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NEW COMMUNITY TANK FOR LAKE BIDDY



When 7 farmers collaborated and rallied to work on a project for a community water tank to be installed at Lake Biddy—they approached the Shire of Lake Grace.

The Shire helped with the application and were successful in securing a grant which helped to fund the project.

Our team were so happy to be involved in having a brand new 250,000L Pioneer Water Tank installed at the site. This water will be used by the community - aiding current and future community members for years to come.

Shire of Lake Grace

The Gate Post

Thank you for your contributions towards this weeks Gatepost. Please send in your local news, photos and announcements to newdegatecrc@westnet.com.au or phone 9871 1791 by

Monday 8th March @ 12 Noon

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What is Labour Day?

The history of Labour Day in Australia spans over a century. It is an important annual event that remembers those who struggled and succeeded to ensure decent and fair working conditions in Australia.

During the mid to late 1800s the working day was long and tiring, where most employees would work up to 12 hours a day, six days a week. During the 1850's many Australians saw a need to push for better working conditions.

On April 21, 1856, stonemasons at the University of Melbourne marched to Parliament House to push for an eight-hour working day. An agreement with employers for a 48-hour week was eventually reached and Australian workers welcomed the new eight-hour day.

A victory march was held on May 12 that year and each year after that. In 1856 the new work regulations were recognized in New South Wales, followed by Queensland in 1858 and South Australia in 1873.

In 1874, Tasmania joined the other states, which were colonies at the time, in adopting the shorter eight-hour working day. In 1879 the Victorian Government made one further step towards better conditions for employees by proclaiming a paid public holiday that year. In light of the labour movement's successful push for an eight-hour day, a large May Day meeting was held in Melbourne in 1890. On May 1 that year a local newspaper made reference to that day as May Day.

One of the first May Day/Labour Day marches in Australia occurred on May 1, 1891 in Queensland. More than 1000 people participated in the march and carried banners. The leaders wore blue sashes and the Eureka flag was carried. It was reported that cheers were given for "the eight-hour day".

The Labour Day date was moved from May to the second Monday in March in some parts of Australia after World War II.

Since 1948, Labour Day in Western Australia has been observed on the first Monday in March. It marks the granting of the eight hour working day

to Western Australians.

Henry Lawson wrote a poem Freedom of the wallaby to mark the biggest Labour Day march in Queensland 1891.

Henry Lawson

Freedom on the Wallaby

Australia's a big country,
An' Freedom's humping bluey,
And Freedom's on the wallaby;
Oh don't you hear 'er cooey?
She's just begun to boomerang,
She'll knock the tyrants silly,
She's going to light another fire
And boil another billy.

Our fathers toiled for bitter bread
While loafers thrives beside 'em,
But food to eat and clothes to wear,
Their native land denied 'em.
An' so they left that native land,
In spite of their devotion,
An so they came, or if they stole,
Were sent across the ocean.

Then Freedom couldn't stand the glare
O' Royalty's regalia.
She left the loafers where they were
An' came out to Australia.
But now across the mighty main
The chains have come ter bind her,
She little thought to see again
The wrongs she left behind her.

Our parents toiled to make a home,
Hard grubbing' 'twas and clearin',
They wasn't crowded much with lords
When they was pioneerin'.
But now that we have made the land
A garden full of promise.
Old Greed must crook 'is dirty hand
An' come ter take it from us.

So we must fly a rebel flag.
As others did before us,
And we must sing a rebel song
And join in rebel chorus.
We'll make the tyrants feel the sting
O'those that they would throttle;
They needn't say the fault is ours,
If blood should stain the wattle.

Written for & published in *The Worker*
(Brisbane, Qld), Saturday 16 May 1891

NOTICE BOARD

Tip Opening Times

Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm



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13TH MARCH 2021



Cathie Kelly
for Roe



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2. In promoting choice & healthy school environments for both student and teacher.
3. That NO human life should be for sale. AC supports the Nordic approach to reduce human trafficking and child exploitation.
4. In good stewardship of State Finances. AC will call for greater accountability in local and State departments.
5. In protecting the most vulnerable - the orphan, the elderly, the homeless, the refugee and the unborn.
6. In the power of reconciliation. AC is committed to fight for the disempowered, including our indigenous brothers and sisters.
7. In being good caretakers of our environment. Let's reduce harmful plastics and improve WA's recycling system.

Authorised by M Groenewald, Osborne Park WA & printed By New Formula Print, Canningvale WA.

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THANK YOU

On behalf of EDL Farms, Wes, Penny and staff. We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to P&C Committee and to all those who helped out with the organization to see out a successful clearing sale.

Newdegate Hockey Club

AGM



We invite past and encourage all present and prospective members to attend our AGM held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at the Newdegate Hotel, 6:30pm

Please send any agenda items to Jasmine Offer 0428711740 or Jazz_Knill@hotmail.com

Apologies to Jasmine Offer
0428711740

Newdegate Hockey

Club



Newdegate Hockey Club are in need of a goalie for the 2021 season.

We are also looking for someone to take on coach of the Minky. If there is no Minky coach this will not be going ahead this season.

If you are interested, please contact to Jasmine Offer 0428711740

NOTICE BOARD



MEMBERSHIP:

Newdegate St John ambulance would like to let members know that there have been procedural changes to memberships. Your membership will be sent to you when it is due for renewal (we used to do only one invoicing, to bring everyone into line we ran from April to March) – many people will receive a reminder shortly in the mail.

Memberships need to be paid when due, otherwise that membership will lapse and any transport by a crew will be charged out at the full rate. If you joined St John at a different time of the year, you will receive your renewal when your 12 months lapses.

PRIVATE HEALTH FUND and MEMBERSHIP:

Please be aware that in many cases, just because your private health insurance says you get ambulance transport as part of that fee; there are many rules behind these memberships. Some funds only allow you one transportation per year, others only allow that transport within certain areas of the state (for instance – within your region or capital city).

Please confirm how your membership with St John works within your health fund, don't assume that you are automatically covered for transport – you never know when bad stuff happens and you may need us; we don't want to have to charge at full rate – easiest solution is to become a member of your local sub-centre as well.

VOLUNTEERING:

If you have any interest in finding out how we train or operate at St Johns, please contact either our current Chairman Alison Spencer [0427 631 971], or our Volunteer Development Officer Gary Guelfi [0427 712 014] – we are happy to invite you to a training session or to speak privately.

We hear many people say "I couldn't do that", but believe me, we won't throw you in the deep end; we can give you plenty of training to have you skilled and ready to roll. Even to have extra vollies to help out with sport rosters (how hard can that be – sit and watch the local sport on a Saturday); would be especially brilliant.



NOTICE BOARD

 WEATHER FORECAST				
Day	Max Temp	Min Temp	Possible rainfall	Chance of Rainfall
Wed 24th February	33 °C	15 °C	0mm	0%
Thur 25th February	34 °C	15 °C	0mm	0%
Fri 26th February	34 °C	15 °C	0mm	0%
Sat 27th February	33 °C	15 °C	0mm	10%
Sun 28th February	30 °C	17 °C	0mm	10%
Mon 29th February	30 °C	17 °C	0-1mm	30%

*Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology.
As of Tuesday the 23rd February*

**NEWDEGATE WINTER
SPORTS AUXILIARY**

AGM 2021

**THURSDAY 11TH
MARCH @ 2PM**

AT THE NEWDEGATE CRC

**APOLOGIES TO LISA NESS
ON 0439 542 526**

Newdegate Football Club

Newdegate football club is seeking expressions of interest for a league coach for the 2021 season.

Please contact
Ian Lloyd 0427 611 676 for further information.



Newdegate Football Club

Newdegate football club is seeking a cleaner for the upcoming 2021 season.

Approx. 5 hours per week, Paid Position.

Please contact Rosie Allen
0430 039 259 for further information.



NOTICE BOARD

Congratulations

To Melita Davey on her selection into the Great Southern Regional Academy of Sport Program!

