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Fit For Purpose

Suzanne Reeves



L to R: Stephen Chappell, John Gambuti, Doug Williamson, Hugh Choi and George Chircop at the main installation at the sporting precinct.

In the next few weeks a big tick will be able to be put against the 'Fit For Purpose' project that included three installations of outdoor exercise equipment in Lake Grace.

It is 18 months since the joint Shire of Lake Grace and Community Resource Centre project started with a public meeting to investigate the need, types of equipment and where it should be placed.

A \$26,683 grant from FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) kick started the project with the Shire submitting the remainder of the funds and taking charge of the installation. The CRC has managed the project; from public meeting through to grant application and

then the ordering of the equipment. Once the equipment arrived the Shire organized installation; one piece of equipment being left out of the original order has caused some delay.

There are three pods; one is at the playground in Gumtree Drive, this installation is targeting community use while a second pod is at the Shed in Stubbs street. The target audience for this installation is travellers who while taking a break may take the opportunity to stretch their muscles on the equipment, a means to stay alert and a boost for road safety. Both of these pods are ready to use, they are just awaiting the installation of signage.

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Next Deadline
Thursday 6th April

Next Edition
Thursday 13th April



To the **very** dedicated team who volunteered their time to this edition of the Lakes Link News.
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Lee Duckworth Gwen Oliver
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Editorial

- Well it's been a busy couple of weeks and is showing no signs of slowing down. Thank you to everyone who took part in our forklift workshops last week, I know it may seem painful to give up two days of your life to take part in an accredited workshop however there is no way around it. Just suck it up and enjoy the morning tea and each others company. A huge thankyou to Nutrien for providing us with a venue and forklift; not convenient at such a busy time of the year. A big thumbs up to you! We are still taking names for our next round of forklift training.
- We have had a great display of interest for the HR Truck training and accreditation. It's not too late to enrol, however the window of opportunity is closing rapidly. Please give us a call if you're interested. HC and MC training and accreditation will be happening in July.
- There has been a great deal of interest in the opportunity for funding for remnant vegetation (see advert on page 11). Anika Dent from Wheatbelt NRM spent a day in Lake Grace to talk to farmers about funding opportunities. If you would like to get on board please contact Anika as per the advert or give us a call at the CRC. In the mean time we are still interested in the following:
 - Anyone who knows where there's bridal creeper or would like to be involved in making a start on ridding it from our area.
 - Farmers who have a feral cat problem and would like to be a part of an eradication programme.
- We now have a date for the piloting workshop, it will be held over the 29th and 30th May at the CRC. Cost is \$1,400. Please contact us at the CRC and we shall forward the enrolment information to you.
- Another workshop we have coming up is Understanding Grief and Loss (half day), we hosted one of these a couple of years ago and it was very well received. The workshop will be facilitated by Injury Matters who are also keen to do other training/information sessions. Two subjects of interest are anxiety and Stay On Your Feet. If you are interested in any of these three training opportunities please give us a call. A bonus for Lake Grace is that Injury Matters had received funding from CBH so we don't even have to look for grant funding.
- We have also booked an accredited First Aid workshop with St John for Friday 6th October. This workshop is for youth (16-18) and will come under the banner of Lake Grace Roadwise. We will be looking for funding to cover the costs of this workshop to keep any costs to a minimum (preferably free). Lake Grace Roadwise is keen to give youth the skills and confidence to act if they are involved in or come across an accident while driving. We are more than happy to take expressions of interest.
- We have been having issues with our internet so will be signing up for a new provider. Be aware that the lakegracecrc@westnet.com.au email will become obsolete. Emails ending with @lakegracecrc.net will be fine. If you have been sending material through to

us please follow up with a phone call as not everything seems to be getting through. Hopefully that will all change in the near future.

- Now Easter is just around the corner so the Driver Reviver will be open for business. We will be looking for volunteers for Thursday afternoon, Good Friday and Easter Monday. If you would like to give this a go please give us a call.
- Also coming upon us very quickly is ANZAC Day. Once again we're having a dawn service which will be followed by a breakfast supplied by the Lake Grace Lions. We received funding from Lotterywest (via the RSL) to cover any costs but we are keen to get feedback on what the community want. We can't change the event for 2023 but if you think it would be better to have it at a different time of the day then please let us know.
- Finally we seem to have some traction on works happening with the intersection; credit to Peter Rundle for putting a grievance to Parliament as I do believe that gave momentum for something to happen...but we won't count our chickens just yet.
- Now COVID is doing the rounds so if you're needing test kits we still have some at the CRC. Please don't come in if you're sick or have been exposed we'll find a way of getting the kits to you.

Suzanne Reeves



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About Town

- We bid fond farewell to Kurt Luther and Tooey Altham who are leaving us for a sea change down Preston Beach. We wish you all the best for the future.
- Sympathy to the family of John Watkinson who passed away on the 12th March. Our thoughts go out to Jane Bushby and her siblings, Trish, John, and Peter Watkinson and their respective families.

Happy Birthday



29th March	Edd Duckworth Michael O'Neill Joshua Cameron Blake Palmer
31st march	Kim Slarke (?0) Michelle Slarke (?0) Kelly Callope
1st April	Greg Meston Di Desmond Janine Watson Denise Sabourne Madison Chircop Lucy Ballard
2nd April	Luke Trawinski Trish Cameron
3rd April	Steve Pelham
4th April	Lois Dickins Ella Ward
5th April	Chris Trevenen (jnr) Kristian Chatfield
6th April	Hazel Livall

Anniversaries



4th April	Lois & Lawrence Dickins
5th April	Jeff & Symone McKenzie

Thank You

We, John and Joan de Vree would like to thank the members of the Men Shed, all Lake Grace Lions Members as well as family and friends for the surprise send off party they gave us. It was very much appreciated .

Lake Grace

CWA Cookbook



The reprint is now available.

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This is a fundraiser for the Lake Grace branch.

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Now That's a Courgette

Suzanne Reeves

It was a celebration of the humble zucchini and the home vegie patch for the Lake Grace CWA branch as they held their annual zucchini day, grateful that COVID did not interrupt this year's event. The branch also hosted morning tea with scones and had plants available for sale; sadly the morning was poorly attended but we got some great entries for the biggest zucchini competition. We will continue to hold this event but will look at providing some reminders at the beginning and during the growing season. Cash prizes were sponsored by Living Communities.

Congratulations to Nat Gambuti on her massive 3.798kg courgette; coming in at second place was Nicola Kuchling with her 3.395 zucchini. Mary Giles took home a prize for her identical twins, with only 1g between them (2.520 and 2.519kg respectively). Chase and Emmett Kuchling won the junior division with their formidable 2.830kg zucchini. However the zucchini that everybody wanted to take home was Lucy Farrelly's 1.238kg 'most edible' zucchini. With cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$50 it's definitely a competition worth entering. Next year we will continue with the senior and junior competition but we would also like to incorporate a corporate or business section; please remember if you have an entry you need to be there in order to win.

Lake Grace CWA continue to plug away at the refurbishment of their building. Funds have mostly been raised through grants and catering. In the next 2-3 months they hope to have new floor coverings installed in the main hall area and take delivery of some new tables. Currently they're applying for



Above Left: Natalie Gambuti with her prize winning zucchini.



Above Right: Emmett and Chase Kuchling prove you're never too young to get in the garden.

Below: Some of the home grown produce on display.



funding and grants to give the kitchen a much-needed makeover. As a fundraising venture the branch will be looking at a Mother's Day raffle so keep your wallet open and throw some of those dollars our way.

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John Watkinson

3rd June 1940 - 12th March 2023

Dad was born on the 3rd June 1940 followed by David in 43 and Andrew in 1950 to Lilla and Fred Watkinson. He grew up on Milnthorpe farm, Bramham in Yorkshire. A 260ac property where the family milked 30 cows, did some cropping, grew 20ac potatoes/yr and ran 60 sheep.

Dad remembered on his first school trip to the seaside another little boy gazing out to sea in awe shouted "Eee there must be 40ac of water out there!!!"

Dad left school to work in a butchers shop but his dad wanted him home so he went farming and fox hunting by age 18 he had collected 15 dogs.

I have here a few memories from Dads brother, Uncle Andrew, in the UK. I'll do my best to channel my inner Yorkshire but could very well end up sounding more like 'Vera'

I remember well when he was an apprentice butcher he very proudly bought home some of the first sausages he had made but before Mum cooked them brother Dave pushed a button into one of the sausages, Dad was not happy to be the one to find it in his sausage.

This next story is about Dad and one of his mates. The pair caught a wild Badger. This was back in the day Badgers were considered vermin and killed in large numbers some hides were used for shaving brushes. Today they are a protected species. Anyway the pair put a collar on the badger and led him into a pub where Badger attracted the attention of a couple of cyclists who came over and stroked him. Eventually the Badger slipped his collar and took off in search of a safe place to take cover. He was last seen by the fellas scuttling up the chimney. They left the pub quickly.

The last story involves a fox. No surprises there... So if Dad wasn't hunting on a horse he would always make sure the hunt would have a successful day. One particular day Dad arrived at a patch of woodland just before the hounds. With him he had 'one he prepared earlier' in a milk churn. He took the lid off to release the fox but said fox proved reluctant to leave the comfort of his new home. Eventually Dad convinced him it was more comfortable outside. With the fox making for the safety of the woodland Dad dropped the milk churn and walk to a good spot to watch the action. The approaching hounds gave voice which caused the fox to turn around and run back the way he'd come... you guessed it... straight back into the milk churn

Dad met mum at Bramham Moor fox hound show in June 1961, both showing terriers

Luckily for us Dad couldn't stop thinking about her and when the chance came to visit the huntsman in Warwickshire he asked the question "does anyone know where Jill Morton lives?"

It was a Saturday when he pulled up outside the big



house at Longbridge, Sue came running past. He asked "Is Jill in please"

Sue called out to their mum who was taking a bath "Ma there's a boy here looking for Jill" her mum shouted out of the bathroom window "Well get rid of him"

Not deterred dad went back the next day and the rest is history

Married 24 November 1962 they lived with Dads parents at Milnthorpe but not for long as a cottage became available. They moved to Wetherby and he travelled back and forth 4 miles to work on Milnthorpe farm in a Fordson tractor. We lived there from 1962-1969. All us kids were born there.

When his dad died in 1965 the owners of the estate wouldn't give tenancy to Dad. They came to funeral on Thursday and gave them notice to move out the week after. Dad reflected it was probably because the boy, himself, had running dogs and would be doing a bit of poaching for home consumption.

At this time the Australian government advertised in their local paper. Painting a bright picture of fishing rods with 2 fish on each one. Land in Esperance was 4/6/ac not mentioning that you needed a lot of acres.

We landed in Australia 11 Feb 1969, can you imagine a plane full of 10 Pound Poms. We settled on Bunbury and once there moved six times. Last move to a caravan park as the money ran out. A bloke at the caravan park gave us a kitten said there was a job going with the Frank and June Craig at Dardenup. We were there six months

Dads next job was working for the Waite family at Boyup Brook with the occasional stint at the Abattoir as a slaughterman he walked to work or Kirky would pick him up. To make a bit extra he drove the gut truck to Manjimup 5/nights a week for \$5/trip it was a 3 hours round trip. The gut truck was a Chev and carried 20 x 44 gallon drums one night he dropped a drum of tongues off onto the road, the crows had a lovely time.

