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21st Feb 23

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Wed	11°C	28°C	0mm	0%
Thu	11°C	32 °C	0mm	0%
Fri	11°C	33°C	0mm	0%
Sat	12°C	36°C	0mm	0%
Sun	13°C	33°C	0mm	0%
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Congratulations to Bridget Cuff and Korie Bowen on their wedding!

They were married on Saturday 4th February 2023 at The Cut Golf Course in Dawesville.

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NOTICE BOARD

Funeral Notice

Helen Mercia McDonald

Thank you for your well wishes and condolences on the passing of Helen McDonald. We do appreciate your thoughts and kindness at this sad time. The funeral will be held at the Newdegate Rec Centre on Friday the 24th February at 1.00pm, followed by her burial at the Cemetery. The Family would like you to join us afterwards at the Rec Centre to celebrate a life well lived and to share the many great memories of our lives with Helen.

The Newdegate Community Resource Centre Management Committee and staff would like to extend their heartfelt condolences to the McDonald Family on the loss of Helen. Helen was one of the main instigators in the development of the Newdegate Telecentre, researching what was best for the Newdegate Community and getting the Centre up and running. Helen was a tireless committee member since 1998 always willing to lend a hand and volunteer her time when needed.

Fluid Landscapes

31st March 10.30 -12.30
Newdegate CRC

Enjoy a morning of creativity with Kate Martin. Play with High flow acrylics and a kitchen spatula to create a fluid landscape.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

The Newdegate Machinery Field Days and Newdegate Community Cropping Group are vital to our community. They fund numerous projects around the town and provide financial support to various clubs.

Please show your support of these initiatives and the people who work behind the scenes all year round by attending the Annual General Meetings.

Thursday, 23rd February 2023
Newdegate Rec Centre Grounds

Newdegate Community Cropping Group @ 4pm
Apologies to Nat Thompson

Newdegate Machinery Field Days @ 5pm
Apologies to Hope Newman

NEWDEGATE MACHINERY FIELD DAYS
General Committee Meeting
Immediately following the AGM at the Field Day Office.
(Supper provided)

TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING COURSES

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MC 06/03/23 – 09/03/23

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

6:30pm

VENUE: TBC

Likely to be the Hotel dining room though

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

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Shire Representative Shire President Cr Len Armstrong speech as presented at the Newdegate Australia Day Awards Ceremony 2023

First, let us have a round of applause for our pilots who flew their aircraft from Albany to Newdegate and for the fly overs that they conducted. Thank you.

I begin today by acknowledging the Ballardong people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today.

Good morning everyone, I am delighted to welcome you all to the 2023 Australia Day Breakfast.

Thank you to the Gateway Uniting Church for organising today's event, and on behalf of the Shire of Lake Grace, I would like to thank you all for joining us.

Australia is unique in many ways. Of the world's seven continents, Australia is the only one to be occupied by a single nation. We have the lowest population density in the world, with only two people per square kilometre. Australia is one of the world's oldest land masses. It is the sixth largest country in the world. It is also the driest inhabited continent, so in most parts of Australia water is a very precious resource. Tell that to the Fitzroy Crossing residents right now.

Australia has a population of about 24 million people and one of the most diverse societies in the world. Indigenous Australians make up 3.2 per cent of the total population. Over one quarter of Australia's residents were born overseas, and have migrated from over 200 countries. The diversity of the population provides Australia with a rich variety of languages, beliefs, traditions and cultures.

Australia Day, is an opportunity to reflect and be surrounded by friends, family and community, and to do something Australian. It is a day to return to simple pleasures and celebrate the simple act of being together. We celebrate being part of a proud, ancient, multicultural nation where everyone has the freedom to act upon their beliefs.

We must remember the true meaning of Australia Day – the lifestyle, our sense of a 'fair go', democracy and freedom. Reflect, respect, celebrate – we're all part of the story.

I would now like to proceed with the presentation of the Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards.

Newdegate Active Citizenship (group or event)

Newdegate Historical Society Centenary Celebrations 2022

Can we have Sue Hall and her Committee members to come forward.

The Newdegate Centenary Celebrations held on 24th September 2022 showcased historic, social and connectivity to the past, the present and the future of the Newdegate Community.

This was showcased in so many different ways - from the Centenary Book, the Historic Walk Trail & Walk Trail Booklet, the Plaques on the Pioneer Wall Project, the Community Groups/Organisations Displays in the Town Hall, the Farm Location Interpretive Maps and the Presentation of Historic Artefacts and Information at the Museum in the Hainsworth Building.

