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Lake Grace Junior Cricket Season

Damon Pelham



Left to right: Kelsie Roukens, Josh Willcocks, Darcey Pelham, Heath Lewis, Chase Kutchling, Jonti McKenzie, Hunter Bell, Jed O'Neill, Max Stubberfield, Braxton Roukens, Bryce Carruthers,

Well that's a wrap for season 2024/25. The Lake Grace Cricket has a bright future with some very talented young players coming through.

We would like to thank Derick Stanton for coaching our kids. We'd like to give a massive thanks to all our wonderful parents who helped out during the year and to Andrew Lewis for scoring each week and helping manage the side.

Continued are the results from our last three games.

Lake Grace v Kukerin/Dumbleyung

Lake Grace loss the toss and sent our kids into bat on a beautiful day at Kukerin.

Braxton Roukens and Bryce Carruthers saw off the opening bowlers and both retired. Jonti McKenzie and Darcey Pelham both held their own and retired.

Heath Lewis had a great little knock before losing his wicket at 1/55. Josh Wilcocks contributed well and we

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All articles, news and advertisements are to be submitted to the Lake Grace Community Resource Centre by 3pm on Monday of paper week.

Next Deadline
Monday 10th March

Next Edition
Thursday 13th March



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

Thank you also to our many contributors of articles.

Annie Slarke Lee Duckworth
Tracey Milton

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Editorial

- What a fantastic turnout for our INDY information session and some great feedback received from those who attended. Although the subject may have been a little dark the mood was upbeat. We will definitely look at running this session again, probably in two years time. We will look at running some other workshops of a more specific nature down the track. It was terrific to have the support of those businesses and entities who attended.
- For anyone who was thinking of attending the next Harvest Festival committee meeting, the date has changed. We will be getting together again on Wednesday 19th March at 6pm in the dining room of the Lake Grace Hotel. This opens it up for anyone who can't make it during the day. If you would like to be involved then please come along, the more the merrier.
- Unfortunately we have had to postpone the Working @ Heights and Working in Confined Spaces workshops due to lack of numbers. If the date didn't suit but you would like to do this then please give us a call.
- At this stage we still have the following workshops:
 - Auschem - 13th/14th March.
 - Forklift - 1st /2nd April
 If you would like to book in for any of these then please contact the CRC. We definitely need more names if these workshops are to go ahead.
- Don't forget the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Mobile Office is coming to Lake Grace; they'll be here on Wednesday 12th March from 9am to 4pm. They will also be in Newdegate the day before on Tuesday 11th March. This is a perfect opportunity to sort out any of those little problems you may have with either Centrelink or Medicare.
- Coming along with the Mobile Service Centre is a Financial Information Services officer who would love to have an opportunity to talk to the locals. I will have more on this for the next paper. This service is for all ages. We will have a presentation at the CRC in the morning of the 12th and the FIS officer will be available for one-on-one sessions at the Mobile Service Centre in the afternoon.
- We've had our first Lego Club get together and there are still place available. If you haven't already registered your Lego enthusiast then please get in touch with Evelyn and fill in all of the appropriate paperwork.
- Is anyone interested in being a part of a Walking Group? This is for all ages. Please touch base with staff at the CRC if you think this could be something for you.
- We have been successful in getting funding to show the movie 'Only A Farmer', we are yet to work out a date as to when we would hold it but hopefully it will be in the next month.
- Don't forget crochet is back up and running every Friday from 10am to midday. The fairies seem to have done a fresh delivery of yarn.
- On another note we do have a lovely young lady called Evelyn working as our receptionist; please say hello and have a chat about your needs with Evelyn rather than wandering down the passageway...you'll only find a not so young lady down there. Evelyn is well equipped to assist you in anything you need and will come and find me if needed. Anything related to Staying in Place can only be done from Tuesday to Thursday from 9am to 4pm. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Suzanne Reeves

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Crochet Workshops

From 10am to midday, every Friday.

Lake Grace Community Resource Centre

Learners welcome, some hooks available for purchase with a small range of wool to practise on.

Work on Wheelchairs for Kids blankets or your own project

Call 9865 1470 if you have any queries. If you prefer to work on your own project that is okay. Everyone welcome.

About Town

- Condolences to Debbie Scott and her family on her passing. Debbie passed away peacefully on Friday 21st, she suffered with the terrible disease Motor Neuron Disease (MND)

Anniversaries



2nd March Nikki and Andrew Lewis
 5th March Brad and Janine Watson
 6th March Chris and Shannon Poot

Happy Birthday



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|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 28th February | Harrison Slarke (30) |
| 29th February | Casey Pinney |
| 1st March | Mark Zweck |
| 2nd March | Deegan de Vree |
| | Frankie McKenzie |
| 4th March | Kerrie Argent |
| 5th March | Kelly Hawtin |
| | Xavier Nenke |
| | Levi Carruthers |
| | Jessica Duckworth |
| 7th March | George Chircop (50) |
| 8th March | Stephanie Clarke-Lloyd (50) |
| | Fiona Chatfield |
| 10th March | Kyren Moore |
| 11th March | Fergus Downey |
| 12th March | Marg Bushby |
| | Rex Walker (55) |
| | Abby Bairstow |
| 13th March | Imogen Taylor |
| | John Callope |

LOST

**Rear luggage bag from a gopher.
 Lost somewhere on Bennett Street
 Friday afternoon
 Please call 0448 795 070 if found.**

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came from near and far to Mums funeral.

Our family was deeply touched you helped us give her such a great send off. It meant so much to see the hall filled with so many people.

We are so proud of our Mum and her friends, neighbours and community members, returning members and her extended family.

We may not have had the chance to thank you all individually and each of you played a role in making this day memorable.

We would like to take this opportunity to do so.

Thank you

*Deidre, Steve, Rob,
 Athol and the whole
 Kennedy family.*



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I'm Not Dead Yet!

Tracey McGougan

So, last Thursday the 20th of February we held our long awaited INDY Workshop. For the people that didn't attend, INDY stood for I'm Not Dead Yet, a take off of Monty Python for all those Monty Python fans.

We had great feedback from all the speakers and attendees. We were able to bring this workshop to Lake Grace because of the great support of Linkwest and to us being awarded a grant for End-of-Life programs.

The day consisted of several speakers talking about all the things to do with dying and getting all your affairs in order.

Some of the topics covered were funerals, with Ben and Bek from Dawsons giving us the low down on everything to do with planning your sendoff.

Next came Bronwyn and Nina from Lane, Buck and Higgins talking about Powers of Attorney and Guardianship as well as Wills. Vital information for people on how to go about getting these documents done in as simple a way as possible with no room for error or misinterpretation.

Following a fabulous lunch we then had Rachel and Michael Livingston from Livingston Medical talking about Palliative Care and making sure that you have all your wishes put down on paper and more importantly

communicated to your family.

Bill Webb from Southern Ag Care who provided us with some very important self-care advice. It is very important to talk about and seek help if you are struggling with any aspect of your life.

At the CRC we discovered there's no mental health organization that directly aligns with the aged; and yet at that stage of life people are dealing with retirement, feelings of loss of purpose, loss of a partner, loss of friends and loss of capacity. Ageing is a game changer.

Cameron Taylor from RSM, enlightened us on the intricacies of gifting and planning for your future retirement with regards to superannuation and pension.

The day was long, but incredibly important and informative. We all need to make sure that our affairs are all in order so that our families are not left with the burden when we pass away.

A big thank you to our presenters once again and to Linnie's Café for the scrumptious morning tea and lunch.

Right: Ben Steike from Dawsons Funeral Homes presents at the INDY information session.

Below: Thirty attendees and 8 presenters from five different organisations contributed to the wealth of information on the day.



India-Australia: It's Not Just About Cricket

Although pharmacy may be Shashi's day job he has a passion for writing and for the last three years has been tapping away at the computer; authoring a book about the relationship between India and Australia.

The book, titled *India-Australia: Bharat's Legacy of Connection, History & Diaspora* delves deeply into the various aspects of the history and culture of India and Australia.

A copy of the book was presented to The Prime Minister of Australia, Anthony Albanese on 12th February in Canberra by community leaders from the diaspora.

This book offers a panoramic yet nuanced view of the India-Australia dynamics, traversing a wide spectrum of periods and themes—from ancient bonds and historical ties to colonial encounters and contemporary affairs—making this an indispensable handbook for the diaspora in Australia, students, historians, and all others interested, and opens up a zillion topics for research. From the geological connections dating back to the Gondwanaland era to the modern-day symbolisms of the Swastika, the narrative weaves together a rich and complex history of diaspora movements, sugar trade, and beyond.

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multicultural festivals. It's a story of ancient migrations, cultural intersections, and diasporic resilience, intricately woven over millennia. Shashi Holla's remarkable book, *India-Australia* peels back the layers of this relationship, offering readers a rich and comprehensive exploration of its historical and cultural foundations. The book is available across the world including Amazon Australia with both print and kindle version.

Exploring the Threads: The Indo-Australian Connection Through History

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A Book That Bridges the Past and Present

Holla's *India-Australia: Bharat's Legacy of Connection* isn't just a historical record—it's a bridge that connects the ancient past with the contemporary world. The book spans vast terrains, from the shared legacy of the Gondwanaland supercontinent to the DNA markers that link Aboriginal Australians with Indians. Written with clarity and purpose, the book unravels historical truths, challenges colonial biases, and celebrates the cultural synergies that make the India-Australia relationship unique.

Unveiling Gondwanaland's Legacy

The book begins with the fascinating story of Gondwanaland, the supercontinent that once united India and Australia millions of years ago. This ancient connection serves as a backdrop for exploring how shared migration patterns and human resilience have forged deeper ties between the two regions. Holla draws from geological and anthropological evidence to

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India-Australia: It's Not Just About Cricket *(cont.)*

showcase the enduring relevance of this connection in shaping early cultural exchanges.

