

# Community Newsletter

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## From the CEO

### Webinar

There was a Webinar in Council Chambers on Thursday 17 June regarding the South West Native Title attended by Cr Armstrong, , Chris Paget DCEO, Craig Elefsen MIS and myself.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet coordinates the Settlement across the WA Government. The Department, in partnership with WALGA, SWALSC, the Noongar Boodja Trustee and the relevant WA government departments provided an update for Local Government Authorities. The webinar was an opportunity for LGAs to raise questions and discuss elements of interest.

### Meeting the Police Superintendent

There was a meet and greet with the new Police Superintendent (Albany District) Ms Kim Travers at the Council Chambers with CEO and Cr Armstrong on Thursday 17 June in the afternoon. Discussion was centred around the satisfaction with police presence in the district and community expectations. Superintendent Travers has a great deal of experience working in the country and appears to be a keen advocate of community policing.

### TAFE

A meeting with Ms Diana Fisher from TAFE was held in Council Chambers attended by Cr Armstrong, Cr Chappell, Cr Clark and Cr Marshall and myself on Friday 18 June.

Ms Fisher advised that her role is to identify unmet, new and emerging training demands including the need for new training programs, alternate delivery methods and factors affecting access to training. The purpose is to ensure job ready employees to boost industry productivity for the regions.

### Meeting with Dr Olowu

Drs Abiola Olowu and Olayinka Omoniyi met with councillors and myself at the Council Chambers Tuesday 22 June. Dr Abi provided an update on where the practice is at with regards to the accreditation of Dr Olu to attend the Lake Grace Hospital. Unfortunately, it would seem that everytime Dr Olu meets the requirements the goal posts are shifted and further requirements are placed upon him. These requirements are set by the WA Country Health Service and the health authorities. It is hoped that Dr Olu will be able to sit again in July. In the meantime, Drs Olay and Abi are aware of the situation and are endeavouring to do the best they can.

Concerns were raised by some councillors regarding delays and waiting times at the surgeries in both Lake Grace and Newdegate. The Doctors have taken this on board and will give this some attention.

### Budget Workshop

The final 2021/2022 Budget Workshop was held on Wednesday 23 June before the Ordinary Council meeting in Council Chambers with Councillors and the Senior Management Team. It is intended to have the Budget adopted at the 28 July Council meeting.

### Ordinary Council Meeting June 2021

Mr Llew Withers – Environmental Health Consultant briefed Council about his report on the Health Profile for the Shire of Lake Grace which is the first report in the preparation of the Lake Grace Public Health Plan. The second part will be community consultation sending out an electronic Health and Wellbeing survey through our

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## Coming Events

### Inflatable Fun

Newdegate Wednesday 7 July

Lake Grace Thursday 8 July  
**Check the advertisement for times and ages**

### Matt Hale

Newdegate Sports Pavilion  
6.30pm Thursday 15 July

## Creative Kids Events

### Colourful Crochet

Lake Grace Regional Artspace  
Monday 5 July 2pm

### Pompom Hedgehogs

Lake Grace Regional Artspace  
Friday 9 July 10.30am

### Pebble Pets

Lake Grace Regional Artspace  
Tuesday 13 July 10am

## Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 28 July 2021** from 3:30pm at the Council Chambers, Administration Building. The Agenda will be available on [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

## Everyone Welcome

A minimum of 15 minutes is set aside for public question time, giving members of the public an opportunity to ask questions relating to Shire activities.

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website and social media outlets. (There will also be hardcopies of the survey made available) the results of the survey will form part of the draft Public Health Plan which will be submitted to Council. The survey is currently being drafted and will be issued in coming weeks.

Resolutions as follows:

- Council's consideration with regards to the Application for Planning Consent for Egg Production (Agriculture – Intensive) at Lot 2569 (No. 622) Holland Track, Mallee Hill.
- The need for the Shire of Lake Grace to participate in a centralised register in relation to the storing of information of temporary and mobile food businesses operating within Western Australia (WA) by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- Council to review the amended Policies 4.7, 4.9, 4.10 and 4.12 and New Policy 1.19, 1.20, 1.21, 1.22, 1.23 and 4.13 for 2021 and to adopt the full manual including the proposed additions, amendments and alterations.
- The Corporate Business Plan (CBP) is prepared in accordance with Regulation 19DA of Local Government Administration Regulations 2020 in respect of each

financial year. The CBP should be reviewed every year and adopted by Council with absolute majority.

