

Community Newsletter

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CEO Chat

Welcome to the start of a new financial year. Work is well underway towards finalising the budget for the 2023/2024 year. We are working on getting it endorsed by Council at the next Council meeting on 26 July.

We are pleased to advise everyone that the lights at the Lake Grace Ovals have now been adjusted as promised. Thanks to CBH for the use of the cherry picker and Doug Pauley for braving the blustery weather some 30 metres up in the air.

We said farewell to Cheryl Chappell on Thursday 29 June as she officially retires on 30 June after nearly 11 years and 2 months with the Shire of Lake Grace.

I attended the live sheep export meeting in Lake Grace on 21st June. There was a good turnout of people and it was made most obvious to the consulting panel that there really wasn't a plan B and that live export should stay. There were some very good arguments put forward for its retention. The main spokesperson on the panel was very impressed with the quality of the arguments put forward and remarked to me afterwards that there was one person there that should be a politician as that is the sort of person needed in government.

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act is still creating headaches and confusion within all parties. I would suggest that everyone interested tries to keep up with updates via the government website.

Highlights from 28 June Council meeting;

- The WA Planning Commission sought comment from the Shire on a property subdivision at North Lake Grace. Council resolved to unconditionally support the proposed subdivision as long as the proponent can clearly demonstrate it will comply with all relevant town planning requirements pertaining to the subdivision of rural land.
- At last month's meeting Council approved the removal of the "Overnight Caravan Parking Not Permitted" sign at the Lake King Rest Stop subject to consultation with affected parties. As a result of the consultation process it was referred again to Council who have now resolved to leave the sign in place.
- Council received a report on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act most of which is still undergoing updates.
- A submission was received from a ratepayer regarding concerns with the proposed sale of Lot 12 Bidby- Camm Rd to CBH. Council considered the submission and after consultation with several parties were satisfied that the areas of concern raised would be dealt with in the development approval process. As such the sale will proceed in due course.
- Finally, due largely to concerns raised by ratepayers during the consultation period recently undertaken whilst updating the Shire Strategic Community Plan Council has taken the steps to give the Doctors in Lake Grace 3 months notice of the termination of their Practice Management Agreement for the operations of the Lake Grace and Newdegate Medical Centre. A survey was sent out several months ago through Australia Post to all householders and mailbox holders within the Shire as well as links to the survey being placed on the Shire social media pages. This was a decision not taken lightly by Council and in no way reflects any doubts as to the ability of the Doctors. We thank them for their services over the past 6 plus years.
- Work is currently underway to replace the doctors who will be finishing up on 31 August.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 26 July** from 3.30pm at the Council Chambers, Administration Building.
The Agenda will be available on www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

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 Welcome

Community Infrastructure Services

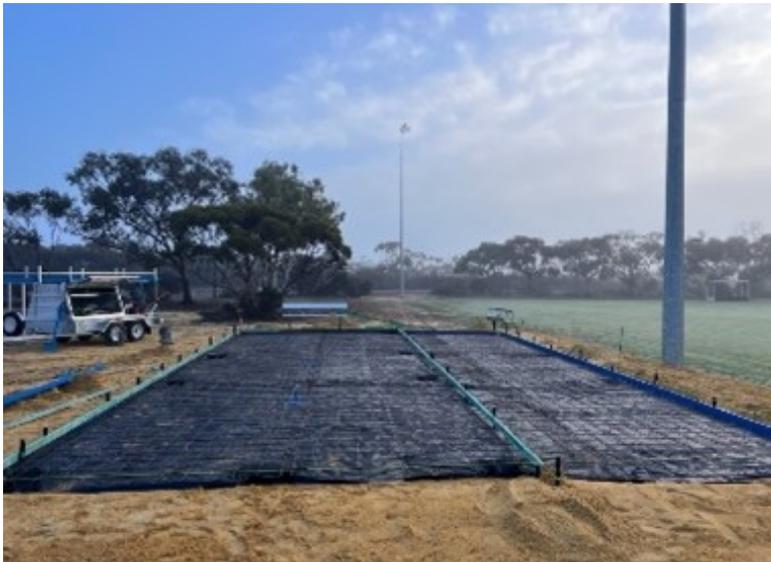
Shire staff and contractors have commenced work on the Newdegate Hockey shed replacement project. This project was made possible by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Project funding the Shire received and funding from the Newdegate Hockey Club to fit out the building once complete. This project is expected to be completed prior to the Grand Final.