This culminated in a huge 'Party Event' held at the Recreation Centre with activities and entertainment for community members and visiting family and friends of all ages - from very young children through to the 90-year old's.

The Newdegate Historical Society are a small group of community volunteers (Susan Hall, Anne Rick, Stephanie Clarke- Lloyd, Lynne Ellard, Jan Orr, Roz Lloyd, Anne Bishop and Natalie Thompson) who have been busy for years with the restoration, interpretation, ongoing development and maintenance of the Hainsworth Building. This group have been integral in the development and management of the community archive and they continue to collect, interpret, preserve and collate local history.

The Newdegate Historical Society, along with the valuable assistance of many other community volunteers, delivered the 'Celebration of the Century' where families and friends from the past 100 years of Newdegate came together to reminisce, reflect and enjoy the strength and resilience of this amazing small community they once, or still do, call 'home'.

Newdegate Machinery Field Days Committee (50 Years Anniversary)

I call on Syd Walker and Ashley McDonald as past Presidents to come forward and receive the award on behalf of all past and present members.

Comprised entirely of volunteers, the Newdegate Machinery Field Days Committee has been conducting the Field Days event annually for a period of 50 years from 1972 through to 2022, and it is estimated that on average between 9,000 to 11,000 people attend the event each year. The event focusses on providing a unique and fulfilling experience for all who attend and exhibit, with something to interest all participants no matter what age. Machinery, technology and research, animals and livestock, outdoor camping and exhibits, arts, fashion, food, wine and local produce, live entertainment and much more form the basis of the two show days which promotes and celebrates innovation in agriculture.

Planning for the annual event keeps the volunteer committee busy all-year round, and the local Newdegate community highly involved in preparations in the weeks leading into the show dates. The successful running of the Newdegate Machinery Field Days over the fifty years has raised significant funds which has enabled the Committee to support their local community with donations to many worthwhile local projects that every resident benefit from either directly or indirectly. All of the volunteers allocate the hours they commit to a local club or the Royal Flying Doctor Service of WA who benefit with a donation from Newdegate Machinery Field Days. Over the years, this has allowed the Field Days to provide significant support to our community; an achievement of which they are very proud and recognition of this fact is most justified.

Newdegate Citizen of the Year

Stephanie Clarke-Lloyd and Melissa Cugley

Stephanie was the motivator and Event Coordinator who inspired, motivated and encouraged the volunteer members of the Newdegate Historical Society to pull together the Newdegate Event of the Century, the Centenary Celebrations in September 2022.

This celebration included the compilation of the 100 Year History Book, the Walk Trail Interpretive Signs, The Walk Trail Booklets, the Centenary Logo, the photo boards in the Town Hall Display, and other signage and banners.

This happened because of the incredible partnership of Stephanie and Melissa. The professionalism and precision quality of all of the above would not have been achieved without the hundreds of hours that these ladies spent perfecting each and every page, and every stage of these projects, hence we wish to nominate them both as the Newdegate Community Citizens for 2023.

Stephanie and Melissa not only worked together, along with other community members, on the production of the written collection of historic facts, photos, community stories and memories they also compiled and coordinated the coup of the Centenary - the secret Headline Band - and dealt with all the protocols that go with having a well- known band!

Stephanie and her small Entertainment committee (Helen Scott and Emily Gilmour) provided the most incredible ambient, friend and family-friendly setting for everyone to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends and long-lost relatives. This component of the celebrations was carried out with the very least amount of community member involvement so that they could actually enjoy The Event, especially as it had only been two weeks after the massive Newdegate Machinery Field Day event which involves all community members. This was the ultimate display of active citizenship and the enhancement of community life, and it was certainly appreciated by all community members who attended this incredible Celebration of Newdegate.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

Prior to the conclusion of these awards and acknowledgements, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the wonderful New Year's Eve celebrations that took place in our refurbished Town Hall. A big thank you to Alison Spencer, Sandy Armstrong, Jazz Offer, Britinee Baum and Franny Cuff who organized the whole show including decorating the hall in the days leading up to the function. So successful was the night that one would hope it becomes an annual event. Once again thank you all.

