

Shire of Lake Grace

25 OCTOBER 2023

Ordinary Council Meeting

INFORMATION BULLETIN

ITEM 16.0 - ATTACHMENTS

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Information Bulletin Infrastructure Services Report

Shire of Lake Grace

Prepared for the October 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting presenting information to the end of September 2023

Road Maintenance Grading

For the month of September 2023

Lake Grace Area	,	Newdegate Area		Lake King-Varley Area		
Road Name	Graded (km)	Road Name	Graded (km)	Road Name	Graded (km)	
No grading done		Beynon Rd	10.43	Baanga Hill Rd	10.31	
		Biddy Camm Rd	15.80	Fitzgerald Rd	5.12	
		Dyke Rd	13.00	Hatters Hill Rd	8.38	
		Geliard Rd	1.66	Long Creek Rd	10.89	
		Lancing Rd	6.41	Magdhaba Tr	5.60	
		Mallee Hill Rd	5.00	Mallee Tree Rd	9.33	
		Watson Rd	7.96	Milsteed Rd	6.23	
				Muncasters Rd	7.52	
				Norseman Rd	20.92	
				Old Newdegate Rd	7.88	
				Stennetts Lake Rd	21.98	
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>0.00</u>	Subtotal	<u>60.26</u>	Subtotal	<u>114.16</u>	

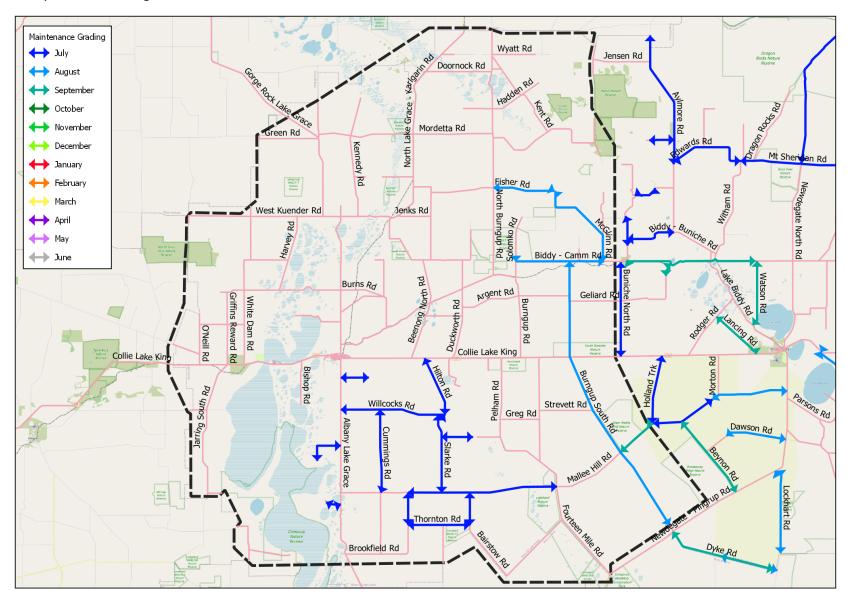
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2023/24 Year-To-Date Grading by Month

