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Blessing of the Roads



Emergency vehicles and road safety trailer at the Blessing of the Roads Ceremony. Photo Suzanne Reeves

Lake Grace Roadwise hosted a Blessing of the Roads Ceremony on Thursday 28th March. Although Easter was early this year and it didn't tie in with the school holidays the forecast of good weather had the Roadwise committee convinced that there would be plenty of vehicles on the road.

Shire President, Len Armstrong, welcomed everyone to the event and spoke of the importance of being aware of fatigue and urged everyone to take a break while driving and to arrive at their destination safely.

Representing the Emergency services, Amanda Milton was the second speaker at the event and urged drivers to think about their driving decisions, to drive for the other person and to take responsibility for the decisions they make.

Lake Grace District High School Year 8 student, Zhane Robertson, gave an image of families packing up to escape chaos for a relaxing weekend....only to be plunged into chaos when becoming the victim of a drunk driver.



Father Gayan Thamel performs the blessing. Photo Suzanne Reeves.

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

Dick Phillips

Elsie Bishop

Gwen Oliver

Thank you also to our many contributors of articles.

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Editorial

- Well what a week we had! As a team we effectively managed to 'kill' the new Lakes Link printer after it was about a quarter of a way through the print run. We worked out where we went wrong....I accused the technician of being a genius...but he said it was nothing to do with him it was all about the machine. We shouldn't have put the printer on such a lofty perch because when it came to a halt things certainly came crashing down! Once we got the word that the error code related to a crashed hard drive in the printer it was a quick apology to our photocopier as we steadily worked it into the ground. But bless the little machine she beavered away until she'd finished the print run...albeit a little late for our readers as they were circling the Plaza waiting for the latest edition to land. But we got there! Thank you for your patience.
- Thank you very much to the volunteers who helped with the Driver Reviver over the long weekend, your assistance was gratefully received by the more than 250 motorists who stopped and took advantage of the facilities. Thank you also to those who spoke at and attended the 'Blessing of the Roads', may seem like a funny old ceremony to have but it gives us all a moment to stop and think of the ramifications of a car accident.
- Our apologies to those who have been attempting to get their drivers licence, unfortunately there have been a few glitches with the new licensing computer and it seems unwilling to 'talk' to the Department of Transport. Hopefully this will be sorted in the next few days.
- Well done to our local photographers who have submitted entries into our latest photo competition, the subjective was festive which we then broadened to include holidays. I see the subjects as being a way to give photographers ideas, but I'm also getting a few inklings that this may be making people switch off. We could simply have it as an open competition with no subject whatsoever. What do you think? Feedback most welcome!
- We do have a few Microsoft Office courses coming up, please give us a call if you would like more information.

Suzanne Reeves

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Workshop Calendar...

Excel for Beginners - Thursday 16th May. 9am—midday. Cost \$30.

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Chainsaw - 25th & 26th July. Cost is \$143.32 or \$101.32 for concession. Learn not just about operating the chainsaw but also cleaning & maintaining it. Need 5 people to run this workshop. Participants will need to be able to access a pair of steel capped boots.

Safety Rep OH&S Workshop - 24th-28th June 2013. \$1,300. Need 6 to run the workshop.

Forklift - Tuesday 13th August. Cost is \$113.85 or \$79.85 for Concession. There is an added charge of \$81 for Worksafe registration. Need 5-10 people to run this workshop. This is the CHEAPEST that we have been able to run this workshop so please make the most of the opportunity. Participants need to be 18 years of age.

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MC Drivers Licence - The CRC will look at hosting another of these in August of this year. If you are interested then please let us know, we need five participants to get this workshop off the ground.

If you are interested in any of the above please phone the Lake Grace Community Resource Centre on 9865 1470.

A Word from the Shed...

2013 is shaping up to be full of activity for the Lake Grace Community Men's Shed. We will now be leaving the umbrella of the Lake Grace Development Association, as our incorporation became official on 14th March 2013. Many thanks must go to the Lake Grace Development Association for their support and encouragement over the past few years.

We are now well and truly operational with a good support base of members turning out to weekly meetings. Our first project was for Emerald Grain and involved making a grain bunker to be used in their displays at the numerous field days and events they attend. We have also been making fold up Christmas trees that will be for sale once we have filled existing orders, and we have committed to building a set of shelves for the Lake Grace Day Care Centre, which is also well under way.

Our biggest project at the moment is the making of an over-centre gate tensioner. This will tighten any (cocky) wire gates and can be opened with very little effort. A model of the gate tensioner will be in at Farm Works, should you wish to have a look.

the Shed and we thank everyone for their donations. They are greatly appreciated.

We continue to meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Manual Arts room at the school. Any men interested in coming along are more than welcome, even if it is only for a coffee and a chat.

See you at the Shed!

Phil Clarke and Alan Duckworth



*Model grain bunker built by the Men's Shed for Emerald Grain.
Photo Allan Zweck.*

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11th April	Henk Doelman Devon Stubberfield
12th April	Cody Giles
13th April	Zhane Robertson Vicki Dewson Tayla Chesson Brendon Callope
14th April	Clancy Lay Dakota Pelham
15th April	Lindsay McGlinn Reece Lay
16th April	Jackie McGlinn
17th April	Matthew Argent Jodi Sabourne Caitlyn Trawinski
18th April	Doug Dunham Adrian Duckworth
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21st April	Damian Trevenen Phillip Clarke
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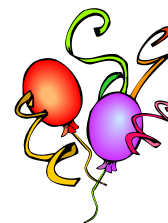
Well done to John Holland who have done such a great job on the railway crossing on South Jarring Road. A shame that someone felt the need to come along and add their own touch.

What's Happening?

- Congratulations to Maggie Bell and her partner on the arrival of a baby boy, a little brother for Tobi Cameron.
- All the best to Jarred Desmond and Amanda Poots who are getting married on Friday 19th April in Busselton.
- Kristie Pinney celebrated her 21st birthday in Lake Grace last weekend with family and friends.
- Also celebrating a special birthday on the weekend with family and friends was Michelle Slarke.
- Sympathy to the friends and family of Steve Kennedy who passed away recently. Steve was 59 years of age.

Anniversaries!

21st April - Ann & Phil Franks



THERE'S A NEW BUTCHER IN TOWN!



Reubz is all grown up and now a fully qualified butcher.

Congratulations and well done mate!

Alex and Dawn

Lake Grace Weather

- Terry Gladish



April Extremes

Highest Maximum Temperature	36.7	4/4/1978
Lowest Maximum Temperature	13.2	20/4/1970
Highest Minimum Temperature	21.7	11/4/1959
Lowest Minimum Temperature	0.6	30/4/1960

Date	Min	Max	Rain
27/3	8.9	20.4	4.4
28/3	8.6	22.2	
29/3	13.3	22.2	
30/3	10.9	22.1	
31/3	10.3	25.2	
1/4	11.6	28.0	
2/4	14.7	29.5	
3/4	15.4	31.2	
4/4	16.6	33.6	
5/4	18.8	33.2	
6/4	16.4	21.5	
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8/4	14.7	35.3	
9/4	20.4	36.0	
10/4	16.5		

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Driver Reviver Kept Busy

With Easter showing promise for fantastic weather and the opportunity of a four day break the roads were busy on Good Friday and Easter Monday as people made a last ditch effort to get away for a short break before the winter months.

Lake Grace Roadwise had their Driver Reviver van set up on the Wednesday before Easter, ready to use for the Blessing of the Roads morning tea on the Thursday morning and with the vision of opening up for free teas and coffees for travellers in the afternoon.

Deciding which are the best hours to open the van is a bit hit and miss at times with the Roadwise committee trying to judge when the most traffic would be on the roads. The van was staffed from midday through to 9pm on the Thursday and from 8am to 6pm on Good Friday and ready for the return traffic on the Monday with the urn on the boil from 10am through to 6pm.

With 267 drinks being served it was quite obvious to the volunteers that their time and effort was appreciated by the travellers. There was plenty of positive conversation about the free tea and coffee (and the complementary easter eggs) but the real talking point was the toilets! Lake Grace can lay claim to having the most talked about toilets with one traveller saying that she only stopped because her father in law always went on about how clean and fantastic the toilets were in Lake Grace. Needless to say once she'd done a tour of the conveniences she wandered over to the van for a coffee.

The site that the van is situated at is a credit to the Shire with not only the fantastic toilets but clean seating, barbecues and wash up facilities under the shade. Children anxious to burn off a bit of pent up energy were only too happy to try out the 'rides' and do a few cartwheels across the fake turf! Well done to the St John Ambulance volunteers who had done up some gift bags for the kids, these went down a treat as parents were corralling the kids back into the car.

Roadwise bring the van out at Easter, Christmas and the long weekend in October (as this is usually the start of the school holidays). Over the Christmas and Easter outings a short survey is available for those stopping, the survey includes a quiz question (multiple choice) with participants going into the running for a \$30 Dymocks voucher. Well done to Maureen Smith from York who thought the van was incredibly cool, a real credit to Lake Grace and the volunteers and who will now be able to pop into Dymocks and buy herself a new book.

Sadly enough although the questions are quite simple a few do give a wrong answer, we may need to let them have a caffeine fix before giving them the questionnaire. The quiz for Easter was 'When is it OK to ignore a road sign?' Of the 64 surveys filled out 6 (9%) didn't answer and 7 (10%) got it wrong; going with



Volunteers on the Driver Reviver van were kept busy over the Easter long weekend. Photo Suzanne Reeves.

the 'When you don't see it' and the 'If you're running late' answers. The correct answer was 'When directed by police conducting points duty'.

Well done to the representatives from the Fire Brigade, Ambulance, Lions and Lake Grace Roadwise who volunteered their time to help out over the Easter weekend. Seventeen individuals gave up 54 hours of their time in what is an incredibly valuable service to the community.

Suzanne Reeves

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Hospital Improvements

Have you noticed the new signs on every road leaving Lake Grace indicating how far it is to the next hospital with accessible medical services. These have been placed to strengthen the argument for better health facilities for the people of Lake Grace Shire. Though we have an experienced and reliable GP, Dr Jacobs, and a professional and experienced nursing staff who provide great services to our community the facilities that the health staff work in, though well maintained are not suitable for the requirements of a 2013 health client.

With the hospital offering aged and acute care plus emergency and limited x-ray facilities and being supported by H.A.C.C, Child Health and Women's Health plus allied health professionals from Narrogin in the form of physiotherapist, occupational therapist, mental health, speech therapist, podiatrist and dietician many retirees in the shire are opting to stay close to family and friends and the hospital is not reflecting the 2013 acceptable health living facilities expected by this sector and enjoyed by other communities similar to ours.

The building is also not suitable for the state of the art equipment that the hospital has been equipped with in the last six months. They are now part of the emergency telehealth service that provides direct backup for nursing staff when they have no doctor available and a digital x-ray developer that has the capabilities to email films directly to a radiographer. These all take up space and with patient equipment being larger and more cumbersome suitable space is a issue.

So the community and committee will continue to put pressure on the powers that be to push for a new hospital or extensive alterations to the current one, this is the reason for the new signs. If you are planning on staying in Lake Grace, Pingrup, Newdegate, Kukerin or Pingaring you deserve a facility that reflects the needs of the community. We live without a lot of other facilities that 95% of the population take for granted we are deserving of at least good health and good education. A good viable health service is needed to maintain our local populations and encourage others to live in our area.

An added benefit of the signs was the effect they had over Easter, talking with the local police they had no road incidents and most drivers were well behaved. We can't accurately measure the effect of the signs but Tony Smith, our regions Road Safety Officer, indicated he would like photos sent to him to place in the Road Safety Magazine as he feels it would be a great deterrent to drivers over Easter.



If you have any issues with our campaign please contact Deb Clarke or Amanda Milton. We are very accepting of suggestions and critical debate but please don't remove the signs (especially covertly) as it reflects badly on you.

