



Shire of Lake Grace

18 FEBRUARY 2026

Ordinary Council Meeting

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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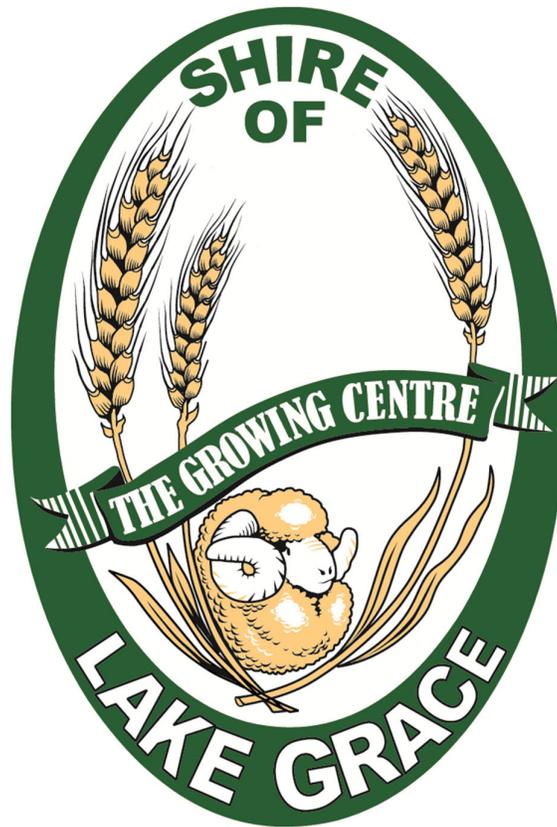
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Infrastructure Services Report

Shire of Lake Grace

Prepared for the February 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting
presenting information to the end of January 2026

Road Maintenance Grading

For the month of December 2025

<i>Lake Grace Area</i>		<i>Newdegate Area</i>		<i>Lake King-Varley Area</i>	
<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>	<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>	<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>
Burngup South Rd	6.57	Aylmore Rd	15.22	Biddy Camm Rd	10.62
Duckworth Rd	23.50	Biddy Buniche Rd	2.76	Hatters Hill Rd	27.11
Fisher Rd	7.50	Biddy Camm Rd	22.15	Hewsons Rd	12.66
Hilton Rd	7.14	Buniche North Rd	13.52	Hogan Rd	15.38
Hollands Track Rd	8.06	Dillon Rd	5.19	Long Creek Rd	10.87
Kent Rd	2.82	Dyke Rd	13.49	Maghaba Tr	5.60
Mordetta Rd	9.30	Easton Rd	1.07	Mallee Tree Rd	9.33
Willcocks Rd	12.45	Geliard Rd	9.35	Milsteed Rd	6.24
		Hollands Track Rd	8.06	Muncasters Rd	14.05
		Kerr Rd	6.73	Norseman Rd	23.96
		Kirwan Rd	4.27	Old Newdegate Rd	7.94
		Magenta Rd	6.75		
		Mount Sheridan Rd	15.27		
		Mount Vernon Rd	16.97		
		Newdegate North Rd	18.75		
		Old Ravensthorpe Rd	29.83		
		Shalders Rd	10.27		
		Taylor Rd	10.99		

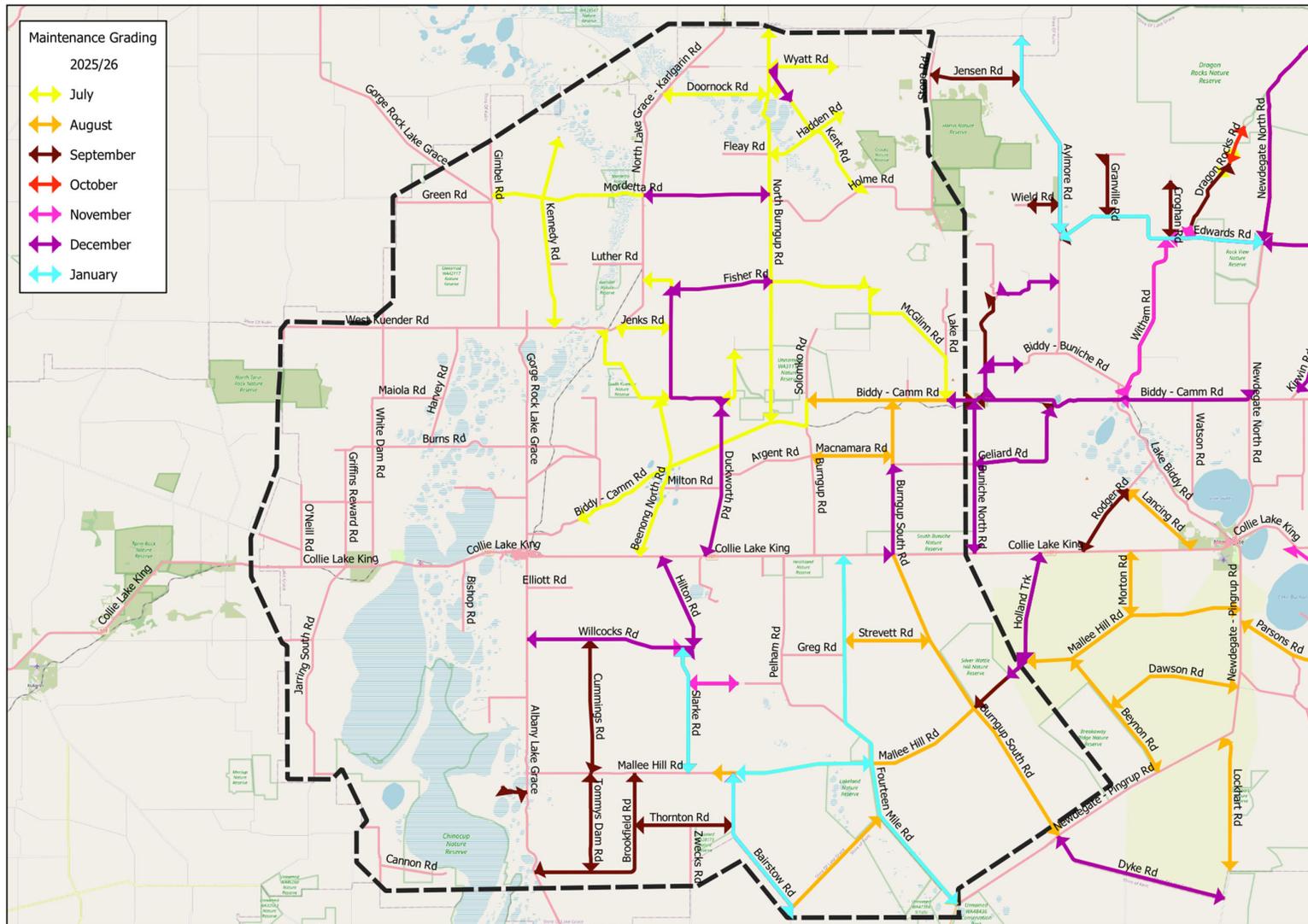
		Tonkin Rd	9.87		
Subtotal	77.34	Subtotal	220.51	Subtotal	143.76

