

# Shire of Lake Grace

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Lake Grace ○ Newdegate ○ Lake King ○ Varley ○ Pingaring



## From the Chief Executive Officer

At 3.37pm Thursday 20 June it was announced on the Shire Facebook page that "THE FENCE IS DOWN" at the All Abilities Playground in Lake Grace, and the news soon spread like wildfire. The reaction was overwhelming, with hordes of children and adults descending on the playground and it has largely gone unstopped since.

There are still a few things to do with the installation of some more seating and the shades sails which will finish things off.

It is a credit to all those involved from the get go - from the initial idea to the completion.

But wait! There is more... the Pump Track construction is due to start in a couple of weeks, so keep an eye on our news and social media as it begins to evolve.

Planning is well underway for the 2024/25 Shire budget which we hope to finalise by the end of July with no major surprises in store.

Council, in partnership with the other 5 councils in our Regional Organization of Councils, and in conjunction with the Central Country Zone of WALGA consisting of 14 other shires in the region lodged several submissions against the introduction of the Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024.

In addition, at the recent Central Country Zone meeting the following resolution was carried;

Central Country Zone representing the Local Governments of Beverley; Brookton; Corrigin; Cuballing; Dumbleyung; Kulin; Lake Grace; Narrogin; Pingelly; Quairading; Wagin; Wandering; West Arthur; Wickiepin; Williams resolved that:

- The Governance process by which the decision was made does not accord with good public policy principles. It does not fit the science, did not involve genuine engagement and appears to be based on political ideology which does not serve the regional, state or national interest.
- The Federal Government withdraws its current Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024.
- Express disappointment in the Federal Government and lack of acknowledgement and understanding of the impact on regional communities that decisions like this have.
- A letter to the Prime Minister be written detailing the above be signed by the President of the Central Country Zone on behalf of members.

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the growing centre

## Highlights from Council

### 26 June Council Meeting

- Council approved the reshuffling of funds from some jobs that were completed under budget to jobs that needed a bit more funding.
- An application to approve the increase in concessional mass loading to allow heavier vehicles on Muncaster Rd was not carried as the road is classed as a C Class road in the Shire's network, and is not considered up to the standard required to carry the extra weights and associated movements.
- An expression of interest for the purchase of the old Pingaring Primary School site and associated sporting areas located on 2 Reserves vested to the Shire from the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage was discussed by Council. It was noted that a lot more discussion is needed by all parties and public consultation would be needed. DPLH has the ultimate decision in freeholding Crown Reserves.
- Council awarded a tender for 2 houses to be constructed for the WA Country Health Services on 84 Bennett St Lake Grace to Evoke Living Homes.
- Council authorised the CEO to execute the Agreement for Rent Offer (lease agreement) from WACHS to enter into a 15 year lease for the 2 houses at 84 Bennett St Lake Grace upon completion.
- An increase in sponsorship for the Newdegate Machinery Field Days was considered and will be included in the upcoming budget, with the Shire set to become an Event Partner.

- Council approved the waiver of Shire rates on the Newdegate saleyards to the Newdegate Machinery Field Days committee as the yards are a designated Shire evacuation centre for animals in case of emergency.
- Due to some changes in the Planning and Development Amendment Act 2023 certain types of developments will now be approved by local government CEOs not by Council. Amendments to the Shire delegations were endorsed by Council.

Lake Grace Youth Centre Holiday Activity - Table Tennis Tournament 1 July 2024



Heath Lewis & Darcey Pelham vs Steele Wilcox & Kannin Hobbins

Grand Final: Steele Wilcox & Darcey Pelham vs Kannin & Tiana Hobbins (tournament winners)



## Next Council Meeting

### 3.30pm, Wednesday 24 July

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)

## Community & Events



The Shire of Lake Grace and Newdegate Community Resource Centre are pleased to bring Festival of Small Halls to the community for the first time.

Festival of Small Halls takes the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists, who have recently performed at some of the country's largest festivals, and takes them on the road to perform at small halls in rural communities across Australia.

Festival of Small Halls will be touring Western Australia in August 2024 and featuring artists Jed Parsons and Alana Wilkinson, who will perform at the Newdegate Town Hall on Wednesday 14 August 2024.

Buses will be available to link Lake Grace, Lake King and Varley to Newdegate for the evening, and there will be food and beverages available for purchase, including a range of wine, beer and cider from Walkers Hill Vineyard.

Tickets, tour information and artist profiles can be found at: <https://festivalofsmallhalls.com>. Tickets can also be purchased from the Shire of Lake Grace Administration Building or Newdegate Community Resource Centre.

General Admission: \$25

Concession: \$15

Children (aged 15 years and under,

Must be accompanied by an adult): \$10

This event has been made possible with the support of:





## 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 09 July 23 July	Tuesday 16 July 30 July

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