Other Shire Community Award Recipients

Lake Grace

Bradley Watson Lake Grace Citizen of the Year

Phyllis Dunham Lake Grace Senior Citizen of the Year

Lake Grace-Pingrup Football Club 100 years Celebration

Lake Grace Active Citizenship (group or event)

RAISING OF THE FLAG & NATIONAL ANTHEM

I wish you all a very happy Australia Day and thank the 'Auspire – the Australia Day Council of WA' and the Shire of Lake Grace for their continued support.

We are here to Reflect, Respect, Celebrate – we're all part of the story.

A big thank you is extended to Racelis Rose, Executive Assistant at the Shire of Lake Grace for her research and compilation of the notes for this presentation.

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Member for Roe takes on deputy role

The local Member for Roe Mr Peter Rundle MLA has been elected as Deputy Leader of The Nationals WA in a leadership reshuffle which also saw Mr Shane Love MLA elected as the new Leader of the Party.

Subsequently, as the newly appointed Deputy Opposition Leader Peter Rundle said he was honoured to be elected and looked forward to working in the Leadership team, heading into 2025.

“I would like to thank my family for their understanding and patience during this time and thank my colleagues for their unwavering support,” Mr Rundle said.

“With Shane Love stepping into the leadership role, I have great confidence that The Nationals WA will continue to serve the people of WA to the highest level, a precedent set by the previous Leader Mia Davies.

“I’d like to acknowledge our outgoing Leader Mia Davies for the fantastic job she has done and the

legacy that she created.

“We will continue to advocate for regional WA in both the Parliament and in our electorates as well as being the voice for all West Australians in holding the McGowan Labor Government to account.”

Mr Rundle said he was excited about the new opportunities within his role as Deputy Leader but that his electorate of Roe will remain a priority.

“I want to reassure my constituents in Roe that I will continue to be their representative in Parliament on all matters involving our electorate. I will also retain all three portfolios as Shadow Minister for Education and Training, Sport and Recreation and Racing and Gaming.”

Mr Rundle said he was looking forward to working with Mr Love to provide a strong voice for all regional West Australians.

As the new Leader of the Opposition, Shane Love said the cost-of-living, housing shortages, a broken health system, out-of-control youth crime, and lack of police and teachers will remain front and centre for the State Opposition.

“As I step into the leadership role, I know we have a significant task ahead to return balance to the

Parliament, and most importantly, to provide a strong voice for all regional West Australians,” Mr Love said.

“I have great confidence in our team to continue bringing a common-sense and pragmatic approach

to policy, legislation and the Parliament.”

The Nationals WA Leadership team:

- Shane Love MLA, Leader of the Opposition

- Peter Rundle MLA, Deputy Leader of the Opposition

- Hon Colin de Grussa MLC, Leader of The Nationals WA in the Legislative Council

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Valentine's Day Facts

Why we celebrate it on the 14th of February:

February 14 is the feast of St. Valentine, a Catholic saint who was executed by Roman Emperor Claudius II on that date sometime during the third century A.D. The holiday may have been promoted to overshadow the pagan festival Lupercalia. In the fifth century, Pope Gelasius I outlawed Lupercalia and officially declared February 14 Valentine's Day.

Why we call people 'Valentine':

Legend has it that when St. Valentine was in prison, he fell in love with the daughter of one of his judges and cured her blindness. Before his execution, he wrote her a letter, signing it "From your Valentine." Whether or not this was a romantic gesture is up for debate. Nevertheless, the signature caught on and is still used to show affection.

Why we give out roses:

Back in the Victorian era, people expressed their emotions through floriography, or the language of flowers. Giving a certain kind of flower conveyed a specific message, and red roses meant romance.

Why doves are a symbol of love:

Doves are better known for their association with peace, but there's no shortage of V-Day décor featuring these white birds. Doves' association with love dates back to Greek mythology. Doves were the sacred bird of the love goddess Aphrodite, who favoured them because of their monogamous habits. Doves tend to stay with the same mate throughout the whole mating season, and the male doves support and care for the females after the baby doves are born.

Sports

TENNIS:

Unfortunately we saw a loss for Newdegate against Toolibin on the 5th of February. It was an absolute scorcher of a day and I think everyone was just happy to still be standing by the end of it.

Toolibin: 30 sets 191 games Newdegate: 4 sets 78 games

Well done to Sarah Lloyd who was a part of all 4 of the winning sets!