Navigators of the Ancient Seas

Holla delves into India's ancient maritime history, revealing how Indian sailors and merchants were among the first to reach Australian shores. He presents compelling evidence, including shared DNA markers and cultural influences, that points to interactions between these two civilizations over 4,000 years ago. This narrative highlights India's pivotal role as a maritime powerhouse, whose influence reached far beyond its shores.

Cultural and Spiritual Synergies

One of the book's most thought-provoking sections explores the parallels between Aboriginal faiths and Hindu spirituality. Both traditions view nature as sacred and integral to their spiritual practices, emphasizing balance and harmony. Holla argues that these shared values offer modern societies a template for addressing contemporary challenges like environmental degradation and social cohesion.

The Role of the Indian Diaspora

In the modern era, the Indian diaspora has become a vital part of Australia's multicultural identity. From the early days of indentured laborers to today's thriving professionals and entrepreneurs, Indians have made significant contributions to Australia's economy and culture. Holla's book captures this journey with empathy, showcasing the diaspora's resilience and their ability to bridge two distinct yet interconnected worlds.

Challenging Colonial Narratives

Holla doesn't shy away from addressing the impact of colonial histories on both nations. By critiquing the narratives that have long misrepresented Indian and Aboriginal cultures, he calls for a reevaluation of historical biases. His book is a powerful reminder of the importance of reclaiming stories that celebrate collaboration and mutual respect rather than division.

A Call for Unity

More than just a historical exploration, *India-Australia: Bharat's Legacy of Connection* is a call for unity. It urges readers to see beyond stereotypes and embrace the shared humanity that binds us all. By presenting a balanced view of history, Holla provides a roadmap for fostering deeper understanding and collaboration between India and Australia in the years to come.

Closing Remarks

Shashi Holla's *India-Australia: Bharat's Legacy of Connection, History and Diaspora* is a triumph of research, storytelling, and cultural introspection. It offers readers an opportunity to journey through time, discovering the enduring bonds that unite India and Australia. As these two nations continue to build on their shared past, Holla's book stands as a testament to the power of history to inspire connection and understanding. It's a must-read for anyone interested in exploring the untold stories that shape our world.



Above: A delegation from the Australian Indian community presented a copy of Shashi's book to the Prime Minister of Australia, Anthony Albanese. Surinder Jain, Director of Interfaith Education (left) and Sai - President of HCA

Below: Shashi with a copy of his newly released book.



Dorothy Joan Kennedy

17th June 1931 - 21st January 2025

On behalf of the greater Kennedy Family, by Athol Kennedy.

I would like to welcome you all here today and thank you all for your care and thoughts of our wonderful matriarch.

I have the task here today to try and convey the life of Dot Kennedy to you all. It has been a long and eventful journey. For me, I'm sure it will pull some heart strings, but we are allowed that.

SO let me tell you a little story.

You will hear some sad tales today - but never believe - that is how this great lady lived her life.

Dorothy Joan Armour was born on the 17th of June 1931 to her proud parents Violet and Frederick Armour, to join her siblings Lil, George (who died at aged 8), Mavis and Edna, with Bruce and Freda following in '34 & '35. Mum was very happy that at eighty, she had five siblings living.

They all appeared to be good allies and friends, and until very recently she enjoyed the days she got to talk to her remaining siblings, especially to her older sister Mavis, which was a Sunday ritual for many years.

They lived in Yallingup, next door to her grandmother's farm.

Dot started school at age four, attending the Yallingup Siding school which she visited with Deidre and Jackie for the week of her 90th birthday, a very special trip, visiting the house she grew up in, her grandmothers farm and the old school building amongst other memorable places for her.

Her primary school years were done in a school of 10 students. She always said her first year was about playing and drawing pictures on the chalk board, good start, I always loved looking at her doodling's, her faces and leaves were incredible.

She reflected that there were 3 Dorothy's in her school, but she was "Dot anyway". All sports and activities were done with girls and boys, I think this might have set her up for life, nothing for free. She did enjoy her sporting activities throughout life, when time allowed.

At 12 Dot went to Bunbury Senior High School on a hard earned scholarship, a very stressing time for a young girl coming from a 10 student school, to the biggest in the southwest. As she put it "from the scrub".

She always enjoyed learning and sports. She loved basketball (netball in our terms) and made the top team for Bunbury High. She was always rapt about her granddaughters & great granddaughters playing, especially when we talked them up.

As the 2nd World War was in full flight, while at school they used to knit blankets for the soldiers abroad, "all in

horrible Khaki" and she continued to knit many garments and blankets for us, and her grandchildren and great grandchildren, until her eyes didn't allow. Many are still in commission today, BUT "never in Khaki"

Bunbury High School served her well. As high school finished she went to Busselton as a trainee teacher, before heading to Teacher's College in Claremont. All done a little different in those days. She believed the next year she would have gone straight to college.

She enjoyed her college days and met many interesting people. These were, as they are for most young people, very enjoyable days, getting to do many activities that were never available for a young girl from Yallingup Siding. Not always easy as she had to support herself mostly, but a great time. I did enjoy listening to her stories of this. Great to be young.

In her typical nature she graduated with flying colors. She went to Calingiri for a teacher's posting with friends, but was transferred to Goomalling, where she taught years 1,2 and 3.

She was 21, when "the old King died" as she put it, and Queen Elizabeth the 2nd took the throne.

What should have been a great year turned to be a very sad one for her, as her mother Violet was diagnosed with cancer and died late in the year, having her funeral on Christmas Eve.

In 1953 Dot came to Lake Grace, working for Mrs. Argent. Interestingly enough, many years later I bought Mrs. Argent's house, where Mum had lived, and this is where I brought my girls up.

This is the time she met a gentleman, our father Garner, who was widowed and had two small children, Lindsay and Shirley. They were married in the Anglican Church in 1955.

Yep, and then the clan began! In all nine at the end. This took a little time, finished the job in 68. With Lindsay, Shirley, Leonie, John, Deidre, Garner, Trudy, Robert and His Nibs, Me.

A farm was taken up in North Lake Grace. The small



Dorothy Joan Kennedy *(cont.)*

family at the time lived at Northmore, North Lake Grace, on the Eggers Farm, until a house was built on Glenview farm.

The first couple of years on the farm were fine, until the savings ran out and Garner had to work in the shearing sheds. These were hard years. Husband away all week working on the farm, No power, lack of water, let alone running water and a few kids running around.

This is a lady who used a copper, and a wood stove to run a house with kids everywhere until '74/'75, when Ron built her a bathroom and laundry, great times not to use a tub to have a bath. Then she got a telephone and a gas stove! Happy days! Her world had changed.

"BUT I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO" were always her words, an attitude we see is not wasted on the generations of her offspring. Believe me, she was very proud of what she has seen happening with her generational family, as they proceed through life. Yes Dotty, you did create some wonderful human beings

What she had around her on her final days, and the attitudes they bought at that time, is a testament to her.

In 1962 she joined the Ladies Guild, this became a passion for many years. We loved the days mum would cater with the Guild. She always brought home some leftover sweets, especially her trifle, which she laced with dad's plonk. This showed who she was, a lady with little, willing to give so much.

Many social outings followed, also joining the North Lake Grace Tennis Club in 1962. She was always grateful for the ladies that would baby-sit her small children while she played. We all spent many days at the Tennis Club over the years and in the later years she joined the Lake Grace Bowls Club, Darts Club, playing with her daughter Leonie, The golf club and others. She held many positions within the clubs on her way through. She joined the Hospital Auxiliary once she was in town as their treasurer. This was a special position for her. Yet again she could see how much help her and others were delivering.

In her mid-fifties she took up golf. Ha! Now we are talking, her true passion, and like me she enjoyed a couple of quieties afterwards. (maybe not so much as me). For all the things she did in her life, and many very well, golf was the one thing she missed right to the end.

Around 1966 Dot's young nephew Dennis, Edna's son, who had just entered the work force, was involved in a work place accident, sustaining serious injuries. He came and joined the Kennedy clan for some time, again she was happy to give. His attitude towards her sustained her admiration and love throughout her life for Dennis.

In 1971, Leonie married Ron Marsh. This was the beginning of many great times for her and in '73 Dot's first granddaughter Jackie was born (a thrill for any grandmother we know) with Graham following shortly afterwards.

Lindsay returned from Vietnam, residing in Queensland until '73. He then returned to Lake Grace with a wife, Dianne and the first born grandson Shaun in tow. Like his father, Lindsay made sure there was more to add to the clan with Stacey, Brett and Wade over the years.

In '74, Shirley married Phil Richardson, more grandchildren started to appear with Craig, Andrew, Louisa. "And we will have one more," -hold on, Penny AND Kate.

This continued as Deidre and Steve married in 1978 and added Tina, Carly and Dan.

Following slowly was me with two stepchildren, Shane and Skye, whom she accepted as her own. And then adding mine and Gaillene's daughters, Bianca and Tylah.

And finally, Rob married Jo in 2004, and work began on another cherished grandson in Sam, took him a while, but Sam eventually beat Grandma in scrabble!

The education of her girls was very important to her and she sold milk and eggs (illegal, but her best customers were the two local policeman's wives). This was to aid Deidre going away to Narrogin for high school.

Later she cleaned at the local school and worked at the Drive In, to educate Trudy, which was never to be, as Trudy, John and Garner were killed in a car accident on the 7th of May 1977.

That my friends is why her funeral wasn't last Friday the 7th, a number she hated with passion, how does a parent live through that. By the way, unlucky 13 was always her favorite number.

