

# Community Newsletter

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## From the CEO

### Ordinary Council Meeting 25 May 2022

- Council authorised the Shire Administration to open up submissions for road name proposals for 30 days for the new road to be constructed between Lake Grace-Newdegate Road and Biddy Camm Road on existing land Lots 101 and 12 Kulin-Lake Grace Road.
- Council has authorised additional works at the Newdegate Town Hall and authorised the withdrawal of \$70,000 from the Newdegate Town Hall Reserve to undertake works to the internal of the hall.
- At the Ordinary Council meeting on Wednesday 27 April 2022, the Chief Executive Officer received a resignation letter from Councillor Shane David Carruthers as Councillor. To replace Cr Carruthers, the Shire with the assistance from the WA Electoral Commission (WAEC) will conduct an extraordinary election within 80 days from Council Resolution. In accordance with section 4.20(4) of the Local Government Act 1995, the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of the extraordinary election. In accordance with section 4.61(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 that the method of conducting the election will be as a postal election.
- Local Governments are required to provide an annual report on the progress of their Disability Access Inclusion Plan (DAIP) strategies and outcomes to the Minister of Disability Services which is tabled in Parliament each year. Council accepted the 2021/2022 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) Progress Report as presented.

The annual CEO Performance Review was carried out by Council recently and at the Council meeting of 25 May 2022 Council resolved to extend my contract until June 2024. I thanked Council and the community for it's continued support and look forward to the next few years as there is still a lot of things to do.

Craig and myself have been in discussions with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Rural Water Planning Division regarding our further plans and ideas for the capture and storage of water across the Shire. DWER is very supportive of our ideas and have indicated that further funding applications for grants will be given viewed favorably.

In other water news DWER have purchased a large quantity of CBH tarps that they will be running out on dam catchments to improve water capture into the dams rather than it soaking into the ground first. A fair bit of money has been laid out for this and it should prove very beneficial.

The Newdegate Town Hall is looking good after a well deserved spruce up and as mentioned above we will now give the internals a paint and a clean up to finish the job off for the upcoming centenary celebrations.

The annual Lake Grace/Pingrup vs Boxwood Hills Winter Sports Big Freeze took place in town on the weekend of the 28th May. The fundraiser which supports FightMND, always gets a big crowd and this year was no exception. The days sports are rounded off with an auction, live band, and lots of brave souls heading down the slide into a pool of icy cold water. This years event has already raised in excess of \$80,000. Which is a absolutely fantastic achievement for all those involved.

*Alan George*  
Chief Executive Officer

## Coming Events

**Great Southern Football  
Carnival Lake Grace**  
Fri 17 Sat 18 & Sun 19 June

**Men's Health Week**  
13 - 19 June 2022

**Newdegate Annual  
Mum's & Bud's Walk**  
Thursday 23 June  
9.30am at CRC

**Newdegate Machinery  
Field Days**  
Wed 7 Thurs 8 September

**Keep Australia  
Beautiful Week**  
15 - 21 August 2022

### Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council  
Meeting will be held on  
**Wednesday  
22 June 2022**  
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

We had a few interesting day last week with the weather incidences causing havoc on our road verges trees.

Our staff carried out the following works:

## Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Old Ravensthorpe Rd
- Lake Grace area road maintenance grading

The Maintenance Grading has continued in Newdegate, Lake King and Varley areas.

## Parks & Gardens

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

### Lake Grace

- Lake Grace parks and gardens
- Lake Grace Sporting Precinct lawn and garden maintenance

### Newdegate

- Check around town
- Clean up and cut back at Pioneer Park
- Mow ovals
- Spray around ovals
- Green waste to tip
- Mow Pioneer Park lawn

### Lake King

- Lake King oval maintenance
- Lake King parks and gardens

### Varley

- The Varley Gardeners have been busy raking, burning and mowing in the last few weeks.
- Varley Cemetery maintenance

## Buildings

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

- Newdegate Indoor Recreation Building
- Newdegate Public Toilets
- Staff housing inspections
  - 5 Banksia
  - 10B Gumtree Dr
  - 36 Bennett St
  - 1 Quondong Ct
  - 10A Gumtree Dr
  - 23 Absolon St
  - 8 Wattle Dr
  - 5 Banksia Pl
  - 54A Bennett St
  - 3 Clark Ave
- Varley Public Toilets
- Lake King Library
- Lake Grace Sports Pavilion
- Sewage maintenance
- Administration building maintenance
- Lake Grace Shire Hall

- Lake King Pavilion Septic up-grade
- Dunn Rock Tennis Building
- Lake King Public Toilets
- Lake King Fire Station Building
- Lake Grace Old Sport Pavilion
- Newdegate Depot building maintenance

## Operations

- Old Ravensthorpe Rd
- Equipment repairs and maintenance
- Lake King toilets
- Newdegate Parks and Gardens
- Repair/replace road signs

The Building Maintenance Crew have been busy out at the Jam Patch installing a new Fire Pit and seating area.



Strong winds and heavy rain made for difficult road conditions recently with trees down around the Shire.

Luckily no one was hurt and the roads were open again quickly.

*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 - 17 June (Only C class PDA's, the usual Driving Instructor isn't available)**

**Friday - 8 July (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.

## 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, 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 21 June	Tuesday 14 June
Tuesday 5 July	Tuesday 28 June

**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 contaminants 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/>

# Community Information

The Lake Grace All Abilities Playground project continues slowly but surely despite the enormous challenges of Covid-19, labour shortages and global supply chain disruptions.

The finalised concept and layout plans were completed in the first quarter of this year, softfall colour schemes selected, and manufacturing and acquisition of the large climbing fort structures and all other play equipment has now commenced in Perth. The first truckload of gear will be ready for shipping to Lake Grace in coming weeks which is very exciting.

Because of the delays caused by the pandemic, funding approvals and also because of the huge amounts of Australian Government economic stimulus money provided

to local governments to carry out projects like this one, WA based playground designers and contractors have significant pipelines of work all over the state meaning we are in the queue awaiting completion of some of these other works before our construction and installation phase can commence.

At this stage the Shire anticipates it is likely to occur in the September quarter but is doing everything it can to facilitate a start time as soon as possible, with the view to completing it all in one mobilization before the onset of summer.

*Chris Paget*  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