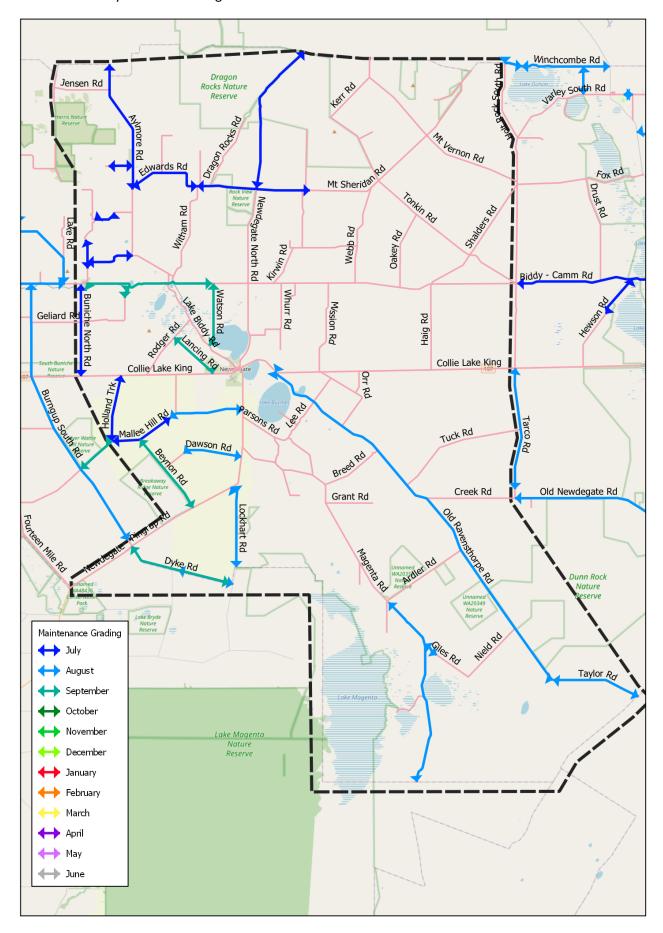
Year	Month	Lake Grace Area (km)	Newdegate Area (km)	Lake King- Varley Area (km)	Monthly Subtotal
	July	84.53	107.79	135.03	327.35
	August	63.62	108.21	145.95	317.78
2023	September	0.00	63.12	114.16	178.28
2023	October				
	November				
	December				
	January				
	February				
2024	March				
2024	April				
	May				
	June				
	<u>To-Date</u>	<u>148.15</u>	<u>279.12</u>	<u>395.14</u>	<u>823.41</u>

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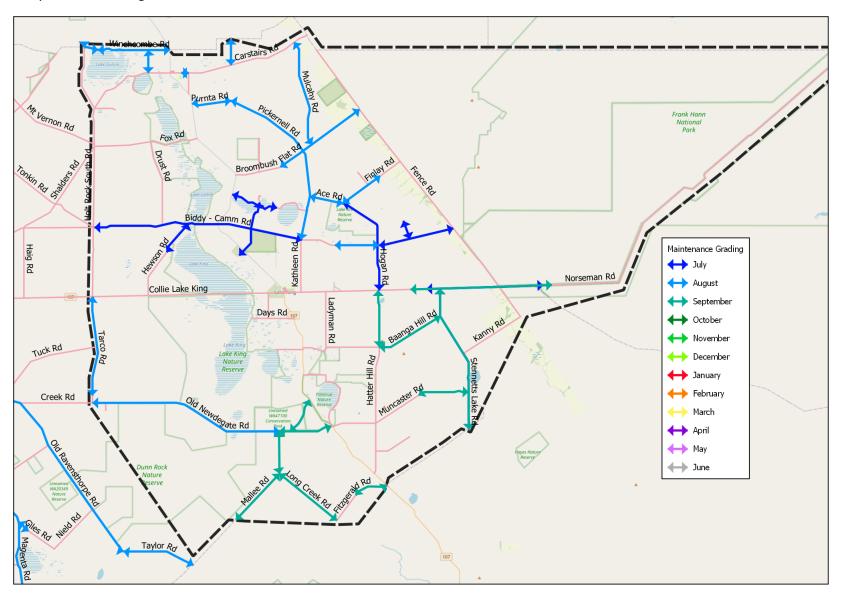
Monthly maintenance grading - Lake Grace area

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Monthly maintenance grading - Newdegate area

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Monthly maintenance grading - Lake King-Varley area

Plant Maintenance

Plant Repairs

Plant	Plant Description	Action
PGRA07	2015 John Deere 770G Grader	Replacement windshield.
PTRA12	2000 Roadwest Sidetipper	Replacement of 6 x tyres.
PTRA13	2000 Roadwest Sidetipper	Replacement of 4 x tyres.
PTRA28	2022 Semi Water Tanker	Replacement of 4 x tyres.

Building Construction & Maintenance

Construction

Fitout Lake Grace of Visitor's Centre Park.

