

Community Newsletter

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CEO Chat

A reminder that the Local Government Elections are on the 21st October. Postal voting is open and must be posted in time to reach the Returning Officer by 6.00pm on election day. However, you may hand deliver your postal voting papers to an electoral officer, or obtain a replacement package, between 8.00am and 6.00pm on election day at the Shire of Lake Grace, 1 Bishop St Lake Grace.

At the recent Local Government Convention Councillor Len Armstrong received a Merit Award which is an award recognising notable contributions to WALGA, the Local Government sector, and the community by elected Members, Local Government Officers, and WALGA employees. Len has a total of 27 years as an elected member with WA Local Government, with time served in Albany and Lake Grace where he has served two terms as Shire President. Len has held numerous community and regional positions including chair of the State Government South Coast Fishing Advisory Committee and has been awarded a Rotary International Paul Harris Medal. Congratulations Cr Armstrong!

We bid farewell to Dr Michael Livingston on Friday 13th October and thank him for his personal service over the last month or so. The practice has now been well set up for the incoming resident doctors who will be arriving in town on the 14th October. We would like to welcome Dr Tim and Dr Ines and their two young children to town. Dr Tim will be commencing on 15th October whilst Dr Ines will be settling the children in over the next week or so. The practice has undergone a period of much needed change and will remain under the auspices of Livingston Medical.

The new park next to the Visitors Centre in Lake Grace is looking great and is receiving many favourable comments from visitors. Planning is underway for the official opening of the Newdegate Country Club in early November after renovations.

*Alan George
Chief Executive Officer*

Highlights from the Council Meeting of 27 September

- Council confirmed the purchase of 84 Bennett Street, Lake Grace and gave approval for Administration to continue negotiations with WA Country Health Service for the construction of 2 x 2 bedroom units for housing nurses.
- A Development Application was approved for expansion of a cattle feedlot on Lot 2540 Mallee Hill Road, South Newdegate for Springfield Farms.
- A Development Application was approved for Akron Pty for a proposed group dwelling on Lot 216 (7) Quondong Court, Lake Grace consisting of 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings.
- A Community Funding Request from Newdegate Container Exchange for bins was approved.
- Approval was given for extended trading hours for businesses over the Christmas and New Year period.
- Council authorized the disposal of several assets that were either obsolete, damaged and cost prohibitive to repair, or unserviceable.
- Council authorised the Chief Executive Officer to request the Minister for Lands to amend the designated purpose of Crown Reserve 46769 from "Parking, Recreation and Automatic Weather Station" to "Parking, Recreation, Automatic Weather Station and Storage Area" with the power to lease or sub-lease or licence for any term not exceeding 21 years.
- Council moved that a letter of thanks be written to Glenda Slarke, Kerry Slarke and Devon Stubberfield thanking them for their time and effort they have spent over several years helping maintain the garden beds at Lake Grace Town Hall and RSL building.

An **Ordinary Council Meeting** will be held at 3.30pm **25 October 2023**, Shire of Lake Grace Council Chambers, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace WA 6353

The Agenda will be available on www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

(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. All welcome)



Recently I attended the Regional Operations Advisory Committee meeting for the Upper Great Southern Region, where we were presented with pre-season information and discussed issues raised. Two of the key points discussed were from Western Power and the Bureau of Meteorology.

Firstly, Western Power acknowledged that in the absence of a maintenance cleaning program, their insulators are more prone to pole-top fires. The program was paused as a result of a significant injury to a worker. As per recent announcements, Western Power has recommenced maintenance washing, this time from a helicopter platform. All of our power feeds have been identified as priority areas, with work to commence ASAP. The indicative plan showed that the areas of Varley, Lake King and Mount Madden are scheduled first, with other areas to be completed by the end of the 2027 financial year.

Secondly, the Bureau of Meteorology provided indicative weather forecasts for Summer, stressing that we are likely to endure much higher maximum temperatures, higher minimum temperatures and have sustained periods of "heatwaves." While these conditions will be problematic in relation to fire, we are also mindful that if not managed appropriately, heat-related illnesses can be catastrophic for both people and livestock. We would like to encourage everyone to take steps to ensure your safety, be aware of the warning signs and symptoms of heat-related illness, and maintain hydration this summer, whether harvesting or responding to fires.

Matt Castaldini
Community Emergency Services Manager

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

19TH SEPTEMBER TO 31ST OCTOBER 2023 & 1ST FEBRUARY TO 30TH APRIL 2024

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

1ST NOVEMBER 2023 TO 31ST JANUARY 2024



Have your say

on WA's new Action Plan for young people!

The State Government is developing a three-year Action Plan for young people in Western Australia and we would love to hear what matters to you most.

If you are aged 10-25 and living in WA, please let us know:

- What are your goals for the next 3 years?
- What gets in the way of you achieving your goals?
- What change would you like to see the Action Plan make for young people over the next 3 years?

