

Shire of Lake Grace

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Lake Grace ○ Newdegate ○ Lake King ○ Varley ○ Pingaring



From the Chief Executive Officer

On Thursday 24 April we received an email from the Auditor General regarding our 2023/2024 Annual Audit results.

Every year the Auditor General reports to the State Parliament on the results of all local government audits carried out for the financial year. The report for the past 3 years has included a list of the TOP 20 shires who have displayed best practice for timeliness and quality of financial reporting and controls.

I have much pleasure in advising that this year the Shire of Lake Grace has been included in the list of the TOP 20 after narrowly missing out in the previous years. It is considered an honour for shires to be included on the list and it is a reflection on the high standard that we in administration aspire to.

To those officers involved in the audit process and those that contribute to the overall control of the finances throughout the year you should be proud. It may not seem much to everyone else, but it is significant to all those involved. Well done.

We are quietly working away on this coming year's budget with the aim to have it approved by council at the July meeting, including the successful applicants of the Shire's Community Funding Program.

Alan George, Chief Executive Officer
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Highlights from Council

Highlights from the 23 April 2025 Council Meeting:

- Council approved bringing forward the re-sheeting of part of Jarring South Rd from next years budget. The transfer of surplus funds from a roadworks re-sheeting job on Fitzgerald Rd to fund the job. This is funding through the federal government's Roads to Recovery program.
- Council adopted a new Temporary Accommodation Policy and guidelines. The policy will provide guidance to support applications seeking approval for temporary accommodation on private property or in an area other than a caravan park. Previously, local governments could only provide approvals for a maximum of 3 months, or up to 12 months if the proposed arrangement was in a caravan and the person had a building or demolition permit.

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Next Council Meeting

3.30pm, Wednesday 28 May

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...

Standard camping approvals for longer than 3 months required a separate application to the Minister for Local Government. Benefits of the simplified process include:

- no approval required if a person intends to camp on private property for 5 days or less
- applications for longer periods can seek approval from the relevant local government rather than the Minister for Local Government
- local governments can now approve all camping applications for up to 24 months
- applicants may re-apply to the local government on expiry of an approval
- local governments can revoke approvals if an applicant fails to meet the conditions of approval.

All applicants will still need to satisfy the existing conditions for these approvals, including meeting health and safety requirements set out in the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997.

- Council approved in principle the establishment of an equestrian facility at Lake King adjacent to the existing recreation facilities subject to some more information being provided and Ministerial approval of a lease.
- Council endorsed a new Recruitment and Selection Policy. The policy establishes consistent, fair, and legally compliant procedures for recruitment across the Shire of Lake Grace, in line with current legislation and best practices.

Community & Events



LAKE GRACE COMMUNITY MENS SHED INC.

FREE YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM
EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 2.30PM, FOR AGES 12+ (DURING SCHOOL TERM)

LAKE GRACE COMMUNITY MENS SHED
25 BENNETT ST, LAKE GRACE

COME ALONG AND TRY YOUR HAND AT A VARIETY OF PROJECTS AND SKILLS

*SIGN IN REGISTER TO BE COMPLETED. ENCLOSED SHOES MUST BE WORN BY ALL. PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME.
QUERIES CAN BE SENT TO: SHIRE@LAKEGRACE.WA.GOV.AU

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A CIRCUS SENSATION
Heart-stopping, Jaw-dropping Circus

ZAP CIRCUS

5 WINNERS
24 WINNERS
WINNER
WINNER

"Charismatic, funny & skills to boot!"
A real FEEL GOOD performance!
- PERTH HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2025
Lake Grace Town Hall | 5.30pm Doors Open

Expression of Interest
Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace if you are interested in providing a preshow supper or selling circus treats.
Ph: 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Government of Western Australia
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

More info: zapcircus.com

Shire of Lake Grace Sporting Oval Rejuvenation Project

Following the exceptionally dry end to 2019 and the challenging conditions in early 2020, the Shire took decisive steps to improve the condition and sustainability of its sporting ovals.



In response to increasing community demand for high-quality playing surfaces, a new, strategic oval maintenance program was introduced. This initiative focused on the implementation of regular aeration, and the systematic application of soil wetters and liquid fertilisers to help restore soil structure and improve turf health across all ovals within the Shire.

In July 2024, the Shire's Manager of Infrastructure Services engaged with Bruno Lopes, Director of BGL Solutions in Katanning, to review and enhance the existing program. Together, they developed a tailored, results-driven turf management plan to elevate the standard of local playing surfaces and deliver long-term benefits for both sporting clubs and the wider community.

This refined program included the selection and planting of three different ryegrass varieties, carefully chosen to suit the region's climate and playing demands. These were sown in preparation for the 2025 winter sports season to ensure consistent coverage, durability under heavy use, and optimal presentation throughout the colder months.



Newdegate hockey oval

In addition, the program incorporated regular applications of soil conditioners and amendments to address nutrient deficiencies, improve organic matter levels, and enhance water retention capacity in the soil profile. These measures have proven vital in helping the turf recover from seasonal stress, particularly after a series of hot, dry summers and extended periods of water restrictions.

As a result of this collaborative and proactive approach, all ovals within the Shire have now benefited from uniform, high-quality turf management. The transformation has been widely praised by local clubs and sporting bodies, with the playing surfaces now regarded as some of the best in the region. This achievement reflects the Shire's commitment to investing in quality infrastructure and ensuring that residents in rural communities have access to safe, high-performance sporting facilities year-round.



From Left to Right: Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King football ovals, and Lake Grace hockey oval



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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 13 May 27 May	Tuesday 20 May 3 June

Shire of Lake Grace

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