



# Shire of Lake Grace

22 APRIL 2026

## Ordinary Council Meeting

### INFORMATION BULLETIN

### ITEM 16.0 - ATTACHMENTS

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**Infrastructure Services Report**

Shire of Lake Grace

Prepared for the April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting  
presenting information to the end of March 2026

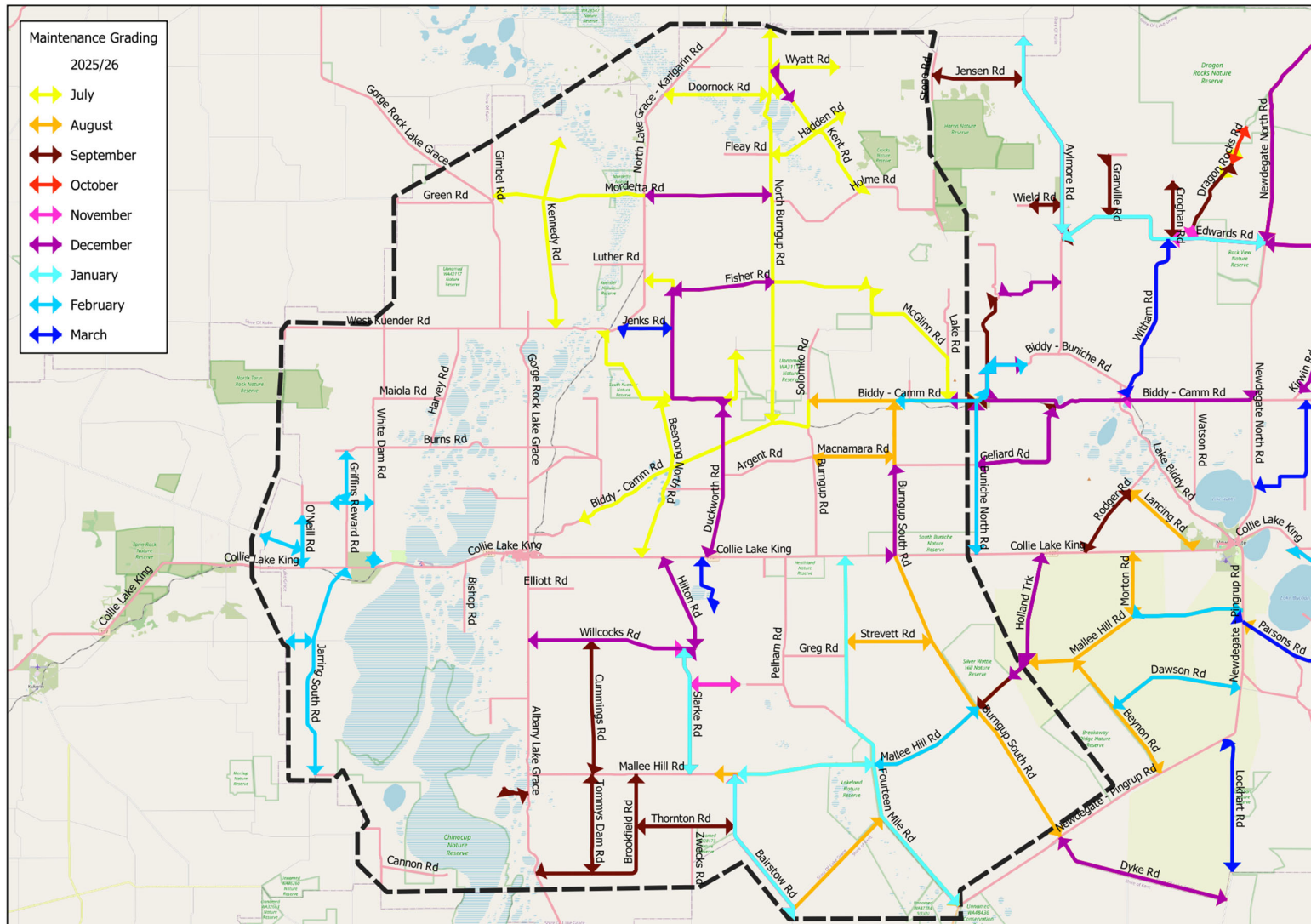
## Road Maintenance Grading

For the month of March 2026

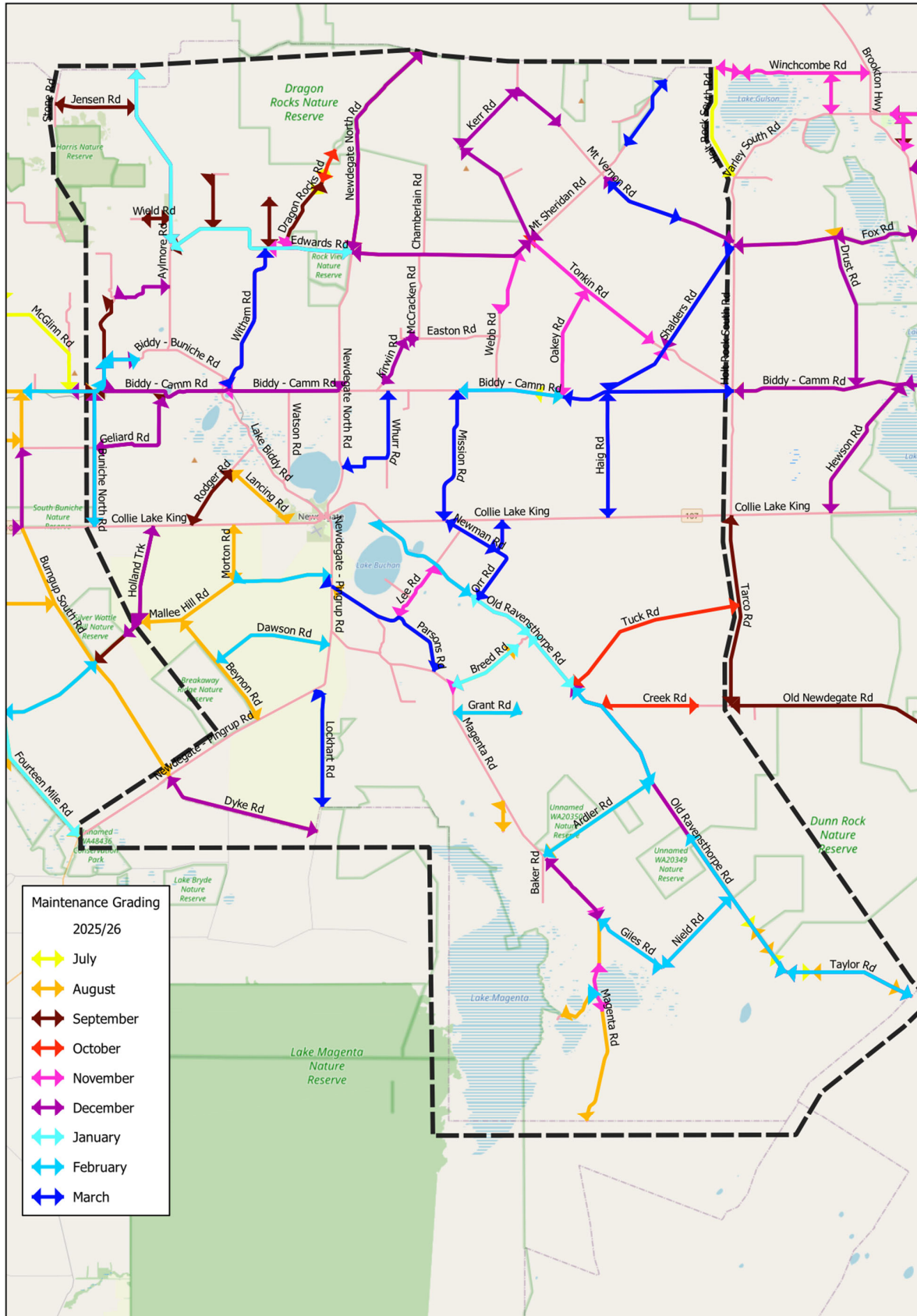
<i>Lake Grace Area</i>		<i>Newdegate Area</i>		<i>Lake King-Varley Area</i>	
<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>	<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>	<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>
Gordon Rd	4.35	Biddy Camm Rd	14.25	Allen Rd	3.70
Jenks Rd	4.00	Haig Rd	10.36	Hatters Hill Rd	14.85
		Lee Rd	5.60	Kanny Rd	1.90
		Lockhart Rd	10.24	Long Creek Rd	10.87
		Mission Rd	11.13	Magdhaba Tr	5.60
		Mount Sheridan Rd	6.92	Mallee Tree Rd	9.33
		Mount Vernon Rd	6.90	Milstead Rd	6.24
		Newman Rd	4.90	Muncasters Rd	21.81
		Orr Rd	7.92	Old Newdegate Rd	16.42
		Parsons Rd	12.08	Stennetts Lake Rd	12.14
		Shalders Rd	16.22	Tilbrook Rd	5.50
		Whurr Rd	9.91		
		Witham Rd	12.71		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8.35</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>129.14</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>108.36</b>