Saving their pennies for the great venture into farming. Mum and Dad started off by putting a deposit on Tangara, at Kulikup, 20 miles away. The block was bare and run down with only 300 acres cleared. The

Eulogy - John Watkinson *(cont.)*

family spent our weekends clearing, fencing and just generally making it into a saleable item. There was always time for horses. Dad would squeeze as many as he could on his little truck, mum packed up the food and we were set for the weekend. Us kids picked rocks and sticks in the morning. After lunch we would take off on our ponies with a Kangaroo dog and a pack of sheep dogs in search of something to chase.

In 1977 Dad finished working for the Waites and we purchased, Southlands, south of Boyup Brook this property had a house. We were there 10 years. Dad became a mulsing contractor. All of us kids spent time working on the cradle and he endeavoured to make it fun. It was pretty ordinary for the person who sat in the back of the old Ford car as they were surrounded by a roo dog and at least 3 sheep dogs. Only one thing worse and that was if they'd had roo for tea. Dad hated being cold so the heater was always on flat out and you weren't allowed to wind down a window... Still the money was good...

It was common after a big job for Dad to stop at the pub or the Club in Boyup Brook. One particular night Dad, Frankie 'Fox' Chapman and I stayed til stumps. Fox was somewhat the worse for wear by then but he had told us earlier in the evening that he wanted dropping at his new girlfriends place. Dad reckoned he knew where it was so we pulled up and I helped Fox to the door and rang the bell a couple of times for him. We'd discuss it might be nice for him to greet her with the phrase "Hi honey I'm home". It was about 11pm and the house was dark. The lights came on and something warned me that I shouldn't hang around so I let Fox slip to the ground and high tailed it back to the car. As I opened the car door I heard him slurred "Hi Honey I'm... With a warm feeling in my heart I shut the car door. A few days later we were working together and I asked Fox if everything went ok when we dropped him off. No he said with a pained look on his face you dropped me off at the wrong house... Dad, to his credit did a great job of looking surprised

We also did a lot of hay carting. Not big squares or round rolls but little squares. Dad and Fox had 2 trucks a bale loader and an elevator. I clearly remember carting hay for Jimmy Inglis. We were on our last load and right up the top of the stack. Dad was on the truck putting them on the elevator which was damn near vertical. Fox was taking them off the elevator and throwing them up another 2 or 3 high to me who was stacking. Dad was keen to get to the pub for a counter lunch and didn't notice Fox was under pressure till Fox could take it no more and began pulling the strings off and sending the hay back to Dad. They were great days...

Dad and his mother-in-law Granny Morton had an interesting relationship. Gran came to live in Australia in her 60's. For a few years she went back and forth to the UK regularly. Once she asked Mum to look after her parrot. The parrot was a fast learner and in no time at all Dad and John taught him to swear. Granny did her best to convince herself and her friends the parrot was only telling them to 'PUSH OFF!'

In 1992, Windemere was purchased near Lake Grace. Dad and Mum were now able to escape and pursue their hobbies breeding Stockhorses and Campdrafting. They travelled the State including the Kimberley's for four years and once to Katherine in the NT.

In 2003 Mum, Dad and Johnno made the move to Dinninup Downs, Qualeup. They set about whipping the place into shape and like Southlands and Windemere they built on an open plan large kitchen, dining and lounge room. In this stage of semi-retirement Dad devoted himself to his beloved Bullock team and learning as many bush poems as he could.

By 2009 Dad and mum rekindled their love of the sport that brought them together, Fox Hunting. They joined the Brook Hunt and for more than a decade hosted a hunt day on the June long weekend. Although Dad no longer had a milk churn he did have a culvert an yes... You guessed it, it always had a fox in residence. Dad never needed any encouragement to recite a poem or too with Turbulence a favourite for Zoe and his beloved hunting friends. The Brook Hunt Master, Liam will blow the 'Gone Away' for us later. This signals to the hounds that the chase has seriously begun. Dad loved to blow this tune and did so as a send-off at a few funerals

Five years ago Mum lost her battle with cancer. As well as supporting Mum with her treatment Dad threw himself into fund raising, the pair hosting a bloom

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Eulogy - John Watkinson (cont.)

festival open garden and several cancer council fund raisers. All water on the farm was diverted to the garden, Dad had another dam sunk and finally relented and got a retic system installed.

As many of you know losing our Mum was heart breaking for Dad. We were so grateful when Judy came into his life it was like a light had flicked on and Dad was walking in the sunshine again. Judy, We all want to thank you for the love and care you gave to Dad.

Dads battle with kidney failure never stopped him going places or farming. Every time I spoke to him he was busy with something and even though it was a shock to lose him we can be grateful that he died peacefully in his own home.

When I look for words to describe my Dad what comes to mind is hard working, tireless, determined, and oh so very social.... Someone who really *would* give you the shirt off his back.

Memories from Friends

Kirky Jeff Kirk – friend since the early 1970. I worked with John at the abattoir. Noel Smith, whose job it was to bleed the cattle would occasionally as a joke get a mouth full of blood and spray it over everybody This particular day Pommy John dared him to spray someone, the health inspector noticed him get the

blood and came over and ended up wearing the blood.

Another time we came up to get a load of white gum posts in a little D series truck. It was way over loaded and dropped in a stump hole on the way out. Jill brought the little D2 dozer to pull the truck. She said to my wife Beth “you got to have your best bras on to drive this old bitch”

June Roberts – Our friendship with the Watkinson family started in Dardenup in 1969 to us John was a real countryman. Whilst they maintained their English heritage and for John his Yorkshire heritage they embraced the Aussie lifestyle and the freedom and opportunities that came to them. He indulged in his love of rural sports. His love of horses, successfully competing at Campdrafting and latterly Hunting, sheepdog trialling, he raised ferrets and pheasants and had aeries full of small birds and of course his team of bullocks. So many memories for all of us it was a true country life. Nicknames were a forte for John, you probably have one...he would tease us to guess who was the latest to be given this honour. This led on to his great ability to recite poetry. John had a cheerful generosity from which we all benefited and loved a chance to hold a get together providing the necessary fowl, hog, sheep, cow or venison to feed us all. His love and respect for all things simply rural will stay with us now as inspired memories. Missing you John.

Nipper, David Forrester- We were neighbours to the Watkinson's for only a brief time compared to the last speakers, I only knew John for 20 odd years. As spoken, he was a funny man, a naughty man and a good man at heart. The first time I remember getting to know the Watkinson's my little daughter, Sophie, was only about 8 years old. She had a little horse, one of her maiden voyages was across to the Watkinson's. She said I've just met this couple and I think we're in for a bit of a fun time, they've got lots of horses. I thought Oh My Godfather... Now I don't know the back end from the front end of a horse but I got to learn sort of how they operated through the good will of the Watkinson's.

One quick story. We used to kill beasts and cut them up in our shearing shed. So John came over, we killed this steer. Now, from the service so far we understand that John loved all animals. There's probably some animals he didn't like so much one was foxes another one was our pet dog, a Labrador, he made it quite known that he didn't like Labradors. Anyway we're cutting up this beast. Peter and Johnny were maybe there that day. John had his special stash of osobuco. Anyway the Labrador was over in the corner looking at John going I dislike you as much as you dislike me, Im going to get you back Father John. And with that took a running leap and grabbed the back end of Johns part of the beast and took off down to the catching pens with John following it. He said “that bloody dog, it needs to be shot”. We'll all miss you as neighbours. We've had some wonderful funny times.

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Rundle's Calls for Dangerous Intersection Upgrade, Successful

Deputy Opposition Leader Peter Rundle's call on the Transport Minister to take action for urgent remediation works at a busy intersection in the State's Great Southern region has a positive outcome.

Mr Rundle said he was relieved on behalf of the Lake Grace community that, prompted by his Grievance in Parliament today, the Transport Minister has agreed to upgrade the road intersection at Stubbs Street and South-Kulin Lake Grace Road.

"I was pleased the Transport Minister had been receptive of calls to upgrade the intersection and has committed that Main Roads will undertake immediate action.

"Treatments, which we have called for, including rumble strips, bigger signage and different coloured tarmac are expected in the next couple of months."

Mr Rundle said in his Grievance the intersection in Lake Grace required urgent remediation works following years of concern which manifested in a serious incident at the intersection earlier this month.

"A combination of compounding risk factors at the crossing contributes to its complexity for motorists to navigate," Mr Rundle said.

"This intersection is notorious for traffic incidents and has a reputation as a potentially fatal crash site due to insufficient and substandard road safety treatments. Locals agree it is merely a matter of 'when' not 'if' a fatality unfolds if the intersection is not rectified.

"Locals report near misses on a weekly basis at this site and it shook the community when a serious accident occurred a few weekends ago."

Mr Rundle said a road safety audit commissioned by Main Roads in 2017 identified a raft of issues at the intersection which contributed to the unsafe nature of the intersection.

"The audit revealed stop sign locations caused confusion and rail crossing sign locations were inconsistently spaced from respective approach directions as just some of the issues with the intersection," Mr Rundle said.



"It is deeply concerning for the community that until now, no major works have been carried out since the audit.

"We look forward to seeing the upgrades taking place in the coming months and that the Lake Grace community can be assured a solution is imminent."

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17/3	14.2	23.1	0
18/3	10.3	25.7	0
19/3	11.0	27.8	0
20/3	14.3	32.5	0
21/3	17.5	33.6	0
22/3	15.8	30.4	0
23/3	18.1	30.7	0
24/3	17.6	29.0	0
25/3	18.1	23.2	0.2
26/3	16.2	19.0	16.2
27/3	14.0	22.4	0.4
28/3	8.9	22.7	0

Defibrillator Locations in Lake Grace

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

Dial 000 for emergencies.

If you are responsible for a defibrillator or have one in your building be mindful that the pads need to be in date and battery may be running low (may beep). If you have any questions contact Debbie Carruthers at the Lake Grace Sub Centre on a Tuesday or Friday on 0428 110 446.



LAKE GRACE PINGRUP
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Applications and more details on our website.

Contact Project Manager: Alex Griffiths at
agriffiths@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or (08) 9670 3102.



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Contact Project Officer: Kate Nicol at
knicol@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or (08) 9670 3111.



HEALTHY BUSHLANDS: Our Healthy Bushland Program provides support to community groups, groups of neighbours and individuals to help cover the cost of materials for a range of activities including feral animal control, habitat augmentation and fencing, for the purposes of protecting remnant vegetation within the Wheatbelt NRM region.

Applications and more details on our website.

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Book Review: *Exit.45* by Ben Sanders

Suzanne Reeves

I have to be completely honest that I haven't actually read this book but have it on good authority that it is a good read.