- Council nominated their attendance at the Local Government Week Convention and elect voting delegates and proxies for the WALGA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

There are three employment opportunities available at the Shire:

- ♦ The Shire of Lake Grace is seeking two (2) experienced Plant Operator / Driver / General Hands to work full time within our Infrastructure Services team. Applications close Monday 5 July at 4:00pm.
- ♦ The Shire of Lake Grace is seeking an experienced Manager Corporate Services to join the senior management and lead the Financial Services team in delivering corporate, financial services to the community and coordinating the financial management for the Shire. Applications close on Friday 9 July at 4:00pm.

Check our website for further information:

[https://](https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/employment/)

*Alan George*

Chief Executive Officer

[www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/employment/](https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/employment/)

## Lake King Community Window Exhibit

Lake King, Lake Camm, Varley and Mount Madden areas were established during 1928. It was the start of the vast 3400 farms scheme that extended to Salmon Gums.

Lake King Progress Association has worked to improve the community since 1930 and many of the facilities are created through their initiative.

Lake King has a very attractive stone fronted Community Church and a tavern built locally from rammed earth with a motel nearby.

In the mid 1970s at the Newdegate Field Days Alan Hewson received the Inventor of the Year Award for his

homemade tractor, No 2. At that time Collin Penny thought to himself that one day this machine would hold significance in Lake King's Pioneering History.

A magnificent tourist attraction on the eastern end of the Norseman Road is Peak Charles, which rises 480 metres above the surroundings.

Go along to the Lake Grace Regional Artspace to see what Lake King has to offer, and some of the achievements by the small rural community. Thank you to Rachael Winyard and Anita Penny for their work and delivery of the exhibit and Tania Spencer for her artist support in installing the display.





# Community Infrastructure Service

After a long wait from the last COVID lockdown in Perth, Aerodrome Management Services with the assistance of Lake Grace Earthmoving and shire staff have started works out on the Lake Grace Airstrip to upgrade the runway lights. Wet weather is making things difficult but work are still on track to be completed by the end of June.



This fortnight our works crew have completed the following roadworks and maintenance;

## Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Griffin Reward Rd
- White Dam Rd
- North Burngup Rd
- Burns Rd

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Taylor Rd

The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Norseman Rd
- Biddy Camm Rd
- Drust Rd

## Parks & Gardens

The Parks and Gardens Crew have carried out the following work:

### Lake Grace

- BBQ cleaning at the "rest stop"
- Whipper snip hockey oval
- Mow Gumtree park
- Weed Stubbs St garden beds
- Spray White Dam Rd back slopes
- Mowing sports ground
- Clear street drains around town
- Lake King garden maintenance

### Newdegate

- Trim shrubs at Hall and Medical Centre
- Spray weeds around Country Club

- Spray townsite weeds along roads
- Service mower and sharpen blades
- Trim street trees along Witham Rd
- Clean up fallen tree on Newdegate- Lake King Rd
- Mow lawns Pioneer Park and Skate Park

## Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- 8 Wattle Dr roof repairs
- Pingaring Pavilion flyscreens
- Newdegate Rec Centre door and sign repairs
- Lake King Pavilion maintenance
- Lake King Hall maintenance
- Lake King Cemetery
- Lake Grace Cemetery Niche Wall
- Lake Grace Medical Centre
- Ground preparations for Soft-fall installation Newdegate Adult Gym



## Operators

The Machine Operator Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Rural Road signs and guide post installation
- Inspection of gravel roads
- Maintenance to backhoe
- Carting gravel to North Burngup Rd
- Carting gravel to Buniche Rd
- Cart sand to Lake Grace Airstrip
- Return Varley Fire Truck
- Culvert maintenance

## Other Works

- Pest treatment of all Shire-owned buildings
- Lake Grace Airstrip lighting upgrade

*Craig Elefsen*  
Manager Infrastructure Services

# Community Information

## Office Open Hours

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday  
8.30am - 4.30pm

Thursday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Staff can be contacted by phone between 8am - 5pm

## Transport and Licensing

All licensing payments are to be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration office, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am - 4.15pm  
Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

As an agency, we process the majority of transactions including: renewals, transfers, number plate orders, boat registration renewals and new licence applications. With every transaction we perform, we try to offer the best service possible.

