

# Community Newsletter

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## From the CEO

Congratulations to the new and returning Councilors, we received six nominations for the six vacant positions on Council. Kerry Hitchins the Returning Officer conducted a draw for the order of offices with the results being as follows:

Stephen Hunt	18 October 2025	Shane Carruthers	18 October 2025
Anton Kuchling	18 October 2025	Ross Chappell	18 October 2025
Benjamin Hyde	18 October 2025	Jeffrey McKenzie	21 October 2023

These results can be found online via the following link: <https://www.elections.wa.gov.au>  
I am looking forward to working with you all.

### Workforce Survey

The results of the recent Shire of Lake Grace Workforce Survey are now on our website. There was a 20.87% response rate which is considered a reasonable return. It is obvious from the results that there is a severe shortage of workers right across the Shire within most industries.

Travel restrictions including overseas backpackers and those workers not wanting to leave the city appear to be the main concerns along with a perceived lack of suitable housing. The results of the survey have been forwarded to our local politicians including Peter Rundle MLA and Rick Wilson Federal MP. The problem regarding the lack of overseas workers and backpackers would appear to be a lost cause for farmers for the upcoming harvest however for other industries it still remains a priority in most cases.

Lack of suitable housing appears in many of the comments and is an area that should be discussed by all interested parties in the near future. The Shire of Lake Grace along with 5 other shires in our region has forwarded an Expression of Interest to the federal government for funding from the National Priority Fund 2021-2025 to fund the construction of several houses in each of the 6 shires. If approved it would go a small way in relieving some of the housing shortages however the supply of suitable housing should not just be seen as a shire responsibility.

### Summer Approaching

With summer rapidly approaching it is timely to remind residents within the towns that it is time to clean up around your homes. It is noticeable around some homes that the winter rains have created havoc with the control of weeds which could rapidly develop into a fire hazard. Spring is here and it is a good time to get into the garden. A drive by inspection of all town properties will be carried out during the next few weeks. Further information regarding the requirements, both within a townsite and on rural land, accompanied your recent Shire Rates notices and is also available on the Shire website.

### Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2021

With the weather starting to warm up, it is a good reminder that summer is just around the corner. Please review the 2021/2022 Fire Management Notice, particularly those on rural land to ensure your fire breaks are compliant by 1 November 2021. The Shire of Lake Grace is required to provide a safe work environment, even in the response of volunteers to suppress wildfire. Also, the Shire is required to ensure our first responders are trained in fire safety and suppression to an agreed standard for legal compliance. Further information is available on request through the Shire office.

*Alan George*  
Chief Executive Officer



## Coming Events

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

**Queens Birthday**  
Public Holiday  
Monday 27 September

**Fitz of Laughter**  
Lake Grace  
Sportsman's Club  
Saturday 16 October

### Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on  
**Wednesday**  
**29 September 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 Information

### Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee

On Tuesday 15th September the first meeting of the Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee was held. Whilst three of the members were not able to make it on the day, some very interesting and valuable discussions were undertaken on the history of tourism related matters across the Shire, major 'drawcards' of our area, and marketing and promotional prospects that may prove useful ventures in the future.

The purpose of the Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee is to provide a mechanism by which interested persons can have an active role in advising our Council on the views, needs and interests in tourism and district promotion throughout the Lake Grace Shire. The Committee Members drawn from the community, Council and Shire staff all have experience or expertise in tourism and increasing visitation, business and other economic development opportunities. The objectives of the Committee are to advise Council on:

1. the identification, inclusion and implementation of tourism matters in Council's Strategic Community Plan and other operational plans/ annual budget in order to

increase tourism income in partnership with the Community, Commonwealth, State and Local Government and other industry stakeholders.

2. the co-ordination of and collaboration between Lake Grace Shire's tourist attractions, heritage facilities (AIM Hospital, Hainsworth Pioneer Centre, Varley Museum, Lake King Tractor Museum etc), events, tourism promotion/marketing and services to visitors
3. developing community understanding of the value of tourism
4. industry development, employment and training to benefit tourism, heritage and events
5. seeking funding to support and promote tourism and develop new and existing tourist attractions.
6. assisting in the development of current, quality information to visitors and stakeholders.
7. recognising and promoting excellence within the local tourism industry.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday 25th October.

