

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

Several months ago I mentioned in the Newsletter that the Minister for Local Government announced some new reforms to the Local Government Act 1995. One of these reforms was for local governments with populations of less than 5,000 people to have a cap of seven (7) and a minimum of five (5) councilors. As the Shire of Lake Grace fall into this category, we will need to reduce the number of councilors. There are two pathways to the reform being offered, the first being the Voluntary Pathway where Council may decide to implement the changes on a voluntary basis staged over the next two elections if necessary or the Reform Election Pathway which would see a total spill of council with all positions being declared vacant. At the council meeting held on 28th September, Council resolved to undertake a Representation Review which is to be completed and forwarded to the Local Government Advisory Board by 14th February 2023. It was resolved to advise the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries that Council's preferred pathway is the Voluntary Pathway. Currently, the Shire has 9 councilors, with one position currently vacant until the next election in October 2023, and 8 sitting. The purpose of the review is to assess whether councilor representation is to be reduced to the minimum of five (5) or to the maximum of seven (7). The last review of the representation of the Shire was undertaken in 2017 when the ward system was removed and the number of councilors was maintained at nine (9). Public submissions are invited and an information sheet/discussion paper will be available shortly outlining the current situation and options available.

Other matters from the 28th September Council Meeting.

- Some cost savings from the Holt Rock South Road reseal have been transferred to some cost overruns for the Mallee Hill Road reseal.
- The Development Application from St John Ambulance in Newdegate for the change in use of the property at 20 May St has been approved.
- A Development Application for some assess gates and an outbuilding on a property in lake Grace has been approved.
- Development Applications for 4 new telecommunications towers and infrastructure to improve wireless broadband coverage on various agricultural properties from Lake Grace to Newdegate have been approved.
- Council commented on the inclusion of part of Reserve 34410 being Certificate of Title 3135/59 in the Noongar Land Estate as part of the South West Native Settlement.
- The results of the public consultation meeting held on the future of the Lake Grace Saleyards were considered. The administration has been authorised to carry out further investigations regarding the consolidation of the site after the consultation determined that the site should be retained for future use.
- Council adopted a new Shire Policy on Gravel Extraction from Reserves.

Finally

It was most disturbing to find out on Friday evening that several children were seen trying to puncture the Lake Grace Jumping Pillow. Fortunately, their actions were unsuccessful. This is a very popular venue for locals and passing motorists and to have unsupervised children attempting to vandalise it is most disappointing. We know who they are so don't be surprised if there is a knock on the door sometime soon.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Coming Events

BreastScreen WA
From Tuesday 11
October– Tuesday 18th
October.
LG Shire Hall

**Nationwide Walk for
Mental Health**
Sunday 16 October

**Bang Bang!
Dress Rehearsal**
Wednesday 19 October
Performance:
**Lake Grace Shire Hall
Dinner & Show**
Thursday 20 October

**25 Years of
Harry Potter Magic**
Lake King Library
Tuesday 18 &
Thursday 20 October

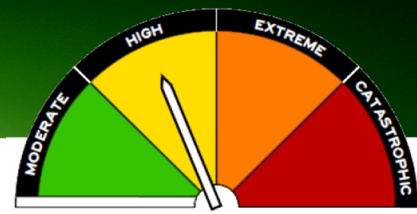
Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council
Meeting will be held on
**Wednesday
26 October 2022**
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.

Community Emergency Service



We are now in the restricted burning time, with permits required to burn. Please contact your nearest FCO to obtain a permit.

With the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System now in place, permits are now cancelled on days of HIGH fire danger and above which is different to before. We are also expecting less days in Autumn that will be open for burning which may be a challenge to some farm practices of early pre-seeding burning. If you have any questions, please call.

For more information:

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/prepare#fire-danger-ratings>

Matt Castaldini

Community Emergency Services Manager

Important Dates to Remember

Prohibited Burning Times:

November 2022 to 31 January 2023—during this period you must not start a fire in the open air.

The penalty \$10,000 or 12 months imprisonment or both.

Restricted Burning Times (Permits Required)

19 September 2022 to 31 October 2022

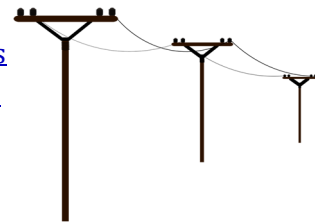
1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

Any date changes will be published on the Shire of Lake Grace

Extended Power Outages

The \$80 payment is an acknowledgement of the inconvenience for customers who have experienced a long unplanned outage while waiting for repairs to be completed and restoration of power to occur.

Go to: <https://www.westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/make-a-claim/extended-outage/>



 **Community Citizen of the Year Awards**

Nominate now

Presented by:



Australia Day
Council of
Western Australia

Principal Partner:

 Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities

Media Partners:



WA today
INDEPENDENT. ALWAYS.



There are four awards categories:

- Community Citizen of the Year
- Community Citizen of the Year – Youth (under 25 years of age)
- Community Citizen of the Year – Senior (over 65 years of age)
- Active Citizenship – group or event

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, *(please phone ahead to confirm availability)*

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 -October CANCELLED

Friday - Friday 4 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.

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.

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 25 October	Tuesday 18 October
Tuesday 8 November	Tuesday 15 November

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.



Check our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace/>

THE BLUE ROOM THEATRE | SCOTT ELSTERMANN &
SHONA ERSKINE PRESENT

BANG! BANG!

MURDER, MELODRAMA AND WES ANDERDSON:
A THEATRICAL DANCE DOUBLE-HEADER

DINNER & SHOW
LAKE GRACE HALL
THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM

Tickets and more information:

<https://events.humanitix.com/bb-lg>



**RAVE
ABOUT ARTS**

