

**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) \$126 (GST Free)

Pensioners Discount (Weekly Kerbside Collection 1 service) \$66

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

**Recycling Collection**

Lake Grace & Newdegate Fortnightly Kerbside Collection per year (per service) \$130 (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:

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

**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](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)  
Follow the prompts for BPOINT bill payments.

**2016-17 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:

<b>Option 1:</b>	
Single Full payment due date	3 November 2016
<b>Option 2:</b>	
1st Instalment due date	3 November 2016
2nd Instalment due date	3 January 2017
<b>Option 3:</b>	
1st Instalment due date	3 November 2016
2nd Instalment due date	3 January 2017
3rd Instalment due date	3 March 2017
4th Instalment due date	3 May 2017

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 2016-2017**

**Rates Summary**

*The Growing Centre*



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PO Box 50, Lake Grace WA 6353  
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Email: [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au)**

# General Rates Information

The 2016/17 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) 9.1239 cents in the dollar  
 Rural Unimproved Value (UV) 0.8842 cents in the dollar

### Minimum Rates

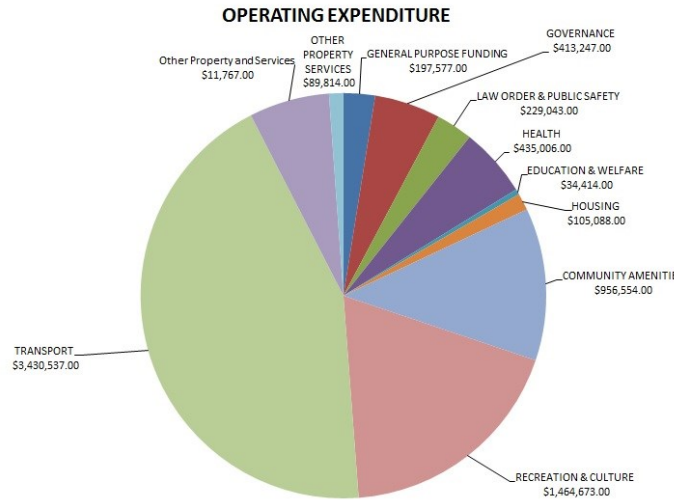
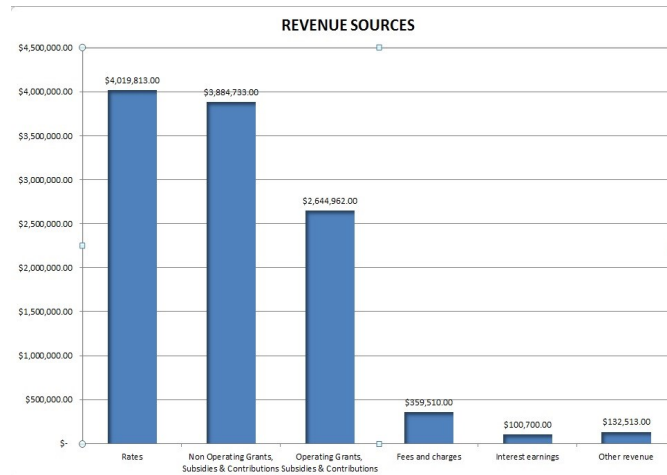
Gross Rental Value (GRV) \$410  
 Unimproved Value (UV) \$410

### SEWERAGE CHARGES

Lake Grace Sewerage	Cents in \$ or Charge	Basis of Rate	Rateable Value \$	2016/17 Budgeted Revenue \$
Residential	4.5812	GRV	1,964,018	89,976
Commercial	4.5812	GRV	618,713	28,344
Vacant	4.5812	GRV	145,788	6,679
1 <sup>st</sup> Major Fixture	\$231.66			6,950
Additional Fixtures	\$103.26			4,647
			<b>Total</b>	<b>136,596</b>

### SPECIFIED AREA RATES

Sport and Recreation	Cents in the \$	Basis of Rate	Rateable Value \$	2016/17 Budgeted Revenue \$
Varley	5.4858	GRV	116,719	6,403
Varley	0.2789	UV	30,404,500	84,798
Lake King	2.4516	GRV	255,051	6,253
Lake King	0.1736	UV	59,776,400	103,772
Newdegate	6.4433	GRV	692,651	44,630
Newdegate	0.2618	UV	97,162,500	254,371
Lake Grace	5.9224	GRV	2,933,061	173,708
Lake Grace	0.4772	UV	81,064,700	386,841
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1,060,776</b>



### Borrowings:

There is one proposed new loan included in the 2016/17 Budget for the Lake King Winter Sports multi-purpose courts. However, as in previous years, the Shire's intention is to continue to reduce the amount of borrowings outstanding. It is projected that there will be a total of \$1,565,595 in borrowings at the 30 June 2017.

### Highlighted Capital Investment :

#### Total Capital Investment of \$6.8m

There are a number of exciting projects proposed for the coming year and funded from the 2016/17 Budget. In addition, the Budget will provide for the on-going maintenance of our public buildings and facilities, parks and recreation grounds and our extensive road network.

#### Infrastructure—Roads

Expenditure on Roadwork (\$3.75m) is a major component of this year's budget. We have been fortunate in being allocated additional Roads to Recovery funding of \$1.36m from the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. In 2017/2018 our allocation will reduce to back to \$589,173. This additional funding has allowed for significant work to be undertaken on our road network.

These works include larger scale projects, such as the continued sealing of the Holt Rock South Rd and the final seal of the Varley South Rd. The expenditure has been allocated to the widening, upgrading and re-sheeting of over 110 kilometres of pavement at a total cost of \$2.6m, including 11 kilometres of the Hatters Hill Rd and 5.5 kilometres of the Mount Sheridan Rd. In addition it is proposed that approximately \$281k will be spent on resealing town streets within our four town sites; this includes work on the car park at the Newdegate Swimming Pool.

#### Infrastructure—Parks & Ovals

The 2016/17 Budget includes the resurfacing of the Lake King Multi-Purpose Courts (\$136k) and the Play Ground at Gum Tree Drive (\$15k). Funds have also been set aside in support of the applications for external funding for the proposed Newdegate Skate Park and Playground.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

Continuing expenditure will be required during 2016/17 in order to complete the Lake Grace Bennett Street Independent Living Units, and some upgrades will be made to the community amenities at Lake King and Newdegate Public Toilets (\$16k). Funds of \$215k have been allocated for the Lake Grace Sporting Precinct — Final Stage, whilst waiting on the result of the Federal Government Stronger Regions funding application in order to complete the project. Plant equipment upgrades for 2016/17 are budgeted for in line with the Shire of Lake Grace's Plant Replacement Program (\$740k).

The Bushfire Advisory Committee made a request to Council to upgrade the 12 older standpipe units, \$48k has been allocated to support this project.

A provision of \$17k has been allowed for new mosquito fogging equipment.