

Shire of Lake Grace

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From the Acting Chief Executive Officer

The Shire of Lake Grace Council met on Wednesday, 17 June 2026, with several important matters considered and resolved.

Supporting Local Events

Council endorsed a significant change for one of the district's most popular annual events, approving the Shire to take ownership, management and organisation of the Harvest Festival. Following advice from the Lake Grace Community Resource Centre that it no longer has the capacity to coordinate the event, the Shire's Community Development team will now oversee its delivery. Council also approved an increase in the annual event budget from \$10,000 to \$15,000, ensuring the Harvest Festival can continue to grow as a valued community celebration while also supporting tourism across the district.

Regional Tourism Funding Request

Council considered a request from the Hyden Progress Association seeking a \$10,000 contribution towards the proposed Wave Rock (Katter Kich) Discovery Centre project. After careful consideration, Council resolved not to support the request, determining that any investment outside the Shire should demonstrate a clear and direct benefit to the Lake Grace community and its ratepayers.

Financial Performance

Council endorsed the monthly financial reports for the period ending 31 May 2026, with the Shire continuing to demonstrate sound financial management. Highlights included:

- Operating revenue remaining slightly above budget.
- Operating expenditure tracking below budget.

- A rates collection rate of 98%, reflecting strong payment performance across the district.
- Healthy cash reserves and investments supporting the Shire's ongoing financial sustainability.

Council also ratified accounts for payment totalling \$1.459 million for the month of May.

The Shire of Lake Grace administration and elected members would like to offer their sincere condolences to the Iffla family following the passing of Robin (Bob) Iffla. Bob was a valued and prominent member of the community and we honor his contributions.

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

Next Council Meeting

3.30pm, Wednesday 22 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



Stallholders Wanted

If you are interested in holding a stall at this year's Harvest Festival, please contact Evelyn at the Shire of Lake Grace at evelyn.oatridge@lakegrace.wa.gov.au or 9890 2500



Thursday 17 December



4pm - 8pm



All Abilities Playground



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COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

Expression of Interest...

The Lake Grace Community Garden is looking for passionate locals to establish a community group to help in the planning and design stage of this project.

So far we have:

- Removed old playground equipment
 - Removed dangerous trees
 - Leveled the ground
- Removed asbestos fence
- Installed a new fence

For more information or to join the committee, contact Mikaela Counsel

mikaela.counsel@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

(08) 9890 2500



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Lake Grace Swimming Pool

CLOSED FOR THE 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

Open every day

Varley

Closed

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 June 23 June	Tuesday 16 June 30 June

Shire of Lake Grace

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

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