

Shire of Lake Grace

Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

22 July 2026

Meeting Commencing at 3:30 pm



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Acknowledgement of Country

I wish to acknowledge the traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects.

I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

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SHIRE OF LAKE GRACE

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held at the Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace, WA on Wednesday 22 July 2026 commencing at 3:30pm.

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

President Len Armstrong opened the meeting at 3.30 pm

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I wish to acknowledge the traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects.

I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

3.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

3.1 PRESENT

Cr LW Armstrong	Shire President
Cr SG Hunt	Deputy Shire President
Cr JL Roche	
Cr RA Lloyd	
Cr BJ Hyde	
Cr DS Clarke	

3.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3.3 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Alan George	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Aaron Wooldridge	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mrs T Hall	Manager Corporate Services
Mr Philip Burgess	Manager Infrastructure Services
Miss K McGougan	Executive Assistant

3.4 OBSERVERS / VISITORS

Nil

3.5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED

Cr Anton Kuchling – 22 July 2026

4.0 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION **14213**

Moved: **Cr Hunt**
Seconded: **Cr Lloyd**

That Cr Ben Hyde be granted Leave of Absence for 22 August – 23 September 2026

That Cr Deb Clarke be granted Leave of Absence for 24 August – 3 September 2026

CARRIED **6/0**

For: **Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde**
Against: **Nil**

5.0 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

6.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Shire had received a Public Question time form through the website asking the following questions prior to the Council Meeting:

1. How was the shire offered this building for purchase? (relating to the purchase of 15 Stubbs St, Lake Grace "The Pink Building")

Answer: Shire administration broached the subject of a potential sale of the property with the owners some 10 months prior and was advised that they weren't in a position to sell at the time but would give the Shire first option to purchase when the time was right.

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2. What information on the building condition, valued etc was presented to councillors prior to purchase?

Answer: Council was advised that until the Shire is in a position to develop the site interim measures to improve the appearance and serviceability of the building could be undertaken by either painting or recladding the outside, replacing the roof of the showroom area and replacing the ceiling in the showroom to allow it to be used in the interim. Councillors were given the opportunity to inspect the building.

3. Was there a time constraint on the purchase that prevented having a building inspection completed prior to purchase?

Answer: No

4. Why did council purchase this building prior to having a building inspection completed and is it unusual for council to have done so?

Answer: The owners of the building gave the first option for the purchase of the building to the Shire at a much reduced purchase price from what they were going to put it on the market for. Councillors viewed the building as being the opportunity to further enhance the presentation of Lake Grace town and potentially create more employment opportunities and services within the Shire. A building inspection was not considered at the time as the final use of the building was yet to be determined. It is not unusual for building inspections not to be carried out when opportunities such as this arise. It was considered that the building was able to be used with a few minor works undertaken.

5. With the cost of the community consultation and building inspection, what is the total amount that has already been spent on this building.

Answer: \$5,306.40

6. How can the Shire justify this total cost on purchasing a building that needs demolishing (when in reference to the uniting church/op shop building Shire stated this asset draws in no revenue and cannot fund its own capital repairs”) and was purchased without community consultation?

Answer: A building inspection was carried out to determine whether or not the building required renovations to make it suitable for different uses or if it did in fact require demolition. The fate is yet to be decided and again will be subject to public consultation. The first public consultation resulted in many suggested uses for the building for such things as office space, adult gym, children’s gym and relocation of the CRC to name a few.

Shire administration has received many comments and complaints over the years regarding the appearance of the building coupled with many requests for additional facilities within the town. This was seen as an opportunity to repurpose and upgrade the existing building or construct a new multi purpose building to further promote the appearance of the town.

Questions regarding the proposed demolition of the former Uniting Church/Op Shop.

1. Does the Council feel that they undertook community consultation prior to the passing of the motion to demolish the building?

Answer: The church was first spoken about in the council chamber in 2012. From 2012 to 2014 there was 2 public workshops, within those public workshops and the council discussions at the time the thoughts were that the shire council would take on the block of land as a vacant block of land, in other words the church would have been demolished. That was supported at the 2014 workshop.