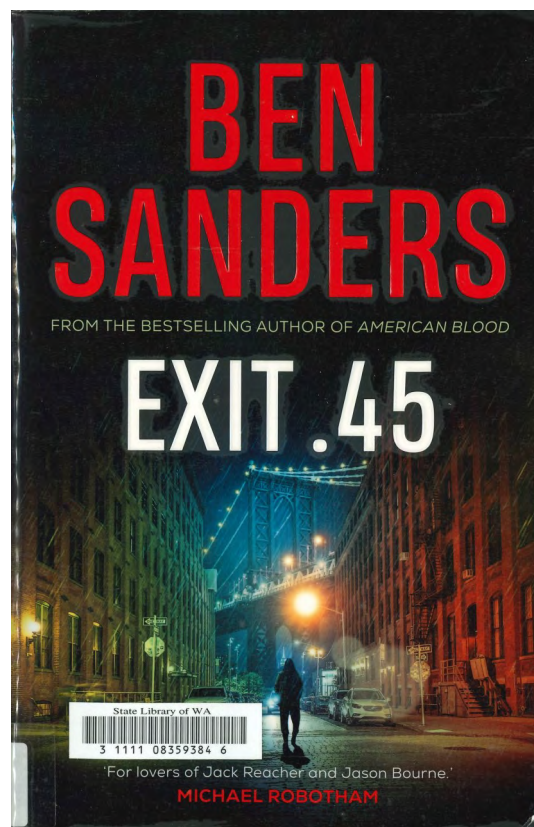
When a former NYPD colleague is shot dead in front of him, private investigator Marshall Grade discovers there's far more to the killing than meets the eye.

Ray Vialoux is in trouble. Big trouble. And he needs Marshall Grade's help.

Reluctantly, Grade agrees to meet. Over dinner in a Brooklyn restaurant, he learns that his former NYPD colleague owes money - a lot of money - to the wrong people. But the conversation is cut short by gunfire, and suddenly Ray is lying dead on the restaurant floor.

As Marshall investigates the circumstances leading up to the murder, tracking down the drug dealers, bag men, bent cops and mob players within Ray's orbit, it becomes clear there's far more to the killing than a gambling debt. Just who is responsible for Vialoux's death and why? What secrets are his family hiding? And can Marshall find the answers before his own history marks him as the prime suspect?

Now in a vote of confidence I have taken this book home to read, it will soon be back on the Lake Grace Library shelves.



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Jo Morgan

The Visitor Centre crew—Karen, Jo and Vicki—are now able to welcome visitors to the Shire of Lake Grace every day of the week.

With an increase in tourists and caravans lining our main street it seemed perfect timing to provide weekend service.

Opening 9am—1pm Saturday and Sunday we can now offer tours of the AIM Hospital should you have visitors that would like to have a look, or even yourselves. Since opening we have assisted 63 extra visitors in the past three weekends.

Overseas travellers are travelling in our region once again too, oh how we've missed them these last few years. We've had people from UK, Scotland, Netherlands, Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Hong Kong and New Zealand!

Tourism is BACK and we are loving it!



Above: Visitor Centre staff Karen Humphrey, Jo Morgan and Vicki O'Neill-Gray are thrilled to be seeing so many visitors to our region.



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How Do We Get the Easter Date & The Total Solar Eclipse

So why does the Easter date change each year?

Believe it or not, the reason the Easter date changes every year has a lot to do with astronomy!

It's got nothing to do with a decision made by churches, public holiday makers or governments.

Quite simply, Easter Sunday is deemed to be the first Sunday after the full Moon, following the March Equinox. The March Equinox is always on or around 22nd March each year.

Easter date 2023

It's a bit of a calculation and here it is for the Easter date 2023:

This year the March Equinox was on 21st March. The full Moon after this date is on the 6th of April and therefore Easter Sunday is the following Sunday which is the 9th of April 2023!

We hope you enjoy plenty of yummy Easter Eggs!

The Total Solar Eclipse 20th April, 2023

For natural cosmic phenomena, you don't get more remarkable than a Total Eclipse of the Sun! For a total solar eclipse to occur, the Sun, Moon and Earth need to be perfectly aligned in their orbits, with the Moon in the middle. As the Moon travels between the Sun and the Earth, its shadow is cast onto the surface of the Earth.

Eclipses are excellent examples of the extraordinary motion of the objects within our Solar System. This year, Western Australians have the privilege of viewing a Total Solar Eclipse on 20th April. On mainland Western Australia, the Total Solar Eclipse will only be visible from the Exmouth area. The rest of WA and Australia will only witness a partial solar eclipse.

How to View a Solar Eclipse Safely

Never look directly at the Sun. Looking directly at the Sun is unsafe except during the brief total phase ("totality") of a total solar eclipse, when the Moon entirely blocks the Sun's bright face. On mainland WA, totality will only occur in the Exmouth area. Everywhere else in WA and Australia will experience a partial solar eclipse which is not safe to look at with the unprotected eye. Solar eclipse glasses that are compliant with Australian and international standards provide necessary protection to view the eclipse safely. Only buy from trusted sources to ensure compliance with Australian and international safety standards, such as [BinoCentral](#) or [Being in the Shadow](#).

When to look: From 11:29:41am to 11:30:40am, 20th April.

Where to look from: On mainland Western Australia, the Total Solar Eclipse will only be visible from the Exmouth area. The rest of WA and Australia will witness

a partial solar eclipse.

To view the path of 'Totality' visit this map: http://xjubier.free.fr/en/site_pages/solar_eclipses/HSE_2023_GoogleMapFull.html

Credit: Xavier M. Jubier.

Find more stargazing tips and country events at www.astrotourismwa.com.au.

If you're a budding "astro-enthusiast", check out...

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POLICE NEWS

LAKE GRACE POLICE STATION
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Email: Lake.Grace.Police.Station@police.wa.gov.au

Personnel: Sergeant Joshua Egan-Reid, 1/C Scott Oatridge, PC Wade Humphrey.

STATION NEWS

Wade went off to Narrogin again last week to complete his critical skills training, which is our yearly familiarisation training with our accoutrements. We also assisted with Court Orderly duties for a few days. This involved calling and managing witnesses and involved parties, court security, and ensuring the day runs smoothly for the magistrate.

Josh and Wade visited Newdegate CRC and Primary School for "Coffee with a Cop" and to speak to the students about stranger danger! We also visited Lake Grace District High School to plan for future presentations to the students.

We've been busy helping out several of the surrounding police stations recently. Injuries, holidays, and staffing vacancies have been pressure on our service delivery so we've been filling in the gaps. We hope to be out and about interacting with everyone again asap!

We had a very productive meeting with the Shire, and Department of Transport where we discussed the intersection in Lake Grace... yes, that one. Immediate improvements have already been implemented and major changes are set to be completed in May. This is to ensure the safety of our community going forward.

CRIME NEWS

We had reports of livestock theft of 300 sheep in the South Lake Grace area.

This matter is still being investigated with the support of other agencies. It appears to be a well organised theft with the sheep being loaded onto the truck in a short space of time.

Wickepin Police are also investigating a similar theft with a currently unknown number of sheep stolen from a property in their area.

This also pays as a gentle reminder to secure your property and report any suspicious behaviour to police.

TRAFFIC NEWS

As always, we've been out and about on the highways. To our surprise we stopped a Navara doing 165kms between Lake Grace and Newdegate. Firstly, to be driving at this speed is outright dangerous and the excuse of being distracted by other matters isn't going to cut it. Secondly, we can confirm the Navara was able to get up to that speed on a long straight with a tail wind.



This vehicle was impounded for 28 days and the driver has a date with the Magistrate in the coming months to explain himself. The driver will also receive a minimum 3-month suspension on his license.

Take care and stay safe.

Regards

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The Good News Page

Kevin Seaman

Have you noticed that the average human has an infinity to the subject of worrying, especially in songs and titles.

Do you recall these songs (just a very few of them) which were hits on our song charts over the past years:

- Don't worry about me— Marty Robbins
- It takes a worried man to sing a worried song - Kingston Trio
- Don't worry, be happy— Bobby McFerrin
- Worry— Jack Carrol
- Nothing to worry about— Peter Bjorn and June
- Don't worry about a thing—Stevie Wonder
- Don't worry Baby— Beach Boys
- Why Worry—Dire Straits
- The age of worry— John Mayer
- Worry about me—Ellie Goulding

And the list goes on and on and on.

We all worry from time to time. Its natural and often helpful emotion that can keep us safe and on track. But sometimes worry can get the best of us, leading to sleepless nights and anxious days. If you're feeling overwhelmed by worry , consider listening to one of these song. Each one offers a unique perspective on this common emotion and may help you find some peace.

But I came across another simple but effective way to solve the problem of worrying.

It was adapted by a Captain Bigglesworth and penned by Captain W.E Johns in 1941.

I came across it in a book written by Peter Fitzsimmons— The battle of Long Tan. It is the introduction to Chapter ten "Fight and Flight" And it certainly gives the answer as to how to solve the problem of worrying.

Fight and Flight

When you are flying, everything is either all right or it is not all right. If it is all right there is no need to worry. If it is not all right one of two things will happen. Either you will crash or you will not crash.

If you do not crash there is no need to worry. If you do crash one of two things is certain. Either you will be injured or you will not be injured.

If you are not injured there is no need to worry. If you are injured one of two things is certain. Either you will recover or you will not recover.

If you recover there is no need to worry. If you don't recover you cant worry.

Captain Bigglesworth, Spitfire Parade, by Captain W,E Johns 1941.

If that doesn't work do what Bobby McFerrin sings "Don't Worry, Be Happy".

And here are some funnies to put you in the right frame of mind.

Box under the bed

Richard and Julie were married for 40 years. When they first got married Richard said "I am putting a box under the bed. You must promise never to look in it." In all their 40 years of marriage Julie never looked. However on the afternoon of their 40th anniversary curiosity got the better the best of her. Inside the box were three empty beer cans and \$2473.85 in cash. She closed the box and put it back under the bed.

Now that she knew what was in the box, Julie was doubly curious. That evening they were out for a special dinner. After dinner Julie could no longer contain her curiosity and she confessed, saying, "I am sorry. For all these years I kept my promise and never looked into the box under our bed. However today the temptation was too much and I gave in. But now I need to know why do you keep the cans in the box?"

Richard thought for awhile and said, " I guess after all these years you deserve to know the truth. Whenever I was unfaithful to you I put an empty beer can in the box under the bed to remind myself not to do it again."

Julie was shocked, but said, I am very disappointed and saddened but I guess after all those years away from home on the road, temptation does happen and I guess that three times is not that bad considering the years."

They hugged and made their peace. A little while later



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The Good News Page *(cont.)*

Julie asked Richard, "Why do you have all that money in the box?"

Richard answered, "Whenever the box filled with empties, I cashed them in."

Bell Ringer

An armless bloke was wandering the countryside looking for work. He came upon a little country church and approached the caretaker and asked if he had any work for him. Feeling sorry for him, the caretaker said, "Okay, you may be able to help me out. I need a bell ringer for Sunday morning."

The armless bloke said, "I could do that with my head. "Sunday morning he went into the belfry and started the bell gonging with his head. Unfortunately, he missed as the bell came back and fell down through the belfry and onto the concrete at the entry to the church.

The minister came along and seeing the dead man said to the caretaker, "Who's this poor fellow?"

The caretaker answered, "Don't know, but his face rings a bell. "The next week the caretaker was out doing a bit of gardening around the church and along came another armless bloke looking for work. Then caretaker suggested he might like to take on the job of ringing the church bell. The armless bloke decided he'd try it. Up he went and the same thing happened— hit by the bell and

splat onto the concrete. Who's this poor fellow? "asked the minister.