We do ask all licensing customers to be considerate, even though we are aware of people being 'locals' it does not exempt us from following the rules set by the Department of Transport.

## Driving Assessor

The Practical Driving Assessor (PDA) will be at the Shire of Lake Grace Office on:

**Friday - 6 August (to be confirmed)**

**Friday - 3 September (to be confirmed)**

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments and we advise booking in advance as there is often a waiting list.

All bookings to be made at the Shire office on 9890 2500 until further notice.

Lake Grace has one assessment day each month held on the first Friday of the month.

For more information go to: [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au).

## Libraries

**Lake Grace Public Library** School Place Absolon St  
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm  
Closed for lunch 12.30 - 1pm

**Newdegate Public Library** Collier St  
Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm  
Closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm  
Friday 9am - 2pm

**Lake King Library** Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Rd  
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

## Town Planner

Planning Officer, David Johnston and Building Surveyor, Gary Bruhn can be contacted through the Shire Office on 9890 2500 or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

## Environmental Health

The Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Brendon Gerrard. Can be contacted via the Shire on 9890 2500 or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

## Tip Times

### Lake Grace

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 2pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

### Newdegate

Wednesday 9am - 1pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

### Lake King and Varley

Open every day

## Recycling Services

Household Waste Collection is a weekly service and collected each Tuesday for Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

**Recycling** is a fortnightly service and alternates between Lake Grace and Newdegate. See below for the upcoming recycling collection dates.

Lake Grace	Newdegate
Tuesday 6 July	Tuesday 13 July
Tuesday 20 July	Tuesday 27 July

**Please Note:** There is no kerbside recycling collection service in Lake King or Varley.

The recycling bins are collected by Warren Blackwood Waste and transported to a recycling facility. If items which are not recyclable are found the content can't be recycled and the load will be directed to the landfill.

If an item is covered in food, it is not recyclable. Food is one of the worst contaminators in the recycling process. By using the yellow top recycling bin correctly you are contributing, in a combined community effort, to reduce the amount of rubbish that is directed to landfill facilities each year.

For more information on Waste Management visit the



Check our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace/>



Check out our website

[www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

# Covid - 19 Lockdown in Place

Due to the evolving outbreak of COVID-19, the Premier has announced a lockdown for the Perth Metropolitan and Peel regions. This applies to the DFES Perth Metropolitan region.

Visit the Restrictions for Perth and Peel regions page on [wa.gov.au](http://wa.gov.au) for the latest information about restrictions in place.

From 12.01am Tuesday 29 June until 12.01am Saturday 3 July, people in the Perth Metropolitan and Peel regions are required to follow the restrictions in place.

**Masks are mandatory outside of the home unless you have an exemption.**

**Volunteers should only attend their brigade, group or unit during the lockdown if it is to respond to an incident or to carry out essential operational activities.**

**Anyone who travels to another regional area from the Perth Metropolitan or Peel region must adhere to the restrictions in place.**

Volunteers should stay up to date with operational procedures in place during this time on the COVID-19 Interim Operational Procedures page.

Volunteers should not attend work or their brigade, group or unit if they have been to any of the exposure locations updated here.

If you have, you must attend a COVID clinic, get tested and then immediately go home to isolate until a negative result is returned.

Visit the COVID Clinics page on the [HealthyWA](http://HealthyWA) website for locations where you can get tested.

Please also inform your brigade, group or unit leader as soon as practical so we can ensure we can continue to provide essential emergency response to the community.

You can find more information at [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au) or by calling 13 COVID (13 26843). Information for emergency services personnel will be updated on the DFES Staff Intranet and Volunteer Hub COVID-19 homepage.

**Your health is our top priority and I encourage you to follow health guidelines and take care of yourselves, your colleagues, friends and family.**

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

**Darren Klemm AFSM**  
**Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner**



# HYPNOTIST MATT HALE



## Coming to Newdegate Sports Pavilion Thursday 15 July

Joyful. Crazy. Fun! The unmissable hypnosis show with a party vibe! Fresh from his sell out, award winning seasons at Fringe World Perth and Adelaide Fringe. Enjoy from onstage or in audience (you choose!)

Doors open from 6.30pm

Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSCSO>

Performance \$30 Dinner \$20



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