



Shire Community News

From the CEO

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The weather has certainly been messing things up a bit over the last few weeks, it's a pity the rain wasn't received a couple of months ago. Hopefully some of it found its way into dams to at least delay what looks like another long summer of water carting.

Administration is busy working on getting some of the projects underway that we have received grant funding for. We have to get the money spent by 30 June 2021 and judging by some responses from tradesmen and contractors the timetable will be very tight.

Remembrance Day Ceremonies were held by Lake Grace District High School at the Lake Grace Visitor Centre lawn, while Newdegate Primary School commemorated at the school assembly flag pole. Both were well attended.

The December Ordinary Council meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday 16 December is now going to be Thursday 17 December to give way for Councillors to attend the School Concerts. I would like to wish all staff and students the best of luck for their School Concerts for 2020:

- Tuesday 15 December – Newdegate Primary School – Cr Len Armstrong
- Wednesday 16 December - Lake King Primary School – Cr Len Armstrong
- Wednesday 16 December – Lake Grace District High School – Cr Ross Chappell

Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) Bulletins are published on the Shire website weekly to help you keep up to date with Covid-19, we still need to remain vigilant.

On Monday 15 November, the Department of Health reported four new cases of COVID-19 — all are in hotel quarantine. All were associated with international travel. The State's positive COVID-19 case total stands at 787.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 17 December** 2020 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.

Harvest and our Roads

Owing to the extended dry conditions and with the harvest season underway, there are sections of gravel roads in the Shire that are already struggling under the weight and volume of frequent, fast moving heavy vehicles.

These roads are deteriorating very quickly, despite the best efforts of our Roads Crew to keep them graded and up to scratch.

We have also been advised of a few near misses and have concerns for motorist safety.

Please note there is now a recommended 80kph speed limit imposed on all Shire gravel roads until 31 December. In the meantime, we will continue to do our best to keep them graded and in a smooth, safe condition. 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 0448 089 092 or shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Seen a faulty streetlight?

Western Power has recently automated streetlight fault reporting, making it easier to report faulty streetlights.

If a streetlight doesn't turn on, turn off or flickers, let Western Power know using the streetlight reporting tool at:

<https://westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/> or call on 13 10 87

Variation of Retail Trading

For the period commencing Monday 7 December 2020 and ending Friday 1 January 2021, (both dates inclusive), general retail shops, other than motor vehicle shops, in the Shire of Lake Grace are authorised to be open during:

- each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 8.00 am until 9.00 pm;
- each Saturday, from 8.00 am until 5.00 pm; and
- each Sunday, from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm.

General retail shops in the Shire are required to be closed on Christmas Day, Friday 25 December 2020.

Shire Infrastructure News

Our staff have carried out the following works:

- Clearing a tree off Broombush Flat Road
- Replacement of Rural road signs
- Install solar pumps Lake Grace sports dam and CBH dam

Road Works

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Burns Road
- Mallee Hill Road
- Rodger Road
- West Kuender Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Biddy Buniche Road
- Witham Road
- Biddy camm Road
- Kerr Road

The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Kathleen Road
- Pickernell Road
- Purnta Road
- Fitzgerald Road

Parks & Gardens

The Parks and Gardens Crew have carried out the following work:

- Repairs to solenoid on the Lake Grace football oval
- Clearing Absolon Street and Bennett Street drains of debris
- Clean up fallen tree on Wattle Drive
- Mow Wattle Drive Reserve
- Slashing of Biddy Camm (LG end) and Stubbs Street
- Tidy Lake Grace Medical Centre

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Repainting of the AIM Building
- Install safety sign at Lake Grace Jumping Pillow
- Clean Lake Grace Medical Centre, Railway and RSL gutters
- Removal of Lake Grace Playgroup carpet
- Install Solar Panel at Lake Grace Pavilion
- Repair Day-care Bathroom leak
- Newdegate Tennis Club dispenser installation

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Newdegate Fire Truck Delivery

The Newdegate Town Bush Fire Brigade recently took delivery of a new fire appliance that replaces the old truck that has served the Newdegate community well for the last 16 years.

The Isuzu 3:4 Urban appliance was provided by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) under the Local Government Capital Grants Scheme, which is funded by the Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

The truck is dual-cab so it can carry up to five firefighters at one time, and has a water capacity of 3,000 litres, of which 2,250 is available for firefighting.

The remaining 750 litres is reserved for the crew protection deluge system that sprays water over the cab in the unlikely event of the crew being caught in a dangerous burn-over situation.



Left: 1st Lieutenant Callan Tonkin and Brigade Captain, Stefan Greyling, with Community Emergency Services Manager, Suzan Lees were on hand to accept the new vehicle and to check that everything was in place.

Community Info

Office Open Hours

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday
8.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Staff can be contacted by phone between 8am - 5pm

Transport & Licensing

All licensing payments are to be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration office, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am - 4.15pm
Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 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 11 December 2020

Friday 8 January 2021- 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

Town Planner

Planning Officer, David Johnston and Building Surveyor, Gary Bruhn can be contacted through the Shire Office on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Environmental Health Officer

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 24 November	Tuesday 1 December
Tuesday 8 December	Tuesday 15 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.



Check out our Facebook

www.facebook.com/shireoflakegrace



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2021 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 2021:

Date	Time	Place
Wednesday 10 February 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 24 March 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 28 April 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 26 May 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 23 June 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 28 July 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 28 August 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 22 September 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 27 October 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 24 November 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace
Wednesday 22 December 2021	3:30pm	Council Chambers, Lake Grace

Council meetings are open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend to ask questions and make comment 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 at the Shire office upon request and can be viewed on the Shire website at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au. For more information, please contact Mrs Racelis Rose – Executive Assistant on 9890 2500 or shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Alan George
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



*We Wish Everyone a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

**The Shire of Lake Grace Office will be closed from
1pm Thursday 24 December 2020 and
re-open 8:30am Monday 4 January 2021**

Friday 25 December 2020 Office Closed
Tuesday 29 December 2020 Office Closed
Thursday 31 December 2020 Office Closed

Monday 28 December 2020 Office Closed
Wednesday 30 December 2020 Office Closed
Friday 01 January 2021 Office Closed

Please Note: Licensing services will not be available during this time. Licensing renewals and transactions can be made by mail or via the internet at www.transport.wa.gov.au
For help or information call 13 11 56

Emergency Contacts

Shire Operations will close during the festival period from Thursday 24 December 2020 until Monday 4 January 2021. A few staff will be on hand to manage watering of gardens etc and be on call to answer any emergency request.

0417 621 708 or 0448 089 092

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.

Monday 28 December 2020

Christmas Lake Grace & Newdegate Tip Times

Lake Grace

Will remain the same:

Monday 9am – 2pm

Wednesday 9am – 2pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am – 4pm

Newdegate

Will be open on the usual days

Wednesday 9am – 1pm

Saturday 9am – 1pm



You are invited to the

Free Family Movies



Hosted by

LAKE GRACE
VISITOR CENTRE



Popcorn for sale by
All Ability Playground Committee

Lake Grace
Visitor Centre lawn
Saturday 5 December
at 6.30pm

BYO - beanbags, rugs,
chairs and dinner
or order from
Mrs G's Van from 5.30pm

BYO - beanbags, rugs,
chairs and dinner
or order from
Mrs G's Van from 3pm

Newdegate Field Day
CBH Shed
Sunday 6 December
at 4.00pm