For the month of January 2026

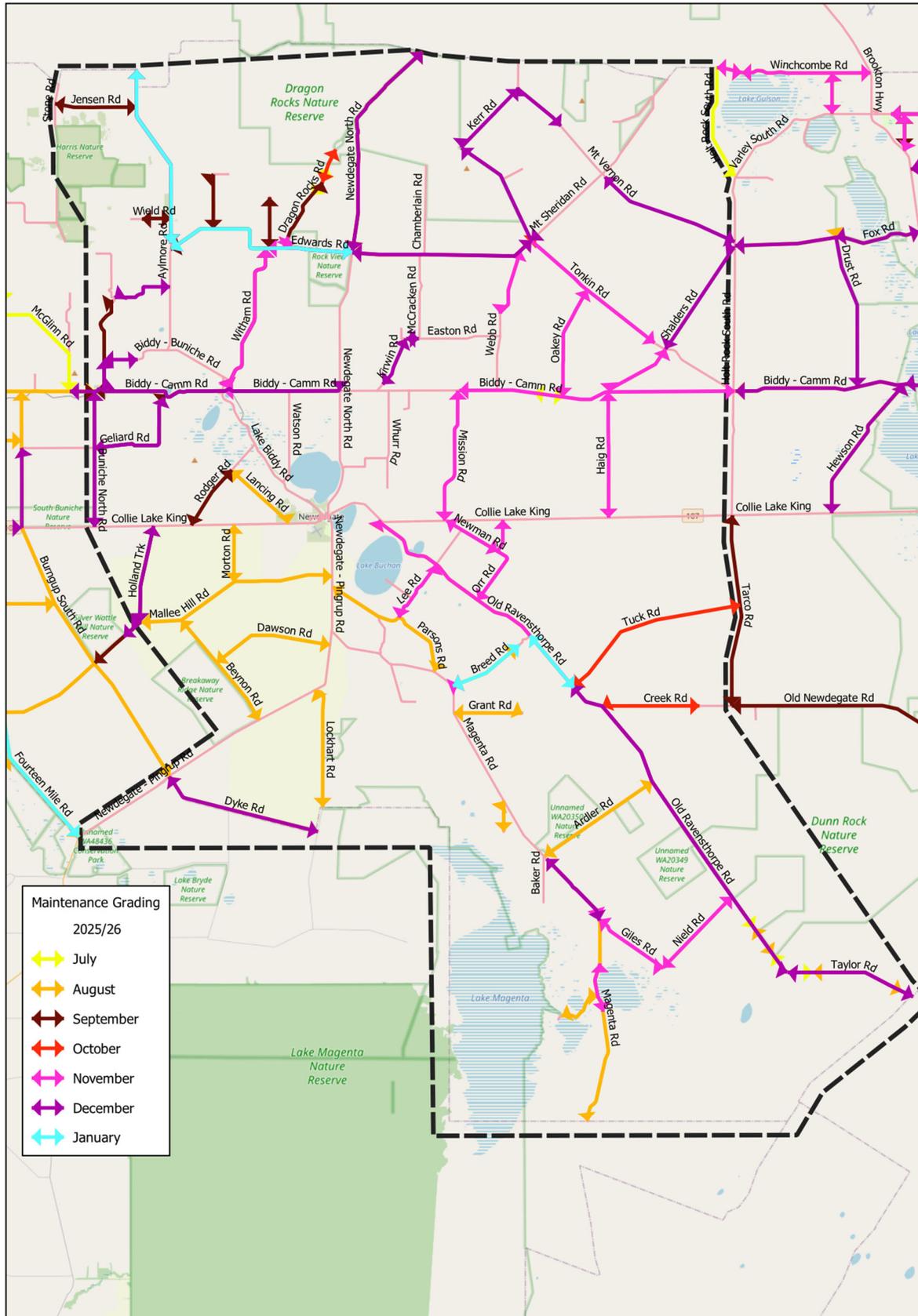
<i>Lake Grace Area</i>		<i>Newdegate Area</i>		<i>Lake King-Varley Area</i>	
<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>	<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>	<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>
Bairstow Rd	11.27	Aylmore Rd	15.20	Biddy Camm Rd	18.58
Fourteen Mile Rd	28.33	Breed Rd	6.50	Drust Rd	20.61
Mallee Hill Rd	10.04	Edwards Rd	17.05	Fox Rd	7.21
Slarke Rd	9.19	Old Ravensthorpe Rd	5.58	Pickernell Rd	6.77
				Purnta Rd	5.94
Subtotal	58.83	Subtotal	44.33	Subtotal	59.11

