

# Shire of Lake Grace

## 2021 - 2022

### Rates Summary

1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace WA  
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 The Growing Centre

## \$\$ Paying Your Rates \$\$

**IN PERSON** - Cash, Cheque, Eftpos or money order  
1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace WA 6353

**BY MAIL** - Cheque, credit card or money order (no cash accepted by mail)  
PO Box 50, Lake Grace WA 6353  
*Cheques are to be made payable to Shire of Lake Grace.*

### ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER

Acc: Shire of Lake Grace  
BSB: 306-019 Account #: 0125 324  
Reference: Assessment number on rates notice

### DIRECT DEBIT

To enter into a direct debit agreement please contact the shire office.

### OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS

BPoint payment is available and can be done by following the prompts on the Shire website under the Corporate Services section.

## 2021-22 Due Dates

Pursuant to section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 64(2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council nominated the following due dates for payment in full or by instalments:

#### Option 1:

Single Full payment due date 10 September 2021

#### Option 2:

1st Instalment due date 10 September 2021  
2nd Instalment due date 10 November 2021

#### Option 3:

1st Instalment due date 10 September 2021  
2nd Instalment due date 10 November 2021  
3rd Instalment due date 10 January 2022  
4th Instalment due date 14 March 2022

The cost associated with instalment options are

Admin Fee : 4 Instalment Option \$33  
2 Instalment Option \$11

Instalment Interest— 3% per annum

### Penalty Interest Charges on Overdue Rates

Under the *Local Government Act 1995* interest is charged on overdue amounts. Council has set the charge at 8% per annum which will be applied to all amounts outstanding after 36 days from the issue date of the rate notice. Penalty interest accrues daily until all overdue rates and charges are paid in full. Eligible pensioners are exempt from interest charges.

## Refuse Charges

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Water Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007*, Council adopted the following charges for the removal and deposit of domestic and commercial waste:

### Weekly Kerbside Collection

Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley (per service) \$133 (GST Free)  
Pensioners Discount (per service) \$ 76 (GST Free)

*Eligibility is defined in the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992.*

### Recycling Kerbside Collection

Lake Grace & Newdegate Fortnightly Collection (per service) \$137 (GST Free)

## One of many services your Local Government provides is the Lake Grace Sewerage Scheme

The Shire will provide a customer with the following on request and at no charge:

- Services for account, payment and general enquiries for use by customers with hearing or speech impairment;
- An Interpreter service for account, payment and general enquiries; and
- A large-print version of any of the Shire's publicly available documents that relate to the sewerage charges.
- The customer's personal account information.

### Financial Hardship Policy for Water Services

The Shire will assist a resident who cannot pay the wastewater service portion of a rate notice because of financial hardship in accordance with the Shire's "Financial Hardship Policy for Water Services".

Approval will be considered where the resident can show that the payment of the wastewater service portion of their rate notice will affect the resident's basic living needs.

Our policy applies only to the wastewater service portion of the rate notice.

If you are having difficulty paying other charges on your rate notice we encourage you to contact our Finance Team. For further information contact the Shire on: (08) 9890 2500

### Difficulty paying your rates?

To avoid legal action, please contact our Finance Team on: (08) 9890 2500 to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Direct Debits are available.

We are committed to working with you to find an appropriate payment solution that works for both you and us. We understand that it can be difficult to ask for support, and will treat you sensitively and respectfully.

### Budget Overview—Rates

The setting of the 2021/22 budget has again been influenced by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Many major projects budgeted for 2020/21 were not completed due to the fact that many of the Commonwealth funded projects had conditions that required the works to be done by contractors and not Shire staff. Due to the large amount of projects in the market place it has become apparent that contractors were finding it difficult to complete projects on time, therefore many of these projects will roll over into the 2021/22 financial year. It is expected that the Shire will also receive additional grants during 2021/22 for the Local Roads, Community & Infrastructure Program.

### Budget Focus:

The 2021/22 Budget provides, as normal, funds to meet the ongoing operations of the Shire which includes Shire building and facilities, parks and gardens, maintaining recreational facilities at acceptable standards and maintaining and upgrading the Shire’s extensive road system which totals to some 2,500 kilometres.

### General Rates Information

The 2021/22 budget has been prepared with a 3% increase to GRV rates, but a 0% increase on UV rates with a minor \$15 increase on UV minimum values. The UV rate was not increased as the Shire received notification from Landgate that the property values on unimproved rated properties had increased by an average of 9.42% across the board.

