

# Shire of Lake Grace

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Lake Grace ○ Newdegate ○ Lake King ○ Varley ○ Pingaring



Image: Amanda Stewart

## Youth focus driving community collaboration

The Shire's Youth Services has undergone a period of expansion, with a number of initiatives and projects established to strengthen relationships between young people and their community, and provide them with the support to identify and act on issues and opportunities they view as important.

Community consultation held in 2023 to guide preparation of the Shire's ten year Strategic Community Plan highlighted the community's desire to see an increase in youth services, events and community engagement throughout the Shire.

A subsequent youth forum, hosted by the Shire of Lake Grace, gave students from Newdegate Primary School and Lake Grace District High School the opportunity to have a say in what those services might look like, both now and in the future.

Some of the priorities identified were increased access to life skills classes and multicultural programs, improved workplace learning options, establishing a youth centre and community garden, more sporting opportunities for 13-16 year olds, and events.

The increased focus on youth and community engagement prompted the Shire to employ an additional staff member in the role of Community Engagement and Events Officer to assist Community Economic Development Officer, Aimee Turnbull, in bringing the Shire and community's aspirations to fruition.

Armed with a wealth of ideas and inspiration from the forum, and recognising the community's existing strengths and assets, the Shire set about engaging with community members, groups, schools and businesses to establish meaningful and sustainable initiatives that benefit our young people, and contribute to a thriving, and connected Shire community.

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### Next Council Meeting

**3.30pm, Wednesday 23 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 focus driving community collaboration cont...

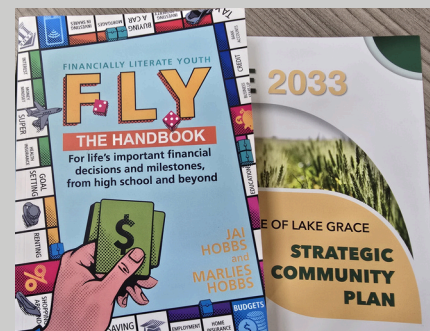
The first initiative established was a Youth Mentoring Program in collaboration with the Lake Grace Men's Shed. This weekly program sees Men's Shed members mentor and impart their technical skills and knowledge onto young people, who are shown how to use tools and equipment to complete projects ranging in size and complexity from chopping boards to seedling benches and planter boxes for the upcoming Community Garden. Donations of tools and money from local businesses and community members, along with funding from the Shire, allowed for the purchase of additional safety equipment and building materials.

Another initiative that has fostered strong relationships is the Shire's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). YAC was formed, after the success of the Youth Forum, to represent the aspirations, views and needs of young people and participate in projects for the benefit of young people in the Shire, and to act as a consultative body on matters arising in Council business, which affect young people.

YAC operates monthly meetings in both Lake Grace and Newdegate, and youth members have been instrumental in planning for the Community Garden, science and art incursions in Newdegate and Lake King, intergenerational events, and circus workshops. It's youth-led focus has also opened up avenues for funding opportunities that have allowed us to successfully host two larger scale Youth Week events.

YAC facilitation is supported by Judy Garlick, Principal of Newdegate Primary School, Amanda Trevenen, Teacher at Lake Grace District High School, Jessie Bielby, Coordinator at Newdegate CRC, and the Shire. It is intended to come under the umbrella of the Lake Grace Development Association (LGDA) as YAC aspirations align closely to those of LGDA which includes the promotion of business, educational, social and cultural development within the Lake Grace community.

Another key project that has been a long time in the making is Financial Literacy workshops for our young people. This was highlighted by youth as a priority very early on, and over the past eighteen months the Shire has been working with Vynka De Vree of Rabo Bank, our local schools and Talk Money to see these happen. Through funding, the Shire has purchased FLY Financially Literate Youth books, which will be distributed to students who participate in upcoming Talk Money and Rabo Bank workshops.



These fantastic workshops and resources will guide youth on topics such as savings, budgeting, employment, tax, investing, superannuation, major purchases and living expenses, renting and buying property.

What's next? The Shire is currently collaborating with Lake Grace District High School to explore topics that were generated at the recent Illuminate the Day workshop held at the Lake Grace Pavilion, in partnership with Corrigin Farm Improvement Group and funded partly by the Future Drought Fund. As part of Year 8, 9 and 10 Project Based Learning we are exploring our community's values, stories, assets, barriers and connections prior to working on opportunities such as career and learning pathways, employment options, 13 - 16 year sporting needs, and town beautification and event projects.





## Youth Mentoring Program



## Use of Shire Rubbish Tips

To ensure smooth operations at all Shire Rubbish Tips, we'd like to remind everyone of the following:

- All rubbish is to be separated into its correct category and dumped at their designated locations.
- Strictly no dumping of tyres in any rubbish tip, including Lake King and Varley.
- Please unload as close to the piles as you can to assist with rubbish push up.



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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](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 24 June 8 July	Tuesday 1 July 15 July

Shire of Lake Grace

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