"Don't know," said the caretaker, "but he's a dead ringer for the last bloke"



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Backyard Buddies: Understanding Aphids

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Pest and Disease Information Service, 9368 3080, padis@dpird.wa.gov.au or MyPestGuide Reporter app

Aphids are small, soft-bodied, sap sucking insects which include cultural practices like removing infested plants, belong to the order Hemiptera. Let's examine some unique biological features about aphids to better understand why they are so difficult to control.

Host plant range: Many species of aphids can feed on a wide range of host plants, which makes it difficult to control infestations in mixed plantings. These aphids are referred to as 'polyphagous' and includes the green peach aphid which feeds on a wide range of crops including vegetables, fruit trees, and ornamental plants.

Rapid reproduction: Aphids can reproduce asexually through a process called parthenogenesis, where females give birth to live young without mating with a male. This allows aphid populations to grow rapidly under favourable conditions, and some species produce 20+ generations a season.

Developmental plasticity & dispersal: Aphids can produce alates (winged aphids) in response to changes in environmental conditions. A drop in food quality, overcrowding or increased predation pressure can alter their development and produce winged individuals to aid in aphid dispersal.

Ant mutualism: Some species of aphids have a mutualistic relationship with ants, which can protect them from predators and parasitoids. This can make it difficult to control aphid populations without also addressing the ant presence.

Insecticide resistance: Some aphid populations have developed resistance to commonly used insecticides, which can make control even more challenging.

Understanding these factors can help you develop effective strategies for managing aphids. This may



Green peach aphid (*Myzus persicae*) giving birth to nymph on a potato leaf (©2023 DPIRD)

biological control methods like introducing natural predators or parasitoids, and careful use of insecticides that are effective against the specific aphid species present.

If you don't recognise the aphid you are trying to control, please report it.

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We Are Not the Same - Is It Embedded In Our Masculinity?

Warrior Wellbeing Article - 9690 2277 - menshealth@4blokes.com.au

Quite often as blokes we have been told to get in touch with our feminine side. Over time this narrative has been part of the language barrier that has put bloke's positive approaches to wellbeing issues and help seeking in reverse.

There are three parts to our health: physical, mental and social/spiritual wellbeing. The latter is where we find: our identity, our individuality, our own sense of self, our sense of belonging, our passions and interests and our emotional *context* (not a feminine side!)

We are the same species but putting it simply men and women have evolved differently. Our DNA is 99.6% similar but it is that 0.4% difference that we need to talk about and address, because it helps explain why blokes have a warrior attitude to life and in turn helps explain why we seek help differently.

There are three main areas of difference that we talk about in the work we do:

1. Communication

- On average blokes will talk one third less than ladies per day (7,000 words to 21,000 words) this starts from a young age from boys through to men. Anyone with a wife, mother, mother-in-law, daughter, or partner will know this. Ladies, talking is a good thing as it helps address/ highlight a whole lot of issues.
- It is perfectly normal for blokes to talk in dot points or even just grunt!

2. Risk-taking

- Blokes are hard wired to take risks from an early age. Some of this is linked to our brain development. The brain development stage for a lady is roughly between the ages of 18 to 20 years, whereas for a bloke it is between the ages of 25 to 28 years (some may say 45 to 50 years!)
- As we get older, we get wiser, but we are still hard wired to take risks.

3. Winning (an important part of the warrior culture)

- The majority (90%) of Aussie men think winning is important (a trait that can be traced back to our true warrior days, hunting for survival);
- An alarming statistic is that 50% of blokes think winning is all that matters. So quite often blokes don't take a backward step when it comes to finances, relationships and/or business matters.

The importance blokes place on winning, explains why a loss event and/or a sense of loss becomes problematic and can be hard to deal with. Combine this with the lack of understanding of our emotions and we may be a ticking time bomb.

As blokes we need to be more aware of our emotions and that it is alright to show them. We will all experience emotional issues throughout our lives. During these times we should openly express our emotions maybe through a hug or a cry and/or use language that is foreign to us i.e. I am sad, and/or I am struggling here.

Talk to a Mate@!! It is beneficial, and you will realise that it's not just you that may be struggling, there's a lot of other blokes out there feeling the same way.

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CEO Chat

The crossroads at the Stubbs St and Kulin Rock Gorge Rock Road has certainly been the talk of the town over the past few weeks. The passengers involved in the recent rollover were lucky enough to escape with their lives judging from the camera footage. There is no doubt that the intersection requires attention and has done so over a number of years and the recent footage going around of near misses with trucks and vehicles of all sorts not stopping at the stop sign has finally had some positive results.

On Wednesday 22 March the Manager of Infrastructure, Craig Elefsen, and myself met with the Main Roads WA Director of the Wheatbelt Region, the Operations Manager Narrogin, the Acting Network Manager and Sergeant Joshua Egan-Reid from the Lake Grace Police on site to discuss the issues. This meeting was a result of much lobbying from various sources within the community. The Main Roads representatives then had to prepare a report to the Minister of Transport that afternoon as the matter was being brought up during parliament grievance time by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition Peter Rundle.

During the meeting with the MRWA representatives a plan to address the issues was formulated which included firstly, as a stop gap measure, to immediately arrange to have the white stopping lines redone and to be made larger. This was carried out the following day. The intersection was already going to be asphalted in May, it will now be investigated to use a different coloured asphalt to highlight the intersection. Further measures include improved signage on both South Road and Kulin Gorge Rock Road and the installation of rumble strips on the approaches.

Hopefully the proposed upgrades will have a positive effect however there is nothing we can do about driver inattentiveness or laziness.

Council and administration staff have commenced work on next year's budget. At this stage there shouldn't be any surprises. Again, roads and drainage will be a big spend item along with a continued focus on water capture and retention as well as community amenities.

Highlights from the Council meeting held on 22 March included the following;

- Reallocations of funds from Taylor Rd gravel re-sheeting to Bidy Camm Rd due to gravel availability
- A reallocation of funds from some job savings to the purchase of a mobile water tanker
- Confirmation by Council that the upcoming October Council elections will be conducted by the WA Electoral Commission
- The Shire office will be closed will be closed on Monday 24 April (prior to Anzac Day).
- We will be applying for a State government grant to assist with headworks to open up more residential land in Lake Grace
- Council endorsement of the Lake Grace Tree Trail
- Council confirmation of the commencement of Phase 3 of the Padley Park Retention Basin and Wetland detailed design
- Full details of the meeting are on the shire website.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Newdegate Childcare Centre

- If you have a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care or Bachelor Degree in Early childhood
- The Newdegate Childcare operates every Thursday only during the school term
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Coming Events

Astrotourism

Lake Grace Jam Patch
Friday 31 March

Come along for burgers at
6pm. The show begins
around 6.30pm

Shire Offices

will be closed 24 & 25 April

Anzac Day

Normal hours will
commence

Wednesday 26th April

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting
will be held on
Wednesday 26 April
from 3.30pm at the
Council Chambers,
Administration Building.

The Agenda will be available on
www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Everyone Welcome

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

Community Information

Office Open Hours

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Staff can be contacted by phone between 8am - 5pm

Licensing Payments

All licensing payments are to be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration office, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace, (please phone ahead to confirm availability)

Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm

As an agency, we process the majority of transactions including: renewals, transfers, number plate orders, boat registration renewals and new licence applications.

With every transaction we perform, we try to offer the best service possible.

We do ask all licensing customers to be considerate, even though we are aware of people being 'locals' it does not exempt us from following the rules set by the Department of Transport.

Driving Assessor

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

Friday - 6 April

Friday - 5 May (to be confirmed)

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments and we advise booking in advance as there is often a waiting list.

All bookings to be made at the Shire office on 9890 2500 until further notice.

Lake Grace has one assessment day each month held on the first Friday of the month. For more information go to: www.transport.wa.gov.au.

Libraries

Lake Grace Public Library School Place Absolon St
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Closed for lunch 12.30 - 1pm

Newdegate Public Library Collier St
Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm
Closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm
Friday 9am - 2pm

Lake King Library Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Rd
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

Lake Grace Swimming Pool

Open: Wednesday to Monday 12noon - 6pm
Closed - Tuesday

Early morning swimming:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5.30am - 7.00am

Pool will close for the season Monday 3 April

Building Surveyor

Building Surveyor, can be contacted through the Shire Office on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Town Planning & Building

The Shire's Town Planner consultant Joe Douglas, can be contacted via the Shire on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Environmental Health

The Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Brendon Gerrard. Can be contacted via the Shire on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

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Newdegate

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Recycling Services

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

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

Lake Grace	Newdegate
Tuesday 11 April	Tuesday 4 April
Tuesday 25 April	Tuesday 18 April

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

The recycling bins are collected by Warren Blackwood Waste and transported to a recycling facility. If items which are not recyclable are found the content can't be recycled and the load will be directed to the landfill.

If an item is covered in food, it is not recyclable. Food is one of the worst contaminators in the recycling process. By using the yellow top recycling bin correctly you are contributing, in a combined community effort, to reduce the amount of rubbish that is directed to landfill facilities each year.

For more information on Waste Management visit the Shire's website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Community Infrastructure Services

Welcome to another edition of the community news. As we welcome the recent rains the shire has commenced its winter grading program that should see all major roads graded in the near future.

Contractors and staff have been kept busy over the last month with many projects being worked on such as

- Re-construction, stabilising and sealing of 4.45km on Aylemore road
- Re sheeting of 3km on Witham Road
- Re sheeting of 5km on Fitzgerald road
- Installation of new colorbond fence at Varley Hall
- Installation of new retic pump at Lake King ovals
- Installation of solar pump on Varley North dam
- Installation of footpaths Witham and May street Newdegate
- Commencement of lighting upgrades Newdegate Hockey oval and Lake Grace Football oval
- Installation of adult gym equipment at various locations within Lake Grace

Over the next couple of weeks there will be bitumen works completed at various locations throughout the shire so please be mindful and follow directions of traffic control if you come across them.

On a sad note vandalism is on the rise again with many road signs being taken, cables cut at Lake King dam, damage to walking trail signs at the Lake Grace Speedway walk trail, public toilets damaged at Lake King and Lake Grace.



Asbestos Disposal Changes at Lake Grace Tip

To ensure the proper and timely burial of asbestos, combined with the dwindling landfill space set aside for asbestos, the Shire will make the following changes to the asbestos disposal process.

The Shire's Waste Management page will be kept up to date when the Lake Grace Tip can accept asbestos or not.

This can be found through the Shire website's dropdown menu Services > Work & Infrastructure > Waste Management, or through the following link: <https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/services/work-and-infrastructure/Waste-Management.aspx>.

- If the webpage shows asbestos can be accepted, you must notify the Shire ahead of time you wish to dispose of the asbestos and the amount, preferably in cubic metres. This will allow time to check current room to bury your asbestos, or if we need to create extra space.
- Once we respond that we can accept your asbestos, you can submit an Asbestos Disposal Application to the Shire. The fee will be invoiced to you or your company after disposal of the asbestos.
- Requests to dispose of asbestos on the same day of the request will be refused. It will take time to check our current capacity. We do not want wrapped asbestos sitting out in the sun for any time while we sort an additional trench.

This procedure (particularly the rejection of same-day disposal) will be put in to place starting on **10 April 2023**.