Coming up:

- 19th February: Pennants Round 6 Dumbleyung v Newdegate
- 26th February: Pennants Round 7 Kukerin v Newdegate

BASKETBALL:

2nd February:

Sapphires 27 - 21 Ruby's

Saints 46 - 38 Celtics

Lake Grace 42 - 36 Bullets

9th February:

Diamonds 48 - 19 Sapphires

Bullets 39 - 24 Celtics

Lake Grace 48 - 37 Raiders

Coming up:

16th February: 7:00pm Celtics v Saints
7:00pm Rubys v Diamonds
8:00pm Bullets v Lake Grace

23rd February: 7:00pm Rubys v Sapphires
7:00pm Mens 1st Final 3 v 4
8:00pm Mens 1st Final 1 v 2

BOWLS:

04/02/23 Mens	Kulin	Newdegate
Aggregate	99	90
Points	6½	1½
04/02/23 Ladies	**Kulin**	**Newdegate**
Aggregate	41	33
Points	3	1

Coming up:

18th February: Pennants Round 10

Men's: Kon v Kul, LG v New, Kuk v Karl

Ladies: Kon v Kul, LG v New

25th February: Mens Pennant Semi Final 1v4 @ 1
Ladies Pennant Semi Final 1v4 @ 1
Mens Pennant Semi Final 2v3 @ 2
Ladies Pennant Semi Final 2v3 @ 2

CRICKET:

Newdegate won against Jerry on Saturday 11th February.

Score : 162—182.

Coming up:

Round 8: Feb 18th 2023

Newdegate v Borden

Jerremungup v Wellstead/Green Range

Round 9: Feb 25th 2023

Wellstead/Green Range v Newdegate

Borden v Jerremungup

Round 10: March 4th 2023

Borden v Wellstead/Green Range

Jerremungup v Newdegate

Community Information

UNOCCUPIED DWELLINGS SURVEY

The 4WDL group of LGA's is keen to understand what makes up the percentages across each of the six (6) Shires of Wagin, West Arthur, Williams, Woodanilling, Dumbleyung, and Lake Grace.

To assist in building a case for investment, significant investigative effort has been carried out to better understand the demand for worker housing versus current supply including market conditions. This data and intelligence gathering process is vital to identify the supply gaps and possible investment solutions, including the potential for government intervention via grant or loan funding assistance.

A short survey of 5 questions has been produced to seek this information. We would be very grateful if everyone could complete and return this survey as soon as possible, preferably by no later than:

COB Friday 24th February 2023

Please go to the Shire Website link below, and complete the survey: https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/.../4WDL_Key_Worker...

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 - 10 February

Thursday - 2 March (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
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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

Changes will be advertised on the Shire Facebook page.

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 .

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 28 February	Tuesday 21 February
Tuesday 14 March	Tuesday 7 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.

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Just as our daylight skies are ever-changing, with new sunsets and cloud formations, our evening skies are constantly changing too, as the star patterns move across the sky throughout the year. And amongst the stars are a few brighter ones that seem to wander on their own path. These are of course the planets of our solar system. The word planet means "wanderer", given by the ancient Greek's who studied the night sky and began to understand their orbits.

As the planets continue their never-ending path around the Sun, their orbits can sometimes bring the planets together forming incredible conjunctions, from our perspective here on earth.

Between the 22nd of February and 8th of March, head outside just after sunset and watch the planets in motion! Jupiter and Venus will approach each other before beginning to move further apart from our perspective! The Moon will even join in on the 22nd and 23rd!
Jupiter and Venus Conjunction.

Adding to the spectacle, on 28th Feb, Mars makes a close approach to the Moon. Visible as a red star, Mars can be easily seen with the naked eye. Don't confuse Mars for the nearby Aldebaran and Betelgeuse stars however, as the three red objects and the Moon make a large triangle in the sky.

When to look: Just after sunset 22nd February to 2nd March

Which direction to look: Low to the western horizon for Jupiter and Venus. For the Moon and Mars, north north-west in the early evening.

We will have more stargazing tips and helpful hints coming up in our next article! Keep looking up and marvel at our clear, dark skies.

For more stargazing tips, visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au.

POLICE NEWS

LAKE GRACE POLICE STATION

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Personnel: Sgt. Joshua Egan-Reid,

STATION NEWS

We've had a few occasions recently where people were reported missing. It's a good time to remind everyone of the website; Safe and Found WA. Safe & Found WA is an initiative introduced by Western Australia Police Force (WA Police Force) and Australia Medic Alert Foundation.