Sab's Fish & Chips

There will be no Fish n Chips
on Friday 19th April – (due to
Desmond wedding in
Busselton)



From the HEART

Art in some form is a passion for all of us, whether it is a landscape on the wall or something more alternative. Our town is blessed with a wide range of artists.

It was a call from one of the Art Space owners, Tania Spencer that got me interested in writing a story on the Lake Grace Regional Art Space. This has been an 'enlightening' experience and one that I would like to share with you.

It took me some unravelling for the parts of the creative scene in Lake Grace to become clear. What we have here are three different identities with Art and Culture the binding link.

The Art Space (Lake Grace Regional Multi-Artspace) Formerly the Four Square Store is a privately owned building, purchased in 2003 and given over to the community of Lake Grace as an Arts Venue. For the last 10 years it's been running as an ARI (Artist Run Initiative). A Development Strategy was commissioned in 2005 and is now almost complete, signalling a new and exciting phase for the Artspace.

The Art Group - Lake Grace Artists' Group

A group of enthusiastic artists with members from Wagin to Kulin, Kondinin and Lake King who meet at the Art Space regularly and immerse themselves in all things arty. Meeting every Tuesday from 10.30 till 5pm or later and holding regular monthly meetings, workshops and their own exhibitions. Inspiring the community and visitors with funky artworks and projects, often with a recycled nature, public art and creative support for like-minded people.

Professional Artists

Our town is blessed to have several high profile professional artists whom exhibit their art regionally, nationally and internationally. We also are fortunate to have several professional published writers one of who is one of the best in her field and cultural interpretation consultants that work on projects state-wide, a professional sign writer and creative media specialists. There are also a number of underground musicians quietly or not so quietly banging and strumming away in their sheds.

The art culture in Lake Grace is simmering.

A New Phase

Location, location, location is important in real estate and the Art Space is the best real estate in town. "It really draws visitors in, **in fact our location is so good we've recently been referred to as a roadblock!**



Currently on display at the Art Space - 365 exhibition



...mmmm that sounds like a good title for a project or an exhibition!" said co-owner Tania Spencer, with another idea percolating away.

The really great thing and at the same time its biggest weakness about the Art Space is its independence.

Already home to the Lake Grace Artists' Group, the 365 Group and holding Camera Club events, shire functions, fundraisers, fetes, meetings for various groups, the space has the freedom to become a home for more groups like writers and musicians under its widened focus. There is an extensive costume library and lighting and sound systems for a drama group to use and an Art Library located in the building. The aim is to be an all-round 'centre of creativity' a 'cultural hub for the region'.

But being a privately owned building it's harder to get grants for capital improvements, necessitating a business model to be implemented for the upgrading of the facility.

Leasing part of the building to ARJO's has allowed major capital works to take place, like a brand new kitchen and with more structural and internal fittings about to happen over the next few months.

Lake Grace is already and will become even more of a destination for arts in the Wheatbelt. We are creating a culture that brings people here to live and visit. "We've got huge plans" said Tania "they are bigger than the Artspace and don't just revolve around the building. We are aiming regional, national and international."

From the HEART (cont.)

Looking to lifestyle changers, we have the biggest blue skies, the freshest air, a safe environment relatively free from crime and a great community. Maybe that's why there are no houses available to rent here, somebody let the secret out!

Co-owners of the building and two of Lake Grace's many Artists Tania Spencer and Kerrie Argent are passionate about 'art' whatever form it takes. Their enthusiasm and willingness to help and encourage art enthusiasts is contagious. It starts with a little flame of creativity burning within you that pretty soon turns into a rip roaring need to create.

"We want to see international artists living here" said Tania "We want our community and artists exposed to quality contemporary art and artists, we want to bring those people to our region and build our community." We want people to understand that art can be more than a landscape in a gilt edged frame. It is a way of living – add creativity to your life and you begin to see balance and another perspective.

"Another of our agendas for the building is to house an 'artist in residence' at the Art Space" said Kerrie. An artist lives in the community for one month to three month periods or even longer. "The community can watch them work; they instruct workshops and possibly finish their stay with an exhibition."

As part of our more regional focus the Art Space is undergoing a name change to Lake Grace Regional Art Space. The art scene in Lake Grace has come to realise it has a wider exposure than just Lake Grace, generated from projects they do, like the baubles and Art2Wear for example. "It inspires visitors who see it to go back home and try things; they can see projects that provide great pleasure to the participants and viewers and that are achievable in their own community" Kerrie and Tania explain. It affects people's lives in the way they think about recycling, art and life choices.

A vibrant arts culture in a town is as essential as our sports culture, a creative culture helps solve problems, it helps with areas of mental health, confidence and self-esteem and self-expression. For the period when you



Artists: Kerrie Argent and Anna Ayres Dillon and Phyl Dunham make canvas for the next exhibition

immerse yourself in art nothing else matters. You can forget about the dry season for a while – it relaxes you and gives your body time to recuperate.

"People love talking about art and people see Lake Grace as an 'arts town' we know this from talking to other artists at events we go to like Sculpture by the Sea" said Tania "It is because our artists are actually getting out there to events and there is beginning to be this belief out there about our town."

High on the agenda of the Art Space strategic plan is to have the building open 7 days a week and working with the Shire and Visitors Centre on art tourism. This will benefit all businesses in town with increased customers coming here specifically to experience our creative environment.

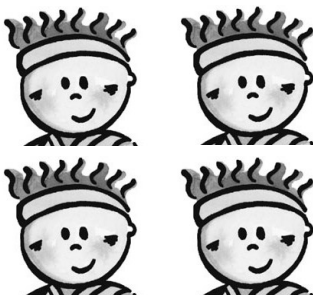
In the year ahead we will do more training with Art on the Move, an airbrush workshop in May and host a Heritage Exhibition for national Heritage Week in conjunction with the shire. Currently on is the 365 Group Window Box Exhibition. The Camera Club will take photos for Mother's Day presents in April. "It's important for us to have a broad spread of activities that excite people" said Tania.

Jane Bushby, Tania Spencer and Kerrie Argent

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Lake Grace Development Association Presidents Report April 2013

I would like to start this report by sincerely thanking all of the office bearers. As we are all aware these positions are often hard to fill and even though they are not onerous positions it is still a commitment. It appears that people in the community are finding it harder to commit and only too often groups are forced to the point of folding before someone is prepared to come forward, so thank you all.

As with all of the previous years we have seen a lot accomplished by many of the groups under the umbrella of the Lake Grace Development Association. Some have not accomplished as much, however I am sure it is not because of lack of will, sometimes it is due to lack of time. We need to remember that we are all volunteers who at time need to work around people in paid positions, who are only available during work hours, something that I think the paid people are often not aware of. Currently there are 17 groups, they are;

On The Sheep's Back. The past year has seen the mould linings all re-oiled, and the relocation of the moulds and associated infrastructure to John & Jeanette Bennett's farm.

Regional Aging Lifestyle Accommodation Group – Lake Grace Regional Health Advisory Committee
The group is happy to see the continuation of the three units in Bennett St. and look forward to the next three commencing in the next year or so: this will follow the completion of the two units in Newdegate. Following the public meeting in December the group has been working very hard to highlight the functional condition of the hospital. The petition that was sent out to surrounding communities saw over 48 petition sheets returned with over 1000 signatures. Thanks to those businesses that allowed the petitions to sit on their counters for over three months. Letters of support were also provided by communities that feed into the Lake Grace Hospital. There have been many signs erected

in and near the town itself, with many favourable comments. There has also been a response to the call for donations towards the costs of the signs, thanks to those individuals.

Townscape Group This group is concerned about the amount of Calthrop being found in and around the town site.

Community Cropping. This group is in recess as it has chosen for the second year not to take up their half of the Shire lease of the Newdegate Research Station, and we appreciate that Newdegate Community Cropping Group has been able to take up the Lake Grace half of the lease.

Accommodation Group The focus of this group is still to increase the amount of quality accommodation within the town of Lake Grace to enable a 50 seater bus to be accommodated at one facility. The group has been buoyed by Peter and Anke Stoffberg purchasing the Motel Units and the marked improvement of the standards.

Lake Grace Artist Group This year the group has been concentrating on window exhibitions to display the art and craft of the area as these do not need to be manned. They continue to bring in other artists to run workshops to add to the already wide array of skills that they have. They are currently working on the separation of the group from the owners of the actual space, so that the purpose of each is more clearly defined.

Community Bus Committee This committee is very well organised and continues to run the bus in an efficient manner for the benefit of the community whether it be for school outings, seniors, sporting clubs or any other group that may wish to use the bus.

Toy Library This is run by a group of young mothers to provide toys for children from babies to 5 yr olds. They buy and replace the toys in the library as needed thus reducing the cost to individuals and keeping the toys new and interesting for the children.

WA Grains Group Six individuals from the WA Grains Group were successful recipients of a grant from the GRDC to travel to the International Grain Conference in Melbourne in July last year. While they were in Victoria they also travelled to Dookie Research Facility to see first hand the Microwave technology being devised to kill weeds. The WAGG continues the national representation of WA in Stewardship, National Research, Development & Extension and on the Grain Producers Association. The group was integral in gaining another grain exporter to operate from the Albany Port; this will assist in reducing the supply chain costs of farmers by providing competition.

Lake Grace Camera Club This club provides for those that have an interest in photography by providing

Opening Day Golf

Sunday 28th April

3 person ambrose.

Either form your own team or
come along and we'll slot you in.

Names in by midday for a
12:15pm hit off.

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a
salad for a BBQ tea.

Everyone Welcome!!



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workshops to improve their skills. They have been involved in providing a variety of photographic opportunities for the local community and honing their skills at the same time. These included photos with Father Christmas and an upcoming session to have photos taken for Mothers day.

Recreation Council Trust This group holds funds in trust for the recreation Council.

Living Communities At present the Living Communities committee is looking at having an annual event pre Christmas, giving the community the opportunity to gather for the festive season, and to think local when purchasing.

Men's Shed These men have applied for and been successful in gaining their own incorporation and have notified us that they no longer need to be under the LGDA's umbrella. They currently meet on a weekly basis at the High School. We wish them all of the success they deserve in their on going endeavour for their own facility which will suit a wider group in the community as it will not be restricted to school hours.

100 years Committee. The three maps of the town are still a work in progress and when this is completed this committee will be wound up.

Lakes Information & Farming Technology Group This is a group of younger farmers who are interested in researching various things on their farms that will improve their bottom line. They do their own trials of varieties, non wetting soils, frost, and fertilisers. They make their farms available for yield profit trials run by DAFWA, ConsultAg as well as chemical companies trialling various 'new fixes' whether it be a fungicide, herbicide or insecticide.

Lake Grace Historical Society. This is one of the newer groups and came from the interest stimulated by the Lake Grace 100 years celebrations. They are currently working on securing the Uniting Church (the first church built in the area) and the adjoining block where the original minister's residence is located. They have also contacted owners of historical pieces of machinery to ensure they are not sold out of the town or as scrap metal.

Lake Grace Seniors Group. This is the newest group to come under the LGDA umbrella and have formed to organise outings and bus trips for the seniors of the area. Outings to date have included the Kojonup train ride, Tressies Museum and Christmas in July.

Lakes Larrikins. This group came under our umbrella when they were the host of the seniors games and in the near future will merge with the Lake Grace District Seniors Group.

Successful grants for the past 12 months were \$15,000

to the WA Grains Group to travel to Melbourne and \$11,000 for the purchase of a cardboard baler by the LGDA to be used at the recycling yard. As can be seen there are many groups and individuals working under the umbrella of the LGDA, and all of them working as volunteers to improve the experience of living in our local community, so if you have time to offer yourself as a volunteer or would like to join any of these groups I am sure they would be more than welcoming. I would also like to remind everyone that all of the LGDA meetings are open to the public and are usually on the first Monday of each month in the old railway station building starting at 7.30p.m.