Young people make up almost 20 per cent of Western Australia's population, representing a powerful voice across our State. Your views and ideas are critical to shaping the future!

To provide your views, please visit the Department of Communities' website: communities.wa.gov.au/YouthActionPlan



Scan QR code

FREE RABBIT BAITS - EOI

The EWBG are calling for EOIs to hold bait mixing days for the landholders in the Shire's of Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace, Mt Marshall, Merredin, Mukinbudin, Naremben, Nungarin, Trayning, Westonia & Yilgarn.

EWBG WILL PROVIDE:

- Assistance with and pay the cost of obtaining a Restricted Chemical Product (RCP) Permit.
- The supply of poison one shot 1080 oats that will be mixed with the landholders oats (you supply) for the landholders to trail out on your property.
- A LPMT on-site at a pre-arranged bait mix day near you.

REGISTER EOI NOW

admin@ewbg.com.au

04 55 724 848



*Mixing days are dependent on level of interest from landholders.



Community Information



REGIONAL FIRST HOME BUYER GUARANTEE

DID YOU KNOW that the Australian Federal Government is supporting eligible regional home buyers to buy a home sooner, in a regional area?

The RFHBG can be used to buy a home with a deposit of as little as 5 per cent (lenders credit criteria apply).

The Regional First Home Buyer Guarantee can be used to buy a regional home with a deposit of as little as 5% (lenders credit criteria apply).

Eligible residential properties include:

- an existing house, townhouse or apartment
- a house and land package
- land and a separate contract to build a home
- an off-the-plan apartment or townhouse

Specific dates and requirements apply for the different property types.

GUARANTEE OVERVIEW

5% Minimum deposit required

10,000 places Available for FY2023-24

Individual and joint applicants

Maximum purchase prices apply

[See price caps](#)

Visit: <https://www.nhfc.gov.au/support-buy-home/regional-first-home-buyer-guarantee> for information and fact sheets, eligibility criteria and participating lenders.

*Applications can only be made with a Participating Lender or their authorised representative (a mortgage broker). The Shire of Lake Grace and NHFC does not accept HGS applications or provide personal financial advice.

*Home buyers (and those advising them) should consider consulting a Participating Lender and seek independent financial and legal advice about whether a particular home loan or property, and the terms of the HGS suit personal circumstances and objectives.



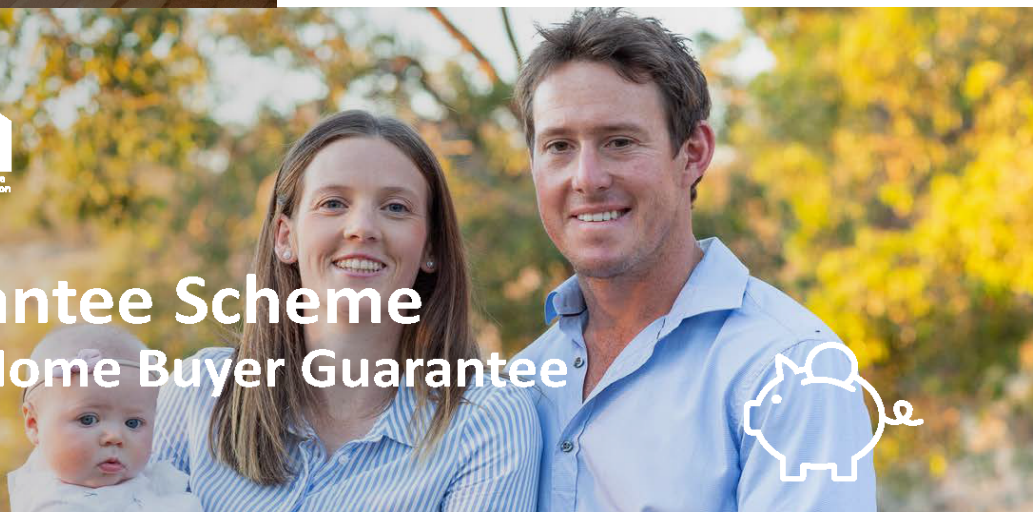
Australian Government



National Housing Finance
and Investment Corporation

Home Guarantee Scheme Regional First Home Buyer Guarantee Fact Sheet 2023/24

1 July 2023



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Community Information

Office Open Hours

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Staff can be contacted via phone between 8am—5pm.

Licensing Payments

All licensing payments are to be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace, *(please phone ahead for 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

Lake Grace has one assessment day, held on the first Friday of each month.

The next Practical Driving Assessor (PDA) will be at the Shire of Lake Grace office on:

November (to be confirmed)

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments and we recommend booking in advance as there is often a waiting list.

Bookings can be made at the Shire office on 9890 2500 until further notice.

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

Town Planning & Building Surveys

Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au for all Town Planning and Building Surveying enquiries and requests.

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.

Newdegate	Lake Grace
Tuesday 17 October	Tuesday 24 October
Tuesday 31 October	Tuesday 7 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 contents 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.