Safe & Found supports people living with dementia, autism or a cognitive impairment who might be at risk of becoming lost or reported as missing, by ensuring Police have immediate access to critical information to assist when undertaking search operations.

A detailed profile outlining the persons personal history and characteristics is completed ahead of time, and kept securely along with a recent photo, on the Safe & Found database for Police to access immediately if they go missing.

We cannot stress enough how valuable this information is to police and has already assisted in locating hundreds of people. A person does not have to have ever been reported missing, only have the potential to do so.

CRIME NEWS

We've had several burglaries reported in the last fortnight. It seems someone has been busy as Kulin, Dumbleyung and Corrigin also had similar MO burglaries reported. Unknown suspects entered and searched lone farm houses on properties off the beaten track. On most occasions they searched sheds and outbuildings but also broke into abandoned or vacant homes.
We've currently working with the detectives on these investigations and have some forensic leads we are following up.

TRAFFIC NEWS

We have had a surprising amount of crashes recently. Thankfully no one has been seriously injured.

You may have seen what's left of a Hyundai between Lake Grace and Newdegate. The driver was very lucky to have got away without serious injury after the vehicle left the road and rolled. He was left with nasty concussion and no memory of the crash.

In another crash, the driver by pure luck went in between two trees, either of which would have led to a much worse result. He escaped with very minor injuries.

In a slight plot twist, this driver happened to have stolen the vehicle. In an attempt to hide evidence of his crime he piled tree branches on the vehicle after the crash and set the whole thing ablaze.

Now a fire normally attracts the attention of people and this occasion was no different. With the help of witnesses' police were directed to the male and he was arrested attempting to flea the area. He was charged with Stealing and No Authority To Drive.

Take care and stay safe.
Regards
Lake Grace Police

Grain Brokers Australia Weekly Market Report

Grain Brokers Australia Weekly Market Report
February 14, 2023

High flour prices weigh on Bangladesh's economy…
Farmers in Bangladesh have increased the area planted to wheat this season for the first time in three years, buoyed by the soaring price of flour in the domestic market. Wheat is the second most consumed grain in Bangladesh behind rice, but over recent years farmers have been gradually converting their farmland to higher return crops such as potatoes, vegetables and rice.

According to the Bangladesh Department of Agriculture, growers planted 319,000 hectares of wheat in the northern hemisphere autumn, up 1.6 per cent on the 314,000 hectares planted in the 2021/22 season. The final production is forecast at 1.2 million metric tonne when the crop is harvested in April, up from 1.1MMT in 2021/22. While higher than last year, production has been hovering around this level for the past ten years and is much lower than the record of 2MMT set in 1999/2000.

Bangladesh relies heavily on imported wheat to meet domestic demand. Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February last year, global supply chain disruptions and higher international prices have dramatically increased the cost of imported wheat. The situation was further aggravated by India's wheat export ban on May 13, 2022, and the appreciation of the United States dollar against the Bangladesh taka (BDT).

Last month the average retail price of coarse wheat flour, known as aata, hit a record of BDT 61.6 (AU$0.85) per kilogram, up around 70 per cent over the last 12 months and more than double the price in January 2021. The price of higher quality fine wheat flour, known as maida, also hit a record in January, selling for BDT 72 (AU$0.99) /kg.

The high price of all types of wheat flour has driven domestic demand dramatically lower as the consumer turns to other sources of nutrition. And the high prices are expected to persist until the local harvest begins. There is also hope that India, will relax the wheat export ban to traditional Asian customers such as Bangladesh.

In last week's world agricultural supply and demand update, the USDA decreased wheat imports for Bangladesh by 0.7MMT to 5.3MMT compared to its January update as high prices shift demand to more affordably priced rice. This figure is more than 1MMT lower than 2021/22 imports which the USDA pegged at 6.34MMT but is still 0.3MMT higher than its own Foreign Agricultural Service import estimate of 5MMT, released late last month.

According to the FAS, domestic consumption will fall by more than 1.5MMT, or 18 per cent, from a record 8.3MMT in the 2021/22 season to 6.8MMT in the current season. Food, seed and industrial consumption usually make up more than 90 per cent of national consumption, and this season it is projected to be down 1.2MMT to 6.5MMT as lower imports and higher flour prices drive down the intake of aata and maida.
Wheat consumption by the stockfeed sector in 2022/23 is expected to be down by 50 per cent to 300,000 metric tonne compared to 2021/22. This is due to a much lower inclusion rate in rations as the wholesale price of wheat hit a record BDT 54.16 (AU$0.74) /kg in December, up over 80 per cent compared to a year earlier.