The group are currently completing their pre-season fitness program and will be meeting in Katanning for a hub day on Saturday 6 March with specialist training and off court education sessions. They will then participate on Sunday 7 March in the Developing Talent Challenge at Katanning Leisure Centre.

Supporters are more than welcome to go watch!



SQUAD ANNOUNCEMENT

- Melita Davey - Narrogin
- Maggie Hardiman - Denmark
- Paige Narkle - Albany
- Tea Etheridge - Albany
- Rhiannon Williams Jolley - Albany
- Amy Dominiak - Denmark
- Emily Gadean - Albany
- Chelsea Mulcahy - Narrogin
- Jasmine Butterworth - Albany
- Jayde McHenry - Denmark
- Gaige Kapene - Narrogin

Coaches

- Kelly Dominiak - Denmark
- Jenny Cristinelli - Albany

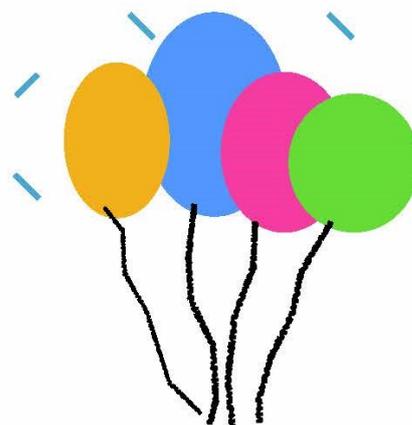
Strength and Conditioning Coach

- Janine Determes - Albany

Umpire

- Sarah Curnow - Esperance

Parties, plans and projects...



What are you looking forward to?

Come along to Scripture Camp at Gilereek Scout Camp on the King River on Fri., 19th March- Sunday 21st March 2021 and join in the excitement! The cost for the weekend is \$75. You will need your parents' permission, with the slip to be returned to the school by Mon., Mar. 8th. We will send you a list of things to bring and how to pay.

High schoolers are welcome too. We need to make up for a missed camp last year!

For further information, phone Cathie Kelly on 0488719032.

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I give permission for my child/children to attend Scripture Camp 2021.

Signed: _____ Phone: _____

Child/children's names and ages:

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Whodegate?

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Lisa Ness

Current Occupation?

Dwight, Nikita & Kendra's P.A. (Wife & mum).
Helping hand at the CRC and School and an active committee member of way too many committees!!

How would your friends describe you?

Really don't know, depends on the day...

Do you have a favourite book or author?

A Fortunate Life by A.B. Facey.

What was your first job?

CBH sampler at Dudunin CBH

Do you have any pets?

A Cat, 2 Dogs, 6 Chooks, 2 Emus and 20 something pet Lambs.

Do you have a talent?

Always running late and forgetting things (they're talents aren't they!?)

Do you have any hobbies?

Cooking, painting and holidaying. Definitely not Office work.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Being a mother to 2 moody (I mean lovely and polite) teenagers heading into High School. Still living the dream in Newdegate I guess.

Do you have a dream job?

Being a billionaire, Nah maybe something where I have a P.A. or one of those people who road test holiday locations so I could be on holiday all the time and get paid for it.

Who is your idol?

Anyone who can multitask kids. Family life and still rocks up on time and looking the part. I can not do that and wish I could.



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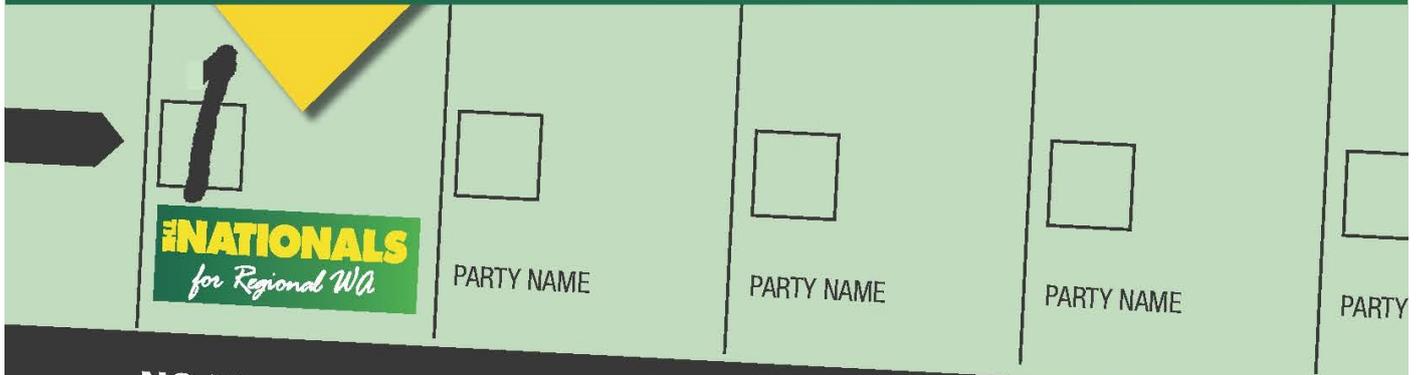
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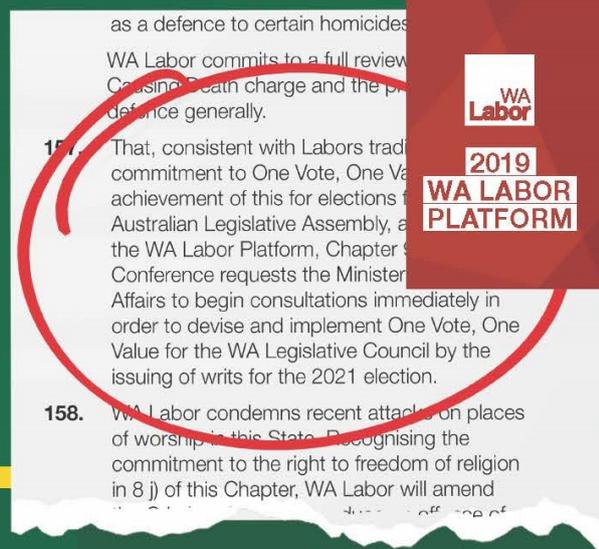
The WA Labor Party have secret plans hidden deep within a 146 page dossier outlining their policy to abolish more regional seats in the State Parliament, further diminishing your voice in the Parliament.

Their desire to move parliamentary seats to Perth have resulted in the loss of seven country seats and seven voices standing up for you. Regional electorates are now comparable in size to European countries with some stretching for thousands of kilometres.

If Labor gains control of the Upper House on March 13, their plan is to abolish another 9 country seats relocating them to the metropolitan suburbs.

Your Nationals team in the Legislative Council has fought hard for farmers, small business and families over the last four years. We stopped the closure of the Moora Residential College and School of the Air and fought against budget cuts to our country schools and community resource centres.

Don't risk being governed by Perth politicians. Vote 1 The Nationals on both ballot papers.



THE NATIONALS *for Regional WA*

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Authorised by M Aldridge, 21 Binda Place Bindoon WA 6502.



The Wagin Woolorama is a fantastic day out for the whole family with lots to see and do, including prestigious livestock, art, photography, craft, home industries, fashion, rides and entertainment for all ages. Over two days, the Wagin community and surrounds come together to showcase the diversity of agricultural life in WA and celebrate how things can be done extraordinarily well in WA.

The Rodeo Spectacular held on the Saturday night is something to stick around for. Enjoy the spectacular cowboys and girls show their incredible horsemanship skills and courage. If you're going with mates or taking the kids you're guaranteed a fun and vibrant environment that is entertaining for all featuring Barrel Racing, Roping, Steer and Bull Rides



Oval site at Wagin Woolorama

When:

5th and 6th of March. Rodeo on the night of the 6th.