2. Is this land the only land available to council for aged care accommodation/other land requirements – and if it is not, could other land be utilised instead?

Answer: Yes, other land could be utilised and since those initial workshops, the highest priority most probably isn't for aged accommodation, now taking in consideration that we have carried out a visitor review on visitors coming to town and what accommodation is available. The shire has also conducted a review on what requirements for workers accommodation. So, although 12-14 years ago the priority may have been aged care that was looked at, but with the advent of time of course, it could be utilised for anything else. In fact, we had to go to the State Government to purchase land to put in the two new lakes nurses' homes, and if the church land was available then, maybe those two new homes could of ended up on this land.

3. Why did council not do costings on repairing vs demolishing the building prior to moving to demolish the building – as these costs could be comparable?

Answer: It was in the initial stages in 2014 looked at costings, this was further compounded in 2024 when there was another building inspection done and that building inspection indicated that all the asbestos should be removed. To remove that asbestos it would be cheaper to demolish the whole building, in preference to going forward removing the asbestos and refurbish.

4. In the May minutes the information states that the land is intended to be used as aged accommodation, but the resolution states "future building envelopes" – what other uses may be needed (other than aged accommodation), and what is the current need for any of these uses (including aged accommodation)?

Answer: If the Shire had the funding available, they would also be addressing the workers accommodation issue.

7.0 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8.0 NOTATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

8.1 DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 SECTION 5.60A

Nil

8.2 DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL PROXIMITY INTEREST – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 SECTION 5.60B

Nil

8.3 DECLARATIONS OF IMPARTIALITY INTEREST – ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS 1996 SECTION 34C

Cr Hunt declared interest affecting Impartiality for Item 17.1.1 – Lake Grace Sportsmans Club Lease as he is the President of the Sportsmans Club.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

10.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

10.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2026

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 14214

Moved: Cr Hyde
Seconded: Cr Roche

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde
Against: Nil

10.2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Nil

11.0 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

12.0 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER OR BY DECISION OF COUNCIL

Nil

13.0 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

14.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

14.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Nil

14.2 PLANNING

Nil

14.2.1 PLANNING APPROVALS UNDER DELEGATION P01

The following applications for planning have been approved by the Chief Executive Officer under the Delegation P01 as legislated by the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 – schedule 2 (Deemed Provisions) clauses 82 to 84 and the Shire of Lake Grace Local Planning Scheme No.4:

Date of Approval	Applicant	Activity

14.3 HEALTH AND BUILDING

Nil

14.4 ADMINISTRATION

14.4.1 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER TO AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Applicant	Internal Report
File No.	0625
Attachments	Nil
Author	Aaron Wooldridge – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Date of Report	25 June 2026
Senior Officer	Alan George – Chief Executive Officer

Summary

For Council to consider the appointment of an Independent Deputy of Presiding Member who is appointed as an Independent Deputy Committee Member and as a 'proxy' committee member who only attends in the absence of the Presiding Member.

Background

The Shire of Lake Grace Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee is an appointed committee established in accordance with section 7.1A of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 June 2025, Council adopted the Committee's composition as follows:

Council Members

- Cr Len Armstrong – President
- Cr Steve Hunt – Deputy President
- Cr Ben Hyde
- Cr Roz Lloyd

External Independent Member

- Mr Peter Stoffberg – Chairperson (Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee)

Committee appointments are fixed in accordance with sections 5.10(4) and 5.10(5) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Historically, the Committee selected its own Chairperson through nomination and voting at the first meeting following committee appointments.

The Shire must appoint a person under s.5.11A to be a deputy of the presiding member of the ARIC [s.7.1B(1)].

Section 5.11A prescribes that deputy committee members of Council committees must be appointed by absolute majority decision of Council.

Comment

The *Local Government Amendment Act 2024* introduced changes to section 5.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. From 1 July 2026, Council will be required to appoint the Independent Presiding Member and, where considered necessary, an Independent Deputy of Presiding Member of all committees by absolute majority.

