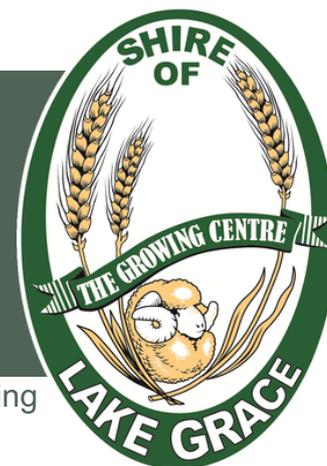


Shire of Lake Grace

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Lake Grace ○ Newdegate ○ Lake King ○ Varley ○ Pingaring

From the Chief Executive Officer

Welcome back to a new year and I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

I would like to start off by acknowledging the dedication and hard work of our local bushfire brigades and volunteers who were involved with the Dunn Rock Reserve bush fire which started on 16 January due to a lightning strike. The long hours put in by these dedicated volunteers and farmers is a credit to all those concerned. I attended the fire ground on the Monday and saw first hand our guys in action and operating in very trying conditions. DFES and DBCA set up a command station at the Lake King fire shed which was a hive of activity.

With the fire escalating our crews received much needed assistance with other crews coming from such places as Roleystone, Gin Gin, and Bornholm to name a few, as well as from our neighbouring shires. It was teamwork at it's best and without their assistance it could have been much worse.

To those people volunteering their time with food preparation and delivery, thanks go out to you. To Jo and Kylie from the office who in the middle of the night were called on to open an evacuation centre in the Newdegate sports pavilion, not once but twice, and keeping me informed at all hours, a big thank you.

Finally, to those members of the brigade, who after many hours working on our fire with limited downtime, who then volunteered their time to assist with the Fitzgerald fire, thank you on behalf of the Ravensthorpe and Jerramungup Shires.

Congratulations go to those worthy recipients of the Shire Australia Day awards whether it be for your long years of dedicated service or those with the innovative thinking to bring new ideas or facilities to the communities.

The tender has been awarded to carry out the headworks for the creation of the 21 lot housing subdivision to the east of Wattle Drive. The successful tender was received from Lake Grace Earthmoving.

A reminder that the annual Electors Meeting is being held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 4th February in the council chambers in Lake Grace and the public meeting on Friday 6th February at the Lake Grace Town Hall to discuss the findings of the survey held for the future of the Pink Building on Stubbs St Lake Grace. Also a reminder that we are still seeking to fill a couple of administration positions within the shire office.

The next council meeting is being held a week early on 18th February.

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

Next Council Meeting

3.30pm, Wednesday 18 February

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

Community Citizen of the Year Awards 2026

The Community Citizen of the Year Awards recognise individuals and organisations making a notable contribution during the year, or to those who have given outstanding service over a number of years. The Awards were presented by the Shire of Lake Grace on January 26th alongside a community Australia Day breakfast hosted and organised by the Lake Grace Lions Club.

Active citizenship and community service contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of a community. Nowhere is this more important than rural communities, where the positive effects of volunteering, community service, and 'pitching in' are keenly felt and noticed.

We congratulate all recipients for their awards and celebrate them as role models who inspire us with their achievements. These Awards are proudly sponsored by Department of Communities; supported by Channel 9, 6PR and WAToday; and delivered in partnership with Auspire – Australia Day Council WA.



Newdegate flyover pilots



L-R Cr Jennifer Roche, Christopher Harvey, Victoria Desmond, Christine Fyfe, Ross Chappell, Cr Steve Hunt



Lake Grace award recipient Ross Chappell raising the Australian Flag



Cr Jennifer Roche and Cr Steve Hunt presenting the Lake Grace awards



Claire Ness on behalf of Natalie Thompson, Cr Len Armstrong



Community Citizen of the Year Awards 2026 cont.



Community Citizen of the Year (Lake Grace)
Christine Fyfe



Senior Community Citizen of the Year (Lake Grace)
Ross Chappell



Young Community Citizen of the Year (Lake Grace)
Joseph Goy



Active Citizenship - Group or Event (Lake Grace) **All Abilities Playground Committee**



Community Citizen of the Year (Newdegate)
Natalie Thompson



Senior Community Citizen of the Year (Newdegate)
Lynnette Ellard



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 3 February 17 February	Tuesday 27 January 10 February

Shire of Lake Grace

Telephone: 08 9890 2500 (8.00am–5.00pm) | Email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

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