Subs are now due, they continue to be \$5.50 per person and \$11.00 per group.

Debrah Clarke

ANZAC SERVICE



When:

Thursday 25 April 2013

Where:

RSL Lake Grace Branch

Time: 11AM



LEST WE FORGET

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Still have a bargain rack of summer clothes to clear.

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Out of town - next trip back into town or three days, whichever is first.



Every dog has its day as Farm Dog Survey goes live

It is no secret that Australian farmers rely heavily on their working dogs to carry out stock work economically and efficiently. The value of these dogs was highlighted last year with the record sale of a kelpie for \$12,000 at the Casterton Working Dog Auction.

Such successful dogs are undoubtedly the result of the work of skilled dog breeders, trainers and handlers but to date these dog-folk have not enjoyed the benefit of scientific research to support their work.

To address this researchers at the University of Sydney's Faculty of Veterinary Science with the support of the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, Meat and Livestock Australia and the Working Kelpie Council of Australia are undertaking The Farm Dog Project to analyse ways of improving breeding, training and performance success in working dogs.

"Although scientific studies have been used extensively to advance livestock breeding and production, these principles have not been applied to working dogs - until now," said Jonathan Early, PhD candidate in the Faculty of Veterinary Science and a researcher on the project.

"The ultimate goal is to identify DNA markers for valuable working traits but the first step is to find out what dogs are out there, how they live and work and what traits farmers value in their dogs."

To gather this data, the researchers are inviting working dog users across Australia to participate in The Farm Dog Survey. All working dog users are encouraged to take part including farmers with single working dogs, producers with multiple dogs, cattle and sheep dog triallers, saleyard employees and small or large scale breeders.

"The survey asks people to describe three of their farm dogs by giving information such as the type of work they do, how they were trained, what specific traits are easy or hard to train for and if the dogs take part in competitions," Early said.

Participants will assist the researchers to find ways to minimise the time and resources wasted on unsuccessful dogs.

They also have the opportunity to win a share in working dog dry food valued at \$1000.

To participate go to <http://sydney.edu.au/news/84.html?newsstoryid=11241> and follow the link to the Farm Dog Survey. If you are unable to access the survey on-line request a reply-paid paper copy by phoning 0467 347 283.

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Wednesday Morning Tea & Activity

Every Wednesday

Join Eldie for morning tea & activities

Lake Grace Hospital Activity Room

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- Sunshine Friends 10th & 24th April

- Pamper April 17th

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Monday 15th April 2013

For appointments please contact

Anna Taylor on 9865 1507 or

0428652507



*** **Remember to ring the bell** to get the attention of the nurses on duty when you come to the Hospital ***

CHILDHOOD INFLUENZA VACCINATION CLINIC

For WA children 6 months to 4 years (must be under 5 years of age)

Venue: Lake Grace Child Health Clinic
Memorial Drive Lake Grace

Date: Monday 15th April 2013
By Appointment Only

Appointments: Phone: 9890 2246
Elizabeth Trevenen (Child Health Nurse)

For more information about the FREE influenza vaccine please contact your local GP or your local Community Health Nurse

The free Influenza vaccination is also available from your local GP

Two doses of Influenza vaccine, at least one month apart, are recommended for children who are receiving Influenza vaccine for the first time - both doses are provided free

NB: Regular Clinics are held every month, in Lake Grace and Newdegate.

Appointments are required for all these clinics

Contact Elizabeth Trevenen on
ph: 9890 2246

Fight flu

Flu is a serious illness.

Vaccination is the best protection.

Free flu vaccinations are available for:

- * pregnant women
- * people 65 years and over
- * people with a chronic medical condition
- * children aged from six months to under five years
- * Aboriginal people aged 15 years and over



Compensation Scammers Pose as Consumer Protection

Scammers are contacting their victims to offer them money back in a compensation scheme which they claim is being run by Consumer Protection in Western Australia.

A 64-year-old man from over East, who had previously fallen for the Microsoft scam (where a cold caller pretending to work in tech support gains remote access to the victim's computer) was contacted by a scammer who said his name was Alex Rudolf from the WA Department of Consumer Protection (there's no-one by that name who works for the agency by the way).

The scammer offered the man reimbursement of monies paid to a computer repair scammer 6 months earlier and wanted credit card details, driver's licence number and residential address in order to provide the compensation.

The scammer wanted the man to set up a Western Union account in order to receive the compensation. We're guessing there would have been a request for some sort of fees or charges had the man got caught up in the scam.

Thankfully however, the man asked to be provided with a letter headed confirmation of the offer and proof of identification. The scammer gave the man a number to call, which was taken from the Department of Commerce Corporate website but does not work when dialled from the Eastern States.

The man realised it was an attempt to con him and contacted WA ScamNet at Consumer Protection to report the scam so that we could warn others.

This is not the first time scammers have pretended to be from a scheme which offers compensation to Microsoft scam victims.

You can read our previous warning titled '[Microsoft scam take two](#)' on the WA ScamNet website: www.scamnet.wa.gov.au.

It's really important to note the following, and I would very much appreciate it if you could spread the word amongst your friends and family.

- Neither Consumer Protection nor any other Government agency is able to offer compensation for scam victims.
- Government agencies will not call you out of the blue to offer you money and request money in order for payment to take place. Government agencies do not take payment via wire transfer (Western Union etc.) or payment vouchers such as Ukash.
- Always be suspicious of requests for money (e.g. fees) to access money which is supposedly owed to you.

If you would like to report a suspected scam in order to warn others in the Western Australian community, you can do so by calling the Albany Office on 98428366 or Consumer Protection advice line: 1300 30 40 54 or by emailing wascamnet@commerce.wa.gov.au.



Ph: 9865 2489
www.caffearjo.com

We are sorry to say Tuesday and Wednesday Evening Meals will **NO LONGER** be running, as they are no longer viable.

Our last Evening Meals were April 9th and 10th

Thank you to all those that supported our Evening Meals.

**THURSDAY NIGHT PIZZA
STILL CONTINUING**



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For all your freight needs call Darren
On 0428 651 339



News From Lake Grace Playgroup

On Thursday 28 March, we held our Welcome Day and launched our new Mothers Group to coincide with Easter. We had a great turnout for the morning including some new faces to our playgroup. We have been successful with our grant application to the Department of Communities for our new bouncy castle and protective mats which the children loved and is a welcome addition to our toy selection.

The children loved making bunny ear easter egg baskets for our Easter Egg Hunt. We enjoyed a yummy morning tea and cuppa. Big thanks to Tahryn Gray who donated a Teddy Bear and Easter Eggs for our raffle which raised \$38 for Playgroup and was won by Elle Atwell.

We welcome new members to our playgroup / mothers group. It a great opportunity to interact with other mums and gain support which everyone needs. Just to hear that your child is doing similar things (like not sleeping or eating very little) is reassuring to hear and is also a fantastic opportunity for small children to interact and gain social skills. We also welcome mums to be and dads are also encouraged to attend.

We meet every Thursday at 9.30am during the School Term at the old Kindy building on Absolon Street.

Kelly Hawtin



L-R back row Taj Trevenen, Will Morgan, Maleah Westphal. L-R front row Noah Westphal & Isaac Jones.



James Morgan (laying), William Morgan and Charlotte Bensen.

*Above:
Bouncy Castle at
Playgroup.*

*Right:
(L) Taj Trevenen &
(R) Mason Newton with
their Easter Egg
Baskets*

*Far Right:
Isaac Jones finding
Easter eggs.*

Photos by Amy Jones



Business in Profile - Sand N Salt

Sand N Salt was originally known as Country Style and owned by Tania Spencer. It was situated in the building between the Four Square (now the Art Space) and Bankwest.

Tania moved the shop over to the current location in Sept 2001 and renamed it Sand N Salt.

Vicki worked for Tania with Dot filling in until 2005 when the business was sold to Kate Dowling. Kate had the shop for two years and approached Vicki and Dot in 2007 to buy the business, the rest as they say is history.

Dot and Vicki have known each other for most of their lives being friends and neighbours at Tarin Rock. The partnership is comfortable and fun. The past 6 years have been a huge learning curve, which has been both exciting and exhausting.

For two years they also had a shop open in Newdegate for one day a week.

Dot and Vicki travel to nearby towns when invited to show their clothes and do fashion Parades for different fund raising days or Ladies Days. This year they have been lucky enough to be invited to Bremer Bay, Jerramungup and Varley, and to the Dumbleyung Bluebird Festival as well as local events.

Conscious of the changing fashions, trends and needs they travel to Sydney and Melbourne once a year to source labels that may be more affordable and appropriate, or different to labels brought over to WA. Lots of the jewellery and accessories are picked up at these Fashion Expos. Much of the buying has to be done up to eight months ahead. Other warehouse buying is done when they go to Perth once a month. When this is happening their ever reliable backup Carol Willcocks is always on hand to open the shop and keep things running, and willing to drop everything at short notice to help out.

Dot and Vicki try to offer good old fashioned service that can't be bought online or in some of the larger stores in the city. If they don't have it they will try to get it in. They have also been very fortunate to have been given the Lake Grace Shire work clothes orders.

They cater for babies, children, ladies and men's as well as heaps of jewellery, bags and wallets, sleepwear, shoes and underwear. Dot and Vicki are conscious of trying to use natural fabrics and Australian made when possible. Vigorella, Thomas Cook, Rip Curl and Philosophy are a few of these. This is getting harder all the time as so much is made off shore.

Both work alternate days and try to work one day a week together. This is meant to be for ordering but mainly because they have fun working together. Sand N Salt has a page on Facebook so have a look and 'Like us on Facebook'



Vicki O'Neill Gray, Carol Willcocks and Dot Morgan

There is also an email list for those that would like to be notified of new arrivals or sales etc.

If you would like to be on that list, email in to sandnsalt@bigpond.com

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Bits and Pieces

You would think that after being associated with the female side of the species for something like seven score plus years a man would have some handle on how women think. These would include mothers, sisters, girlfriends, wife, daughter, granddaughter and friends. So a cross-section of them thinking and reasoning should be gained from their association.

Meanwhile let me pass on to you nine words women use which have a completely different meaning to us. It may save you some angst trying to understand our beloved ones.

- Fine – this is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up
- Five Minutes – if she is getting dressed, this means half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house
- Nothing – This is the calm before the storm. This means something and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in FINE.
- Go Ahead - This is a dare, Not permission 'Don't do it'
- Loud Sigh – This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means you are an idiot and she wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing (refer back to #3 for the meaning of nothing)
- That's Okay – This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.
- Thanks- A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say 'you're welcome' (I must add a clause here – This is unless she says "Thanks a lot" that is pure sarcasm and she is not thanking you at all. Don't say 'you're welcome' that will bring on What Ever.
- What Ever – This is a woman's way of saying ___ __ you. (I have only just learned the meaning of this and have always wondered why wife and daughter actually used the phrases to me.)
- Don't Worry About It. I got it – Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times. But is now doing it for herself. This will result in a man asking "What's wrong" for the woman response refer to #3.

I have written this for publication in the Links so all men can read it, absorb it and remember the terminology.

Hoping it will not only save arguments but may also give them a healthier lifestyle.

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Need a Rubber Stamp?



To place an order or obtain a quote contact the Lake Grace Community Resource Centre. Self inking, range of sizes and some colours available.

Lake Grace Toy Library

Do you have children aged from 6 months to 5 years?

Are you reluctant to spend money on expensive toys only to have your child get sick of them or grow out of them?

Do you not have much storage room for the toys they no longer play with?

Then the toy library is for you!

Isaac and William are choosing their next Toy Library toy to take home?



Get out new and exciting toys, and return them after 2 weeks when your child has had enough!

