable approaches to waste management. To reduce the amount of household waste going to landfill, the Shire is setting up designated bays at the Lake Grace, Newdegate and Lake King tip sites for residents to place various recyclable materials. The success of this system depends upon community members putting recyclables in the correct bays. We encourage you to **reduce, reuse and recycle**.

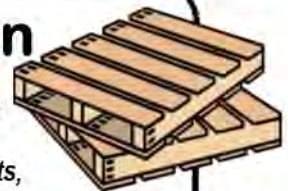
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Make This a Clean Green Festive Season

GREEN GIFTS

When buying presents for your loved ones this year, consider the amount of energy and water that goes into their production, along with the environmental cost of transporting the goods, and the greenhouse gas emissions involved in their production and eventual disposal.

- Look for practical, quality items that serve a need and will last for a long time.
- Buy items with less packaging and products that can be recycled or reused.
- As you shop, look for gifts produced by the companies that are working to reduce their impact on the environment.

You can also think outside the (gift) box for some unique ideas that are sure to be memorable, yet minimal in their environmental impact.

- Treat people to a special experience instead of an item - such as theatre tickets, a massage or even a day with you!
- Make your own food, like chutney, cakes, or chocolate truffles as presents.
- Send a hamper full of locally grown organic food.
- For a gift that grows, give a native tree.
- Look for good quality books in second hand bookshops, or buy a gift of a magazine subscription.
- Gift certificates make a great present as you can be sure the recipients will get something they want or need.
- Charities such as Oxfam (oxfamunwrapped.com.au) and CARE Australia (caregifts.org.au) provide gift services that donate on your behalf to a community with which they work. From \$10 up you can give a 'Toolkit for a builder' to a mate, 'Literacy classes' to your teacher friend, a 'Mosquito net' to a traveling niece or many other interesting ideas. It's all made easy - the charities send a personalised card to your family or friend explaining your gift and include your message to them.
- Buy presents that are environmentally beneficial like a worm farm.
- If you find yourself with a few unwanted gifts, try hosting a swap party at work or with friends. Swap parties involve the free exchange of everything from toys, to clothes, tools and electronics. They are a great form of alternative recycling. To download a swap party guide visit RecyclingWeek.PlanetArk.org/swap

GREETING CARDS AND GIFT TAGS

Choosing greeting cards

Greeting cards and gift tags are abundant in almost every household over the festive season.

They represent an investment in energy, water and raw materials - so choosing wisely can minimise their environmental impact:

- Choose cards with accredited recycled paper content.
- Choose cards with FSC accreditation for sustainably-managed forests
- Make your own cards from craft materials, cut the patterns from old cards and reused or recycled cardboard.
- You can make your own gift tags by cutting old cards with pinking shears, punching a hole in the corner, and tying together with string. Write the name and a little note on the inside.

Re-using and recycling cards

There are usually big piles of greeting cards, tags and wrapping left over after Christmas. These days, over 90% of Australian households have access to kerbside recycling collections, so ensure that you're putting your used greeting cards into your household recycling bin.