There were some very hard days to follow. But in her matriarch way she stood strong and there were still good things happening all around.

Leonie and Ron had returned to Lake Grace to live in '73. This was special to her, Lindsay and Dianne were farming in Lake Varley, down the road, later moving back to Lake Grace. Shirley and Phil, well they were in Port Hedland and eventually moved down to Perth which certainly made things easier.

Then another turned up to work for Mum & Dad - as they now had been left with an expansion and things needed to go on after Johns accident. John's good friend Steve turned up to help out and what a job he got! Haha! 46 years of marriage not so long ago.

The grandchildren kept coming and the family kept expanding, something Gran or Grandma, as she was affectionately known by us all, loved. A lot of very special moments for her at this time of her life

In all there were 19 and haven't they bred, about 30 or so great grandchildren. Forgive me, I've lost count. Wow.

in 1979, Mum shops, picks me up from the last day of

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Lake Grace Weather

| Date | Min | Max | Rain |
|-------|------|------|------|
| 12/02 | 12.8 | 25.2 | 0 |
| 13/02 | 11.6 | 26.9 | 0 |
| 14/02 | 13.9 | 27.2 | 0 |
| 15/02 | 14.0 | 31.8 | 0 |
| 16/02 | 15.9 | 33.9 | 0 |
| 17/02 | 16.3 | 33.2 | 0 |
| 18/02 | 17.2 | 20.9 | 0 |
| 19/02 | 17.3 | 32.0 | 1.0 |
| 20/02 | 19.4 | 38.4 | 0 |
| 21/02 | 18.1 | 29.0 | 0 |
| 22/02 | 11.5 | 23.9 | 0 |
| 23/02 | 9.3 | 29.2 | 0 |
| 24/02 | 15.1 | 39.4 | 0 |
| 25/02 | 16.1 | 32.4 | 0 |

Defibrillator Locations in Lake Grace

- **Liberty Roadhouse** - cnr Stubbs St/South Rd
publicly accessible AED
Open 7 days 6:00am - 8:00pm
- **IGA - Lake Grace Plaza** - Stubbs St
publicly accessible AED
Open 7 days 6am-7:45am 8:30am-5:30pm
- **St John Ambulance sub centre** - Stubbs St
(accessible 24 hours a day)
- **Sporting Pavilion**
publicly accessible AED when pavilion is in use
- **Lake Grace Police Station** - Stubbs St
(accessible 24 hours a day)
- **Lake Grace Men's Shed** - Bennett St.
(accessible 24 hours a day)
- **Lake Grace Swimming Pool** - Bishop St
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- **Lake Grace Sportsman's Club** - Stubbs St
(accessible 24 hours a day)
- **Lake Grace Caravan Park** - Mather St
accessible 24 hours a day)
- **Lake Grace CRC** - School Place
(accessible 24 hours a day)
- **AFGRI** - Absolon Street
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- **Lake Grace DHS - School Place**
(accessible 24 hours a day)
- **Saltbush Inn - Griffiths St**
(accessible 24 hours a day)

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When you made plans when you were in a social mood and now it's time for the plans



Dorothy Joan Kennedy *(cont.)*

school in December and we drive home. All the way watching the plume of smoke in the north that seemed to come closer and then further away. She drove into her humble abode to see flames and every material thing she had GONE.

In total Dotty fashion, she says to our neighbor Rex Walton who had tears in his eyes. "WELL, THAT'S LIFE."

She recounted that she was just happy that day, that no one was in the house at the time, as Rob was home, but in the paddock with Dad.

She was always grateful to the community for the care and compassion they showed to us at that time, "Always remember the good people you encounter" were her words, and she did encounter a lot of good people, just might have had something to do with her soul.

At that time, we went and lived on the Dixon's farm, until a house could be organized on Glenview Farm. Once again, Mum seemed to take solace in putting a home together.

Something she always did when things weren't going as they should, she would write a poem or ditty, leaving a lighter spin on life. A file that is certainly worth reading.

In 1984, Dots husband Garner died. And things once again got complicated for her. In true Dotty fashion she soldiered on and ran the farm with Rob

Mum took up golf at '54/'55, practicing with Leonie's sticks to start. Then a joint venture was put together and Leonie organized a new set of Clubs for her. Well this ignited her true passion which I mentioned earlier. She loved golf, and played well into her seventies, travelling away with others and the fun to be had. Always surrounded by young people, and we all know how much she enjoyed the vibrance of young people. All good mum, I get it, I'm the addicted one these days.

In 1986 she moved into Lake Grace, living in a state house on South Street until we found her a suitable home in 92, which was her forever home. These were good days for her, all the amenities she required and friends close by, whom she cherished, young and old.

She took a position at the local daycare and became known as Kindy Nanna. Most of the kids called her Aunty or Nanna, She enjoyed this time as her heavy paced life had slowed and she enjoyed the little ones around her.

She then worked for Lynn and Anne Parker and a few hours a week with Nick and Lorraine Maalouf. She was made redundant when the bad years hit Lake Grace. At this time she took a pension and retired. Living in her little home by herself, living her best life.

Being in town made it easier for her to play golf, bowls and darts in a full-time manner. This she enjoyed and did very well, many trophies lying around.

She continued to be involved with many of the clubs until her back and eyes made it too difficult for her, at which time she resigned her postings, and handed her license in voluntarily as well.

She always enjoyed her own time, but did relish the many friends of all ages through the years living in Lake Grace, with many outings. For many years her social calendar made ours look a little shabby.

In 1991, Dots sixtieth birthday, a tradition was started. A large family and friends surprise party was organized in Forrestfield where Deidre was living at the time. This was a momentous occasion for mum, and all her hard work had come together.

This continued for her 70th, a rather large marquee in my back yard in Lake Grace, and then at Deidre and Steve's farm in Beverley for her Eightieth. She loved these shindigs.

In 2021 we celebrated her 90th, in much quieter fashion, at Walkers Winery in North Lake Grace, again Mum was very happy that her family was around her and enjoying her moments.

Deidre, Rob and myself, along with her brother Bruce's three girls Monica, Susan and Cathy, got to spend a wonderful day at Walkers winery in November 24 with



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Dorothy Joan Kennedy *(cont.)*

Mum as well. To see her so alert and happy was amazing. It took her a few days to get over, but a great time.

In her later years Mum got to travel a little and took a tour up to Giles and beyond. She also took a trip to Ayres Rock (Uluru) with her sister Edna and her daughter Thelma and husband Keith.

In 1994 she traveled to New Zealand with Deidre and Steve along with their children. She cherished this trip and often shared her experiences. She also took a trip to Queensland with Joyce Gilson, (Gaillene's grandmother), who had become one of her dear friends. They had planned to do many more trips together, But they decided it was all getting too hard. These were all great times for mum.

Life was treating her fairly well away from the medical issues with her eyes and back. But through these years she still had to endure more grief when Shirley was diagnosed with cancer and died in 2007. Then her first born daughter Leonie, was also diagnosed with cancer, and died in 2017, Alas, Lindsay was also diagnosed and died in 2023.

As her siblings passed away, and only Mavis and Freda were living, Freda's daughter Colleen and husband Ken, along with Colleen's sister Nareeda, took it upon themselves to make sure these three grand

ladies could spend a week together in their home at Albany every year. Colleen and Ken would pick mum up from Lake Grace and deliver her home safely after their week's adventure. These were very special times.

She always greatly appreciated the many people that helped her over the years, especially once all of her children had left lake Grace. Helping with tradie jobs, food deliveries, help with her electrical goods, lifts to church or up the street and many other facets required for day to day living. These people all know who they are and many a conversation was held in your honour. We thank you for your care.

As time went by she received the help of HACC for many years. These ladies that came in to help with chores became very special to her and once she went to the Lake Grace Hospital Aged Care Facility full time in April 24, many of the same people were tending her with great compassion and care. "like daughters" I think she termed -regarding some - and to see their sadness on her passing confirmed for all of us, that she could not have had better care. We thank you, one and all.

Until the end she just wanted to visit her home for a few hours. Just to look at the walls of memories and enjoy her moments. This is a lady, who as we know, was tired and worn and needed to have her final rest.

Something for us all to remember – her life wasn't all sadness. Many great memories of good times filled her heart. But for all the sadness she was forced to endure, remember one thing, as blunt as she could be at times, to the end of her days, she kept her good nature.

We will miss you Mum and know, we will LOVE and CHERISH you until the end of our days.

Hi, for those that don't know me, my name is Jackie, and I am Dot's eldest Granddaughter.

How lucky are all us Grandkids to have such an inspirational and courageous person as our grandmother.

Grandma or Gran truly was an amazing woman and meant the world to me – and to all of us. She was the heart and soul of our family. Life as her Grandchild was a bit unique. At the start, things were a little different as there was not much of a generation gap. She still had young children of her own to raise as well as being a grandma, so time with her was precious. We all blended, and Gran always managed to balance this.

Over the years, I have been fortunate and very blessed to have Gran as a major figure and influence. She has helped shaped me and taught me many life lessons. For me she wasn't just my Gran, but also my friend. She was always there, even when she wasn't, and we shared a special bond. From the very beginning we loved our time together.

There have been many memories. Some of my favorites from the early years are; baking in the

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Dorothy Joan Kennedy *(cont.)*

kitchen, especially when we were making marshmallows, spending time on the farm, walks on the moss rock trying to find lizards, a backyard game of cricket or working on a good puzzle.

As time went on we would head out on a shopping trip, share a bottle of red, enjoy some cheese, more puzzles and games, do some knitting on the front porch, always with the wine and cheese of course, or we would just sit and have long chats full of stories and good old honest advice – Gran did love to say things as they were. And let's not forget all the time laughing and being the ratbags that we liked to be together - we had some fun that's for sure. I will be forever grateful for our precious time together.

