

Refuse Charges

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Water Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007*, Council adopted the following charges for the removal and deposit of domestic and commercial waste:



Weekly Kerbside Collection

Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley (per service) \$127 (GST Free)

Pensioners Discount (Weekly Kerbside Collection 1 service) \$67

Eligibility is defined in the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992.

Recycling Collection

Lake Grace & Newdegate Fortnightly Kerbside Collection per year (per service) \$131 (GST Free)

One of many services your Local Government provides is the Lake Grace Sewerage Scheme

The Shire will provide a customer with the following on request and at no charge:

- Services for account, payment and general enquiries for use by customers with hearing or speech impairment.
- An Interpreter service for account, payment and general enquiries.
- A large-print version of any of the Shire's publicly available documents that relate to the sewerage charges.

Financial Hardship Policy

The Shire will assist a resident who cannot pay the water services portion of a rate notice because of financial hardship in accordance with the Shire's "Financial Hardship Policy".

Approval will be considered where the resident can show that the payment of the water services portion of their rate notice will affect the resident's basic living needs.

Our policy applies only to the water service portion of the rate notice.

If you are having difficulty paying other charges on your rate notice we encourage you to contact our Finance Coordinator. For further information contact the Shire on: (08) 9890 2500

Difficulty paying your rates?

To avoid legal action, please contact our Finance Coordinator on: (08) 9890 2500 to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Direct Debits are available.

We are committed to working with you to find an appropriate payment solution that works for both you and us. We understand that it can be difficult to ask for support, and will treat you sensitively and respectfully.

\$\$ Paying Your Rates \$\$

IN PERSON - Cash, Cheque, Eftpos or money order
1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace WA 6353

BY MAIL - Cheque, credit card or money order (no cash accepted by mail)
PO Box 80, Lake Grace WA 6353

Cheques are to be made payable to Shire of Lake Grace.

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER
Acc: Shire of Lake Grace
BSB: 306-019 Account #: 0125 324
Reference: Assessment number on rates notice

DIRECT DEBIT
To enter into a direct debit agreement please contact the shire office.

VIA OUR WEBSITE - www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au
Follow the prompts for BPOINT bill payments.

2017-18 Due Dates

Pursuant to section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 64(2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council nominated the following due dates for payment in full or by instalments:

Option 1:
Single Full payment due date 13 November 2017

Option 2:
1st Instalment due date 13 November 2017
2nd Instalment due date 12 January 2018

Option 3:
1st Instalment due date 13 November 2017
2nd Instalment due date 12 January 2018
3rd Instalment due date 13 March 2018
4th Instalment due date 14 May 2018

The cost associated with instalment options are
Admin Fee : 4 Instalment Option - \$33
2 Instalment Option - \$11
Instalment Interest— 5.5% per annum

Penalty Interest Charges on Overdue Rates

Under the *Local Government Act 1995* interest is charged on overdue amounts. Council has set the charge at 11% per annum which will be applied to all amounts outstanding after 36 days from the issue date of the rate notice. Penalty interest accrues daily until all overdue rates and charges are paid in full.

Shire of Lake Grace

Your 2017-2018

Rates Summary

The Growing Centre



1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace WA

PO Box 50, Lake Grace WA 6353

Ph: (08) 9890 2500 - Fax: (08) 9890 2599

Email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

General Rates Information

The 2017/18 budget has been prepared with a 2.5% increase in the rate income which is slightly less than the forecast in the Long Term Financial Plan. This increase will vary dependent on any changes to the value of your property. The following general and minimum rates on Gross Rental and Unimproved Values have been imposed.

General Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV) 7.9820 cents in the dollar
Rural Unimproved Value (UV) 0.8217 cents in the dollar

Minimum Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV) \$420
Unimproved Value (UV) \$420

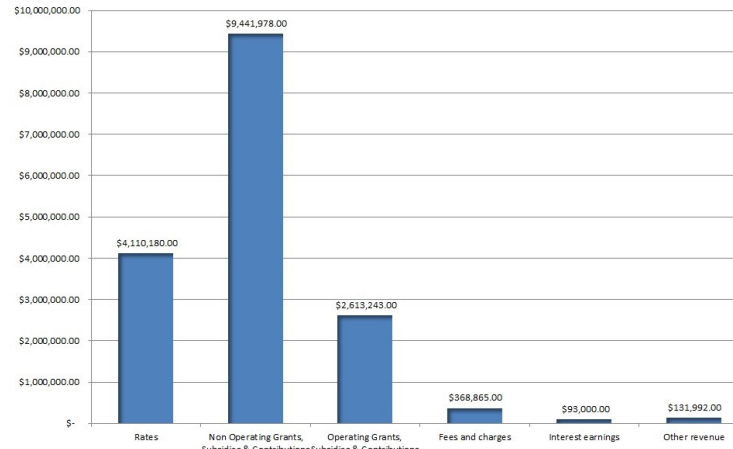
SEWERAGE CHARGES

Lake Grace Sewerage	Cents in \$ or Charge	Basis of Rate	Rateable Value \$	2016/17 Budgeted Revenue \$
Residential	4.1200	GRV	2,424,157	99,875
Commercial	4.1200	GRV	650,747	26,811
Vacant	4.1200	GRV	12,200	503
1 st Major Fixture	\$231.66			7,181
Additional Fixtures	\$103.26			4,647
			Total	139,017