2025/26 Year-To-Date Grading by Month

Year	Month	<i>Lake Grace Area (km)</i>	<i>Newdegate Area (km)</i>	<i>Lake King-Varley Area (km)</i>	Monthly Subtotal
2025	July	210.21	72.08	114.49	396.78
	August	134.11	148.09	91.60	373.80
	September	66.15	142.67	115.81	324.63
	October	0.0	64.37	0.0	64.37
	November	29.33	218.64	79.89	327.86
	December	77.34	220.51	143.76	435.37
2026	January	58.83	44.33	59.11	162.27
	February				
	March				
	April				
	May				
	June				
	<u>To-Date</u>	<u>575.97</u>	<u>910.69</u>	<u>604.66</u>	<u>2,085.08</u>



Monthly maintenance grading – Lake Grace area



Monthly maintenance grading – Newdegate area

Plant Maintenance

Plant Acquisitions

- 2025 Isuzu D-MAX Crew Cab.
- WP40 GX270 Honda 4" Transfer Pump.

Plant Repairs

Plant	Plant Description	Action
PLVU59	2024 Isuzu SX Crew Cab	45,000 km service.
PLOD08	2021 Volvo L90F Loader	Call-out to repair tyre.
PTCK19	2017 Mitsubishi Fuso Canter Crew Cab	General service.
PTCK22	2021 Hino 3 Ton Tip Truck	General service.
PTCK24	2021 Isuzu 9 Ton Crew Cab	Window replacement.
PTCK25	2022 Volvo Prime Mover	Replacement tyre.

Building Construction & Maintenance

Capital

- Nil.

Maintenance

Lake Grace

- 6 Blackbutt Way.
- Daycare.
- Hall, RSL.
- Hall, Town.
- Medical Centre.
- Railway Station Toilets.
- Swimming Pool.
- Tennis Club Shed.
- Visitor Centre.

Newdegate

- Country Club.
- Medical Centre
- Public Toilets.
- Tennis Pavilion.

Lake King

- Fire Shed.

- Public Hall.

Varley

- Public Hall.

Other

- Pingaring Community Centre.

Parks & Gardens Maintenance

Lake Grace

- General maintenance, gardening/mowing & tidying of gardens and parks.

Newdegate

- General maintenance, gardening/mowing of the recreation grounds, parks and skate park.

Lake King

- Carried out general gardening, mowing and spraying to all parks and gardens.

Varley

- Carried out gardening maintenance and general maintenance, including spraying, mowing, raking of the town site, sports complex and cemetery for weeds.

Pingaring

- Nil.

Customer Service Requests

For the period of 1 July 2025 to 31 January 2026:

Category	Complete	Incomplete	Total	% Complete
Works	37	9	46	80.4%
Building	25	12	37	67.6%
Parks & Gardens	9	2	11	81.8%
<i>Total</i>	<u>71</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>75.5%</u>

As compared to ~~last month's~~ November 2025's to-date figures:

Category	Complete	Incomplete	Total	% Complete
Works	26	7	33	78.8%
Building	22	10	32	68.8%
Parks & Gardens	7	1	8	87.5%
<i>Total</i>	<u>55</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>75.3%</u>

LAKE GRACE VISITOR CENTRE



October – December 2025
Tourism Statistics

Prepared by Jo Morgan



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Introduction

This document is prepared for the Lake Grace Shire Council to illustrate visiting statistics to the Lake Grace Visitor Centre.

It is a snapshot of visitor profiles that visit our Shire and is not all inclusive. The Lake Grace Visitor Centre (LGVC) only records visitors that physically enter the centre. The use of signage, open flags and being positioned in the main street of town we feel we are getting the majority of genuine visitors calling into the centre.

One of the goals of the LGVC is to provide accurate information for visitors. We also want to provide an enjoyable experience for the visitor by sharing our history with them, i.e. through telling them about the Station Masters House. While in the LGVC we dispense brochures and maps highlighting places to see and things to do in our Shire foremost.

Equipped with additional information about the Shire of Lake Grace and its attractions, the tourist is more inclined to spend more time seeing and doing things in the Shire of Lake Grace. If they have the time, visitors often add additional time in Lake Grace after visiting the Centre.

The graphs presented in this document are tracking several different measurements of tourism data. It must be remembered that not all visitors are comfortable with revealing information of their travels, so it is based only on the information that has been offered and is not conclusive.

Visitor data measurements recorded include;

- Number of people
- Age
- Origin
- Route
- Mode of transport
- Accommodation
- Yearly tracking from 2017

The graphs provided in this document are mainly based on the visitor numbers and profiles and exclude route, transport, accommodation and sales although data for these has been recorded also.

Origin of visitors to the Shire of Lake Grace

For the purpose of recording data visitors are classed into five groups;

- Locals – indicating they are from the town of Lake Grace. No purposeful travelling was required to visit the centre.
- Intrastate – this term is used to describe visitors from surrounding Shire of Lake Grace towns and the rest of WA, e.g. Newdegate, Kukerin, Wagin and Perth
- Interstate – this term is used to describe visitors from within Australia, including Tasmania who travel through the Shire
- International – this term is used to identify visitors from outside Australia including New Zealand
- Unidentified – Travelers who don't disclose where their place of origin.

