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Thank You

Suzanne Reeves



Robert Carruthers with grandson Taj Carruthers and Terry Gladish at the Volunteers afternoon tea held at Walkers Hill Vineyard.

For some of us the offer of a scone, jam and cream is enough to get us into our gladrags and fronting up for afternoon tea. However Sunday's Thank a Volunteer Day (TAVD) afternoon tea wasn't just about savouring the cooking skills of Tania Bray but an opportunity for people to get together and recognise the contribution of volunteers to the community of Lake Grace.

In 2014 the Lake Grace CRC completed a volunteer audit of 31 organisations within the community, in one

year volunteers in these organisations contributed 21,960 hours; this isn't the complete picture as not all the organisations within Lake Grace were covered.

A familiar catch cry was 'I don't volunteer'; it is rare (and sad) to find anyone within our town who doesn't volunteer in some capacity. Many people don't recognise what they do is volunteering while some don't want to look like they're drawing attention to themselves.

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Next Edition
Thursday 9th April



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To the **very** dedicated team who have volunteered their time to this edition of the Lakes Link News.

Dick Phillips

Gwen Oliver

Elsie Bishop

Thank you also to our many contributors of articles.

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Editorial

- Food Sensations (see page 8) is back in Lake Grace, we need some names in the next two weeks for this workshop to go ahead. It is run over 4 weeks and is fun and informative.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the 'Volunteers Afternoon Tea' that was held out at Walkers Hill Vineyard; the food was scrumptious. It was a golden opportunity to see how much work Jared and Tania have done.
- Speaking of volunteers thank you to all of those who have put their names down for the Driver Reviver, the roster is full!
- Coming up we have a DSR (Department of Sport and Recreation) workshop; this is suitable for any club or organisation not just sporting bodies. **Please keep in**

mind that this workshop isn't the same as the one we hosted last year. We have created a fictitious sporting club...please don't go looking for the Binnaway Croquet Club....it doesn't exist! Most clubs and organisations are facing similar problems to each other and it's a good opportunity to work together. This workshop will be Tuesday 31st March, the evening is catered for so those participating won't have to worry about what they're having for tea! Please support this project, we don't want DSR to think we're not interested in them.

- Thank you to those who've dropped in to say where the caltrop is growing. If you know where there is some and haven't let us know then please call in.
- The Department of Human Services Mobile Service Centre will be in Lake Grace on Wednesday 13th May. If you have any Centrelink, Medicare or Child Support queries this would be an ideal opportunity to get assistance.
- We only have two places left in our Ipad workshops, they are both in the Monday 20th April session (the Friday 17th session is full). As we have employed an external trainer to run these workshops we need payment as soon as possible. We are quite happy to have a waiting list in case anyone pulls out.
- Megan Henry's book launch is also rapidly approaching, Friday 1st May. Megan will be in Newdegate in the morning and Lake Grace in the afternoon.
- The Wheatbelt Business Network have scheduled a workshop on Thursday 9th April looking at 'adapting to change'. Please support WBN as they endeavour to bring a variety of workshops to our area. This is FREE.
- Thank you to everyone who submitted material for the Links.

Suzanne Reeves

Black Diggers Westlink telecast

Residents in regional Western Australia will have the opportunity to see a telecast of *Black Diggers*, one of the theatrical highlights from this year's Perth International Arts Festival.

Through a series of vignettes, the cast of male actors tell of the hundreds of dispossessed Aboriginal soldiers who heard the call to arms and stepped up to fight for Australia on the battlefields of Europe.

Drawing from interviews with the families of these soldiers, as well as conversations with veterans, historians and academics, the production tells a story of honour and sacrifice, with a lightness of touch and an Aussie-larrikin attitude.

By turns witty, moving and enlightening, it is an important part of the 2015 Anzac Centenary commemorations.

Black Diggers is a co-production between the Queensland Theatre company and the Sydney Festival, and was written by Tim Wright and Directed by Wesley Enoch.

Black Diggers will be telecast via Westlink on Friday 24 April and 7.30pm.

GARARD (Sydney Thomas)

Kath, Tracy, Paul, Mark, Di and families sincerely thank all relatives and friends for the many kind thoughts shown to them in the recent loss of their loved one, Syd.

As the many phone calls, condolences and cards are too numerous to answer please accept this as a personal thanks of our appreciation. Your support shown was overwhelming.

Seniors Trip to Albany

Wally Perry

Recently the Lake Grace Seniors group enjoyed a trip down to Albany to see the sights. Leaving Lake Grace on day one, morning tea was had at Borden, on arriving in Albany lunch was taken at the DOME café then up to the National Anzac Centre and tour of the Forts area. This was absolutely amazing, with all the artefacts and digital effects of the World Wars. One would like to go back and see this again as there was so much to see. Back to the Le Grande Motel for dinner and our superb accommodation. After dinner several of us went to the movies to see "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel".

The second day of our trip saw the group travel out to Discovery Bay, (formerly known as Whaleworld) where we toured the whaling factory and watched the movie presentations in the old oil storage vats. The tour guide was exceptional, the only dampener was the rain. We were unable to see the botanical gardens because of this. We had lunch at Whalers Galley Café, then into Albany to see the art exhibition at the Town Hall, where our local artist Kerrie Argent was displaying some of her work. The rain was bucketing down so it was decided to go out to Mount Romance (Sandalwood Factory) for a look. We had an interesting tour and afternoon tea there, then back to the motel. Many seniors were a bit light on after their purchases at Mt Romance.

We left early for Lake Grace stopping for morning tea at Borden and arriving back at midday. Many thanks to our driver Pat O'Neill for helping out. A most enjoyable trip had by all.



Wally Perry, Betty Naisbitt, Belinda and Pat O'Neill setting their sights at the Forts.

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What's Happening?

- A big welcome to Jane Helena Venter who was born at 3.45pm on 7th March 2015 in Narrogin. Jane weighed 7lb 5oz and is the third child for Julia and Llewellyn and a lovely little sister for Stefan and Mathew.



Jane Helena Venter

- Congratulations to Tameka and Peter Roukens who welcomed Kelsea Rae Roukens at 7:04am on Sunday 22nd March at the Narrogin Hospital. Kelsea weighed in at 7lb 14oz and is a little sister for Braxton.



Kelsea Rae Roukens

- Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Bob Burbridge who passed away Wednesday 18th March. Our thoughts are with his sons Mark, Scott and Peter; brother David, sister Bev and Bob's wife Sue at this sad time.
- Well done to Kathryn Nolan for recently graduating from Murdoch University with a Graduate Diploma in Education and also to Lisa Clarke who graduated with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Chiropractic.
- Belated congratulations to Rebecca Reeves who graduated in January from ECU with a Bachelor of Education (Secondary).

Happy Birthday



26th March	Grant Marshall
27th March	Mark Newton Cameron Bushby Peter Stoffberg
28th March	Ken Fisher
29th March	Ed Duckworth Michael O'Neill Joshua Cameron Blake Palmer Ethan Wallace
30th March	Terry Gladish
31st March	Kim Slarke Michelle Slarke Kay Holmes Kelly Callope
1st April	Greg Meston Di Desmond Janine Watson Kathleen Naisbitt Denise Sabourne
2nd April	Luke Trawinski Trish Cameron Alex van Vliet
3rd April	Steve Pelham
4th April	Lois Dickins
5th April	Chris Trevenen (Jnr) Kristian Chatfield
7th April	Taj Carruthers Deb Wright
8th April	Lindsay Willock (21)
9th April	Tayah Holmes

Anniversaries



26th March	Annie & Ben Argent
3rd April	Danielle & Jason Robertson
4th April	Lois & Lawrie Dickins
7th April	Renae & Brett Willcocks

Lake Grace Weather

- Terry Gladish



March Extremes

Highest Monthly Rainfall	152.3	1968
Lowest Monthly Rainfall	0	2011
Highest Number of Rain Days	14	1917
Lowest Number of Rain Days	0	2011
Highest Daily Rainfall	99.0	20/03/1993

Date	Min	Max	Rain
11/03	15.9	31.1	
12/03	16.3	38.3	
13/03	21.5	38.2	
14/03	22.4	30.3	
15/03	17.6	26.7	15.6
16/03	16.1	26.9	13.4
17/03	15.3	30.3	
18/03	18.4	27.2	0.4
19/03	14.3	23.3	0.4
20/03	11.6	27.8	
21/03	15.4	34.5	
22/03	13.4	19.5	0.6
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Liberal's Meet in Lake Grace

Debby Clarke

Lake Grace residents raised a number of important issues with senior rural Liberal MPs including Federal Member for O'Connor Rick Wilson during a visit to the town on Saturday 14th March.

Senator Chris Back, Brian Ellis MLC for the Agricultural Region and Jim Chown MLC for the Agricultural Region joined Rick Wilson and Steve Martin President of the Liberal Party O'Connor division on a fact finding visit to Lake Grace.

Local members of the Liberal Party and Lake Grace residents met with the MPs to take them on a tour of the town involving the school, the Dept of Food and Agriculture building and the current St John Ambulance building.

The MPs also have an update on local concerns which included;

- Hospital refurbishment to commence soon
- Roads, it can take up to two years to receive environmental approval due to trees
- Superannuation and what it can be used for
- Port Access for exporting grain
- Free trade agreements
- Federal Government Debt, currently spending \$100 million more per day than what is earned. Interest is \$30 million per day (approximately 2 schools per day or one hospital every 8 weeks)
- The Intergenerational Report
- Tony Abbott's recent visit to regional WA
- Drought Loans are now Debt Restructure Loans
- The ministers attendance at the Newdegate Field Day

Issues discussed by those attending the meeting included:

- the long awaited Chester Pass Road upgrade
- State Government stranded assets
- WA Country Health Service and paper linen
- School buses and 4 day hostel
- Gypsum mine
- the amount of red tape especially for building
- cost transfer from State Government to Local Government and volunteers.

This was a great opportunity to speak to the Politicians both State and Federal with members of the community joining the meeting at various times as their commitments allowed, unfortunately most of the community did not take advantage of this. However if you missed the chance to talk to them there is always the Newdegate Field Day and their offices can be contacted by phone or email.



Above: John De Vree, Graham Milton, Jim Chown, Rick Wilson, Meghan Stewart, Brian Ellis, Debby Clarke, Leanne Grant Williams, Neil Grant Williams, Chris Back and Doug Clarke.

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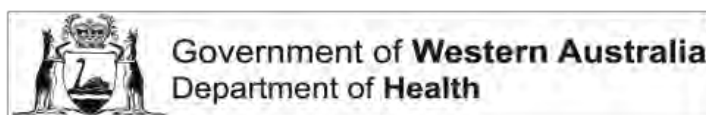
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Walkers Hill Grape Pick

Suzanne Reeves

It was up with the sparrows for the Walkers Hill grape pick as volunteers made their way out to the vineyard for a 6am start on Friday 20th March.