Maintenance

Lake Grace

- 6 Blackbutt Way.
- 8 Wattle Drive
- Railway Public Toilets.
- Shire Depot.

Newdegate

- Recreation Centre

Lake King

- Library.
- Public Toilets.

Varley

- Public Hall.

Other

- Pingaring Community Centre.
- Pingaring Sports Pavilion.
- Dunn Rock Tennis Pavilion.

Parks & Gardens Maintenance

Lake Grace

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

- Pruning vegetation at sewerage ponds.
- Installing lawn and reticulation to the Lake Grace Visitor's Centre park.

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

- Clean up of ovals for Pingaring Centenary event.

Customer Service Requests

For the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2023:

Category	Complete	Incomplete	Total	% Complete
Works	3	1	4	75.0%
Building	0	1	1	0.0%
Parks & Gardens	1	0	1	100.0%
<u>Total</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>66.7%</u>

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

July - September 2023

HEALTH

This report is to highlight issues and activities ongoing within the environmental health area for the period July - September 2023

Events

Newdegate Machinery Field Days Event 2023

Food Businesses

Inspected the following premises for Food Act compliance-

- Roma and Kaye
- IGA Lake Grace
- Lake Grace Meat Supplies
- Rosies Café and Bakery
- Sweet but Salty (Food Van)
- Mrs G's Catering (Food Van)

Food Recall Notices circulated to all food businesses

- Corean Food Corp Pty Ltd LOTTE PEPERO products
- The Hills Distillery Pty Ltd Vermouth products
- Oriental Merchant Pty Ltd Hanabi Marinated Pork Bulgogi
- Koko Black Premium Pty Ltd Chocolate products
- Apromo Trading Pty Ltd Love Raw Peanut Buttercups
- Gluten Free Food Co. Gluten Free Pizza Base Mix
- Honest to Goodness Organic Quick Oats
- Natvia IP Pty Ltd M!lk Baking Chocolate
- Voyager Estate Sparkling Red Grape Juice and Voyager Estate Sparkling White Grape Juice
- Brand Solutions Australia Performance inspired Water

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.

Annual Food Act and Public Health Report submitted to the Department of Health

Lodging Houses & Caravan Parks

Inspected the following for compliance -

- Lake Grace Caravan Park
- Lake King Caravan Park unapproved structures (ongoing)

Onsite Effluent Disposal Systems

Lot 595 Biddy-Buniche Road, Buniche

Pool Water Sampling

- All pools closed, end of season
- Newdegate Pool upgrade works to pool and building follow up with Department of Education

Public Buildings

Inspected the following for Health Public Buildings compliance -

- Lake Grace Sports Pavillion
- Lake Grace Hall
- Lake Grace Village
- Lake Grace Sportsman Club

Recycled Water Scheme

- Recycled water scheme currently offline
- Annual Recycled Water Scheme Report to Department of Health

Stallholder / Street Trading Permits

Nil this reporting period

Waste Management

- Ongoing inspections of waste facilities
- Various enquiries for disposal of asbestos
- Annual Audit Compliance Reports submitted to DWER
- 2022-23 Annual waste reporting under r.18C Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Regulations 2008 completed

Other

- Noise complaint Bennett Street, Lake Grace
- Reticulated Waste Water Systems enquiry
- Local Government Health and Wellbeing Network meeting
- Advanced Diploma in Building Surveying study

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Newdegate Library Report July - September 2023

The new releases purchased for the library are still popular and are borrowed often. They are displayed in our library space and advertised as available for loan in the Gate Post. Each Gate Post one of the new books goes into our This Week We Are Reading page.

We had a very quiet time in July. In August & September we have had quite a few borrowers even with Field Days preparation.

The library area has been used by the Newdegate community for meetings, crafts, Pilates, school assembly, workshops and events.