The Independent Deputy of Presiding Member role provides continuity of governance and meeting administration in circumstances where the Independent Presiding Member is unavailable to attend a committee meeting or otherwise unable to perform the functions of the position.

Administration considers it prudent governance practice to appoint an Independent Deputy of Presiding Member to ensure the Committee can continue to operate effectively and meet its statutory responsibilities without disruption.

It is proposed that Mr Murray Stanton be appointed as the Independent Deputy of Presiding Member for the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee.

The Independent Deputy of Presiding Member will only perform the functions of Independent Presiding Member when the Independent Presiding Member is absent from a meeting or otherwise unable to fulfil the role.

Following the 2027 Local Government Elections, Council will be required to review and reappoint the Committee membership and leadership positions in accordance with section 5.11(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Legal Implications

Local Government Act 1995: Section 5.11 – Committee membership, tenure of

(2) Where a person is appointed as a member of a committee other than under section 5.10(4) or

(5), the person's membership of the committee continues until –

(a) the term of the person's appointment as a committee member expires; or

(b) the local government removes the person from the office of committee member, or the office of committee member otherwise becomes vacant; or

(c) the committee is disbanded; or

(d) the next ordinary elections day, whichever happens first.

Policy Implications

The Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee is a formally appointed committee established in accordance with section 7.1A of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The appointment of the Independent Deputy of Presiding Member is consistent with sections 5.12(1) and 5.12(2) of the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024* and supports the effective governance and administration of committee meetings.

Consultation

Alan George – Chief Executive Officer
Murray Stanton

Financial Implications

The financial implications will only be associated with Council's remuneration fees from the 22 April 2026 OCM of \$150 per meeting for Independent Members and \$250 per meeting for Independent Chairperson.

This will only take effect from 1 July 2026.

Strategic Implications

This item aligns with Aspire 2033 - Shire of Lake Grace Strategic Community Plan

Leadership Objective – Strong governance and leadership, demonstrating fair and equitable community values	
Outcome	8 – A strategically focused, unified Council functioning efficiently. 9 – A efficient and effective organisation.
Strategies	8.3 – Provide strategic leadership and governance. 9.2 – Comply with statutory and legislative requirements.

The appointment of the Independent Deputy of Presiding Member supports good governance practices, ensures continuity in committee leadership, and assists Council to meet legislative obligations relating to committee appointments.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 14215

Moved: Cr Lloyd
Seconded: Cr Hyde

That Council:

Appoints Mr Murray Stanton as the Independent Deputy of Presiding Member for the Shire of Lake Grace Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee, who will, as the Deputy of Presiding Member, undertake the functions of the Independent Presiding Member only in the absence of the Independent Presiding Member.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde
Against: Nil

14.4.2 WALGA WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION - 2026

Applicant	WALGA
File No.	0029
Attachments	Nil
Author	Alan George Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Date of Report	19 June 2026
Senior Officer	Alan George Chief Executive Officer

Summary

The WALGA Local Government Convention (LGC26) event runs from 16-18 September 2026 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, under the theme Tomorrow's World reflecting the pace of change facing local governments across technology, community expectations, economic pressure and policy uncertainty.

Background/Comment

As discussed during the Information Session following the June Council meeting councillor interest in attending was requested. Councillors Armstrong and Hunt indicated their attendance along with the CEO.

This item is to confirm attendance and advise that 3 rooms have been booked at the Holiday Inn in Hay St Perth for the nights of 16,17 and 18 September. This hotel has utilised over the past few years and is within easy walking distance of the Perth Convention Centre where the convention is being held.

Council is also required to nominate Voting Delegates and Proxies for the WALGA AGM. Local Government can register up to two Voting Delegates and two Proxies. A Proxy is entitled to vote in the absence of a Voting Delegate. Voting Delegates and Proxies may be Elected Members or officers.

As Council has only 2 delegates attending the AGM, being Cr's Armstrong and Hunt, Council is requested to nominate them as the Voting Delegates and CEO Alan George as the Proxy. Registration for the convention will follow once the agenda and options are confirmed

Legal Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Financial Implications

Accommodation for 3 people for 3 nights is	\$3,303.00
Full delegate ticket p/p	\$1,300.00
Welcome event p/p	\$ 130.00
Icons Breakfast p/p	\$ 120.00

As is past practice funding for this event will be included in the 2026/27 budget.