Gran's strength and bravery always inspired me, and I am sure others around her. She faced life head on, even when it wasn't easy and showed us how to be strong, how to enjoy the smaller things and never take anything for granted.

Gran had many loves. Her family was always at the top of course. Some others that come to mind for me are;

- Bright colours - especially purple or mauve,
- Birds – magpies are her favorite,
- She loved a good game of scrabble – especially when she was winning, which she mostly did,
- There was always a jigsaw puzzle on a table,
- She loved crocheting & knitting - I think most of us Grandies have a crocheted clown, or some coat hangers knitted with bread bags and there are many rugs made with wool scraps and love floating around,
- She loved a round of golf and throwing a few darts
- Crosswords
- Frogs
- Ovaltine
- And she always enjoyed a good old Bunbury Farmers Market meat pie.

Something else I remember her loving was singing loudly in the kitchen or on a road trip. She said she wasn't good at it, but it never stopped her. I remember when visiting, in the mornings Gran would have the kitchen door closed so she didn't wake me, and she would be singing away, loudly to her favorite music. How can you not love that.

Gran was one of those people that always made you feel welcome and loved. Not just her family, but friends also. Over the years, she soon became the adopted Gran to many of our friends who also loved and admired her.

She did have a mischievous streak and loved a good laugh. She had a bit of a knack for slipping in a little joke when you least expected it and there was always a bit of family banter going on.

Gran also had a creative streak and liked to dabble in a bit of poetry, generally about her life events or loved ones. She does have quite the collection, but I would like to read a little poem she sent me in the mail one

day after we had a shopping spree in Bunbury. We went halves in the costs which I had paid for, but we both forgot to sort the bill at the end. I was happy it had been forgotten but Gran being the independent and sometimes a little stubborn woman that she was, sent me the poem in the mail with the money wrapped in it.

She called it:

"A Letter to a Granddaughter"

I forgot to pay you,
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But not what's owing me,
You forgot to claim your dough,
Which is different, don't you see.

You're getting old and feeble,
Memory worse than mine,
But my blessed conscience lets me down,
So, I must drop a line,

Now here's your lovely money,
So, breathe a sigh of relief,
Though my heads a flaming sieve dear,
Your Gran won't cause your grief.

She always made me smile, still does.

Being a grandchild of Gran's is one thing, but one of my proudest moments shared with her was the day we made her a Great-Grandma. It marked the beginning of four generations in our family and you should have seen the smile on her face. The great grandies continue to come, she loves them all and it puts a smile on MY face knowing her seeds of love and strength continue to grow within them all.

Thank you for everything Gran, we are all grateful for the countless memories you have given us and the lessons you have shared. I feel very privileged and lucky to be one of your Grandchildren. We will carry your love, your strength, and your sense of humor with us always. I will miss our chats, your clarity and doing all the things we love together, but most of all I will miss you - My Gran - My friend - My Hero.

Thank you.

Correction:

In the 1st edition of the Lakes Link for 2025, page 13 on the bottom right-hand picture the names should've read:

L-R Chis Harvey, Joseph (from Spencer Shearing), Laure-Anne Maalouf, Michael Naisbitt, Nick Maalouf and Arthur Slarke.

Helpers absent from this picture were Jodi Pearce and Ben Watson.

Who Can Benefit From Your Super?

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When planning your superannuation, it's important to understand who can legally receive your super benefits when you pass away. While you may wish to leave your super to someone, such as a sibling, the law surrounding superannuation death benefits is quite specific. Importantly, a sibling cannot automatically be a super beneficiary unless they meet certain criteria.

Understanding Superannuation Death Benefits

When someone passes away, their superannuation balance doesn't just disappear. If you've made a valid nomination, your super fund will distribute your super to the nominated beneficiary. In the case where there's no nomination, or if you've made a non-binding nomination, the trustee of the super fund has the discretion to decide who will receive the funds.

To prevent confusion, ensure you've made a binding death benefit nomination, which clearly states who should receive your super balance. For more information on the importance of non-binding vs. binding death benefit nominations, feel free to check out our detailed blog on the topic here.

Who Can Receive Your Superannuation Death Benefit?

Under superannuation law, the term 'dependant' is crucial in determining who can receive your super death benefit. These dependants include:

- Your spouse or de facto partner, regardless of sex.
- Your children, of any age.
- Someone in an interdependent relationship with you.

Why Can't a Sibling Be Your Super Beneficiary?

A sibling doesn't automatically qualify as a dependant under superannuation law, unless they meet the criteria for an interdependency relationship. For example, if you and your sibling live together, provide mutual financial and personal support, and share domestic responsibilities, you may have an interdependency relationship. However, in most cases, this relationship may not exist. Therefore, a sibling cannot typically be a super beneficiary unless they are considered a dependant due to exceptional circumstances.

What Happens If You Want Your Sibling to Receive Your Super?

If you wish to leave your super to someone who is not a recognised dependant (such as a sibling), you must arrange a binding death benefit nomination with your legal personal representative (usually your executor). This allows the super to be paid to your estate and distributed according to your Will.

However, there are tax implications for death benefits paid to non-dependants. These benefits are generally paid as a lump sum and may attract different tax rates compared to payments made to a dependant. Understanding these tax consequences is critical,

especially if you're considering leaving your super to someone outside the recognised categories. We recommend consulting an accountant or tax professional to fully understand the tax implications.

If you're unsure whether your sibling can receive your super, or if you need help with death benefit nominations, it's always wise to consult a professional.

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Town Teams

Suzanne Reeves

Town Teams held their second conversation opportunity on Monday 17th February and were fortunate to have Gab Major (our local Town Team enabler) present to assist in facilitating the get together.

We had 25 at our initial meeting and although we only had 10 at this one I would have to say it was incredibly productive and much easier for everyone to have their say.

We recapped on the initial meeting before talking about the ground rules; speaking time, positive outlook and relevancy. These ground rules will always be in use, and we shall have a donation jar present at each meeting for anyone who has a misstep.

Although we were unsuccessful in our 'Streets Alive' grant application for the fiberglass animal sculptures the application was well received by the funders – the competition is incredibly fierce. We shall regroup and apply for some smaller funding opportunities and work toward the end goal.

These get togethers will be held on a quarterly basis (the next one will be in May) and will only be an hour long. A very big positive is the WhatsApp group that you can belong to as part of Town Teams, it is an

absolute font of information and contacts and something I have already used a couple of times.

Those present talked about current and future projects and what they had seen in other communities that they thought could work really well here. A beer garden was discussed with plenty of thoughts and ideas flowing with a couple of those present old enough to remember when Lake Grace previously had one.

If you would like to be a part of this then please drop into the CRC and have a chat or watch out for the date of our next 'Town Team Conversation'.

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Book Review: Mrs Lincoln's Sisters by Jennifer Chiaverini

Suzanne Reeves

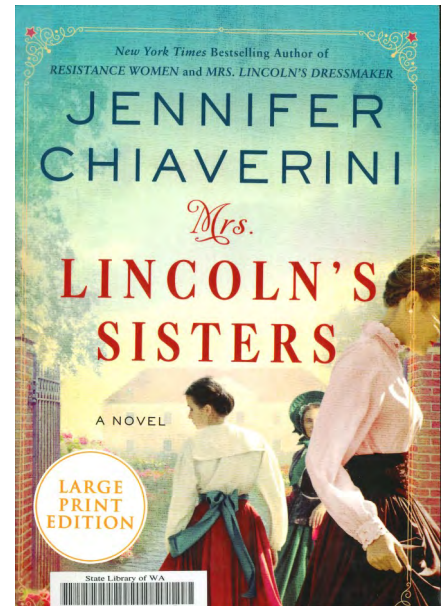
One morning in May 1875, Elizabeth Todd Edwards is shocked to learn that her sister, Mary Lincoln, the former first lady and widow of President Abraham Lincoln, has tried to poison herself.

Although they have been estranged, Elizabeth knows how tenuous Mary's mental health has been after losing three sons and witnessing her husband's murder. Robert, her only surviving child, has become convinced that his mother is a danger to herself and has begun proceedings to have her committed.

Is Mary's attempt to take her own life truly impulse, or the desperate act of a traumatized woman? Searching for answers, Elisabeth looks back at Mary's history with her sisters – Ann, Frances, Emilie, and herself.

Though she may fail, Elizabeth knows for her sister's sake – and her own – she must try.

An excellent read and a good reminder of how much we have to thank modern medicine for, it's just a shame the human race still hasn't learned how to live in harmony. Available at the Lake Grace Library.



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The past fortnight has seen us assisting our neighbouring stations, thankfully none of the tasks related to our towns.

We were asked to assist Ravensthorpe Police Station along with Albany Detectives on a search warrant in Ravensthorpe.

The search warrant was in relation to a commercial burglary and stealing on a business address. Two suspects forced entry into the premises and decided that they would help themselves to property that did not belong to them. The suspects were later identified through CCTV.

Two warrants were obtained to search the suspect's home address's, during the searches a majority of the stolen items were recovered. One of the suspects has since been charged for the offence, the other remains outstanding at this time.



Just as we were finishing up the search warrant, a call came in for a traffic crash on the South Coast Highway, Jerdacuttup. The initial report read that a car had struck a road train with multiple persons injured, as you could imagine we feared the worst.

Thankfully when we arrived at the scene it was quickly established that there were no life-threatening injuries to any persons and that three vehicles were involved.

Investigations identified the culpable driver at scene. It is alleged that the driver crossed over a double solid white line to overtake a road train whilst another vehicle was oncoming, this vehicle had to swerve off the road to avoid a head on collision, in doing so they lost control, swerved back across the road and struck the side of the road train trailer's front axle. The impact caused significant damage to the vehicle and trailer.