### 2025/26 Year-To-Date Grading by Month

<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<i>Lake Grace Area (km)</i>	<i>Newdegate Area (km)</i>	<i>Lake King-Varley Area (km)</i>	<b>Monthly Subtotal</b>
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	441.61
2026	January	58.83	50.26	59.11	168.20
	February	42.28	162.18	92.49	296.95
	March	8.35	129.14	108.36	245.85
	April				
	May				
	June				
	<u>To-Date</u>	<u>626.60</u>	<u>1,207.94</u>	<u>805.51</u>	<u>2,640.05</u>



Monthly maintenance grading – Lake Grace area



Monthly maintenance grading – Newdegate area



## Plant Maintenance

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### Plant Acquisitions

- Nil.

### Plant Repairs

Plant	Plant Description	Action
PFT01	2010 Isuzu Fire Truck	General service, new 2-way fitting.
PFT06	2022 Tatra Fire Truck	General service.
PGRA09	2024 John Deere 670 Grader	1,000 hour service.
PLVU45	2020 Ford Ranger Single Cab	Major service.
PTCK19	2017 Mitsubishi Fuso Canter Crew Cab	Troubleshoot issue and replace mass air sensor.
PTRA34	Denyo 25 kVA Diesel Generator Trailer	Fabricate and install exhaust extension fitting.
PTRA35	Denyo 25 kVA Diesel Generator Trailer	Fabricate and install exhaust extension fitting.

## Building Construction & Maintenance

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### Capital

- Repaint the interior of the RSL Hall after the toy library has been moved out.
- Install new chainmesh perimeter fencing for Newdegate Shire Depot.
- Install new chainmesh fencing for the front of the Lake King Tip.

### Maintenance

#### Lake Grace

- Nil.

#### Newdegate

- Nil.

#### Lake King

- Nil.

#### Varley

- Nil.

## Other

- Nil.

## Parks & Gardens Maintenance

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### 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

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For the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 March 2026:

Category	Complete	Incomplete	Total	% Complete
Works	53	10	63	84.1%
Building	31	16	47	66.0%
Parks & Gardens	16	1	17	94.1%
<i>Total</i>	<u>100</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>78.7%</u>

As compared to last month's (1 July 2025 to 28 February 2026) figures:

Category	Complete	Incomplete	Total	% Complete
Works	43	10	53	81.1%
Building	29	14	43	67.4%
Parks & Gardens	15	0	15	100.0%
<i>Total</i>	<u>87</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>78.4%</u>



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

January - March 2026

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## HEALTH

*This report is to highlight issues and activities ongoing within the environmental health area for the period January – March 2026*

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### **Events**

- Nil

### **Food Businesses**

Inspected the following premises for Food Act compliance-

- Newdegate IGA
- Newdegate Hotel
- Newdegate Roadhouse
- Lake Grace IGA – Transfer Registration
- Lake Grace Roadhouse – Transfer Registration
- Lynnies Café – Transfer Registration

Food Recall Notices circulated to all food businesses

- 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
- Harvest Road Oceans Pty Ltd. - Albany Rock Oysters – Various
- La Vera Group Pty Ltd, trading as La Vera Cheese - La Vera Fresh Ricotta 500g
- The Trustee for Mankuzhikari Family Trust- Malabar Treats Jackfruit Green 300g
- Nestle Australia Ltd. - MILO Dipped Snack bars 270g Box, 960g Box & 160g Box and MILO Original Snack Bars 210g Box
- Aldi Stores- Hillcrest Bubble Bars Choc Rainbow, Birthday Cake and Choc Chip Flavours 132g
- Bajaria Global Pty Ltd T/a The Spice Merchants - Fresh 'N' Frozen Favour-ita Grated Coconut 400g

- Family Select Pty Ltd - Frozen Sorbet Mango 75g, Strawberry 75g and Lychee 75g
- UPDATED 12.03.26 | Datab International (Aust) Pty Ltd - Vadilal Grated Coconut 312g
- Biocheese Pty Ltd - BioCheese Cheddar Shred 200g
- Natural Raw C Pty Ltd - Raw C Easter Coconut Water - 1L
- Coffee Works - Various Chocolate Products

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
- Spencer's Shearing Lake Grace (Pat McCathy)
- Spencer's Shearing Lake King (Health Act Notice – Unfit for Human Habitation)