Tickets:

Concession \$10.00 | Adults \$20.00 + \$15.00 for Rodeo
Children FREE + \$5.00 for Rodeo

Where to stay:

Wagin Caravan park \$16 p/n for tent site

Air BNB

Time Frame Lodge Entire guest house sleeps 3 \$85p/n

What to do Sunday:

After a day of Woolorama adventures the following day you might just want a relaxing one and head home. But before you do head to the Giant Ram park. Near the Giant Ram which is a must see is a small park where you can relax and let the kids run around in a safe environment with park benches everywhere so you can sit back and watch from a comfortable distance.



Young Farmer challenge



Rodeo Spectacular

COVID-19 Safety

COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Most infected people will develop mild to moderate illness and recover without hospitalization. The symptoms of COVID-19, similar to if you have a cold include fever, dry cough and tiredness. Less common symptoms include aches and pains, sore throat, conjunctivitis, headache, loss of taste or smell a rash on skin or discolouration of fingers or toes. If you are exhibiting any of these symptoms, please don't come to the 2021 Make Smoking History Wagin Woolorama and seek medical advice as soon as you can.

To comply with our COVID plan we need to have a registration system upon entry so that if an outbreak occurs, contact tracing can take place and WA Health can get in touch with everyone who was at the show on a given day. We will use several methods to enforce this registration system.

- **SAFEWA REGISTRATION** - Everyone must scan this SafeWA QR code each day that you are coming to Wagin Woolorama.
- **MANUAL REGISTRATION** - At the gate upon entry if you do not scan the SafeWA app on your phone you will be required to complete the SafeWA registration slip.



Throughout 2021 we are set to receive four Supermoons in a row.

The Moon's orbit around Earth is slightly oval shaped or elliptical. So, every month there's a time when the Moon is at its closest distance to Earth (at perigee) and another time when it is at its furthest distance from Earth (at apogee).

"Supermoon" is not an official astronomical term. Astronomers often say "Moon at perigee" or "Moon at apogee" in conversation. When perigee coincides with the full Moon, it's popularly called a "Supermoon". And when the full Moon coincides with apogee? Well, it's a "Micromoon" or a "Minimoon". Although these are not official astronomical terms, they certainly grab your attention which means we have more people heading outside to gaze up at the wonderful night sky.

When to look:

6:55pm on 29th March
 6:01pm on 27th April
 5:17pm on 26th May
 5:50pm on 25th June.

Which direction to look:

The Moon rises in the east.

Where's the Best Place to see the Supermoon Rise?

Find a place where you can see the eastern horizon well. Anywhere will be OK as long as

you have a pretty clear view to the eastern horizon without buildings or trees blocking your view. If you'd like to try and photograph the Supermoon, think about what type of landscape you'd like to capture in the foreground of your image. A group of trees, an interesting building or a body of water like a lake or river. Remember, this landscape needs to be in your view as you look east.



Does a "Supermoon" appear larger to the naked eye?

Do you think you will notice a difference between a "Supermoon" and a usual full Moon? The difference in the apparent size between a usual full Moon and a "Supermoon" is barely noticeable to the naked eye. So you won't notice a difference in size.

What craters can you see on the Moon?

When you observe the Moon, take it one step further and identify a crater or two! There are some great tools that help you out with maps of all the features on the surface of the Moon. Before you know it, you'll be pointing out the Tycho Crater or the Sea of Tranquillity to friends and family! Try some of these free apps and software:

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Grace's Gardening Tips



How to grow larkspur flowers

Most annual larkspur plants are grown from seeds, though planting larkspur seeds can be challenging. When planting larkspur seeds, they must have a cold period before germination. This can be accomplished before planting the seeds, after planting the seeds in peat pots, or after sowing the seeds directly in the flower bed.

The most reliable method of chilling larkspur seeds before planting can be done in the refrigerator. Chill protected seeds for two weeks prior to planting. Place seeds in a ziplock sandwich bag and include some damp perlite to provide moisture.

Planting larkspur seeds in peat pots or other plantable containers will also work. If there is a building, basement or cold room where temperatures remain between 4-10 C, plant them in moist soil and chill them there for two weeks. Keep in mind that larkspur seeds often will not germinate at temps above 18 C.

Learning when to plant larkspurs that have been chilled requires knowing when the first frost date occurs in your area. Planting larkspur seeds should be done early enough before frost for them to begin developing a root system to hold them over through winter.

After germination, when seedlings in peat pots have two sets of true leaves, they may be moved into the garden or a permanent container. Growing larkspur flowers do not like to be moved, so plant seeds into their permanent location. Spring planting of larkspur seeds can be done, but flowers may not reach their full potential.

Larkspur flower care

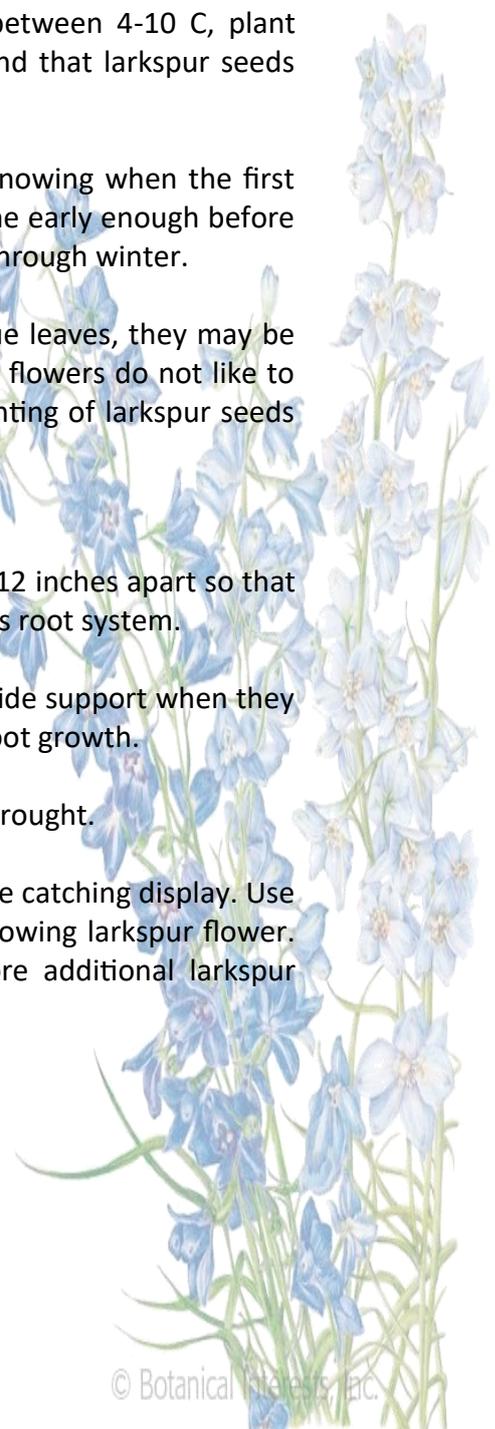
Annual larkspur flower care includes thinning sprouting seedling 10-12 inches apart so that each new growing larkspur has enough room to grow and develop it's root system.

Staking the tall plants is another aspect of larkspur flower care. Provide support when they are young, with a stake that can accommodate the potential 6 to 8 foot growth.

These plants will also require occasional watering during periods of drought.

Growing larkspur flowers centered in containers can be part of an eye catching display. Use containers that won't topple under the weight and height of the growing larkspur flower. Larkspurs in the garden will often self-seed and can provide more additional larkspur flowers for the following year.

'All gardeners know better than other gardeners.' -Chinese Proverb



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WA Soil to Improve Agriculture Outcomes

Western Australian growers and agriculture industry representatives can access the latest information about soil fertility and soilborne diseases in a new digital publication *Soil Quality: 5 Soil Biology*.

The Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) and SoilsWest – a research partnership between The University of Western Australia (UWA) and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) – worked together to publish the free eBook. *Soil Quality: 5 Soil Biology* is the fifth in a series of eBooks produced by SoilsWest, which focuses on soil quality for WA and includes current knowledge on best practice soil techniques in an easy-to-navigate format.