Locals

A quieter result compared to last year. October we usually host a Market Day, but we decided to change things up and host a swap meet in March 2026, which we hope will attract bigger numbers for both sellers and buyers.

A steady stream through for Christmas shopping and holiday makers closer to Christmas. We closed over the Christmas break, but we are very aware of brilliant numbers driving into our region. Perhaps a great camera that counts all the cars and caravans is something we could consider.

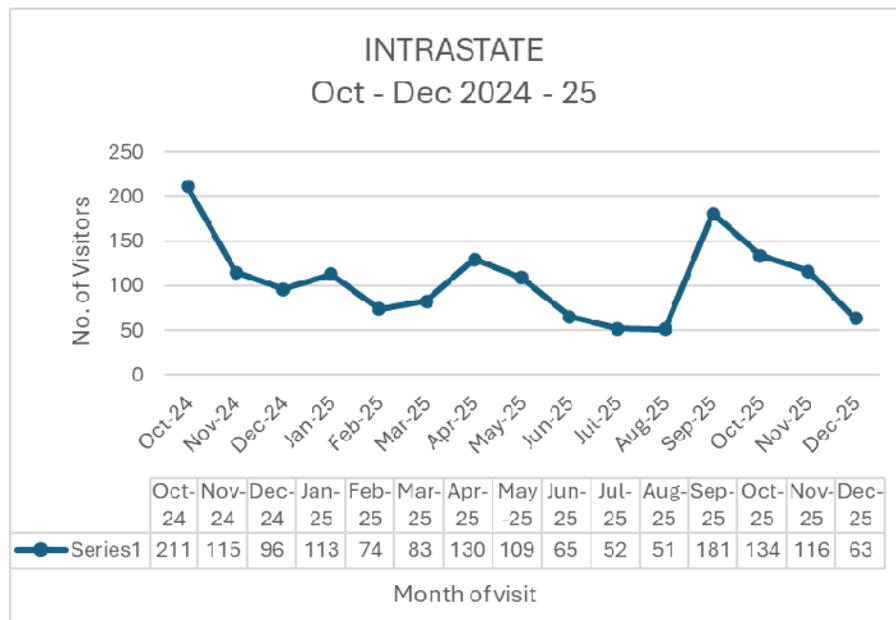
The Harvest Festival was held at the playground again. From talking to visitors we met, we could only say a handful that went were travellers. They thoroughly enjoyed it but at this stage, it's still very much an event that mainly attracts locals.



Intrastate Travellers

We had less through the door this wildflower season. The current cost of living and rising housing prices could be a very good reason why. End of the year many people are busy working towards their Christmas break', hence not as many holiday makers on the road.

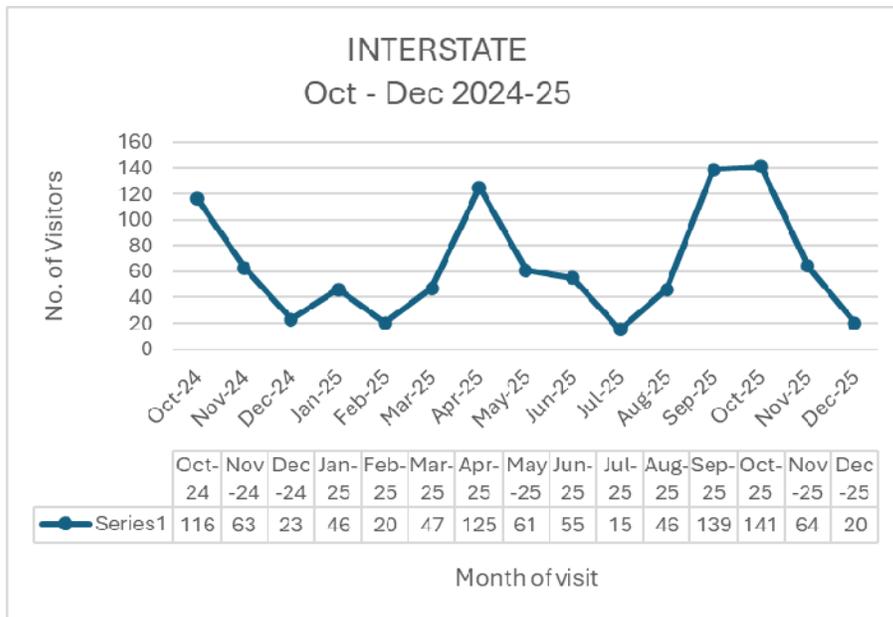
We had a few bus tour groups we would normally have booked in, cancel, due to lack of numbers. It's a great insight as to where can possibly direct our marketing to improve in 2026. Perhaps improved facilities at the Jam Patch – our wildflower hotspot – would be a great way to attract bigger numbers. Getting the Jam Patch brochures far and wide. Currently they are available at various Visitor Centres and CRCs. In March we have an opportunity to be at the Caravan & Camping show. All going well, this is a perfect place to get the word out. Watch this space.



Interstate Travellers

We are very thankful our Eastern state travellers are most consistent travelling to our region. A very similar result to last year. The Grey Nomads just love our wildflower season. Many people we catch for a second visit and even recall meeting us before which is fantastic!

Many noted it was getting harder to book accommodation on the spot in our nearby coastal towns. We had some onflow from people that hadn't planned and were in disbelief. We were happy to acknowledge they picked a FANTASTIC plan B! It's great when they discover our region, a place they hadn't considered and thoroughly enjoyed.



