

# Shire of Lake Grace

ISSUE 01 2024

Lake Grace ○ Newdegate ○ Lake King ○ Varley ○ Pingaring



## From the Chief Executive Officer

Well, here we are already with our first newsletter for 2024, complete with a fresh, new look.

It has been an action packed few weeks in the Shire with a sheep truck rollover on Kulin-Lake Grace Rd, power outages as a result of widespread thunder storms, and a bushfire at Dragon Rocks Reserve.

Thank you to those farmers and workers that moved quickly to assist with the sheep truck rollover on 11 January. It is distressing euthanizing sick and injured animals at the best of times, let alone so many, as was the case in this incident.

A meeting was held with Main Roads a few days later, and you will find an update about that particular section of road, along with information regarding the storm and bushfire, in this newsletter.

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## Road Infrastructure

*Kulin-Lake Grace Rd, approximately 3km south of North Lake Grace-Karlgarin Road intersection...*

An onsite meeting was held on 17 January between Regional and Network Managers of Main Roads, Shire CEO Alan George, and Councillors Steve Hunt and Deb Clarke.

Main Roads confirmed that in addition to the significant repairs in the area during the 22/23 financial year, road widening and shoulder sealing of the bends will be completed this financial year. 0.3 - 0.5 metre strips will be added on both sides.

No timeline was provided, however improved driver warning signage will be installed in the interim. After widening, additional signage, guideposts and edge lines will be installed.

The Shire will continue to monitor the situation with Main Roads.

## Next Council Meeting

### 3.30pm, Wednesday 21 February

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

The Agenda will be made available for public viewing prior to the meeting at:  
[www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

the growing centre

From the Chief Executive Officer continued...

The severe widespread thunderstorms experienced on Wednesday 17th January caused havoc throughout the wheatbelt resulting in loss of power, phones and internet for thousands of people.

The Shire outside crew were mobilised on Wednesday night to clear fallen trees off not only the local roads, but also the highway as transport trucks started to bank up. The clean-up of local roads continued throughout Thursday, and by Friday all roads were made passable.

I spoke to one farmer north-west of town who had severe damage to his house, sheds, fences and other infrastructure. He said that the storm was frightening but he still managed to get his machinery out and help clear some of the roads. Well done and thank you.

On Thursday the Shire set up a respite centre at the Lakes Village Hall with a generator brought in to keep the fridge running, and provide some cooling for the residents. Vulnerable people were contacted to see if they had any concerns. Thank you to Rosemary Bywaters, and others for assisting with this.

The IGA and Roadhouse had power thanks to generators, keeping the food and fuel flowing for those people who had cash. Telstra being out meant no EFTPOS. If that's not a disincentive to becoming a cashless society, I don't know what is.

Alan George, Chief Executive Officer  
Email: [ceo@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) are seeking community feedback on the management of feral cats. To have your say, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/237X87J>



### Dragon Rocks Bushfire

The fire at Dragon Rocks Reserve started as a result of a lightning strike during the storm and remained uncontained and uncontrolled for a large amount of time. Some 4,353 ha of land was affected by the fire until it was contained and brought under control.

Members from the various Bushfire Brigades across the Shire attended, and Shire Community Emergency Services Manager, Matt Castaldini attended as Deputy Incident Controller.

Accolades have come in from the DFES Chief Superintendent, DFES Area Officer, and the Shire of Kulin for the way not only Matt, but also the volunteers attending the fire, handled the situation in a calm and efficient manner, displaying a high level of teamwork. An excellent job.

Well done and thank you to all involved in bringing the fire under control.







## Australia Day 2024 Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Thank you to the Lions Club of Lake Grace, Newdegate Gateway, and Varley Progress Association for hosting Australia Day events within the Shire of Lake Grace.

Shire President Len Armstrong, and Deputy President Steve Hunt presented the 2024 Community Citizen of the Year Awards to some very well deserving community members.

Congratulations to all of this year's award recipients:

### Community Citizen of the Year

- Kerrie Argent (Lake Grace)
- Caroline Richardson (Newdegate)

### Community Senior Citizen of the Year

- Betty Naisbitt (Lake Grace)

### Active Citizenship - Group or Event

- Newdegate Community New Year's Eve Party 2022/2023
- Newdegate Country Club Renovation Committee
- Pingaring Centenary



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Lake Grace Swimming Pool

Wednesday to Monday: 12 noon - 6.00pm

**CLOSED TUESDAY**

Early Morning Swimming:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5.30am - 7.00am

### Library Services

#### Lake Grace Public Library

School Place

T: 08 9865 1185

E: [lois.dickens@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:lois.dickens@education.wa.edu.au)

#### Newdegate Public Library

Collier Street

T: 08 9871 1791

E: [admin@newdegatecrc.com.au](mailto:admin@newdegatecrc.com.au)

#### Lake King Library

Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Road

T: 08 9874 4147

E: [lklib@westnet.com.au](mailto:lklib@westnet.com.au)

### Town Planning & Building

Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace for all Town Planning and Building Surveying enquiries.

Email: [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

### Department of Transport

All licensing payments can be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration Building:

**Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm**

We process the majority of transactions including: renewals, transfers, number plate orders, boat registration renewals and new licence applications.

### Driving Assessor

Lake Grace holds one assessment day on the first Friday of each month.

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments as there is a wait list. Please contact the Shire office.

For more information go to:

[www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au)

### Environmental Health

Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace for all Environmental Health enquiries.

Email: [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

### Waste Facilities

#### 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 is collected each Tuesday in Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

Recycling is a fortnightly service, alternating between Lake Grace and Newdegate:

Newdegate	Lake Grace
Tuesday 08 February 22 February	Tuesday 15 February 29 February

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