All parties were extremely lucky not to have sustained any life-threatening injuries.

The culpable driver has been charged with dangerous

driving causing bodily harm.



We also assisted Kondinin Police Station with an arrest of a suspect for an assault complaint.

The suspect entered the victim's home and allegedly struck them with a baseball bat (or similar), the suspect was later located in Kondinin and arrested for aggravated burglary and assault occasioning bodily harm. The suspect was refused Bail and conveyed to the Perth Watch House so that they could appear before the next available magistrate.

The suspect was already on a supervision order for previous offences, this meant that the Magistrate further refused Bail and sent them off to await their next court date in prison.

The suspect and victim were known to each other.

Stay safe and vigilant

Regards

Lake Grace Police.

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Good News Page

Kevin Seaman

February 26th, 2025 is certainly a milestone event in the lives of the happy couple in the photo below of them on their wedding day. The milestone mentioned is them reaching 59 years of wedded bliss. Having been married at the St. Paul's church in Beaconsfield, Fremantle on the 26th of February 1966. They spent the first years of union living in and around the metro area before moving to Lake Grace in September 1989 and they still reside here.

Do you know the happy couple?



Let's keep the good news stories going.

Quick Thinking Bus Driver Hailed a Hero

Brian Lathrop was driving his school bus early Wednesday morning when a semi-truck veered into his lane, heading straight for him. Without hesitation, Lathrop made a daring maneuver, steering into the truck's lane to avoid a catastrophic head-on collision. The semi scraped along the side of the bus, but thanks to Lathrop's quick thinking, everyone inside remained unharmed. "If he would have hit me head-on, I probably wouldn't have survived," Lathrop said, recalling the terrifying moment. "He started to come over the line a little bit. Then it looked like he went back into his lane, and then all of a sudden, he just veered into the left and was heading straight for me." "I figured I'd go into his lane, try to get around him, see if I couldn't avoid him, and he ended up going right down the side of my bus," said Lathrop. The Mille Lacs County Sheriff's office commended Lathrop's decisive action, stating that his skillful response "saves many lives." The Onamia school district will formally recognize his heroism at the next school board meeting.

Taxi Drive Rushes to Help

Amid the fierce winds sweeping through Cape Town, a heartwarming act of kindness has captured the internet's attention. Natha Ashraf, a local taxi driver, was caught on camera rushing to help an elderly man struggling to cross the street against the force of nature. Without hesitation, Ashraf flung open his cab door, leaving it wide open despite the raging and sprinted to the gentleman's side. Carefully guiding him across the street, Ashraf made sure he reached safety before returning to his taxi. A passerby filmed the touching

moment, later posting it on the Facebook with the caption: "I recorded this video not knowing I would capture such a great act of kindness... The driver is Nathan Ashraf." The video has since gone viral, with countless people praising Ashraf's selfless actions. "The fact that he left his door open in that wind and ran for the old guy speaks volumes," one commenter wrote. In a world where small gestures often go unnoticed, Ashraf's act is a reminder that kindness still prevails.

Beavers Save Millions

A hardworking beaver colony in the Brdy protected landscape area has done what bureaucratic red tape could not, completed a vital dam project in record time, free of charge. The industrious rodents built several dams overnight, creating a much-needed wetland in the exact location where local authorities had planned a costly revitalization project. The original project, which had secured approval and was set to cost 30 million crowns (\$1.2 million), was stalled due to administrative delays, including negotiations over land ownership and securing necessary building permits, or taxpayer funding. "They beat us to it," head of the Brdy Protected Landscape Area Administration. "They built the dams without any project documentation and for free." The beavers strategically place their dams on a bypass gully, originally built by soldiers in the former military base to drain the area. Their work reversed the damage and successfully restored the landscape, benefiting local wildlife. Environmentalists inspecting the site praised the colony's natural engineering skills, noting that the newly formed wetlands would provide ideal conditions for the rare stone crayfish, frogs, and other wetland species. Zoologist Jiri Vlcek acknowledged the beavers' impressive speed. "Beavers can build a dam in one or two nights. Meanwhile, people have to go through permits, approvals, and funding issues," he said. "A single digger might have managed it in a week, but even then, we'd still need paperwork." Jaroslav Obermajer, head of the Central Bohemian office of the Czech Nature and Landscape Projection Agency added, "Beavers always know best. The places where they build dams are always chosen just right, better than when we design it on paper." The public has embraced the story, cracking jokes about bureaucratic inefficiency and the beavers' ability to outpace human planning.

And a couple of jokes just for you.

A bloke was driving through Victoria when his car began to overheat, so he pulled up at the next farm he saw. The farmer was sitting on the front verandah with a three-legged pig beside him. "G'day" said the bloke. "Car's runnin' hot, mind if I grab some water?" "Help yourself," said the farmer. So, the bloke pulled the bonnet up and waited for the car to cool down. "That's a nice pig you've got there," said the bloke. "He's better than nice, he's a bloody miracle," said the farmer. "That so?" said the bloke. "This is an amazing pig," said the farmer. "One time, the barn caught fire, and this pig woke all the other animals and herded them out to safety. Another day my daughter was swimming in the

Good News Page (Cont.)

dam and got into trouble, so the pig jumped in the water and dragged her out.” “Remarkable,” said the bloke. “And a further testament to the amazingness of this pig,” said the farmer, “was when u was working the back paddock with the tractor, and as I was walking down the hill, the brake on the tractor slipped and started rolling toward me. It would have crushed me, had the pig, this pig, not jumped into the tractor’s cabin and turned the steering wheel around so it missed me.” “Extraordinary,” said the bloke, “but tell me, how come he’s only got three legs?” The farmer said: “Well, a pig

that good, you don’t eat all at once.”

Two drunks were walking down past the Newmarket Sales Yards at midnight, when a dirty great big steer jumped over the fence. One of the blokes grabbed the steer by the horns, wrestled it all over the road and finally threw it back over the fence. He turned to his mate and said “Hey, did you see me fix that bloody liar on the bike.”



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Football's 10-Tonne Club celebrates it's 8th year



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A little idea tossed around between friends 8 years ago has now cemented itself as one of the Lake Grace-Pingrup Football Club's biggest fundraisers.

The 10-Tonne Club is an annual grain drive that began in 2017, when a group of local farmers decided that donating a portion of grain profits to the club was an efficient way to fundraise that didn't rely on giving more time and labour.

Every year (it fluctuates from season to season), up to a dozen farming businesses contribute tonnage to the Club. Over it's lifetime, the initiative has taken in more than 660 tonnes of grain in total. LGPFC president Chris Poot said the funding went towards the running of the club and facility improvements for players and the wider community.

To find out more about the 10-Tonne Club, or how you can contribute (even non-farming businesses have donated) feel free to get in touch with Gary Prater, Alex Ducky or Chris Poot.

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Welcoming New Deputy Chief Executive Officer

The Shire is pleased to welcome Mr. Aaron Wooldridge as the new Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Aaron commenced his role on 16 December 2024, bringing over 30 years of knowledge and experience in local government, finance, administration, HR, and governance.

Aaron commenced his career in his hometown of Wyndham in the East Kimberley as a trainee in Local Government. He has a diverse and extensive career across multiple sectors.

Over the years, he has contributed to eight different Local Government Authorities across Western Australia, Tasmania, and the Northern Territory, gaining a deep understanding of public administration and community service delivery.

His leadership and extensive knowledge in Local Government, not-for-profit, commercial and private organisations will be instrumental in supporting the Shire's strategic initiatives and operational efficiency.

Aaron, along with his wife Carey and children Evangeline and Gabriel, has settled well into the Lake Grace community.

Aaron is currently acting Chief Executive Officer whilst Alan is on a well deserved break. Alan will be returning in the office on 10 March.

Highlights from Council

Highlights from the 12 February 2025 Council Meeting:

- **Local Government Elections 2025:** Council has appointed the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) to conduct the Shire's Ordinary Elections on 18 October 2025 as a postal election.
- **Remote GP Services Advocacy:** The Council has endorsed a position paper advocating for improved remote GP services, which has been submitted to the Federal Government for budget consideration.
- **New Privacy and Data Breach Policies:** The Council has adopted new policies to align with state legislative requirements regarding privacy and responsible information sharing.

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Next Council Meeting

3.30pm, Wednesday 26 March

A minimum of 15 minutes is set aside for public question time, giving community members an opportunity to ask questions relating to Shire activities. All welcome.

Upcoming agendas, and minutes from previous meetings are available for public viewing at: www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

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Highlights from Council continued...

- **Budget Review:** A mid-year 2024-25 budget review was approved, reflecting financial adjustments, including grant allocations, expenditure updates, and surplus projections.
- **Annual Electors Meeting:** The Shire of Lake Grace held its Annual Meeting of Electors on Wednesday, 12 February 2025, at the Council Chambers. The meeting provided an opportunity for community members to receive reports on the Shire's operations and financial performance for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Key components of the 2023/2024 Annual Report were presented:

- **President's Report:** Shire President Cr Armstrong provided an overview of the past year's achievements, challenges, and ongoing projects. The report was formally received and accepted by Council.
- **Chief Executive Officer's Report:** CEO Mr. Alan George delivered his report on the administration's activities, major initiatives, and governance matters. The report was accepted unanimously.
- **Financial Statements:** The financial performance of the Shire for the year ending 30 June 2024 was reviewed, highlighting revenue, expenditure, and financial sustainability.
- **Auditor's Report:** The Auditor's Report for the year was presented and accepted, confirming compliance with financial regulations and responsible fiscal management.
- **Shire Representatives at Local Progress Meetings:** Shire representatives attended the Lake King Progress Association Meeting on 11 February and has also attended the Varley Progress Association Meeting on 20 February discussing local priorities and development opportunities.
- **Tourism Advisory Committee Update:** The Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee met on 18 February to discuss key tourism developments, including:
 - The operation of a new Welcome Sign on the main street of Lake Grace.
 - The development of a new comprehensive Tourism Strategy for the entire Shire.
 - Upgrades to the Shire's 'Wave' Signs.



