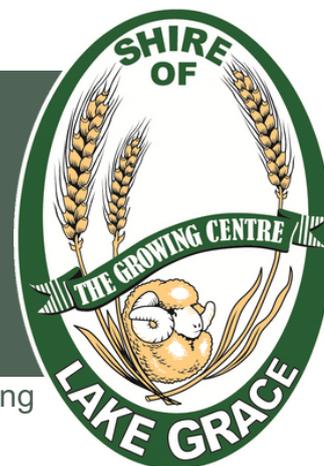


Shire of Lake Grace

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Lake Grace ○ Newdegate ○ Lake King ○ Varley ○ Pingaring

From the Chief Executive Officer

As the year nears its end and what appears to be another bumper harvest is in full swing it is timely to remind all those who use our nearly 2,200 km of gravel roads that the roads will deteriorate during harvest. An increase in the number of truck movements and truck sizes puts a huge strain on our roads. Our grader drivers and contract grader drivers do an excellent job throughout the year leading up to harvest only to see the roads deteriorate rapidly during harvest. Unfortunately they cannot be everywhere at once and cannot move anywhere at the drop of a hat. This is where those using the roads to cart their grain can greatly assist. Farmers, have a word with your truck drivers and get them to slow down on the gravel roads to try and keep them in a better condition. A drop in speed to 80kmh whilst on the gravel won't add that much to the travel time and you will still get your grain to the bin.

We welcome Mr Philip Burgess to the Shire as our new Manager of Infrastructure Services. He has many years experience in this position at a number of shires throughout WA. We are still looking for an Executive Assistant, Community Development Officer and truck Driver/General Hand.

To update on several projects across the Shire;

- The tender to carry out the headworks to create 21 more residential lots in the new subdivision in Lake Gace has closed and is currently being analysed.
- The development of 5 additional light industrial lots in Dewar St Lake Grace by Development WA is still in the tender development stage due to a few delays.

- The renovations to the Newdegate swimming pool are rapidly reaching a conclusion. It may be ready to open in time for Vacs Swim but we will have to play that by ear at this stage.
- We are working with Water Corp to get water from their dams for the sports ovals.
- The new swing has been installed at the Lake King playground. We are still waiting on the landscaping to be completed.
- We have received some funding for a 250kl water tank to be placed in Lake King for emergency water and firefighting purposes.
- Varley rubbish tip continues to be a problem with what appears to be rubbish being brought in from out of the area. We are working on a possible way to overcome this.

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

Next Council Meeting

3.30pm, Wednesday 17 December

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 **26 November 2025** Council Meeting:

- Council approved the Extractive industries-Planning Information Sheet. The purpose of the information sheet is to alert the owners of all rural land in the Shire of the Shire's approval requirements and the circumstances under which an exemption to the need for development approval will apply so extractive industries are developed in accordance with all the relevant requirements and we don't end up having to deal with any issues that may arise. Details are on our website.
- Council approved the schedule of council meetings for the next year. Again, details will be on our website.
- Council met behind closed doors to consider the nominations for the various categories of the Citizen of the Year Awards. There were quite a few nominations received and all will be revealed in the new year.
- Please have a happy and safe festive season from all of us at the Shire of Lake Grace.

Welcome message from our new Manager of Infrastructure Services



"I'm originally from New Zealand and have now called Western Australia home for more than ten years, working across various roles in Local Government. Before moving to WA, I served around 37 years in the New Zealand Army and spent a further three years with the NZ Government.

My first six years here were spent in remote Halls Creek, followed by my most recent role in Woodanilling. After just one week in Lake Grace, I'm already feeling very welcomed and am thoroughly enjoying my time so far. I'm looking forward to the challenges and opportunities this role brings, and to working closely with the community."

Philip Burgess, Manager Infrastructure Services
mis@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

**CHRISTMAS SEASON
OFFICE HOURS**

The Shire of Lake Grace Office will be closed
this festive season from
12pm Wed 24th Dec - 8:30am Mon 5th Jan.

*We wish you all a
Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!*

Image credit: Roger Ben Photography



CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT!

7:00pm

Friday 12th December

Lake Grace Visitor
Centre Lawn



BYO blankets, chairs
& nibbles
\$3 bags of popcorn
available

For more information, contact Mikaela Counsel

cec@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

(08) 9890 2500



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Lake Grace Swimming Pool

OPEN FOR THE SEASON

Mon: 5:30am - 7:00am

Tues: 5:30am - 7:00am & 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Wed: 5:30am - 7:00am & 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Thurs: 5:30am - 7:00am & 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Fri: 5:30am - 7:00am & 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Sat: 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Sun: 12:00pm - 6:00pm

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 9 December 23 December	Tuesday 16 December 30 December

Shire of Lake Grace

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