*Chris Paget*

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

## Community Emergency Service News

Please be aware that as of 19 September 2021 the Shire of Lake Grace will enter the Restricted Burning Period, which goes until 31 October. During this period you must obtain a permit from a Fire Control Officer if you intend to light a fire. When issued with a permit to burn, you must obey all of the conditions listed on the permit. A list of Fire Control Officers is included in the recently distributed Fire Management Notice and is also available on the website.

REMINDER; For those on rural land, please ensure your mobile firefighting unit(s) are fully operational and ready to be on standby as of the 1st November as per the Shire of Lake Grace Fire Management Notice. We also recommend that these vehicles are kept maintained and in a roadworthy condition for the safety of you and your workers over the bush fire season. Further information is available on request through the Shire office.

*Matt Castaldini*

Community Emergency Services Manager

### Restricted Burning Period started 19 September 2021

If you're planning a burn on or after this date you must apply for a permit, by contacting your local Fire Control Officer (FCO).

A list of FCOs is available on the Shire of Lake Grace website at: [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

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# Community Infrastructure Service

Another fortnight flown by, our construction works staff are working on the re-sheeting of Mallee Hill Rd, please obey all signage when traveling on this road.

Safe Roads WA completed various bitumen repairs around the Shire, widening of North Lake Grace – Karlgarin Rd between SLK 15.66-19.69 along with pothole, edging and footpath reseals.

Our staff carried out the following works:

## Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Mallee Hill Rd
- Brookfield Rd
- Burngup South Rd
- Bairstow Rd

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Not available

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

- Mow Wattle Drive vacant land
- Slashing of verges
- Swimming pool weeds & tidy up of leaves/branches
- Clearing of townsite drains
- Mow town hall, public toilets, RSL and Shire office lawns
- Padley park mowing
- Weeding Stubbs St gardens

### Newdegate

- Spray ovals for broad leaf & black beetle
- Mow ovals & town lawns
- Fog mozzies
- Fertilise lawns
- Prune trees along town footpaths
- Preparations to cricket pitches
- Treatment to roses
- Weed spraying around Rec Centre

### Lake King

- Mowing of sports oval
- Public toilet gardens
- Townsite weeds

## Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the

following work:

- 3 Clark Avenue
- Pump shed at oval tanks
- Lake King Pavilion
- Newdegate Pavilion
- Newdegate Tip (donger)
- Lake Grace sale yards
- Visitors Centre
- Lakes Village Hall
- Varley Sports Pavilion

## Operators

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

- Cart gravel to Mallee Hill Rd
- Cart gravel to Bairstow Rd
- Road inspections
- Roller on Mallee Hill Rd
- Carting water & spreading on Mallee Hill Rd

*Craig Elefsen*

Manager Infrastructure Services



 **Community  
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year Awards**

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The four categories:

1. Community Citizen of the Year
2. Senior Community Citizen of the Year (65 years or over)
3. Young Community Citizen of the Year (under 25 years)
4. Active Citizenship Award (community group or event)

# 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 - 8 October**

**Friday - 5 November (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 28 September	Tuesday 5 October
Tuesday 12 October	Tuesday 19 October

**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).



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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION  
NOTICE OF RESULTS  
Shire of Lake Grace**

The result of the Ordinary Election conducted as a postal vote on Saturday, 16 October 2021 is as follows:

**CANDIDATES ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

<b>District</b>	<b>Expiry of Term</b>
CARRUTHERS, Shane	18 October 2025
CHAPPELL, Ross	18 October 2025
HUNT, Stephen	18 October 2025
KUCHLING, Anton	18 October 2025
HYDE, Benjamin	18 October 2025
McKENZIE, Jeffrey	21 October 2023

**Shane David CARRUTHERS** is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Lake Grace and will hold office until 18 October 2025.

**Ross CHAPPELL** is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Lake Grace and will hold office until 18 October 2025.

**Stephen Gordon HUNT** is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Lake Grace and will hold office until 18 October 2025.

**Anton Joseph KUCHLING** is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Lake Grace and will hold office until 18 October 2025.

**Benjamin John HYDE** is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Lake Grace and will hold office until 18 October 2025.

**Jeffrey Vincent MCKENZIE** is elected as Councillor for the Shire of Lake Grace and will hold office until 21 October 2023.

**Kerry HITCHINS**  
**RETURNING OFFICER**  
0409 764 220



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