

Shire of Lake Grace

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Lake Grace ○ Newdegate ○ Lake King ○ Varley ○ Pingaring

From the Chief Executive Officer

Congratulations to all the Grand Final winners across the Shire and commiserations to those that didn't quite make it.

It's been a mixed bag with the weather lately so let's hope it settles down before too long. Driving around there are some pretty good crops around the place, no wonder CBH is frantically trying to move existing piles to make room. It would appear that the new facility at Newdegate won't quite be ready for the onslaught.

The winter grading has now been completed, and attention will now be given to road construction involving re-sheeting and sealing works. Please be vigilant on the roads as Main Roads have recommenced the shoulder widening between Lake Grace and Newdegate.

We are still seeking a Manager of Infrastructure Services to fill the vacant position. We are also on the lookout for an Executive Assistant to replace Alex Adams who is relocating to Albany for personal reasons. This is an ideal job if you are looking for diversity in what you do with no 2 days being the same.

Cr Ross Chappell attended his last council meeting on the 17th September after 16 years on council. Shire President, Len Armstrong thanked Cr Chappell for his service and highlighted his many

achievements during his time on council, including:

- Representation on the Rural Water Council campaigning for the preservation of dams throughout the Central Wheatbelt that were earmarked for destruction by the state government
- Lengthy service as Council representative and volunteer for Bush Fire Brigades and St John Ambulance
- Ten years advocating for improvements to local railway crossings
- Representing council at Progress and Development Associations throughout the Shire
- Light upgrades at the Lake Grace airstrip
- Advocating for doctor and medical services throughout the Shire

Alan George, Chief Executive Officer
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Next Council Meeting

3.30pm, Wednesday 22 October

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

Highlights from the **17 September 2025** Council Meeting:

- Council approved a Development application for a proposed light industry, commercial vehicle parking and caretaker's dwelling in Lake King, subject to conditions. It is good to see another business in town.
- Council received information on a planned heavy haulage route through Frenchs and Carstairs Road to the boundary with the Shire of Kondinin. At this stage it is only in the planning stage however it is anticipated that there will be 500,000t per annum of gold bearing ore being transported from a gold mine in the Ravensthorpe area to a crushing plant located at the now closed Cosmic Boy mining operation near Forrestania. This will have a major effect on those local roads and planning will shortly begin regarding the upgrade and future maintenance of those roads. We will be looking at a user pays formula that does not put the costs solely upon the shire ratepayers and residents.
- Council approved the use of part of a shire road reserve on Dragon Rocks Road as part of a research project by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. This is part of a research project on the threatened *Caladenia graniticola* (Pingaring spider orchid). This involves the installation of some fencing, water tank and irrigation system and monitoring equipment. The aim is to evaluate whether increasing water availability during autumn and early winter through supplementary irrigation will improve the threat of survival of the species as a result of reduced rainfall.

RESULTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

Nominations for the 2025 Local Government Elections closed on 4 September. At the close of nominations the number of candidates was equal to the number of available seats, therefore an election will not be conducted.

The following people were elected unopposed as councillors for the Lake Grace District. Each councillor will hold office until 20 October 2029:

KUCHLING, Anton

HYDE, Benjamin

HUNT, Stephen

ROCHE, Jennifer

Congratulations to the councillors elect, who will be sworn in at the October meeting of council.



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SHIRE OF LAKE GRACE PUBLIC NOTICE ROADWORKS BIDDY- CAMM ROAD

Undertaking Company: Lake Grace Earthmoving on behalf of the Shire of Lake Grace

Work Location: Biddy Camm Road SLK 4.25-12.07 (from the Lake Grace tip end of seal to the intersection with Beenong Road North. Intersection itself is not included in the works)

Work Length: 7.82 kilometres.

Type of Works: Extensive drainage works, gravel resheeting of road.

Approximate Duration: Tuesday 23 September 2025 to Friday 17 October 2025.

Traffic Management: Road closed to through traffic--please find alternate routes around this roadworks section. Farmers accessing their land on this section of road are allowed through.

ALAN GEORGE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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WORKSHOPS/GAMES**

**10:30-
12:30**

**YEAR 2 - YEAR 4
SHOWCASE AT 12:15**

**1:00-
3:00**

**YEAR 5+
SHOWCASE AT 2:45**

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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 30 September 14 October	Tuesday 7 October 21 October

Shire of Lake Grace

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