

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

*Merry
Christmas!
Happy New Year*

This is the last Community news for the year. I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Next year will see another round of challenges arise with the opening of the state borders on 5th February. I would remind everybody to continue with the safe health practices as advised over the previous nearly two years, take stock of the options open to you and above all stay safe.

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) has released the draft Position Statement: Planning for Tourism and draft Planning for Tourism Guidelines for public comment. It is then proposed that:

- definitions for short term accommodation and hosted accommodation as described in the Position Statement be inserted into the deemed provisions (Schedule 2, cl. 1) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 (Regulations);
- hosted accommodation which does not exceed a maximum of four adult persons (or one family) and a maximum of two guest bedrooms and unhosted accommodation where the dwelling is let for no more than 60 days per calendar year, will be exempt from the requirement for development approval (Schedule 2, cl. 61) of the Regulations; and
- other land use definitions will be inserted in the model provisions in Schedule 1 cl. 37 of the Regulations.



Many years after first being identified as a flood mitigation measure following the 2006 Lake Grace floods we now have completed construction of a "Flood Detention Basin" of around 13 megalitres. The dam is situated south east of the CBH bins.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer



Coming Events

**Varley Community
Xmas Party**
Varley and Districts Hall
Friday 17 December

Vacswim
17 - 23 December

Shire Staff Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17 December

Christmas Day
25 December

New Years Day
1 January 2022

Australia Day
Wednesday 26 January

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on
**Wednesday
22 December 2021**
from 3:30pm at the
Council Chambers,
Administration Building.

The Agenda will be available on
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.

Facility Hire

Please contact the Shire to book Shire facilities.

You are required to read the COVID Safety Plan before using the facility.

People, groups, clubs who hire public buildings are still required to:

- Complete the WA Government Safety Plan
- Register users of the facility
- Monitor entry and exits
- Disinfect surfaces, doors handles, table chairs, showers, toilets regularly.

At the end of the event the requirements are:

- Return tables and chairs to designated storage area
- Put all rubbish into the outside sulo bins provided, including rubbish in toilets
- Ensure all stoves and lights are turned off
- Report any damages incurred while hiring facility
- Facility to be left in the same condition as found upon arrival including the floors
- All external doors are closed and locked;

This is most important as often doors are not locked when cleaners arrive.

Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of a facility, however they are not responsible for cleaning up and putting away tables and chairs after a function.

Lake Grace Swimming Pool

Lake Grace Swimming Pool is open daily:

Vacswim:

Starts Friday 17 December - until Thursday 23 December from 12noon - 6pm daily

Please note Public swimming space may be limited at times

Early morning swimming:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5.30am - 7.00am

CLOSED: Christmas Day

Please be aware: when there are any changes in the pool open hours it will be advertised on the Pool Facebook, Shire Facebook pages and on the front door at the pool.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

from Councillors and Staff

*The Shire of Lake Grace Office will be closed from
1pm Friday 24 December 2021 and
re-open 8:30am Tuesday 4 January 2022*

Please Note: Licensing services will not be available during this time. Licensing renewals and transactions can be made by mail or via the internet at www.transport.wa.gov.au
For help or information call 13 11 56

Emergency Contacts

Shire Operations will close during the festival period from Saturday 25 December 2021 until Tuesday 4 January 2022
A few staff will be on hand to manage watering of gardens etc and be on call to answer any emergency request 0417 621 708 or 0448 089 092
Any request will be inspected and any major works required will be scheduled to be undertaken in the New Year

Waste Pickup Days over Christmas and New Year will remain as normal.
Lake Grace & Newdegate Tip Times:



Lake Grace:
Saturday 25 December - Closed
Sunday 26 December - 9am - 4pm
Monday 27 December - 9am - 2pm
Wednesday 29 December - 9am - 2pm
Saturday 1 January 2022 - 9am - 4pm
Sunday 2 January 2022 - 9am - 4pm
Monday 3 January 2022 - 9am - 2pm

Newdegate:
Saturday 25 December - Closed
Sunday 26 December - 9am - 1pm
Wednesday 29 January - 9am - 1pm
Saturday 1 January 2022 - 9am - 1pm
Wednesday 5 January 2022 - 9am - 1pm



Community Infrastructure Service

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing efforts, support and input over the last 12 months looking back we have accomplished many projects with more to come throughout the Shire.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and safe travels during the festive season.

Our staff carried out the following works:

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Burns Rd
- West Kuender Rd
- Biddy Camm Rd
- White Dam Rd
- North Burngup Rd
- Broombush Flat Rd
- Crook Rd
- Kent Rd
- Wyatt Rd
- Pickernell Rd
- Purta Rd
- Haddens Rd
- Fleay/ Mordetta Rd

Parks & Gardens

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

Lake Grace

- Check water tanks
- Mowing cricket and hockey ovals
- Weed and spraying townsites
- Shire administration weeding and pruning
- Main Street maintenance
- Slashing around town
- Spraying Airstrip
- Spray weeds around ovals
- Visitor Centre retic
- Deadhead roses

Newdegate

- Check gardens around town
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- Water all un reticulated gardens and pot
- Fix solenoid and unblock retic at Pioneer Park
- Clean road verge in Frances St
- Weed and trim Maley St

Lake King

- Lake King Library garden
- Lake King garden maintenance, weeding, near school, Memorial Park, town hall, fire shed and old fire shed
- Dunn Rock Tennis garden maintenance

- Check oval retic
- Spray weeds

Varley

- Parks and gardens maintenance around town

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work on the following facilities:

- Lake Grace Visitor Centre
- Newdegate Public Toilet
- Lake Grace Public Toilets near jumping pillow
- Public Toilets

Operations

- Cart gravel to Jenks Rd, Fisher Rd, and Elliott Rd
- Cart water to Burns Rd, Ladyman Rd
- Cart gravel cartage West Kuender Rd
- Green Road signs
- Washed equipment
- Lake Biddy Rd culvert repair
- Biddy Rd culvert repair
- Roller to Ladyman Rd and roadworks
- Cart gravel to Norseman Rd



Above: Solar panels going in at Lake Grace Swimming Pool

We have asked drivers to slow down on our gravel roads this harvest. There have been some who have done this however others have not. The consequences of this is there are sections of gravel roads in the Shire that are struggling under the weight and volume of frequent, fast moving heavy haulage vehicles.

These roads are deteriorating quickly, despite the best efforts of our Roads Crew to keep them graded and up to scratch. We've also been advised of a few near misses and have concerns for motorist safety.

We are requesting again that anyone using our gravel roads to please slow down to 80kph until 31 December.

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Community Information

Office Open Hours

Monday - Friday
8.30am - 4.00pm

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

Licensing Payments

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

Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 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 - 7 January 2022

Friday - 4 February 2022 (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.

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.

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.

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.

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 21 December	Tuesday 28 December
Tuesday 4 January	Tuesday 11 January

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.



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



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