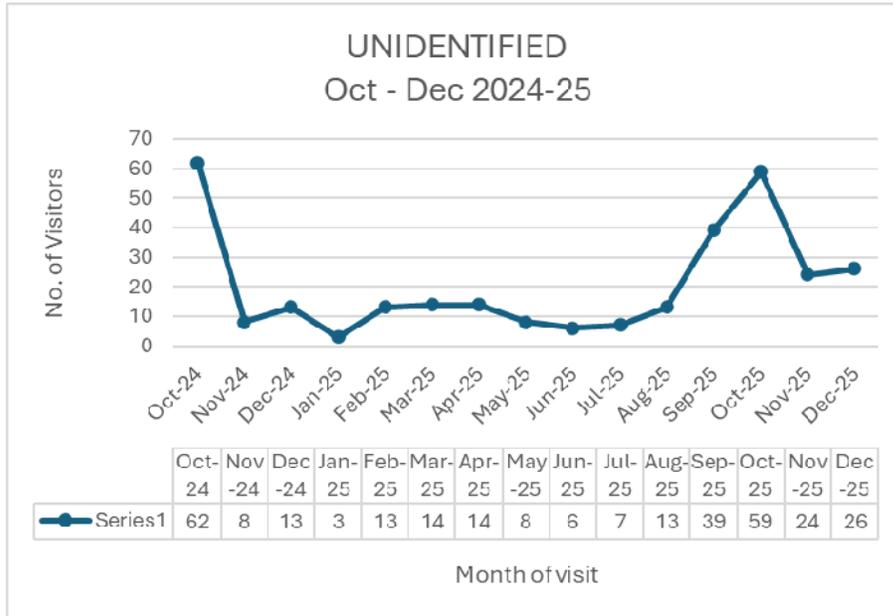
International Travellers

The pattern over the years tends to see overseas travellers during our Summer/Autumn months and our wildflower season. We had a great variety of international destinations which included Germany, Philippines, New Zealand, Singapore, Italy, France, UK, Holland, America, Canada, Belgium, Berlin, Sweden, Argentina, Thailand and Bangkok. Unbelievable for our little slice of the world!



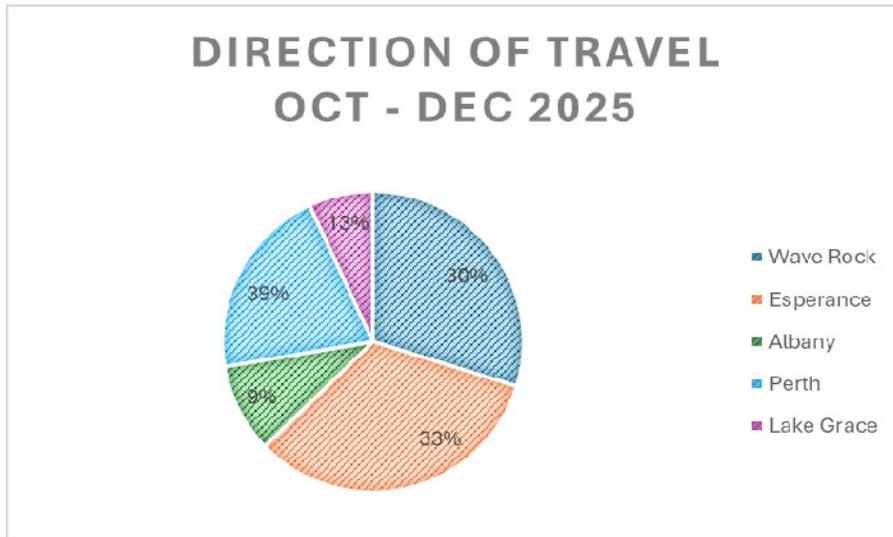
Unidentified Travellers

A group of travellers we try our very best to engage with, but keeping in mind some people wish to simply browse and have a look around. As the visitor numbers picked up we often had many people in the Centre at once. We've noted some people prefer to keep in the background and not engage and others could talk for days!



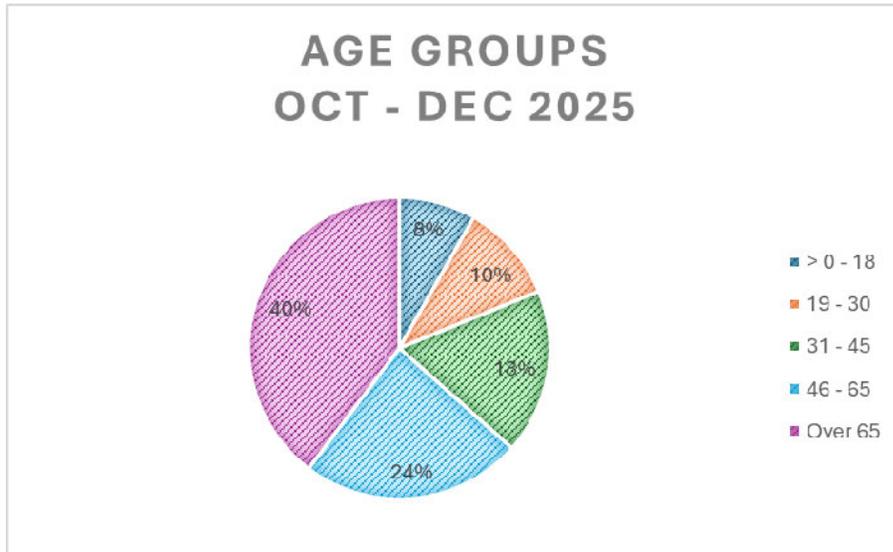
Direction of Travel

It's interesting to note where our visitors are traveling to as the Visitor Centre is positioned near a vital crossroad. Our traffic consists off those heading to either Wave Rock/Hyden, Esperance, Albany and Perth. Esperance being the standout destination in this instance. Wave Rock and Esperance being the hot spots of our region.