Loads of fun toys available

12 months membership is only \$54. So much cheaper than buying new toys all the time!

The Lake Grace Toy Library always welcomes new members!

Ring Amy Jones on 0400 206 321 for more information

WheatbeltOPTIC



As a part of the federal government 'Visiting Optometry Scheme', Optometrists will be making regular visits To Lake Grace and surrounding towns accompanied by Wheatbelt Optic.

The aim of these visits is to provide a professional optometry service to the residents of Lake Grace with all comprehensive eye tests billed directly to Medicare and to provide correctly dispensed visual aids as required.

NEXT VISIT: 6th of MAY

Comprehensive eye examinations include:

- Refraction
- Colour Vision Certification
- Macular assessment
- Glaucoma Screening
- Cataract assessment
- Diabetic Retinal Assessment
- Retinal photography
- On site employee screening
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Wheatbelt Optic provides advice on:

- Correct fitting and alignment of spectacles
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- Designer and fashion spectacle frames
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- Flexible Titanium frames
- Children's frames
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- Health fund 'NO GAP' frames

It is recommended that you should have an eye test every two years. If you suffer from headaches or have noticed a change in your vision please make an appointment to see Tony or Graham on the details below:

Phone: **(08) 6389 0007**

Mobile: **0499 980 010** text enquiries welcome

Fax: **(08) 6389 0040**



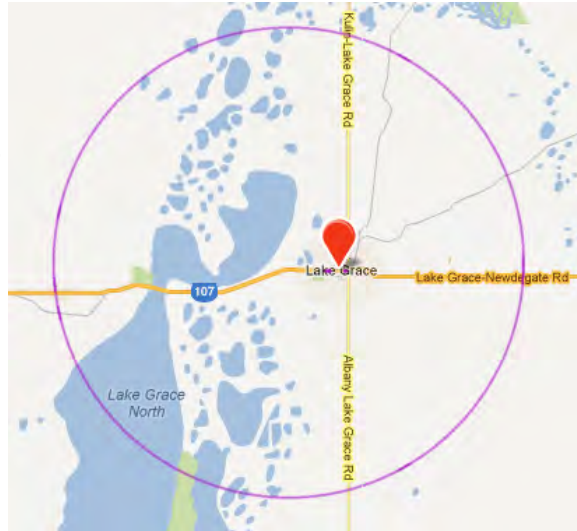
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Digital TV Update

Lake Grace Fact Sheet

Analog TV services in Lake Grace are provided from two self-help retransmission sites located in Lake Grace. The sites are operated by the Lake Grace Shire Council.

The Lake Grace self-help sites will not be upgraded to broadcast digital TV services and will be switched off on 25 June 2013, the same day that all other analog services are switched off in the Regional and Remote Western Australia switchover region.



All households in the Lake Grace area that receive their analog TV services from the self-help site who do not have adequate reception of all national and commercial digital TV services from another transmitter site are eligible for assistance under the Australian Government's Satellite Subsidy Scheme to move to the government-funded direct-to-home digital Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service.

Previously, only part of Lake Grace was eligible for assistance under the Satellite Subsidy Scheme. However, the eligibility area has been expanded and all eligible households in Lake Grace may now apply for a subsidised installation of the VAST service.

Households in the Satellite Subsidy Scheme eligible area that have adequate reception of digital TV from a terrestrial transmission site do not need to do anything. The map above shows the area in which people are eligible to apply for assistance under the Satellite Subsidy Scheme.

To see whether you are eligible to apply for assistance under the Satellite Subsidy Scheme, go to *mySwitch* at the Digital Ready website at www.digitalready.gov.au and enter your address. When the map opens with your address pinpointed, click on the 'Satellite Subsidy Scheme areas' above the map. You can also call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13.

Eligible people in the Lake Grace area are advised to opt-in to the Satellite Subsidy Scheme as soon as possible to ensure that their VAST installation can be arranged before switchover on 25 June 2013. To opt-in to the Satellite Subsidy Scheme, you will need to call the Digital Ready Information Line. The Satellite Subsidy Scheme will remain open across the Regional and Remote Western Australia switchover region until 25 July 2013.

What is the Satellite Subsidy Scheme?

The Satellite Subsidy Scheme assists households that rely on a self-help transmitter not being upgraded to digital who cannot receive digital TV services from

another transmitter site to move to the VAST service.

The Satellite Subsidy Scheme reduces the cost to households of accessing the VAST service. Under the Scheme, households receive a high definition VAST set-top box, satellite dish and cabling, supplied and installed by a government-contracted installer for a one-off household contribution of \$250.

The VAST service provides a minimum of 17 free-to-air digital TV channels from ABC, SBS and commercial broadcasters. Through the VAST service, anyone not able to receive

digital television services from a local transmission site will have access to a reliable and professionally operated free-to-air satellite TV service now and into the future.

Moving to VAST

The Remote Area Broadcasting Service, also known as Aurora, will cease transmitting from 25 June 2013 in Regional and Remote Western Australia (RRWA) when digital-only TV commences.

What will cease and when?

In Western Australia on the Aurora service, Westlink TV will cease by April 2013 while GWN and WIN TV will cease on 25 June 2013. All other Aurora services will be switched off permanently by December 2013.

Do you currently receive TV through the Aurora satellite service?

Viewers who are currently watching TV through the Aurora service and who are unable to receive the full range of digital TV services from a local terrestrial transmitter will need to upgrade to the new Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service.

Before Aurora ceases transmission, Aurora viewers should check if they will be able to receive terrestrial digital TV services or if they will need to move to the VAST service. This will ensure that viewers do not lose their access to free-to-air TV.

Who can access the Western VAST service?

The Western VAST service is already available to viewers in Western Australia who are unable to obtain adequate terrestrial reception of one or more of the commercial digital TV services.

The introduction of new terrestrial digital TV services in Western Australia may mean that some viewers who currently receive their TV services via a direct-to-home Aurora satellite service may now be able to receive the full range of digital TV services terrestrially. These viewers will not be eligible for VAST.

To find out if terrestrial digital TV coverage is available at your address, enter your full address into the

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mySwitch tool on the Digital Ready website at www.digitalready.gov.au.

Western VAST

The Western VAST service consists of 17 digital TV channels replicating the range of terrestrial channels available in other areas of Western Australia. The same news services that are broadcast terrestrially throughout Western Australia are available on VAST.

The service features channels carrying programs from WIN Television, Prime (GWN) and West Digital (Ten). It also includes the main national broadcaster services of ABC1 and SBS ONE, together with standard definition (SD) channels ABC2, ABC3, SBS TWO, 7TWO, GO!, Eleven and the high definition (HD) channels of ABC News 24, SBS, 7mate, GEM, and ONE. ABC news is available through ABC1 on a state basis so viewers in Western Australia will be able to watch the ABC WA News.

The Western VAST service provides the National Indigenous Television (NITV) service and Indigenous Community Television (ICTV) which greatly expands the availability of Indigenous information and content for all Australians.

The Rural Health Channel is provided on VAST. The Rural Health Channel is the first specialised free-to-air non-commercial channel to be provided on VAST. The Rural Health Channel delivers the latest health news, information and training to health professionals and communities.

ABC and SBS radio services on VAST

The ABC and SBS provide a wide range of radio services on the VAST satellite platform.

In addition to the current range of ABC radio services on the Aurora platform, VAST also carries the ABC's digital-only radio channels Dig, ABC Country, ABC Jazz, ABC Grandstand and Triple J Unearthed. SBS broadcasts a number of programs from the eastern states (e.g. Sydney Radio 1 & 2, Melbourne Radio 1&2, and National South East) as well as Chill and Asia Pop in digital only.

What equipment do I need to switch from Aurora to VAST?

Aurora viewers will need a VAST set-top box and a smart card in order to receive the new satellite service. The retail cost for a high definition VAST set-top box with the smart card is approximately \$280 (including GST).

Viewers will need to apply to receive VAST and authorisation for the set-top box smart card. Once the smart card has been authorised, viewers can connect the new VAST set-top box to the satellite system and watch the full range of digital channels provided through the VAST satellite service.

A VAST set-top box will be required for each TV in the household to be converted to the VAST service.

While the VAST service is free to viewers, with no annual subscription fees, there are no rebates, subsidies or compensation for Aurora users who move

to VAST. The cost of the set-top box/es and any upgrade to an existing satellite dish is a matter for the householder, unless they are eligible for assistance under the Household Assistance Scheme (see below).

Can I use my existing satellite dish to access VAST?

In most cases, Aurora viewers will be able to use their existing satellite dish to access VAST. The existing satellite dish will need to be equipped with a wideband low noise block down converter (LNB). Satellite dishes purchased in the last seven years are likely to have a wideband LNB.

For more information regarding LNBs, please visit www.digitalready.gov.au or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13.

How do I apply for VAST?

To see if you may be eligible for VAST, first go to the digital ready home page at www.digitalready.gov.au and click on the link at the bottom right hand side of the page to enter the mySwitch tool, then enter your address. The map will display your location and indicate the predicted coverage. If it is variable or if there is no coverage, click on the link to VAST to apply.

You can also apply by calling the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13.

Assessment of applications may require investigation by the broadcasters and can take up to 15 business days before a decision is reached. The specific circumstances of each application will be considered.

Household Assistance Scheme

Some viewers may be eligible for assistance under the Household Assistance Scheme (HAS) if they do not already have access to digital TV and they receive the maximum rate of one of the following:

- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer Payment
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Service Pension, or
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Income Support Pension

If you receive the maximum rate of one of the above, you can test your eligibility for assistance under HAS by calling the Department of Human Services on 1800 55 64 43.

If you are potentially eligible you should have received a letter from the Department of Human Services inviting you to apply for the HAS.

Do you need some help or more information?

There are tools and resources available to help you.

For further information visit the Digital Ready website www.digitalready.gov.au or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13 (8 am to midnight AEST). You can also find localised information by entering your address into the mySwitch tool on the Digital Ready website.

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Elders



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Web ID: 5141374



19 Clark Avenue

3 bedroom fibro and tile residence which has recently had some renovations. The house has open style living areas and is on 809sqm block which is situated in a quiet position with a rural outlook and has a concreted and powered garage. It is located close to shops, the school and within walking distance of medical facilities. All set for comfortable living.

Price: \$175,000.00

Web ID: 5075815



16 Clark Avenue

Compact 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom fibro and tile home on a 809sqm block with a rural aspect. This presents as an exceptional opportunity for a couple or small family to acquire a tidy home within walking distance to shops, schools and medical facilities. There is an air conditioned lounge which also has a tile fire for winter. A rear patio overlooks a large back yard which contains two garden sheds and can be accessed by a rear lane.

Price: \$110,000.00

Web ID: 5164618



13A Bennett Street

Modern 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home. Main bedroom with en suite and built in robes. Open plan living area with well appointed kitchen, split system reverse cycle air conditioning, games room, patio, rainwater tank, two garden sheds and reticulated gardens. Set in a secure location at rear of 433m2 property. This house is currently leased to corporate tenant which expires in November. This property provides very good return on investment.

Price: \$270,000.00

Web ID: 3486156

Please call Ron Dewson at Elders Lake Grace if you have any queries. M: 0428 651 213, P: 9865 1001

Blessing of the Roads (cont.)

A reading was performed by Lucy Farrelly, before Father Gayan blessed the roads.

Volunteers from Fire & Rescue and St John Ambulance were present along with Senior Constable Steve Parker representing the police force and Road Safety Officer Tony Smith from Narrogin.

Following the service those present stayed for morning tea, with the hot drinks being served from the Driver Reviver van.

Roadwise thanks those for coming along for the service, without your support we would not be able to access the funding needed to keep Roadwise programmes going in Lake Grace.



Zhane Robertson representing Lake Grace DHS.
Photo Cheryl Chappell



Amanda Milton spoke on behalf of emergency services.
Photo Suzanne Reeves.



