

# Community Newsletter

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## From the CEO

After what has seemed like months of rain, it has been great to see some sunshine at last over the past week or so. With the rain stopping for a while we will be inspecting all roads for any damage caused by local flooding and where possible will be seeking support from Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFWA) which may be available for local governments potentially impacted by the recent severe weather events.

When we received the funding to clean out the Lake Biddy dams and tidy up the catchment there was no way that we thought that it would fill up this year, we thought it would take at least a year or two. Judge for yourselves at the result of some impeccable timing by all those involved.



At the Ordinary Council Meeting of Wednesday 28 July 2021, resolutions were made for the following;

1. AA Dam 190 James Dam—Council supported the proposed entry into the State Register of Heritage Places provided that that the registration will have no restrictions on the continued negotiations with the neighbouring land owners for the use of the water
2. The Lake Grace Development Association Inc. sought in-principle support to install a recycled corrugated iron fence along the railway reserve north of Stubbs Street from behind “the Shed” down to Farmers Centre. Council supported the proposal subject to approval by ARC Infrastructure and the Public Transport Authority as well as the LGDA providing full details of project.
3. The Public Sector Commissioner now requires all public sector agencies, (the Shire of Lake Grace is bound by some of the same rules) employees and elected members to undergo mandatory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural awareness training. The training resource was developed by the

Aboriginal Advisory Council of WA which includes historical and contemporary information with sections on family, education, country and work.

4. The Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 22 September 2021 has now been changed to Wednesday 29 September 2021 because of the WALGA Convention. Confirmation of this meeting date will be published on the website and Facebook as well as the coming Community News.

5. Council has endorsed the new Code of Conduct for Employees which complies with the revised Local Government Act 1995. The Code of Conduct is now published on the website.

6. Council endorsed the recently completed Regulation 17 Audit review which examines the effectiveness of the Shire’s systems and procedures pursuant to Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations.

7. The 2021/2022 Shire of Lake Grace budget was adopted pursuant to Local Government Act 1995. Copy of the budget is available at the Reception and is also published on the website.

8. Council endorsed the review of the Shire of Lake Grace Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) Progress Report as presented.

The response to the workforce survey has been overwhelming with some good suggestions coming in.

If you have not done so yet, there is still some time to return the survey responses.

*Alan George*

Chief Executive Officer

## Coming Events

**Community News Week** - 9 - 12 August 2021

**Ordinary Council Meeting**—25 August 2021  
at 3:30pm, Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street,  
Lake Grace

**Newdegate Field Days**  
Wednesday 1 September  
Thursday 2 September

**Local Government Week**  
Perth—Monday 20 September to Wednesday  
22 September

# Community Infrastructure Service

Another busy week on the infrastructure side of the shire with roads underwater and washing away. We have signage on major water crossings and sections that have washed away so please obey all signage and drive to the conditions of the road. Please be reminded the Shire is aware of the current road conditions and repairs will begin as soon as we can. For now we will enjoy the wet weather while it lasts and suffer with the minor inconveniences we face.

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

## Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- McGlenn Road
- Edwards Road pit
- Buniche North Road
- North Burngup Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Mallee Hill Road
- Morton Road
- Dawson Road
- Beynon Road
- Newdegate Airstrip

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

- Fitzgerald Road
- Ong Creek Road
- Mallee Tree Road
- Milstead Road

## Parks & Gardens

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

### Lake Grace

- Mowing Lake King oval and town gardening
- Clearing Town drains
- Weeding Stubbs Street
- Mowing ovals
- Railway, RSL and Bankwest roses
- Spraying townsite
- Sewerage ponds and sale yard spraying

### Newdegate

- Clear fallen trees
- ILU's gardens
- Spraying townsite, tip and cemetery
- Pioneer Park refurbishment'

## Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Maintenance to Varley Town Hall
- Lake Grace Medical Centre
- Lake Grace Town Hall
- Newdegate Public toilet
- Lake King Pavilion
- Lake King Hall
- Dunn Rock Tennis Club

## Operators

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

- Rural road inspections
- General Maintenance to water pumps
- Water over road signs for Main Roads WA and the Shire of Lake Grace
- Push up Lake King tip
- Kerb repairs in Newdegate
- Remove tree off Aylemore Road and O'Neill Road
- Clear grain from truck washdown bay
- Clean the Lake Grace Water Corp catchment (catchment on the eastern entry to town)
- Knock gravel down on Buniche North Road

*Craig Elefsen*

Manager Infrastructure Services

While we have been experiencing a wetter than average winter this year, it will soon dry out and we will be well on the way to summer. We are proud to support our 9 Bush Fire Brigades in the Shire, along with the Fire & Rescue brigade in Lake Grace who provide support to the community in the event of emergencies. If you are interested in joining a local brigade, please feel free to contact our Community Emergency Services Manager, Matt Castaldini, or Brad Watson, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer who can directly assist you with your application. Additionally, our Department of Fire and Emergency Services regional team will be at the Newdegate Machinery Field Day where you can also get more information on supporting your community through volunteer emergency 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

# 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 17 August	Tuesday 24 August
Tuesday 31 August	Tuesday 7 September

**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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Would you like to contribute to your community and region by becoming a Council member of the Shire of Lake Grace?

The Shire will have six vacancies in the upcoming Council elections to be held on Saturday 16 October 2021.

If you are interested in becoming a councillor, you are invited to a candidate information webinar session designed for anyone considering the role. The session will be presented by WALGA and held at 5pm, Wednesday 18 August 2021 in the Shire Council Chambers, 1 Bishop St, Lake Grace. No need to RSVP – simply come along.

Nominations for Council will open on Thursday 2 September and close at 4pm, Thursday 9 September 2021.

For further information on the local government election process, please visit the Shire's website or contact the Shire on 98952500.



Nominations open  
2 – 9 September 2021