Local merchants have dramatically slowed the pace of international purchases, with government data showing imports in the first six months of the 2022/23 marketing year stood at around 2.2MMT, 50 per cent lower than the same period last year. While demand is indeed lower, the primary issue appears to be delays in the opening letters of credit arising from a lack of US dollar denominated foreign currency reserves in Bangladesh.

Grain Brokers Weekly Report Cont...

On August 31 last year, the Bangladesh government's cabinet committee approved the importation of 500,000 metric tonne of Russian wheat under a government-to-government agreement, with a five-month delivery window. By the end of December, around 400,000 metric tonne, or 80 per cent of the agreed quantity, had already been discharged at ports in Bangladesh.

Ukraine is also a major wheat supplier to Bangladesh, with a 56,000 metric tonne shipment passing inspection in the Bosphorus in the last week of January, bringing total Ukraine shipments since the grain export corridor opened in July last year to more than 547,000 metric tonne. Bangladesh is the eighth largest recipient of Ukraine grain under the United Nations and Türkiye brokered Black Sea Grain Initiative.

However,
The government of Bangladesh recently slashed its wheat import expectations from India after Delhi suggested it should rationalise its proposed annual import quota. The revised proposal for the balance of the current fiscal year has cut wheat imports by 2MMT to 2.5MMT. Some 0.5MMT and 2MMT of imports have been proposed for Indian government and private supply channels, respectively. Whether or not it happens is an entirely different story.

Bangladesh is an important export destination for Australian wheat, with shipments in the 2022 calendar year totalling 295,000 metric tonne, or just over one per cent of the nation's total wheat export campaign of 28.74MMT. Last year's export figure was down from 451,000 metric tonne in 2021. All but a 10,000 metric tonne parcel shipped in December departed Australian ports in the first half of 2022 before new crop Black Sea exports ramped up.

Like many developing countries worldwide that rely on imports to meet domestic food requirements, Bangladesh is struggling in the higher global food price environment. It has led to rising domestic food inflation, increased food insecurity, raised social tensions and strained the government's budget.

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

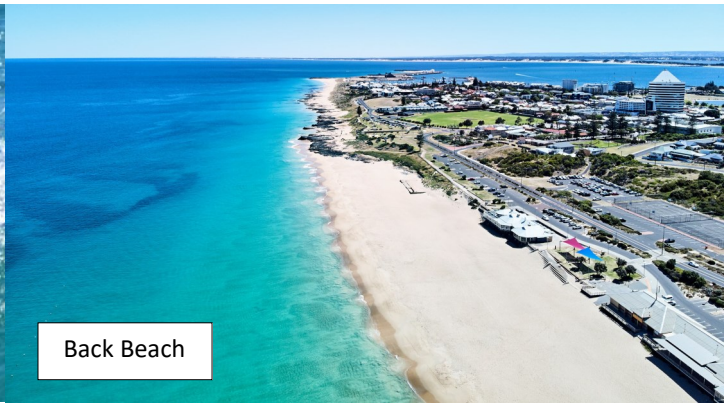
Wander this weekend to Bunbury

Things to do:

- Marlston Hill Lookout Tower
- Spot the dolphins at Koombana Bay
- Bunbury Wildlife Park
- Bunbury Farmers Market
- Dive on Lena Ship Wreck with Octopus Garden Dive Charters
- Ngalang Wongi Aboriginal Cultural Tour
- Back Beach
- Bunbury Regional Art Gallery
- Bunbury Museum Heritage Centre

Marlston Hill Lookout Tower

Dolphin at Koombana



Back Beach

Where to eat:

- Market Eating House
- Mojo's Kitchen Bar & Bottle Shop
- Nicolas Ristorante
- White Elephant Thai Restaurant
- Drooley's Pizza Lounge
- Basalt Restaurant and Bar

Mojo's Kitchen Bar & Bottle Shop

Where to stay:

- Bunbury Hotel Koobana Bay
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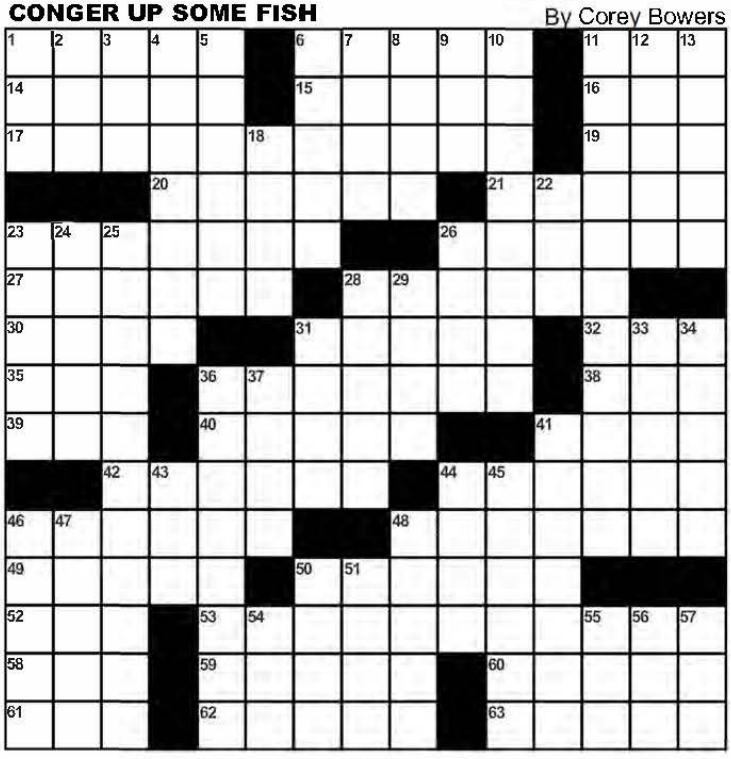
ACROSS

1) Sound of disbelief
6) Made inquiries
11) It goes boom
14) Athens marketplace of old
15) Shopping indulgence
16) It's full of battles
17) Ramp utilizers
19) Wedding declaration
20) They may work in a shoe department
21) Unsaid, but understood
23) Certain Asian
26) Quiet parrots?
27) Beetle type
28) Kid in a Donner movie title
30) Relieves, as of a burden
31) Where something happens
32) Lifter's back muscle
35) Flying Brits, initially
36) Prepared for a proposal
38) It gets fleeced
39) Blackjack card
40) Like people raising the roof
41) Tennis champ Lendl
42) Exile like Napoleon
44) It's spent in Spain
46) Offer without proof
48) Napa Valley figure
49) Kind of healer
50) Edgy feeling
52) Traveler's lodging
53) Type of picnic race
58) "Andy Capp" cartoonist Smythe
59) More than willing
60) Poem comprised of quotations
61) Superman's insignia
62) They change colors often
63) Halt in hostilities

DOWN

1) Sound of hesitation
2) "How disgusting!"
3) Curly's brother in slapstick
4) Car stereo configurations
5) Ice-melting aid
6) Disturbingly pale
7) Practice like a pug
8) Kringle of Christmas
9) Always used by a poet?
10) Predetermined
11) Twenty-two
12) Opposite of apex
13) Emulates a horse
18) Unofficial government title
22) "___ my brother's keeper?"
23) Lead-in to "firma"
24) Of the hip bone
25) Worrisome vibes
26) Wry expression
28) V-formation group
29) "If ___ I had known ..."
31) Bride's headgear
33) In the know
34) Caruso or Domingo
36) Dubbed with a sword
37) Olfactory feature
41) Whole number
43) Part of the basketball hoop
44) Gauge face
45) Creepy-crawly
46) Aflame
47) Bowling alley features
48) Turns sharply
50) Hard-to-ignore feeling
51) At no time, to poets
54) Livestock feed
55) Antelope seen on safaris
56) List-shortening letters
57) Anonymous John

CONGER UP SOME FISH By Corey Bowers



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

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To apply scan the QR codes or visit:

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CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES

INGREDIENTS:

- 285g / 10 oz dark chocolate melts (chocolate chips, or chocolate block coarsely chopped)
- 2 tbsp (30g) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup (125ml) cream (full fat, not low fat, not whipped)

COATING IDEAS (EACH ENOUGH TO COAT 24 TRUFFLES):

- 1/2 cup desiccated coconut
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder (Dutch Processed is darker, looks "posh")
- 1/2 cup crushed peanuts (small, so can stick)
- 1/3 cup sprinkles or similar
- 1/4 cup icing sugar / powdered sugar