SoilsWest director and co-author of the book, UWA Associate Professor Frances Hoyle, said the publication would appeal to students, growers, consultants and academics. “There is a growing interest in the role of microorganisms in the soil that support key functions which underpin agriculture and other land related activities,” Professor Hoyle said. “Soil is the building-blocks of what we eat, so for the agriculture sector to continue to thrive, it is important to explore ways to maintain and enhance our soil for future generations.”

UWA Professor Daniel Murphy said the eBook outlined the multifunctional role of soil and its inhabitants. “It includes information on beneficial and disease-causing organisms and the influence of the environment and management on soil habitats which impacts soil production and resilience,” Professor Murphy said. “The book features short videos and audio from consultants, farmers and research scientists about soil biology and regional perspectives on soilborne diseases and nematode pests.”

GRDC Manager Agronomy, Soil and Farming Systems West Dr Rowan Maddern, said the eBook series was created in response to grower and industry demand for a platform that enabled them to read, listen and view soil management information from any location, including the tractor. “Topics covered by the eBooks, including

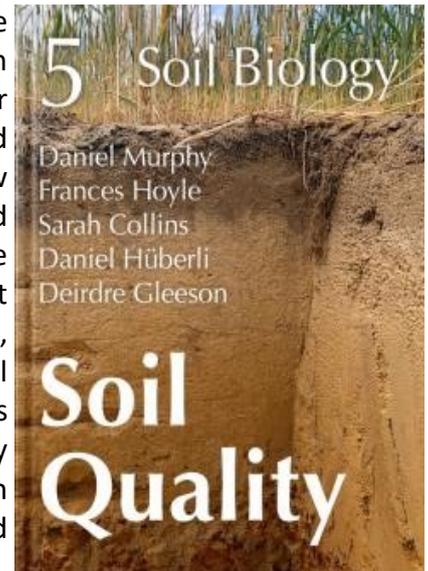
those in the pipeline, cover a number of priority areas addressed in the GRDC current and previous investments in soil and nutrition management in WA,” Dr Maddern said. “A highlight of the book design is that it includes not only research information about soil, but evidence-based industry and landholder perspectives of soil management challenges and solutions.”

DPIRD Soil Science and Crop Nutrition Portfolio Manager Chris Gazey said the new publication would add further value to the SoilsWest eBook series, which included *Soil Quality*. “This series provides a legacy of information from past and current

investments by the GRDC, DPIRD and UWA, as well as contributions from Murdoch University and the CSIRO, with future eBooks to cover soil water repellence, compaction, alkaline and sodic soil, soil nutrition and gravel soil,” Mr Gazey said.

The *Soil Quality: 5 Soil Biology* eBook is available at no cost via Apple Books, along with the first four publications in the series.

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Stubble Influences Frost Risk

The latest findings to come from breakthrough research on the influence of stubble and rainfall on the incidence of frost will be profiled at the State's premier grains conference next week.

Last year research by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), funded by the Council of Grain Growers Organisations, found a type of bacteria present on some stubbles could elevate the frost risk, particularly after rain. Department field trials revealed wheat grown on stubbles with ice nucleation active (INA) bacteria froze from the ground up at temperatures four to five degrees warmer than without stubble.

Further research on the main sources of ice nucleation activity on wheat will be discussed at the Grains Research and Development Corporation's (GRDC) Grains Research Updates 2021 in Perth. Department research scientist Ben Biddulph said followup research explored the cause-effect relationship between stubble and crops to determine the temporal variation from head emergence to grain filling under varied stubble management.

"The results indicated that flag-4 leaves and older ones had the highest INA, freezing at between -4.7 and -6.3 degrees centigrade, followed by stubble, where freezing was triggered at between -5.7 and -6.7," Dr Biddulph said. "With stubble, the peak ice nucleation activity period coincided with heading and flowering, the most frost susceptible stages. "Even with the low rate of stubble residue of two tonnes per hectare, there seems to be increased risk of frost damage in the infected stubble plots compared with the blanket burn plots."

A key result was that a blanket burn of the stubble had little influence on completely protecting the flag-4 and older wheat leaves from INA, rather it just delayed the peak activity until after the crops' most susceptible stages.

"The field trial data suggests stubble removal doesn't guarantee frost protection but might offer a slight advantage by delaying the onset of high activity until after flowering, when crops are most at risk," Dr Biddulph said.

Additional research across frost prone areas of the Grainbelt and seasons are required to further validate the trial findings.

Dr Biddulph said cereal growers are encouraged to manage paddock stubble loads according to the department's recommendations, found on its website.

"Evidence is mounting to implicate the role of ice nucleating bacteria on the increase in INA, which will lead to a greater understanding to how best to manage stubbles and the older leaves of wheat crops to reduce the frost risk," he said. "In the mean time, growers should continue to consider a range of a strategies to reduce the frost exposure to the crops, including zoning, enterprise, crop type, variety maturity and sowing date."

For more information on frost management, tools and support visit agric.wa.gov.au.

Dr Biddulph and his colleague Dr Amanuel Bekuma will speak on the first day of the GRDC's Grains Research Updates 2021 in Perth on Monday, 22 to Tuesday, 23 February. For more details or to register visit the GRDC Upcoming Updates and Events webpage. The webpage also has information about Regional Updates to be held in each port zone following the Perth update, as well as advice should COVID emergency measures be in place.

Media Release
www.agric.wa.gov.au



DPIRD research scientists Dr Ben Biddulph (pictured) and Dr Amanuel Bekuma will provide an update on research on the frost risk to wheat grown on stubbles at the Grains Research Updates 2021 in Perth.

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POLICY	LIBERALS	LABOR	NATIONALS	GREENS
 NET ZERO EMISSIONS	No policy	Aspirational goal of net zero by 2050	No policy	Net Zero emissions by 2035
 STRATEGIC PLANNING & SHORT TERM GOALS	No policy	No policy	No policy	Implement a Climate Change Strategy Develop a WA Climate Resilience and Adaptation Plan Establish an independent Climate Change Council
 RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET	No policy	No policy	No policy	100% renewables by 2030
 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS	No policy	Renewable Hydrogen Strategy Future Batteries Industry Energy transformation Strategy Southwest Integrated Big Battery	\$35m Community Energy Fund \$2k rebates for behind-the-meter batteries to households and communities in regional WA	Create Sustainable Industry Investment Fund for clean manufacturing and industry \$2.5b over 10 years
 GAS EXTRACTION	No policy	Approved the mega polluting gas project, Burrup Hub	No policy	No new gas projects Phase out gas

POLICY COMPARISON CONT.

POLICY	LIBERALS	LABOR	NATIONALS	GREENS
 AGRICULTURE & LAND MANAGEMENT	No policy	WA Carbon Farming Strategy and Development Plan	Incentivise agricultural practices that sequester carbon in the soil	Support farmers in adapting to regenerative practices
 TRANSPORT Electric Vehicle (EV)	Smarter Cleaner Transport Future Policy EV Network and Hydrogen Network Hydrogen Fueling Station Research Grants Program Electric vehicle (EV) rebates Establish a Future Transport Technology Roadmap \$80m for Cycling growth in WA	\$21m for the EV Strategy State Gov fleet target of 25% EVs by 2025/26	\$5m to regional Local Govs to support EV infrastructure	\$50m to EV network by 2025 State Gov fleet target of 100% EVs by 2030 Electrify the bus system by 2025 \$60m to expanding cycling and pedestrian networks
 LOGGING NATIVE FORESTS	No policy	No policy	No policy	End native forest logging
 COAL MINING	No Policy	Transition away from coal	No Policy	Phase out coal

*Please note this is not an exhaustive list, for more information please visit Esperance Climate Action Group on Facebook or contact the individual Parties.



