

# Shire of Lake Grace

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## Bush Fire Service Awards

On Thursday, 6 June, an awards presentation was held at Newdegate Country Club to recognise the contribution of local volunteer firefighters throughout Bush Fire Brigades across the Shire of Lake Grace. The event was hosted by the Shire of Lake Grace and included an opening address by Shire President Len Armstrong. This was proceeded by a joint award presentation led by Shire Chief Executive Officer Alan George, and Department of Fire and Emergency Service (DFES) Superintendent Craig Smith.

The DFES Bush Fire Service (BFS) awards presented included medallions for five years services; and medals for 10 years' service, as well as medal clasps issued for every five-year period served up to 45 years. This marks a tremendous and sustained service to the local community by all 28 award recipients.

In addition to BFS awards, a National Medal was presented to firefighters who have completed 15 years' service, as well as clasps for each additional 10 years.

Issued by the Governor-General, the National Medal, as a Commonwealth Government award, is uniquely distinct as it specifically recognises diligent long

service in organisations that protect life and property. This acknowledges that recipients have volunteered service to the community, often at risk to their own wellbeing.

The Shire takes this opportunity to thank all award recipients for their exceptional, and ongoing service to the community.



## Next Council Meeting

**3.30pm, Wednesday 26 June**

A minimum of 15 minutes is set aside for public question time, giving community members an opportunity to ask questions relating to Shire activities. All welcome.

Upcoming agendas, and minutes from previous meetings are available for public viewing at: [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

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## Emergency Management



Hello all,

My name is Ryan Sutherland and I've recently replaced Matt Castaldini as Community Emergency Services Manager for the Shires of Lake Grace, Dumbleyung and Kent. Commencing earlier this month, I've joined the local government and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) having come from the mining industry.

Like many, I first became involved with firefighting as a teenager following my dad, joining both Roleystone Bush Fire Service and Roleystone Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service.

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This experience led on to me working in emergency response roles in mining, construction and haulage operations across the Pilbara and Kimberley, as well as closer to Lake Grace at Forrestania.

Throughout, I've continued, in one way or another, to be involved with volunteer firefighting and I hope to do so here, too.

For the moment, my partner, Sally, and I are working toward establishing a life together in Lake Grace and to becoming part of the local community.

At work, I look forward to maintaining and building upon the Shire's focus in the areas of emergency services and emergency management. Particularly, I am very keen to work alongside the Shire's Fire Control Officers and Captains to continue to ensure community safety and to support the training of the Shire's local volunteer firefighters.

For those I'm yet to meet, I look forward to seeing you out in the community soon.

## Community Development & Events

The Australian Rural Leadership Foundation recently launched their Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought Initiative, which includes a series of free Changemaker Community Learning Workshops that focus on developing leadership skills for rural communities, and improving their ability to adapt to change.

Community Economic Development Officer, Aimee Turnbull, and Lake Grace CRC Customer Service Officer, Evelyn Oatridge, attended the two-day workshop held in Corrigin recently, where they worked closely with Corrigin community members on leadership practices, adaptive cycles, reframing problems as potential, and growing change within communities.

The Changemaker Workshop will be coming to Lake Grace Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th June 2024. We encourage **anyone** who wants to be more actively involved in their community to attend this free workshop. Registrations can be made via Humanitix.

This workshop is free thanks to the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund. It is delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, in partnership with the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal.



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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Lake Grace Swimming Pool

#### **CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**

We look forward to seeing you all in the 2024/2025 season.

### Library Services

#### **Lake Grace Community Library**

School Place

T: 08 9865 1185

E: lakegracelibrary@hotmail.com

#### **Newdegate Public Library**

Collier Street

T: 08 9871 1791

E: admin@newdegatecrc.com.au

#### **Lake King Library**

Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Road

T: 08 9874 4147

E: lklib@westnet.com.au

### Town Planning & Building

Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace for all Town Planning and Building Surveying enquiries.

Email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

### Department of Transport

All licensing payments can be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration Building:

#### **Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm**

*Please allow a minimum of 30 minutes prior to enable completion of transactions*

We process the majority of transactions including: renewals, transfers, number plate orders, boat registration renewals and new licence applications.

### Driving Assessor

Lake Grace holds one assessment day on the first Friday of each month.

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments as there is a wait list. Please contact the Shire office.

For more information go to:

[www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au)

### Environmental Health

Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace for all Environmental Health enquiries.

Email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

### Waste Facilities

#### **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 is collected each Tuesday in Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

Recycling is a fortnightly service, alternating between Lake Grace and Newdegate:

Newdegate	Lake Grace
Tuesday 25 June 09 July	Tuesday 02 July 16 July

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