### ***Orders and Requisitions***

- A3725 – 20 Stubbs Street, Lake Grace
- A3515 – 17 Bennett Street, Lake Grace
- A3612 – 4 Mason Street, Lake Grace
- A4011 – 283 McNamar Road, Buniche

### ***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
- Lot 4487 Pingrup-Lake King Rd, Lake Grace

### ***Pool Water Sampling***

- Lake Grace Pool – all water samples compliant
- Newdegate Pool – all water samples compliant

End of pool season

### ***Public Buildings***

Inspected the following for Health Public Buildings compliance -

- Nil

### ***Recycled Water Scheme***

- Recycled water scheme ready to be used when required but currently offline

### ***Stallholder / Street Trading Permits***

- Mrs G

### ***Waste Management***

- Ongoing inspections of waste facilities
- Various enquiries for disposal of asbestos

### ***Other***

- Complaint – closure of Varley Tip
- Lot 4 Pitt Street Varley - Health Act Notice Unfit for Human Habitation
- Lot 5 Pitt Street Varley - Health Act Notice Unfit for Human Habitation
- Enquiry – Temporary Accommodation Lake King Roadhouse
- Annual Leave
- Laptop replaced and IT setup across Shires
- Local Government Health & Wellbeing Group Workshop
- Climate Change and Public Health Planning Webinar
- WA Principal Environmental Health Officers Meeting
- DWER Noise Survey



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## LIBRARY REPORT – Jan – March 2026

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



The State Library is in the process of changing VDX (Book requests) to Rapido. This is proving to be quite difficult.

The school has bought 20 new books from Larrikin House. Ten graphic novels and ten assorted junior fiction books.

Pier Johnston, Junior Science teacher, has done a new display in the library.



Over the school holidays I have culled many adult fiction books. Now to delete them and work out what to do with them all.

Statistics since the last meeting:

Feb 2026	Issues & Renewals	460
Mar 2026	Issues & Renewals	433

Library Co-ordinator Lois Dickins  
Lake Grace Community Library

### Newdegate Library Report January - March 2026

January was a quiet month with our loan statistics at 2 due to school holidays. 18 in February & March with 12. We have had more loans as school has gone back.

The library area has been used by the Newdegate CRC and community for events such as after school crafts, Pilates, Auschem. We have also had CRC & school meeting in the library space. We had a holiday program in January for the school holidays in the library which we had good numbers of kids attending for our activities.

Regards

Jade Parker



## Lake King Library Report for January - March 2026

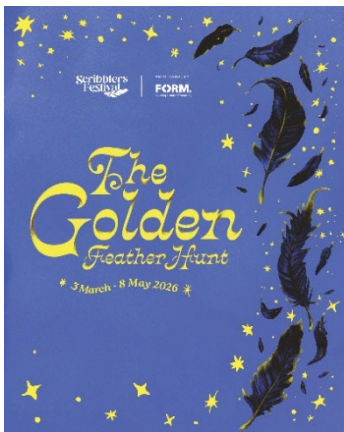
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The usual quiet start to the year allowed time for spring cleaning and a chance to move things around and weed old and tired titles.

We took delivery of the new Better Beginning Book Boxes that will be delivered to all babies and preschool children. These updated resources will replace the older book bags.



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March saw the return of the 'Golden Feather Hunt' to our library and others across the State. The younger members of our community have been hunting a special emerald feather along with white feathers that they colour in and return for a chance to win prizes. With the competition continuing through April there is plenty of time for the green feather to be found!

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The “Lake King 100 Years” planning committee is back to meeting in the library on the first Friday of the month. Their first meeting in March reviewed what has been happening and progress made. It is hoped to attract a few more at the next meeting planned for May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Having worked out access to the new Borrowbox analytical reports I have included figures unavailable to me last report along with Jan-Mar. Audio book downloads remain strong, with an increase expected over the next couple of months for seeding.

	October		November		December	
	Libby	Borrowbox	Libby	Borrowbox	Libby	Borrowbox
Audio Book	2	54	1	46	1	60
E book	2	15	8	7	12	8
magazines	9	4	8	6	5	6

	January		February		Mar	
	Libby	Borrowbox	Libby	Borrowbox	Libby	Borrowbox
Audio Book	1	38	0	41	2	43
E book	4	13	8	11	7	10
magazines	16	3	6	13	10	8

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# LAKE GRACE VISITOR CENTRE



January – March 2026  
Tourism Statistics

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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