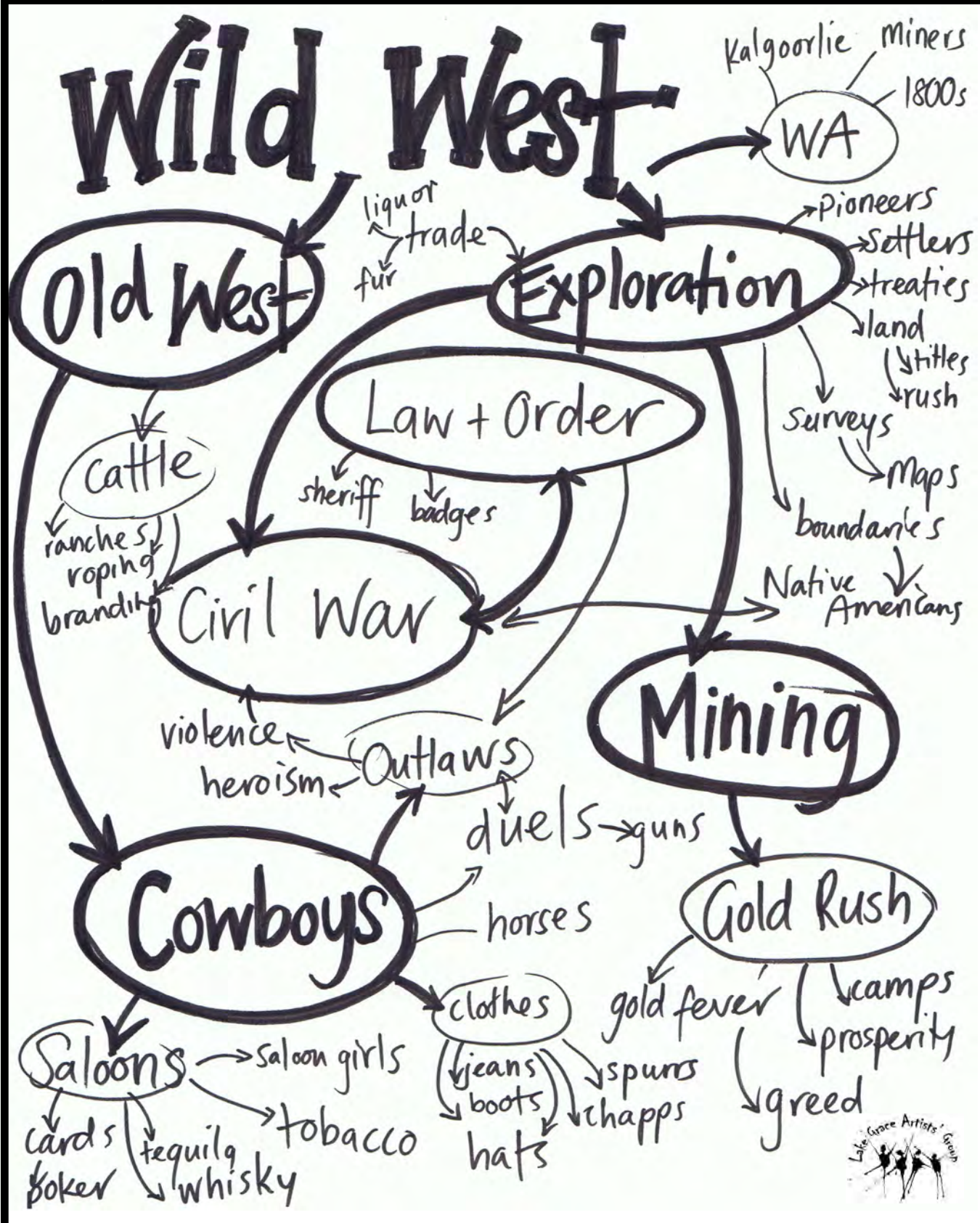
There are also lots of other clever ways to avoid, reduce and re-use cards and wrap:

- Get creative and turn your old greeting cards and wrapping paper into new gift tags and cards. This is a great activity for the kids!
- Make sure you separate your cards and wrapping paper from plastic and foil wraps before putting them in your kerbside collection bins.
- Donate your used cards and wrapping paper to a local childcare centre, school or nursing home for use as craft materials.
- Greeting cards and wrapping paper made entirely from paper and cardboard can go into your worm farm or compost bin and can be used as mulch.
- For more information about greeting card and wrapping paper recycling, or for details about recycling everything from corks and computers, to food, batteries and furniture visit RecyclingNearYou.com.au or call the National Recycling Hotline on 1300 733 712.

Source: <http://festiverecycling.planetark.org>

Art 2 Wear is back in April 2009. And if you haven't spent the rainy days thinking about what costume you'll create, then we don't know what you've been doing. But, if you need some ideas, one of the themes is Wild West . . .