There was a good turnout of 44 volunteers (including the kids who were probably hoping to miss school) making their way up and down the rows. The best formula is for two to work on opposing sides of the vine, chat up a storm (hope you don't cut your partners fingers off) and before you know it the hours have passed.

Sounding out across the vineyard was the hum of conversation interspersed with the sound of Bevan Taylor laughing. Great to see that he, and no doubt everyone around him, was having such a good time.

Tania Bray was kept busy on the breakfast run, making up toasted bacon and egg sandwiches for all of the volunteers. Jane Bushby had to confess the sandwiches were much better than muesli.

As the morning progressed volunteers peeled away to head to school or work with the remaining crew finishing at 10:30am. Approximately 5.3t was picked on the day, this will be turned into Shiraz over the next 18 months. For the wine lovers, last years pick should be arriving in the vineyard around August.

Tania and Jared will be making a donation to the St John Ambulance building fund in lieu of the volunteers hard work. Lake Grace sub centre President, Amanda Milton is humbled by the support that the community has been offering for this project.



Amanda Milton and Grant Medlen are doing their bit for the Lake Grace St John Ambulance sub centre.



Bevan Taylor, Morrie Smith, Joe Trevenen and Andrew Lewis found plenty to laugh about.



Jane Bushby is armed with her secateurs.



Jared Bray, Josh Pearce and Mark Pearce.

From the Archives...March

2000 - Fifteen years ago...

Building a Medical Centre

Construction of the Joint Venture medical Centre commenced this month with the pouring of the concrete slab. Builder Trevor Parsons is aiming at a completion date of June 30th with the complex becoming operational a few months later.

The Centre will house the doctors surgery, dental clinic, child and community health and allied health services (physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, speech pathology and mental health) within one facility.

Other services will include telehealth conferencing facilities and the University Rural Surgical Services with regular monthly visiting specialists. The hospital's nurse practitioners and GP will coordinate various health clinics from the Centre.

Covering approximately 400 square metres, the building will incorporate a single reception/administration area to service all health providers within the complex. The existing entrance road to the hospital will be widened to enable dual access to the hospital and the Medical Centre.

Travellers Ignore all the Rules

Lake Grace Police were recently called to search for a family who were travelling from Boyup Brook to Norseman and were reported overdue by relatives.

Police located the family station wagon bogged 140 kilometres east of Lake King.

The family had left the car and walked toward Norseman, a further 100 kilometres away. The family were found safely after an extensive search, coordinated by Norseman Police.

Luckily when they did not arrive, the alarm was raised by relatives.

However the family failed to obey some basic safety advice. They ignored local advice not to drive on the Norseman track. They then ignored 'road closed' signs. And when the car was bogged they ignored a basic survival tip - stay with your vehicle!

The family in this instance felt that they were in no danger, however it is common to underestimate the situation when you have travelled the area before.

2005 - Ten years ago...

Front page news was a proposal put forward by Ralph O'Brien of Gemking Holdings for a four star roadhouse and motel complex for the east end of Lake Grace.

The Development Association took new residents to the town on a bus trip, showing them the local attractions and enjoying a picnic lunch.

Lake Grace had new JP's and they were being kept busy with offences including stealing, speeding, unlicensed trailer, reckless driving and a bench warrant. The reckless driving was an incident where the driver used the bonnet as a spare front wheel as he'd ripped the wheel off while doing 'doughnuts'.

Local police were handing out \$20 fuel vouchers to good drivers.

Terry and Leigh Hardy host an Irish night at Beenong.

Lake Grace 'Opals' {Jackie McGlinn, Danielle Robertson, Katie Vaux, Kristie Stanton, Penny Willcocks, Di Kuchling, Fiona Chatfield, Tina Keys & Jolene Hodges} won the ladies basketball premiership at Newdegate.

Michelle Slarke exhibits in the inaugural 'Sculpture By the Sea'

Lake Grace farewells Joan and Keith Fleming.

2010 - Five years ago...

Royalties for Regions kicks in and the Lake Grace Telecentre has their first trainee, Jayne Argent.

Tania Spencer and Kerrie Argent exhibit in 'Sculpture By the Sea'.

Father Gayan Thamel installed as the new parish priest for the Lake Grace Catholic parish.

Lake Grace farewells Lake Grace Shire's Manager of Corporate Services Mark Burbridge.

GRDC Recommended to Move to an Industry Owned Corporation

Graham Milton - Committee Member - WA Grains Group

There have been significant changes to the Primary Industries and Resources Development Act (PIRD) and the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act (CAC), which govern the Grains Research Development Corporation (GRDC). These changes will reduce the GRDC's ability to deliver the best research and development for its levy payers. This is because of increased governmental compliance, reduced flexibility to partner with national and international research partners, and a fundamental inability to appoint research staff and conduct research in its own right. GRDC can only fund research; it cannot conduct research as it currently operates as a Statutory Authority.

GRDC receives 0.99% of the farm gate value of grain sold. This levy applies to 24 grains across Australia.

In the last annual report of 2013/14, GRDC received \$120 million from farmers, \$21 million from other income, and the government contribution was \$68 million (32%).

GRDC funds over 900 projects that are conducted by state based Departments of Agriculture, Universities, farmer groups, consultants and the CSIRO.

The GRDC has over \$200 million in reserve. These reserves are difficult to access as they form part of the Federal Government's budget surplus/deficit, and both the Federal Minister for Agriculture and the Federal Minister for Finance and the Federal Treasurer must approve a GRDC deficit budget. Not something that is particularly palatable in the current economic climate.

A steering committee was formed in July 2013, consisting of representatives from Agforce Queensland, Grain Growers Limited, Grain Producers Australia, Grain Producers South Australia, NSW Farmers, Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers, Victorian Farmers Federation, WA Farmers Federation and the WA Grains Group. The steering committee engaged independent consultants, Marsden Jacobs, to identify the best structure for the GRDC to deliver research and development to increase profitability to the Australian grain industry.

Submissions were called for on two occasions, and meetings were held around Australia. Marsden Jacobs found that the current structure wouldn't be the best option for GRDC's future. The Marsden Jacobs report recommended that the GRDC moves to an Industry Owned Corporation (IOC). The benefits stated in the report were that an IOC would move the GRDC away from government, allow the GRDC to be less bureaucratic, allow the GRDC to improve outcomes for growers and make the GRDC more accountable to levy payers.

Under an IOC structure the GRDC would be better able to increase partnership with the private sector. This is particularly important as state based Department of Agriculture pull out of research and development, as evidenced by what has happened in WA.

An IOC will give the levy payers (the growers) the ability to vote for the directors and the levy rate as is the case in other IOC's like Australian Wool Innovation, and Meat and Livestock Australia. The WA Grains Group (WAGG) and the WA Farmers Federation (along with every state based farmer organisation bar the PGA) both support the GRDC to become an IOC.

The Pastoral and Graziers Association (PGA) hasn't joined the steering group, (despite multiple invitations to join/attend) saying that the PGA wants a forensic audit into the GRDC and saying that the GRDC isn't delivering productivity growth in the grains sector.

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Who on Earth is Ken Rogers?

Suzanne Reeves

Well I had to ask myself that question so since Google is on my list of friends it was time to turn to the world wide web. Now we're not talking about the 'know when to hold 'em and know when to fold 'em' Ken(ny) Rogers but rather the West Australian educated life coach who wants to help individuals and organisations adjust to change.

The Wheatbelt Business Network (see opposite page) is bringing Ken to Lake Grace. This is an opportunity for all of us to gain skills in not just adjusting to change but actively moving with it.

Ken combines substantial relevant experience with contemporary qualifications as a coach. He has over 30 years' experience working with leaders and managers across Australia as a manager, coach, facilitator, organisational development consultant, change manager and strategic planner.

He specialises in working with leaders and middle managers and has a fundamental and comprehensive understanding of the challenges of being a leader.

Mr Rogers holds a number of tertiary qualifications that

relate to management and coaching process and is accredited in the OPIC Coach@work program, which identified specific critical capabilities needed for high performance. He also has Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) accreditation. Ken uses these tools in coaching as needed.

Ken's philosophy is that "everyone deserves the opportunity to be coached, at least once in their lives". Coaching provides the mental space that allows one to go beyond current realities. Coaching challenges one to consider better alternatives, and provides clarity in direction. Ken is passionate about coaching and personal change, and seeks to help people realize their potential.

So now that we know a bit more about what Ken Rogers does, we can all take the opportunity to take advantage of his skills; FREE of charge.

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ABC Radio - Drink Driving Chatter

I've been contacted this week by several people about recent ABC radio talk on drink driving that apparently attracted a couple of people **purporting** to be from the Lake Grace area who contacted the radio station to say that they have to drink and drive in order to have a social life.

The people that contacted me were pretty disappointed that these Neanderthal comments painted all of us in the Lake Grace Town and Shire in a bad light. I've made a few enquiries and don't believe the two male persons involved were in fact from Lake Grace.

In any event I'm very aware that it isn't the thinking or the actions of the vast majority of people in the Lake Grace / Newdegate Police Sub District despite the fact a few locals who made mistakes in this area of late were caught and charged by my officers.

Scams, Scammers, Identity Theft & Cybercrime

Just a word of warning in this area as a result of a couple of fraud offences against local people in circumstances that had me shaking my head. I won't go into exactly how the fraud / scam works but suffice to say that an offender who simply has a few details about you, e.g. your full name, date of birth, address and mobile telephone number can cause havoc in fraudulent ways that even surprised and concerned me personally. So much so that in order to protect myself I have set up a password with my mobile telephone service provider so that they will not act on any requests unless my secret password is given.

Just a reminder about a few other related matters:

Another person recently contacted me about the motor vehicle for sale scam i.e. a bogus buyer trying to get the seller to send money (pickup expenses) for the vehicle to be collected for transportation to the eastern states, saying that the full sale price and transportation will be deposited in a PayPal account for the seller.

It sounded so believable to the seller because the person gave a full name, Victorian address, Victorian Motor Driver's License Number, Email address and mobile telephone number. All false. Please remember these points:

- 1) If you're selling something don't send the so-called buyer money for any purpose;
- 2) If you've really won a legitimate lottery or a grant you won't be required to send money to someone in order to receive your prize or grant;
- 3) Don't give personal information to anyone over the telephone or on line even if they say they are from your internet provider or your bank, especially not PIN Numbers or Account numbers.
- 4) Don't send money to anyone you meet online regardless of how desperate their story sounds.