At the time of this publication, the Lake Grace Tip is **unable to accept** any asbestos. All applications for disposal will be refused.

Please check the website when asbestos can be accepted again. Please keep this in mind when arranging for works on your property that require the disposal of asbestos as your builder/removalist may be required to take it to another tip.

If you have any questions, please send correspondence to

Facility Hire

Please contact the Shire to book Shire facilities.

You are required to read the COVID Safety Plan before using the facility.

People, groups, and clubs who hire public buildings are still required to:

- Complete the WA Government Safety Plan
- Register users of the facility
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At the end of the event the requirements are:

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- Put all rubbish into the outside Sulo bins provided, including rubbish in toilets
- Ensure all stoves and lights are turned off
- Report any damages incurred while hiring the facility
- **Facility is to be left in the same condition as found upon arrival including the floors**
- All external doors are closed and locked

Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of the facility. They are not responsible for cleaning up after a function.

Please clean and put away everything you use.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

This May, Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is turning 30 and people in the Wheatbelt region are being encouraged to gather friends, family or workmates for a cup of tea and a bite to eat whilst raising money to fund research, new treatments and education that saves lives.

This year Cancer Council WA is hoping to raise more than \$1.3 million to continue its life-saving cancer research, prevention, advocacy and support programs.

It doesn't need to be fancy - your Biggest Morning Tea could be at home with friends or family, a simple morning tea in the office with workmates, a virtual get-together, or a gathering in the local community or at school. Simply register online at biggestmorningtea.com.au, set a date in April, May or June and start sending out your invites.

Every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer.

Anyone unable to host a morning tea can still get involved by donating directly to Cancer Council via biggestmorningtea.com.au. The official date is Thursday 25 May 2023 but you can register to host an event at any time from now until June.

Healthy Apple Crumble Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 apples, chopped
- 50 g margarine
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar (or regular sugar)
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup plain flour
- 1 cup rolled oats

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan forced).
2. Place the apple pieces in a small baking dish.
3. Cook apples on HIGH in microwave for 5 minutes or until soft.
4. In small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients.
5. Mix with fingertips until it has an even crumb texture.
6. Top the apple with the crumb mixture and bake in the oven for 20 minutes or until the crumble is golden brown.

View recipe here: <https://livelighter.com.au/recipe/352/apple-crumble> and visit livelighter.com.au for more recipes and information.

For cancer information and support call 13 11 20



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MR GARY REPACHOLI HAS REPRESENTED LANDHOLDERS FOR MANY YEARS AND IS STEPPING DOWN FROM THE POSITION.

THIS IS NOT AN ONEROUS TASK COMPRISING THREE MEETINGS A YEAR AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE COORDINATOR ABOUT THE PROGRAM. AT TIMES LANDHOLDERS MAY CONTACT TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM. GARY IS WILLING TO ADVISE THE NEW CHAIRPERSON IF REQUIRED.

THIS GROUP CAN NOT FUNCTION WITHOUT A CHAIRPERSON.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR GRAINS SEEDS AND HAY INDUSTRY FUNDING SCHEME WHICH YOU PAY A LEVY TO.

ANY QUERIES TO
GARY REPACHOLI 0427 896 098
LYN CARRUTHERS COORDINATOR 0409 351 373

10 Questions with...

What's your name?

Kayleigh Hobbins

What do you do for a living?

Work at the CRC

What do you like most about your job?

Interacting with people

How did you come to live in Lake Grace?

My husband became the manager of the Sportsman Club

What do you do in you spare time?

Watch Dr. Pimple Popper while having a beer or 2

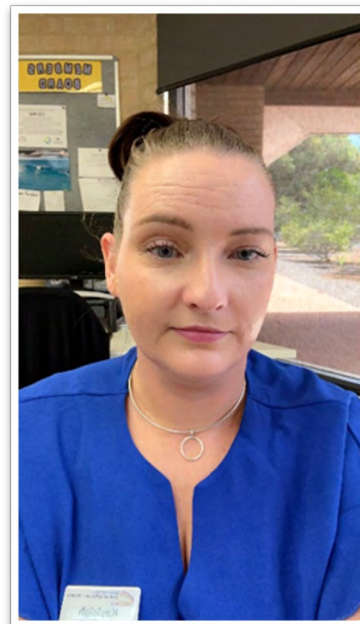
Do you have any pets? If so, what are they and what are their names? I have a dog named Jet and a cat named Pixie (or sometimes Fluffbum)

Name a toy from your childhood you wish you still had. Not really a toy and you can still get them, but I loved my Sea Monkeys.

What is your favourite food? Oh this is a tough one, I like pizza but I also like mac and cheese

If you could pick a famous person to narrate your autobiography, who would you choose? Gordon Ramsey

What's your favourite quote? You do you!!



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Revealing the Stories of the old Lake Grace Hospital and its Restoration

Michelle Slarke

Do you know about the old Lake Grace Hospital? Were you treated as a patient there? Were you involved in the restoration of the Hospital? Heritage consultant Michelle Slarke is seeking stories and photographs of the old hospital, especially about people's experiences as a patient, and the restoration of the hospital as a museum.

A new research project will reveal the history of the hospital as it approaches its centenary. Michelle Slarke is researching the hospital to inform an interpretation plan for the Museum. The plan, commissioned by the Shire of Lake Grace, will identify, update and share the important stories and collection of the museum.

The Need for a Hospital

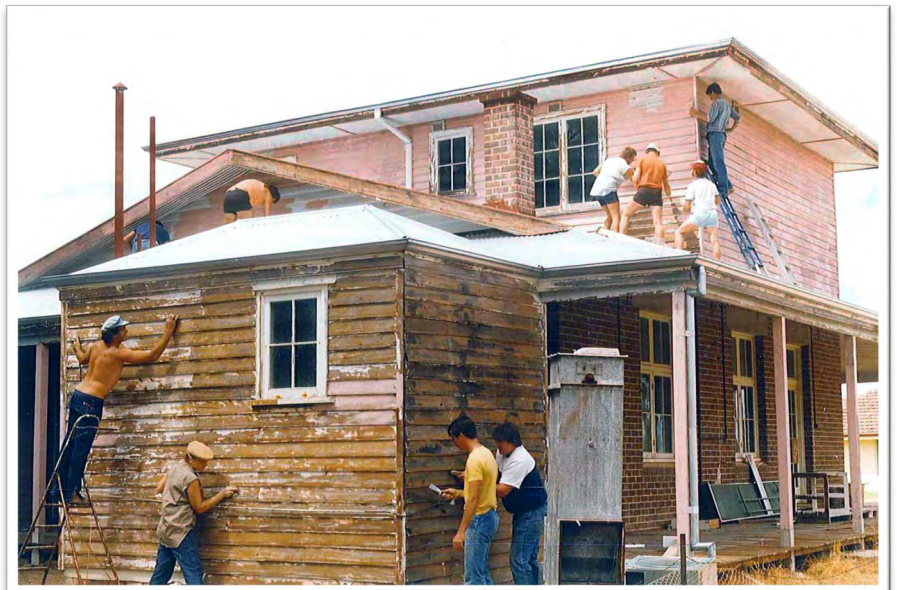
By the mid-1920s, nearly 1000 people lived in the Lake Grace district and the first shops and houses had appeared in the town. However, the closest hospital was at Wagin, 110 kilometres by horse-drawn vehicle. The community lobbied the State Government and the Australian Inland Mission (AIM) and raised funds for a hospital. The AIM, a scheme of Reverend John Flynn and the Presbyterian Church, set up 15 hospitals in remote and outback Australia from 1912.

Built in 1926, the Lake Grace AIM Hospital – a two-storey brick and jarrah building – was impressive. A local Hospital Board became responsible for its management, and people from the district regularly donated food, firewood and money to keep the hospital running.

The Patient Experience

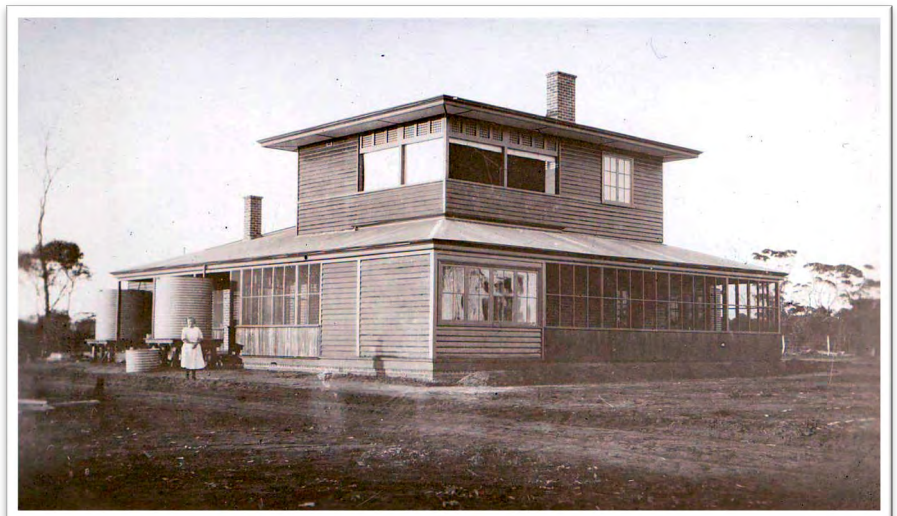
Patient numbers soon exceeded the capacity of the building and so the verandahs were enclosed to create more wards and an operating theatre. In the latter, Dr Margaret Clark performed general operations including tonsillectomies, appendectomies, tooth extractions, caesarean sections and repairs to farming and sporting injuries. As a patient, you could expect to be placed in a shared ward, four beds to a room or in a verandah cubicle, stifling hot in summer and cold in winter. Patients stayed in bed for a week after surgery, receiving daily basin washes and using bed pans.

Despite alterations, by the late 1940s the hospital could now longer cater for the growing population. It was closed in 1952 when the new Lake Grace Memorial Hospital was built.



Above: Lake Grace Football Club scraping back the exterior walls.

Below: AIM Hospital from the south-west showing the enclosed verandahs including the operating theatre.



Restoration

By 1983, the once splendid hospital was vacant and in disrepair. The WA government decided to demolish the building and contractors began work. However, local people, including former staff Pat Strevett and Win Duckworth, rallied the community to save the building. Lake Grace Lions Club engaged a heritage architect who found that the building was in a poor state of repair but historically significant. Guided by this assessment, Lake Grace Shire Council voted to save the building from demolition and to restore it as a museum.

Restoration, led by the Lions Club and a Shire Council committee, took many hours of labour. Almost 100 volunteers replaced floorboards, guttering and fences, filled wall cracks, painted inside and out, and restumped the verandahs. Replacement materials had

Revealing the Stories of the old Lake Grace Hospital and its Restoration (*cont.*)

to be authentic, using original type materials and copying original details. This included taking wall scrapings to match the paint type used in the year the hospital was constructed.

Lake Grace Australian Inland Mission Hospital Museum opened in October 1992. It stepped another group of volunteers – the museum committee – who located furniture, medical equipment and photographs of the era to fit out the museum.