ART₂
wear





Shire of Lake Grace

ARC NEWS & NOTES

PO Box 50 Lake Grace • Phone 9890 2500 • Fax 9890 2599 • Email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

ARC Timetable

DAY	AM	PM
MON	9.20 - 10.00 BODYVIVE	5.45 - 6.35 FORCE
TUES	6.00 - 6.50 DAWN BREAKER 9.20 - 10.00 ACTIVE MUMS	5.45 - 6.35 AT - AQUA TONE
WED		7.00 Competition Tennis
THUR	6.20 - 7.00 H2O POWER TRAINING	5.45 - 6.35 DWM - DEEP WATER MOVERS 7.00 Social Tennis
FRI	6.15 - 7.00 ULTRA 9.30 - 10.10 Motion Movers AQUA	
Classes may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Where possible prior notice will be given.		

- **CHRISTMAS BREAK** Last class for 2008: Tuesday 23/12/08. ARC will return Monday 12/01/09
- All classes will continue as per timetable unless advised otherwise
- **ACTIVE MUMS—NEW DAY** Bring your pram and baby/child (if you want), come for some social interaction and exercise. Meet at the Lesser Hall and finish at Rosie's Café.
- **FORCE** Time for a change - Animate 23...continuing to make you sweat.
- **MEMBERSHIPS** Do you have one? Has yours expired? Great value for money. For more information contact the Shire on 9890 2500.

ARC MEMBERSHIPS

- Full Land & Water (inc. entry to all classes & unlimited pool usage) **\$150**
- Full Land (inc. all entry to land classes only) **\$100**
- 3 month Land (inc. land classes only) **\$30**
- **POOL MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE**
See Diane at the Pool or visit the Shire Office.

NEED A KICKSTART? TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEW TIMETABLE, FIND A CLASS THAT SUITS YOU AND JOIN ARC TODAY

Any enquiries contact Letisha Marshall -
Tel: 9890 2500 or letisha@lakegrace.wa.gov.au



VACATION SWIMMING

Classes will run from Friday, 19th December
until Tuesday 23rd December.

Late enrolments will be taken on Thursday, December 18th, 10.30—5:00pm



LAKE GRACE POOL OPENING HOURS

The pool will be open 12.00 to 5.00pm
on Wednesday 24th December
and closed on

Christmas Day and Boxing Day

SUMMER OPENING HOURS

6:00 to 8:00 am Monday to Friday
12:00 to 7:00pm 7 days per week

ENTRY

Children: \$2:00 Adults: \$3:00

Toddlers, Non-Swimming Spectators: Free
Season Passes available from the Pool or Shire Office



*ARC management and instructors
thank all participants for their
ongoing support throughout
2008. We wish you a happy
Christmas and a safe and
healthy 2009. We look forward
to assisting you in your health
and fitness needs in 2009.*



TARIN ROCK JUNIOR KNOCK OUT TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Sunday 28th December 2008

Singles, Doubles and Mixed doubles
11 years and under
13 years and under
16 years and under

Conditions

- **All players to play in one age group only.**
- **Entries close Friday 26th Dec. 6pm.**
- **Tournament starts 8.00am sharp.**
- **Entry fee, \$3.00 per player per event.**
- **The committee has entire control of the event.**
- **Recognisable tennis wear, shoes and hat must be worn.**
- **If insufficient numbers an event may not proceed or ages may be combined.**

Lunch, drinks, fruit salad and ice cream available.
Sausage sizzle at the end of the day.

Morning and afternoon tea provided

Nominations to Theresa Naisbitt

PHONE: 9865 1182 FAX: 9865 1756 EMAIL: naisbitt@bigpond.com

Assistance by adults will be required for umpiring.

Lake Grace Junior Tennis Tournament

Lake Grace held their Junior Tennis tournament on Sunday 7th December. Although numbers were down on previous years, organizers were more than pleased with the turnout of over 50 children. Despite the warm weather the players soldiered on with some good tennis on display, games were played on both the new and old courts.

Results were as follows:

11 years and under girls:

Singles Champion - Kathleen Naisbitt
Trophy donated by Lake Grace Meat Supply
 Singles Runner-up - Tina Willock
Trophy donated by Sand 'N' Salt
 Doubles Champions - Tina Willock & Juanita O'Neill
Trophies donated by Elders Insurance
 Doubles Runners-up - Brittany Doney and Kaitlin Taylor
Trophies donated by Peter Hudson's Tyre and Mechanical Service.

