

Shire of Lake Grace

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Lake Grace ☐ Newdegate ☐ Lake King ☐ Varley ☐ Pingaring

From the Chief Executive Officer

We have been busy finishing off jobs before the end of the financial year in order to keep our books up to date for the new year. The carpark between the All Abilities Playground, Sportsman's Club, and ovals in Lake Grace has been sealed and the new entry statement will be commenced shortly.

The new dam on the southern end of Newdegate airstrip has been completed and it now needs a bit of tidying up, and a pump and pipeline installed. This will ensure that we have enough water to keep the town ovals flourishing (as long as it rains).

The playground behind the tavern in Lake King has begun its makeover with the limestone blocks being laid. Next will come some backfill, new retic and new grass. Then on to the cemetery wall.

Budget preparations are progressing and now that the financial year is over we can work out a more precise starting point as far as funds go.

On Monday 23 June Shire President Cr Len Armstrong, CEO Alan George, the President and CEO of the Shire of Gnowangerup, and Caroline Robinson of 150 Square attended the National General Assembly of Councils in Canberra on behalf of the Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance.

The Alliance presented a motion seeking funding from the federal government to



Representatives of the Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance in Canberra. From L-R: David Nicholson, CEO, and Cr Kate O'Keeffe, President, Shire of Gnowangerup, and Alan George, CEO and Cr Len Armstrong, President, Shire of Lake Grace

assist in the retention and recruitment of general practitioners in remote and rural areas. This motion was passed unanimously and without debate.

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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

the growing centre

Further to this, numerous meetings were held which included the Australian Medical Association, National Rural Health Alliance, the Rural Health Commissioner and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. The results were very encouraging and some further important contacts were provided.

The ABC, Rural Health West and other media outlets put out media releases. This is only the start of the process which is gathering momentum Australia wide.

Manager Infrastructure Services, Craig Elefsen, bids us goodbye on 11 July for greener pastures. Craig commenced with the Shire of Lake Grace on 22 July 2019 as Senior Technical Officer and was thrown into the thick of things 6 months later when he was appointed to his current role.

Since that time Craig's output has been outstanding and has seen many projects being completed, and many bridges being mended along the way. It has been a pleasure working alongside Craig and getting things done across the shire. He will be sorely missed and we wish him, Amy and the family well at Dumbleyung.

Highlights from the 18 June Council Meeting:

This meeting was brought forward a week due to absences, and as such was fairly light on in content.

- Peter Stoffberg was appointed as the independent Presiding Member (Chairperson) of the Shire Audit and Risk Committee
- Ms Catherine Kelly was appointed as Presiding Member (Chairperson) of the Shire Tourism Advisory Committee
- Council approved the affixing of the Shire Seal to the Lease of Portion of Reserve 20321 in Lake King for the Lake King Equestrian Riding Club Inc.

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

A promotional poster for the 'Festival of Small Halls' Winter Tour 2025. The background is dark blue with a starry pattern and hanging string lights. At the top, it says 'WOODFORDIA INC. PRESENTS'. The main title 'Festival of Small Halls' is in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, 'Coming to a Small Town Near You' is written in a smaller, white, cursive font. The tour details 'Winter Tour 2025: Western Australia' and '6th August - 30th August 2025' are in orange. The website 'WWW.FESTIVALOFSMALLHALLS.COM' is at the bottom. Two portraits are featured: Charlie A'Court (CAN) on the left and Emily Barker (AUS) on the right, each in an orange-bordered frame with floral decorations above them.

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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 8 July 22 July	Tuesday 15 July 29 July

Shire of Lake Grace

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