Regards

Jade Parker



Issued and

Renewals

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	12	45	37	21	46	33	4	16	6	15	15	14
2006	21	21	27	7	21	22	14	34	27	6	20	15
2007	17	16	24	3	24	32	15	39	25	19	19	4
2008	9	30	15	14	33	14	6	16	9	20	17	8
2009	2	23	20	15	25	28	12	15	10	17	15	8
2010	3	13	16	14	13	23	28	26	27	26	35	27
2011	5	37	52	27	77	54	22	42	35	76	72	38
2012	10	69	33	27	50	20	49	18	26	54	59	31
2013	8	34	30	20	30	21	36	28	18	27	36	29
2014	39	50	35	33	53	36	61	29	24	61	32	47
2015	23	50	52	58	62	53	42	59	45	38	88	38
2016	17	77	29	45	42	15	53	39	43	43	65	42
2017	26	55	40	43	29	29	40	13	29	39	29	28
2018	9	37	15	30	19	36	33	18	51	30	66	48
2019	31	26	54	34	33	39	29	34	7	43	35	33
2020	6	33	42	2	12	23	27	24	39	54	21	16
2021	17	36	51	53	22	32	25	31	38	33	20	27
2022	5	23	27	8	31	13	19	32	8	42	8	17
2023	13	9	14	10	26	29	9	28	21		_	

Lake King Library Report for July -September 2023



The Scribbler's Golden Feather Hunt is back again at our library and libraries across the state from 5th September to 26th October 2023

White Feathers

Each library receives a bundle of White Feathers to be distributed through their collection of children's and YA books. These feathers don't result in an instant prize but we encourage children to decorate their feathers and share them on social media, tagging @scribblersfest and #goldenfeatherhunt for their chance to win a Spot Prize. If you return your decorated feathers to the library there will also be prizes for the most imaginative, colourful, and beautiful feathers.

Topaz Feathers

This year the Golden Feather Hunt features a brand new feather – the Topaz Feather which, when found, results in an instant book prize.

Silver Feathers

Last year we were very lucky to find a silver feather! This year 20 x Silver Feathers have been sent out to randomly selected libraries across Western Australia.

Golden Feathers

5 x Golden Feathers have been sent to regional and metropolitan libraries across Western Australia.



The "Lake King 100 Years" planning committee continues to meet monthly in the library. One of the first tasks highlighted was the purchase of a scanner so that photos and slides can be collected and copied at a resolution suitable for use in displays and the production of a book. Although five years away keen community members have started discussion and plan to meet the last Friday of the month going forward.

The end of September saw the outside of the library receive a new coat of paint which has updated and freshened the exterior.



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The State Library's Borrow box remained remains popular.

	Ju	ıly	Au	gust	September		
	Libby	Borrowbox	Libby Borrowbox		Libby	Borrowbox	
Audio Book	1	42	2	33	3	33	
E book	1	16	1	13	5	7	
magazines	5	0	4	6	2	5	

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We continue to receive monthly exchanges of new books and we also choose to take a quarterly supply of used books from the State Library. This is usually 70 titles and we are able to select certain subjects, authors or genres as a suggestion for the types of books they supply. We then return a similar number of our older books back to the Perth State Library which keeps our collection new and varied but allows us to target areas of interest for specific patrons.

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Looking forward we have a Book Fair planned for next month so will provide feedback in our next report.

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			



July - September 2023 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 2014



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 Travellers who don't disclose where their place of origin.

Locals

We tend to hold off on community events in the cooler months. That didn't seem to keep too many locals away though with an increase on last year's stats. There was great interest in purchasing local Bob Iffla's book so we saw many locals pop in when they normally wouldn't. The Jams and preserves and new stock in the shop kept locals keen for more.

The wildflower season also brought local interest for the known hotspots, books and maps. The orchid hotspots in late August drew great interest with locals popping in and phoning in. They kept the Visitor Centre staff in the loop too which was fun and most welcomed.