The fact is that these scammers are very confident at convincing people who prey on the emotions and/or hope of people to get you to part with your money. Sometimes they will start with a small amount in order to get a larger amount later. Very loud alarm bells must ring the moment any request is made for you to part with your money to unknown persons over the telephone or internet. Remember they scam thousands so they know what they're doing.

I also urge everyone to make themselves familiar with ACORN – Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network – please visit the very informative website at www.acorn.gov.au so you know what it's all about and how it works if you need it.

Regards
Sergeant Martin Downey
Officer in Charge
Lake Grace / Newdegate Police Sub-District

Expressions of Interest

St John Ambulance First Aid course

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HACC & MPS Activity Programs:

4th Friday Activity

Friday 27th March

EASTER THEME

(making Easter Baskets)

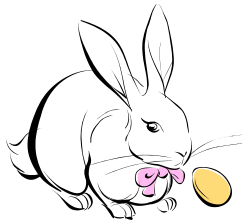
Games /Trivia

10.00 am—1.30pm

Lake Village Hall

RSVP 24th March for catering, please

*** Lake Grace & Districts Seniors Group meeting to follow at 1.30pm ***



Chair Aerobics

Every Tuesday @ 10.45am

At the Lakes Village Hall

Exercises for people with limited mobility



Morning Tea & Activity

Hospital Activity Room every Wednesday

Time: 10am—11.30am

1st April—Sing-a-long

8th April—Trivia & Crossword Puzzles

15th April—Pamper (hand massage)

Bus Outing

Friday 10th April 2015

approx. 9.30am—11.30am



SwimAbility

Trips to Narrogin for

hydrotherapy exercise sessions

have resumed. Next trip will be on 13th

April. Call the hospital to book a place on the bus.

Call 9890 2222

to get further information or to book a place for any of our activities

No HACC services are provided on Public Holidays (Good Friday 3rd April and Easter Monday 6th April)

Happy, Healthy & Safe Easter to everyone!

Physiotherapist:

Anna Kempton is visiting Lake Grace each week (days yet to be confirmed)

Call Primary Health in Narrogin to make an appointment on 98810 385.

Please bring your Medicare Card for all visits



If you do not have a valid Medicare Number we are required to charge you as an 'ineligible patient' @ \$223.00

Do you have any of our crutches at home?

Please return any crutches to the hospital when you no longer need them (and any other equipment that you have had on loan)

Thank you.

Immunisation:

Regular clinics held in Lake Grace and Newdegate.

Appointments are required

Contact Child Health Nurse

on ph: 9890 2246



Go to the "Healthy WA" website for lots of great information **www.healthywa.gov.au**
- Asthma to Immunization to healthy Recipes!

Lake Grace Festival Wraps Up

With the Lake Grace Festival in recess since the early 1990's a decision on the funds still available on a term deposit had to be made.

A substantial amount was originally forwarded to the Bus Committee to purchase the community bus.

The residue over time has accumulated a small amount of interest to the capital. This decision was resolved at a meeting in the mid 1990's.

The undersigned have now decided that the term deposit be cancelled and the funds distributed 50/50 to the following organisations to assist in major projects for the community.

1. St John Ambulance Australia - Lake Grace Centre - Towards the construction of the new ambulance and training facility for emergency services.

2. Lake Grace Men's Shed for the construction of a new workshop to be situated on the existing site of the St John Ambulance.

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News From the Sportsman's Club

The Lake Grace Sportsman's Club memberships are due at the end of this month. Current members will receive an invoice in the mail.

The committee would like to thank our members and other patrons for their support over the past year and encourage you all to renew your membership.

The Club has been experiencing a downturn in recent years and your support is needed now more than ever to enable us to continue to provide this venue. The winter months are especially hard to remain viable and this winter we have plans to hold a darts competition (one night only), a quiz night and corporate bowls for a few weeks before it gets too cold and dark. Keep your eye on the Lakes Link for details about these events.

Did you know that the Club is also available for you to host your function, either private or corporate? We have kitchen and bbq facilities for your use or catering for light lunches and morning / afternoon teas can be arranged.

We have Foxtel in the main bar area, where the majority of the high profile sporting events can be viewed. A pool table and dartboards for your enjoyment and an air hockey table to keep the kids occupied. We are working on getting some more activities for children while in your care at the Club, but are hamstrung by finances and regulations at the moment, please bear with us.

For the gambling enthusiasts we offer Irish Bingo tickets over the bar and an electronic poker machine. Friday nights hosts the 'Can Draw' where members can win a number of cans of beer of their choice with the amount jackpotting each week until won.

Friday and Saturday nights meals are available and Pizza night is the first and third Thursday of the month, dine in only.

We'd love to see you up the Club soon.

Please note the Club will be closed on Good Friday, 3rd April 2015.

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More Strife at the Binnaway Croquet Club

The Binnaway Croquet Club is a fictitious organisation that the Lake Grace CRC has developed to highlight problems that are facing many clubs. Situations have been magnified but unfortunately aren't completely unrealistic. This club has been developed as a focus point for the Department of Sport and Recreation Workshop that will be held on Tuesday 31st March.

After Maxine's meltdown last fortnight the Binnaway Croquet Club thought things couldn't get any worse, however they're now in danger of losing their Treasurer.

Scenario 3:

At the Club's end of year meeting the committee had discussed buying a new croquet set. They've narrowed it down to two different makes and have given Olivia the job of getting quotes.

During the off season break Olivia has found three different quotes for each make but after further investigation has found one particular brand has been having some issues with the timber being used to make them – the timber is not of a very high quality, can split and has not been treated. The quotes range from \$1,750 to \$2,000 per set. She is looking forward to the meeting and bringing along all of the information so the members can select their preferred option.

Whilst spending Christmas in the city with family, Bob caught up with a few old mates, one of whom runs a sporting goods store. When talking about croquet sets his mate mentioned he had a set in stock, they were priced at \$1,800 but he was willing to let Bob take them

for \$1,350. It seemed too good an opportunity to miss so Bob made the purchase.

Unfortunately the set he purchased were the brand that Olivia had discovered had substandard timber.

Bob brought along the set to the meeting, with great pride and showed the members before the meeting. Olivia was silently furious.

Greg opened the meeting, which was immediately followed by Bob presenting his find. Olivia asked the President to stick to the order of the Agenda, but Greg was so impressed at the new croquet set he proceeded to congratulate Bob and forgot about the Agenda. Olivia expressed her concerns.

Bob said that Olivia didn't know what she was talking about. Jack got cross at Bob because he didn't like the way he was speaking to his wife and Olivia got so upset she resigned as Treasurer.

Some members feel Bob should be reimbursed.

What are the Binnaway Croquet Club going to do?

The Local Guide to a Happy Club

Where: Lake Grace Community Resource Centre

When: Tuesday 31st March 2015

Time: 6.30pm

The Lake Grace CRC in conjunction with the Department of Sport and Recreation will be providing a FREE workshop for local sporting and recreation clubs to help guide them through the myriad of problems that may arise in the day to day running of their club. Caroline Robinson from the Wheatbelt Business Network and Solum will be facilitating the session which will be based on the problems of shrinking membership, lack of volunteers, risk management, adapting to change and governance procedures facing the fictitious *Binnaway Croquet Club*. Attendees will explore achievable solutions and create a simple guide for local clubs to follow.

All local sporting clubs are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to 9865 1470 or email lakegrace@crc.net.au for catering purposes.



Town Centre Beautified

Taken from Wagin Argus Archives. September 11 1997

Father's Day saw some keen workers planting small plants around the trees on Stubbs Street, the main street of Lake Grace.

Patricia Naisbitt, a voluntary helper, joined Joan De Vree, Helen Bennett and Mary Naisbitt, members of the Townscape Committee, and Maurie Gilson the town gardener to plant shrubs bought with money allocated to the group from the Shire.

The trees, which were planted some time ago, recently had brick edging built around them, enlarging the growth area and allowing room for the small plants.

The edging was done by Rick Choules and Sean Lancaster, who work for the Shire. All gardens have been reticulated.

The brick paving and new green rubbish bins, which have been placed in the main street, have made a big difference to the look of the town.

Below: Planting the tree outside what was the Challenge Bank (now Westpac) are Shire employees Jackson Callope and Jason Muir.



Above: Planting plants around the trees are Patricia Naisbitt, Helen Bennett, Joan De Vree and Mary Naisbitt.



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Bits & Pieces

Let's continue our holiday tour of New Zealand, you may have read in the last edition of the Link our fascination with scenery with the mountains and rivers being nothing short of amazing.

But it was not all nature's work that provided the highlights of 'things to see in NZ', man made attractions also gave way to things to see and do such as viewing the turbo powered electricity system and riding the gondoliers, luge and jet boats to name a few.

One attraction which was high on the list was a visit to a privately owned castle, known as Larnach Castle. This was situated just outside Dunedin on the Otago Peninsula, set in the magnificent garden surrounds overlooking the water back to Dunedin.

The castle is now owned by the Barker family who have spent many years restoring the castle and surrounding garden back to something of its former glory. Their intentions are that it should always remain open for the people of NZ and overseas visitors to visit and admire.

Throughout the two hour tour of the castle the guide told of the, sometimes tragic story of Larnach Castle and its history, here is an excerpt from the pamphlet.

In 1870 William Larnach, whilst walking upon Otago Peninsula chose the site to build this splendid mansion. He was an Australian banker who came to Dunedin lured by the tide of wealth which followed the gold rush. Larnach lived in the castle with three successive wives until 1898 when he took his own life in the New Zealand Parliament. Larnach's children sold the property which changed hands several times and was twice abandoned. The ground and the castle had dwindled into disrepair when the Barker family discovered the property with its 14 hectares of surrounding wilderness



Larnach Castle

in 1976. In a leap of faith they purchased this historic property. It became their home and its restoration and development became a life's work for the family. Clearing the tangled growth and restoring the castle revealed lost features and amazing vistas.

What you see today is a wonderful historic castle. Restored in all its grandeur for people of all nations to enjoy. A must if you visit New Zealand.

And talking of Dunedin, 'What did we do on our last night in Dunedin?'. With Dunedin being the Edinburgh of the south and still with a strong Scottish heritage we celebrated 'Addressing the Haggis'.

After a lively happy hour (which they always turned out to be with 47 happy seniors) the bagpipes echoed in the gardens of the motel for one and all to assemble and march to the entertainment hall for the celebration. The haggis ceremony is a lively traditional Scottish form of entertainment honouring the immortal poet Robbie Burns and his address to the haggis in 1786.

The following is a dedication to not only Dunedin's Scottish heritage but also Robbie Burns and the haggis.