Outdoor Movie Night & Sundowner at Walkers Hill Vinery. The skies were beautiful, but the wind certainly wasn't. Thanks to those who braved the cool evening and joined us for pizzas and drinks on the lawn.



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Teddy Bears Picnic

We're Going on a Bear Hunt! Bring your teddy and join us for stories, activities, and morning tea.



When: Tuesday 4th March

Time: 9.30am - 11am

Where: Lake Grace All Abilities Playground

Who: All kids under 5 with their Parent/ Guardian

Please contact the Shire with any dietary requirements

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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MONDAY - CLOSED (except for early morning)
 Early Morning Swimming:
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5.30am - 7.00am

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Lake King Library
 Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Road
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Town Planning & Building

Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace for all Town Planning and Building Surveying enquiries.
 Email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Department of Transport

All licensing payments can be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration Building:
Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm
Please allow a minimum of 30 minutes prior to closing to enable completion of transactions.
 We process the majority of transactions including: renewals, transfers, number plate orders, boat registration renewals and new licence applications.

Driving Assessor

Lake Grace holds one assessment day each month (subject to change). Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments as there is a wait list. Please contact the Shire office for bookings. For more information go to: www.transport.wa.gov.au

Environmental Health

Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace for all Environmental Health enquiries.
 Email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Waste Facilities

Lake Grace
 Monday & Wednesday 9am - 2pm
 Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm
Newdegate
 Wednesday 9am - 1pm
 Saturday 9am - 1pm
Lake King and Varley
 Open every day

Recycling Services

Household waste is collected each Tuesday in Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.
 Recycling is a fortnightly service, alternating between Lake Grace and Newdegate:

| Newdegate | Lake Grace |
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| Tuesday 4 March 18 March | Tuesday 11 March 25 March |

Shire of Lake Grace

Telephone: 08 9890 2500 (8.00am–5.00pm) | Email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

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Young Voters Urged to Step Up This Election

Western Australian Electoral Commission

The Western Australian Electoral Commission is calling on 18-30 year olds to check they are enrolled for the WA State election, with more than 10% of eligible Western Australians in this age group not enrolled to vote. For many in this age group, this election represents a significant milestone - the first opportunity to vote. The WA Electoral Commission encourages young voters to take an active role in shaping the future of WA by enrolling and voting in the State election. The latest data shows 89% of Western Australians aged 18-30 years who are eligible to join the electoral roll are currently enrolled to vote, making this age group the most under-represented cohort. In comparison, 94% of eligible Western Australians aged 30-39 are enrolled to vote, increasing to an estimated 99% of eligible voters aged 70+. Electoral Commissioner Robert Kennedy is urging young people to recognise the importance of their participation. "This election is your chance to influence the policies and decisions that will help shape the future of our state," said Mr Kennedy. "Young voters have a unique opportunity to champion the issues that matter most to their generation – whether climate action, housing, education, job opportunities or the cost of living. Voting provides a huge opportunity to impact the decisions that affect your life, so your vote goes a long way to shape your future." The WA Electoral Commission has launched targeted initiatives including

social media campaigns to engage younger voters and break down the common barriers to participation. "We understand that many young people may be voting for the first time or unsure of the process, and we're here to make it easy and accessible for everyone," said Mr Kennedy. Young voters are encouraged to check they are enrolled and ensure their details are correct, so they are ready to cast their vote. For information visit: elections.wa.gov.au.

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Fox Shoot 2025

Date: **Friday 7th March**

Time: Official count at 1:00am

[please be there by 12:30am]

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Meet at Shearing Shed (3kms down Beetaloo Road)

\$10 per shooter [pay on the night]

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From the Archives... February

2000 - Twenty five years ago...

The Lake Grace Fire & Rescue Crew is presented with a brand new Land Rover Defender, provided by the Fire and Rescue Service of WA

A meeting is held regarding a new proposal for a Skateboard Park facility in Lake Grace

2005 - Twenty years ago...



Lake Grace says farewell to the maternity block of the Lake Grace Hospital. In its twenty years 989 babies were delivered in the block.

2010 - Fifteen years ago...



To Right
Back: Janine Watson, Peter Stoffberg, Cheryl Chappell, Dale Gooch, Pauline Taylor, Grant Medlen, Michelle Dunham, Val Whiting, Trish Medlen, Mary Naisbitt, Jeanette Bennett, Nicole Argent,
Front: Azella Trevenen, Sue McKenna, Jayne Argent, Jeanette Trevenen, Stephanie Lay, Mike Pelusey, Tamara Davis, Jo Morgan, Kay Mumme .
Absent: Trish Cameron and Nadene Owen

A camera workshop is held at the Community Resource Centre, led by professional photographers Mike Pelusey and his wife. The workshop saw 23 participants.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service held a fundraising event at the Lake Grace Swimming Pool, with up to 60 attendees the event raised over \$500.

The New green at the Sportsman's Club gets tested out with the Bowls Classic.

2015- Ten years ago...

Lake Grace was visited by the National Party on their Wheatbelt tour.

Lake Grace locals Ruby Stanton and Paige Zweck meet Olympic Water polo Player Kate Hooper and Olympic Swimmers Libby Trickett and Kedrick Monk.



Pictured right: Libby Trickett, Kate Zweck, Ruby Stanton and Paige Zweck.

2020 - Five years ago...

Lake Grace is visited by Ricky Mazza MLC, a member of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party. Rick was the first member of the party to be elected to Parliament in Western Australia.

The old Northmore concrete lined Agricultural Area (AA) dam at North Lake Grace had all of its collapsed roofing, timber supports, and silt removed by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.



Upcoming first aid course

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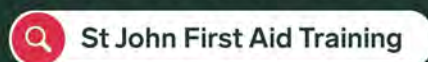
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Puzzles and Stuff

Some words for 13th February edition

Answers for 13th February edition of Sudoku

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- Anoint
- Bandit
- Diatom
- Nanoid
- Domain
- Nation
- Obtain
- Admin
- Admit
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Suzanne Reeves

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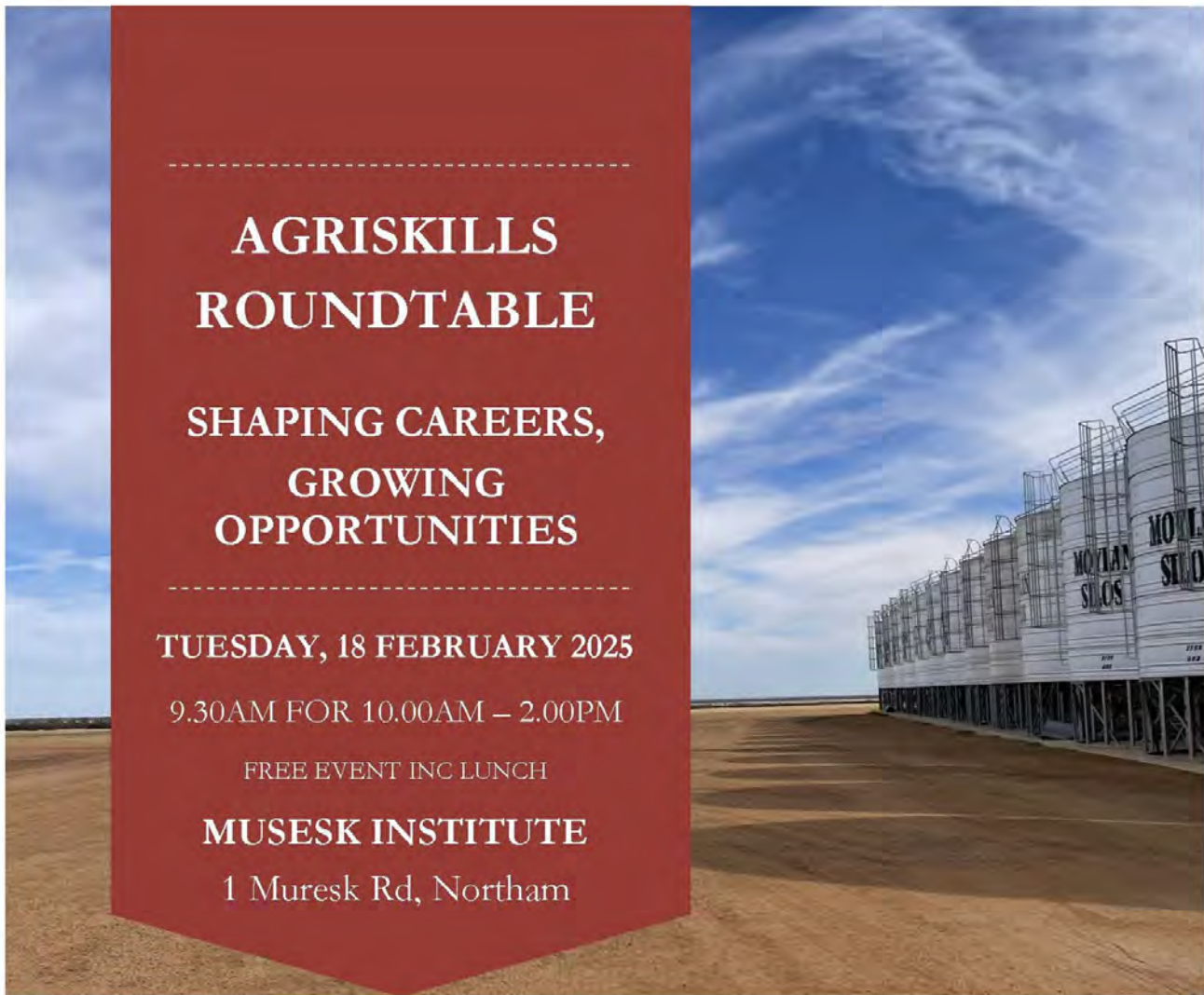
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The DPIRD dry season hotline is now live!