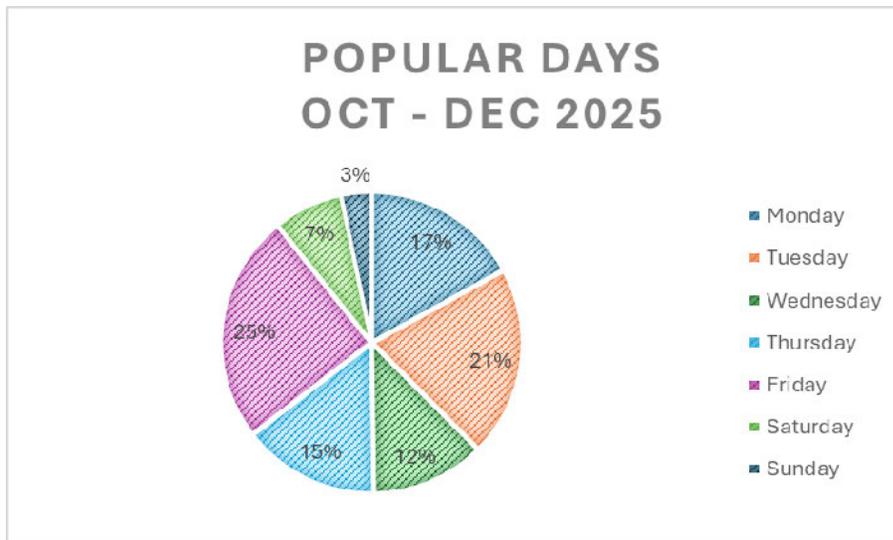
Age Group

The information tracked in this graph is reliant on the recorder’s ability to judge ages of visitors, therefore probably not entirely accurate in all cases. Although the largest group recorded in the graph below is concurrent with local visitor statics from other centres.



Popular Visiting Days

As we record our daily statistics, it was interesting to note which days were popular amongst our visitors. This information over time can be used for staffing needs of the Visitor Centre, along with tourism dollar spending in our shire. Fridays and Tuesdays being the popular 2 days this quarter.



Mode of Transport

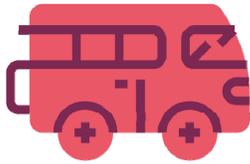
People travel to and through our Shire in various forms of transport. We have recorded the transport used by those who called into the Visitor Centre. It's a great indication as to how people are moving through our region and how travellers are using our region. This data measures October to December 2025.