11 years and under boys:

Singles Champion - Travers Wright
Trophy donated by SBM Tyres & Mechanical
 Singles Runner-up - Darcy McDonald
Trophy donated by Lake Grace Engineering
 Doubles Champions - Angus Hunt and Liam Baker
Trophies donated by Lakeway Hair Salon
 Doubles Runners-up - Darcy McDonald and Alex Dykes
Trophies donated by Maalouf Ford

13 years and under boys:

Singles Champion - Jarrad Doney
Trophy donated by Great Southern Fuel Supplies
 Singles Runner-up - Shaun McKay
Trophy donated by Consultag

Doubles Champions - Shaun McKay and Mark Smith
Trophies donated by Lake Grace Plaza
 Doubles Runners up - Fraser Hunt and Jarrad Doney
Trophies donated by Spencer Wools

16 years and under girls:

Singles Champion - Sheridan Fyfe
Trophy donated by Lake Grace Health & Beauty
 Singles Runner-up - Holly McDonald
Trophy donated by Prater Agencies
 Doubles Champions - Sheridan Fyfe and Katelyn Clarke
Trophies donated by Neu-Tech Auto Electrics
 Doubles Runners-up - Caitlyn Rintoul and Jessica Rintoul
Trophies donated by Lake Grace Retravision

16 years and under boys:

Singles Champion - Sam Willock
Trophy donated by Fyfe Transport
 Singles Runner-up - Brandon Doney
Trophy donated by Rosies Coffee Shop
 Doubles Champions - Brandon Doney and Joel Watkins
Trophies donated by Trevenen Earthworks
 Doubles Runners-up - Sam Willock and Lindsay Willock
Trophies donated by Terry & Lenore Gladish

Photo: Trophy winners from Lake Grace's Junior Tennis Tournament (no names available)



Department Helping Landholders Control Feral Pigs

The Department of Agriculture and Food is working with landholders to manage the number of feral pigs in the eastern Wheatbelt.

Department invasive species manager Martin Atwell said there were isolated pockets of feral pigs east of Narrogin, and as far east as Lake Grace, which were most likely a result of increased human movement of the animals.

"The department is working with landholder groups to try and reduce feral pig populations in these areas using a number of control methods including trapping," Mr Atwell said.

"Feral pigs can damage crops, farm infrastructure and the environment, and can also act as a vector to spread animal diseases.

"People are reminded that legislation exists which prohibits the movement and keeping of feral pigs. The public should report any sightings of feral pigs to their local department biosecurity officer or the department's Pest and Disease Information Service on 1800 084 881."

Landholders who are concerned about feral pigs in their area are encouraged to become involved with

their local landholder group.

Further information on feral pigs can be found on the department's website at www.agric.wa.gov.au or by contacting the local department office.

Your Centrelink Access Point Is the Lake Grace Telecentre

If you need documents photocopied, sighted or faxed please drop into the Lake Grace Telecentre.



Also have a selection of forms and phone access (to ring Call Centre only). This is a **free** service.

Don't forget that Centrelink is in Lake Grace on Thursday 29th January.



**Government of Western Australia
Department of Agriculture and Food**



Merry Christmas and a Safe and Successful 2009 to everyone!

From the Lake Grace Department of Agriculture & Food.

Hours of business for Christmas period.

The office will close at 4pm on Wednesday 24th December 2008 and will reopen on Monday 5th January 2009.

During that period phones will be diverted to Merredin office for general enquiries.

2009 Regional Crop Updates

10th March - Hyden

11th March - Corrigin

12th March - Narrogin

All events run from 1pm to 5:30pm.



TARIN ROCK TENNIS CLUB NOTES

With harvest trying to get in to full swing tennis has taken a bit of a back burner! A few dedicated people went up on Sunday for a set, BBQ tea and a chance for the kids to play.

Could all club member help to clean up after the Christmas tree and after the tournament so that the club house is left tidy over the holiday break.