The following general and minimum rates on Gross Rental Values and Unimproved Values have been imposed:

#### General Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV) 13.6437 cents in the dollar  
 Rural Unimproved Value (UV) 1.1164 cents in the dollar

#### Minimum Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV) \$505  
 Unimproved Value (UV) \$515

### Specified Area Rates - Sewerage

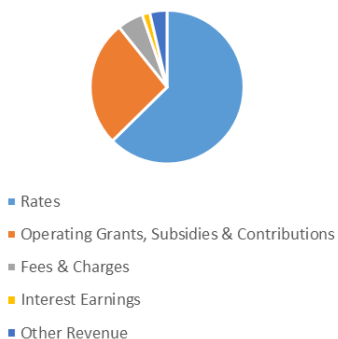
The 2021/22 budget has been prepared with a 3% increase in specified area rate revenue for the Lake Grace Sewerage Scheme.

The following general rate on Gross Rental Values has been impose

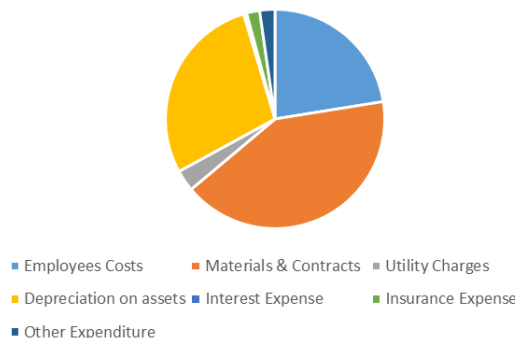
#### Specified Area Rate

Sewerage — GRV 4.5256 cents in the dollar

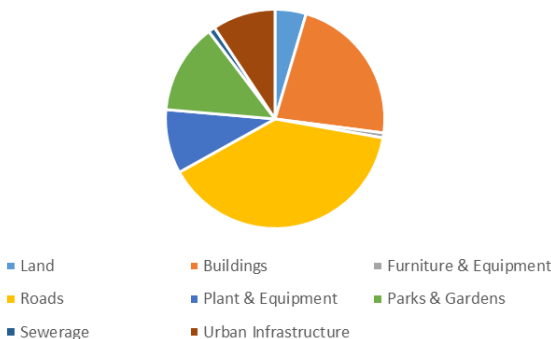
2021/22 Operating Revenue



2021/22 Operating Expenditure



2021/22 Capital Expenditure



### Borrowings:

There will be no new borrowings for 2021/22, It is projected that there will be a total of \$1,460,214 in borrowings, at 30 June 2022.

### Infrastructure - Construction & Maintenance

An amount of \$3,366,079 has been set aside for road renewal and upgrades to cover works on Old Ravensthorpe Road, North Lake Grace – Karlgarin Road, Biddy Camm Road, Elliott Road, Slarke Street, Purnta Road, Mallee Hill Road, Magenta Road, Taylor Road, Haig Road, Lake King-Norseman Road, Witham Road, Tarco Road & some works on the Kathleen-Biddy Camm Road intersection.

The following allocations were provided for:

- New footpath – Lake Grace - \$100,000
- New footpath – Newdegate - \$ 50,000
- Flood Mitigation (Biddy Camm) - \$ 46,000
- Lighting Upgrade for Lake Grace Airstrip - \$ 266,500
- Lake Grace Depot Shed Roof upgrade - \$ 41,000

### Infrastructure—Parks, Gardens & Facilities

Many of the projects initiated in the 2020/21 budget which are funded by the Federal Drought Communities Grant and Local Roads, Community & Infrastructure Grant have been carried over into the 2021/22 budget due to shortage of contractors and resources.

Some of the major projects for 2021/22 are:

- Varley Town Hall Roof Restoration;
- solar panels for Lake Grace Swimming Pool;
- Newdegate Country Club refurbishment;
- lighting upgrade for Lake Grace & Newdegate hockey fields;
- community All Abilities Playground and outdoor gym equipment in Lake Grace;
- universal access toilets at all sporting precincts;
- Newdegate jumping pillow;
- community walking trails and;
- upgrade of the Lake Grace Sporting Precinct entry.

### Property, Plant and Equipment

An amount of \$618,000 has been allocated to Shire Building upgrades including work scheduled for Shire housing, Lake Grace Medical Centre, Lake Grace Day Care, Public Toilets in Varley & Newdegate, Town Halls, AIM Building, Visitor Centre and the installation of a Toilet and RV Dump Point in Lake King. An amount of \$410,000 has been included to install services into the Industrial Land to make ready for sale.

An amount of \$846,000 has been allocated to purchase replacement works plant including road verge slasher, crew cab truck, dual cab ute, prime mover, loader and zero turn mower. The normal maintenance program for all Shire owned property has been maintained at 2020/21 levels.