The number is **1300 489 832** and open to anyone with questions about what information and support is available this dry season.

Calls will be answered 24/7.



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TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2025

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WA Primary Industry Workforce Development Strategy**

Andrew Horgan, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Skills Insight, Agriculture Trade Apprenticeship

Ros Hegarty, Portfolio Manager, Central Regional TAFE Opportunities at CRTAFE

RSVP by: Friday, 7 February 2025

Email: diane@fftite.com.au

(please indicate dietary requirements)

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What's Happening at CWA

Suzanne Reeves

The Lake Grace branch of CWA recently held their AGM with positions remaining the same; Natalie Gambuti as President, Lynda Trawinski as Vice President and Suzanne Reeves as Secretary / Treasurer.

Sadly, our numbers for seniors' lunches are dropping away and the decision has been made that only two will be hosted through the year; one for Mother's Day and the other for Melbourne Cup day. Numbers declining can be put down to the number of excellent establishments in town that provide wonderful meals, something that wasn't around when this initiative started.

Two of our members will be off to the Wagin Woolorama to help them out with their catering; our branch will also provide baked goods. Supporting Wagin gives us some financial recompense which is handy when our branch doesn't have a great influx of cash.

The kitchen has had its makeover, and it looks great. It gave members an opportunity to sort through the cupboards only keeping what was needed. With a couple of our tradies coming in well under budget we were able to put excess funding toward 15 new chairs which look very smart with the tables we purchased in

2023.

The garden has also had a new reticulation system put in place making it much easier to maintain the garden.

With the opening of the new All Abilities Playground in Lake Grace the small playground next to the CWA will be converted into a Community Garden, a project that will come under the auspices of the Youth Advisory Council.

The branch is currently in the throes of applying for grant funding to jazz up the toilet facility, the last of the major improvements that needs doing. Our membership continues to drop, I believe CWA hasn't changed with the times as the younger representation in the community are more interested in action and doing rather than meetings and minutes. I don't know how we change this.



A yellow rectangular graphic for Whitfert. At the top is the logo, a stylized 'A' shape with 'W' and 'F' inside. Below the logo is the text 'Whitfert' in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'whitfert.com.au'. The main text reads: 'You're not just a number at Whitfert, Providing a customised hands-on experience. Every time.' At the bottom, it says 'Give Whitfert a go.' followed by four circular icons: a thumbs up (Service), a truck (Supply), a gear with a checkmark (Quality), and a hand holding a coin (Value).



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Lake Grace Junior Cricket Season (Cont.)

managed to push to a score of 2/106. Kukerin batted well and it was Josh Wilcocks that took our first wicket at 1/36

Our bowling was fantastic and it came down to the last ball of the game when Mathew Gooding hit 2 runs for the Kukerin victory

Run scorers... Braxton Roukens 13 (retired), Heath Lewis 11, Darcey Pelham/Josh Wilcocks 8 (both retired)

Wicket takers... Josh Wilcocks 2 Darcey Pelham 1, Kelsie Roukens 1, Brax Roukens 1, W Lewis 1

Lake Grace v Narrogin

Lake Grace won the toss and elected to bowl. It was the toughest first 15 overs we have faced all year with Narrogin smashing 100 runs in the first 15 overs. Son of Australian hockey great (Bevan George) Mathew George hitting 45 off 20 balls.

The kids were down but they but fought back hard with some great bowling by our youngsters in Jed O'Neill and Kelsie Roukens.

Narrogin ended up 6-142 after 30 overs

Braxton Roukens and Bryce Carruthers started off powerfully with Braxton falling with the score at 1/44.

Bryce Carruthers retired and Darcey Pelham and Josh Wilcocks continued to cut into the margin.

After some good bowling from Narrogin Bryce and Darcey returned to the crease and started to chase down this mammoth total.

Unfortunately Bryce got bowled and Josh Wilcocks came to the crease requiring 34 off 2 overs.

Darcey quickly peeled off 14 runs and Josh Wilcocks smashed a 4.

We scored 8-132 going down by 11 runs

Wickets Kelsie Roukens 2, Jed O'Neill 1, Wade Lewis 1, Jordan Roukens 1

Run Scorers... Darcey Pelham 35 (not out), Bryce Carruthers 19, Brax Roukens 14, Josh Wilcocks 7

Lake Grace v Kulin-Kondinin

Lake Grace lost the toss and were sent in to bowl.

Once again our opening batters did a fantastic job with Brax Roukens and Bryce Carruthers both retiring.

Jonti McKenzie was a rock in defence and also retired in his last game of juniors.

Darcey Pelham continued to smash the bowling to all parts of the ground and retired.

Our young batters saw the overs out with Bryce Carruthers returning to the crease hitting boundaries.

Eventually we finished the overs at 4/94

It wasn't until the last over before drinks when Darcey Pelham broke the stump at 1/44

The kids were bowling outstandingly with Heath Lewis and Kelsie Roukens both taking a wicket each.

Bryce Carruthers returned late and took a well deserved wicket. Unfortunately we went down by 6 runs.

Run scorers

Darcey Pelham 23 (retired)

Bryce Carruthers 18 (retired)

Braxton Roukens 9

Jonti McKenzie 4 (retired)

Wickets

Darcey Pelham, Bryce Carruthers, K Roukens, Heath Lewis 1 wicket each.

Season statistics

Batting

Darcey Pelham 175 runs (average 175)

Bryce Carruthers 102 runs (average 52)

Heath Lewis 92 runs (average 18)

Braxton Roukens 92 runs (average 36)

Bowling

Darcey Pelham 7 wickets

Kelsie Roukens 7 wickets

Braxton Roukens 6 wickets

Heath Lewis 5 wickets

Congratulations to Darcey Pelham and Bryce Carruthers for selection in the Upper Great Southern Cricket Association Under 14 C section team.

Bryce Carruthers hit 66 (average 22)

Darcey Pelham 80 (average 80)

Darcey was leading wicket taker with 6 wickets

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Backyard Buddies: Weeding Out a Bad Sale

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It may not have crossed your mind that plants being sold online or privately, might be prohibited in Western Australia! Or that you have a responsibility as a consumer, to be aware of the risks associated with a purchase. There is legislation that underpins the regulation of importation and trade of plants that are not permitted in Western Australia. The goal of this regulation and legislation is to protect natural ecosystems and primary production systems in WA from the many pests, weeds and diseases found elsewhere. There can be consequences for people who are aware yet continue to engage in distribution of certain species. The consequences for the environment, however, can be devastating if pest species make it into natural ecosystems.

A work in progress

To be eligible for import into WA or trade within WA, a species must be assessed and given a legal status, under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act). Once classified, the species is then listed as a 'permitted species' or 'declared pest' in a database called the Western Australian Organism List (WAOL). If an organism is not listed on WAOL it cannot be imported or traded. A person can request to have an organism assessed for classification by filling in an

assessment form which is available on the department's website.

The buyer's checklist:

Before making a purchase, check whether a plant has a 'permitted species' status (find the scientific name of the species through internet searches).

Enter the scientific name into WAOL: <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/organisms>

Don't buy or distribute unlisted species or species that have a 'declared pest' status.

Advertising/selling 'declared pests' is prohibited and can be reported as an illegal agricultural matter on crimestopperswa.com.au

If you are unsure you can also email padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

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Warrior Wellbeing: Rethinking Suicide Prevention

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The time has come to re-evaluate the way we approach suicide awareness and prevention! This is the challenge issued in a recent paper delivered by the Australian Institute of Male Health Studies and Western Sydney University. Renowned advocates for Men's Health, Dr. John Ashfield, Professor John MacDonald and Anthony Smith propose that a significant paradigm shift is needed to realise a more effective national suicide prevention strategy. They argue that a *situational approach* is required, one that acknowledges the more predominant association of situational distress with suicide, as opposed to the current focus on mental illness. This is precisely what we advocate here at RMHI.

None of us are immune to the feelings associated with being overwhelmed and challenged by specific events in our lives. These normal life situations such as bereavement or relationship breakdown can impact greatly on our mental and emotional wellbeing. It is at these times, that we draw on our innate capacity/resilience as human beings, and to see the best in others when we connect with them for support. The concern is that too often the distress we feel in certain situations gets aligned with symptoms that are often used to identify a mental illness such as depression. There is no doubt that depression can be a debilitating illness with associations for increased risk of suicide, but it has gone from being a condition of relative obscurity to an apparent major social dilemma. The authors take this a step further and argue that *'the current mental health narrative has been allowed to encircle, medicalise and redefine as pathological many of our common human experiences'* (Ashfield, MacDonald and Smith).

The paper's central argument is that when it comes to suicide prevention most initiatives are preoccupied with the identification of mental illness. Instead, we need to be considering all forms of life stressors and the associated experience of distress which doesn't necessarily

embody a diagnosable mental illness but can result in suicidal behaviour. They argue that many suicides are connected to situational distress often involving issues such as unemployment, financial problems and conflict, the signs of which may be missed if we adhere to a purely mental illness agenda. We need to be looking at situational distress and how it influences individual perspective.