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 Liberals - www.waliberal.org.au/our-plan/
 Labor - www.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-12/Western_Australian_Climate_Policy.pdf
 Nationals - www.nationalswa.com/our-policies/
 Greens - greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2020-12/Climate%20Change%20v1.2.pdf

Neighbour Day - Last Sunday in March

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with their neighbours. Neighbours matter (whether near, far, or online), and now, more than ever, is the time to make creative connections and to stay connected.

Knowing your neighbours, and your broader community has never been more important. Relationships Australia as the home of Neighbour Day believes in the power of the Australian community to support its most vulnerable, to tackle loneliness, and to work together to ensure healthy and safe relationships throughout the pandemic, and beyond.

When?

Whilst Neighbour Day is officially celebrated on the last Sunday in March each year, the purpose of the campaign is to raise national awareness of the importance of social connection and neighbourly actions throughout the year. It encourages people to make meaningful connections that last beyond the day itself.

The official Neighbour Day falls on Sunday 28 March 2021, however, don't let that stop you being neighbourly every single day.

Why?

The Neighbour Day 2021 theme is 'Every day is neighbour day' – building on the growing movement of people taking neighbourly actions every day of the year. Encouraging social connection is the essence of Neighbour Day every day. The principal aim of Neighbour Day is to increase positive and sustainable social connections between people and communities throughout Australia. In doing so, Relationships Australia as the home of Neighbour Day aims to support healthy relationships and assist in tackling the loneliness epidemic in this nation.

Neighbour Day brings together like-minded people, resources, and organisations to grow stronger, well-connected communities.

Who?

Responsibility for Australia's Neighbour Day belongs to every person, in every community. We

want to work with individuals, families, neighbourhoods, communities and organisations to help grow Neighbour Day so that we can all live in communities that are welcoming, kind and supportive. More... Neighbour Day is managed by Relationships Australia.

Who is a neighbour?

The word 'neighbour' has undergone a revival during last summer's bushfires and the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, the term 'neighbour' is well understood as someone who supports others in times of need. someone who picks up shopping or other essentials for others. Someone who checks in regularly to make sure people are ok. Someone who volunteers to help those needing support. A neighbour can be someone in your street, or the wider community, your workplace, or online. Maybe in Australia, perhaps overseas.

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POLICE NEWS

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Personnel: Sgt. Travis Taylor, SC Fiona Main

STATION NEWS - Scott has returned from his stint in assisting Kalgoorlie police this week with Fiona departing to Kalgoorlie to replace him (hopefully to find the stolen trailer – see below).

We have been very busy over the past couple of weeks, dealing with a few different, interesting incidents. Our plans for the week were disrupted, but that's the joy of policing, each day is different, each week is different. Often, we try to plan ahead, squeeze in some training, assist other districts with operations and then BAM!!!! Emergency job will hit us, and plans are out the window, everything gets put on the backburner. We missed a few meetings unfortunately. It's very fluid here in Lake Grace.

COVID NEWS - We are out of lockdown!! Well Perth and Peel districts are. It kind of didn't affect us here unless you needed to head to Perth or Bunbury. We were hit with a barrage of COVID-19 instructions for each district and interstate visitors which were clear as mud. However, you can't go wrong if you get a G2G pass whether you think you need one or not and always keep a mask handy in the car glovebox. You could be mid district somewhere and suddenly the rules will change and you will need one. Quite a few people got caught out. Let's hope we don't have any further lock downs in the future. We have had to wear masked on several occasions now and after about 20 mins its unbearable and a real pain. Still any questions please call us.

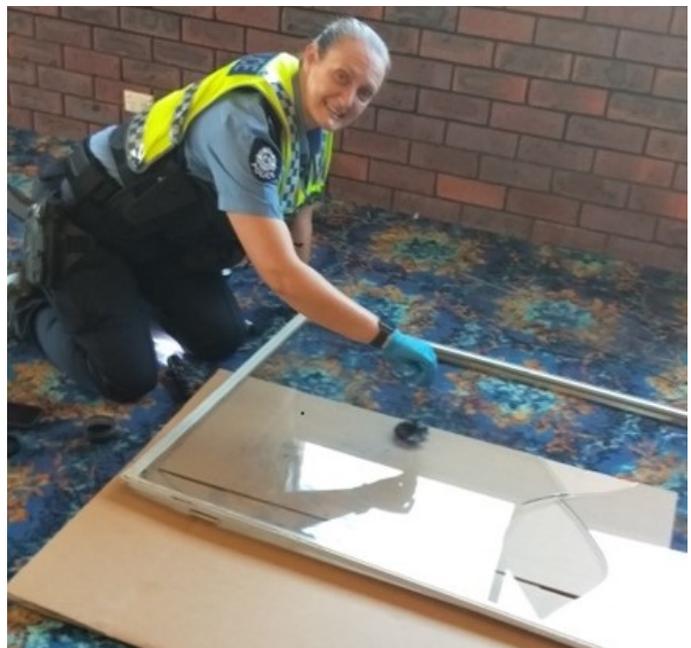
CRIME - My oh my, what has been going on in our little towns, talk about a mini crime spree!!

Firstly, the Newdegate Bowls club was broken into last Sunday night (07/02/2021). It appears that someone was so desperate for alcohol, that they took it upon themselves to break in by forcing a rear sliding window and ended up smashing it.

Once inside, smashed through a locked bar fridge, causing inconvenience and a costly repair, then a quantity of alcohol was taken from within. The offender/s must have been so desperate, it makes me sad. Well, I hope it was worth it, because it may end up costing the offender/s a lot more in the long run.



This break-in gave me a fantastic opportunity to try out my forensic skills. I am now the only trained officer within our cell and I cover all five stations for forensic examinations. Hopefully we get some positive results, tune in for the next edition of the Lakes Links for an update.....



The following week, was the stealing of a dual axle canopy covered trailer. Some persons in a new 70 series blue Toyota Landcruiser utility pulled up, hitched up the trailer in broad daylight and towed it away stealing it. Please note the distinctive red water hose reel attached to the tool box.



This investigation is well under way, and thanks to the amazing input from community members at Lake Grace, Pingrup and Pingaring it looks like we have some positive leads that all lead to Kalgoorlie. Many thanks to people who gave us access to their CCTV footage. It helped an enormous amount along with those proprietors who enforced COVID-19 attendance registers on their premises. If anyone has any further information regarding this stealing, especially any further CCTV or registration of the vehicle, please get in touch with Lake Grace Police on 9890 2000, and quote incident reference number IR160221071515131.

TRAFFIC NEWS - Last Monday morning Lake Grace Police received two reports of a possible vehicle crash just west of Pingaring and another separate report of a red headed naked man dancing in Pingaring Cemetery. We discovered later that the two incidents were related. As it usually happens SGT TAYLOR was working one up and was 20km out of Katanning Police Station where he was due to swap out our old AR15 for a new one when the call came in. So, a priority job was issued. (which is police speak for getting to the job faster than normal), assistance was sort from Kondinin and Kulin police who were able to attend and help out.

There actually was a naked red headed man located in the cemetery and an ambulance was called to treat him for what appeared to be symptoms initially of heatstroke. The man was taken to Kondinin Hospital where he was transferred to Royal Perth by RFDS for further assessment. It was discovered that the man had been on a meth binge for a period of three weeks causing him to make some unusual decisions. He was attempting to drive from Albany to Kalgoorlie

when he made a left turn thinking he was in Hyden. Unfortunately, he was well short of that town and turned down Keen Road (also known as Wyatt Road) in Pingaring. Having come to a dead end, he continued to drive through a private farm taking out four farm gates and associated strainer posts, upsetting the local farmer.

The man exited out of the farm crossing Burngup Road North where he promptly lost control of his vehicle and parked it into a tree causing it to catch fire. The local fire officers attended and quickly put the fire out. After crashing his vehicle, the man took off his clothes and walked north to the Pingaring cemetery to cool off.