Shire President, Len Armstrong.
Photo Suzanne Reeves.

Suzanne Reeves



Ph: 9865 2489 www.caffearjo.com

Mother's Day is coming up!

Does your mum deserve an extra special treat?
Is your daughter/wife/partner an extraordinary mum and deserves some recognition for her efforts?

Arjos Mother's Day High Tea

Sunday May 12 2pm - 5pm \$30 per head

Unlimited hot drinks, sweet and savoury delicacies served directly to your table all afternoon



You're welcome to make it a 'sparkling' High Tea. If you bring the bubbly we'll happily supply the glasses!

Bookings only Ph:9865 2489 Please book by 4th May
This event will only run if there are 10 or more bookings.

WHEATBELT NRM OPPORTUNITIES



wheatbelt
natural resource
management



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WIN AN IPAD - COMMUNITY GROUP SURVEY

Are you a community group who aims to improve the environment of the Wheatbelt by working with your local community?

Wheatbelt NRM is conducting a survey of all community groups who undertake environmental work and your group can win an I Pad just by participating.

Go to www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au for the link and undertake a quick 5 minute survey to let us know what you are up to and how we can assist you.

All surveys completed by 30 April 2013 go into the draw to win an I Pad.

COMMUNITY GROUP FUNDING AVAILABLE

Wheatbelt NRM has available through the State NRM Program funding to help community groups increase their capacity to assist the community in achieving their environmental work.

Grants of up to \$5000 are available for groups undertaking environmental work.

This funding is not about doing the things you want to do as a group; it is about providing support for the running of groups so that you are a strong and active group that will continue your important work into the future.

Examples of activities the grant can be used for include the purchase of office equipment, accounting support, tax advice or the payment of staff.

Please contact Jacquie Lucas on 9670 3100 or jlucas@wheatbeltnrm.org.au for details or visit www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au for the guidelines.

NRM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUBSIDY GRANT

Are you a professional working in the NRM industry in the Wheatbelt?

This could be in local government, consultancy, private industry or State government.

Wheatbelt NRM is aiming to increase the capacity of NRM professionals to support community participation in NRM by providing a subsidy for professional development activities.

Up to \$1000 is available for professional development activities such as conferences, training and formal study.

The subsidy is for activities carried out in 2013 but can be applied for in advance.

This funding is aimed to provide opportunities for NRM professionals in the Wheatbelt to access professional development beyond those activities normally provided through organisational training budgets.

Please contact Jo Wheeler on 9670 3100 or jwheeler@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or access the guidelines at www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au.



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From the CEO's Desk

Newdegate Medical Centre

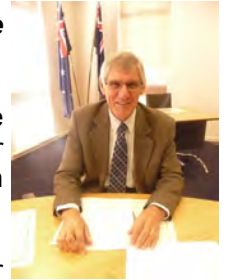
Repair of the water damage to the building and contents has commenced and anticipated completion date is 12th April 2013.

Upgrade of the electrical circuitry to meet the current (new) Australian and New Zealand 3003:2011 standards has been held up because of a shortage of equipment needed for the body protected areas. The electrical contractor has informed the Shire that the component parts will not be available before the end of April because of the unusual high demand.

It is anticipated that the building will remain closed until early May 2013.

Search for a New Chief Executive Officer

Council has resolved to re-advertise the position of Chief Executive Officer in the West Australian Newspaper on 6th and 13th April.



Now that the State Election is over and there is a new minister for Local Government there appears to be a growing confidence in country local government which will encourage professional staff to seek new positions in the local government industry.

Applications will close on the 8 May. The process may take up to mid September, as the chosen candidate is required to give the standard 3 months notice to their current employer.

Graeme Simpson
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Blessing of the Roads Attended by Shire President

Shire President Cr Len Armstrong, staff and members of the community attended the Blessing of the Roads Ceremony on Thursday 28 April.

Cr Armstrong welcomed everyone on behalf of the Shire and spoke about the importance of driving safely.



Above: Speakers for the Blessing of the Roads, Amanda Milton, Zhane Robertson, Fr Gayan Thamel and Shire President Cr Len Armstrong.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Shire of Lake Grace

LOAN BORROWINGS NOT BUDGETED

The Shire of Lake Grace gives notice in accordance with Section 6.20 of the Local Government Act that a loan for \$445,000 will be taken out to fund the Road Works programme throughout the Shire of Lake Grace. The funds will be borrowed for a period of up to ten years with Western Australia Treasury Corporation acting as lender.

A resolution for this was passed at the ordinary Council meeting held Wednesday, 27th March 2013.

Graeme Simpson
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



To Gary Den Ridder

Thank you for all the work you have done during your time with us.

Your smiling face will be missed in our gardens!

Shire Councillors and staff wish you a safe and happy future.



Saving Lives

A brother and sister travelling home from a family event, had partied into the night. After consuming alcohol into the early hours of the morning, they slept for a few hours. They both make the decision to head home around 9am, the female driver loses control of the vehicle colliding with a tree and causing injury to herself and passenger.

This was the scene set for the Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) Scenario on Saturday the 23rd March in Lake Grace. Community members were given an insight into the scenes that our emergency service officers come across on a regular basis in their line of duty.

Our victims had special effects make-up applied to represent real life trauma often sustained in a car crash. Before emergency services arrived community members were given the opportunity to talk with the victims and see their bloody and bruised bodies.

With sirens blaring Police, St Johns Ambulance and Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service (VFRS) attended the scene within minutes of the emergency call, fourteen in all. Police cordoned off and contained the site, VFRS officers' assessed the scene to make sure that there was no fuel leaking or spilt and the battery was disconnected. Safety for the officers attending the scene is the first priority.



Above: Police and Ambulance arrive at the scene of the accident. All photos supplied by Cheryl Chappell

The police had responsibility of recording the accident scene, taking photos, painting the outline of the car. All MVA scenes are treated by police as a crime scene until proven otherwise. In this scenario police could smell alcohol in the car; the driver was breathalysed and returned a positive reading.

Ambulance officers then moved in to assess the medical needs of the victims played by Jayne Argent and Rex Walker. All MVA casualties have a neck brace applied ensuring manipulation of the spine is kept to a minimum while treating and extracting the casualties. Their pulse, respiration rate, blood pressure, blood oxygen saturation level, conscious state (using Glasgow Coma Scale GCS), and blood sugar levels are

monitored every 5 - 10 minutes. All bleeding wounds are treated according to their severity, and a top to toe assessment is carried out to detect and correct any other potential life threatening injuries.

VFRS officers were then allowed to extract each victim



Above: working as a team to save lives.

according to the seriousness of their injuries. Rex was removed first as his vital signs were showing a falling trend, indicating that he potentially had significant internal injuries causing his blood pressure to fall dramatically. VFRS used the Jaws of Life to open the side door to get the passenger out (20 minutes from the start of the exercise), then the back window was removed and roof was cut and levered up for an inline extraction of the driver (40 minutes from the start of the exercise).

Once patients have been extracted they are moved into the waiting ambulances and followed to hospital by police. In our scenario, the male passenger died a short time later in hospital. For Police, as First Class Constable Mike Martin explained, this means blood testing the driver later at hospital and remaining at the crime scene to ensure no contamination of the area. The scene needs to stay in its original state, this is important until Major Crash investigators from Perth arrive to take over the investigation. Charges such as dangerous driving causing death and drink driving



Above: Scott Strevett, Trent King, Steve Clunie, Kade Helms, Hayden Garlick, Rick Sutton and team leader Marcus Owen.

Saving Lives

would then be investigated. These charges carry penalties of imprisonment.

This event highlighted the skills, equipment and professionalism the attending services need to have when dealing with any type of MVA scenario. The 75+ strong crowd was enthralled by the display and was given information by representatives from each emergency service team as the scenario unfolded. Feedback from attendees included comments on how methodical, caring, patient and professional all of the teams were.

Clinical Nurse Anna Taylor gave an honest and frightening account of what happens to casualties once



Above back: Ray Gosling, Fr Thamel, Jacinta Holmes, Jodie Sabourne, Constable Steve Parker, Jayne Argent, Constable Mike Martin, Eldie Berdin, Amanda Milton. Front: Rex Walker and Heather Bell.

they arrive at hospital and are prepared for Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS). Some of the younger attendee's facial expressions were priceless as Anna told of the necessity for patients being fitted with a catheter and to properly access a person she would often have to cut off all clothing. Anna told of how patients were often quite vocal about having their clothes cut and she had been sworn at, shouted at and physically confronted during this process but unfortunately it was an inevitable part of providing the necessary treatment to save lives and speed up recovery.

Volunteer Ambulance Officer Amanda Milton spoke of the professional and personal affect of attending MVA's has had on her. She highlighted the personal emotional



Above: Anna Taylor and Diane Gosling explaining and demonstrating hospital procedure.

impact that attending a scene where the casualty is a community member known to the ambulance and VFRS officers has on those team members. Amanda also spoke of the important role emergency service volunteers have in rural communities and the need for more interest and support for these important organizations to run well.

Keith Condor from the Paraplegic Benefit Fund recounted his own true story to the audience. Keith sustained a spinal cord injury 36 years ago as a 20 year old drink driver which left him a paraplegic. Whilst Keith does not view himself a victim he retells his story with honesty from a realistic point of view. He makes no excuses for his actions and accepts the outcomes of his accident. Without a doubt, Keith has lead an inspiring life as a paralympian, public speaker and engineer, but it was the ending to his story which left some of the audience teary eyed and emotional. For Keith, the devastating effect of his accident was not that he became a paraplegic, not that he spent months in hospital rehabilitation but that he found out his drinking mate and his passenger had died as result of the accident and Keith was charged with his death.

Our final speakers were Tony Smith Regional Road Safety Officer (WALGA Roadwise) and Rex Walker who collectively spoke of Rex's accident and the amazing job that all of the emergency services did to save him. The event ended with a sausage sizzle kindly cooked by Neville Moulden and Ross Chappell. Giving people time to talk with the volunteer service people, Rex Walker and Keith Condor.

Our sincere thanks to our event partners without whom this event could not take place. Shire of Lake Grace, WA Local Government Roadwise Program, Lake Grace Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, St John Ambulance Lake Grace, WA Police - Lake Grace, Lake Grace District Hospital, Paraplegic Benefit Fund, Criminal Property Confiscation Grants Program.



Above: Tony Smith Keith Condor and Rex Walker

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BUSHFIRE BULLETIN



RESTRICTED BURNING TIME

The Restricted Burning Time for this current fire season will end on Sunday 14th April 2013
As of **Monday 15th April 2013** you no longer require a Permit to Burn.

HOWEVER.....

Please check the weather conditions, inform your neighbours
and have your fire-fighting unit ready before you start burning.

In town - have your garden hose at hand and be aware of the wind direction
— try not to smoke your neighbours out.

Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

The Bushfire Advisory Committee AGM will be held on
Thursday 11th April 2013 at 3:30pm in the Newdegate Indoor Rec Centre.

Have you changed your smoke alarm battery?

Give it a clean & push the 'Test' button. *Make sure it works.*

As the nights cool down we will soon be lighting our fires; clean the chimney inside and out
and make sure nothing has lodged against it that may catch fire.

Marcus Owen
Community Emergency Services Manager

Environmental Health & Building Surveyor

Shire Building Surveyor Darryle Baxter and will be
available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

Tuesday 16th April 2013

Tuesday 7th May 2013

Shire Environmental Health Officer Maurice Walsh will
be available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

Tuesday 16th April 2013

Tuesday 30th April 2013

Should you wish to meet with either
Darryle or Maurice please contact
the Shire office to make an
appointment
☎ 9890 2500.



Driving Assessor

The practical Driving Assessor will be
at the Lake Grace Shire Office on

Friday 3rd May 2013 to conduct

Practical Driving Tests.

Please call Tracie on

☎ 9890 2500 to make an appointment.