As long as the suicide focus remains mostly on mental illness, people will continue to view this problem as that of a professional's domain. Whilst tertiary services are very important their focus is on people with high intensity mental health difficulties and the associated risks. At RMHI we strongly support the shift to a more situational approach to suicide awareness because it promotes development of initiatives that advocate capacity-building in individuals and their communities, early intervention and a primary care focus, that is; ordinary people looking out for each other.

Lake Grace

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Contact Paul Wheeler at Wheeler Properties/Hire Equipment for hire enquiries.

0437 204 909

Wheelhouse47@hotmail.com

60 Absolon Street Lake Grace WA, 6353

Colouring In



Classifieds

Rural West Financial Counselling

A free confidential, mobile, independent financial counselling service to regional small businesses and all primary production enterprises in WA. For more information contact Donna Spurgeon by email Donna.Spurgeon@ruralwest.com.au or phone 0408 107 326. Alternatively you can contact the information line on 1800 612 004.

Cancer Support Coordinator

Cancer Support Coordinator for the Wheatbelt can provide you with emotional support and assistance navigating through the range of services available over the phone or through video consult: call Monica Graham Tues-Thurs on 0428 747 845.

Dr Linda Haines

Ring 9865 1208 for dates and times to make an appointment

Community Bus Bookings

Are to be done through the Lake Grace CRC. Ring 9865 1470 or email central@lakegracecrc.net
The community bus is owned and managed by the community, is available to any individual, group or organization to hire and costs \$1.50 per kilometre to use. All proceeds go toward the management and running of the bus and toward bus upgrades.

Southern Agcare

This is a free and confidential Family and Individual Counselling Service. Please contact Southern AgCare main office for an appointment.
Phone (08) 9827 1552 or admin@southernagcare.org.au referral forms can also be found on our webpage www.southernagcare.org.au

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 the Men's Shed or you can contact Ollie Farrelly on 0498 479 968 if you require them to be picked up.
Thank you for your ongoing support.

CWA Bookings

CWA rooms are available for hire. There is a COVID Safety Plan in place that hirers will need to adhere to. Anyone using the rooms must fill in the log book. If you wish to book the CWA Hall then please contact the Lake Grace CRC on 9865 1470.

First Aid Kits

Are now available for purchase at McKenzie Home Hardware Lake Grace.

Pingrup Centenary Book

Pingrup CRC still have some of their wonderful Centenary books left.

They want to make sure that everyone that ordered one has got it and if there were anyone who would like one (or another one) to email us and we can organise getting it to you.

We'd hate for anyone to miss out.

Books are \$80

Postage for 1 book is \$18.95

Email: pingrup100@gmail.com
Phone: 9820 1101

Dumbleyung ADF Book

This hardcover book features 450 personal short stories collected and written about men and women from Dumbleyung and Districts who served in the Armes Services.

Books are \$80

Available at the Lake Grace CRC.

Expressions of Interest

Are you and RN or Enrolled Nurse looking for some casual extra income?

The CRC and The Staying in Place program are looking for you.

If this sounds like something that you would be interested in please contact Tracey at the CRC on 98651470

Rental Property Available

Property available in Lake Grace.
1 bed cottage, fully furnished available now.
Contact John and Anna Ayres-Dylan on:
0497 690 197

Lake Grace Shire Councilors

| Councillor | Telephone |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Cr Len Armstrong – Shire President | 0429 843 785 |
| Cr Steve Hunt - Vice Shire President | 0427 651 585 |
| Cr Deb Clarke | 0428 654 041 |
| Cr Ben Hyde | 0428 752 042 |
| Cr Roz Lloyd | 0428 711 534 |
| Cr Anton Kuchling | 0427 206 030 |
| Cr Ross Chappell | 0428 654 058 |

Community Clubs and Associations

| Club / Association | Secretary / Contact | Contact Number | Contact Email |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Artist Group | Kerrie Argent | 0447 791 399 | kerriearg@hotmail.com |
| CWA | Suzanne Reeves | 0427 651 310 | Lakegracecwa@gmail.com |
| Development Assoc | Paula Carruthers | 0499 616 070 | ghpmcarr@bigpond.com |
| Early Learning Centre (Daycare) | Vicki Reynolds | 08 9865 2568 | LakeGraceelc@gmail.com |
| Lions | Chris Harvey | 0429 651 275 | lglionsec@gmail.com |
| Men's Shed | Wally Perry | 0448 795 070 | allwood93@yahoo.com.au |
| Playgroup | Claire Crosswell | 0409 484 428 | LakeGraceplaygroup@mail.com |
| Sportsman's Club | Mathew Hobbins | 08 9865 1239 | lgsportsmansclub@bigpond.com |
| Toy Library | Bobby Manson | 0416 699 428 | lgtoylibrary@outlook.com |

Summer Sports

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| Lake Grace Tennis Club | Jemma Bairstow | 0439 851 505 | lakegracetennisclub@gmail.com |
| Lake Grace Bowls Club | Dean Sounness | 0415 452 400 | |
| Lake Grace Cricket Club | Shaye Bowron | 0428 652 556 | |
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Crisis Care Numbers

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| Doctor's Surgery -9865 1208 | Hospital - 9890 2222 | Ambulance/Fire/Police - 000 | Electricity Faults - 13 13 51 |
| Rural Link - 1800 552 002 | Main Roads - 138 138 | Directory Assistance - 1223 | Water Faults - 13 13 75 |
| 55 Central Men's Refuge 9272 1333 enquiries@55central.asn.au | Family Helpline 1800 643 000 / 9223 1100 | Ngala 9368 9368 ngala@ngala.com.au | Lifeline Australia - 13 11 14 www.lifeline.org.au |
| Wheatbelt Mental Health Service Northam - (08) 9621 0999 Narrogin - (08) 9881 0700 | Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 www.kidshelp.com.au | Crisis Care WA - 9223 1111 / 1800 199 008 www.community.wa.gov.au | Citizens Advice Bureau Perth- 9221 5711 www.cab.wa.com.au |
| Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636 www.beyondblue.org.au | Seniors Information Services 1800 671 233 info@seniorscard.wa.gov.au | Youth Legal Service 9202 1688 / 1800 199 006 www.youthlegalservice.inc.com.au | Poisons Information 13 11 26 |
| Suicide Call Back Line - 1300 659 467 www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au | Parent Drug Information Service - 1800 653 203 | Family Court of WA 9224 8222 / 1800 199 228 www.familycourt.wa.gov.au | Council on the Ageing WA 9471 0104 admin@cotawa.org.au |
| Alcohol and Drug Information Service 1800 198 024 https://www.mhc.wa.gov.au/ | Mental Health Emergency Response Line - 1300 555 788 | Holyoake Northam - (08) 9621 1055 Merredin - (08) 9041 3807 Narrogin - (08) 9881 1999 Freecall - 1800 447 172 | Relationships Australia Fair Programme 9336 2144 https://relationships.wa.gov.au 1300 364 277 |

| Justices of the Peace | |
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| Colin Connolly | 0427 858 066 |
| Ron Dewson | 0428 651 213 |
| Amanda Milton | 0429 654 011 |
| Geoff Sabourne | 0429 651 171 |

| Church Times | |
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| Catholic Church | Anglican Church |
| 2nd March - Mass @ 6pm | March 2nd Communion 10am |
| 9th March - Communion Service @ 8am | March 16th Morning Prayer 10am |
| For inquiries please phone 9721 0500 - Bunbury Diocese | Enquiries: St Johns Albany 9841 5015 The Revd. Vicki Anne Webb 0429 323 025 |

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February/March 2025

Fri 28 Fish and Chips @ The Sportsman's Club
School Swimming Lessons

Sat 1 Rubbish tip Open (9am-4pm)
Cricket- Lake Grace v Towns

Sun 2 Rubbish tip Open (9am-4pm)

Mon 3 Public Holiday
Pool Closed

Tue 4 Rubbish Collection
Men's Shed (Morning)
Playgroup 9:30-11:30
Football training

Wed 5 Year 4-6 Cricket Clinic
Lego Club 2:30-3:30pm

Thurs 6 LG-P Netball Training Begins
SOYF @ Pavilion—10am
Art Group Meeting@ 9:30am
Football training

Fri 7 Fish and Chips @ Sportsman's Club

Sat 8 Rubbish tip Open (9am-4pm)
Cricket- Semi-Finals

Sun 9 Rubbish tip Open (9am-4pm)

Mon 10 Rubbish tip Open (9am-2pm)
Pool Closed
Lakes Link News Deadline

Tue 11 Rubbish Collection
Recycling Collection
SOYF @ Pavilion—10am
Men's Shed (morning)
Seniors Art @ Village Hall 10am-12
Centrelink Mobile Service Centre
Harvest Festival Committee Meeting 6pm
Football training

Wed 12 Lego Club 2:30-3:30pm
NAPLAN Starts

Thurs 13 Men's Shed (morning)
SOYF @ Pavilion—10am
Lakes Link News Published
Auschem Workshop
Football training

Coming Events

13-14th March- Auschem Workshop
15th March- Cricket Preliminary Finals
20th March- Art Group Meeting @9:30am
22nd March- Cricket Grand Final
23rd March- Lakes With Out Brakes @ Pavilion 8am
24th March- NAPLAN Finishes
25th March- ANZAC Day
25th March- Seniors Art @Village Hall 10am-12
26th March- Council Meeting
28th March- Interschool Swimming Carnival
1st-2nd April- Forklift Course
8th April- Seniors Art @Village Hall 10am-12
11th April - Youth Blue Light Disco
16th April - Lakes Youth Challenge Day
17th April-Art Group Meeting @9:30am
22nd April- Seniors Art @Village Hall 10am-12
23rd April- Council Meeting
29th April- St Johns First Aid Training
6th May- Seniors Art @Village Hall 10am-12
15th May- Palliative Care WA workshop @CRC
15th May- Art Group Meeting @9:30am

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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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