

Community Newsletter

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CEO Chat

The Newdegate Country Club renovations and refurbishment was officially opened by Mr Rick Wilson Federal Member for O'Connor | Shadow Assistant Minister for Trade on Friday 3rd November.

Speeches were heard from Shire President Len Armstrong and Rick Wilson before the unveiling of the commemorative plaque. A group photo was taken for posterity followed by some light refreshments.

Attendees included representatives from the Newdegate Machinery Field Days Inc. Committee, Newdegate Community Cropping Group, Newdegate Golf Club, Newdegate Bowling Club, Newdegate Country Club, life members, Shire staff and interested ratepayers.

This project was funded with significant input from the Newdegate Community Cropping Group, Newdegate Machinery Field Days Inc. Committee, Shire of Lake Grace, and federal government funding through the Drought Communities Program and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Programs.

Finally, with harvest well and truly underway we would like to remind everyone about the increased truck traffic on the roads. Please be vigilant and patient when travelling.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer



Highlights from the 25 October Council meeting.

- Deb Clarke, Roz Lloyd and Len Armstrong were sworn in as Shire Councillors.
- Len Armstrong was sworn in for another term as Shire President and Steve Hunt was sworn in as Vice President.
- A transfer of funds saved from a road project was transferred to complete the installation of soft fall at the Newdegate Adult Gym.
- A Development Application for a new additional dwelling on a farming property in Varley was approved.
- Council approved an amendment to the Shire of Lake Grace Local Planning Scheme No.4 to allow the rezoning of Lot 500 Wattle Drive, Lake Grace from: Special Use Roadhouse, Motel and Aged Persons Accommodation to R30 Residential.
- Councillor representation on various committees of council and outside committees was determined. Details are available from the Shire office.
- Approval was given for McKenzie Concrete Co. to erect temporary storage on Lot 101 Stubbs Street for a maximum term of 12 months.
- Council approved a sponsorship request from the Isolated Children's and Parent's Association for the Lake district Branch which is hosting the ICPA State Conference in March 2024.
- Council approved the sale of the last two residential blocks in the Quondong Court subdivision, subject to public comment.
- The contract for the construction of the Lake Grace All Abilities Playground has finally been awarded with a commencement dated being determined.

An **Ordinary Council Meeting** will be held at 3.30pm **20 December 2023**, Shire of Lake Grace Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace WA 6353

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. All welcome)

Community Information

Newdegate Country Club Renovations and Refurbishment - Opening Ceremony

3 November 2023



Community Information

Community and Economic Development

Shire administration have several development funding applications under consideration for approval; including:

- Headworks to progress the development of much needed residential land at the east end of Lake Grace townsite
- Redevelopment of the Lake King Sports Pavilion
- Development of 4 or 5 light industrial blocks on Dewar Street, Lake Grace; in conjunction with Development WA

We await the results of these funding applications with much anticipation. In the meantime; the Shire was successful with recent grant applications for upcoming community events. Planning is now under way for:

- WA Seniors Week (12-19 November 2023) - Beyond the Generations; Students from LGDHS and Newdegate Primary School will join community members aged 55+ for intergenerational activities and a shared morning tea in both towns. (Event supported by the Department of Communities and Lotterywest)
- Thank a Volunteer Day 2023 - Community Sundowner and BBQ; this event is normally held in early December, however due to harvest and the busy Christmas period, events will be held around the shire in the New Year. (Event supported by Department of Communities)

Youth Initiatives

A recent Youth Forum held at the Shire of Lake Grace Council Chambers has resulted in a number of youth initiatives being introduced.

A joint collaboration between the Shire, Lake Grace Community Men's Shed, Lake Grace District High School, and WA Police has seen the formation of a popular weekly Youth Mentoring Program at the Men's Shed.

A Youth Advisory Committee has also been re-established, with students from LGDHS and Newdegate joining together with the Shire, LGDHS teacher, Amanda Trevenen, and representatives from both communities, to work on various projects, ideas and youth issues.

One of the committee's early ideas was intergenerational activities with older members of their community, which saw the formation of a successful grant application for Beyond the Generations.

Thank you to LGDHS and Newdegate Primary School Principals, Kerriane Mills and Judy Garlick, for their on-going support of the committee.

Aimee Egan-Reid
Community Economic Development Officer

Community Emergency Service



We have received a fire truck from DFES as part of the State Operational Support Fleet (SOSF) that will be based around Lake Grace for this high threat period. We will be using the truck to demonstrate why we need a truck, intending to support all fires in Zones 1 & 2, as well as further afield as requested. The key requirement of using the truck is that fires need to be reported to 000. DFES have advised that the Grain Harvest Water Bombers are now activated and will be progressing from Geraldton to Esperance. We are expecting the aircraft in Narrogin from 16 November unless required earlier.

With the forecast risk of an above-average fire potential this year, I would strongly encourage you all to develop a Bush Fire Plan for your family.

Resources are available online:

<https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/>, or through the Shire of Lake Grace. With a recent fire triggering an evacuation of the Corrigin townsite, it is important to know what you need to do in that situation.

Matt Castaldini
Community Emergency Services Manager



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SHIRE OF LAKE GRACE

PUBLIC NOTICE

2024 COUNCIL MEETINGS

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 2024:

DATE	TIME	PLACE
January	N/A	No meeting (annual break)
Wednesday 21 February	3.30pm	Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace
Wednesday 27 March	3.30pm	Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace
Wednesday 24 April	3.30pm	Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace
Wednesday 22 May	3.30pm	Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace
Wednesday 26 June	3.30pm	Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace
Wednesday 24 July	3.30pm	Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace
Wednesday 28 August	3.30pm	Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace
Wednesday 25 September	3.30pm	Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace
Wednesday 23 October	3.30pm	Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace
Wednesday 27 November	3.30pm	Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace
Wednesday 18 December	3.30pm	Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace

Council meetings are open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend and ask questions and make comments 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

Minutes of Council meetings are available on the Shire website at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

For more information contact the Executive Assistant on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

ALAN GEORGE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Community Information

Office Open Hours

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Staff can be contacted via phone between 8am—5pm.

Licensing Payments

All licensing payments are to be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace, 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.

Lake Grace Swimming Pool

Open: Wednesday to Monday 12.00pm—6.00pm

Closed: Tuesday

Early Morning Swimming:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5.30am—7.00am

Driving Assessor

Lake Grace has one assessment day, held on the first Friday of each month.

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments as there is often a waiting list. Bookings can be made at the Shire office on 9890 2500 until further notice.

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

December (to be confirmed)

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

Town Planning & Building Surveys

Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au for all Town Planning and Building Surveying enquiries and requests.

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.

Newdegate	Lake Grace
Tuesday 14 November	Tuesday 21 November
Tuesday 28 November	Tuesday 5 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 contents 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.