

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

The Swearing-in of new Councillors was held at the last council Meeting held 27 October 2021. Below are our Councillors for the next two years. Cr Len Armstrong was duly elected as the Shire President and Cr Ross Chappell was duly elected as the Deputy Shire President.

Their councilor emails and contact details are on the back of the Lake Link News and on the Shire website.



Above: Craig Elefsen, Cr Anton Kuchling, Cr Roz Lloyd, Cr Steve Hunt, Cr Deb Clarke, Cr Jeff McKenzie, Cr Shane Carruthers, Cr Ben Hyde.

Front: Chris Paget, Cr Ross Chappell, Alan George and Cr Len Armstrong.

On Tuesday 10th November the State Government through the Minister for Local Government John Carrey released details of sweeping reforms to the Local Government Act.

The reforms are based on the findings and recommendations of a number of reports and consultation undertaken over the past five years, and represent the most significant package of reforms to local government in Western Australia since the Local Government Act 1995 was introduced more than 25 years ago. The package is based on six major themes:

- Earlier intervention, effective regulation and stronger penalties;
- Reducing red tape, increasing consistency and simplicity;
- Greater transparency and accountability;
- Stronger local democracy and community engagement;
- Clear roles and responsibilities; and
- Improved financial management and reporting.

Coming Events

National Safe Work Month

1 - 31 October

make your commitment to improving safety and health in your workplace

Treasure Trail

Saturday 20 November
Lake Grace Visitor Centre

Newdegate CRC Christmas Shopping Day

Tuesday 23 November
Newdegate Pavilion

GRUG

Friday 26 November
Shire Hall Lake Grace

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on

Wednesday

24 November 2021

from 3:30pm at the Council Chambers, Administration Building.

The Agenda will be available on

www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Everyone Welcome

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

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From the CEO Continued

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) is inviting comments from local governments and the wider community to inform implementation of the proposed reforms. The feedback received will inform the drafting of legislation. The consultation period runs between 10 November 2021 and 4 February 2022.

Summary of Proposed Reforms

This summary of proposed reforms lists specific proposals under each of the six themes, with space for local governments or members of the public to submit comments against each proposal.

Anyone may submit comments either directly by email, or by adding comments to the Summary of Proposed Reforms document and emailing the document to actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Comments must be received no later than 5pm 4 February 2022 to be considered. Go to the Shire website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au and follow the links.

Pool Manager for Lake Grace

I am pleased to advise that I have appointed a swimming pool manager and he commences on 22 November 2021 just in time for the start of in-term swimming lessons.

Travis Peters is coming to us from the Mutitjulu Aboriginal Community located at the base of Uluru where he has been managing the community swimming pool since 2019. During the off season Travis worked at the Alice Springs Leisure Centre.

He is keen to step up to a bigger facility such as ours. We look forward to welcoming Travis and his partner into the community.

We are now planning on opening the pool for normal operating hours on 22 November.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Prohibited Burning Period

From Monday 1 November 2021
until
April 30 April 2022



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

from Councillors and Staff

*The Shire of Lake Grace Office will be closed from
1pm Friday 24 December 2021 and
re-open 8:30am Tuesday 4 January 2022*

Please Note: Licensing services will not be available during this time. Licensing renewals and transactions can be made by mail or via the internet at www.transport.wa.gov.au
For help or information call 13 11 56

Emergency Contacts

Shire Operations will close during the festival period from Saturday 25 December 2021 until Tuesday 4 January 2022
A few staff will be on hand to manage watering of gardens etc and be on call to answer any emergency request 0417 621 708 or 0448 089 092
Any request will be inspected and any major works required will be scheduled to be undertaken in the New Year

Waste Pickup Days over Christmas and New Year will remain as normal.
Lake Grace & Newdegate Tip Times:



Lake Grace:
Saturday 25 December - Closed
Sunday 26 December - 9am - 4pm
Monday 27 December - 9am - 2pm
Wednesday 29 December - 9am - 2pm
Saturday 1 January 2022 - 9am - 4pm
Sunday 2 January 2022 - 9am - 4pm
Monday 3 January 2022 - 9am - 2pm

Newdegate:
Saturday 25 December - Closed
Sunday 26 December - 9am - 1pm
Wednesday 29 January - 9am - 1pm
Saturday 1 January 2022 - 9am - 1pm
Wednesday 5 January 2022 - 9am - 1pm



Community Infrastructure Service

Harvest has started in some places and I would like to ask that there is a recommended 80kph speed limit imposed on all Shire gravel roads until 31 December.

In the meantime, we will continue to do our best to keep roads graded and in a smooth, safe condition.

We would like to thank the community for your road reports so far and ask that you keep them coming.

Any road standard issues please contact Craig Elefsen, Manager Infrastructure Services, on 0448 089 092 or 9890 2500, or shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Our staff carried out the following works:

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Fourteen Mile Rd
- Jenks Road
- Burngup South Rd
- Biddy-Camm Rd
- Duckworth Rd
- Beenong North Rd
- Milton Rd
- Kennedy Rd
- Green Rd

Parks & Gardens

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

Lake Grace

- Mowing and weeding at RSL, Lake Grace Visitor Centre and Railway Station
- Check and repair reticulation at Lake Grace oval and Shire office
- Mow Cricket oval
- Fogging
- Weeding Medical Centre Garden
- Slashing around town, empty staff houses and empty blocks
- Lions Park Maintenance
- Cemetery clean-up weeds and spray
- Newdegate Medical Centre garden maintenance

Newdegate

- Check gardens around town
- Water non-retic gardens
- Weed and mow Skate Park
- Whipper snip and spray Hainsworth yard
- Pick up fallen branches off footpaths
- Weed and trim public toilets

Lake King

- Mowed sports oval
- Reticulation maintenance
- Garden maintenance at hall

Varley

- Parks and gardens maintained around pavilion and public toilets



Above: Varley Cemetery entrance

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Newdegate public toilets
- Newdegate pavilion
- Newdegate Hainsworth building
- Lake Grace town hall
- Day Care shade sails
- Lake Grace Visitor Centre
- Lake Grace Airstrip
- Staff housing maintenance
- Dunn Rock building maintenance
- Lake King hall

Operations

- Training - Skid Steer
- Signage maintenance
- Remove old car from Newdegate
- Gravel cartage to Burngup South Rd, Fourteen Mile Rd, Green Rd and Kennedy Rd
- Sand cartage
- Lake Grace tip maintenance

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Seen a faulty streetlight?

Western Power has automated streetlight fault reporting, making it easier to report faulty streetlights.

If a streetlight doesn't turn on, turn off or flickers, let Western Power know using the streetlight reporting tool at:

<https://westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/> or call on 13 10 87

Community Information

Office Open Hours

Monday - Friday
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 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 - 3 December

Friday - 7 January 2022 (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

Building Surveyor

Building Surveyor, Gary Bruhn 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 23 November	Tuesday 30 November
Tuesday 7 December	Tuesday 14 December

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.



Check our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace/>



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