

Shire of Lake Grace

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Lake Grace ○ Newdegate ○ Lake King ○ Varley ○ Pingaring

From the Chief Executive Officer

During the week commencing 22 June, Shire President Len Armstrong and myself flew to Canberra representing the Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance as the lead shire. Other members include the Shires of Gnowangerup, Narembeen, Jerramungup, Kojonup and Ravensthorpe. The Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance convened in Canberra for a hybrid workshop, with both in person and online participation, to bring together rural and remote local governments facing the same problem.

The workshop had three aims;

- to demonstrate that local government funding of GP access is a national, not isolated issue;
- to share evidence and service models from across rural communities;
- and to agree to practical actions to advance a coordinated case to the Commonwealth.

Local governments were represented from Western Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania and South Australia, alongside WALGA, LG NSW, ALGA, the National Rural Health Alliance and the Rural Doctors Association of Australia.

Several other meetings with politicians and related parties were held to try and get some assistance moving forward. It was however hampered by the inability to meet with any Labor politicians.

The fight continues.

Planning continues for the Lake King sports pavilion project with a meeting held recently with the architects and representatives from the Lake King Progress Association to update plans and costings. The Federal Government recently announced another round of the Growing Regions Fund for release this financial year and we want to be prepared to present our submission as soon as it opens. The funding is required to enable the project to progress in the direction we wish it to.

Main Roads is slowly progressing the works at the Stubbs St intersection in Lake Grace so please be aware of the changes.

The communities within the Shire again demonstrated the power of coming together to help family and friends help celebrate the life of well known farming identity Bob Iffla at his recent funeral. A job well done to all. One can't help but feel a bit inadequate when compared to his life's achievements.

We welcome our new Community Emergency Services Manager Matt Clarke to the Shire. He commenced on the 20th July and comes from a similar position at the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale and highly recommended by DFES.

Budget preparations are well underway with workshops being undertaken. We hope to have the budget adopted by Council early in August.

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

Next Council Meeting

3.30pm, Wednesday 26th August

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

From the Ordinary Council Meeting of 22 July 2026:

- Councils, as part of recent local government reforms have been required to form an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and appoint an independent Presiding Member. Councils are now required to appoint a Deputy Presiding Member to act as a 'Proxy' committee member who only attends in the absence of the Presiding Member. Council has appointed Mr Murray Stanton to the position.
- Crs Armstrong and Hunt and the Chief Executive Officer will be attending the Western Australian Local Government Association AGM and Convention in September with both Councillors being registered as voting delegates.
- Council appointed 3 new members to the Shire of Lake Grace Tourist Advisory Committee as community representatives. We welcome Ms Kerrie Argent, Ms Lyn Ellard and Cr Roz Lloyd.
- Council received a list of questions regarding the purchase of 15 Stubbs St, Lake Grace "The Pink Building" and the proposed demolition of the former Uniting Church/Op Shop from a resident. The responses can be viewed in the Minutes of the meeting on the Shire Website.
- Council approved the execution of a new Community Lease between the Shire and the Lake Grace Sportsmans Club.

A bit more rain wouldn't go astray.

Meet our new CESM

My name is Matt Clarke, and I am excited to be joining the Lake Grace, Kent and Dumbleyung communities as the Community Emergency Services Manager.

I've worked in emergency management, bushfire mitigation and local government for a number of years, most recently at the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale.

I have a strong appreciation for the important role volunteers play in keeping our communities safe and I'm particularly keen to work alongside and support our local Bush Fire Brigade volunteers, whose commitment and dedication are such an important part of community safety.

Over the coming months I'm looking forward to learning more about the local communities and gaining a better understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities across the area. If you see me out and about, please feel free to stop and say hello - I am keen to get to know the district and the people who call it home.



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- PERTH HAPPENINGS

ONE SHOW ONLY!

- 28th August 2026 • Newdegate Hall
- Doors open 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start
- This is a free event- no booking required



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Stallholders Wanted

Expressions of Interest

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 - until late



All Abilities Playground



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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 4 August 18 August	Tuesday 11 August 25 August

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