In the last month or so contractors for the DWER Rural Water Planning team in Albany installed a floating cover on the North Lake Grace underground concrete tank to try and reduce evaporation. DWER is currently in the early procurement stages of getting quotes to supply and install a 250KL steel tank and a high flow solar pump that will connect the underground tank and the steel tank to allow for an easy to use emergency community water supply. The Shire has also been successful in receiving a Community Water Supply grant that will see the installation of a 250KL steel tank and solar pump on the Buniche underground water tank for a future community emergency water supply. (works are currently underway at Buniche at the time this is being written)

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services



Concrete pad ready for the walls



Stopping evaporation



Check our Shire website
<https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/>

Community Emergency Service

Fire Control Office Training

Between 20-22 June we hosted an FCO training event at the Newdegate Country Club, delivering 4 courses for each of the participants. Everyone achieved competency in Bushfire Safety Awareness, Firefighting Skills and Machinery Supervision, with some completing the Fire Control Officer's course and the others levelling up their game on liaising with aerial suppression resources with the Ground Controllers course. This represented the first major step in working towards our Shire-adopted Bush Fire Service Training Program. Our Training Program details the training expectations for community members in the different firefighting roles available, from Farm Response to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

The training included classroom theory sessions tailored to the group's experience and concluded with practical drills and assessments of the skills covered. We had the Lake King 4.4 and Newdegate 3.4 fire trucks for the practical which presented a great opportunity to learn more about the capabilities of each truck. We also learnt about the crew safety and protective equipment that our trucks are fitted with, including exterior water sprays to minimise the impact of a burn-over situation. All participants noted good learning opportunities and various gems that they would take away with them. We would also like to give a big shout-out to Mackenzie from Farmacyard Pantry for keeping us

well-fed with her delicious and nutritious catering over the three days, Thank you!

Matt Castaldini

Community Emergency Services Manager



Above: DCBFCO Brad Watson, Anthony Teale, CESM Matt Castaldini, Amanda Giles, CBFCO David Roberts, Jason Sugg, Peter Walker, Ross Chappell, Craig Newman, Dean Rintoul, Callan Tonkin, Aaron Guelfi, Geoff Richardson, Tyson De Landgraft. Present, Not in Photo: Rhys De Landgraft. Other Attendees: Craig Elefsen, Scott Ball, Wes Hall

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 - 7 July (cancelled)

Friday - 4 August (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, 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 18 July	Tuesday 11 July
Tuesday 4 August	Tuesday 25 July

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/>

Converting a District Plate to a District Optional Plate. LG****

Do you currently display a Lake Grace District plate on your vehicle that is sentimental to you?

Did you know that these plates are ineligible to be remade if one or both are lost or stolen. These plates can now be converted to Optional District plates.

This means you would be able to

- Have them remade if they are lost or stolen
- The grant of the Certificate of Right to Display and Trade
- The ability to display them on a vehicle, whether it is licensed in the plates holder's name, a third party or an organisation
- The holder of the Certificate may sell that right at any price in the open market

There is no change to the appearance of a District plate once it has been converted but you do have the option to have it remade in either BLACK on WHITE, BLACK on YELLOW or BRAND WA FORMAT. (fee applies)

You do not require any forms and the current fee for conversion is \$175.00

More information can be found on the Department of Transport website.

Facility Hire

Please contact the Shire to book Shire facilities.

You are required to read the COVID Safety Plan before using the facility.

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

- Complete the WA Government Safety Plan
- Register users of the facility
- Monitor entry and exits
- Disinfect surfaces, door handles, table chairs, showers, and toilets regularly.

At the end of the event the requirements are:

- Clean and return tables and chairs to the designated storage area
- Put all rubbish into the outside Sulo bins provided, including rubbish in toilets
- Ensure all stoves and lights are turned off
- Report any damages incurred while hiring the facility
- **Facility is to be left in the same condition as found upon arrival including the floors**
- All external doors are closed and locked

Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of the facility. They are not responsible for cleaning up after a function.

Please clean and put away everything you use.

Go Paperless!

Would you like to receive your rates notice in a convenient electronic form?

Register before the 21st July 2023 to receive your rates via email for the upcoming year. You will receive rates notices, final notice and installment reminders via email. We will continue to post all other rates correspondence to the postal address we have on file for the property. If you own more than one property, we will require ALL property assessment numbers.

Please ensure that your postal, residential and contact details are up to date and current.

You can fill in the form below and hand into the Shire Office or email the details through to shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au



FULL NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: (must be property owner) _____

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT NUMBER: A ____ ____ ____ ____

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