Now almost one hundred years old and listed on local and State heritage registers, the Lake Grace Australian Mission Hospital is nationally significant as one of three remaining early AIM hospitals, and the only one in Western Australia. Primarily, its importance is to local

people. It reflects their commitment to provide a life-saving service and holds their stories – of the staff who gave medical care and of the people who were born, treated and died there.

This is a Shire of Lake Grace project made possible by a Community Heritage Grant from the Government of Western Australia.

Did you help restore the building? Were you ever a patient at the old hospital? Do you have any stories, information or photographs to share?

Michelle Slarke is keen to hear from former patients and those who helped to restore the building and set up the museum. Michelle is also compiling a list of nursing and domestic staff who worked at the hospital (1926-1952) and the hospital board members. Please contact Michelle Slarke: 0488 693 595 or mslarke@hotmail.com if you can help.

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Puzzles and Stuff

Some words for 16th March edition of Boggle

Answers for 16th of March edition of Sudoku

Eavesdrop

- Deprave
- Pervades
- Adverse
- Evaders
- Oversea
- Reposed
- Speared
- Adores
- Dopers
- Drapes
- Drove
- Erased
- Operas
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- Rasped
- Redoes
- Seared
- Served
- Soaped
- Soared
- Spader
- Spared

- Spored
- Spread
- Versed
- Vesper
- Arose
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- Dears
- Deeps
- Doves
- Drops
- Eased
- Overs
- Pares
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- Prods
- Reads
- Roads
- Ropes

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This week's Boggle (Every word must include the middle letter)

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Muster Dogs

Suzanne Reeves

The four day stock and dog handling workshop run by Neil McDonald from the ABC show Muster Dogs went off without a hitch. With eleven students (and plenty of dogs) in attendance Neil was able to demonstrate to his students how easy it could be once humans and dogs were on the same wavelength.

It was long but fulfilling days with the students so enthused with the opportunity; all taking invaluable knowledge with them. One participant had done Neil's workshop 35 years earlier and was thrilled that he could do it again. At the close of the workshop Neil encouraged the participants to continue with the training, starting with a flock of 10 and working up; patience and perseverance being key.

Of course none of this is possible without a lot of behind-the-scenes work, support and sponsorship. Key sponsors were 5k Bulk Haulage Livestock, Best Office Systems, Roma and Kay, Amanda Milton, Nutrien, Lake Grace CRC, Shire of Lake Grace as well as Garry and Tyson Prater. Well done to Kate Willcocks for bringing

this opportunity to Lake Grace.

Neil and his many dogs moved on from Lake Grace to run workshops in Manypeaks and Harvey before heading northwards.



Above: Jacinta Holmes's dog, Silvie, showed suitable amounts of cleverness by learning to mount the ATV when instructed and got the praise so richly deserved.



Above: Nothing was dimming the excitement for four of Neil McDonald's dogs as they swept through the routine in seconds.



Above: Tahryn Trevenen and the sheep are demonstrating the skills that they have picked up but Tahryn's pup is not fully with the programme (what child is?).

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Rural Aid's Photography Competition Returns

Australia's most trusted rural charity, Rural Aid, has today opened its fourth annual Spirit of the Bush photography competition.

The winning twelve photographs will be used in Rural Aid's stunning 2024 calendar.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said he was excited to see what the bush's talented photographers had captured this year.

"The photographs that are submitted are always breathtakingly raw, real, and reflect the highs and lows of life on the land," Mr Warlters said.

"Last year, we received more than 1100 entries from across the country, making it very hard to whittle down to just 12 winners."

"I hope to see dozens of photos of successful crops, happy working dogs and fat cattle."

"On the flipside, the pictures of flooded creeks and empty paddocks tell a sobering, but equally important, story."

"I'd encourage anyone with a love, and eye, for the bush, to send their photos in," Mr Warlters finished.

Photographers are encouraged to submit their photos to the themes of; Family, Community, Mates, Faces, Eyes, Tough, Golden Hour (Sunrise/Sunset), or All Things Rural.

Winners will be awarded a feature in the 2024 calendar, and a \$250 pre-paid VISA card.

The competition closes 29 May, 2023.

To enter the competition, entrants must submit a high-resolution, landscape image via Instagram or Facebook, with the hashtag #SOTB2023 and tag @ruralaid in the picture, or upload their photo through the Woobox link: www.ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush

Rural Aid's 2024 calendar will be available for purchase later this year.

Proceeds will directly support Rural Aid's range of programs that help farmers and their families.

The competition's Terms and Conditions can be found at www.ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush



Print your photos at the Lake Grace CRC!

- Print from Apple and Android smartphones
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- Edit photo, add borders and text
- Create photobooks
- Greeting cards
- Calendars
- Collages



LAKE GRACE PINGRUP
WINTER SPORTS

Lake Grace – Pingrup Winter Sports is inviting tenders for the following contract positions for home games and the Great Southern Colts Carnival during the 2023 Winter Sports Season:

Canteen Operator

Facility cleaning

For a copy of the tenders including the selection criteria please email

lgpfootball@outlook.com

Tenders close: Friday the 7th April 5pm



Employment Opportunities around Lake Grace

Have you been looking for work? Maybe you are after a change in industry.

Here are a list of jobs currently available in Lake Grace

- **Lake Grace Health Service** have several positions available and we are actively looking for suitable applicants
 - Nursing Staff
 - Cook
 Contact Lisa Pearce on 98902222 for any help you might need OR visit www.jobswa.gov.au or www.health.wa.gov.au/careers
- **Spencer Shearing Shearers and Shedhands—full time positions**
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- **Rosies Cafe Casual Counter Staff**
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For more details contact Andrew on 0447 592 954
- **Farmers Centre 2 - Diesel Mechanics**
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Holy Week 2023

2nd April **Palm Sunday** 8am Mass

6th April **Holy Thursday** 6pm Mass

7th April **Good Friday**

1. **Stations of the Cross** - 9am

Ed Naisbitt's Farm

1705 Jarring Sth Rd Tarin Rock

2. **Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord**

Lake Grace - 3pm

8th April **Easter Saturday Vigil**

6pm Mass

Cuppa to Follow

All Welcome



Lake Grace Artist Group Notes - March 2023

Kerrie Argent

Fabulous opening on Sunday afternoon for the BIG exhibition, it was lovely to see such a good crowd of artists and supporters at the opening for our first full exhibition for the year. Well done every one, and thank you to every one who bought a plate full of food for afternoon tea, the table was bulging and it was all delicious.

IT was not our first exhibition for the year as Jeanne Melville had a amazing window exhibition of her miniature books. If you took the time to look they were works of art every one of them, many only as big as 3cm x2cm- tiny.

Our meeting days are back to the 3rd Thursday of the month starting at 9am with an activity or presentation and lots of chatting and sharing of ideas, and then the meeting from 12.30pm, we always welcome new members. Even if you don't class yourself as an artist but love art you are welcome to join us.

Last months presentation and demonstration was by Jeanne Melville who shared and demonstrated polymer clay work, the members have decided that we will have a one day workshop during the year to have a play with polymer clay again and remind us all how to do it again.

Next month we will be creating faux leather that can be used in collage work, book binding and whatever else you can use it for. Lots of fun playing.

The best news to share is that we have finally got all our new chairs and gas lift tables. We received a grant from FRRR 2 or so years ago before covid hit then didn't make the time or have the inclination to go and search for chairs, but now Cheryl, Tania and myself finally made the trip to Perth, tried out hundreds of chairs and bought them, and 6 gas lift tables. Awesome Tables.

Thanks to Greg, Phyl, and Jayne for helping me put the chairs and tables together, a big job well done. Cheryl and I find them all comfortable and that's all that's important !!

We have a 3 day painting workshop coming up at the beginning of May, if you are interested in coming keep your eye on the Lake Grace artist group face book page for further information. Members are informed first and have first option. See Jayne at the post office if you are interested in becoming a member.

Top Right: Phyllis Dunham tries out one of the new chairs.

Bottom Right: the ability to alter the height of the tables is going to make life easier at the Artspace.

The new tables and chairs were funded by a FRRR grant.



'BIG' Exhibition Opening

Kerrie Argent

The Lake Grace Artist groups latest exhibition at the Lake Grace Regional Artspace opened with a big bang on Sunday Afternoon. It was lovely to see such a good crowd support the opening and exhibition.

Our special guests Jo Darbyshire and Andrea Williams, were joined by a fabulous group of artists, their friends and friends of the art group and a few tourists visiting Lake Grace who popped in for a look and a chat. A fabulous afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

Andrea Williams, a noongar artist whose family is Goreng/Ballardong from Lake Chinicup area, started proceedings with a lovely welcome to country. Andrea also brought a small sculpture of a Charnock (devil) also known as a Woodarchie or Mumarrie, this is symbolic of the small black creatures that the noongar people believe come out at night in the area and attack you. Andrea explained this was one of the stories her parents shared to keep the children at home and behaving at home. It is also one of the reasons why Lake Grace is 'Warra' to aboriginal people.

Jo Darbyshire who spent three months with us as Artist in Residence in 2021 was extremely pleased to see the very large "BIG" paintings finally installed in the gallery. During Jo's residency she ran three workshops, working with oil paints on these large canvas's, its amazing with the theme Rural Utopia and a couple of painting techniques demonstrated that these 14 works could all be so different. Jo had an exhibition of her works here last year. It is fabulous we have managed to get these works all up for the exhibition.

Along with the 14 Paintings the members of the Lake Grace Artist Group were invited to create a 3D work (sculpture) to respond to one or more of the paintings. They could choose which ever one they wanted to respond to, not necessarily their own. It is interesting to see what or how these artist responded. I'm told it was a difficult challenge, but there is a number of fabulous installations and artworks.

Well worth a visit to this exhibition, don't miss out as it closes soon. The exhibition is open from 10am-4pm each day until the 16th April.

Yes we are looking for volunteers to help us keep it open, if you would like to come and help keep exhibition open we would love your help.no you don't have to be an artist, just happy to sit in the space and chat to visitors. We have visitors from all over the world. if you are interested please give me a ring on 0447 791 399 for further information.



Above: Annie Argent, Jo Darbyshire and Andrea Williams at the opening of 'Big'.

Below: Dwarfed by some 'Big' artworks Jo Darbyshire opens the exhibition while Kerrie Argent looks on.



I Flew For MMA

Based on the book 'I Flew for MMA' by Captain Reginald Adkins...

For as long as I can remember, I always wanted to be a pilot. I had a model DC-2 aeroplane that Mum bought at Woolworths for 2/6, and I built a little aerodrome with a hangar and windsock in our Mount Lawley backyard.

In 1937 I would ride my Armstrong backpedal 26" roadster to Maylands Aerodrome, and climb on the white rail fence to greet the arriving Eastern States mail plane. Eleven years later I would learn how to fly there.

I began my service with MacRobertson Miller Airlines in 1955 on a salary of £885. As I had been on the bones of my backside, it was a King's ransom!

My first flight began with a drive to Guildford Aerodrome at 0430 in my little 1940 Ford Prefect. It was a regular run up the coast - a 20-minute stop at each port and 7 hours 40 minutes flying time. Perth-Geraldton-Carnarvon-Learmonth-Onslow-Roebourne- and arriving at the tiny outpost of Port Hedland at 1530.