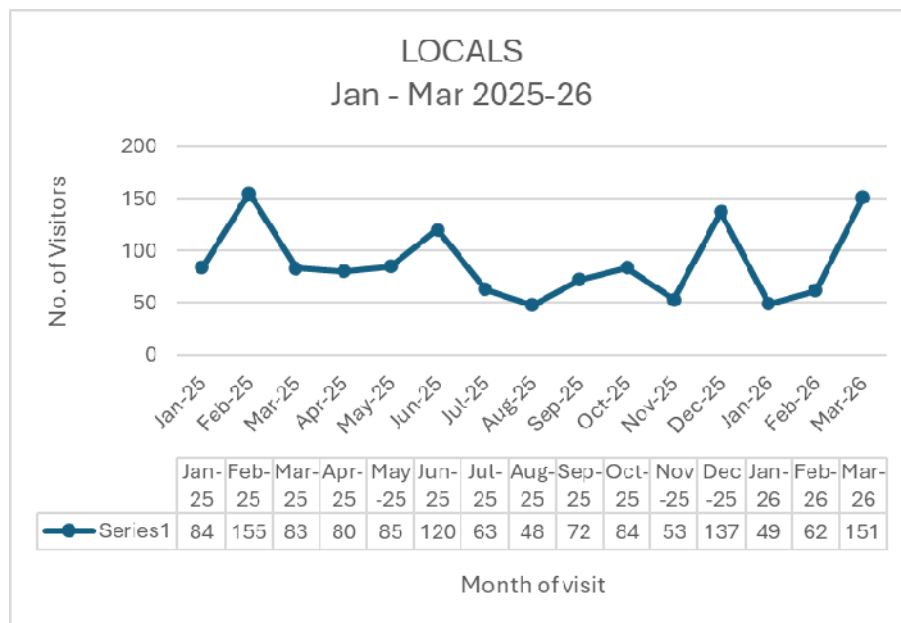
For the purpose of recording data visitors are classed into five groups;

- 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

The start of the year is often quiet as many locals tend to holiday out of town. The community events usually pick up in February but due to the 100 year AIM Hospital event end of March, all focus and preparation was centred around that. These community based events aimed at the younger audiences, have been scheduled for next quarter.

The 100 year AIM Hospital celebrations was held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March and was an outstanding event and significant highlight of the community. The event brought together a cross section of selected past and present locals, all connected to the hospital's history over the years. People came from Perth, Bunbury, Dunsborough and many other locations in WA. This strong turnout is reflected in March visitation figures. This reinforces the role of the Visitor Centre in supporting and promoting these opportunities.

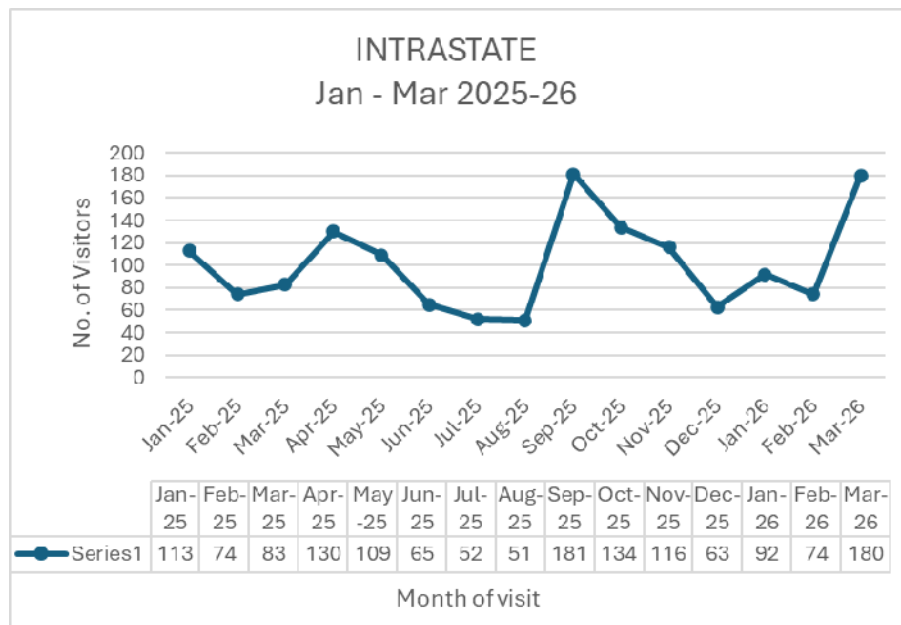


### Intrastate Travellers

We didn't feel the huge surge of people travelling to Esperance throughout January, which is typically expected during this holiday period. Instead it seemed to happen in March, once school holidays was over and the weather was still enjoyable. Many intrastate people passing through were on their way or coming from Wave Rock and the Lake Magic area. Its been encouraging to see a renewed interest in these destinations as it all connects to our own region.