Can I just say.... drugs are bad, especially meth. There is a back story to the events leading up to this binge which can't be mentioned, however I am happy to say the man is now receiving help and we wish him all the best for his recovery. Finger are crossed.

Still, he will have to face numerous charges as a result of the poor decisions that were made.

SPEED TESTING: Next article will contain details of a location, date and time for anyone who would like to see how far over or under their vehicle speedo's are out. It can be both, normally actual speeds are always lower than vehicle speedometers indicate. However, if you have oversized tyres it can be the opposite. Just awaiting approval to conduct the event.

That's it from us this week, let's hope we have a quieter two weeks. Remember, don't become complacent. Living in a small town where you all know each other makes it easy to believe that a crime will never happen. Please lock your doors and windows, secure your property, and if anyone feels the need, get some good quality CCTV.

Lake Grace Police

Grain Brokers Weekly Market Report

The USDA tried, but it still missed the mark on China...

The grain market bulls had their horns clipped by the USDA last week when the February global supply and demand update failed to deliver the supportive news many had expected. While there were few production surprises, the WASDE report raised more questions than it answered on the demand and stocks side of the equation.

The USDA increased world production for corn, soybeans and wheat, which was broadly in line with market expectations. However, global demand was lower for corn, which was a surprise considering the China appetite, unchanged for soybeans, and dramatically higher for wheat. All this led to tighter ending stocks for soybeans and wheat, but corn stocks defied expectations by posting an increased closing number.

World corn production was increased slightly to 1,134.05 million metric tonne (MMT). It was unsurprising to see no change in this report to Brazil and Argentina's forecasts of 109MMT and 47.5MMT respectively. Nonetheless, there are still production concerns around dryness in parts of Argentina and delays to the planting of Brazil's safrinha crop.

Global corn demand was decreased by 2.54MMT to 1,150.52MMT compared to the January report, the exports forecast was up by 2MMT to 185.7MMT and ending stocks are estimated to increase by 2.7MMT to 286.53MMT.

The corn matrix is all about Middle Kingdom demand at the moment. The USDA has been slow to react, but it finally bit the bullet by adding 6.5MMT to its January forecast. This took corn imports to a record 24MMT, better reflecting Beijing's recent buying spree.

It would be logical to think that US exports would reflect that same market activity. Wrong! The USDA rearranged the furniture somewhat by decreasing demand in the European Union, South Korea, Japan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, leading to an increase in US exports of only 1.27MMT. Go figure!

China's domestic feed consumption of corn was raised by 6MMT, which made total sense. But the USDA reduced corn used for food, seed and industrial purposes by 4MMT. This meant 4.5MMT of the additional imports went to ending stocks which increased month-on-month to 196.18MMT, just 4.35MMT lower than 2019/20 closing stocks.

The USDA avoided the hard decisions by leaving China's opening stocks and production unchanged. Yet several factors point to much lower inventories. Beijing suspended the country's ethanol blending target in early 2020, citing low corn stocks. China sold 56.84MMT of corn from state reserves in 15 auctions from May to September last year, but the USDA's stock estimates have failed to reflect the domestic market activity.

There are also serious question marks around the corn production numbers being posted by the Chinese authorities - and adopted by the USDA - after flooding and severe lodging devastated large tracts of the country's major corn producing regions last year. And why would China need to import more than three times as much corn in the current marketing year as they did in the 2019/20 season with a stocks-to-use ratio of 68 per cent?

The USDA made very few changes on the soybean front, but the balance sheet is already tight, particularly in the US. Global production was unchanged at 361MMT with Brazil at 133MMT, Argentina at 48MMT and the US at 112.55MMT the major contributors. Collectively they make up 81 per cent of global production emphasising the vulnerability of the global balance sheet to production hiccups in those jurisdictions.

Overall demand was steady at 369.84MMT, and worldwide exports were increased by 0.6MMT to 169.69MMT. Almost all of this increase was out of the US where the forecast ending stocks fell to just 3.25MMT. That has the US running on the smell of an oily rag leading up to their harvest, yet sales and export data suggest US exports should be higher. It is looking increasingly likely the US will require imports from South America to bridge the supply gap.

Worldwide ending stocks were down almost 1MMT to 83.36MMT which equates to a fall of 11.5MMT, or 11 per cent, compared to the 2019/20 season and down a staggering 29.5MMT, or 26 per cent, compared to the 2018/19 season.

China remains the front-page soybean story. Demand in the 2020/21 season is unchanged at 100MMT, or 59 per cent of global exports, but many in the trade believe that it will be higher come season end if the current pace of purchases is maintained. The major export suppliers continue to be the US and Brazil with 61.24MMT and 85MMT forecast to be shipped respectively in the current marketing year. That is more than 86 per cent of total global trade. The USDA pegged global wheat production at a record 773.44 million metric tonne, an increase of 0.8MMT on its January estimate. It called Kazakhstan wheat production 14.26MMT, up 1.76MMT on last month and 2.81MMT higher than in 2019/20. Pakistan output was down 0.5MMT and the Argentine crop was decreased by 0.3MMT.

Still, the USDA continues to ignore the enormous crop just harvested here in Australia, leaving production unchanged at 30MMT. We know it is all about the end game for the USDA when it comes to Australian estimates, but the bulk of harvest was concluded two months ago, and their number is still 5MMT shy of reality.

The big change in wheat was a 9.8MMT hike in world demand. Indian consumption was up 3.5MMT, but the headline change was, you guessed it, China. The demand for feed grains remains strong, and the country's feed and residual use was raised by 5MMT to a record 30MMT, eclipsing the previous record of 26MMT set in 2012/13.

Additionally, China's domestic corn prices continue to run at a premium to wheat, encouraging greater use of wheat over corn for stock feed purposes. Auction volumes of old-crop stocks in China have also increased, expanding feed-quality wheat availability with almost 14MT sold in the first five weeks of 2021.

However, the USDA only increased imports by 1MMT meaning 80 per cent of the increase in feed use was taken out of ending stocks. This brought

them down by 4MMT to just under 155MMT. That said, wheat imports at 10MMT are almost double those of last season and more than triple the 2018/19 number.

Last week's WASDE report confirmed several significant themes. China continues to be the driver on the demand side of the global supply and demand equation. Their appetite is massive, and there are no signs it will abate in the near future. On the production side, all eyes are firmly on South America at the moment where consolidation of current production estimates is critical. Any setbacks could quickly spark another market rally, particularly in corn.

Call your local Grain Brokers Australia representative on 1300 946 544 to discuss your grain marketing needs .



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FREE Pre-Seeding Frost Workshop

Farmers and advisors are invited to a hands on workshop to hear the latest frost research findings and strategies to minimise the impact of frost on profit. Farmers attending have the opportunity to develop a personal frost management plan with input and guidance from the experts in the room.

Presenters will include the State's leading frost researcher, frost strategies consultant, grower group executive officer, a grower sharing their experiences and local agronomists. Farmers attending are encouraged to bring your Yield & Elevation maps and 2021 Paddock Plans. Using the new information presented on the day, along with input from the experts in the room, participants will leave the workshop with a plan employing the latest tools to reduce the impact of frost on their profitability.

Workshop Instructors:
Ben Biddulph - Leader, GRDC National Frost Initiative "Management Node"
Garren Knell - Consult. Ag Frost Management Strategies
A Farmer from a frost hotspot - frost experiences & implementation strategies
Facilitator - Sarah Hyde (Facey Group)

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Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

The two new staff houses on the corner of Absolon and McMahon Streets, Lake Grace, are now complete and ready for their first tenants. The construction was undertaken by local builders Trevenen Building and Glass using predominantly local tradies and is finished to a high standard. They have generated quite a bit of interest during construction which is a good sign for the builders.