60%



28%



9%



0.5%+ 0.5% motorbike

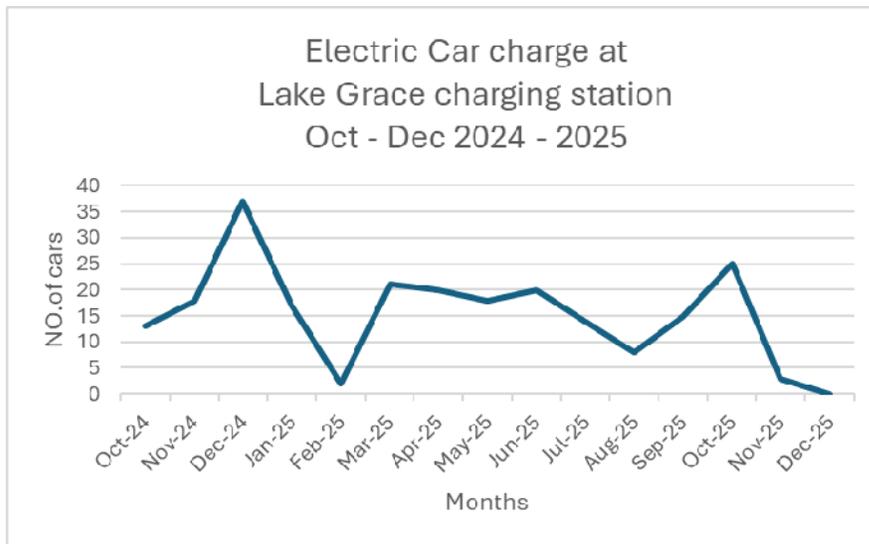


2%

Electric Car charges

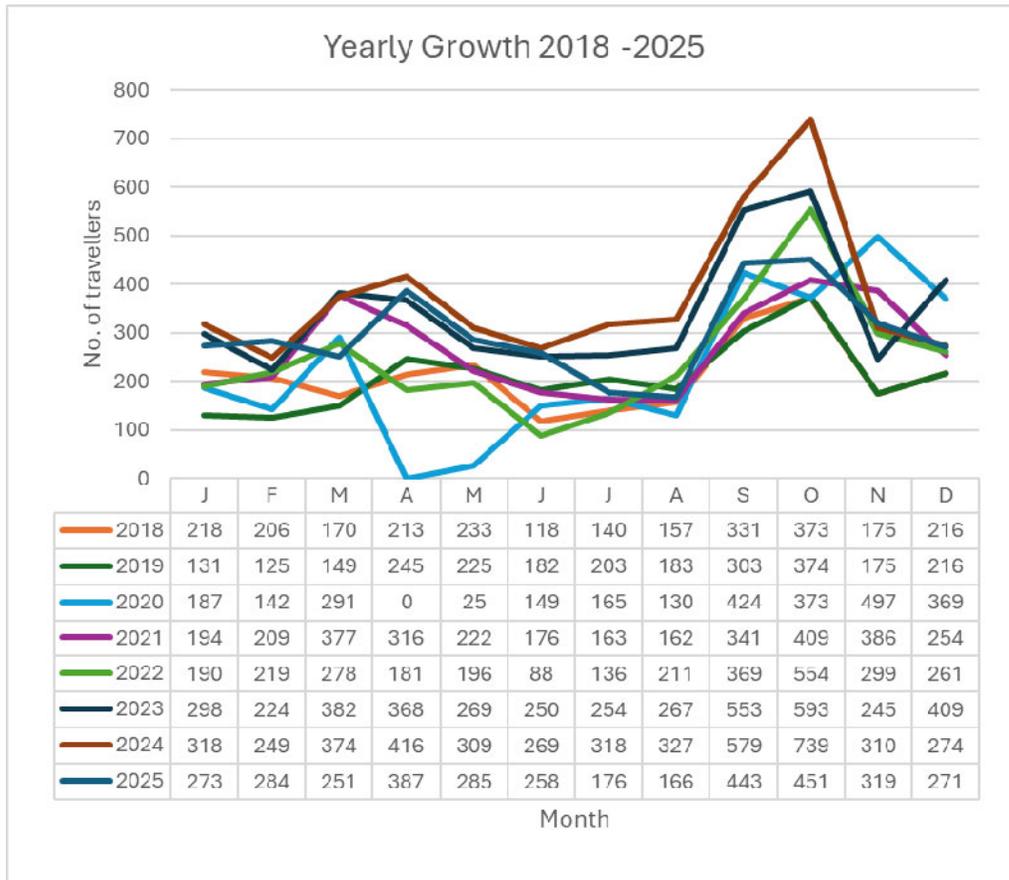
We have the data to view exactly how many charges are happening at our charge post each month. This can show our highs and lows throughout the year and know when a good time to service the machine is, any feedback from travellers etc. Great to see it's getting some great use so far. Unfortunately, our Car Charger wasn't working properly during November and December. I believe when this happens it diverts the drivers to travel to neighbouring towns instead. This is such a shame as our numbers would have been very healthy indeed.

This is something we need to repair quicker if possible and is having a second charger an option looking forward?



Yearly Trends

The chart below shows the LGVC recorded visitor trends over the past eight years. There has been steady growth in visitor numbers to the Shire of Lake Grace leading up to 2020. After the lockdowns we grew our visitor rate again with 2024 being our standout year to date. Sadly 2025 hasn't performed as well, but this gives us a new year to make some changes and put our heads together to market a plan to attract tourism to our region.





INFORMATION BULLETIN

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

October - December 2025

HEALTH

This report is to highlight issues and activities ongoing within the environmental health area for the period October - December 2025

Events

- Harvest Festival

Food Businesses

Inspected the following premises for Food Act compliance-

- Newdegate IGA
- Newdegate Hotel
- Newdegate Roadhouse
- Newdegate Motel and Caravan Park
- Newdegate Town Hall
- Newdegate Rec Centre
- Newdegate Country Club

Food Recall Notices circulated to all food businesses

- Sea to Summit Pty Ltd - Back Country Cuisine - Spaghetti Bolognese & Mushroom Bolognese (Various Sizes)
- Riviana Foods Pty Ltd - FEHLBERGS Pickled Sliced Jalapenos Chilli Medley 470g
- Link Foods Australia Pty Ltd - Golden Island Pork Jerky Korean BBQ Recipe 410g
- UPDATED 31.10.2025 | Muscle Nation Supplements Pty Ltd - Custard Protein Bar Cookies and Cream 60g
- Lion - Beer, Spirits & Wine Pty Ltd - LITTLE CREATURES LITTLE HAZY LAGER 375mL
- Margaret River Bakery - Various bread products
- Yummy Snack Foods - Yummy Fruit & Nut Millionaires Mix 500g & Barbi-Q Mix 400g
- Bright Tank Brewing Co - West Side Hazy Pale 375ml
- PBLNT Pty Ltd - Tasty Juicy Cheesey Filipino Hot Dogs (2 x 500g)
- Smartfoods Limited - Tom & Luke Low Carb Hazelnut Snackaballs 112g & Tom & Luke Low Carb Raspberry Snackaballs 112g
- MCCAIN FOODS (AUST) PTY LTD - McCain Cheese & Bacon Pizza Pockets 400g

- Nestlé - Alfamino Infant Formula (0-12 months) 400g
- Metcash Food & Grocery PTY LTD - Community Co Diced Beetroot 420g
- UPDATE 16.01.26 | Loophole Brewing Co - Pacific Ale 5 Litre Party Keg
- Sanulac Nutritionals Australia Pty Ltd - Alula Gold Reflux infant formula 900g (0-12 months) & Alula Colic & Constipation infant formula 850g (0-12 months)
- Lupasaurus Pty Ltd, Trading as Lupin Gold- Lupin Gold- 100% Lupin Protein Isolate 350g and 600g

New Food Standard 3.2.2A notification circulated to all Food Premises, this requires some food premises to have the following from December 2023:

- Food safety supervisors: Food Premises will need to appoint a food safety supervisor for their business.
- Food safety training: All food handlers will need to show they have had food safety training.
- Key food safety controls: Food Premises will need to keep records of important food safety controls or be able to demonstrate safe food handling practices.