METHOD:

1. Place chocolate, crema and butter in a microwave proof bowl. Microwave on high for 4 x 30 second bursts, stirring in between.
2. Cover bowl with a plate and stand for 5 minutes, then stir until chocolate Is melted and smooth (this is a ganache!)
3. Place the bowl in the refrigerator for 6 hours. Do not be tempted to shortcut it by freezing it!
4. Put a dinner plate or tray that you will use to place the rolled truffles on in the fridge as well

ROLLING THE TRUFFLE BALLS:

1. Place cocoa / coatings of choice in a small bowl or plate
2. Remove ganache from fridge. The chocolate mixture should be firm - softer than cold butter but harder than peanut butter
3. Get an ice pack of frozen bag of peas from the freezer and place on the bench. Cover with a couple of paper towels
4. Scoop up a tablespoon, then use a teaspoon to scoop the mixture out into your hands. Roll into ball then place on chilled plate. Repeat with remaining chocolate mixture, chilling hands on freezer pack as needed
5. Once all balls are rolled, roll; in cocoa or coatings of choice. Serve at room temp so the chocolate is beautifully creamy inside

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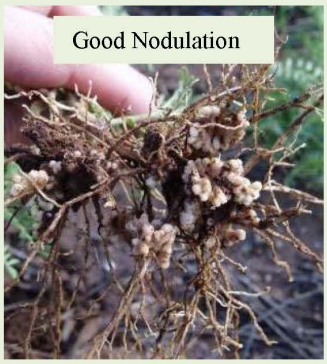

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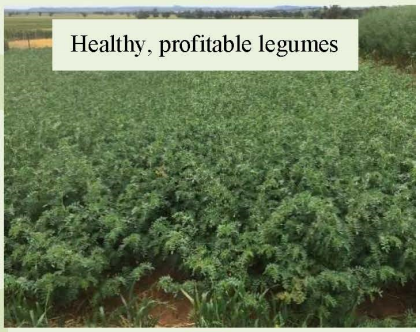

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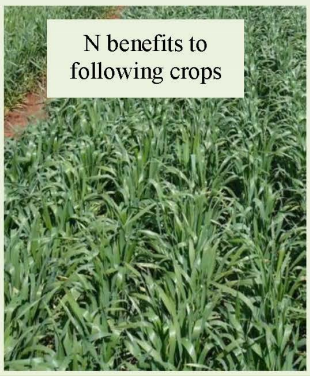

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Newdegate Medical Centre	**9871 1528**
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Community Calendar

February 2023

Tues 14th	♡ Valentines Day ♡
Thurs 16th	Dr. Olu in Newdegate
Thurs 16th	Basketball
Sat 18th	Newdegate Cricket vs Borden
	Newdegate Bowls pennants round 10
Sun 19th	Newdegate Tennis Pennants vs Dumbleyung
Mon 20th	HR Truck License 2 Day Course
Wed 22nd	HR Truck License 2 Day Course
Wed 22nd	Seafood Van in Newdegate
Thurs 23rd	GRDC Grower Network Forum @ Newdegate Golf Club
	Newdegate Community Cropping Group AGM @ Rec Centre Grounds
	Newdegate Machinery Field Days AGM @ Rec Centre Grounds
	Evan Ayres at Newdegate Hotel
Fri 24th	NPS Swim Carnival
Fri 24th	Funeral Service Mrs Helen McDonald
Sat 25th	Newdegate cricket at Wellstead
Sun 26th	Newdegate Bowls Pennants vs Kukerin
Tues 28th	Newdegate Hockey Club AGM 6.30pm

March 2023

Thurs 2nd	HEAL Workshop
	Dr. Olu in Newdegate
Mon 6th	MC Truck License 2 Day Course
Wed 8th	MC Truck License 2 Day Course
Thurs 9th	HEAL Workshop
Thurs 16th	HEAL Workshop
	Dr. Olu in Newdegate
Sat 18th	Pingrup Races

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⇒ Newdegate Grocer & Café
5 Maley Street

⇒ Newdegate Hotel
1 Maley Street

⇒ Newdegate Rec Centre
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201 Newdegate North Road

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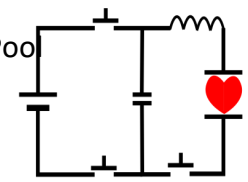
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