Strategic Implications

This item aligns with Aspire 2033 - Shire of Lake Grace Strategic Community Plan

Leadership Objective - Strong governance and leadership, demonstrating fair and equitable community values		
Outcome	8	A strategically focused, unified Council functioning efficiently
Strategies	8.1	Provide informed leadership on behalf of the community
	8.2	Promote and advocate for the community and district
	8.3	Provide strategic leadership and governance
	8.4	Provide timely communications on all Council activities to community
Outcome	9	An efficient and effective organisation
Strategies	9.1	Maintain accountability and financial responsibility through effective planning
	9.2	Comply with statutory and legislative requirements
	9.3	Provide a positive and safe workplace
	9.4	Establish and maintain community endorsed levels of service across all functions of Council

Voting Requirements

Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION **14216**

Moved: **Cr Roche**

Seconded: **Cr Lloyd**

That Council:

1. Notes that the WALGA Western Australian Local Government Convention 2026 will be convened at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre from Wednesday 16 September 2026 to Friday 18 September 2026.
2. Endorses and approves attendance by Councillors Armstrong and Hunt and the Chief Executive Officer to attend the 2026 WALGA Convention.
3. Endorses the registration of Councillors Hunt and Armstrong as Voting Delegates and Chief Executive Officer Alan George as Proxy for the 2026 WALGA Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED **6/0**

For: **Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde**

Against: **Nil**

14.4.3 **APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE SHIRE OF LAKE GRACE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Applicant	Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee
File No.	0039
Attachments	Minutes – Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting – 7 July 2026
Author	Aaron Wooldridge – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Date of Report	13 July 2026
Senior Officer	Alan George – Chief Executive Officer

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the recommendation of the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee (SOLGTAC) to appoint Mrs Kerrie Argent (Lake Grace) and Mrs Lyn Ellard (Newdegate) as community representatives on the Committee.

Both appointments will fill existing vacancies resulting from recent resignations and will assist the Committee in continuing to provide advice and recommendations to Council on tourism development, promotion and strategic tourism initiatives throughout the Shire.

Background

The Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee met on 7 July 2026 and considered expressions of interest received from community members wishing to join the Committee. The Committee noted the recent resignations of:

- Ms Carla Hyde (Varley Representative); and
- Mr Peter Stoffberg.

During General Business, the Committee considered the nominations received and unanimously resolved as follows:

Motion: That Kerrie Argent (Lake Grace) and Lyn Ellard (Newdegate) be recommended for appointment to the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee and that a welcome email be forwarded to both new members.

The motion was carried unanimously (4/0).

As appointments to Council Advisory Committees require Council endorsement, the recommendation is now presented for Council's consideration.

Comment

The Tourism Advisory Committee provides an important advisory role to Council by assisting with:

- Promoting tourism throughout the Shire
- Supporting tourism events and initiatives
- Developing strategic tourism opportunities
- Preserving and promoting local heritage attractions
- Strengthening regional tourism partnerships; and
- Providing community input into tourism planning and development.

Mrs Kerrie Argent has already demonstrated a strong interest in local tourism initiatives through her involvement with the AIM Hospital Art Exhibition and associated heritage projects. Her appointment will provide valuable local knowledge and community engagement.

Mrs Lyn Ellard will strengthen representation from the Newdegate district and ensure broader geographical representation across the Shire.

Both appointments will enhance the Committee's capacity to provide informed advice to Council and assist in delivering tourism outcomes identified within Council's Strategic Community Plan.

