

Shire of Lake Grace

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Welcoming New Deputy Chief Executive Officer

The Shire is pleased to welcome Mr. Aaron Wooldridge as the new Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Aaron commenced his role on 16 December 2024, bringing over 30 years of knowledge and experience in local government, finance, administration, HR, and governance.

Aaron commenced his career in his hometown of Wyndham in the East Kimberley as a trainee in Local Government. He has a diverse and extensive career across multiple sectors.

Over the years, he has contributed to eight different Local Government Authorities across Western Australia, Tasmania, and the Northern Territory, gaining a deep understanding of public administration and community service delivery.

His leadership and extensive knowledge in Local Government, not-for-profit, commercial and private organisations will be instrumental in supporting the Shire's strategic initiatives and operational efficiency.

Aaron, along with his wife Carey and children Evangeline and Gabriel, has settled well into the Lake Grace community.

Aaron is currently acting Chief Executive Officer whilst Alan is on a well deserved break. Alan will be returning in the office on 10 March.

Highlights from Council

Highlights from the 12 February 2025 Council Meeting:

- **Local Government Elections 2025:** Council has appointed the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) to conduct the Shire's Ordinary Elections on 18 October 2025 as a postal election.
- **Remote GP Services Advocacy:** The Council has endorsed a position paper advocating for improved remote GP services, which has been submitted to the Federal Government for budget consideration.
- **New Privacy and Data Breach Policies:** The Council has adopted new policies to align with state legislative requirements regarding privacy and responsible information sharing.

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Next Council Meeting

3.30pm, Wednesday 26 March

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

the growing centre

Highlights from Council continued...

- **Budget Review:** A mid-year 2024-25 budget review was approved, reflecting financial adjustments, including grant allocations, expenditure updates, and surplus projections.
- **Annual Electors Meeting:** The Shire of Lake Grace held its Annual Meeting of Electors on Wednesday, 12 February 2025, at the Council Chambers. The meeting provided an opportunity for community members to receive reports on the Shire's operations and financial performance for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Key components of the 2023/2024 Annual Report were presented:

- **President's Report:** Shire President Cr Armstrong provided an overview of the past year's achievements, challenges, and ongoing projects. The report was formally received and accepted by Council.
 - **Chief Executive Officer's Report:** CEO Mr. Alan George delivered his report on the administration's activities, major initiatives, and governance matters. The report was accepted unanimously.
 - **Financial Statements:** The financial performance of the Shire for the year ending 30 June 2024 was reviewed, highlighting revenue, expenditure, and financial sustainability.
 - **Auditor's Report:** The Auditor's Report for the year was presented and accepted, confirming compliance with financial regulations and responsible fiscal management.
- **Shire Representatives at Local Progress Meetings:** Shire representatives attended the Lake King Progress Association Meeting on 11 February and has also attended the Varley Progress Association Meeting on 20 February discussing local priorities and development opportunities.
 - **Tourism Advisory Committee Update:** The Shire of Lake Grace Tourism Advisory Committee met on 18 February to discuss key tourism developments, including:
 - The operation of a new Welcome Sign on the main street of Lake Grace.
 - The development of a new comprehensive Tourism Strategy for the entire Shire.
 - Upgrades to the Shire's 'Wave' Signs.



Outdoor Movie Night & Sundowner at Walkers Hill Vinery. The skies were beautiful, but the wind certainly wasn't. Thanks to those who braved the cool evening and joined us for pizzas and drinks on the lawn.





Teddy Bears Picnic

We're Going on a Bear Hunt! Bring your teddy and join us
for stories, activities, and morning tea.



When: Tuesday 4th March

Time: 9.30am - 11am

Where: Lake Grace All Abilities Playground

Who: All kids under 5 with their Parent/ Guardian

Please contact the Shire with any dietary requirements

Ph: 9890 2500 E: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Lake Grace Swimming Pool

Tuesday to Sunday: 12 noon - 6.00pm
MONDAY - CLOSED (except for early morning)
Early Morning Swimming:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5.30am - 7.00am

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@lakegrace.wa.gov.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 each month (subject to change).

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

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 4 March 18 March	Tuesday 11 March 25 March

Shire of Lake Grace

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