

# Shire of Lake Grace

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Lake Grace   ☐   Newdegate   ☐   Lake King   ☐   Varley   ☐   Pingaring

## From the Chief Executive Officer

Several things have come to my attention in the last week or so that need addressing. First off is people parking on footpaths in Lake Grace. The name should give it away, they are FOOTPATHS not CAR Paths.

There are lots of people in town who walk or use their gophers on the footpaths - they should not have to walk or ride around vehicles parked on the paths. In addition to this the vehicles can damage the paths thus creating another unnecessary cost for the ratepayers. Please have consideration for others.

Second, wandering dogs, and I believe even a wandering chicken, in Lake Grace and Newdegate. Not all people are animal lovers and not all people enjoy picking up the mess after dogs have left their visiting card in their garden. The Shire Ranger visits on a regular basis and he is not shy in coming forward, so please don't let your dogs wander.

The All-Abilities Playground in Lake Grace has been a huge hit during the school holidays with dozens of people from all over the countryside enjoying the facilities. I hope they are taking advantage of the other services that the town has to offer.

Negotiations are well underway for a new Deputy Chief Executive Officer. A preferred candidate has been selected and we should know the outcome very soon.

Several gravel sheeting jobs have been awarded and our graders are out and about trying to get our gravel roads attended to before harvest. With over 2,000kms of gravel roads to attend to we are trying to do our best.

With gravel supplies being harder to get it does make the job harder and stretches the Shire budget to, in many cases, travel large distances to access resources.

Farmers are reminded that if you have some gravel available we do pay you for it. Please contact Craig Elefsen if you can assist.

Alan George, Chief Executive Officer  
Email: [ceo@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@lakegrace.wa.gov.au)



Lake Grace Youth Centre Holiday Activity:  
Game Vault Truck 30 September 2024

the growing centre

### 25 September Council Meeting

- Several requests have come through in the past few months showing interest in purchasing the old Pingaring School site. This and the neighbouring sports facilities are reserves vested to the Shire from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage who have the ultimate say. Before Council can fully consider any relinquishment of the Management Order over the reserves, we are seeking consultation with the public. A brief questionnaire is on our website and adjoining shire websites with hardcopies also available. Please contact the Shire if you have any queries. The comment period closes on 25 October. The results of the consultation will determine if Council progresses this matter with DPLH or not.
- Council approved the request for discounted hall hire fees for the Lake Grace Reconnect Group who are hosting the Boots and Ballgowns event in aid of mental health awareness.
- Council supported the WALGA position on the Local Government advocacy positions surrounding council elections.
- Council accepted the offer from the Department of Commerce for extended trading hours for the Shire of Lake Grace over the 2024 / 2025 Christmas period, and Public Holidays in 2025
- The Draft Shire of Lake Grace Disability and Inclusion Plan 2024-2025 was presented to Council and will be put out for public consultation closing 31 October.
- The annual review of the Practice Support Payment to Livingston Medical resulted in an increase in payment of 3% (\$7,500 pa)

### 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 Advisory Committee (YAC)

### Call for Youth to Nominate for Committee Positions

The YAC is for Youth aged 10-17 years, who live in the Shire of Lake Grace, want to develop themselves and make a difference in their community. YAC is focused on empowering youth-led, youth-driven projects which give young people the ability to organise and lead local projects. The YAC will be formed under the Lake Grace Development Association (LGDA) and supported by the Shire of Lake Grace. The YAC will present thoughts and opinions of local youth to the LGDA, Shire of Lake Grace Council and wider community to advocate for the needs of young people. This ensures that young people are given a voice at Local Government Level.

**Youth are invited to attend a meeting at the Shire Council Chambers on Monday 14th of October from 3.30pm-4:30pm.**

This meeting provides the opportunity for Youth to:

- Nominate for committee positions.
- Make decisions on rules and voting methods to uphold the YAC.
- Discuss upcoming projects for the YAC.

To register your interest please email your resume to the shire at: [cec@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:cec@lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

## Rural Fire Awareness Training

Are you a volunteer firefighter member of a Shire of Lake Grace Bush Fire Brigade, or are you involved in seasonal firefighting?

Rural Fire Awareness training is targeted at farmer response brigade volunteer firefighters, and seasonal workers to provide you with the basic awareness of fire ground safety and suppression strategies.

This aims to maintain your personal safety when operating on a fire ground. If you're yet to complete this training, scan the appropriate QR code and follow the instructions below.

To access online training, volunteers will require their six-digit DFES identification number. Volunteer firefighters who do not know their identification number, please contact:

[cesm@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:cesm@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

### Community Emergency Services

#### Farmer Response Brigade

<https://eacademy.dfes.wa.gov.au/?client=externaltenant>



#### Employee/Seasonal Worker

<https://eacademy.dfes.wa.gov.au/ilp/pages/user-profile-signup.jsf>



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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 15 October 29 October	Tuesday 22 October 05 November

Shire of Lake Grace

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

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