Hedland in those days had the usual two Pubs, Post Office, an Elders Store, Police Station, an odd tiny shop, and housing, all tin, and asbestos. We checked into the Esplanade Hotel which was something akin to the stone age. I was told to dump my suitcase, hang my uniform on a nail and I must have looked pretty stunned when I was told I was sleeping on a cyclone bed

Want to get your truck license??

Keen's Driver Training will be in Lake Grace in the week beginning 17th April to do driver training and assessments for an HR license (only). Please contact the Lake Grace CRC to reserve your place as soon as possible.

Cost - \$1,400

(3hr lesson + 1 hour assessment)

Bookings close Wednesday 24th March

Ring the Lake Grace CRC on 9865 1470.

There will be HC & MC training & assessments in July



outside on the verandah.

That was my introduction to flying and accommodation in the rugged North-West. The whole day was a real surprise and I didn't know what had hit me.

The girls worked hard on the flights, particularly when it was hot and turbulent. There was only one hostess and their duties included comforting the airsick and removing their bags full of vomit. The ones joining for the glamour soon left, so all around we had a good-natured competent type of person - not frightened of hard work.

Some of the hostesses who come to mind were Marion Stewart-Dawon a blonde-headed happy girl, good at her job and with people. Then there was Joy Fawcett affectionately nicknamed "Shanks" because of her long shapely legs.

Marion Kramer earned her sobriquet one day when she realised that one of her passengers was dead. She was advised to do up the gentleman's seat belt, move his head over to the wall as though he was sleeping, and put a rug up around his shoulders. Tough work for a young lady - trying to stay calm and not alert other passengers that something was wrong.

Rosemary (Rosebud) Owen had a sunshine disposition and a smile that could melt you in an instant. Pam Hardwick (whose father started the famous Bernie's Hamburger Bar on Mount's Bay Road, in Perth), was full of life and fun, but could flash a look that could wither you on the spot if she was displeased.

When I joined MMA the Company had its own Hostel in Derby. Motels were unheard of in the North and local hotels couldn't cope with the comings and goings of crews. It was pretty close living, especially if there was a personality clash. In the wet season, we could be locked in the Derby Hostel for days on end.

The Hostie's quarters were strictly out of bounds and there was hell to pay if any pilot was caught "hanging around". The Company employed husband and wife live-in managers, some of whom could be extremely old-fashioned and puritanical.

Not that much ever went on and any hint of shenanigans would have the whole place buzzing. It was legend that if any scandal arose, it would be back in Perth via the grapevine before we were!

Jokes were sometimes played, like the time a bottle top, a burnt match and a lipstick smeared cigarette butt was secreted under a layer of a certain senior pilot's used clothes. The idea being that they would be discovered by Wifey and there would be some explaining to do. I don't know what happened to him. Maybe it was a low trick to play, but I think we were all a bit mad then!

The Hostel acquired a dog. Something of a cross between a kelpie and a wire-haired terrier. It wandered in one day, the crew made a fuss of it and decided to

I Flew For MMA (cont.)

stay. He was named Scruffy and caged scraps from the kitchen and would bark at anything that moved.

Eventually the blokes got sick of Scruffy and started discussing ways to get rid of him, even by shooting! He was a nice dog and I got a bit shirty towards them at this.

Anyway, one day the West Perth Cargo Depot rang home saying "We've got your dog here!" and when I told them I didn't have a dog they said, "It's your dog, it's addressed to you from Derby, and you'd better come out here now!"

I went out there and it was Scruffy! Those miserable mates of mine had put him in a crate and consigned him to me. He looked worse of wear but his ears went up as he recognised a friendly face, jumped in my car and we went home. The kids were still quite young and he became their friend and constant companion, we had him for years!

The last flight of my airline career was Perth-Geraldton-Carnarvon-Geraldton-Perth leaving at 0915 - real gentlemen hours. As was the MMA custom, my wife Shirley also accompanied me on the trip.

Taxying in a round of spontaneous clapping could be heard through the cockpit door, for a perfect touchdown

ending my career. Three fire engines from the Fire Service took up position, one out front and on each side, escorting us in, hoses sending up cascading foam and water in graceful white arcs.

Finally, we were "On the Blocks." I called "Cut Two", parked the brakes, "Cut One" and the Traffic Staffer Guy closed the start levers. We did our close down checks and it was all over.

Inside the terminal, there was a sumptuous spread, speeches were made, and I committed the big sin of sipping a nice cold beer in full uniform! But they couldn't fire me now. I'd driven out of the Airport gate and I wasn't going back!

SOURCE - I Flew For MMA : an airline pilot's life

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"Wyalkatchem Rodeo & Music"

The Local Organisation Group are looking for local Wheatbelt based **Food Vans, Stall Holders, Coffee Vans** & other interested groups willing to attend the Wyalkatchem Rodeo weekend.

Friday night 25th August and finishing late Saturday night 26th August 2023.

Run in partnership with **Double Barrel Entertainment**, the "Wyalkatchem Rodeo and Music" would like to hear from you if you are interested and available

Contact Sheryl on 9681 1051 or 0437 811 088

Or the Wyalkatchem Shire on 9681 1160

Lake Grace Development Association Inc

Promoting Business, Educational, Social and Cultural Development within the Lake Grace Community

Annual General Meeting

Monday 24th April 2023

7.30pm Men's Shed Meeting Room

Bi-monthly General meeting to follow

NB: Annual Reports from all LGDA sub-committees required

Any interested members of the community are very welcome!

SAVE THE DATE
1.11.23 - 7.11.23

Bruce Rock Back to the Bush Veterans Reunion

Welcoming all Military Personnel; Past & Present, Emergency Service Personnel and Civilians

Activities All Week

Commemorative March	Live Music	Kids Entertainment
10th Light Horse Troop	Military Museum Tour	Markets

For more information contact cdo@brucerock.wa.gov.au or 9061 1377

Things to do in the School Holidays

Elizabeth Castaldini

Kings Park: Kings Park has had many developments of the playgrounds over the years and with so many different places to go within the Park, there's sure to be an area that suits your kids interests! One that has been a favourite for us is the Rio Tinto Naturescape. With the second stage completed in 2017, it has been around for a few years and you may have already visited.

Something that my kids miss the most in our backyard in Lake Grace after living in the hills bushland areas, is the ability to climb trees, build things with sticks and create in nature. The Rio Tinto playground has multiple little areas to explore, from building cubbies with sticks and branches, to walking through and playing with the flow of the creek, rope climbs and exploring the large wooden structures which could be a ship, or a fort or my boys go to game to play in these structures is to make it into a pirate ship at war with other ships. Closed on Mondays and public holidays, the Rio Tinto Naturescape is open Tuesday to Sunday 9am to 4pm from April to November.



Fremantle: If you're over the Perth/Fremantle/Mandurah way, there is plenty happening in Fremantle these school holidays. Fremantle Arts Centre are hosting Kids Art Courses for ages 5-7, 8-12 and 13-17 years, including acting, story telling and pottery, painting mosaics and more. B-Shed Builds are hosting a Community Lego Exhibition on the 22nd to 23rd April within the WA Maritime Museum. CircusWA are hosting a holiday program from the 11th-20th April, inspiring kids

to try something new. For more information and other events check out visitfremantle.com.au/schoolholidays

Yallingup: Maybe you are headed over to Bunbury, Busselton or Margaret River for the holidays. We just went and saw the Aquarium in Yallingup for the first time and it was a great little spot hidden away amongst the rocks. Located between Smiths Beach and Canal Rocks, accessed via a track from the Canal Rocks Lookout, it is a great rock pool to snorkel and swim. The water was crystal clear and sheltered from the waves, allowing an easy swim to check out the fish. Wiki Camps has good info on how to access this hidden gem.

Albany: Or Albany might be your destination, the City of Albany are hosting a Quiz night and Live music event for your teen, 13-18 year olds, Thursday 20th April 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Albany Town Hall. With best dressed and winning team prize, food and drinks provided and live performance by Komorebi, it could be a good night out with some friends or family. And on the 14th April 11am-2pm, a free INFLATA-Day is being hosted in Town Square. With Warrior Slide, Samurai Obstacle Course, a Basketball course and Bouncy Castle, for all ages. For more information on these events, contact City of Albany on 6820 3130 or email commdevel@albany.wa.gov.au.

LAKE GRACE HOTEL
PRESENTS
HAYDEN MCGLINN

THURSDAY APRIL 6, SATURDAY APRIL 8
7:30pm

Community Easter Morning Tea



Join us for morning tea on Thursday
6th April, 10:30am in the school
undercover area.

Please bring a plate to share.
Thank you!!



Lake Grace—Pingrup Football Club

Chris Poot. Photos Annie Argent.

Saturday 25th March saw Lake Grace – Pingrup host a pre-season scratch match carnival. Teaming up with Newdegate, the Bombers & Lions combined side took on Narembeen Hawks, Katanning Wanderers & North Albany Roos in a round robin affair. The day started off with some precipitation for the first game between LGP-Newde taking on Katanning. The greasy ball and first hit out of the year didn't appear to hinder the skills of either team in what was a fast paced game. The 2 clubs have playing off the Paul Malone pre-season shield for over a decade and it was Lake Grace – Pingrup/Newdegate who came out victors for 2023.

The local side didn't have long between games as they had to stay out on field to take on the Narembeen Hawks next. This proved to be a tougher encounter, but some great football played between both teams. LGP coach Kelvin Holmes was pleased to see through both games that the hard work and game style from last year was ingrained in the players as the club aims to build on last year.

The Brad Bootsma coached North Albany side made their way out onto the oval for the third game of the day against Wanderers. A rev up from Katanning coach Mark Pinney after the loss to LGP earlier meant the Wanderers looked too slick for the Roos leaving Bootsma with some thinking to do.

North Albany had the short break this time and took on the hosts. With LGP/Newde resting a few experienced players, it was time for the younger guns to shine. A close game overall for LGP/Newde last game for the day. At the final siren, both sides made way for Narembeen and Katanning to step out and take the field. Narembeen proved far too strong in this contest with slick ball movement all around the ground.

Narembeen and North Albany finished the day with last game. Narembeen continued its great form from the 2 previous games. Hawks coach Justin Baldwin would be happy with the teams performance as they had been working on an improved game style ahead of the EDFL 2023 season.

The day was a huge success with players from all clubs playing the day in great spirit and attitude, which then in turn became a great night with everyone mingling over a few quiet drinks.

A huge thanks to all the coaches for organising the day, Newdegate for bringing across some players, the umpires who travelled as well to hone their craft ahead of the season and the local players for setting up the day. Good luck to all clubs in season 2023.



Fit For Purpose *(cont.)*

The third and largest installation is at the sporting precinct (pictured front cover) and includes nine pieces of equipment. This will be an ideal work station for sporting clubs wanting to do general fitness, travellers taking a break and wanting to have a stretch as well as the whole of community who can access this equipment at any time of the day they wish. This third pod is needing a sand pad to be installed and therefore is not quite ready for use. This exercise pod will complement the All Abilities Playground once it is installed.

The equipment was supplied by A_Space and is of durable quality.

With Lake Grace not having a publicly accessible gym this project has been an opportunity to provide all of the community with fitness equipment. Not everyone has the space or the finances to have equipment at home and many need the encouragement of a group or companion to encourage them to exercise.

It is hoped that this equipment will provide a means to maintain or improve general fitness. As per the signage the equipment is recommended for 12 years and up.

