

Shire of Lake Grace

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Community & Events

As we near the end of July, we're busy preparing for a steady stream of workshops and events that will be occurring throughout the shire from now until the end of the year.



First up is Safe4Kids Empowering Families to Protect Children workshop, which will be hosted at Walkers Hill Vineyard on Monday 21 July 2025 at 6.00pm.

This FREE workshop is designed to equip parents, carers, and those who work or volunteer with children with practical tools to help keep children safe from abuse. Led by renowned child protection educator Holly-ann Martin OAM, this workshop offers a compassionate approach to navigating sensitive topics with confidence and care.

This workshop will cover age-appropriate communication with children about body safety, consent, exposure to inappropriate content, and building a safety network. It will also cover topics on Cyber Safety, recognising warning signs of abuse, and what to do or say if a child confides in you about abuse.

Holly-ann brings over 30 years of experience in child abuse prevention education. Her engaging and empathetic teaching style has empowered countless families to foster open, honest, and safe conversations with their children.

Walkers Hill Vineyard will open their doors from 5.00pm, with pizzas available for pre-order. Spaces for this workshop are limited, so be sure to secure your free spot via Humanitix: <https://events.humanitix.com/safe4kids-parent-workshop>.

Festival of Small Halls is returning to the Shire after a successful 2024 winter tour that included a well-supported show in Newdegate. This year's tour will be stopping in Lake Grace, with a performance at the Shire Hall on Wednesday 20 August 2025.

This year's line up includes Canadian musician, Charlie A'Court, and award-winning Australian singer-songwriter Emily Barker, who originally hails from Bridgetown.

Built with a mighty voice, fierce guitar work and contemporary songwriting that is loved by fans across Canada and beyond, A'Court grew up in the deep forests north of his hometown of Truro, Nova Scotia. Acclaimed A'Court spent

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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

his youth playing among the trees and listening to his father's record collection. The rugged and rural countryside offered isolation from the outside world where Charlie could explore his musical horizons. This solitude would form the basis of Charlie's new album, 'San Palarino'.

Emily Barker is an award-winning Australian singer-songwriter. She had early success as the writer and performer of the theme to the hugely successful BBC/PBS masterpiece crime drama 'Wallander' starring Kenneth Branagh, and has since gone on to forge an acclaimed catalogue of releases. Barker has announced her new album, *Fragile as Humans*, produced at English studio The Wool Hall by Luke Potashnick (Gabrielle Aplin, Jack Savoretti, Alberta Cross). It's her first album for nearly four years, following *A Dark Murmuration of Words*, which Uncut called '...a kind of Australian equivalent of PJ Harvey's *Let England Shake*'.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.festivalofsmallhalls.com/lake-grace-2025/ or from the Shire office. Doors will open at 6.00pm with Walkers Hill Vineyard providing a bar service, and serving up some classics for dinner. A selection of sweets and a cuppa will be available during intermission.



Census



The Census Test is on Tuesday 5 August 2025

The Census is a snapshot of Australia and tells the story of how we're changing. Census data informs planning for schools, health care, transport and infrastructure. It's also used to help plan local services for individuals, families and communities. The next Census is in 2026.

In preparation for the 2026 Census, the Australian Bureau of Statistics is running a Census Test in the Wheatbelt. The Test will help the ABS make sure the next Census captures the right information and is easier for people to complete. If your household is selected for the Census Test, you'll get a letter with instructions on how to complete online or a paper form. Not everyone will be asked to participate in the Census Test. If you don't receive instructions in the mail, there's nothing you need to do.

The Census Test will ask questions about your household on Census Test night, Tuesday 5 August 2025. You can complete the form as soon as you receive instructions, if you know who will be home on Census Test night. All personal information collected is kept safe and is not shared with anyone. You and your household can't be identified by the information you provide in the Census Test.

Visit www.census.abs.gov.au/about for more information.



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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 22 July 5 August	Tuesday 29 July 12 August

Shire of Lake Grace

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)

Postal Address: PO Box 50, Lake Grace, WA 6353

Website: www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

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