We had a strong influx of visitors travel to Lake Grace end of March for the AIM 100 yr celebration. The event attracted many former residents back to Lake Grace, creating a highly positive atmosphere and providing the opportunity for reconnection and community engagement. The emotional connection to the hospital was a pleasure to experience, with many visitors sharing stories and memories of their time in our region. We hope they come back and visit us again soon.

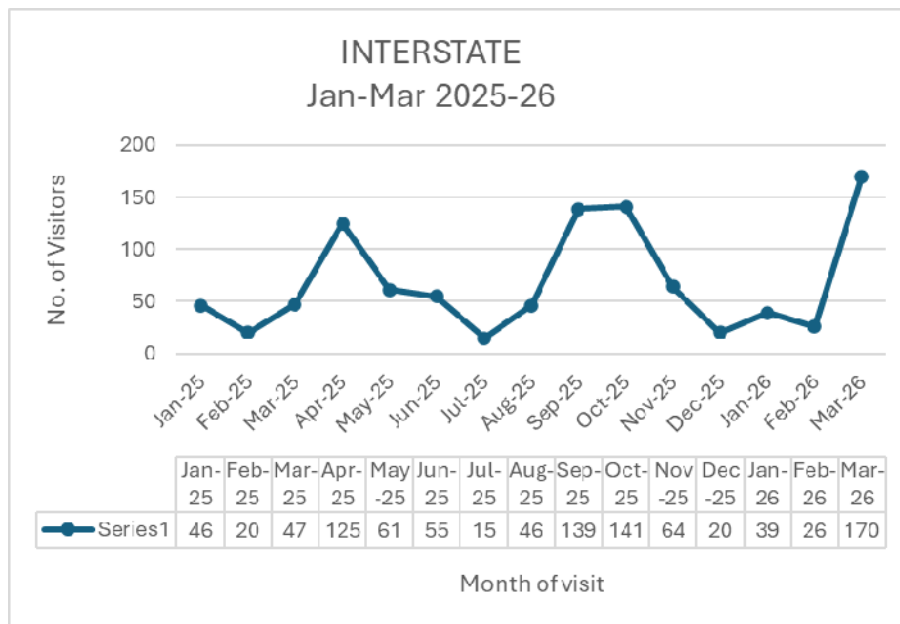
Towards the end of March the world experienced the increasing rising cost of fuel. We were worried many would pull out of the AIM event because of it but lucky there wasn't too many. I feel the fuel costs will affect us next quarter however.



### Interstate Travellers

We had a familiar pace at the start of the year but March just boomed! There was a notable presence of Grey Nomads travelling through the region but more so in hire cars rather than the traditional car and caravan or motorhome. Many with cancelled or postponed overseas trips, choosing to stay in Australia instead. This is a record amount of interstate travellers we've had.

Next quarter will provide valuable insight as to how the fuel prices may influence travel behaviour. Electric car owners are reaping the rewards in this instance. The increase in visits shall also be interesting as we navigate the next few months.



### International Travellers

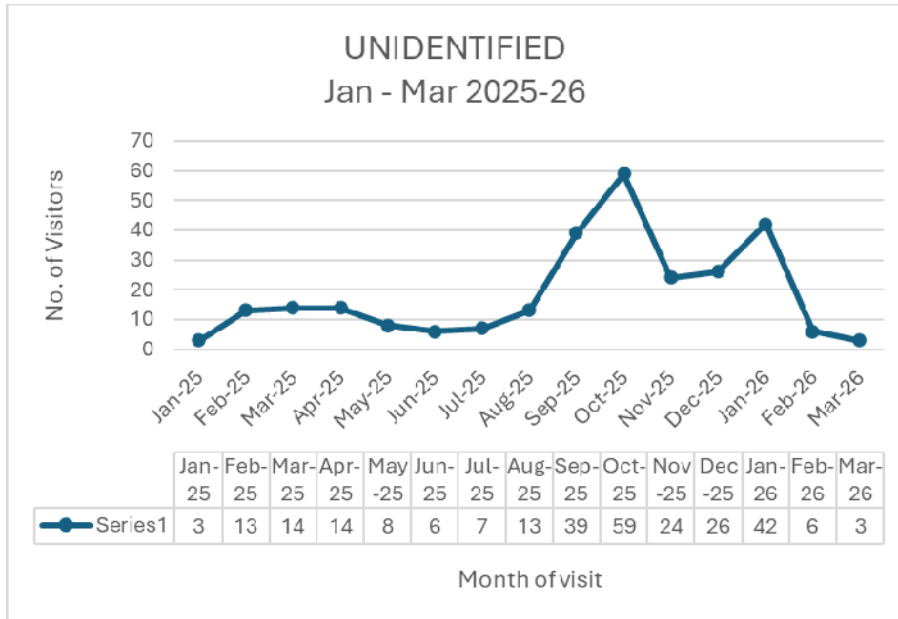
A similar result to last year during these summer months. We had quite a cross cestion from around the world. This included China, Peru, Netherlands, Spain, Germany, France, UK, USA, Sweden, Switzerland, Ireland and New Zealand.

