



Shire of Lake Grace

2023-2024

Rates Summary

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Budget Focus

The 2023/24 Budget provides as normal, funds to meet the on-going operations of the Shire which includes shire buildings and facilities, parks and gardens, and recreational facilities maintained to acceptable standards, maintaining and upgrading the Shire's extensive road system which totals some 2,500 kilometres.

General Rates Information

The budget has been formulated with an increase of 3% on rate in the dollar for GRV (within town site) rate revenue and 3% on rate revenue for UV properties. The UV valuations carried out by Landgate substantially increased the value of these properties which has had a bearing on the setting of rates. This has led to the rate increase being formulated off total revenue that was raised the previous year thus reducing the rate in the dollar.

Rising input costs required to maintain our main source of expenditure, being roads, and the increased pressure being placed on the shires vast network of gravel roads (2500km) by an increase in the size of machinery and increased machinery movements have a big impact on the Shires ability to maintain the roads to a suitable standard that is demanded by the main users. Rate increases assist in provision of service delivery that meets reasonable community needs. It also ensures that critical infrastructure asset renewal is somewhat funded over the time frame of the Long Term Financial Plan.

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

General Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV)	14.4746 cents in the dollar
Rural Unimproved Value (UV)	0.8600 cents in the dollar

Minimum Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV)	\$530
Unimproved Value (UV)	\$540

Specified area Rates – Sewerage

The 2023/24 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 imposed:

Specified Area Rate

Sewerage – GRV	4.89 cents in the dollar
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Sewerage Fixture Charges

Fixture Charges

First Major Fixture	\$268.00
Additional Fixtures	\$118.00

Infrastructure - Construction & Maintenance

An amount of \$4,251,182 has been set aside for road renewal and upgrades to cover works on Jarring South Road, Magenta Road, Rodger Road, Mallee Hill Road, Fitzgerald Road, Nth Lake Grace-Karlgarin Road, Old Ravensthorpe Road, West Kuender Road, Winchcombe Road, Hatters Hill Road, Burngup Road, Crooks/Kent Road, Bidy Camm Road, Bidy Bunice Road, Rasmussen Road, McCracken Road and Waddell Street.

Allocations of \$628,071 have been provided to carry out capital works for Dykes Road Drainage, Lake King Cemetery Fence, Lake Grace Cemetery Roadway, Lake Grace Footpaths and Newdegate Footpaths, Fuel Storage Lake Grace Depot, Buniche Dam Revitalisation, Dempster Rock Dam Revitalisation and construction of new Newdegate Dam.

Infrastructure—Parks, Gardens & Recreation Facilities

A total of \$1,611,851 has been allocated for capital parks and garden works which include Lighting for Newdegate Hockey Field, Lake Grace Football Field Lighting, Lake Grace Sporting Complex Entry, Jam Patch BBQ & Picnic Shelters, Lake Grace Visitor Centre Park, Newdegate Street Bin Shrouds, Lake Grace Walkway Shelters, Lighting for Lake Grace and Lake King Playgrounds, Padley Park Stormwater Capture, Lake Grace Bowling Club Lights, Lake Grace Community All Ages Playground, Lake Grace Pump Track, Lake Grace RV Park and Lake Grace Lookout Upgrade.

Property, Plant and Equipment

An amount of \$1,547,308 has been allocated to Shire Building refurbishment and upgrades including Admin Office Building, Relocation of Toy Library to Daycare Centre, Shire houses, Varley Public Toilet, Lake Grace Hall Refurbishment, Lakes Village Hall, Lake King Sports Pavilion, Lake Grace Sports Pavilion Bar, Varley Sports Pavilion, Newdegate Hockey Shed Replacement, Lake King Library, AIM Building, Lake Grace RSL Hall, Lake Grace Visitor Centre, Lake King Tractor Museum Shed and Newdegate Museum Shed. An amount of \$100,000 has been included to install services into the Industrial Land to make ready for sale.

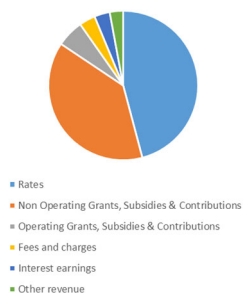
The Shire is currently in the process of applying for a Building Regions Program Grant for the works at the Lake King Sports Pavilion. Also in consideration are funding options for housing within Lake Grace including the release of some more residential and light industrial land.

An amount of \$1,080,000 has been allocated to purchase plant and equipment which includes MIS Prado, Lake Grace and Newdegate Digital Speed Signs, Lake Grace & Newdegate Town CCTV, DFES Fast Fill Trailers, Lake Grace Pool Diving Board & Net, Lake Grace Pool Blankets and Roller, Skid Steer Plant Trailer, Backhoe, Builders 4WD Ute, Mobile Traffic Light Trailer, Lake Grace Community Bus, Lake Grace and Newdegate Digital Display Sign and Lake Grace Football Electronic Score Board.

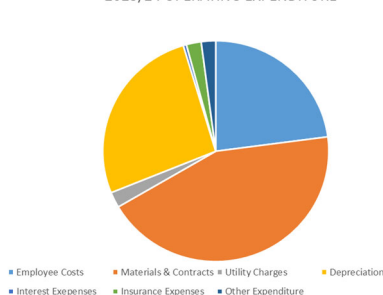
Borrowings:

There will be no new borrowings for 2023/24. The outstanding loan principal at 1 July 2023 is \$1,213,744. The principal repayments for 2023/24 amount to \$177,282 and interest payable of \$38,474 leaving a balance of \$1,036,462 at 30 June 2024.

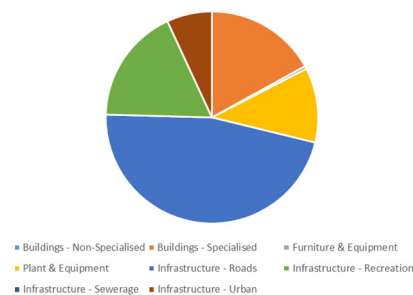
2023/24 REVENUE SOURCES



2023/24 OPERATING EXPENDITURE



2023/24 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



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)	\$147 (GST Free)
Pensioners Discount (per service)	\$ 84 (GST Free)

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

Recycling Kerbside Collection

Lake Grace & Newdegate Fortnightly Collection (per service)	\$151 (GST Free)
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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.

Commercial Waste

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007* and section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following charges for the deposit of commercial waste apply:

Trade and Other Refuse (per m ³)	\$92.70 (Inc GST)
Commercial (per m ³)	\$11.30 (Inc GST)
Asbestos Disposal (per m ³)	\$240 (Inc GST)

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.

2023-24 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 4 September 2023

Option 2:

1st Instalment due date 4 September 2023
2nd Instalment due date 6 November 2023

Option 3:

1st Instalment due date 4 September 2023
2nd Instalment due date 6 November 2023
3rd Instalment due date 8 January 2024
4th Instalment due date 11 March 2024

The cost associated with instalment options are

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

Instalment Interest— 5.5% 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 7% per annum which will be applied to all amounts outstanding after 35 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.

\$\$ 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.

The Growing Centre