Coming Events

*Have a safe Christmas and New Year
Sharon Robinson*

Christmas Tree

This Saturday Father Christmas will be coming to visit us and maybe give a few presents for those who have been good! Singalong is at 5.30 and Father Christmas joins us at 6pm. Please bring along any Christmas CDs you have for the sing along. Each family is asked to bring a savoury and a sweet finger food.

Christmas Hamper

Please bring along some goodies to put in the hamper. This year we have a fantastic green flexi tub thanks to Theresa which sure beats the good old laundry basket – so let's fill it up with lots of Christmas cheer!

Tennis Tournament

The tournament is on Sunday the 28th of December starting at 8am sharp. Could all members please be there early on the day. A busy bee will happen on Saturday to get everything ready for the day in the late afternoon.

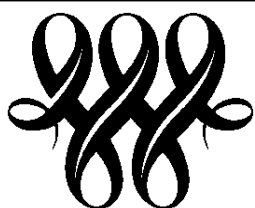
Cleaning Roster

Infant Aquatic Course

The Shire of Northam is investigating the possibility of running an Infant Aquatic Course at the Northam Swimming Pool in January 2009. This is a two day course, will cost \$150 pp to complete and is **aimed at teaching swimming instructors how to deliver swimming lessons to children 6 months to 4 years.**

To take part in this course participants must have a current swimming teachers qualification. Once this course is completed participants will be able to run infant/parent swimming lessons in their towns which will assist in lessening the risk of infant drowning in our communities.

If you are interested in taking part in this course or require more information please contact **Craig Wall on 9622 5153** to register your interest.



BANKWEST

LAKE GRACE

Would like to wish all our customers

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

SAFE, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

NEW YEAR

From

Paul, Meg, Deb, Kelly, Delys & Kellie.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

Watering Days in Lake Grace

Last digit of your lot or house number	Your two scheme watering days are:
1	Wednesday & Saturday
2	Thursday & Sunday
3	Friday & Monday
4	Saturday & Tuesday
5	Sunday & Wednesday
6	Monday & Thursday
7	Tuesday & Friday
8	Wednesday & Saturday
9	Thursday & Sunday
0	Friday & Monday
You may water only once either before 9am or after 6pm	

Swimming Club Roster

December 20/21 - Argent Family
 December 27/28 - NO Washing
 January 3/4 - NO Washing
 January 10/11 - Robertson Family
 January 17/18 - Downey Family
 January 24/25 - Hendry Family

FOR SALE

Panel Van 4 Sale!

Rare 1983 WB Holden panel van
 Licensed until June next year
 Brand new CD player recently put in
 Optional mattress in back
 Great project, a bargain at \$2500 ONO
 Call Joe 0447 019 989

HONDA XR80R Motorbike

Good condition 2002 Model
 \$1650 inc
 Phone 9865 3046

Lake Grace Pingrup Football Club

Lake Grace Pingrup Football Club are open for applications for coaching positions for the 2009 season.

League Coach

Reserves Coach

Please send your applications to:

President

Lake Grace Pingrup Football Club

PO Box 73

LAKE GRACE WA 6353

Applications close 30th December 2008.

Puppy

10wks, ready to go.

Border collie, working sheep dog.

Free to working home.

Call Pauline on 9871 9040.

Are you a
new resident?

Welcome to Lake Grace.

If you are new to town or you are employing someone new to town please drop in to the Lake Grace Telecentre (cnr Bishop St and School Place) to pick up your welcome package.

Packages include detailed information on Clubs and Associations within Lake Grace, brochures, community newspaper, local phone directory and much more.

This package has been possible due to funding from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal and the Lake Grace Telecentre.