Robbie Burns, the famous Scottish poet and songwriter, observed his fellow countrymen and women turning away from their own culture to embrace that of the English and the continent, so in 1786 he took their traditional Scottish dish, the haggis, and wrote a poem addressing his concerns. The address has been likened to a highland procession with the haggis taking the role of the chieftain himself. Burns reminds his fellow Scotsmen not to turn away from their culture, this message is still just as relevant today as it was over 225 years ago.

Protect your culture, for in losing it, you lose your identity.

The arrival of the first Scottish settlers in 1848 marked the establishment of Dunedin. Originally named New Edinburgh, the name was changed to Dunedin, the old Celtic name for Edinburgh. Many of the streets and suburbs are named after those in Edinburgh. Most of our schoolgirls still wear kilts as part of their uniform. We have a Scottish shop, annual Scottish festival, active Scottish clubs, highland dance groups and numerous pipe bands. Sitting in pride of place in the Octagon, the heart of the city, is the fine statue of Robbie Burns, the uncle of one of the Founders, the Reverend Thomas Burns.

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Road Accident Statistics for the Wheatbelt

Taken from the Office of Road Safety website

The statistics on this page relate to the 10-year period of 2004-2013 and are restricted to KSI or serious crashes unless otherwise specified.

***restricted to KSI or serious crashes that are attended by the WA Police**

Snapshot of Wheatbelt region statistics (KSI = killed or seriously injured)

- ◆ Number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI): 180 in 2013; 2,155 from 2004-2013
- ◆ Most common crash type: Single vehicle hitting an object (53%)
- ◆ Most common crash site speed zone: 110 km/h (61%)
- ◆ Seat belts not worn: 10% of KSI*
- ◆ Speed was a contributing factor in the crash: 18% of KSI*
- ◆ Serious crashes where the highest driver/rider BAC in the crash was 0.05 g/100ml or over: 12%*
- ◆ Males: 55% of KSI
- ◆ 17-24 year olds: 23% of KSI

Overview of Statistics

- ◆ **180 people were killed or seriously injured in the Wheatbelt region in 2013.**
- ◆ **2,155 people have been killed or seriously injured in the last 10 years (2004-2013) in the Wheatbelt region.** Taking into account the population, this equates to **a KSI rate of 297.4 per 100,000 populations.** This is the highest rate in Western Australia.
- ◆ These KSI were a result of 1,311 single vehicle crashes and 310 multiple vehicle crashes.

Crash Types

- ◆ It is not widely known that most of the fatal and serious crashes that occur in the regional areas of Western Australia involve only one vehicle which has either run off the road and/or collided with an object or rolled over.
- ◆ **53% of fatal and serious crashes involved a single vehicle hitting an object (excludes animals).**
- ◆ 23% was due to non-collision single vehicle rollover or run-off-road.
- ◆ **61% of fatal and serious crashes occurred on 110 km/h speed zones.**
- ◆ 5% occurred on roads with speed zones of 50 km/h.
- ◆ 4% occurred on roads with speed zones of 90 km/h

(Note that 22% of crash reports did not provide the speed zone.)

Behaviours

- ◆ **Seat belts were not worn by 10% of vehicle occupants killed or seriously injured*.**
- ◆ **Speed was a factor in the crashes of 18% of people killed or seriously injured*.**
- ◆ **At least one driver/rider with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.05 or higher was recorded in 12% of fatal and serious crashes*.** At least one driver/rider with a BAC of 0.08 or higher was recorded in 11% of fatal and serious crashes*.
- ◆ **Fatigue could be responsible for up to 30% of deaths and a bigger percentage of serious injury crashes.** Because fatigue is difficult to measure, it is under-represented in police crash data; however research indicates that up to 30% of crashes involve fatigue.

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Lake Grace Saleyard Meeting

Expression of Interest

To ascertain the level of demand for the retention of the Lake Grace saleyards or its possible alternative use, the Shire will be holding a meeting with interested stakeholders. Date and time to be confirmed.

If you are interested in attending this meeting please express your interest by contacting Mikaela Knill at the Shire Office on 9890 2500.



Road Inspection Tour

On Monday 16 March 2015, Councillors, CEO, Manager of Infrastructure and Manager of Corporate Services went on a road inspection tour in preparation of the new Annual Capital Works Program. Twenty different roads were looked at, along with other infrastructure including; drainage, rubbish tips and airstrips.



Lake Grace Pavilion

Flooring in the function area is complete. The ceiling and flooring looks fantastic and the area looks very modern.

Painting work has commenced, with plumbing to begin shortly.



Road Construction

The Shire's road crew is currently working on Hewson Road, Lake King (pictured below).





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Tip Opening Hours

Lake Grace

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday
7am - 6pm

Newdegate

Wednesday 9am - 3pm
Saturday 8am - 12pm

Lake King & Varley

Open Every Day

Waste & Recycling Pick up Dates

Household Waste Collection is weekly and collected each Monday for Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

Recycling is fortnightly and alternates between Lake Grace & Newdegate. See below for the upcoming recycling collection dates.

Please Note: There is no kerbside recycling collection service in Lake King or Varley.

Lake Grace	Newdegate
6 April	30 March
20 April	13 April

For more information on Waste Management visit the Shire's website.



Check out our website
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Driving Assessor

The Practical Driving Assessor will be at the Shire of Lake Grace Office on:

Friday 10 April 2015

Please contact the Shire's Customer Service Officer for an appointment.

You can now book your PDA online. For more information visit www.transport.wa.gov.au

Building Surveyor

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

Tuesday 7 April 2015

To make an appointment please contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

We want your photos

For people who always have their camera at hand the Shire is looking for photos to promote our area.

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

Your photos will be used to promote the area on our website, Facebook page and publications.

Please ensure you have permission from the people who are captured in the photo.

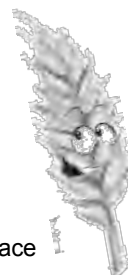
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Customer Charter

The Shire has recently released its Customer Charter.

The Shire of Lake Grace is committed to providing the community and visitors with quality, responsive and meaningful customer service.

Our Customer Charter states our commitment to you, our customers, of how we will work both for you and with you to meet needs and expectations which you tell us are important.

Copies of the Customer Charter can be found on our website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au or at the Shire's Administration Office, Lake Grace.



Lake Grace Swimming Pool Closing



The end of another pool season is fast approaching. The Lake Grace pool is closing on Tuesday 31 March 2015.

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ILLEGAL DUMPING OF RUBBISH

The Shire would like to remind people to ensure they have a secure load when taking rubbish to the tip. Rubbish is being found along the road, possibly flying off trailers and utes or from illegal dumping. Illegally dumped rubbish is not only ugly but can also leak contaminants into our soils, waterways and natural habitats.

Littering is an offence and can result in a hefty fine.

Below is an extract from the *Littering Act 1979*

23. Littering, offence

Any person who deposits litter, or causes litter to be deposited, on any land or on or into any waters commits an offence unless the litter is deposited —

- (a) *on private land by consent; or*
- (b) *in an appointed area; or*
- (c) *in a place or receptacle set aside or provided for that purpose; or*
- (d) *on land adjacent to private land by arrangement with, or at the invitation of, a public authority with a view to the litter being collected and removed by the public authority.*

Penalty:

- (a) *for an individual, a fine of \$5 000;*
- (b) *for a body corporate, a fine of \$10 000.*



The Shire recommends that all loads are covered with netting or appropriate covering to prevent rubbish from flying or falling off.



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AQUA FITNESS

Thank you for participating in another fantastic year of Aqua Fitness. We had another successful year with many enjoying a range of exercise moves while splashing around in the cool water.

Congratulations to Letisha Marshall & Vanessa Tavares on the successful program.



With the Aqua Fitness classes coming to an end, please see below for the latest ARC timetable.

Tuesday

6.00am - 6.50am
SUPER THUMP/WAR

9.00am - 10.00am
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Thursday

6.00am - 6.50am
RIP

9.30am - 10.20am
FOREVER FIT

**Classes are held at the Lake Grace Lesser Hall.*

Casual Fees: \$8 (regular), \$6 (Senior), \$5 (Child)

Australian Heritage Week 2015

Do you have a Heritage or Homemade hand tool?

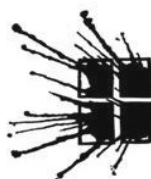
If so, we welcome you to drop the tools at the Lake Grace Regional Artspace on Tuesday 7 April so they can be included in the Heritage Tool Display as part of



Australian Heritage Week 11 April to 28 April 2015

Australian Heritage Week is an annual national celebration of Australia's unique heritage. It is an opportunity for all Australians to join together to celebrate our shared and special heritage.

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Also been doing some testing on LED spotlights to see if any of them can match the performance of the LED spotlights that we have been selling for the last 3-4 years. The good news is that there are a couple of options that do quite a good job in controlling the light down the road.

We are still looking at this season's offerings for our work light range, we will continue to carry vision x lighting as it has excellent performance and reliability and has stood the test of time. We will be adding to our budget range of LED work lights in an effort to cover all applications.

Please feel free to drop in for a look and keep an eye out for light demo (hopefully late March/early April).

March clearance special:

Lightforce RMDL240 (2) 12 v 100w spotlights - \$375 (inc) for pair

SOIL HEALTH

Let's focus on the underground!

Catherine Kelly, Hollands Track Farm Newdegate W.A

Introduction

When mallee was chained and cleared at Hollands Track Farm in the 1960s, a bag to the acre of super/copper/zinc/molybdenum was applied to the soil in the first year of cropping. Farmer, Malcolm Kelly observed that even though after the first year of cropping, 60 lb of urea was applied per acre, crop yield was reduced from the first year. What Western Australian new-land farmers did not know, was that the symbiosis between bacteria and mycorrhizal fungi and the pre-existing bush, sustained the life of plants. The clearing and burning which took place had already begun to destroy this relationship and new relationships which were needed between cereal crops and the soil were inhibited by the application of fertilizers.

Reduction of artificial fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides will aid the implementation of sustainable farming practices, to grow more nutritious food.



Image 1: Wheat sown into White French Millet Stubble



Image 2: Lucy and Nick Kelly checking a wheat crop season 2012/13. Photo courtesy of NRM.



Image 3: Close up of soil from an uprooted Dolichos Lab Lab plant



Image 4: Summer Cocktail Crop (Sunflower, Millet, Dolichos Lab Lab and Cowpea)

Conclusion

Eliminating synthetic fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides greatly reduces the cost of inputs. Ian and Di Haggerty of Dowerin have reduced the cost of their inputs to \$57 a hectare, and grow crops to equal or better their neighbours.

Farming in the Western Australian wheat belt becomes environmentally and economically sustainable.