Residents of Lake Grace Satellite Subsidy Scheme

Previously, only part of Lake Grace was eligible for
assistance under the Satellite Subsidy Scheme. How-
ever, the eligibility area has been expanded and all
eligible households in Lake Grace may now apply for a
subsidised installation of the VAST service.

The map showing the area in which people are eligible
to apply for assistance under the Satellite Subsidy
Scheme is on the Shire website:

<http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/>

Heritage Festival 2013

The National Trust of Australia (WA) is coordinating the
2013 Western Australian Heritage Festival which will
run from 18 April – 18 May.

The Shire would like to hold a heritage display at the
Lake Grace Artspace from the
23rd April until 18th May.

If you are interested in contributing old items to this
display please contact:



Community Services Officers
☎ 9890 2500 or
Email: cmso1@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

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Infrastructure Services Update

Mosquito Activity

Due to recent rainfall events and warm weather there has been an increase in mosquito activity. Fogging treatment has been undertaken in Varley, Lake King and Newdegate this year. The Shire will undertake pellet and fogging treatment in Lake Grace in a fortnight, if conditions are suitable. The Shire is working on delivery of chemicals. The Shire recommends that community make personal protective measures to reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes and:

- Reduce outdoor activities during high mosquito activity periods (dawn and dusk)
- Cover up by wearing light coloured long sleeve shirts and long pants that are loose fitting
- Apply personal insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin if possible
- Ensure fly screens to doors and windows are fitted and maintained
- Check your property for potential breeding sources

The community is encouraged to take note of this information so as to plan for an increase in mosquito activity and pass on this information to family and friends.

Buildings

- Bennett Street, Lake Grace Independent Living Units progressing with internal and external cladding for Unit 2.
- Newdegate Recreational Centre laserlite roofing to commence when materials arrive.

- Lake Grace Town Hall – Maintenance repairs to commence mid-April. Repairs include gutters, eaves, internal acoustic panels.

Parks

- Staff moving on from Shire of Lake Grace has reduced the Parks and Gardens Team but they will endeavor to maintain the service provided. Any enquiries relating to the Parks and Gardens should be directed to the Manager of Infrastructure Services.

Works

- Sealing program has been completed on North Lake Grace Karlgarin Road and Biddy Buniche Road. Minor finishing works like shoulder grading are to be undertaken.
- Unsealed road maintenance is ongoing and many roads have been damaged by recent rainfall conditions (See photo below).



April 2013 Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on

Wednesday 24 April
commencing at 2.00pm
at Council Chambers,
1 Bishop St Lake Grace.



Meeting is open to the Public *Everyone Welcome*

Tip Opening Hours

Lake Grace

Monday, Wednesday & Saturday
7am - 6pm

Newdegate

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

Lake King & Varley:

Open Every Day



Tree Lopping

Barretts Tree Services are visiting the Shire of Lake Grace mid-late April.

If you have any need for tree maintenance please leave contact:

Shire Administration Office
☎ 9890 2500 and we will
make contact when in town.



Shire Website Links to the Community Groups

Would you like the details of your community group to be updated with new contact details or have a link from the Shire website to your groups website or facebook.

Please contact the Shire office
☎ 9890 2500 or
Email: Cheryl
cms01@lakegrace.wa.gov.au



Puzzles & Stuff

Some words from the 28th March edition boggle.

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| Revarnish | Shiver | Riven |
| Enravish | Shrine | River |
| Ravisher | Shrive | Saver |
| Vanisher | Sierra | Serai |
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| Harish | Varies | Share |
| Shriven | Arise | Shear |
| Sierra | Arris | Shire |
| Varnish | Avers | Shirr |
| Arisen | Earns | Siren |
| Arrive | Haver | snare |
| Arsine | Hirer | |
| Ashier | Naris | |
| Hernia | Raise | |
| Raiser | Ranis | |
| Rasher | Raven | |
| Ravers | Raver | |
| Ravine | Ravin | |
| Ravish | Reran | |
| Rinser | Resin | |
| Sarnie | Rheas | |
| Sharer | Rinse | |
| Shaver | Risen | |
| Shiner | Riser | |

Answers to last fortnight's Sudoku

9	3	8	4	1	5	2	7	6
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5	8	1	6	2	4	7	9	3
3	7	9	1	5	8	4	6	2
8	9	5	2	4	1	6	3	7
7	6	3	5	8	9	1	2	4
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7	8	9	2	6	3	1	4	5
5	1	2	8	4	7	9	3	6
1	2	5	3	7	6	4	9	8
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6	9	7	4	8	5	3	2	1

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This week's Boggle

RELIEF CLEANERS URGENTLY REQUIRED



Lake Grace District High School urgently require people for the position of Relief Cleaning Staff.

Department of Education Police Clearance and a current Working With Children Card are required.

A relief cleaner is required for the period of 30 April until 24 May incl. This position is 5 hours per day as a split shift.

Interested parties should contact Michelle Lay at the School on 9865 1207.

From the HEART The Lake Grace Regional Artspace in brief

Who we are:

The Lake Grace Regional Artspace is a thriving multi-use Arts venue located in the South Eastern Wheatbelt programming a range of arts activities including exhibitions, workshops, creative experiences and community arts projects.

The Lake Grace Regional Art Space is a privately funded organisation. It is supported by the community of Lake Grace and surrounds. It is the home of the Lake Grace Artists' Group and a place where cultural groups, artists, art supporters, arts workers, and likeminded people can come together in a creative environment.

What we endeavour to do:

- Recognise, encourage and showcase local artists and craftspeople alongside national and international artists.
- Encourage partnerships, collaboration and professional networks between artists, community, business and government organisations.
- Foster arts appreciation and broaden concepts of art (including performance, multi-media) in artists and audiences
- Facilitate the professional development of artists.

Why we do this:

- To attract quality art exhibitions, practitioners,

experiences and projects to the region.

- To inspire young, emerging and rural artists to show their work.
- To be a venue where local and wider arts groups and practitioners to meet and attend art functions.
- To promote community cohesiveness through collaborative cultural projects
- To become a Regional Arts Centre for the Eastern Wheatbelt.

How we do this:

- By hosting a variety of artists to introduce new art techniques and artforms to further develop and diversify the skills base of the artist group and community.
- By hosting creative groups and cultural events to provide accessible arts experiences for local artists and the community.
- Providing culture-based activities to local schools and the community
- By working with community, local government, state government, educational and health organisations.

This is a long process and one that is built from the ground up with the community being foremost in the picture. It is a lofty aim that will bear fruit for our children and their children.



YONGERGNOW ONGERUP COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
presents



FILLIES' FOLLIES Market Day

Wednesday May 22nd 9.00 am – 4.00 pm
At the Ongerup Community Resource Centre

Come and enjoy a wonderful range of stalls
Delicious morning/afternoon teas and lunches
Enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne with lunch
Fashion parade by Kings Park Fashions
Belly dancing display (tbc)

For more information or to hold a stall please contact the Ongerup CRC
PH 9828 2325 email: Ongerup@crc.net.au

Jane's stories - Gran's tales

With ANZAC day coming up a yarn springs to mind involving my grandmother. Gran lives in Albany, at 93 and still in her own home, she loves having visitors. An evening with her starts with a small Sherry before tea and invariably ends with a large Whisky before bed!.

My grandparents emigrated from the UK in the mid-1980s. Grandpa was wheelchair bound and had been so for many years thanks to Multiple Sclerosis. Whenever they visited us on the farm at Boyup Brook Gran was always under strict instructions from him not to ride any horses as the last thing he needed was for them both to be in a wheelchair. Gran was pretty good and mostly told us that she would come riding with another time but, every now and again she would ignore Grandpa and hop on and have a lovely time. Its not uncommon to lose your confidence riding horses when you have kids. Even though Gran had 5 children I don't believe she ever had her confidence compromised.

In the mid 1990's my dad invited Gran to ride his favourite campdraft horse, Silverado. This highly competitive horse was at the peak of a very illustrious career, twice winning the invitation Royal Show campdraft. No-one thought she would take him up on it but she did and had a lovely time. The hunt was on then to find her a horse of her own, this we did.



Munglinup campdraft 2002 four generations of horsewomen: Phyllis Morton with daughters, Jill Watkinson, Sue Waite, Grand daughter Jane Bushby and great grand daughter Lauren Bushby.

Photo: Gussy Saunders

Her horse was called Nero; they mainly went trail riding with the Albany Trail Riders covering up to 20km in an afternoon. Occasionally she came campdrafting with us. Nero had a dreadful gas problem at the end of each long, loud, monster, conversation stopping 'break of wind' Gran would look at the other riders and say "my dears, you really will have to excuse me" give them a cheeky smile and ride off.

In her late 80's Gran gave away riding horses, because the Nero, at 30 years old was ready to retire.

Anyway here is the story
Gran was a 19 year old newly wed when World War 2 broke out in 1939. She and Granddad were at the seaside on holidays when they heard the news. Of

course they rushed home. Gran often told us Britain had been holding its breath for months as they waited to see what Hitler would do. The decision to go to war, although a shock was not unexpected. They operated purely on nervous energy till 1945.



My Grandparents lived on a farm in Warwickshire under the flight path the Germans used to bomb the industrial city of Coventry.

On one occasion a bomber did go down on a neighbouring farm, there was a trail of black smoke and lots of spluttering from the engine. Even before the plane hit the ground it was surrounded by farm workers wielding pitchforks from all the nearby farms. The occupant was marched off to the nearest police station.

Grandad was in the Warwickshire Yeomanry, a volunteer organisation very like 'Dads Army'. These were farmers and villagers that banded together to protect the area against the enemy. Tending the land by day and with shotguns and pitchforks they patrolled key buildings at night.

Gran's wartime memories are crystal clear. If ever the subject comes up she tells stories of dashing Australian airmen who came to stay on the farm when they had leave. The rationing of everything from butter and sugar to petrol. At night the droning sound of the German bombers on their way to bomb Coventry.

One story she tells often is of their old wagoner. The wagoners job was to look after the cart and the cart horses. The wagoner was also a member of the Warwickshire Yeomanry.

