

# Shire of Lake Grace

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Lake Grace ○ Newdegate ○ Lake King ○ Varley ○ Pingaring



## Community & Events

Most of you will have seen the advertising for the upcoming Festival of Small Halls being held at Newdegate Town Hall on Wednesday 14 August 2024. Posters have gone up in Lake Grace and Newdegate, plenty of information has been shared on Facebook, and in the previous editions of The Lakes Link and Gate Post.

Festival of Small Halls is a joint effort between the Shire of Lake Grace and Newdegate Community Resource Centre to bring live music to our halls within the Shire. It is something that myself and Lucy King (Newdegate CRC Coordinator) are very excited about, and we hope everyone gets behind this community event.

The Festival of Small Halls ethos fits well with what we are trying to achieve, and is why Lucy and I were so keen to bring this tour to the community. If you haven't already, check out the Festival's website (you'll find links on the next page), it showcases some of the amazing rural halls located across the country. On speaking with Shire Councils on the East Coast, Festival of Small Halls is noted as a highlight to their communities, with many inviting the tour back each year.

Festival of Small Halls approached the Shire just as we received a copy of documentary photographer Brad Rimmer's

book, 'Nowhere Near.' Over the course of 20 years Brad observed the many small community halls across the Wheatbelt that sat unused, dilapidated or demolished. Halls that had once been the life and soul of rural towns; hosting weddings, wakes, great dances, cinemas, and some that hold plaques with the names of men who went to war and never returned to Australian soil.

He set about photographing these halls, which includes Lake Grace, Varley and Pingaring, and this book now serves as a reminder of these iconic buildings that played host to important moments in Wheatbelt history. Some of the halls documented are at risk of being lost, but we are fortunate that our own Shire halls continue to be well-loved venues within our communities.

It's wonderful to continue to honour these buildings, and what they represent to our communities. It is hoped that this will become an annual event on our calendar, and is rotated throughout the halls in the Shire.

If only the floorboards could talk in our halls... Imagine the stories they could tell! Let's continue to give them a few more for the history books.

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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, Alana Wilkinson, and our own Naomi Barrett-Lennard, who will perform at the Newdegate Town Hall on Wednesday 14 August 2024. Doors open at 5.30pm.

A bus service will run from Lake Grace, food will be available for purchase from Mel Humphries, Newdegate P&C, and grazing boards available for pre-order from Newdegate CRC by 9 August. Walkers Hill Vineyard will be selling a range of wine, beer and cider.

Online 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 (cash only).

General Admission: \$25

Concession: \$15

Children (aged 15 years and under, must be accompanied by an adult): \$10

BUY TICKETS ONLINE:



This event has been made possible with the support of:



## 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)



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# Youth Centre



For  
10+

## Upcoming Events

**22 July**

Minute to win  
it games

2.30pm  
onwards

**26 August**

Chill out movie  
afternoon

2.30pm  
onwards

**30 September**

Game  
Vault Truck

Session times to  
be announced

Lake Grace  
Pavilion

## Join the fun!

Lake Grace Youth Centre membership, programs and activities are free, unless otherwise stated or advertised. Attendees and parents/carers need to complete a membership form on their first visit to the Youth Centre, which will remain current for the financial year. Children under 10 are welcome to attend when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Membership forms can be downloaded from the Youth Centre Events page on the [Shire website](#).



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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 closing 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 bookings. 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 23 July 06 August	Tuesday 30 July 13 August

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Telephone: 08 9890 2500 (8.00am–5.00pm) | Email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Administration Building, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace (8.30am–4.00pm Monday to Friday)

Postal Address: PO Box 50, Lake Grace, WA 6353

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

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