Gabe Brown of Brown's Ranch, North Dakota, states that when soils are regenerated through diversification, feeding 9 billion people by 2050 will not be an issue. (*Gabe Brown, 'Diversity is King', Acres, October, 2013, Vol. 43.*)

'One teaspoon of soil has as many organisms as there are people on the planet.' *Dr Christine Jones.*

National Soil Conference 2014

Cathie Kelly

The National Soil Science Conference at the MCG in Melbourne last November was a great gig for Malcolm and me, despite the cost! I was aware that we were the only farmers there and we were given an enthusiastic welcome. The patron, Penny Welmsley, ex-governor of Queensland, honoured us for attending in her opening speech.

We went because a paper I submitted on soil biology and farming practices was accepted to the conference as a static poster (see left), provided I attended. Always keen to get the word out about restoring soil health, we enjoyed re-establishing links with icons of soil biology like Professor Lyn Abbott from UWA and meeting both incoming and outgoing presidents.

It soon became clear that food security is a big concern for these scientists, but the time honoured biological solutions are only on the fringe of understanding for most - unlike Mike Wong from the CSIRO who acknowledged what he is learning from Western Australian farmers! A lot of the work being done by PhD students is familiar to farmers, who read the results in their journals.

Much closer to home, on Tuesday, 24th March, Dr Christine Jones, internationally renowned ground cover and soil ecologist, is speaking about restoring soil health at Kojonup. Nick Kelly is a supporting speaker, talking about the application of principles to broadacre farming, thereby lowering wheatbelt debt and addressing a multitude of other environmental concerns.

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Protecting Australians' Savings Accounts

Media Release

The Coalition Government is delivering on its commitment to protect the savings of Australians through improvements to the way that unclaimed money in savings accounts and life insurance policies is managed.

Federal Member for O'Connor Rick Wilson said the Coalition Government is restoring the time bank accounts and life insurance policies can be inactive before they are transferred to the government from three years to seven years.

"This change reverses the changes made by the previous Labor Government in 2012. When Bill Shorten was the Minister for Financial Services he saw that hundreds of millions of dollars in thousands of accounts were transferred to the government," Mr Wilson said.

In 2012/13, 156,000 accounts worth around \$550 million were transferred to ASIC as a result of the change made by Labor.

"Mr Shorten's overnight cash grab caused distress and confusion for account owners, and in some cases real financial hardship when people found they could not access their accounts due to the sudden change in policy."

Under the changes announced by the Government, childrens bank accounts will also be exempted from the unclaimed money arrangements to ensure funds put into these accounts will never be transferred to the Government. This recognises that many people choose to put money aside for their children's future.

The Government is also making changes to protect the privacy of individuals that do have genuinely inactive accounts that are transferred to ASIC to address concerns around identity theft and to stop unscrupulous people from preying on vulnerable Australians.

There is currently around \$700 million in lost bank accounts and life insurance policies.

Australians can access information about unclaimed accounts, free of charge, through the ASIC MoneySmart website at www.moneysmart.gov.au

The changes to unclaimed money arrangements will provide greater certainty and fairness, as well as cut red tape, saving business and individuals \$36 million per year in compliance costs.

The changes will apply to the next unclaimed money deeming date of 31 December 2015.



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The New Flu Vaccination and Some Interesting Facts About It

Article from Medical Observer by Sunalie Silva

Flu vaccine stocks for the public immunisation program in Australia have been delayed for more than a month as manufacturers scramble to replace two of the strains contained in the 2014 vaccine.

People usually have two or three months to get round to getting their shot because we usually don't see bad flu until June/July. But the message this year will be: **don't hang around- book an appointment with your GP as soon after 20 April as possible - check with them for a suitable date when they will have the vaccines in.**

This year's trivalent seasonal vaccine, to be available from after 20 April, will **contain two influenza A strains. H1N1 and H3N2-like virus, as well as the B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus.**

Professor Van Buynder, a health spokesman for Influenza Specialist Group, said H3N2 was the culprit in the bad US winter.

We think that the delay in getting the vaccine here, due to us changing its content, means that we're going to have a vaccine that is very well matched to the virus strains that are going to arrive here.

Meanwhile the TGA announced last week that for the first time three new vaccines will be available on the private market: Fluarix Tetra (GSK), Fluquadri and Fluquadri Junior (Sanofi Pasteur). **Professor Van Buynder cautioned that these three types only give you a second strain of B virus and they are not helping against H3N2 or H1N1. It will be wise to wait for the vaccines that are being prepared to protect us against all the strains as mentioned above.**

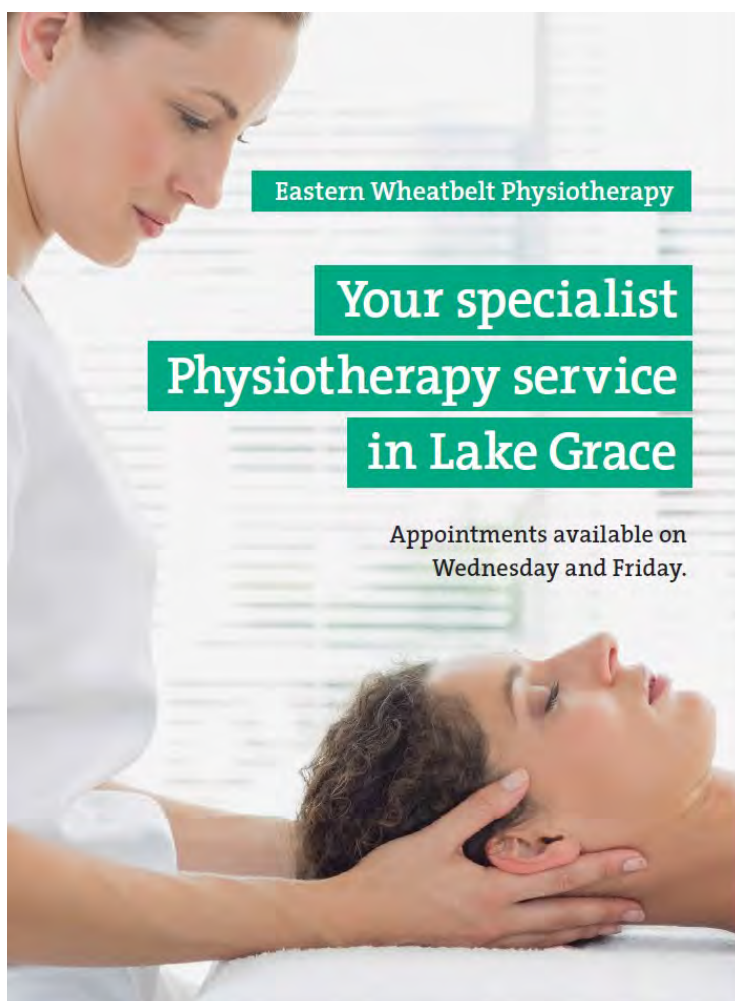
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Puzzles & Stuff

Some words from the 12/03/2014 edition of Boggle

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Answers to 12/03/2015 Sudoku

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This week's Boggle

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How to see the Easter Eclipse

Taken from stargazersclubwa.com.au

This Easter there's a total eclipse of the Moon and you won't need a telescope to view it.

Unlike solar eclipses, lunar eclipses are perfectly safe to watch with the naked eye.

A total lunar eclipse occurs when the Sun, Earth and Moon are all in a straight line in space with Earth in the middle.

Earth blocks out the light coming from the Sun and what we see is Earth's shadow move across the face of the Moon.

On Easter Saturday, 4 April the total lunar eclipse begins at 7.54pm and ends at 8.06pm (Western Australian time). The direction to look is east.

There's a special Easter Eclipse event on at Old Perth Observatory on Saturday, 4 April 2015. A great fun family evening out under the stars.

Do you know why the date for Easter changes every year?

Easter Sunday is always the first Sunday after the full

Moon, following the March equinox. It's a bit of a calculation and here it is explained further.

An equinox is when Earth's axis isn't tilted toward the Sun one way or the other and the hours of night and day are almost equal in length. March's equinox is on or around 22 March every year.

This year, the March equinox is on the 21st. The full Moon after this date is on Saturday, 4 April and therefore Easter Sunday is the following Sunday which is 5 April 2015.

Astrofest 2015

Jupiter, the Moon and giant red star Betelgeuse will stretch out in a line and make an impressive sight at this year's Astrofest.

The popular annual event coincides with Earth Hour and includes a variety of activities including telescope viewing, guest presenters, space domes, exhibitors and much more.

It's a free family event at Curtin University from 5.30pm-9.30pm on Saturday, 28 March 2015.

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Our Easter Dogalogue is out now with loads of ideas to keep you busy over Easter. (Work off all the chocolate)



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Bits & Pieces (cont.)

Along with their strong religious beliefs, the Scottish settlers brought their passion for education. The first university in New Zealand, the University of Otago, being opened in 1869. Just as important to the Founders was their heritage, this being graphically demonstrated with the traditional Haggis Ceremony. Dunedin has evolved its own lively, ritualistic and colourful Dunedin Haggis Ceremony performed by Piping Hot Haggis.

After a lively thought provoking and entertaining ceremony we were each presented with the traditional bottle of scotch whiskey and certificate to show our involvement with the tradition. Then to the dining room to not only taste the haggis but enjoy a hearty meal before calling it a day so we could prepare for the next day of our tour.

Farewelling Dunedin we travelled through the spectacular Balclutha and Gore areas to Te anua Gateway to the Fiordland and Milford Sound. The 121 kilometres stretching from Te anua to Milford Sound has earned World Heritage Highway status for its overwhelming beauty and scenic vistas. This included lush lakeside forests, rugged mountains, cascading rivers and waterfalls. One mountain was too tall to go over so a 1.5km tunnel has been excavated to allow passage to Milford Sound where we boarded the tour boat for a cruise on this magnificent fiord.

The fiord is 16km in length; it's famous for Mitre Peak, a pyramid shaped mountain rising 1692 metres straight from

the deep fiord. Although scenic flights are available the grandeur of Milford Sound can best be appreciated by boat. Trips pass unusual geological features such as Lion Mountain, the Elephant and Copper Point plus many towering water falls. The Bowen fall drops 160 metres to water, the Stirling Falls 146 metres. Fur seals, dolphins and the occasional fiordland crested penguin can be seen along the way. A truly memorable cruise on a fantastic lake.

Leaving the fiordland we travelled onward to Queenstown for a two night stay. Back to the man made excitement with included thrills that only a jet boat ride can give.