Lake Grace Shire Councillors

Councillor	Telephone	Fax
Andrew Walker (President)	9865 1241	9865 1921
Ian Chamberlain (Vice President)	9871 6001	9871 6035
Amanda Milton	9865 1960 0429 654 011	
Ollie Farrelly	9865 1180 0427 651 180	9865 1188
John Dunkeld	9871 2059	9871 2094
Jeanette de Landgraft	9838 9062	9838 9041
Royce Taylor	9865 1507	9865 1320
Wally Newman	9871 1582	9871 1587
Dean Sinclair	9874 7045	9874 7005

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF LAKE GRACE

Sunday 21st December

Newdegate 8:00am
Lake Grace 10:00am

Wednesday 24th December

Lake Grace 8:00pm

Thursday 25th December

Newdegate 8:00am

Sunday 28th December

No Service

Enquiries: Father Dave 0427 545 560
Terry Gladish 9865 1022

CRISIS CARE NUMBERS

Doctor's Surgery	9865 1208
Hospital	9890 2222
Ambulance	000
Police Station	9865 1007
Fire Brigade	9865 1250
Emergency Services	000
Electricity Faults	13 13 51
Water Faults	13 13 75
Directory Assistance	12455
Crisis Care Unit	9325 1111
Women's Refuge Group	9227 1642
Family Violence Intervention Programme	9336 2144
ACRAH Men's Refuge	9272 1333
Domestic Violence Legal Aid Unit	9328 7602
Family Court of WA	9224 8222
Youth Legal Service	9227 4140
Citizens' Advice Bureau	9221 5711
Samaritan Befrienders	1800 198 313
Margaret Cole	0427 441 459
Poisons Information	13 11 26
Kids' Helpline	1800 073 008
Seniors' Information	1800 199 087
Family Helpline	1800 643 000
Southern AgCare Counselling	0427 441 459

LAKE GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dates and times of services
on page 30.

For inquiries and request for home visitation,
please contact the parish office on 9865 1248.

Lake Grace Playgroup Cookbook 2008



Now available.

All tried & tested family recipes.

Great Christmas present

Available from playgroup members,

Visitors Centre, Post Office,

Telecentre or you can phone

9865 1412.

\$15 per copy

Justices of the Peace

Mr Neil Bishop	ph 9865 1632
Mr Colin Connolly	ph 9865 1010
Mr Ron Dewson	ph 9865 1224
Mr Len Elliott	ph 9865 1137
Mr Geoff Sabourne	ph 9865 1171
Mrs Amanda Milton	ph 0429 654 011

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December / January

Fri 19 Fish & Chip Night - LGS Club
Business Sponsored Christmas Drinks
LG Community Christmas Carols
Dr Linda Haines
Vacswim lessons begin
Sat 20 Steak Night at Sportsman's Club
Community Christmas Tree
Sun 21 Water Polo
Cricket - Kukerin v Lake Grace
Mon 22 Recycling Collected
Swimability
Tues 23 Watching Your Weight
Vacswim lessons finish
Wed 24 Christmas Eve
Thur 25 Christmas Day
Fri 26 **NO** Fish & Chip Night - LGS Club
Bowls - State Fours
Sat 27 **NO** Steak Night, fish and chips instead.
Bowls - State Fours
Sun 28 Bowls - State Fours
Tarin Rock Junior Tennis Tournament
Wed 31 New Years Eve

2009

Thur 1 New Years Day
Sat 3 Bowls—Practice game v Corrigin
Sun 4 Bowls - Social

Mon 5 Recycling collected
Tue 6 Physiotherapist in Lake Grace
Fri 9 Bowls - Inter League Round Robin
NO Fish & Chip Night - LGS Club
Sat 10 Bowls - Inter League Round Robin
Sun 11 Bowls - Inter League Round Robin
Cricket - Lake Grace v Hyden
5/1—9/1 Junior Country Week Cricket
Fri 16 Physiotherapist in Lake Grace
Sat 17 Bowls - Social
18/1-24/1 Senior Country Week Cricket
Mon 19 Bowls - State Singles
Tue 20 Bowls - State Pairs
Wed 21 Bowls - State Triples
Tue 27 Physiotherapist in Lake Grace

Coming Events

January 29 - Centrelink in Lake Grace
February 2009 - Drama Club workshop
February 10/11 - Lake Grace Bowls Classic
April 4 2009 - Art2Wear
April 13-16 2009 - Riding School
April 17 2009 - Gymkhana

Business sponsored Christmas Drinks

**Lake Grace Sportsman's Club will be hosting the
2008 Business Sponsored Christmas Drinks
on Friday 19th December.**

**Fish & Chips (no salad) in a basket will be
available for sale from 6pm.**