Following the significant spike we had in November the visitor numbers returned to their typical levels in the summer months. The trend is usually to travel to the coast and we welcome they call though our region on their travels.



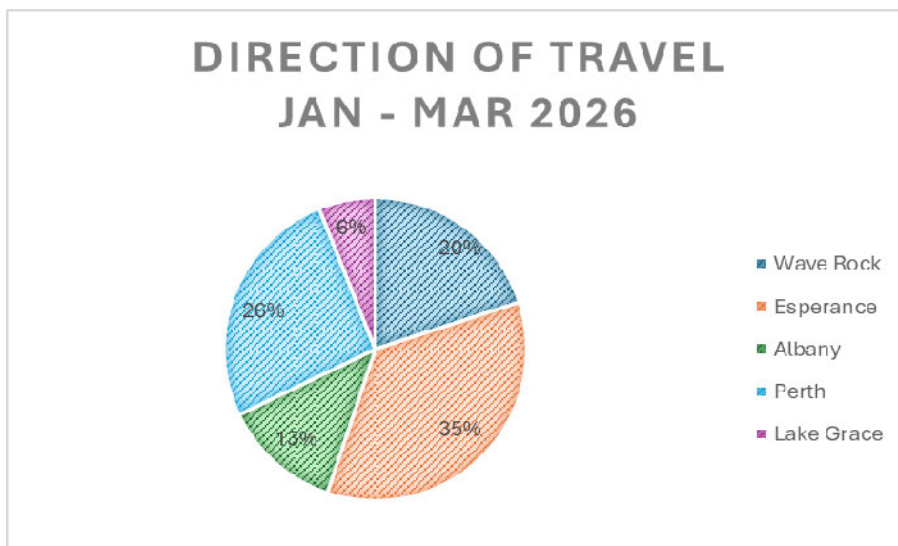
### Unidentified Travellers

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. We’ve noted some people prefer to keep in the background and not engage and others could talk for days! The drop proves we are engaging with majority of people that walk through the door. Those we don’t are merely looking and choosing not to.



### Direction of Travel

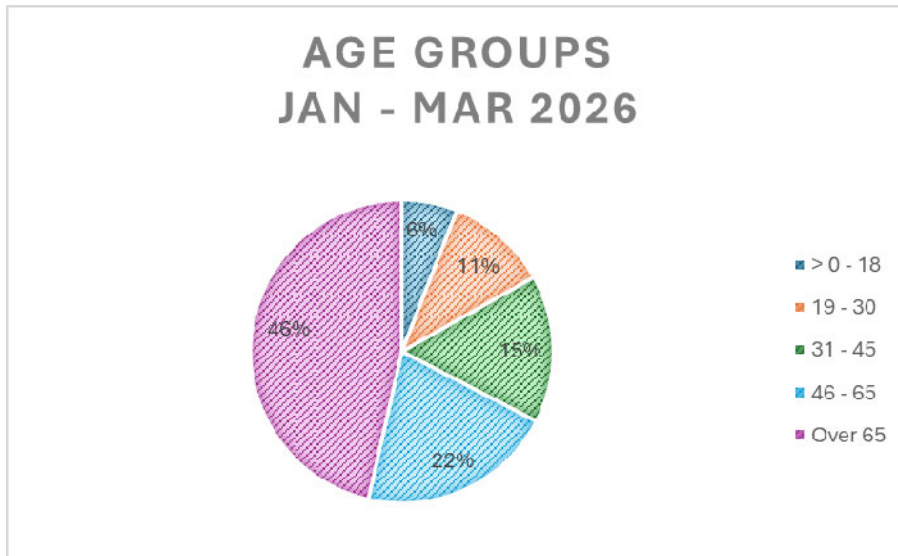
It’s interesting to note where our visitors are traveling to as the Visitor Centre is positioned near a vital crossroad. Our traffic consists off those heading to either Wave Rock/Hyden, Esperance, Albany and Perth. Esperance being the stand out destination is very typical this time of year. Wave Rock and Perth are commonly destinations on the way to and from Esperance to home.



