

# Shire of Lake Grace

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### From the Chief Executive Officer

The last few days of May have seen a bit of action around Lake Grace town.

Crossing signals have now been installed at the rail crossing on Mather St and the stop signs have been removed which will be welcomed by those using the crossing on a regular basis. Main Roads surveyors have started work on the Stubbs St – South Rd – Kulin-Lake Grace Rd intersection. The following improvements are planned and will be most welcomed;

- Extension of kerbing in front of the Liberty fuel station (scheduled 2-3 June) – traffic management will be in place
  - Upgrades to signage and line marking
  - Installation of yellow high-friction surfacing on the approaches of Kulin-Lake Grace Road and South Rd (Albany-Lake Grace Road)
  - Installation of two vehicle activated signs (stop sign ahead) on South Rd (Albany-Lake Grace Road). These will be installed towards the end of the year as they are manufactured to order.
- The kerbing works are scheduled to commence next week on 2 – 3 June.
- The Shire mid-year audit has been carried out by the office of the Auditor General appointed auditors. We put out a call on behalf of the Geological Survey of Western Australia, who are working with the Australian National University, for anyone within a radius of 20 km from Newdegate to host an earthquake monitoring station. To date we have received no interest. The footprint is only about one square metre. A site needs to be quiet, that is away from road or rail noise and ideally a few km away from a main road, and needs to have Telstra signal for transmitting the data. If anyone is interested please contact us.

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A meeting was held in Newdegate last week with regards to setting up a new daycare site in the old ambulance building. Everyone went away with a bit of work to progress the plans. Well done to the volunteers and machinery dealers for this year's seeding of the Newdegate Community Crop at the Newdegate Research Station.

Alan George, Chief Executive Officer  
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### Next Council Meeting

**3.30pm, Wednesday 17 June**

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](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

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## Highlights from the 27 May Council Meeting

Preceding the commencement of the meeting a Budget workshop was held outlining the process for this year, highlighting works and capital expenses earmarked so far for the coming year. This process will continue over the next month or so to finalise the budget.

The meeting started with a presentation from Michelle Slarke on behalf of the Lake Grace Heritage Society on the history of the Uniting Church and encouraging the preservation of the church. This was followed by Jacquie Garrett, on behalf of Annie Slarke, the Lake Grace Op Shop Co-ordinator advocating for the future of the Op Shop. Full details can be found on the Shire website meeting recording.

- The future of the Uniting Church/Op Shop was an agenda item with 3 options being put forward. After much discussion Council voted 6 for and 1 against that Council:
  1. Authorises the shire administration to take the necessary steps, to demolish and dispose of the Uniting Church, except for the front portico and the caretaker's cottage.
  2. The vacant land be prepared for future building envelopes.
  3. Administration to assist in the relocation of the Op Shop prior to demolition.

Council administration will work to assist the Op Shop in it's transition however this and the works will take some time to organise and will not happen overnight.

- Council approved the change in date for the June Council meeting to the 17<sup>th</sup> June as the President and CEO will not be present on the 24<sup>th</sup> June as they will be in Canberra advocating on behalf of the Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance for funding to assist with the provision of doctors in rural and remote areas.
- The structural report for the Pink Building/Barn at 15 Stubbs St Lake Grace has been received and tabled and it will be taken to further public consultation in line with the community meeting held on 6 February.
- In accordance with the Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA), Council ratified the Lakes Combined Local Emergency Management Arrangement (LEMA) and the Shire of Lake Grace Local Recovery Plan.
- Council endorsed the Bushfire Risk Management Plan (2026)
- Council supported the rezoning of Lots 139 and 148 May St, Newdegate to 'Service Commercial' as requested by Development WA to bring them in line with the current use.
- Council received a brief on the future of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Program and the suspension of the current program due to funding constraints.
- Some penalty interest on shire rates were approved for write off as they were raised incorrectly.
- Council endorsed the sale by auction of some surplus items of plant and machinery.
- Council approved the appointment of an acting CEO whilst the CEO is on 2 weeks leave in July.
- Council earlier conducted the Annual Performance Review of the CEO and subsequently approved the renewal of the CEO's employment contract for a further 12 months.

Full details of the Council meeting are available on the Shire website.





# 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

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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](http://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<br>23 June | Tuesday 16 June<br>30 June |

Shire of Lake Grace

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