Shire of Lake Grace

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Lake Grace O Newdegate O Lake King O Varley O Pingaring

From the Chief Executive Officer

Let's begin with some Bouquets and Brickbats...

Bouquets

It's been a big couple of weeks in the Shire of Lake Grace. First, the inaugural Lakes Without Brakes was a raging success with vehicles coming from far and wide. Indications are from the comments on social media that it will be even bigger next year. Congratulations to all involved, from the original thought bubble to the finished product.

Second, Lake Grace Bowling Club Mens team winning its first grand final in 47 years. With a good mix of youth and experience coming through it was a testament to perseverance over the years. It was a bittersweet experience as the win was over Newdegate. It was a hard fought battle only decided over the last few ends.

Congratulations go to the Newdegate ladies who won their grand final against Kulin. With 3 teams from the shire in the grand finals it just goes to show the talent we have in all ages.

Congratulations goes to Dr Bryan Fleming, our long serving dentist, for receiving not one, but 2 gongs in the recent WA Rural Health Excellence Awards. He received the Allied Health Professional of the Year and the Chair's Award.

We thank you for providing your service to the Shire of Lake Grace over many years.

Brickbats

The proliferation of skid marks on bitumen roads from cars doing burnouts is ridiculous. The only winners are tyre manufacturers, car part suppliers and fuel stations. Someone is going to lose control and get hurt someday and of course it won't be their fault it will be someone else's. There are many burnout competitions and tracks around the state with proper burnout pads and practice times, so do your thing there not on our roads.

To those people who went swimming in the town oval irrigation dam and managed to tip the pontoon over that had the pump on it. The pump ran dry and was a write off. A new one will take a couple of months to arrive. We are investigating the matter and if the persons are identified they will be receiving a bill in the mail.

Alan George, Chief Executive Officer ceo@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Next Council Meeting

3.30pm, Wednesday 23 April

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

Highlights from Council

Highlights from the 26 March 2025 Council Meeting:

- Surplus funds from a completed road job was approved to be transferred to Urban Stormwater Drainage to alleviate flooding on the corner of Bishop and Absolon streets and the CRC. Works will be completed during the April school holidays.
- Four planning approvals were approved under delegation during February one for a new CBH grain handling facility on Newdegate- Ravensthorpe Rd in Newdegate and 3 new Crisp Wireless communications towers with one in Varley and 2 in the Lake King area.
- Council approved the adoption of the Draft Road Safety Policy 2025
- Council endorsed the immediate implementation of amendments to the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference.
- Council received the submission of a Motion to the ALGA National General Assembly from the Shires of Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Kojonup, Lake Grace, Narembeen and Ravensthorpe (Alliance of RM 6 and RM 7 Councils) to assist in funds associated with attracting and retaining general practitioners.

As mentioned back in February, the council is liaising with 5 other councils regarding the provision of GP services in remote and rural locations. A submission was put to the Federal Government for budget consideration. The recent federal budget did have some money in there for healthcare but the benefits will remain to be seen.

The next focus for the alliance of councils is attending the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra being held in June. A motion has been prepared and submitted seeking funding assistance from the government in support for the provision of GP services in remote and rural councils. A small delegation will attend the assembly and undertake talks with the relevant government ministers and departments whilst there.

As always the full Minutes are available to read on our website and also in audio form. https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/

JOB OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS OFFICER

This role is 12 months maternity leave cover. We will negotiate part time hours for the right candidate, and ongoing employment could be offered to the right person.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 24 APRIL 4PM

To apply, complete the application package available from www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/employment

Call 9890 2500 for more information

Do you want to contribute to shaping the Shire's communities and ensuring they remain a wonderful place to live and work?

Check out our current Community Engagement and Events Officer opportunity.

More information can be found on page 4.





Shire of Lake Grace, the growing centre

Youth Week WA 2025 - Lakes Youth Challenge

The Shire of Lake Grace is excited to bring Youth Week WA festivities back for 2025.

Thanks to a Department of Communities Youth Week WA grant, funding from the Shire, and support from Lake Grace Golf Club, Lake Grace Police Station, and Lake Grace District High School P&C, we will be hosting two events during the week.

Our first event will be the Youth Blue Light Disco on Friday 11 April, followed by our Lakes Youth Challenge Day on Wednesday 16 April. Can't wait to see you all there!



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Community Engagement and Events Officer

12 Months Maternity Leave Cover

The Shire of Lake Grace is seeking a Community Engagement and Events Officer to join our Team on a full-time basis for 12 months maternity leave cover.

We will negotiate part time hours for the right candidate, and ongoing employment could be offered to the right person.

As the Community Engagement and Events Officer, you will work alongside the Community Economic Development Officer to engage with local youth, seniors and the wider community.

The right candidate will receive an above award rate salary plus 11.5% superannuation guarantee, leave loading, monthly RDO, uniform allowance.

To apply please complete the application package which can be downloaded from www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/employment

Alternatively contact Deputy CEO Aaron Wooldridge or Executive Assistant Alex Adams on:

Tel: 9890 2500 or email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 4.00pm on Thursday 24 April 2025.



The Shire of Lake Grace is an equal opportunity employer



CALL FOR MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Shire of Lake Grace is calling for community representation on the following Committees of Council:

COMMITTEE	NUMBER OF REPS
Lake Grace Library Resource & Community Resource Centre Management Committee	1

The Committee meets 4 times a year and is responsible for overseeing the management of the Library and CRC facilities according to the joint agreement between the School, Shire and CRC. A community member is to be elected on to the committee once a year.

Please send expressions of interest to shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au or call 9890 2500

Closing date 4:00pm on Friday 18 April

Alan George
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Lake Grace Swimming Pool

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

We look forward to seeing you all in the 2025/2026 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@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 15 April	Tuesday 22 April
29 April	6 May

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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)

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