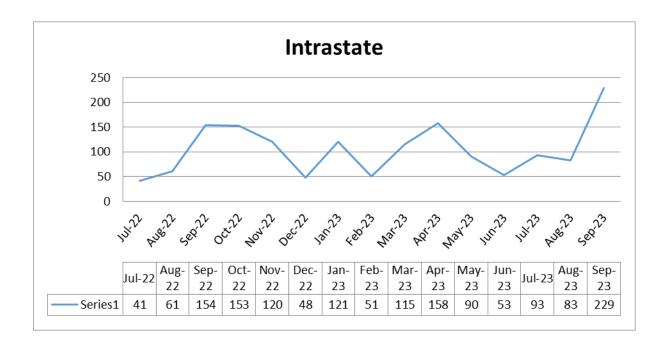


Intrastate Travellers

What a sensational result we had this quarter!! It sure was a busy period with caravanners coming in droves. For September we made the decision to open later on the weekends til 3pm. This has been a welcomed option for travellers. Word of mouth amongst these travellers is to make sure you visit us at the Visitor Centre is great news!

The wildflower interest is strong as always. Next year we might promote the orchids timing as they seem to be the rare favourites many are on the hunt for but they are often missed in September when the weather warms up. Late August/early September if often the best time we've learnt.

School holidays also helped boost our numbers. Families are back on camping trips in the Wheatbelt and we're also picking up families on their way to Esperance. Even though we had a cold winter the crowds continued to travel to Esperance.

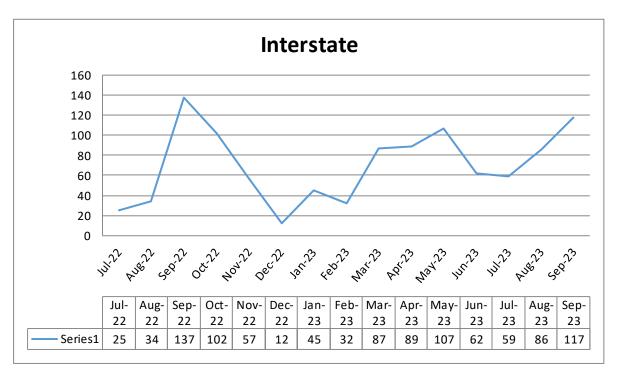




Interstate Travellers

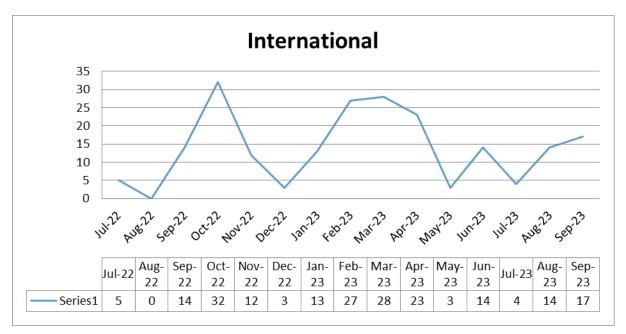
Another fabulous result from our Eastern Coast friends. Grey Nomads, young couples and families are making the trek over to our beautiful part of the world. Many flew over and simply hired a car with thoughts to "have a look around".

It's a popular trek to visit north WA in the cooler months then travel down through the wheatbelt following the wildflowers. Some of these travellers were also from Tour buses in our area. Some are booked in for tours of the AIM hospital and others stop for lunch at the shed.



International Travellers

Our International Tourists are coming back! The hard sell overseas must be working. Most we found were either on their way to Albany or Esperance. Hong Kong, Holland, UK and France to name a few.





Unidentified Travellers

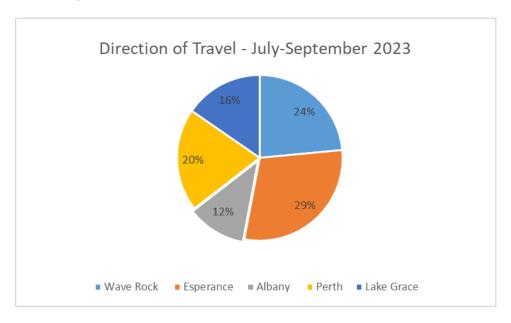
A group of travelers we try our very best to engage with but keeping in mind some people wish to simply browse and have a look around. As the visitor numbers picked up we often had many people in the centre at once. We have noted some people prefer to keep in the background and not engage and others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



The majority of these mystery people popped in for a quick browse or a quick query.