The 90 minute ride fills you with unforgettable thrills of speed, spins and exhilaration as you speed across three waterways in one of the worlds most stunning locations. Firstly the twin engine jet boat roars across the crystal clear lake Wakatipu at breathtaking speed, surrounded by majestic mountains and mesmerising scenery, zooms under the Kawarau Dam onto the deep green waters of the Kawarau River, with loads of thrilling 360° spins. Then the thrill really upgrades as the boat navigates the fast moving current of the narrow Shotover River. Racing up the narrow, shallow channels at speeds of up to 85kph in water that's less than 5cm deep in places. Finally you return to the pier in Queenstown, disembarking to not only see if our landlegs work but if our heart rate had returned to normal.

You'd think that would be enough excitement for one day, but it's not if you're in Queenstown on NZ's South Island. I will continue next fortnight.



Milford Sound, South Island, NZ

Men's Shed Battery Drive

The Lake Grace Community Men's Shed is continuing with their battery drive. This is an ongoing revenue raising project which will contribute to the running of the Shed.

Batteries can be left at Phil Clarke's shed or you can contact Phil on 0427 651 155 or Allan Duckworth on 0427 651 567 if you require them to be picked up. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Tarin Tennis Season Wraps Up

Contributed by Sarah Allen



Members of the Tarin Rock Tennis Club ended their 2014/15 season with a *Sporting Heroes* wind up on home turf. The AGM that preceded the evening (attended by Shane Warne, Merv Hughes and Serena Williams, among others) was one of the most straightforward yet, all committee members choosing to continue in their roles (yes, we're suspicious too).

Social tennis has been strong this year with a good roll up most Friday nights. A few seasoned social members even tried their hand at playing! That, combined with strong interest from some of our new faces, means we'll be looking to run an adult's tennis coaching event when the next season starts.

We've also had some fresh faces in the pennant side, in Lachy and Ashton Gray as well as Kaitlyn and Brad O'Neill.

Our mid-week ladies pennant team played strongly again this year, but unfortunately went down to Kukerin in the Grand Final, which makes it three years in a row the girls have been placed second on the ladder. Not missing an opportunity, Sharon Robinson came to the wind-up as a "mid-week choker", complete with excessive strapping of all joints and muscles with Elastoplast.



Cosy night in: Rain kept club members packed inside on the night of the wind up.

Also in the Robinson household, Ross was awarded the annual Dot Morgan Trophy for the most sets won during the 2014/15 pennant season. We've lost count of how many years the Robinsons have won this award, and seeing as their family display cabinet is probably full, we left off getting Ross an actual trophy this year. Maybe next year Ross ;)

Below: Sharon Robinson, Leon Morgan and Ross Robinson.



Left: Joe, Wendy and Kaitlyn O'Neill.

Below: Mitchell, Daniel and Gemma Gooding.



Dumbleyung - Toolibin Pennant Tennis Grand Final

Tamara Bartram

15th March 2015

Well the day commenced with rain, then sunshine and just when we thought that we would start on time a big shower of rain stopped us in our tracks. After 45 minutes the sun was back out again and play commenced with only a few spectators.

Dudinin had beaten Dumbleyung two weeks before by 8 games so the tennis was certainly going to be fast and furious. The captain of Dumbleyung had sent an email to all players that if they didn't win their set to make sure that they won as many games as they could because games would be a deciding factor on who was going to win.

After the first round of men's and women's doubles there were only three games separating the teams, Dudinin's men overpowering the Dumbleyung men winning all six sets with one tiebreaker between Jamie Dare, & Glenn Ball and Darren Kirby & Bevan Doney.

The Dumbleyung women were victorious over Dudinin winning all six sets, so this set the standard for the next round. With reputations on the line the 2nd round commenced with the Dumbleyung ladies winning all

four sets and the men only winning two singles matches but these were crucial wins by the No 1 & 2 players Jamie Dare and Glenn Ball. This gave Dumbleyung the advantage of going into the mixed with a two set lead, 12 sets 98 games to 10 sets 87 games.


The crowd had increased to watch the final 12 sets being played and was becoming vocal with both sides cheering on their players. One doesn't have to attend the Australian Open to watch great tennis by famous players, we have our own awesome players in our pennants and one and all played to the limit with their hearts, souls and some, their battered bodies.

It was a worthy battle by both teams and all players can be extremely proud of the quality of tennis and good sportsmanship that was exhibited throughout the day.

Congratulations to Dumbleyung 18 sets 158 games defeating Dudinin 16 sets 139 games and ending the three year winning streak of Dudinin.

The Perpetual Liz & Owen Dare shield, which is won by the player winning the most sets during the season, was presented by Liz and Owen, to a very worthy winner from Dudinin, their illustrious Captain, Craig Doney with 20 sets, runner-up from Newdegate - Erica Wiech 18 sets.

Well done to Garry and John Waters, Dudinin winning four sets each and to Dumbleyung players Megan Henry, five sets and Michelle Carew-Reid, Carmen Bairstow, Derryn Edwards and Jane Smith winning four sets. Chloe Bairstow/McDougall playing three sets and winning all three. Special mention to Captain Drew Roberts winning his first set against Dudinin in the mixed with Carmen.





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Lake Grace Cricket Club

Rebecca Reynolds



Semi Final

Saturday 14th March 2015 – 10.30am Start
LGCC (10/138) vs HCC (10/51)

Lake Grace Cricket Club (LGCC) won the toss and opted to bat first. Following the success of the previous game against Newdegate, Captain Brayden Reynolds decided to keep the new batting order. Thus sending Matt Trevenen and Steve Korosec in to bat first.

This decision paid off and it wasn't until the 13th over that we lost a wicket. M Trevenen out for 44 runs. The next 10 overs saw 4 more wickets taken by the Hyden team, B Reynolds top scoring at 45 runs before all wickets were taken for a total of 138 runs. A 138 run chase doesn't seem to be much but its one of those numbers that are neither here nor there.

Following lunch it was LGCC's turn to bowl. Damon Pelham bowling the first wicket in the second over proving that the total of not much (138 runs) was going to be hard to chase. I must say that our bowling attack was unbelievable and had all the confidence in the world.

Top scorers for Hyden were J Burns and B Smith both scoring 17. Our four bowlers did an amazing job; S Korosec 5/11 (inc a hat trick), B Reynolds 4/10, D Pelham 1/17 and Garry Leo 0/13.

Twenty one overs it took to take the HCC out of the Grand Final and seal LGCC's spot at Karlgarin vs Karlgarin-Pingaring Cricket Club the following weekend. Congratulations to HCC for reaching the Semi Final and it was a fantastic game to watch.

Grand Final

Saturday 21st March 2015 – 10.30am Start
(DAY ONE)
KPCC (7/257) vs LGCC (10/145)

Saturday morning was a warm start to Day One of the Grand Final, which saw KPCC win the toss and elect to bat. If you have never been to the Karlgarin Cricket Oval you need to understand that the oval is small and fast!!! If the ball was to pass a fielder it was going to be a definite 4 runs – no questions asked. The perfect oval for a 20/20 match actually!!

First ball by D Pelham = wicket!!! A catch by Kael Gray saw T Fotheringham sent back to the shed. The confidence was high amongst the LGCC boys, but that was not to last. The Spurr brothers managed a dynamic 127 run partnership in just 33 overs. M Trevenen slowing the momentum by clean bowling R Spurr (68 runs). M Spurr hanging in there to make 107 runs for his team before becoming the second wicket to Ashton

Gray's hat trick!! Ashton had a great run and ended up taking 5 wickets for 41 runs including a very valuable hat trick, before the 50 over innings was up.

A mental battle now began, a run chase of 257 runs seemed a lot. The LGCC boys' spirits were confident more so on this small fast oval. It wasn't impossible. The first three wickets fell in the first 4 overs and unfortunately it was not going to be Lake Grace's day. G Leo was inspiring, top scoring at 74 runs. That was possibly the only highlight for our batting performance. LGCC ended up making 145 runs for day one.

Grand Final

Sunday 22nd March 2015 – 10.30am Start
(Day Two)
KPCC (7/211) vs LGCC (10/121)

Sunday's weather was almost polar!! 20 degrees was said to be the maximum but it felt much lower than that, a stark opposite to the weather the previous day.

The KPCC seemed to have a lot more skills on their side but there also seemed to be little "lady luck" moments that the winning side normally receive. The ball would fall right in front of the fielder and bounce at a complete opposite direction which would then see the ball run off for four. No excuses, but as an onlooker you could notice the good luck moments and the bad luck moments.

Best bowling on day two;

B Reynolds 4/49, S Korosec 3/53 and K Gray 1/10.

Best Batting on day two;

B Reynolds 47, J Eggers 28 and K Gray 11.

In short KPCC were the definite better side over the two days and were the top side to beat all season, Congratulations and thank you for hosting a great weekend!

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Lake Grace Men Victorious in Basketball Final

Lake Grace players travelled to Newdegate again this past season to play basketball in the Newdegate competition. Lake Grace has been sending teams out to Newdegate for a number of years now, with varying success throughout that time in both men's and ladies competition.

The Newdegate basketball season starts in October breaks for school holidays and the Grand Final was played on Friday 13th March where the Lake Grace men's team won 41-30 against Newdegate red.

Congratulations to Peter Roukens who was awarded Best in Grand Final. Peter also came home with the awards for Fairest & Best, Highest Goal Scorer, Most 3pt Shots and Highest Fouls. Ian Lloyd (Newdegate) was awarded Runner-up Fairest & Best.



Back from left - Stephen Chappell, Andrew Lewis, Leon Clarke, Peter Roukens, Dean Sounness

Front from left - John Amores, Greg Amores, Aiden Marks, Sam Middleton

Absent - Ben Wilson

Lake Grace Plaza



Easter Trading

Good Friday - CLOSED

Easter Saturday - 6am - 11:30am

Easter Sunday - 8am - 10am

Easter Monday - 8am - 10am



Thank You (cont.)

Sponsored by the Shire of Lake Grace the afternoon tea was attended by 34 adults and 3 children with everyone enjoying the opportunity to not only enjoy each others company but take a look at all of the work that Jared and Tania Bray have been doing at the vineyard.

Shire Councillor Allan Marshall welcomed everyone to the afternoon tea and commented on the wide variety of tasks that volunteers take on to support their group or organisation.

The CRC would like to thank everyone who supported this event and attended. Unfortunately there was a lot of other 'stuff' on over the weekend such as finals for sporting events which stopped a number of people from attending; commiserations to the Lake Grace Cricket Club and the Lake Grace Bowls Club.



Above: Garry and Nola Frost.

Below: Henk Doelman and Neil Bishop.



Below: Rita Marshall and Cobi Stanton.

KickstART Festival

Propel Youth Arts WA wishes to take this opportunity to let you know that young people in regional WA can now attend our upcoming KickstART Festival Forums online.

The KickstART Festival has become a yearly highlight of the National Youth Week festivities in Western Australia, however since we are predominantly based in the Perth metropolitan area, we have been looking for ways to better engage regional WA.