Ordinary Council Meeting 10 February Resolutions as follows:

- Proposed Excision, re-visiting and rezoning of portion of reserve 27740 Stubbs St, Lake Grace for development of Bush Fire Facility.
- That Council, pursuant to sections 4.17(3) and (4A) of the Local Government Act 1995, request the WA Electoral Commissioner to permit the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Helen Steicke to remain unfilled until the next ordinary Local Government election to be held in October 2021.
- Under the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) – Phase 2 extension, the Shire of Lake Grace has been allocated a further \$606,913. This funding will be available once nominated projects have been submitted to the LRCIP online portal and approved, and then be spent by 31 December 2021:
 - Solar panels for Lake Grace swimming pool
 - Refurbishment of Newdegate Hall
 - Universal access toilet (UAT) for Lake Grace all abilities playground
 - Upgrade of Newdegate walk trails
 - Battery storage for Newdegate and Lake Grace recreation centres
 - Toilet facility at Jam Patch
 - Lake King walk trail upgrade
 - Install shade and seating at Newdegate silos lookout
 - Newdegate cemetery shade and seating
 - Brick paving at Varley Hall
 - Lighting and power supply upgrade for Lake Grace Hockey field

Negotiations continue to finalise funding and the contract for the extensions and refurbishment of the Newdegate Country Club. Unfortunately the initial tenders came in above budget so much behind the scenes work has been underway to revise the works and costings to make it happen. At this stage it may appear that we are like the duck on the pond, nice and calm with little happening, but under the surface it's a whole other story.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Coming Events

*Varley Progress
Association AGM*
Wednesday 24 February

*Lake King Progress
Association Meeting*
Thursday 25 February

Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 1 March

*Movie Night Lake Grace
Croad2*
Saturday 20 March

*Movie Matinee Lake King
Croad2*
Sunday 21 March

Yuk Circus Lake Grace
24 May

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 24 March 2021
from 3:30pm at the Council Chambers, Administration Building. The Agenda will be available on
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Everyone Welcome

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Community Infrastructure Service

After a hot and steamy few days the clouds opened up and delivered a few ml of rain. Our town dams managed to catch a little bit of run off allowing us to turn the sprinklers back on for a few days to the sporting ovals.

Last week our two new staff houses located in Absolon Street were handed over from Trevenen Building & Glass. A massive thank you to Matt and his team on a stellar construction, even with the delays.



Another big thanks to Jason our Technical Officer for persisting (for months) with the new railway pedestrian crossing at the Mather Street entry.

Infrastructure Services is searching for applicants for a Maintenance Grader Operator, if you know of anyone or would like to submit your resume please contact the Shire office for more details, you can find the advert on your community pages or on the Shire Facebook page.

As I say most fortnights, if you have any concerns within your community, please report to our Infrastructure Admin team and we will try to resolve as soon as possible.

Our staff and contractors have carried out the following works:

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Griffin Reward Rd
- Jarring South Rd
- Naisbitt Rd
- O'Neill Rd
- Old Lake Grace Rd
- Treloar Rd
- White Dam Rd

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Dykes Rd
- Magenta Rd
- Taylor Rd

The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Long Creek Rd
- Magdahba Track
- Mallee Tree Rd
- Milstead Rd
- Old Newdegate Rd

Parks & Gardens

The Parks and Gardens Crew have carried out the following work:

Lake Grace

- Mowing Shire Admin office lawn and Railway Station lawn
- Lookout tidy up and emptying of bins
- Slashing of Dewar Street
- Rubbish tip tidy up and push up
- Clearing of all townsite drains
- Assist DWER with Dingo Rock Pad installation
- Removal of fallen tree near jumping pillow
- Change out of rural road signs
- Carting gravel for new railway crossing
- Clearing of saltbush around sporting oval
- Clearing culvert on North Newdegate Road

Newdegate

- Newdegate Hall garden tidy up
- Mowing of Football and Hockey ovals
- Marking of lines
- Spray town side verges for weeds
- Watering of main street gardens

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Installation of Lake Grace Recreation Centre water tanks
- Clear hydraulic oil spill from May Street, Newdegate
- Newdegate Recreation Tank Pad installation
- Repainting of Lake Grace town signs (big maroon blue ones)
- Reinstall bollards to Lake King Pavilion
- Repairs to collapsed culvert
- Renovating Lake King public toilets

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Finally, a safe Rail Crossing on Mather St

A railway crossing has finally being installed on Mather St Lake Grace.

Mrs Mary Naisbitt first became aware for the need for a safe rail crossing for those living on Clark Ave, Mather St or staying at the caravan park after moving into town from the farm. She started campaigning for a crossing to be installed while she was on Council from 1996. In 2009 when Cr Ross Chappell came to Council Mary approached Ross about the need for the crossing. He then often bought it to Council and staff's attention, Vanessa Crisp got the footpaths to the crossing giving the Shire a strong case for the crossing completion.

In 2013 Lake Grace Roadwise included a safe railway crossing as part of their 'Footpath Project' and following consultation with Main Roads began campaigning to the Shire in 2016 for the need for safe pedestrian access.

Thanks to the tireless, persistent work from Manager Infrastructure Services, Craig Elefsen

and Technical Officer, Jason Lip and passionate follow up by Cr Chappell the town now has a compliant and safe crossing over a much walked and ridden line.



Above: Mary Naisbitt, Cr Ross Chappell, Jason Lip and Craig Elefsen

As the weather becomes milder a reminder the Restricted Burning period is still in place until Monday 15 March 2021: you will still need a permit to light a fire. To apply for a permit, please contact the Fire Control Officer for your area, who will decide if it is safe for a fire to be lit and may issue you with a permit (FCO) contact details are available on the Shire's website at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Although it has rained it is still very dry, please be very careful.

2021 shoWcAe IN PIXILS COMPETITION

The annual shoWcAe opportunity is available for any community group to be involved in the exhibition of artwork from Local Governments to be displayed on the iconic 45-metre high digital tower at the heart of Yagan Square in Perth City.

The format of display means our participants are no longer restricted to PVC canvas - creativity is encouraged.

As one of the State's largest ongoing community arts projects, this event is widely acknowledged as being one of the most colourful and vibrant displays throughout the year, and we are very appreciative of the support provided by Yagan Square for this year's competition.

We do hope that a group will participate this year, and to assist you with your planning, we advise you of the following entry schedule:

2021 Entry Schedule

Expression of Interest via email to shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au by Monday, 15 March

Artwork deadline, to be emailed to by shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au before COB Friday, 23 July

Displayed in Yagan Square: Monday, 6 September – Sunday, 26 September*, at 12:00pm each day (*subjected to change)

Announcement of Winners: Monday, 20 September, at the WALGA Convention

If you would like to become involved please contact:

Community Service Officer Cheryl on 9890 2500 or email cmso@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Community Information

Office Open Hours

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday
8.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Staff can be contacted by phone between 8am - 5pm

Transport and Licensing

All licensing payments are to be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration office, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am - 4.15pm
Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 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 5 March 2021

Friday 2 April 2021- 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

Town Planner

Planning Officer, David Johnston and Building Surveyor, Gary Bruhn can be contacted through the Shire Office 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.

Tip Times

Lake Grace

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 2pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

Newdegate

Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm

Lake King and Varley

Open every day

Recycling Services

Household Waste 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 2 March	Tuesday 9 March
Tuesday 16 March	Tuesday 23 March

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.