Lodging Houses & Caravan Parks

Inspected the following for compliance -

- Newdegate Motel and Caravan Park
- Saltbush Inn
- Lake King Tavern Motel
- Lake King Caravan Park
- Spencer's Shearing Lake King (Health Act Notice – Unfit for Human Habitation)

Orders and Requisitions

- A6002 - 43 Pitt Street, Varley
- A6003 - 45 Pitt Street, Varley
- A3644 – 25 Stubbs Street, Lake Grace
- A3612 – 4 Mason Street, Lake Grace

Onsite Effluent Disposal Systems

- Lot 595, 1033 Biddy-Buniche Road, Buniche – Pending Final Approval
- 2756 Newdegate-Pingrup Road Newdegate WA 6355 – Pending Final Approval
- Lot 1 Stennetts Lake Road Mount Madden – Pending Final Approval
- Jam Patch toilets – Pending Final Approval
- Lot 300 Newdegate-Ravensthorpe Road Newdegate – Pending Final Approval
- Lot 607, 500 Newman Road, Newdegate – Pending Final Approval
- Lake King Public Toilets (Tavern) – upgrade proposed

Pool Water Sampling

- Lake Grace Pool – all water samples compliant. New Pool Manager doing a great job.
- Newdegate Pool – closed for resurfacing (reopened January 2026)

Public Buildings

Inspected the following for Health Public Buildings compliance -

- Lake King Sports Pavillion
- Lake King Memorial Hall
- Newdegate Recreation Centre
- Newdegate Hall
- Lake King Tavern
- Newdegate Hotel

Recycled Water Scheme

- Recycled water scheme currently offline

Stallholder / Street Trading Permits

- Mrs G
- Walkers Hill Vineyard
- Men's Shed
- Soul Van

Waste Management

- Ongoing inspections of waste facilities
- Various enquiries for disposal of asbestos
- Works request for clean up of waste sites at Varley and Lake King

Other

- Diploma in Building Design Study
- Annual Report
- Lot 4 Pitt Street Varley - Health Act Notice Unfit for Human Habitation
- Lot 5 Pitt Street Varley - Health Act Notice Unfit for Human Habitation
- Lake King Caravan Park Permanent Site follow up with Joe Douglas and Jason Lip
- Noise complaint – loud cars in main street Lake Grace. Referred to WAPol
- Newsletter Articles – Asbestos, Pool Fencing



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Registered Building Surveyor BSP2797



LIBRARY REPORT

Requested VDX books, Library Exchanges, and Accessioning are all up to date and displays done.

Our library exchanges, which consists of 27-30 new release books are very popular. I place them on a table, so people know that these are the new books.

Statistics since the last meeting:

Oct 2025	Issues & Renewals	322
Nov 2025	Issues & Renewals	361
Dec 2025	Issues & Renewals	144

Library Co-ordinator Lois Dickins
Lake Grace Community Library

Lake King Library Report for October - December 2025

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A free webinar in November, “How reading can support children’s health and wellbeing” offered the chance for me to explore the big picture of reading and its documented benefits for health and wellbeing with Anna Burkey, Head of Australia Reads. Anna shared what’s happening with national and international reading rates and explored some barriers to reading, such as capability, opportunity and motivation. An interesting insight and reminder of the far-reaching effects of reading. We now need to work on getting the message out and promoting the library and reading.

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Our ‘Under the Water’ themed Book Fair in November was a great success.



We earned over \$700 to spend on new books for the library. Books and vouchers were offered as competition prizes with Regan, Ayla, Lachy, Naya and Jack our lucky winners.

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With a break over the busy harvest, Christmas and holiday period the "Lake King 100 Years" planning committee will resume monthly meetings in the library in 2026.

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Borrowbox is the most popular online lending platform but they have changed their statistics reporting portal, so figures were unavailable to me this quarter. The aim is to have these for my next library report.

	October		November		December	
	Libby	Borrowbox	Libby	Borrowbox	Libby	Borrowbox
Audio Book	2	n/a	1	n/a	1	n/a
E book	2	n/a	8	n/a	12	n/a
magazines	9	n/a	8	n/a	5	n/a

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Lake King Library
Statistics

Issues and Renewals	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2010												
2011												
2012										202	344	182
2013	36	412	353	280	539	399	360	490	391	257	376	268
2014	88	593	559	300	630	252	417	607	502	335	588	338
2015	51	767	743	332	677	649	380	520	614	429	655	297 *
2016	89	798	769	425	426	864	392	393	439	526	715	228
2017	83	646	744	194	444	695	360	867	378	512	666	171
2018	214	493	690	255	690	675	364	808	434	438	524	607
2019	165	561	511	255	652	532	267	763	507	388	574	200
2020	80	775	451	22	622	565	346	523	481	336	463	240
2021	76	455	376	224	336	258	275	310	336	308	230	161
2022	41	405	430	194	331	277	148	339	187	291	322	235
2023	63	302	423	192	352	607	228	464	316	331	407	108
2024	30	474	292	180	382	335	275	519	181	378	239	66
2025	33	376	242	101	326	244	270	259	253	173	181	138

Newdegate Library Report October - December 2025

The library is often used for pilates, meetings, school assemblies & dance on Monday's. In October the library was used for our CarersWA Communi-Tea event, paint by numbers. We have had after school crafts such as paint your own pumpkin, pinwheel poppy craft and sewing Christmas stockings. We've also hosted a few business events in our library space.

We are still receiving our monthly box of books from the state library and sending them our old books back. For the gate post we do use our library books for our 'This week we are reading' section.

Our monthly loan statistics are:

October: 10

November: 8

December: 7

Regards

Jade Parker