So, for the first time ever, KickstART Forums will be broadcast online in real time so that young people all around WA (and the rest of the world!) can access them.

This year's forums cover six diverse youth-oriented topics. Delivered by a group of inspiring local WA individuals, these engaging and thought-provoking forums will cover mental health and wellbeing, self-publishing, entrepreneurialism, government policies, sexual identity, and arts law.

For more information and to register for the KickstART Forums webcasts, visit:

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Holland Track - Across Our Farm

Allan Zweck

When we took up our new land location in 1965, one of the first things to come to my notice, was that the historic Holland Track to the Goldfields went right across the property. I knew little of this track, though I found it was the 25th April 1893, when they crossed our farm, and it is said to have carried some thousands of people, and many horse teams and camel teams of provisions to the goldfields. It was a real blessing, as it gave us access through the bush, to our "new land" farm, and enabled us to drive across it to view the whole farm. Furthermore, the track gave us access to the country east of our property, in particular, to Holland Rocks tank. Development in this area was still in its very raw stages, and an alternate route to the Tank would have been more than twice the distance.

On the western side of our property, is a twenty chain wide "Road reserve" to negotiate before arriving on the farm, and the Holland Track, gave us a roadway through the reserve to our "square of bush". A few chains before this road, Holland Track took quite a sharp turn to the south eastward, and I was to learn, in time, that the reason for this was that John Holland had been searching in front of his team many miles distant for water, and though he was unsuccessful in finding any on the line of travel he wished to follow - he had found a spot where he thought, by digging, they would find water, further south from his intended course.

Holland and his team had successfully negotiated a route from Broomehill to Kuringup, via the Holland's Tank, east of Nyabing, and Nampup Spring, and other places between. This particular "Holland Tank", was so named because John Holland himself sunk it three years earlier, in a water course, while collecting sandalwood from the area. In time it was boarded up, and over the years it was of service to many as a water supply to those who ventured that way. Their last water before venturing in to the "unknown desert", was at Kuringup Soak, a reliable source, so up until this point he was still in very familiar territory. From thereon, they had to negotiate their way through 30 miles of bush and scrubby saltbush, taking them through the Kuringup lakes district, then into "the desert". These lakes

were a sprinkling of smaller lakes that fell into line from the end of Lake Grace South to the top end of Lake Pingrup. Holland recorded that this area was the most difficult part of their whole travel, as the ground around the lakes was soft and boggy.

They had progressed past the lakes to a position we would identify as "over the Lake Grace – Pingrup road", 150 metres south of the Lake Grace boundary, and into the farm of Maroni's, when they were faced with the lack of water. Holland had to send their wagon back to Kuringup Soak to replenish their supply – to refill the 100 gallon water tank they carried, while he continued his search in the forward position for water. This exercise delayed them five days, until they were able to proceed another 14 miles, veering south eastward, (across our farm), to where Holland expected by digging, they would find water. After excavating to a depth of nine feet, they were still in dry sand, but the next day several hundred yards further on, at nine feet, they did find water in abundant supply, "in a low sandy creek between two small sand plains". Further on, they arrived at Holland Rocks, where water could also be found in carefully covered and preserved gnamma holes. Captain John Septimus Roe discovered this spot forty five years earlier on his 1848 exploration, and he called it Gnamma Holes. Holland named it Krakouer Rock, in compliment of the two brothers in his team. Years later the name was changed to Holland Rocks. The water-less soak has been "preserved" in a 105 acre reserve and is still visible, but partially filled in, with



A malleefowl makes use of Hollands Track.

Holland Track - Across Our Farm (cont.)

flourishing ti-tree growing in it. The position of the viable soak is quite unknown, though thought to be in the vicinity where the track crosses Holland Tank Road.

At the time I took up my property it was still possible to go from my place to Holland Rocks on the track, in fact for a year or two, we went down that track for a water supply, which we could draw from the tank there, built in 1929 for the settlers around Lake Bryde. We needed the water for concreting to build our first shed, then home, and also for domestic use. Our first years in the district were quite wet years, and I recollect driving through a lot of water when we passed where the soak is. The Steele brothers, Laurence and Graeme, would have been some of the first of the later settlers to come across the dry soak. The "Hollands Soak Reserve" juts into one of their properties, and they recollect finding the thick rims of tinned foods and camp pie around the soak, which they believed may have been from when Holland and his team camped at the site on their earlier venture. Where the track went through a salmon patch on their land, they preserved a section of it.


The road west of our block was formed up as far as Holland Track, to service the properties adjacent, so it

was very convenient for us to gain access to our property, via the track. On my first inspection of our block, driving up the track, a Mallee Fowl was spotted, and with my camera at the ready, I captured a photo, though it is perhaps more memorable as my first venture on Holland Track. We later found a Mallee Fowl nest in the bush there. After twenty chains through the road reserve, we found the survey line which had been trimmed through the bush, marking the boundary of our property. By coincidence, where the Holland Track entered our property, it was halfway along the boundary. This fell in nicely with our plan to locate our homestead some distance further onto the farm from there. Holland Track was then the entrance to our farm for the next 36 years, until a loaded fuel truck got bogged near the Mallee Fowl nest. It was very difficult to pull the truck from the bog, so that entrance was then closed to all traffic. It was just inside the boundary at this point too, where I cleared a few acres of bush with our bulldozer. In the beginning, for eighteen months we lived at a farmhouse 20 miles away, so this spot, by "Hollands track" was our depot, where our machinery was parked up. After we had put up our burn, and had ploughed 500 acres for our first crop, a ramp was made up at the depot with railway sleepers, to stack our trace element super on - 42 tons of it, which was delivered by Southern Transport in the early dark hours of a morning. This was the normal means of fertiliser delivery since the closing of the railway at Pingrup, and the road trains were co-ordinated to back load with grain from any of a number of grain bins back to Albany.

Previous to all this, in the October of 1965, the Riches Brothers chained 1300 acres of bush, as the first part of our clearing operations. Using a very long anchor chain, and travelling very slowly, they pulled the bush down in two days, doing five laps around the area. In the summer of 1966, we put up our first burn. The burn did not go well though. Quite a few neighbours gathered to assist, and after doing a good back burn, a cold change came in from the south, and short of snuffing the fire out, it only burnt with intensity in the thicker patches. Some heavier timber did not catch fire readily, so I stayed at the scene and was able to drag branches into position where they lit up from coals, and fanned by the sea breeze, (the Albany Doctor), most of the unburnt timber was consumed. In the days following, the unburnt patches were effectively burnt.

I had made a very wide fire break, so there was never much worry about the fire getting away, although,

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Do you feel like the two year old has more idea which button to push than you do??

The Lake Grace Community Resource Centre is facilitating an IPAD / Tablet workshop and we are looking for expressions of interest.

Trainer will be John Oliver from Rural IT Solutions.

Cost: \$30 per head

Session: 2—3 hours

Date: Monday 20th April (2 places left)

Contact the Lake Grace CRC on 9865 1470 or lakegrace@crc.net.au to register your interest.

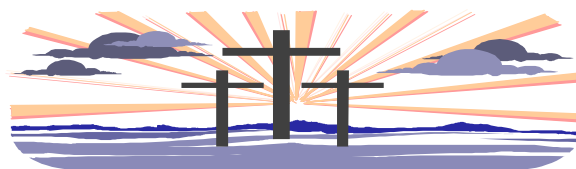
This workshop is also suitable for anyone who hasn't yet purchased a device and wants to know what would work best for them.

Holland Track (cont.)

during the burn, a willy-willy swept up a roaring swirling fire-ball-twister heavenward. It hovered around for some time, right on the edge of the burn, twisting "fire flame" hundreds of feet high. I watched with some horror at this phenomenon, and had contemplated driving the fire truck to the scene in readiness to attempt to prevent it hovering into the bush. Before I could react, I was told of a similar incident, where the roaring whirl wind had picked up a loaded water truck, and dumped it, and a man on board had also been sucked up, and met his death in the roaring inferno. It was obvious then, that we should stay put, and we watched until it ceased.

After the burn, ploughing began, and we found the ground to be very hard, and crossing over Holland Track with our working, we found the ground to be harder still, and barely scratched it. Even the sand plain was so hard, that the new discs on the plough soon showed much wear. After ploughing, we dragged a long root chain between two tractors over the ground to smooth it and pull stumps and trash to the top, for ease of raking, and with a Root Rake, were then able to advance with the next stage of our clearing, putting the roots and trash into rows. We borrowed a "Bull-rake" to fit our dozer, which enabled us to push up huge heaps of trash, and with a fire lighter, pumped flames of burning diesel into the heaps to light them up.

With a Culti-trash seeder, and after our fertiliser had been delivered, we commenced seeding. During seeding we had light showers of rain, which gave adequate moisture to bring the crop up. Five hundred acres of crop was sown, and it covered one half of the Holland Track that crossed the farm. It was a favourable season, but difficult harvest. There were patches of good crop, but we were plagued with staked tyres and the eucalyptus mallee leaves in the sample, and overall the yield was disappointing. Though it was negligible, the portion of crop across the track was very stunted and it took a few years of workings before the track was no longer visible. On the far side of the property Holland Track skirted around a breakaway, so a small area was fenced off for its preservation, though it is now quite overgrown. Within three years, dams were sunk, fences put up and sheep were de-pastured. And so it was, in like manner, that Holland Track was cut off, and erased from the landscape on the land taken up by settlers, except for remnants across roads and reserves.



MARIA REGINA CATHOLIC PARISH
cordially invites you to our
HOLY WEEK and EASTER celebrations

• **EASTER LITURGY**

Mary Help of Christians, Varley Sunday 29 March, 2015, 11am

• **HOLY THURSDAY**

Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 02, 2015, 7pm
Maria Regina Church, Lake Grace

• **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 03, 2015

✚ Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, Nolan's Farm, 9am (shared simple morning tea to follow afterwards)

✚ Stations of the Cross, Hopetoun, 3pm

✚ Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(Veneration of the Cross)

Maria Regina Church, Lake Grace, 3pm

• **EASTER VIGIL MASS: Holy Saturday**

April 04 2015, 6pm Kukerin

7.30 pm Lake Grace

(The traditional Easter egg hunt)

(Bring and share light supper)

• **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: April 05, 2015**

✚ RAVENSTHORPE, 9am

St Andrews Anglican Church

✚ HOPETOUN, 11am

St Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

A Blessed Easter to everyone!

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Parish Communities:

Maria Regina, LAKE GRACE; St Thomas á Becket, KUKERIN;
PINGARING; PINGRUP; St Francis, NEWDEGATE;
Holy Trinity, LAKE KING; Mary, Help of Christians, VARLEY;
Holy Family, RAVENSTHORPE; Assisi, JERDACCUTTUP;
St Peter, the Fisherman, HOPETOUN

Christ is risen! He lives forever!



CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

Tile Fire

Free standing slow combustion (tile) fire including flue in good condition.
Contact 0427 676 025

Cleaner Wanted

Up to 10 hours per week. Thursday to Monday, weekend availability essential.
Contact Claire 0457 207 749.

Lake Grace Visitor Centre Committee

2 Positions Vacant
Secretary & Committee Position
Contact Tania Bray 0447 651 418 for more information

FOR SALE

CLOVER FOR SALE

New season Dalkeith cleaned & govt. tested (no weeds). Available in 25kg, 50kg bags or 500kg bulkas. East Newdegate, Contact Brad 0428 747 006 or Bob 9874 7022 Email turuapark@bigpond.com

PUBLIC NOTICES

Camera Club AGM

Wednesday 1st April

Sunset Photoshoot at the big lake on Burns Road from about 5:30pm and a post processing workshop afterwards at the LGCRC.

AGM to commence at 7.30pm. Please come along - meetings are very informal but we need to have a quorum to keep the club alive Bring along your ideas for 2015 events.

LG Bowls Club AGM

Thursday 9th April
7pm
Lake Grace Sportsman's Club

Fish & Chips

There will be no fish and chips available at the Sportsman's Club on Friday the 3rd of April. Recommencing on the 10th April.
Happy Easter to all our customers.

LGDHS Poetry Festival 2015

It's on again - the Lake Grace DHS Poetry Festival.
We invite all parents and interested community members to come and support our students compete within an academic arena.

Let us entertain you!

What: Lake Grace DHS Poetry Festival

When: Wednesday 1st April, 1:15pm

Where: School Undercover Area

Categories: Humorous and Australian Poetry

Lake Grace District High School

1 School Place
Lake Grace WA 6353
Phone: 08 9865 1207

E-mail: lakegrace.dhs@education.wa.edu.au



RESPONSIBILITY COMMITMENT RESPECT

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

Lady Doctor

Dr Linda Haines will be in Lake Grace on
April 23rd & 24th.

*Ring the Lake Grace Surgery for
appointments on 9865 1208*

Welding Course

13th, 14th & 15th April

C.Y. O'Connor Institute - Narrogin

This is a course designed for hobby/leisure.

Cost is \$167.57 (concession rates apply)

The following units will be completed;

- Perform routine gas metal arc welding
- Apply quality procedures

It's recommended that a project/material be brought from home that participants wish to complete over the duration of the course (garden project/ornament, trailer, gate etc) and bring personal protective gear (safety glasses, enclosed work boots and wear long cotton clothing).

All queries to Amy Ferguson 9881 9000

Senior Citizens Luncheon

To be held on **Thursday 2nd April** at the CWA rooms at 12.30pm. Cost \$15 / person
Catered by the Kindy /Pre Primary
Contact Amanda Trevenen 0488 216 601
Seniors please contact Amanda if you are attending to help with catering numbers. All welcome.

Thanks to the Kindy/PP for taking a turn.

Annie Slarke - President CWA

Irene McGlinn - Secretary CWA

Operate & Maintain Chainsaws

5th & 6th May

CY O'Connor Institute - Narrogin

All queries to Amy Ferguson 9881 9000

Recreational Skippers Ticket

CY O'Connor Institute - Narrogin

22nd and 23rd April

29th and 30th July

13th and 14th October

Cost is \$199.00

All queries to Amy Ferguson 9881 9000

Sally Dickinson

Counsellor for Southern AgCare.

A free and confidential service.

Contact direct: 0427 192 155

www.southernagcare.org.au

CHURCH TIMES

Anglican Church of Lake Grace

Sunday 29th March

Lake Grace 9:00am

Thursday 2nd April

Lake Grace 7:00pm

Sunday 4th April

No Service

Enquiries: Father Dave 0427 545 560
Terry Gladish 9865 1022

Lake Grace Catholic Church

Sunday 29th March

Ravensthorpe 8:30am

Varley 11am

Lake Grace 6pm

Sunday 4th April

Easter Sunday (see page 44)

For inquiries and request for home visitation,
please contact Fr Gayan Thamel
on 9865 1248.

Community Clubs and Associations

Club / Association	Secretary / Contact	Contact Number	Contact Email
Artist Group	Tania Spencer	0429 041 063	spencertania@hotmail.com
Camera Club	Cheryl Chappell	08 9865 4058	rcchappell@bigpond.com
Craft Group	Meet at the CWA Building Saturdays from 11am onwards		
CWA	Irene McGlinn	08 9865 1148	irenemcglinn@bigpond.com
Early Learning Centre (Daycare)	Joanne Wells	08 9865 2568	lakegraceelc@cssu.org.au
Development Assoc	Paula Carruthers	0499 616 070	ghpmcarr@bigpond.com
Men's Shed	Phil Clarke	0427 651 155	philclarke@westnet.com.au
Playgroup	Amy Jones	0400 206 321	amjones@email.com
School	Registrar	08 9865 1207	lakegrace.dhs@education.wa.edu.au
Sportsman's Club	Danielle Robertson	0427 676 025	jd.robertson@westnet.com.au
Toy Library	Amanda Trevenen	0488 216 601	amanda.harrower@hotmail.com
Summer Sport			
Lake Grace Tennis Club	Kristie Stanton	0427 973 206	kristiehobley@hotmail.com
Lake Grace Cricket Club	Rebecca Reynolds	0417 923 284	rjleigh80@yahoo.com.au
Lake Grace Bowling Club	Anna Strevett	0429 654 023	kastrevett@bigpond.com
Lake Grace Swimming Club	Anke Stoffberg	08 9865 2550	stoffberg@westnet.com.au

Crisis Care Numbers

Doctor's Surgery - 9865 1208	Electricity Faults - 13 13 51
Hospital - 9890 2222	Water Faults - 13 13 75
Ambulance/Fire/Police - 000	Directory Assistance - 1223
55 Central Men's Refuge 9272 1333	Family Helpline 1800 643 000 / 9223 1111
Sally Dickinson 0427 192 155 <i>Southern AgCare Counselling</i>	Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 www.kidshelp.com.au
Poisons Information 13 11 26	Ngala 9368 9368 www.ngala.com.au
Crisis Care WA - 9223 1111 / 1800 199 008 www.community.wa.gov.au	Relationships Australia <i>Fair Programme</i> 9336 2144 www.wa.relationships.com.au 1300 364 277
Lifeline Australia - 13 11 14 www.lifeline.org.au	Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636 www.beyondblue.org.au
Seniors Information Services 9321 2133 www.cotawa.asn.au	Citizens Advice Bureau 9221 5711 www.cab.wa.com.au
Family Court of WA 9224 8222 / 1800 199 228 www.familycourt.wa.gov.au	Youth Legal Service 9202 1688 / 1800 199 006 www.youthlegalservice.inc.com.au
Main Roads - 138 138	

Justices of the Peace

Colin Connolly	0427 858 066
Ron Dewson	9865 1224
Amanda Milton	0429 654 011
Geoff Sabourne	9865 1171

Lake Grace Shire Councillors

Councillor	Telephone	Fax
Andrew Walker (<i>President</i>)	9865 1241	9865 1921
Len Armstrong	9871 1334	9871 1317
Ross Chappell	9865 4058	9865 4051
Debrah Clarke	9865 4041	9865 4032
Jeanette de Landgraft	9838 9062	9838 9041
Steve Hunt	9865 1650 0427 651 585	
Allan Marshall	9865 3022	9865 3012
Dean Sinclair	9874 7045	9874 7005
Murray Stanton	9865 1329	9865 1223

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March

Fri 27	Fish & Chips at the Sportsman's Club Physio (Jenna M) in Lake Grace Annual Fox Shoot HACC Activity Day
Sat 28	Craft Group at CWA 11am onwards Rubbish tip open Reg Fleay Memorial Cricket Match Market Day in Kulin Steak Teas at the Sportsman's Club
Sun 29	Rubbish tip open Tennis Windup
Mon 30	Rubbish Collection & rubbish tip open Blechynden Poultry Delivery
Tue 31	Chair Aerobics 10:45am at Village Hall SOYF Seniors Program-10am @ Shire Hall Men's Shed 9.30am-12 noon DSR Workshop at CRC LG Swimming Pool CLOSES
Wed 1	Rubbish tip open HACC Activity & Morning Tea 10-11:30am Physio (Jenna M) in Lake Grace Camera Club Photoshoot / AGM ERF Workshop in Katanning LGDHS - Poetry Festival (p. 45) Gym Club Registration Day (p.38)
Thur 2	Pizza Night at Sportsman's Club Senior Citizens Luncheon Last day of school term
Fri 3	Good Friday Stations of the Cross NO Fish & Chips
Sat 4	Rubbish tip open Craft Group at CWA 11am onwards Steak Night at the Sportsman's Club
Sun 5	Rubbish tip open
Mon 6	Rubbish Collection & rubbish tip open Recycling Collection Lakes Link News Deadline
Tue 7	Chair Aerobics 10:45am at Village Hall SOYF Seniors Program-10am @ Shire Hall

Tue 7	Men's Shed 9.30am-12 noon Building Assessor in Lake Grace
Wed 8	Rubbish tip open HACC Activity & Morning Tea 10-11:30am Physio (Jenna M) in Lake Grace WBM 'Looking at Change' Workshop
Thur 9	Lakes Link News Published Bowls Club AGM

Coming Events

10th April - Driving Assessor in Lake Grace
 10th April - HACC Bus Outing
 13th April - Welding Workshop (Ngn)
 14th April - Welding Workshop (Ngn)
 15th April - Welding Workshop (Ngn)
 15th April - Food Sensations
 17th April - Ipad Workshop
 18th April - Winter Sports Starts
 20th April - Ipad Workshop
 22nd April - Food Sensations
 22nd April - Skippers Ticket (Ngn)
 23rd April - Skippers Ticket (Ngn)
 23rd April - Dr Linda Haines in Lake Grace
 24th April - Dr Linda Haines in Lake Grace
 29th April - Food Sensations
 1st May - Megan Henry Book Launch at CRC
 5th May - Operate & Maintain Chainsaws (Ngn)
 6th May - Operate & Maintain Chainsaws (Ngn)
 6th May - Food Sensations
 19th December - Pingaring 90th Christmas Tree

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Sudoku

- ☐ The Sudoku grid of rows and columns is divided into individual 3x3 boxes.
- ☐ The aim of the game is to fill each row, column and 3x3 box with the numbers 1 to 9.
- ☐ You can't repeat numbers in a row, column or 3x3 box and you can't change the numbers already in squares.

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