

# Community Newsletter

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## From the CEO

My first few days back at the helm after my summer break have been eventful and there has been a lot of catching up to do. Thank you to Chris Paget for taking the role of CEO during my absence.

Many people would have received rain over the weekend, some may have had enough for a little run-off. The water situation has not gone away yet.

We regret the need to cease watering our town ovals however, to continue to water the ovals 10 additional truckloads of water per oval per day would be required and the cost to our rate payers would be unjustifiable.

The alert level for the bushfire north of Perth has been downgraded due to rainfall over the fireground. Thank you to all the volunteer fire services.

We are now required to sign into work and all shops even for a take away coffee. Perth and Peel are in a lockdown transition period until 12.01am, Sunday 14 February. This allows the full 14-day incubation period to run its course.

Please be aware if you are travelling to Perth for any reason, you are required to wear a mask in public. When returning from Perth or Peel, you must wear a mask in public at all times as per the rules in place for Perth and Peel until Sunday 14 February.

There is an Ordinary Council meeting on Wednesday 10 February followed by the Annual Meeting of Electors at 6.30pm at the Lake Grace Sports Pavilion. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the contents of the Annual Report for 2019/2020 along with other general business.

Members of the public who wish to have questions answered at this meeting may do so by lodging written submissions.

## 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 [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

### Everyone Welcome

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

Everyone is welcome to attend both meetings, the Agenda and the Annual Report are on the website <https://lakegrace.wa.gov.au/httpslakegrace-wa-gov-au/>

*Alan George*  
Chief Executive Officer

## PUBLIC NOTICE Shire of Lake Grace

In accordance with Section 5.25(g) of the Local Government Act 1995, residents of the Shire of Lake Grace are advised of the following Council Meeting arrangements for 2021:

Date	Time	Place
Wed 10 February 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wed 24 March 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wed 28 April 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wed 26 May 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wed 23 June 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wed 28 July 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wed 28 August 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wed 22 September 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wed 27 October 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wed 24 November 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wed 22 December 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace

Council meetings are open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend to ask questions and make comment relating to Shire activities. A minimum of fifteen (15) minutes is allowed at the beginning of each meeting for questions from the public. The Council Agenda is available prior to the meeting and can be viewed on the Shire website at [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

Minutes of Council Meetings are available at the Shire office upon request and can be viewed on the Shire website at [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au). For more information, please contact Mrs Racelis Rose – Executive Assistant on 9890 2500 or [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

Alan George  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

# Community Infrastructure Service

How wonderful was it to get some much needed rain over the weekend. Even though there was some run off, dam levels are still very low. Last week I put a notice out advising that both Newdegate and Lake Grace ovals will no longer be watered due to depleted water supply. Watering will soon resume, but will be monitored closely.

The Infrastructure admin team have been busy organising and managing projects funded by the Government's Drought Communities Funds and Local Government Roads & Infrastructure Grants.

Last week we saw the installation of 2 x 250KL water tanks at the Lake King airstrip, 1 x 250KL at Lake Grace Recreation Grounds and 1 x 250KL at Lake Biddy dam; these tanks will give additional storage at the mentioned sites.

The Shire works crew are doing their best to perform their duties. If there are any complaints they should directed to me Manager Infrastructure Services on 9890 2500 or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

Our staff and contractors have carried out the following works:

## Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Jarring South Rd
- Mallee Hill Rd
- Old Lake Grace Rd
- Slarke Street
- Strevett Rd

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Breed Rd
- Dykes Rd
- Haig Rd
- Lockhart Rd

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

- Biddy Camm Rd
- Hewson Rd
- Sugg Rock Rd

## Parks & Gardens

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

## Lake Grace

- Garden maintenance to Cemetery, RSL and Railway Station
- LGDHS leaf litter tidy up
- Mowing sporting complex
- Removal of caltrop

## Newdegate

- Mow Pioneer Park & Skate park lawns
- Tidy around public toilets
- Reset solar pump on sports oval dam
- Debris tidying around Medical centre and Hall

## Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Newdegate Pavilion ceiling
- Building retaining wall to 6 Banksia Street

*Craig Elefsen*

Manager Infrastructure Services

## Facility Hire

Please contact the Shire and book the facility. You are required to confirm you have read the COVID Safety Plan before using the facility.

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

- Complete the WA Government Safety Plan
- Mandatory registrations are at all Shire facilities
- Monitor entry and exits
- Disinfect surfaces, doors handles, table chairs, showers, toilets regularly.

At the end of the event requirements are:

- Return tables and chairs to designated storage area
- Put all rubbish into the outside sulo bins provided, including rubbish from toilets
- Ensure all stoves and lights are turned off
- Report any damages incurred while hiring facility
- Facility to be left in the same condition as found upon arrival including the floors.

**All external doors are closed and locked; this is most important as often doors are unlocked when cleaners arrive.**

Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of a facility, however they are not responsible for cleaning up and putting away tables and chairs after a function.

Affiliation fees are set up to help cover some of the costs in maintaining the buildings for the hirer's use which include, but are not limited to, general cleaning, water and electricity usage.

## Extended Power Outage

The State Government's \$80 extended outage payment, which is a one-off payment of \$80 per any unplanned outage that lasts longer than 12 consecutive hours.

Go to: <https://westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/make-a-claim/extended-outage/>

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 16 February	Tuesday 23 February
Tuesday 2 March	Tuesday 9 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 contaminants 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](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au).



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# FITZ OF LAUGHTER



Thursday 18 February - Lake Grace Sports Pavilion

Friday 19 February - Hopetoun Hall

Saturday 20 February - Lake King Hall

## THREE TOWN COMEDY FESTIVAL JUST FOR US

Bookings @ [fitzoflaughter.com.au](http://fitzoflaughter.com.au)

**Thursday 18 February 6pm Dinner - Show starts @ 7pm**

**Lake Grace Sports Pavilion - Adults with meal \$50**

**Saturday 20 February - Show starts @ 7pm**

**Lake King Hall - Adults \$30**

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Local Government, Sport  
and Cultural Industries





**VARLEY SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY**

**Varley & Districts Hall - Starts @ 6pm**

**LAKE GRACE TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY**

**Lake Grace Shire Hall - Starts @ 6pm**

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