Direction of Travel

Known for our crossroads, our traffic consists off those heading to either Wave Rock/Hyden, Esperance, Albany or Perth. Wave Rock and Albany is where the crowds are favouring. A little too cool for Esperance at the moment.

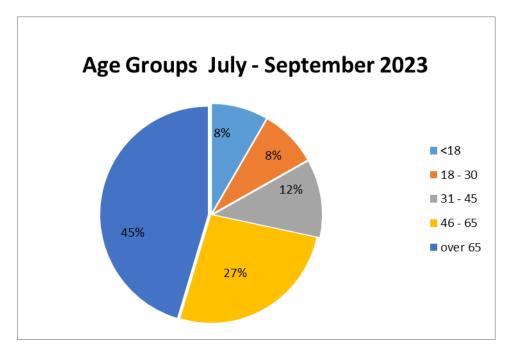




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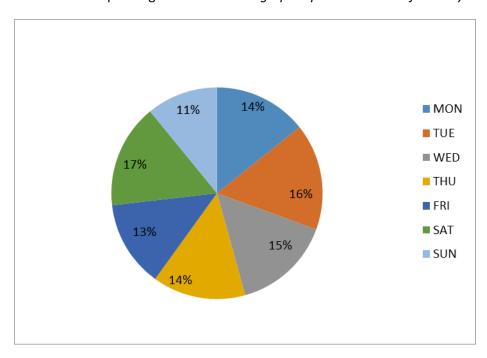
The information tracked in this graph is reliant on the recorders ability to judge ages of visitors, therefore probably not entirely accurate in all cases.

Grey Nomads are out and about in full force which is wonderful to see.



Popular Visiting Days

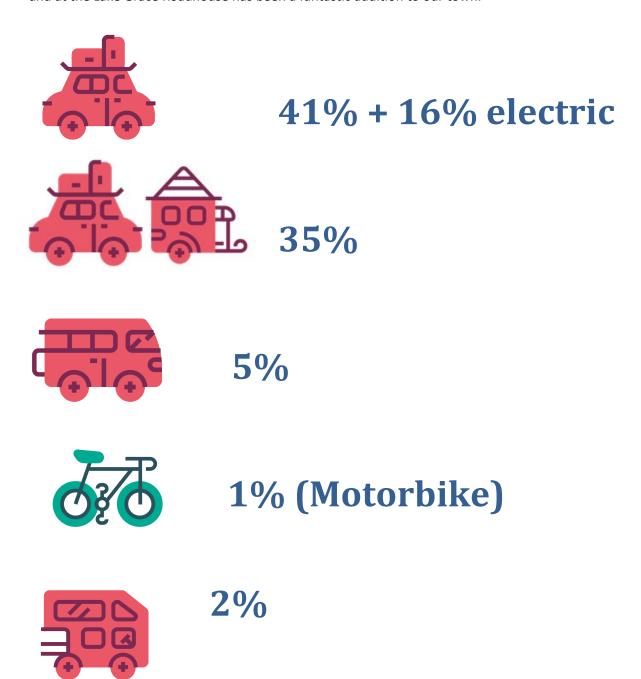
As we record our daily statistics it was interesting to note which days were popular amongst our visitors. This information over time can be used for staffing needs of the Visitor Centre along with tourism dollar spending in our shire. This graph represents visitors from July – September 2023.





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 July to September 2023. There's been a huge increase in electric car travellers. Having a charger in town and at the Lake Grace Roadhouse has been a fantastic addition to our town.