Legal Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Local Government Act 1995

Consultation

Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

This item aligns with Aspire 2033 - Shire of Lake Grace Strategic Community Plan

Economic Objective – A prosperous economy supporting diversification of industry		
Outcome	3	An attractive destination for visitors
Strategies	3.1	Promote and develop tourism as part of a regional approach
	3.2	Maintain and enhance tourism related infrastructure and attractions
	3.3	Continue to provide and maintain visitor support services
Leadership Objective – Strong governance and leadership, demonstrating fair and equitable community values		
Outcome	8	A strategically focused, unified council functioning efficiently
Strategies	8.1	Provide informed leadership on behalf of the community
	8.3	Provide strategic leadership and governance

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION **14217**

Moved: **Cr Hunt**
Seconded: **Cr Hyde**

That Council suspend Standing Orders at 3.47pm for the purpose of discussion.

CARRIED: **6/0**

For: **Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde**
Against: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION **14218**

Moved: **Cr Hunt**
Seconded: **Cr Hyde**

That Council reinstate Standing Orders at 4.14pm.

CARRIED: **6/0**

For: **Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd,**
 Cr Hyde
Against: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION **14219**

Moved: **Cr Roche**
Seconded: **Cr Hyde**

That Council:

1. Endorse the recommendation of the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee.
2. Appoint, Mrs Kerrie Argent, as the Lake Grace Community Representative on the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee.
3. Appoint, Mrs Lyn Ellard, as the Newdegate Community Representative on the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to notify both appointees of Council's decision and formally welcome them to the Committee.

CARRIED **6/0**

For: **Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde**
Against: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

Amendment was made to recommendation, appointing Cr Rosalind Lloyd as a Community Representative on the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee.

RESOLUTION **14220**

Moved: **Cr Roche**

Seconded: **Cr Hyde**

That Council:

1. Endorse the recommendation of the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee.
2. Appoint, Mrs Kerrie Argent, as the Lake Grace Community Representative on the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee.
3. Appoint, Mrs Lyn Ellard, as the Newdegate Community Representative on the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee.
4. Appoint, Cr Rosalind Lloyd as a Community Representative on the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee.
5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to notify both appointees of Council's decision and formally welcome them to the Committee.

CARRIED **6/0**

For: **Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde**

Against: **Nil**

14.5 FINANCE

14.5.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – JUNE 2026

Applicant	Internal Report
File No	0277
Attachments	List of Accounts Payable
Author	Tegan Hall - Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Date of Report	8 July 2026
Senior Officer	Mr Alan George – Chief Executive Officer

Summary

For Council to ratify expenditures incurred for the month of June 2026.

Background

List of payments for the month of June 2026 through the Municipal account are attached.

Comment

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1996*, a list of creditors and Credit cards and Fuel Cards transactions is to be completed for each month showing:

- (a) The payee's name
- (b) The amount of the payment
- (c) Sufficient information to identify the transaction
- (d) The date of payment

The attached list meets the requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

Legal Implications

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Reg 12

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Reg 13 and Reg 13A

Policy Implications

Policy 3.6 - Authorised Use of Credit Card/Fuel Cards

Policy 3.7 - Purchasing Policy

Consultation

Nil

Financial Implications

The list of creditors paid for the month of June 2026 from the Municipal account Total \$2,329,910.08

Strategic Implications

This aligns with Aspire 2033 - Shire of Lake Grace Strategic Community Plan

Leadership Objective - Strong governance and leadership, demonstrating fair and equitable community values		
Outcome	9	An efficient and effective organisation
Strategies	9.1	Maintain accountability and financial responsibility through effective planning
	9.2	Comply with statutory and legislative requirements

Voting Requirements

Simple majority required.

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION **14221**

Moved: **Cr Lloyd**
Seconded: **Cr Roche**

That Council ratify the list of payments totalling \$2,329,910.08 as presented for the month of June 2026 incorporating:

Payment Method	CHQ/EFT/DD Number	Amount
Electronic Funds Transfers	EFT29789 – EFT29963	\$2,262,064.41
Direct Debits	DD11926.1 – DD11970.1	\$45,212.63
Fuel Cards	EFT29816 & EFT29887	\$4,356.71
Credit Cards	DD11954.1	\$18,276.33
	TOTAL	\$2,329,910.08

CARRIED **6/0**

For: **Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde**
Against: **Nil**

Shire of Lake Grace



CERTIFICATE OF EXPENDITURE June 2026

This Schedule of Accounts to be passed for payment, covering

Payment Method	CHQ/EFT/DD Number	Amount
Electronic Funds Transfers	EFT29789 – EFT29963	\$2,262,064.41
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to the Municipal and Trust accounts, totalling \$2,329,910.08 which were submitted to each member of the Council on 22 July 2026, have been checked and fully supported by vouchers and invoices which are submitted herewith and which have been duly certified as to the receipt of goods and the rendition of services and as to prices, computations, and costing's and the amounts shown are due for payment.

