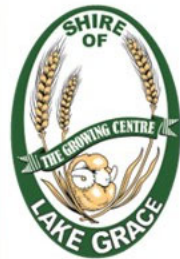


Community Newsletter

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CEO Chat

The Shire is undergoing a major review of its Strategic Community Plan which is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1995. It gives the community a say in which direction it wishes the Shire to take in the future. Workshops were held during the last week of April in Varley, Lake King, Newdegate and Lake Grace by Consulting Great Southern who have been engaged to undertake the review. Whilst turnout was not great there was some very good feedback received. As well as the in-person workshops there is an online survey available with the links on the Shire website and social platforms. In addition hard copies are available at the Shire office.

There has been a lot of movement around Lake Grace this past month with regard to both housing and industrial land. At this stage we have a couple of irons in the fire on both fronts and investigations into our options are underway.

We have been advised by Main Roads WA that roadworks at the Stubbs Street South Road intersection in Lake Grace and the intersection of Brookton Highway and the Collie Lake King Road in Lake King are set to commence on 11th May. Weather permitting they are set for completion by 24th May. This work is well overdue and most welcome.

Highlights from the last Council meeting held on 26th April include the following:

- Approval was given for Crisp Wireless to access the old TV/Radio Rebroadcasting Tower in Lake Grace so that they could install a dish and access point so that an additional internet provider option can be given to the town of Lake Grace. (Newdegate watch this space).
- Council was approached by a Varley farmer with regard to the purchase of a house in Varley which is a joint venture project with the Department of Communities. This house has been vacant for all but 3 months in the past 4 years. Council supported the sale of the house to the farmer. As this is a joint venture project and the Shire only has a 14.36% share in the property the ultimate approval needs to come from the Department of Communities. Funds from the sale of the house will be put towards providing housing in a more appropriate location.
- Council authorised the CEO to submit an application under the Regional Development Assistance Program to complete the development by Development WA of 4 Lots in the Dewar Street Light Industrial area.
- The Newdegate Field Days for 2023 are rapidly approaching and planning is well underway. Council approved sponsorship towards the field days to the value of \$15,000 as in previous years. This will be included in the upcoming budget.

We are currently seeking to appoint a Community Economic Development Officer to join our administration team. These are currently some exciting times within the Shire and we are seeking someone who can not only support the community through events but also be capable of completing grant opportunities that may become available to assist all areas of the community and Shire. Full details are available by contacting Chris Paget or Alex Adams at the Shire Office.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Coming Events

Mother's Day

Sunday 14th May

Over 55's

Morning Tea

Wednesday 17th May

Walkers Hill Vineyard

Biggest Morning Tea

Thursday, 25th May

Ordinary

Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 24 May
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.

Community Infrastructure Services

Welcome to another edition of the Community News. As sport is now in full swing it is great to see all the ovals in the Shire are looking nice and green and the best they have been for the last few years.

The lighting projects at the Lake Grace ovals and Newdegate hockey oval are coming to an end with all the towers now up and the lights are operational, with the final adjustments scheduled for next week.

The All Abilities Playground in Lake Grace is finally making some traction. This project has been long and drawn out but hopefully going forward you will start to see some earthworks commence and in the coming weeks the equipment will start to be installed. Behind the scenes I have been working with surveyors and contractors to get the project underway. If all goes to plan we will see another trailer load of equipment arrive.

Shire staff and contractors have been busy over the last few weeks tidying up many projects with the end of the financial year fast approaching.

Works completed include:

- Newdegate Hockey field light tower installation
- Lake Grace Football Field light tower installation
- Bitumen reseal sections on Newdegate Pingrup Road, Holt Rock South Road, North Lake Grace Kalgarin Road
- Back slope maintenance on sections of Burngup Road, Burns Road, Willcocks Road, Varley South Road, Holt Rock South Road and Carstairs Road
- Town gardeners have been busy throughout the Shire
- 4 Maintenance graders have been kept busy throughout the Shire with the recent rains, hopefully we get more rain in the near future so we can get our winter grading program into full swing
- New roofs on the RSL Building, Staff house in Lake Grace and Lake Grace Sportsman's Club



Staff and contractors are currently working on:

- Newdegate Hockey Shed upgrade
- Lake King Cemetery fence (works happening behind the scene)
- Lake King Pavilion upgrade (works happening behind the scene)
- Gravel sheeting on Biddy Camm Road and Jarring South Road
- Maintenance on buildings throughout the Shire

Work is well under way for the New Stubbs Street Park, next to the visitor centre in Lake Grace. Paths have been laid and two shade shelters are now up.



Craig Elefsen
Manager Infrastructure Services

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 for 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 - 9 June

Friday - 7 July (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.

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 May	Tuesday 16 May
Tuesday 6 June	Tuesday 30 May

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.