Top Right: *The fitness pod at the Shed, which is comprised of three pieces of equipment.*

Bottom Right: *The fitness pod at the Gumtree Drive playground, Mum and Dad can exercise while the kids are playing.*



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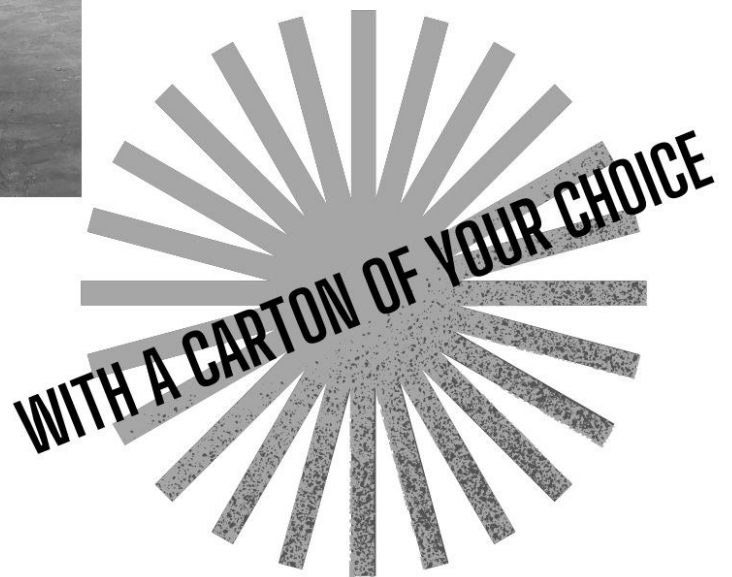
Saturday & Sunday: 8:30am - 11:30am

Local Stockists of:

- Kleenheat Gas
- Nursery supplies & plants
- Bulk soils & mulches
- Tools, hardware, steel & timber
- ONEGAS Welding Gas

If you don't see it in store, please ask, we are happy to source and get in for you.

WANNA WIN A BAR FRIDGE???



Pop down to the Sportsman's Club and ask the staff for more details

Classifieds

Rural West Financial Counselling

A free service available to regional small businesses, primary producers, not-for-profits and community clubs. For more information contact Donna Spurgeon by email Donna.Spurgeon@ruralwest.com.au or phone 0408 107 326. Alternatively you can contact the information line on 1800 612 004.

Cancer Support Coordinator

Barbara Brennan from Cancer Council WA is the Cancer Support Coordinator for the Wheatbelt Region. Call Barbara on 9621 1810 for information, support and assistance.

CWA Bookings

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

Community Bus Bookings

Are to be done through the Lake Grace CRC. Ring 9865 1470 or email LakeGracecrc@westnet.com.au The community bus is owned and managed by the community, is available to any individual, group or organization to hire and costs \$1 per kilometre to use. All proceeds go toward the management and running of the bus and toward bus upgrades.

Southern Agcare

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

Men's Shed Battery Drive

The Lake Grace Community Men's Shed is continuing with their battery drive. This is an ongoing revenue raising project which will contribute to the running of the Shed. Batteries can be left at the Men's Shed or you can contact Walter Perry on 0448 795 070 if you require them to be picked up. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Dr Linda Haines

Is available in Lake Grace on Tuesday and Thursday 30th and Friday 31st March. Ring 9865 1208 for an appointment.

First Aid Kits

Are now available for purchase at CCL Hardware Lake Grace.

Senior Citizens Lunch

Thursday 6th April @ CWA Hall
Catered by LGHDS P&C
12:15pm sit down for a 12:30pm serve
\$20 per head (please note change in price) - would be helpful if you have correct change on the day.
RSVP to Nikki Lewis on 0417 888 969 by Monday 3rd April.

Expression of Interest

School bus drivers wanted
Permanent Run coming up
Also looking for casual drivers
Contact Leanne on 0408 767 371

Bowls AGM

Tuesday 18th April 7.00pm
@ the Lake Grace Sportsman's Club
All positions vacant and will need to be filled
All welcome

Lake Grace Shire Councillors

Councillor	Telephone
Cr Len Armstrong – Shire President	0429 843 785
Cr Ross Chappell – Deputy Shire President	0428 654 058
Cr Deb Clarke	0428 654 041
Cr Ben Hyde	0428 752 042
Cr Roz Lloyd	0428 711 534
Cr Anton Kuchling	0427 206 030
Cr Jeff McKenzie	0458 694 014
Cr Steve Hunt	0427 651 585

Local Containers for Change ID Numbers

Don't want to collect for yourself but want to give to a local organisation, then here's your chance.

Lake Grace Golf Club - C10455139

Lake Grace DHS - C10364782

Lake Grace Sportsman's Club - C10379797

Lake Grace Lions Club - C10477141

R.F.D.S - C10336670

Community Clubs and Associations

Club / Association	Secretary / Contact	Contact Number	Contact Email
Artist Group	Tania Spencer	0429 041 063	spencertania@hotmail.com
CWA	Suzanne Reeves	0427 651 310	LakeGracecwa@gmail.com
Development Assoc	Paula Carruthers	0499 616 070	ghpmcarr@bigpond.com
Early Learning Centre (Daycare)	Vicki Reynolds	08 9865 2568	LakeGraceelc@gmail.com
Lions	Steve Lankford	0429 917 805	lglionsec@gmail.com
Men's Shed	Wally Perry	0448 795 070	allwood93@yahoo.com.au
Playgroup	Sarah Clarke	0438 634 152	LakeGraceplaygroup@mail.com
Sportsman's Club	Mathew Hobbins	08 9865 1239	lgsportsmansclub@bigpond.com
Toy Library	Joely Slinn	0477 014 347	lgtoylibrary@outlook.com
Winter Sports			
Lake Grace Golf Club	Chad Stanton	0459 110 805	golfclub@lakegrace.wa.au
Lake Grace / Pingrup Football Club	Kate Willcocks	0427 853 347	lgpfootball@outlook.com
Lake Grace / Pingrup Hockey Club	Anna Taylor	0427 828 357	Lgphc.president@outlook.com
Lake Grace / Pingrup Junior Footy	Sarah Allen	0407 650 819	lgpjfc@gmail.com
Lake Grace / Pingrup Netball Club	Jenni Roche	0409 770 978	lgpnc@outlook.com
Lake Grace Gymnastics Club	Debbie Carruthers	0438 895 101	lakegracegymclub@gmail.com

Crisis Care Numbers

Doctor's Surgery -9865 1208	Hospital - 9890 2222	Ambulance/Fire/Police - 000	Electricity Faults - 13 13 51
Rural Link - 1800 552 002	Main Roads - 138 138	Directory Assistance - 1223	Water Faults - 13 13 75
55 Central Men's Refuge 9272 1333	Family Helpline 1800 643 000 / 9223 1100	Ngala 9368 9368 www.ngala.com.au	Lifeline Australia - 13 11 14 www.lifeline.org.au
Wheatbelt Mental Health Service Northam - (08) 9621 0999 Narrogin - (08) 9881 0700	Kids Helpline 1800 551 800 www.kidshelp.com.au	Crisis Care WA - 9223 1111 / 1800 199 008 www.community.wa.gov.au	Citizens Advice Bureau 9221 5711 www.cab.wa.com.au
Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636 www.beyondblue.org.au	Seniors Information Services 9321 2133 www.cotawa.asn.au	Youth Legal Service 9202 1688 / 1800 199 006 www.youthlegalservice.inc.com.au	Poisons Information 13 11 26
Suicide Call Back Line - 1300 659 467 www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au	Parent Drug Information Service - 1800 653 203	Family Court of WA 9224 8222 / 1800 199 228 www.familycourt.wa.gov.au	
Alcohol and Drug Information Service 1800 198 024 https://www.mhc.wa.gov.au/	Mental Health Emergency Response Line - 1300 555 788	Holyoake Northam - (08) 9621 1055 Merredin - (08) 9041 3807 Narrogin - (08) 9881 1999 Freecall - 1800 447 172	Relationships Australia Fair Programme 9336 2144 https://relationshipsaustralia.org.au 1300 364 277

Justices of the Peace

Colin Connolly	0427 858 066
Ron Dewson	0428 651 213
Amanda Milton	0429 654 011
Geoff Sabourne	0429 651 171

Church Times

Catholic Church	Anglican Church
Sunday 2nd April 8am Mass	Sunday 2nd April No Service
Sunday 9th April See page 31	Sunday 9th April 10am
For inquiries please phone 9865 1248.	Enquiries: St Johns Albany 9841 5015 Wally Perry 0448 795 070

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March / April 2023

<p>Fri 31 Fish & Chips @ Sportsman Club 6pm Astrotourism @ Lake Grace Jam Patch Dr Linda Haines in Lake Grace Op Shop Open - 10am-1pm</p> <p>Sat 1 Rubbish tip open (9am-4pm) Craft @ CWA (look for flag) Steak Teas @ LG Sportsman's Club</p> <p>Sun 2 Rubbish tip Open</p> <p>Mon 3 Rubbish tip open (9am-2pm)</p> <p>Tue 4 Rubbish Collection Pool CLOSED SOYF Exercises 10am @ Pavilion Men's Shed (morning) Op Shop Open - 1pm-4pm Playgroup 9:30-11:30am Net Set Go Training 3:15-4pm Junior Netball Training 4-5pm Chair Aerobics - 1pm @ Village Hall Football Training @ 6pm Winter Sports Jumper Presentation</p> <p>Wed 5 Rubbish tip open (9am - 2pm) Containers for Change pickup LGDHS Interschool Swimming Carnival Jnr Hockey Training (Roe) - 3:30pm Hockey Training @ 6pm</p> <p>Thurs 6 Men's Shed (Morning) Senior Citizens Lunch Barefoot Bowls Happy Hour @ Sports Club Time TBC Lakes Link News Deadline Football Training @ 6pm Jnr Hockey Training (OHA) - 3:30pm Driving Assessor in Lake Grace LGDHS Community Morning Tea</p> <p>Fri 7 GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross 9am (p. 31)</p>	<p>Sat 8 Rubbish tip open (9am-4pm) Craft @ CWA (look for flag) Football - Scratch Match Round Robin</p> <p>Sun 9 Rubbish tip Open</p> <p>Mon 10 Rubbish tip open (9am-2pm)</p> <p>Tues 11 Rubbish Collection Recycling Collection SOYF Exercises 10am @ Pavilion Men's Shed (morning) Op Shop Open - 1pm-4pm Chair Aerobics - 1pm @ Village Hall Football Training @ 6pm</p> <p>Wed 12 Rubbish tip open (9am - 2pm) Containers for Change pickup</p> <p>Thurs 13 Men's Shed (morning) Lakes Link News published Happy Hour @ Sports Club Session 3pm - onwards Football Training @ 6pm Driver Assessor (to be confirmed)</p>
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Coming Events

- 15th April - Winter Sports Begins
- 17th April - HR Truck Training & Assessment
- 18th April - Bowls AGM
- 24th April - LG Development Association AGM
- 25th April - ANZAC Day dawn service
- 5th May - Driving Assessor in Lake Grace TBC
- 29th & 30th May - Piloting Workshop
- 17th July - HC/MC Truck Training & Assessment

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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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