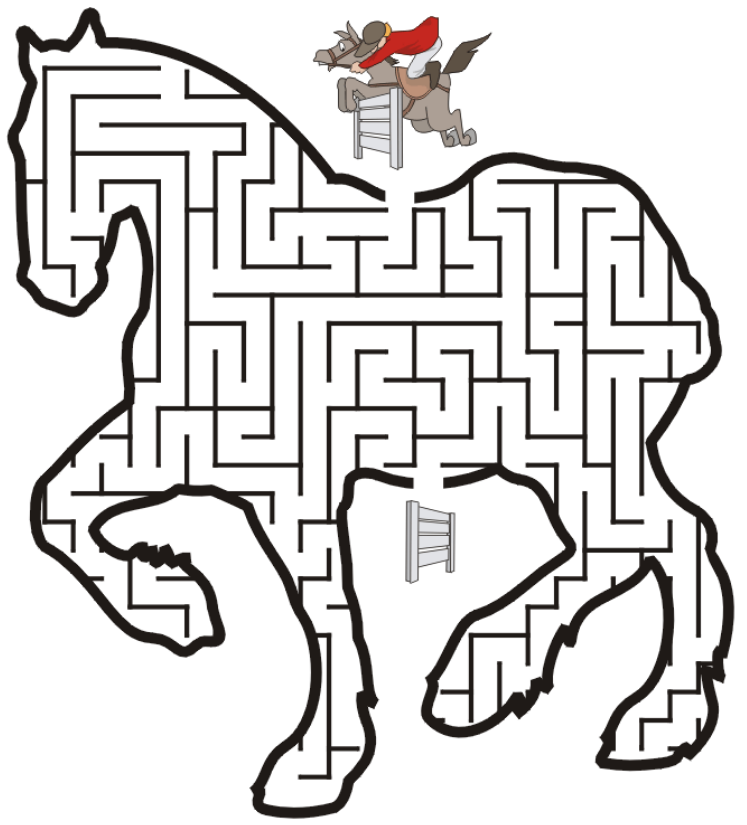
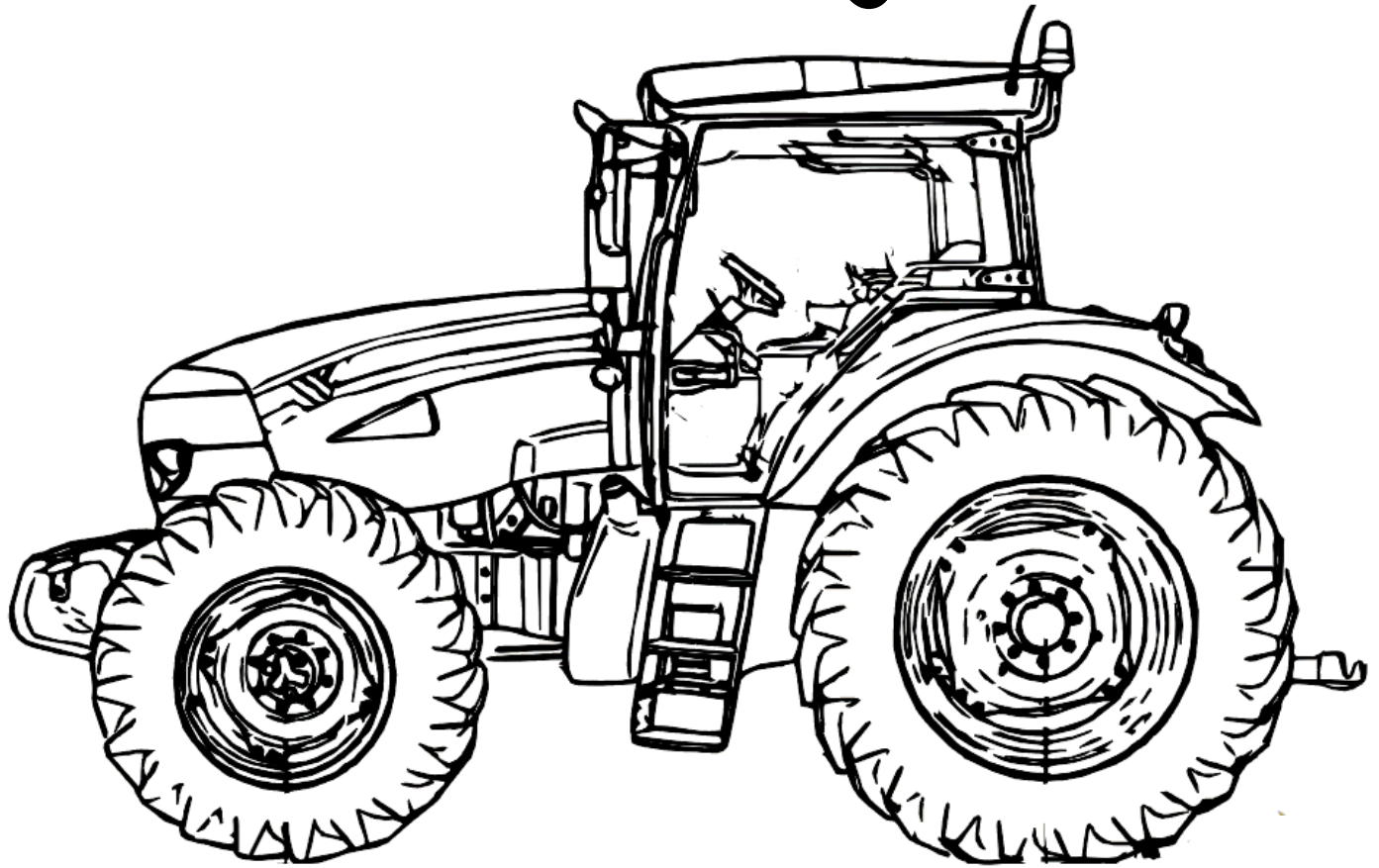
This particular event involves the training of the Warwickshire Yeomanry. A couple of Army Officer desk jockeys had driven up from London to train the locals. This exercise involved filling sandbags and the correct way to 'man' a bridge. Well, the officers were late getting to the bridge; the Yeomanry had been waiting for quite sometime.

It was getting late so the commanding officer cleared his throat and said to the men "Men, its getting late so, we will consider the sandbags filled". The old wagoner took the pipe from his mouth and said to the officer in an accent not unlike the Vicar of Dibley. "If you consider the sand bags filled, I consider the bridge manned and I'm off to the pub." with that he tipped his cap, turned on his heel and headed for the pub.

Next edition will also be about Anzac day if you have a story to tell please ring the CRC on 98651470

Jane Bushby

Kids Page



Crook to Leave Parliament at End of Term

Federal Member for O'Connor, Tony Crook, has today announced his intention to retire from Federal Parliament at the end of the current term.

Mr Crook said it had been a privilege and an honour to represent the people of O'Connor in Federal Parliament over the past three years.

"The people of O'Connor have been a great support over the past three years, particularly as a new Member, in what has proven to be a very unique Federal Parliament."

Mr Crook said he had utilised the past three years in Federal Parliament to advocate on behalf of his constituents and electorate, and was particularly proud of his support for the vitally important PortLink project.

"This nation-building project attracted Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, and Minister for Infrastructure, Anthony Albanese, to visit O'Connor and commit Federal funding towards PortLink."

Mr Crook said he considered securing funding for the Albany Centenary of Anzac Commemorations, the Albany Ring-Road and the Albany Community Care Respite Centre to be significant successes.

Mr Crook said he was also proud of his office's smaller successes in assisting constituents with personal matters and thanked his staff for their professionalism.

While championing regional investment at a Federal

level, Mr Crook said he was consistently disappointed at the Federal Government's close-minded mentality when it came to regional Australia.

"When this Parliament was formed, an agreement was struck between the Labor Government and Independent MPs to have a greater focus on regional Australia, however this never eventuated. This was an absolute missed opportunity by the Labor Government and those Independent MPs who gave the Government power."

Mr Crook said his time in Parliament exemplified the need for Western Australia to have a strong, regional voice in Canberra.

"Issues such as GST reform and the abolishment of the Wheat Exports Authority in particular have highlighted the need for regional WA to have its own voice in Parliament, outside of the two major Parties.

"The Nationals WA have a proven track record at standing up for regional WA, and only The Nationals can be expected to stand up to an Eastern-States centric Federal Government and work towards a better deal for our State."

State President of The Nationals WA, Colin Holt MLC, thanked Mr Crook for his service and said The Nationals WA will run a candidate in O'Connor at the Federal Election.

Lake Grace Sportsman's Club

Friday 12th April Let Your Hair Down

Last chance before your coach says you're not allowed out on a Friday night!

DJ playing from 8 to late

Sab's Fish & Chips will be available

Exceptional hairstyles will be rewarded.

Dress Code

- Neat casual attire • Footwear to be worn at all times.



Humour

Yes I am tired

For several years I've been blaming it on middle age, poor blood, lack of vitamins, air pollution, saccharin, obesity, dieting, underarm odour, yellow wax build-up and another dozen maladies that make you wonder if life is really worth living.

But now I find that it isn't that. I am tired because I am overworked.

The population of this country is 17 million. 6 million are retired, that leaves 11 million to do the work. There are 5 million in school, that leaves 6 million to do the work. Of this one million are unemployed and three million are employed by the Government, which leaves two million to do the work.

Another one million are in the armed forces, which leaves one million to do the work. From that, half a million are professional sportspersons or politicians, leaving 500,000 to do the work. There are 300,000 in hospital, 249,998 in prisons that leaves two people to do the work.

You and me.

And you are sitting on your a2#* - reading this.

NO WONDER I AM TIRED.

Rubbish

A council truck is coming round
The notice told us so,
To take away our rubbish;
We're glad to see it go.

We've stacked it neatly on the verge
Some tyres and a broken bed,
A three legged chair, some sheets of tin,
A high chair painted red.

Our neighbours brought their rubbish out
And dumped it near the road;
It really looked untidy there
in front of each abode.

The neighbours came and poked around
And said "I'll use that bed,"
"Those tyres will make a lovely swing,"
"That tin would roof my shed"

I must admit we found a use
For some of their junk too,
Dad found some boxes
And tiles of grey and blue.

When, finally, the truck arrived
The verge was neat and clean,
The rubbish piles had disappeared
As if it had never been.

It only needed someone to give us a lead;
Now everyone has something the others didn't need!

Believable

A Scottish atheist was fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness Monster.

The beast tossed his boat into the air and opened its mouth to swallow him.

The man cried out "Oh, my God! Help me!"

Immediately, a voice boomed down from the clouds, "I thought you didn't believe in me!"

Give me a break God" the man pleaded "I didn't believe in the Loch Ness Monster either."

Forward Planning

A man with a morbid desire to plan his wife's funeral in advance pestered her to write down the words she would like on her headstone.

After weeks of badgering, she complied, handing him a slip of paper. On it was written "Wife of the above."

Rare or Raw

A farmer ordered a steak in a fancy city restaurant, and it came, very rare. The farmer took one look at the steak and demanded it be returned to the kitchen and cooked.

"It is cooked" snapped the waiter.

"Cooked" said the farmer. "I have seen cows hurt worse than that get well."

Missing Person

A woman went to the police station to report her husband missing. She described him as 29 years old, very tall, fit and handsome.

"I know your husband" pointed out a policeman "He's 48 short and overweight."

"Sure he is" the woman answered " But who wants him back."

House for rent

A man lost his way while driving in the country and sought help from a farmer who he found constructing a small timber building in a paddock. After receiving directions he asked the farmer what he was putting up.

"Well that depends" said the farmer "If I can rent it out, it's a charming rustic cottage. If I can't it will be a hen house."

Whose Driving

Two old friends were driving along. The passenger noticed her friend went through a red light. She thought she'd better not say anything in case her friend had an accident.

When she went through a second red light the passenger said to the driver "You just went through a red light and that's the second one you have been through." To which the driver answered "Why, am I driving?"

Lake Grace Bowling Club

The Wrong Bias

Well what can I say, no fantasy stories this time, just the cold hard facts. Lake Grace men played the Kukerin team at home in their semi-finals.

The day was ok, it rained a bit before the game started, and then the semi's began.

Though no matter how hard they played the Kukerin team played all the lucky shots.

There were some really good bowls from both teams. But in the end Kukerin won the day, 3 games to 1. As one keeps on reminding me "there is always next year".

Our last official day for the bowling club is our wind-up on the 14th of April at 8.30am for a breakfast of some sort. Don't forget to bring your bowls, just in case you may want to play a game or two.

Can you please advise Geoff Sabourne 0429 651 171 or Michelle Lay 0429 651 424 if you are going to the wind-up for catering purposes.

So until next time, keep smiling.

Sonya McSwain



Lake Grace - Pingrup Hockey Club

We are missing a few shirts from last season. If you have one can you please contact me to organise pick-up.

Training is on Wednesday nights starting 6pm. We have joined up with Trolls again this year and thankfully Darren has offered to help out with the training sessions.

Time to pull on your boots, grab your stick and join us – ready for the season ahead.

Important Dates

» **Wednesday 17th April** – Dinner and jumper presentation at Sportsman's Club - after training. Bring casserole to share.

» **Sunday 21st April** – First game is Sunday 21st April at Boxwood Hills. Please let me know if you can /cannot play?

Contact Naomi Duckworth on
0427 987 732.