## Age Group

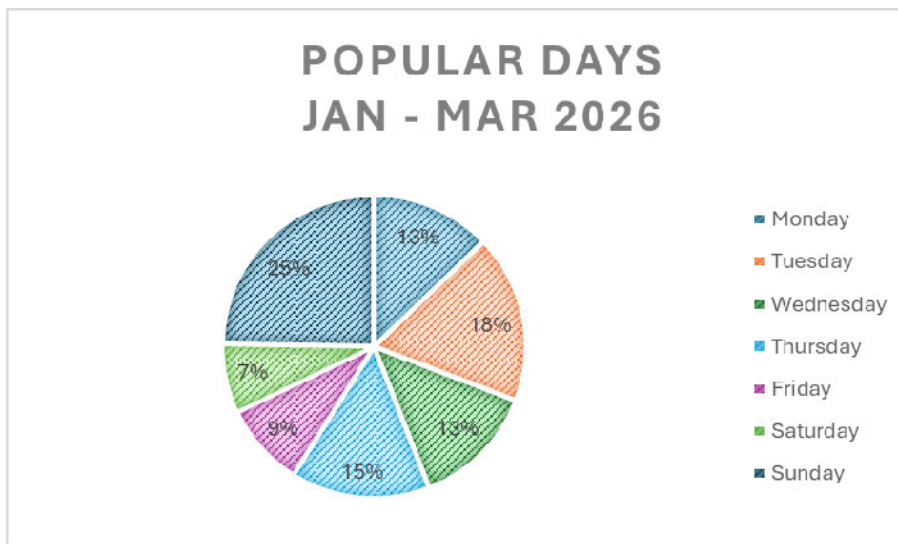
The information tracked in this graph is reliant on the recorder’s ability to judge ages of visitors, therefore probably not entirely accurate in all cases. Although the largest group recorded in the graph below is concurrent with local visitor statics from other centres.

Majority of travellers are retirees, something to look forward to indeed.



## 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. In this quarter Sundays have proved to be popular, however I suspect this will change next quarter with the cooler weather approaching and fuel prices rising.



## 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 January to March 2026.



66%



29%



5%



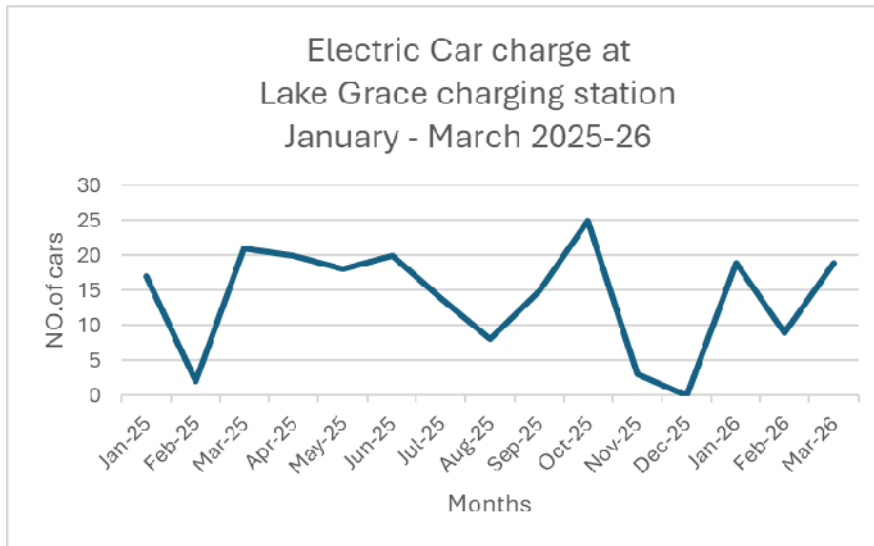
0% + 0% motorbike



0%

## 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. A considerable drop in December as the charger needed repairs but regaining popularity once again. Predictions this will gain more popularity through out the year with spike in electric and hybrid car purchases.



## Yearly Trends

The chart below shows the LGVC recorded visitor trends over the past eight years. There has been steady growth in visitors 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.

This graph is particularly interesting as it shows the statistics pre-covid and to where we are now 6 years later. This March has been a record breaker which is something we've not had for a while so a most pleasing result. Strong predictions this wont last forever but we remain hopeful and welcoming as ever!

