



Shire of Lake Grace

2025-2026

Rating Information

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General Rates Information:

The budget has been formulated with an increase of 3% on rate in the dollar for GRV (within town site) and 3% on rate revenue for UV properties. The UV valuations carried out by Landgate substantially increased the value of these properties (on average by 20.31%) which has had a bearing on the setting of rates. This has led to the rate increase being formulated off total revenue which will reduce the rate in the dollar.

Rising input costs required to maintain our main source of expenditure, being roads, and the increased pressure placed on the shires vast network of gravel roads (2150km) 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)	12.5211 cents in the dollar
Rural Unimproved Value (UV)	0.5857 cents in the dollar

Minimum Rates:

Gross Rental Value (GRV)	\$550.00
Unimproved Value (UV)	\$550.00

Specified area Rates – Sewerage:

The 2025/26 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	4.1254 cents in the dollar
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Fixture Charges

First Major Fixture	\$284.00
Additional Fixtures	\$126.00

Borrowings:

The outstanding loan principal at 1 July 2025 is \$1,617,248. The principal repayments for 2025/26 amount to \$202,299 and interest payable of \$69,731 leaving a balance of \$1,414,949 at 30 June 2026.

Infrastructure - Roads, Footpaths, Drainage and Cemetery Upgrades:

An amount of \$5,279,111 has been set aside for road renewal and upgrades to cover works on:

- Dykes Road Resheet SLK 5.90 - 13.48
- Bairstow Road Resheet SLK 3.76 - 8.72
- Lake King-Norseman Road Reseal SLK 4.00 - 11.00 (RRG)
- Old Ravensthorpe Road Resheet SLK 32.00 - 37.00 (RRG)
- Haig Road Resheet SLK 0.00 - 5.00
- Biddy Camm Road Resheet SLK 127.20 - 133.71
- Biddy Camm Road (Hogan East) Resheet 3 Sections
- West Kuender Road Reseal SLK 6.40 - 11.40 (R2R)
- Biddy Camm Road Reseal SLK 58.32 - 62.83 (R2R)
- Aylmore Road Reseal SLK 8.80 - 13.80
- Naisbitt Road Resheet SLK 0.00 - 3.10
- Mt Sheridan Road Resheet SLK 27.00 - 32.96
- Mallee Road Resheet SLK 0.00 - 5.00
- Biddy Camm Road Reseal SLS 4.25 - 12.70 (R2R)
- Witham Road Resheet SLK 0.00 - 2.80
- Kean Road Resheet & Culvert Upgrades

The following urban infrastructure allocations were provided for:

- Lake Grace & Newdegate Recycling Stations
- Lake King Cemetery New Fence
- Lake Grace Footpaths
- Newdegate Footpaths
- Newdegate Airstrip Dam (CWSP)

Infrastructure — Parks, Gardens & Recreation Facilities:

A total of \$540,584 has been allocated for capital parks and garden works which include:

- Lake Grace Sporting Complex Entry
- Lake King Park Upgrade
- Jam Patch Upgrades including New Walkway
- Newdegate Bowling Club Reconstruction & Resurfacing Project

Property, Plant and Equipment:

An amount of \$1,232,663 has been allocated to Shire Building refurbishment and upgrades including Shire houses, Lake Grace Community Bus Shed, Lake Grace/Newdegate/Varley Hall Refurbishment, Lakes Village Hall, Lake King Sports Pavilion, Lake Grace Sporting Precinct, Newdegate Recreation Centre, Lot 352 Stubbs St (Pink Building), AIM Building, Lake Grace RSL Hall, Lake Grace/Newdegate Depot Upgrades, Lake Grace Visitor Centre and Hainsworth Museum Shed.

The Shire is currently in the process of applying for grant funding to release more residential land. An amount of \$300,000 has been included to purchase Industrial Land in Lake Grace which will in turn be subdivided at a later date.

2025-2026 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 19 September 2025

Option 2:

1st Instalment due date 19 September 2025

2nd Instalment due date 21 November 2025

Option 3:

1st Instalment due date 19 September 2025

2nd Instalment due date 21 November 2025

3rd Instalment due date 28 January 2026

4th Instalment due date 31 March 2026

The cost associated with instalment options:

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.

How to pay your Rates?

IN PERSON - Cash, Cheque or Eftpos

1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace WA 6353

BY MAIL - Cheque or Credit Card (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: 066-000 Account #: 1733 3994

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.

Signing up for eRates:

You can now elect to receive your rates notice by email. Please note that when registering to receive your rates electronically, you will no longer be issued a rates notice by post. Only one email will be sent to the nominated owner of the property.

Please email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au with your nominated email address.

Refuse Charges:

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Waste 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)

\$156.50 (GST Free)

Eligible Pensioner (per service)

\$89.00 (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)

\$161.00 (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.

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 m³)

\$96.00 (Inc GST)

Commercial (per m³)

\$12.00 (Inc GST)

Asbestos Disposal (per m³)

\$240.00 (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.