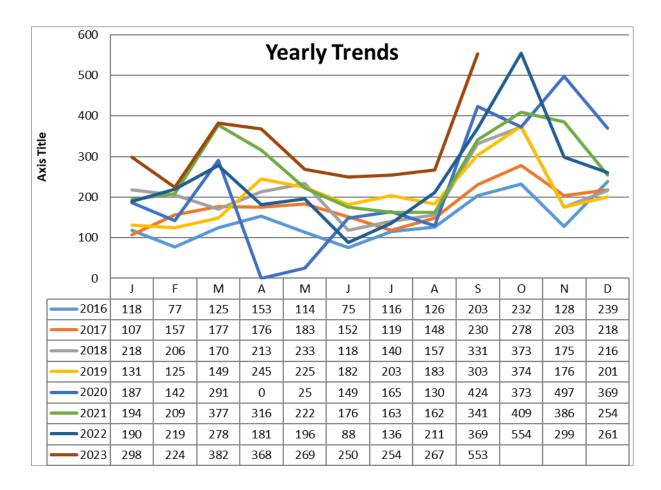


Yearly Trends

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 annually. 2020 was heading to a great start and then covid-19 happened.

It's the busy wildflower season we ESPECIALLY love here at the Visitor Centre. Opening on weekends has made a huge difference. We have smashed July, August and September records and just 1 shy off our largest number of people in a month. We can confidently say that being open on the weekends has vastly affected this and there seems to be a lot of confidence with travellers on the road making the most of our glorious region and what we have to offer.

Having a buzzing pun has also helped Lake Grace. The word is getting out there is a great chef and many stop the night especially because of this. The winery is offering Pizza afternoons so once the word gets out more will make their way to our region and stay awhile which is exactly our intention.







Lake Varley & Districts Progress Association Finance Meeting Minutes 12th October 2023

Meeting Opened: 6.34pm

Present: Colin Tapper, Melissa Atkins, Tristan Cornwall, Cameron Mudge, Nicola Slabbert, Naomi Cornwall, Graeme Atkins, Sue-Anne Naughton, Brent Hyde

Apologies:

Presentation & Endorsement of Finance Report:

Moved by Tristan Cornwall Seconded by Colin Tapper

Finance Applications:

• Varley Museum (Cameron Mudge)- Request for a security camera system, costing \$5746.90. Internal and external cameras which can be set up with mobile notifications. It will offer peace of mind and be a good deterrent to thieves. Travel expenses will cost \$1500 but can be reduced with other jobs. Progress will need to write a letter to the Lake Grace Shire asking them if they could pay 50% of the cost of the security system.

Approved

Meeting closed: 6.40pm

Varley Progress Assoc 2023

Opening Balance 01/01/23	\$98,637.70		
Gold Term Deposit	\$80,000.00		
Gold Term Deposit	12/9/23-12/10/23	2023 Total	
Credit	12/3/23 12/10/23	2023 10tai	
Term Deposit's Interest	\$0.00	\$1,418.74	
Subs	\$0.00	\$4.00	
Varley Number Plates - Cr	\$0.00	\$3,375.00	
Social Committee	\$0.00	\$2,567.53	
Varley Voice Ads	\$300.00	\$1,245.00	
FM Tower Re-Imbursement	\$0.00	\$837.08	
Misc	\$0.00	\$482.50	
Total Credit	\$300.00	\$9,929.85	
Debit			
Cropping Costs			
Fert, seed etc	\$0.00	-\$37,383.50	
Varley AgSolutions (Chemicals)	\$0.00	-\$37,402.30	
Running Costs (10k)	\$0.00		
Cleaning	\$0.00	-\$1,762.50	
Water	\$0.00	-\$470.40	
Insurance	\$0.00	-\$739.41	
Newsletter Editor	\$0.00	-\$6,300.00	
Tractor License	-\$95.60	-\$95.60	
Varley Number Plates - Db	\$0.00	-\$3,200.00	
FM Tower (Synergy, Repairs, Ins.)	-\$447.74	-\$2,041.38	
Donations- RFDS, P&C, St John	\$0.00	-\$15,000.00	
Varley Ag Misc	\$0.00	-\$2,919.70	
Social Committee	-\$800.00	-\$7,199.88	
synergy museum	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Misc		-\$823.58	
Total Debit	 -\$1,343.34	-\$115,338.25	
	-\$1,043.34	-\$105,408.40	
Total Profit (Loss)	->1,043.34	-\$103,406.40	
Closing Balance - Bank	\$73,229.30		\$1,043.34
Cash on Hand - Subs	\$131.00		