

# Community Newsletter

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## From the CEO

Christmas is fast approaching and there is still lots of work to do. There are several projects under consideration for the future in the field of tourism and housing which will be for the benefit of the shire.

We are still finishing off various jobs around the place and spending the governments money.

You may have noticed the installation of some new water tanks around the shire. These have been mostly government funded and are part of our drought mitigation planning. Through the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Rural Water Planning section we are taking part in some water evaporation mitigation trials with the first in the procurement stage now which will see the North Lake Grace dam receiving a floating cover. This is basically a turbo charged pool cover designed to reduce evaporation and is touted to last around 10 years. Another trial to be progressed is to place old CBH grain tarps on dam catchments which will enable most of the rainfall to be collected before it soaks into the ground. These will be placed on the main drains into the dams and anchored suitably in place. Trials on the life expectancy of the tarps are currently being undertaken in the eastern states.

Harvest is well underway and we remind everyone to take care on the roads with a lot of trucks around due to what seems to be another bumper harvest. Please be patient, if stuck behind a truck a couple of extra minutes inconvenience is a lot less time than the alternative if you have an accident.

November's Council meeting was fairly light on with the main items being;

- Christmas and New Year extended trading hours for retailers being adopted should they wish to.
- Lake King centenary is coming up in 2028 and a request was received from the community for council to consider putting some money aside in upcoming budgets to assist with the celebrations.
- Council approved the transfer of funds for the construction of Boulton St in Lake Grace to the purchase of a new water tanker to replace the old one as it is rusting severely from the inside out.
- Council considered the nominations for the Australia Day Citizenship Awards. These were decided on and will remain a closely guarded secret until the big day. There are some very worthy recipients.

Lake Grace Harvest Festival, Newdegate, Varley and Lake King Christmas Trees are coming up and we wish them all a successful and happy event.

*Alan George*  
Chief Executive Officer

## Coming Events

**Lake Grace Harvest Festival**  
Thursday 8 December

**Lake King Community Christmas Tree**  
Saturday 17 December

**Newdegate Christmas Tree**  
Saturday 17 December  
Newdegate Pavilion

**Varley Christmas Party**  
Friday 16 December  
Varley Hall

**Christmas Day**  
Sunday 25 December

**New Years Day**  
Sunday 1 January 2023



## Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on  
**Wednesday**  
**21 December 2022**  
from 3.00pm 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.



# Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year

from Councillors and Staff

The Shire of Lake Grace Office will be closed  
from 12noon Friday 23 December 2022 and  
re-open 8:30am Tuesday 3 January 2023

## Emergency Contacts

A few staff will be on hand to manage watering of gardens etc and be on call to answer any emergency requests please call Alan on 0417 612 708.

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

### Newdegate

Sat 24 Dec 9am - 4pm	Sun 25 Dec - Closed
Sun 25 Dec - Closed	Mon 26 Dec - 9am - 1pm
Mon 26 Dec - 9am - 2pm	Wed 28 Dec - 9am - 1pm
Wed 28 Dec - 9am - 2pm	Sat 31 Dec - 9am - 1pm
Sat 31 Dec - 9am - 4pm	Sun 1 Jan 2023 - Closed
Sun 1 Jan 2023 - Closed	Mon 2 Jan 2023 - 9am - 1pm
Mon 2 Jan 2023 - 9am - 2pm	

## Swimming Pools

Lake Grace Swimming Pool is open:

- \* Monday 12noon - 6pm
- \* Tuesday - Closed
- \* Wednesday 12noon - 6pm
- \* Thursday 12noon - 6pm
- \* Friday 12noon - 6pm
- \* Saturday 12noon - 6pm
- \* Sunday 12noon - 6pm

### Early morning swimming:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5.30am - 7.00am

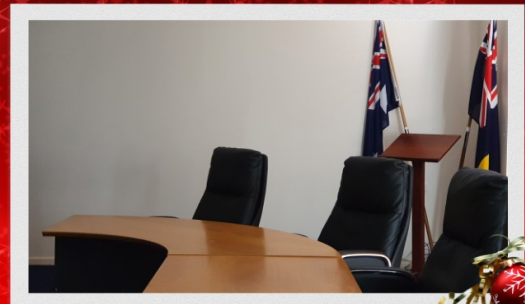
### CLOSED: Christmas Day

**Please be aware:** when there are any changes in the pool open hours it will be advertised on the Pool Facebook, Shire Facebook pages and at entry to the pool.

### Vacswim Newdegate and Lake Grace:

Friday 16 December - until Friday 23 December from 12noon - 6pm daily. **Please note Public swimming space may be limited at times.**

## Change of Meeting Time



**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday 21 December 2022**  
**will Commence at 3:00pm**

Harvest is well underway, some gravel roads are already struggling under the weight and volume of frequent fast moving heavy vehicles.

**Please note there is now a recommended 80kph speed limit imposed on all Shire gravel roads until 31 December.**

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 9890 2500, or [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).





# Community Information

## Office Open Hours

Monday - Friday

8.30am - 4.00pm

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

## Licensing Payments

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

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

As an agency, we process the majority of transactions including: renewals, transfers, number plate orders, boat registration renewals and new licence applications. With every transaction we perform, we try to offer the best service possible.

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

## Driving Assessor

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

**Friday - 6 January 2023**

**Friday - 3 February (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

## Building Surveyor

Building Surveyor, can be contacted through the Shire Office on 9890 2500 or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto: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](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 20 December	Tuesday 13 December
Tuesday 3 January 2023	Tuesday 27 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 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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