

# Community Newsletter

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## From the CEO

These recent rains have been most welcome, filling up dams some of which have been empty for several years. The recently cleaned out Burngup Railway dam is well on its way to filling up and is several metres deep. The two dams at Lake Bidy recently cleaned out with the assistance of DWER funding and local contractors are now both virtually full which is an excellent result. Both the Newdegate and Lake Grace dams for the sporting ovals have been rapidly filling and the Lake King Rec. dam should be well on its way. Pictures received of the Varley dams also indicate that we should have some good supplies going into summer right across the board.

All this rain though has had some bad side effects with some flooding across gravel roads resulting in scouring and damage to the roads. They will all be inspected once all the water subsides. Please take care on the gravel roads. I hate to say it but a week or two of sunshine wouldn't go astray.

I sent out last week to all businesses in the shire a survey regarding the shortage of workers of all skills throughout the entire shire. I encourage all businesses to complete and return the survey so that a plan can be formulated to address the situation. We have endeavoured to include all businesses in the mail out however if we have missed anyone we apologise. The link to the survey is on our website and Facebook page if we did miss you.

By the time this newsletter goes out the final deliberations for the Shire Budget for 2021/22 should be completed and hopefully adopted by Council.

*Alan George*  
Chief Executive Officer



*Tommy's Dam*



*Lake Grace Oval Dam*



*Burngup Railway Dam*

## Coming Events

### ***Newdegate Field Days***

Newdegate Sports Facility  
Wednesday 1 September  
Thursday 2 September

### ***Community News Week***

9 - 12 August 2021

### ***Local Government Week***

Perth  
Monday 20 September until  
Wednesday 22 September

### ***Ordinary Council Meeting***

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 25 August 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.

# Community Infrastructure Service

A reminder to drive to the road conditions on all gravel roads as there is water across roads in some parts of the Shire & with more rain to come this week.

Please be advised that there are gravel windrows present on Buniche North Rd near the CBH bins, and on Witham Rd near Edwards Rd, works on these jobs have been held up due to rain. Works will commence once things have dried out.

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

## Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Bairstow Rd
- Biddy Buniche Rd
- Biddy Camm Rd & Roller
- McGlenn Rd

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Mallee Hill Road

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

- Not available

## Parks & Gardens

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

### Lake Grace

- Lake King sporting ground
- Townsite weeds
- Slash roadside near Sportsman Club
- 5 Banksia gardening
- Fallen tree and rubbish collection around town site
- Lake Grace Lookout rubbish collection
- Marking of ovals

### Newdegate

- Pioneer Park Upgrades

## Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Lake Grace Medical Centre
- Lake Grace Cemetery
- Lake Grace Airstrip
- Replace glass window at Pingaring Sporting Precinct
- 3 Clark Ave inspection
- Temporary repairs to Varley Hall roof

## Operators

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

- Carting gravel to Witham Rd
- Road inspections
- Lake Biddy measurement pole install
- Road repairs to Old Newdegate Rd
- Rural road signs
- Water over road signs

*Craig Elefsen*

Manager Infrastructure Services

## Seen a faulty streetlight?

Western Power has automated streetlight fault reporting, making it easier to report faulty streetlights.

If a streetlight doesn't turn on, turn off or flickers, let Western Power know using the streetlight reporting tool at:

<https://westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/> or call on 13 10 87



*Shire of Lake Grace*

## Are you ready for a new challenge?

We are seeking experienced, reliable, enthusiastic individuals to join our Infrastructure Team.

Applicants will be responsible for various tasks and duties associated with the maintenance and renewal of the Shire's road network. You will be required to have previous experience in operating semi side tippers and associated plant and equipment such as rollers, loaders and tractors associated with road construction. We welcome diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds to apply.

The ideal candidate will hold a current unrestricted HC License, a valid WA White Card, be a team player and are safety and self motivated. This could be the opportunity you have been looking for.

There is no closing date for applications however applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.



# 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**

**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

## Building Surveyor

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).

## Town Planning & Building

The Shire's Town Planner consultant Joe Douglas, can be contacted via the Shire 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 3 August	Tuesday 10 August
Tuesday 17 August	Tuesday 24 August

**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 Shire's website [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au).



Check our Facebook page

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



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# Bonkers!

*By Cheryl Chappell*

Newdegate Pavilion was the place to be to have lots of laughs and fun with friends and be entertained by Matt Hale and his group of volunteers.

In front of a large audience, Matt hypnotised a number of volunteers with some hilarious consequences as their imaginations went wild. They were transported into a bizarre car journey, selfie shots with a quokka and unleashed talents they never knew they had. Matt turned the traditional hypnosis show on its head, highlighting the talents and creativity of the volunteers for big laughs without embarrassing them.

He is doing a regional tour with his first night at Newdegate last Thursday 15 July. The meal before the show was fabulous; catered by Newdegate Football Club.

Thank you to IN THE HOUSE Ravensthorpe Rave About Arts, Lake Grace Creative Events and Shire of Lake Grace for bringing the show to Newdegate.

IN THE HOUSE, and Lake Grace Creative Events are looking forward to bringing more shows to Newdegate, Lake King, Varley and Lake Grace through the support from Ravensthorpe Rave About Arts who have been fabulous to work with.



*Emily Gilmour, Helen Scott,  
Skye O'Shannesy & Brianna O'Shannesy*



*Above: Judy Walker, Trish Rintoul & Sandy Armstrong*



*Above: Len Armstrong, Bill Lloyd & Wally Newman.*



*Above: Matt Hale hypnotised volunteers. The stars of the night were Nicole Chesson, Bryce Sinclair, Ian Lloyd, Russell Harding, Rosie Allen & Carol Dall.*



# Holiday Fun with Creative Kids

*By Creative Kids*

For the last two sets of holidays Lake Grace Creative Events have organised Creative Kids events held at the Lake Grace Regional Artspace. Our aim to keep giving children of Lake Grace the opportunity to get creative.

The children enjoyed the opportunities to experiment with their imagination. They took so much pride in their handiwork; building confidence in their ability to express themselves creatively. They had time to think critically and quietly socialize with others of different ages. There were three Creative Kids Events during the July school holidays, one of which was Colourful Crochet.

They learned the delicate art of crocheting from Mrs Phyllis Dunham on Monday 5 July. Starting with the basic chain stitch which they can now build on with more advanced basic stitches.

The Pom Pom Hedgehogs workshop was held on Friday 9 July with Mrs Lisa Nenke. Using bright multi colour wool they made a number of hedgehogs to take home. It took concentration, patience and skill to create these fabulous little critters.

Creative Kids gives participants the opportunity to try new things, to develop their "self-regulation skills" and

cultivate patience and sharing. It was fun to experiment and try new things in a relaxed environment.

Pebble Pets workshop was held Tuesday 13 July with local artist Leanne Young. The children had hours of fun choosing the exact rock which they could see a character hiding in the formation. To see a plain stone and use their imagination to transform it into a critter was so much fun. They took home numerous works of art to share with the family.

If there is an adult who would like to share their artistic ability with local children during the September/October holidays go to <https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Grace-Creative-Events> leave a message and Rosie will be in touch.



***Above: William Morgan learning the fine art of crochet from Phil Dunham***



***Above: All concentrating on learning a new skill.***



***Above: Aylah Pawsey, Lily Stubberfield, Rosie Timperley and Lisa Nenke sharing her time with the children.***



***Elise Carruthers and Eva Bairstow creating pebble pets.***



***Katara Chappell showing one of her pebble pets.***