Lake Grace/Pingrup Football Club

Annual Jumper Presentation

Wednesday 17th April 2013
Lake Grace Sports Pavilion
~7.30pm (after training)

Steak & salad meal available
(please bring a salad to share)
All players and supporters welcome

*Juniors presentation of jumpers
after training ~5.00pm*



Aquatics and Recreation in the Community NEWS & NOTES

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

DAY	AM	PM
Monday		5.45 - 7.00 SUPER SESS
Tuesday	6.00 - 6.50 SUPER CIRCUIT 9.00 - 10.00 RIP	
Weds	9.30 - 10.45 YOGA with Marie	
Thursday	6.00 - 6.50 SUPER THUMP 9.30 - 10.20 FOREVER FIT	
Friday		

Please note;

ARC classes will take a break from Friday 19th and return Monday 6th of May

We hope you enjoy your time off and look forward to seeing you again in Term 2 - May 2013

Lake Grace Swimming Pool News

And still the sun keeps shining...

Many people have been asking when the Lake Grace Swimming Pool will close. WELL as mentioned in the last Link this all depends on the weather and the water temperature. So, as the weather is as unpredictable as the rainfall at the moment - the answer to that question has not fully been decided yet.

Ideally we would like to keep the pool open for the remainder of term one, (term finishes on Friday 19th April) working with flexible operating hours pending on weather and water temperature. However, this may change depending on attendance and temperatures. We have decided once the water drops consistently below 20 degrees we will start to finish up for the season.

A little bit of info - Lake Grace and Newdegate pools are currently the only 2 pools left open within our area of rural swimming pools. The general closing dates were between the end of March and 7th of April 2013.

We will keep you updated as much as possible with operating hours and if you have any questions or would like to discuss further please contact the Shire office on 9890 2500.

Early Detection is Important

Why the Early Detection of Cancer is so Important
More People than ever are surviving cancer

Sometimes people put off seeing their doctor because they're worried about what the doctor might find. But it's important to know that advances in the way cancer is diagnosed and treated have led to real improvements in survival over the years. The percentage of people who die from cancer has fallen by 16% in the past 20 years. More than 60% of the people diagnosed with cancer today will still be alive in 5 years time.

The earlier cancer is found, the greater the chance of successful treatment

If you can find cancer when it's at an early stage, before it's had the chance to get too big or spread to other parts of the body, it can often be easily removed or treated. If the cancer has spread, treatment becomes more difficult and a person's chances of survival may not be as good.

Most common cancer sites

The most common sites for cancer to occur in people aged 40 – 64 years are breast, colorectal (bowel), prostate, lung and malignant melanoma.

In people aged 65 years and over the most common sites for cancer to occur are colorectal (bowel), lung, prostate, breast and malignant melanoma.

For more information go to:
www.findcancerearly.com.au
Or contact your local
Find Cancer Early Project Officer
Lisa Barr: Phone 0428772713
lisa.barr@health.wa.gov.au

Are you over 40?
Have you had any of these...

<p>... for more than 4 weeks?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Blood in your poo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Problems peeing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Looser poo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unexplained weight loss</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> An unusual pain, lump or swelling anywhere in your body</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Becoming more short of breath</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A persistent cough</p>
<p>... once off?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Coughing up blood</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Blood in your pee</p>

**If you have...
Tell your doctor**

The earlier cancer is found, the greater the chance of successful treatment

For more information visit:
www.findcancerearly.com.au

O'Connor Update

Federal Member for O'Connor



Volunteer Grants have opened!

Applications for Volunteer Grants 2013 have opened and I would like to encourage all volunteer organisations in O'Connor to apply!

Volunteers are an integral part of our regional communities, with many organisations simply not being able to exist without the contribution of volunteers.

Volunteer Grants 2013 funding can help community organisations meet the changing needs of their volunteers, with funding to assist with the cost of small equipment items and the cost of training courses and background checks,

contribute to the cost of volunteers' fuel costs incurred while carrying out volunteer work, and to cover transport costs for volunteers with a disability who are unable to drive.

Applications close on Wednesday, 24 April 2013, so I would encourage all organisations to get their application forms in as soon as possible.

For further information visit www.fahcsia.gov.au or call the Volunteer Grants 2013 Hotline on 1800 183 374.

If you have a Federal issue affecting you, don't hesitate to contact Julia, Jude or Jo in my Albany electorate office! or Gary or Jemma in my Kalgoorlie office to arrange a time to meet!

Office of Tony Crook

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Senior Citizens Luncheons 2013 First Thursday of the month

May 2nd	Hockey Club
June 6th	P&C
July 4th	Catholic Ladies
August 1st	Lions Ladies
September 5th	CWA
October 3rd	An organisation needed
November 7th	Playgroup
December 5th	To be advised

Lake Grace District Seniors Group

Meeting 26th April
1:30pm at the Village Hall
After activity day.
Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

Lake Grace Gym Club

Last chance for Gym & KinderGym
registrations
Tuesday 16th April, 2013
NO Registrations will be accepted after this
date. Please contact Anke Stoffberg
0439 903 411 for registration forms.

Margaret Cole

Clinical psychologist / counsellor for
Southern AgCare comes to Lake Grace on a
regular basis. A free and confidential service.
Contact direct: 0427 441 459 or
margaretmcole@iinet.net.au
In Lake Grace weeks beginning
8th April and 6th May

Day Care Busy Bee

Lake Grace Day Care
Busy Bee – Sunday 19th May 2013
Starting 9am
Bring plate of morning tea to share

FOR SALE

House for Sale

3 x 1. Phone 0428 340 159 for more
information.

89 GQ LWB Patrol

4.2L petrol motor. Ironman 2" suspension
lift. Factory fitted swaybar disconnects.
6 rims & tyres. ARB deluxe bull bar. Rear
false floor. 70L aux belly tank (not fitted).
Spotlights, sidesteps, UHF 2 way.
\$5,000.00. Ring Craig on 9865 1310
or 0426 657 226.

Coleman Instant Hot Water Unit

Ideal for camping. Hardly used, \$250.00.
Ring Craig on 9865 1310 or 0426 657 226.

Work pants/shorts

87R Hard Yakka shorts (beige) x 3 \$10 each
87R Hard Yakka pants (beige) x 1 \$15 each
Never been worn.
Ring Suzanne on 9865 1310.

WANTED

Lake Grace / Pingrup Football Club

Expressions of Interest for
Community Groups or Individuals
to run the Canteen for Winter Sports Home
Games for 2013.
Submissions to be received by
17th April 2013
to LG/P Football Club, PO Box 73,
Lake Grace 6353
Contact Royce Taylor for more details
e-mail: annaroyce@esat.net.au,
mob: 0427 652507

LOST

100 Years Book

The Lake Grace Library have lost their "Lake
Grace 100 Years, A Community Memoir." If
found please return to the Library.

Lake Grace Shire Councillors

Councillor	Telephone	Fax
Len Armstrong (<i>President</i>)	9871 1334	9871 1317
Ian Chamberlain (<i>Vice President</i>)	9871 6001	9871 6008
Steve Hunt	9865 1650 0427 651 585	
Ollie Farrelly	9865 1180 0427 651 180	9865 1188
Andrew Walker	9865 1241	9865 1921
Jeanette de Landgraftt	9838 9062	9838 9041
Ross Chappell	9865 4058	9865 4051
Wally Newman	9871 1582	9871 1587
Dean Sinclair	9874 7045	9874 7005

Justices of the Peace

Colin Connolly - 9865 1010
 Ron Dewson - 9865 1224
 Geoff Sabourne - 9865 1171
 Amanda Milton - 0429 654 011



Anglican Church of Lake Grace

Sunday 14th April

9:00am
 Blessing of the Plough - Maria Regina Church. Anglican Service to follow.

Sunday 21st April

Lake Grace 9:00am
 Enquiries: Father Dave 0427 545 560
 Terry Gladish 9865 1022

Lake Grace Catholic Church

Sunday 14th April

Lake Grace 9am

Sunday 21st April

Ravensthorpe 8:30am
 Varley 11am
 Lake Grace 6pm

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

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
Crisis Care WA - 9223 1111 / 1800 199 008 www.community.wa.gov.au	Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800 www.kidshelp.com.au
Margaret Cole - 0427 441 459 Southern AgCare Counselling	Family Helpline - 1800 643 000 / 9223 1111
Relationships Australia - Fair Programme 9336 2144 www.wa.relationships.com.au 1300 364 277	Ngala - 9368 9368 www.ngala.com.au
55 Central Men's Refuge - 9272 1333	Poisons Information - 13 11 26
Lifeline Australia - 13 11 14 www.lifeline.org.au	Family Court of WA - 9224 8222 / 1800 199 228 www.familycourt.wa.gov.au
Seniors Information Services - 9321 2133 www.cotawa.asn.au/	Citizens Advice Bureau - 9221 5711 www.cab.wa.com.au
Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636 www.beyondblue.org.au	Youth Legal Service - 9202 1688 / 1800 199 006 www.youthlegalservice.inc.com.au

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April

Fri 12 Fish & Chips at the Sportsman's Club
HACC Outing
DJ at Sportsman's Club
Physio available in Lake Grace

Sat 13 Rubbish tip open
Steak Teas at the Sportsman's Club
Craft Group at CWA 11am onwards

Sun 14 Bowls Windup Breakfast

Mon 15 Rubbish Collection & rubbish tip open
Well Women's Clinic
Swimability in Narrogin
Childhood Flu Vaccination Clinic

Tue 16 Building Surveyor in Lake Grace
Environmental Health Officer in Lake Grace
Chair Aerobics 10:45am at Village Hall
Physio available in Lake Grace (Gemma)
SOYF Seniors Program-10am @ Shire Hall
Men's Shed 9.30am-12 noon
LG/P Junior Hockey Training
Gym Club registrations (last chance)

Wed 17 Pizza Night at Rosies
Physio available in Lake Grace
HACC Activity & Morning Tea 10-11:30am
LG/P Football Club jumper presentation
Hockey training
Lake Grace and LG/P Hockey shirt presentation

Thur 18 Toy Library open
Pizza Night at the Sportsman's Club
Nettas & Junior Netball Training
LG/P D Grade Football Training
Pizza Night at Arjos - last orders 7:30pm

Fri 19 Fish & Chips at the Sportsman's Club
Physio available in Lake Grace

Sat 20 Rubbish tip open
Craft Group at CWA 11am onwards
Steak Tea at the Sportsman's Club
Roe Hockey - Kondinin v Lake Grace

Sun 21 Winter Sports (Rd 1) Boxwood Hills v LG/P

Mon 22 Rubbish Collection & rubbish tip open

Mon 22 Recycling Collection
LLN Deadline
Riding School

Tue 23 Chair Aerobics 10:45am at Village Hall
SOYF Seniors Program-10am @ Shire Hall
Men's Shed 9.30am-12 noon
Physio available in Lake Grace (Gemma)
Riding School

Wed 24 Rubbish tip open
Riding School
HACC Activity & Morning Tea 10-11:30am
Pizza Night at Rosies
Physio available in Lake Grace
Shire Council Meeting
Hockey Training

Thur 25 LLN Published
Riding School
ANZAC Day - Service at 11am (p.13)
Pizza Night at Arjos - last orders 7:30pm

Coming Events

26th April - Gymkanna
26th April - Seniors Group meeting
29th April - Swimability in Narrogin
30th April - Environmental Health Officer in L Grace
2nd May - Seniors Citizens Luncheon
3rd May - Driving Assessor in Lake Grace
6th May - Wheatbelt Optic visiting Lake Grace
6th May - Margaret Cole in Lake Grace this week
7th May - Parenting Workshop
7th May - Building Surveyor in Lake Grace
12th May - Mothers Day
14th May - Parenting Workshop
16th May - Excel for Beginners Workshop
19th May - Day Care busy bee
21st May - Parenting Workshop
22nd May - Ongerup Market Day
23rd May - Word for Beginners Workshop
30th May - Intermediate Word Workshop
13th June - Publisher for Beginners Workshop

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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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