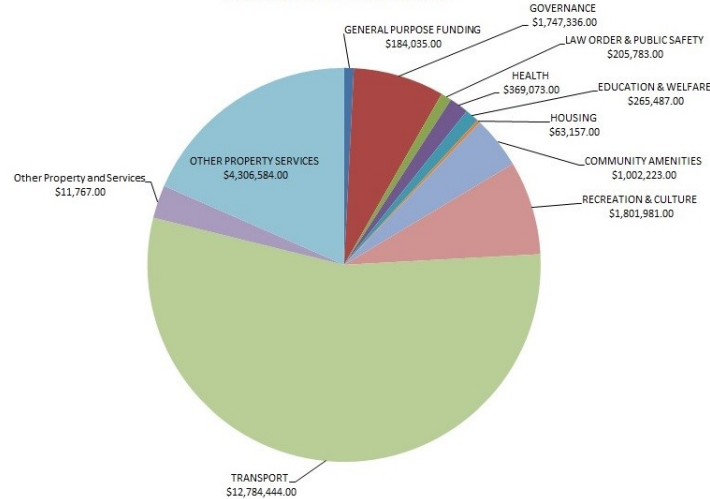
SPECIFIED AREA RATES

Sport and Recreation	Cents in the \$	Basis of Rate	Rateable Value \$	2016/17 Budgeted Revenue \$
Varley	3.4309	GRV	153,203	5,256
Varley	0.1810	UV	40,003,500	72,406
Lake King	2.5814	GRV	290,730	7,505
Lake King	0.2031	UV	59,969,400	121,798
Newdegate	5.0142	GRV	887,404	44,496
Newdegate	0.2363	UV	107,316,500	253,589
Lake Grace	5.2824	GRV	3,358,649	177,417
Lake Grace	0.4449	UV	88,594,700	394,158
			Total	1,076,625

REVENUE SOURCES



OPERATING EXPENDITURE



Borrowings:

There are no new borrowings budgeted for in 2017/18, with the intention to continue the trend of reducing the amount of borrowings outstanding. It is projected that there will be a total of \$1,298,033 in borrowings at the 30 June 2018.

Highlighted Capital Investment :

The focus for the coming year and funded through our Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements is the commencement of reinstatement works for the local roads affected by the February 2017 Floods. The total reinstatement estimate is \$10,607,882 of which a provision of \$8,031,000 has been allowed for in 2017/18.

The 2017/18 Budget provides for the on-going maintenance of our public buildings and facilities, parks and recreation grounds and our extensive road network, outside of the flood damaged infrastructure.

Infrastructure—Roads

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development Roads to Recovery funding allocation for 2017/18 is \$1,178,346. This will allow us to fund works on Mallee Hill Road, Beynon Road, White Dam Road, Burns Road and Webb Road (\$422,092). These funds are also set aside to reseal various town streets and rural roads. Our Regional Road Group projects will see the final 4.05km of Holt Rock South Road sealed (\$409,152), and the upgrade of Magenta Road for 3km from the end of the existing seal (\$199,473). We have successfully obtained \$69,031 in Black Spot funding to re-align and widen sharp curves on the North Lake Grace – Karlgarin Road.

An emphasis will be placed on the clearing of shoulders and back slopes throughout the Shire on our A and B Class roads, improving visibility and safety for our road users.

Infrastructure—Parks & Ovals

The 2017/18 Budget includes the resurfacing of the Lake Grace Swimming Pool (\$54,120). Any delay in rejuvenating the interior surface of the pool, would lead to considerable larger costs in a year or two. Funds have also been identified for the improved maintenance of the Shire's playgrounds, and in support of the application for external funding for the upgrade of the Lake King Hall's playground.

Property, Plant and Equipment

The Lake Grace Independent Living Units are due for completion in October, and will be available this year for occupancy, thus providing a comfortable home for local people to stay in their community. Funds of \$214,549 are allocated to the Lake Grace Sporting Precinct in partnership with funding of \$119,549 from the Federal Government Stronger Regions fund. These works will be finalised this year, and will ensure that the facilities in the building meet the needs of the community.

The Newdegate Skate Park and All Ages Playground will be constructed during 2017/18 and whilst it is funded by the community, the continued maintenance will need to be absorbed within the Shire of Lake Grace's Budget.

Other projects include acoustic improvements at the Newdegate Recreation Centre and Lake Grace Pavilion and a kitchen upgrade for the Newdegate Golf & Bowling Club.

The 2017/18 budget includes Plant upgrades of \$410,510.