

Shire of Lake Grace

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From the Acting Chief Executive Officer

Over the past month, the Shire experienced a significant weather event when a freak storm passed through the district on Monday 9th of February. Unfortunately, the storm caused considerable damage to several areas of Shire infrastructure, most notably the fencing at the Lake Grace Swimming Pool. The damage sustained to the fencing was extensive and the Shire is currently working with our insurers to assess the site and determine the best course of action for replacement.

It is anticipated that replacement works will likely occur during the pool off-season, potentially in April, to minimise disruption to pool users and the community. As part of the assessment process, the Shire will also consider the potential removal of one or more trees located on the southern side of the pool area facing the oval. These trees have previously posed a risk due to falling branches and, following the recent storm damage, Council will assess whether removal is necessary to improve safety and reduce the likelihood of future damage to the facility.

Council is also pleased to welcome several new staff members who have recently joined the Shire team. Christopher Scott (Andy) and Nakita Archer have commenced as Plant Operators/General Hands and will be assisting with works across the district. Elize Janse van Rensberg has joined the Shire as the casual cleaner for the Varley Hall, while Steele Wilcox has commenced as a trainee in Horticulture. We welcome them to the organisation and look forward to the contributions they will make to supporting services and facilities across the Shire.

In addition, the State Government's Local Government Reform program will introduce several governance changes commencing in 2026. One of these changes will see the Shire's existing Audit Committee transition to an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) by 30 June 2026. The new committee structure will broaden the committee's focus to include risk management and continuous improvement across the organisation.

Under the new requirements, the ARIC must include an independent Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. The Shire is currently seeking a suitable individual from the community or wider region who may be interested in joining the committee as the independent Deputy Chairperson in accordance with section 7.1A of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government Amendment Act 2024.

Anyone interested in learning more about the role or wishing to express their interest is encouraged to contact the Shire office to discuss the position further with the Deputy CEO, Mr Aaron Wooldridge.

Aaron Wooldridge, Acting Chief Executive Officer
dceo@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Next Council Meeting

3.30pm, Wednesday 25 March

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



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Expression of Interest...

Are you aged 10-17 and
would like to have a voice
in youth related matters?

YAC might be perfect for
you! Contact us for an
application form.



For more information or to join YAC, contact Mikaela Counsel

cec@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

(08) 9890 2500



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MARCH 17,
2026

BMX WORKSHOP



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3:30PM - 5:30PM

PUMP TRACK, ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Lake Grace Swimming Pool

SEASON CLOSING 29th MARCH

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 17 March 31 March	Tuesday 24 March 7 April

Shire of Lake Grace

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

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