Alan George

14.6 COMMUNITY SERVICES

15.0 QUESTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

16.0 INFORMATION BULLETIN – JULY 2026

Applicant:	Internal Report
File No.	Nil
Attachments:	Information Bulletin Cover Page Only
Author:	Kate McGougan - Executive Assistant
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date of Report:	17 July 2026
Senior Officer:	Mr Aaron Wooldridge - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Summary

The purpose of the Information Bulletin is to keep Elected Members informed on matters of interest and importance to Council.

Background / Comment

The Information Bulletin Reports deal with monthly standing items and other information of a strategic nature relevant to Council. Copies of other relevant Councillor information are distributed via email.

The July 2026 Information Bulletin attachments include:

Reports:

- Infrastructure Services Report
- Lake Grace Environmental Health Officer Quarterly Report
- Lake King Library Quarterly Report
- Newdegate Library Quarterly Report
- Ranger Report July 2026
- Visitor Centre April – June 2026 Report
- Lake Grace Library Quarterly Report
- Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes July 2026

External Organisations

- LEMC Meeting Minutes
- Central Country Zone Meeting Minutes

Circulars, Media Releases, Newsletters, Letters

- As circulated via email

Legal Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

This item aligns with Aspire 2033 - Shire of Lake Grace Strategic Community Plan

Leadership Objective - Strong governance and leadership, demonstrating fair and equitable community values		
Outcome	8	A strategically focused, unified Council functioning efficiently
Strategies	8.1	Provide informed leadership on behalf of the community
Outcome	9	An efficient and effective organisation
	9.2	Comply with statutory and legislative requirements

Voting Requirements

Simple majority required.

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION **14222**

Moved: **Cr Roche**
Seconded: **Cr Hyde**

That Council accepts the Information Bulletin Report for July 2026.

CARRIED **6/0**

For: **Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde**
Against: **Nil**

17.0 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AS PER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT S5.23 (2)

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION **14223**

Moved: **Cr Lloyd**
Seconded: **Cr Roche**

That Council meet behind closed doors to consider the confidential item(s) in accordance with Section 3.7 of the Shire of Lake Grace Standing Orders Local Law 2015.

Item 17.1.1 Lake Grace Sportsmans Club Lease

These items and any attachments are confidential in accordance with Section 4.23(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

CARRIED **6/0**

For: **Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde**
Against: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION **14224**

Moved: **Cr Clarke**
Seconded: **Cr Roche**

That Council accept the recommendation contained in Confidential Item 17.1.1 – Lake Grace Sportsmans Club Lease

CARRIED **5/0**

Due to Cr Hunt declaring Impartiality interest as he is President of the Sportsmans Club, President Armstrong declared that Cr Hunt was allowed to stay in the room but be restricted from Voting.

For: **Cr Armstrong, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde**
Against: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION **14225**

Moved: **Cr Lloyd**
Seconded: **Cr Clarke**

That Council move out from behind closed doors and continue the meeting.

CARRIED **6/0**

For: **Cr Armstrong, Cr Hunt, Cr Clarke, Cr Roche, Cr Lloyd, Cr Hyde**
Against: **Nil**

18.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 26 AUGUST 2026

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 26 August 2026 commencing at 3:30pm at the Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

19.0 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Shire President closed the meeting at 4.20 pm.

20.0 CERTIFICATION

I, Leonard William Armstrong, certify that the minutes of the Meeting held on 22 July 2026 as shown were confirmed as a true record of the meeting.