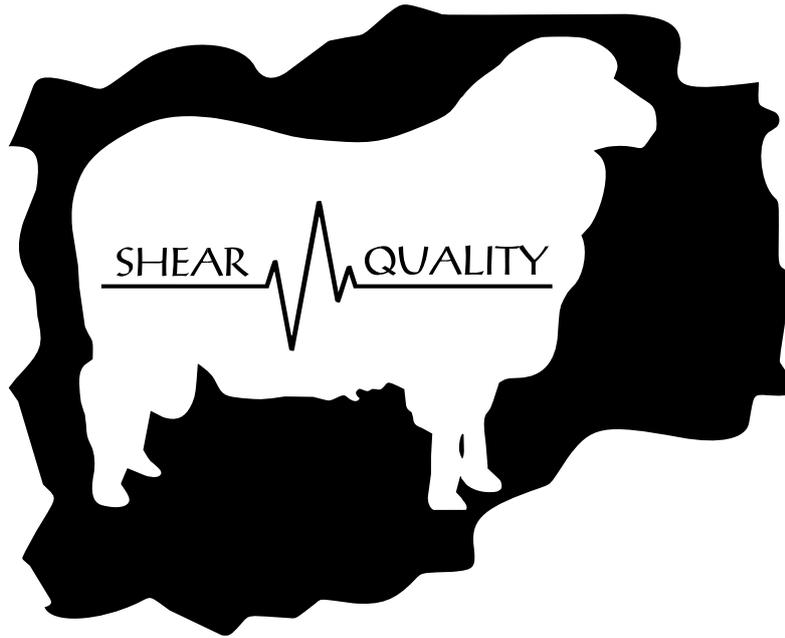


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Recipe—Barbecued marinated chicken with spicy mayonnaise

INGREDIENTS

- 8 chicken thighs, bone in, skin on
- 4 tbsp whole-egg mayonnaise
- 1 tsp salsa hot
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges

Marinade

- 2 garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 fresh long red chillies, seeds removed
- zest of ½ lemon
- 1 handful flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 3 tbsp oregano leaves
- extra virgin olive oil



METHOD

1. To bone the chicken thighs, place each one skin-side down on a chopping board. With a small, sharp knife, cut along each side of the bone, working the knife under the bone. You should be able to remove it.
2. For the spicy mayonnaise, mix the mayonnaise and salsa together. (add a little freshly squeezed lemon juice.)
3. To make the marinade, blend all the ingredients together until smooth, or pound the ingredients in a mortar with a pestle. Gradually incorporate just enough olive oil (about 2 tablespoons) to loosen the mixture.
4. Season to taste, coat the chicken in the marinade and set aside for about 1 hour at room temperature.
5. Heat the barbecue to hot and clean the grills well. Grill the chicken, skin-side down, for about 6 minutes until about three-quarters cooked through. Turn and cook for a further minute or two – the main cooking is done skin-side down to crisp it up. Remove and rest for 5 minutes.
6. Serve chicken thighs immediately, skin-side up and seasoned with ground pepper, accompanied by spicy mayonnaise and wedges of lemon.

Puzzle Page

ACROSS

- 1) Sicilian volcano
- 5) Guesses wrong
- 9) Chow line?
- 14) Neighbor of Libya
- 15) Prosperity
- 16) Host
- 17) We're all involved in it
- 20) Alpha's opposite
- 21) Oolong, for one
- 22) On Soc. Sec., perhaps
- 23) Brainy
- 26) Double-decker checker
- 28) Basket material
- 30) Scale user
- 34) Schuss, e.g.
- 37) Features of luxury hotels
- 39) Dormitory echo
- 40) Moms have it
- 44) Winged
- 45) Watch face
- 46) "Turn on, tune in, drop out" drug
- 47) Venomous African snakes
- 49) Burn slightly, as meat
- 52) "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 54) Mended, as socks
- 57) Adjoin
- 60) Dash lengths
- 62) Per ____ (yearly)
- 64) Aggressive basketball ploy
- 68) Feelings of great warmth
- 69) "Hey!"
- 70) Arctic birds
- 71) Thermonuclear blast maker
- 72) Human copier
- 73) Deep-__ pizza

DOWN

- 1) Bounce back, in a way
- 2) Try to catch a ride
- 3) Appellation bestower
- 4) Slowly, to a conductor
- 5) Yearling producer
- 6) Tyrannosaurus ____
- 7) Absorbed
- 8) Aerodynamically designed
- 9) Muumuu go-with
- 10) Newly developed, as technology
- 11) Dermatology problem
- 12) The Amish, e.g.
- 13) Act on, as advice
- 18) Bettors bet on them
- 19) Bust, so to speak
- 24) Snake sound
- 25) Halfhearted
- 27) Not yet final, at law
- 29) Punjabi princesses
- 31) Drudgery
- 32) Winged god of love
- 33) Split apart
- 34) Did laps in the pool
- 35) Nut used in flavoring
- 36) Islamic prayer leader
- 38) Composed
- 41) Where one is always looking up?
- 42) Spick-and-span
- 43) Arm bone
- 48) Blossom holder
- 50) Court star Steffi
- 51) The Muses, as a group
- 53) Nebraska metropolis
- 55) Boredom
- 56) Times for headlights
- 57) Asian nurse
- 58) Cutting remark
- 59) Annul
- 61) Barber's motion
- 63) Come together like gears
- 65) Sun or moon, e.g.
- 66) Salon application
- 67) Musical aptitude

PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE By Mason Lorry

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Local Services	
Lake Grace Medical Centre	9865 1208
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 9:00am - 12:30pm (closed for lunch 12:30pm - 2:00pm) 2:00pm - 5:00pm	
Newdegate Medical Centre	9871 1528
Wednesday, 9:30am - 3:30pm	
Dentist (Dr Bryan Flemming)	9865 1028
Tuesdays weekly during summer. Tuesdays/Wednesdays fortnightly during winter	
Physiotherapist (Karen Rodgers-Smart)	0439 858 587
Child Health Nurse (Di Poultney)	9890 2246

Newdegate Phone Books available at the CRC for \$7

Community Calendar

February

- Tue 23rd Recycle Bins
- Wed 24th Seafood Van - 3pm-4pm @ Nutrien
- Sat 27th Southerners 27th Fishing Classic @ Hopetoun
- Sun 28th Registrations for Chemclear close!

March

- Mon 1st Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tues 2nd NPS - Pupil Free Day
- Wed 3rd Holt Rock Group Frost Workshop - 1:30pm-5:30pm @ Hyden Recreation Centre
- Fri 5th Driving assessor @ Shire of Lake Grace
- Fri 5th & 6th Wagin Woolorama
- Tue 9th Recycle Bins
- Tue 9th Book Club 2 @ 6:30pm
- Wed 10th Hockey AGM - 6:30pm @ Newdegate Hotel
- Thu 11th Winter Sport Auxiliary AGM - 2pm @ the NCRC
- Sat 13th State Election
- Mon 15th Rec Council Meeting - 6:30pm @ the Rec Centre
- Tue 23rd Recycle Bins
- Tue 23rd & 24th Dr Linda Haines in Lake Grace
- Wed 24th Seafood Van - 3pm-4pm @ Nutrien
- Wed 24th Shire Council Meeting
- Thu 25th Cuppa with a Coppa - 10:00am @ the NCRC
- Thu 25th NPS Interschool Swim Carnival with Lake king
- Tues 30th Easter Crafts Kids Workshop - 2:30pm @ the NCRC

April

- Thu 1st NPS - End of Term 1
- Fri 2nd Public Holiday - Good Friday
- Mon 5th Public Holiday - Easter Monday
- Tue 13th Book Club 2 @ 6:30pm
- Sat 17th Newdegate Winter Sports - Newdegate vs Gnowangerup
- Mon 19th NPS - Start of Term 2
- Mon 19th Rec Council - 6:30pm @ the Rec Centre
- Wed 21st Seafood Van - 3pm-4pm @ Nutrien
- Sat 24th Newdegate Winter Sports - Newdegate vs Boxwood

Newdegate Defibrillator Locations

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| ⇒ Newdegate Ambulance Shed
<i>May Street</i> | ⇒ Newdegate Country Club
<i>Newdegate/Pingrup Road</i> |
| ⇒ Newdegate Grocer & Café
<i>7 Maley Street</i> | ⇒ Newdegate Swimming Pool
<i>Mitchell Street</i> |
| ⇒ Newdegate Hotel
<i>1 Maley Street</i> | ⇒ Newdegate Tennis Club
<i>Waddell Street</i> |
| ⇒ Newdegate Rec Centre
<i>Waddell Street</i> | |

