



Shire of Lake Grace

2024-2025

Rating Information

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General Rates Information

The budget has been formulated with an increase of 3% on rate revenue for both GRV (within town site) and UV properties. The valuations carried out by Landgate increased the value of GRV properties with the most significant being residential having a median change of 27.47% and UV properties had an even further significant increase with average overall change being 29.96%. This has led to the rate increase being formulated off total revenue which will reduce the rate in the dollar.

Rising input costs required to maintain our main source of expenditure, being roads, and the increased pressure being placed on the shires vast network of gravel roads (2500km) by an increase in the size of machinery and increased machinery movements have a big impact on the Shires ability to maintain the roads to a suitable standard that is demanded by the main users. Rate increases assist in provision of service delivery that meets reasonable community needs. It also ensures that critical infrastructure asset renewal is somewhat funded over the time frame of the Long Term Financial Plan.

The following general and minimum rates on Gross Rental and Unimproved Values has been imposed:

General Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV)	12.1564 cents in the dollar
Rural Unimproved Value (UV)	0.6816 cents in the dollar

Minimum Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV)	\$550
Unimproved Value (UV)	\$550

Specified area Rates – Sewerage

The 2024/25 budget has been prepared with a 3% increase in specified area rate revenue for the Lake Grace Sewerage Scheme.

The following general rate on Gross Rental Values has been imposed:

Specified Area Rate

Sewerage – GRV	4.0052 cents in the dollar
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Fixture Charges

First Major Fixture	\$276.00
Additional Fixtures	\$122.00

Borrowings:

The outstanding loan principal at 1 July 2024 is \$1,036,462. The principal repayments for 2024/25 amount to \$185,235 and interest payable of \$59,026 leaving a balance of \$2,201,227 at 30 June 2025. It is anticipated that two new loans for housing (WACHS) (\$750,000, Staff \$600,000) will be acquired totaling \$1,350,000.

Infrastructure - Roads, Footpaths, Drainage and Cemetery Upgrades

An amount of \$4,237,924 has been set aside for road renewal and upgrades to cover works on:

- Crooks/Kent Rd SLK 0.0-4.0
- Biddy-Camm Rd SLK 58.32-62.83
- Old Ravensthorpe Rd Resheet SLK 27.00 - 32.00 (RRG)
- Dykes Rd Resheet SLK 0.00-5.00
- Mount Vernon Rd SLK 7.00-13.00
- Lake King-Noresman Rd Reseal SLK 0.00-4.00 (RRG)
- Lockhart Rd SLK 3 - 5.00
- Fitzgerald Rd Resheet SLK 0.00 - 9.76 (R2R)
- Ladyman Rd SLK 0.00 -4.00
- West Kuender Rd 3.10 - 6.20 (R2R)
- Biddy-Camm Rd SLK 62.83- 68.1
- Rasmussen Rd & McCracken Rd

The following allocations were provided for:

- Lake Grace & Newdegate Recycling Stations
- Lake King Cemetery New Fence
- Lake Grace Footpaths
- Newdegate Footpaths
- Construct Newdegate Dam

Infrastructure—Parks, Gardens & Recreation Facilities

A total of \$919,426 has been allocated for capital parks and garden works which include Lake Grace Sporting Precinct - New Lawn Area, Lake Grace Football Field Lighting Upgrade, Lake Grace Sporting Complex Entry, Lake King Walk Trail Upgrade, Jam Patch New BBQ & Picnic Shelters, Lighting Install Lake Grace & Lake King Playgrounds, Padley Park Stormwater Capture (CWSP), Lake King Park Upgrade, Jam Patch - New Walk Way, Lake Grace Pump Track, Lake Grace Lookout Upgrade

Property, Plant and Equipment

An amount of \$3,638,141 has been allocated to Shire Building refurbishment and upgrades including Admin Office Building, Relocation of Toy Library to Playgroup, Shire houses, Lake Grace Community Bus Shed, Lake Grace/Newdegate Hall Refurbishment, Lakes Village Hall, Lake King Sports Pavilion, Lake Grace Sporting Precinct, Newdegate Recreation Centre, Lake Grace Football Electronic Score Board, AIM Building, Lake Grace RSL Hall, Lake Grace Depot Upgrades, Lake Grace Visitor Centre, Lake King Tractor Museum Shed and Hainsworth Museum Shed. A major portion of this amount is for the construction of four houses, two for WA Country Health and two for staff housing.

An amount of \$300,000 has been included to purchase Industrial Land in Lake Grace which will in turn be subdivided at a later date. The Shire is currently in the process of applying for grant funding to release of some more residential land. An amount of \$2,077,500 has also been allocated to purchase plant and equipment.

2024-2025 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 16 September 2024

Option 2:

1st Instalment due date 16 September 2024

2nd Instalment due date 18 November 2024

Option 3:

1st Instalment due date 16 September 2024

2nd Instalment due date 18 November 2024

3rd Instalment due date 24 January 2025

4th Instalment due date 28 March 2025

The cost associated with instalment options:

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 7% per annum which will be applied to all amounts outstanding after 35 days from the issue date of the rate notice. Penalty interest accrues daily until all overdue rates and charges are paid in full. Eligible pensioners are exempt from interest charges.

How to pay your Rates?

IN PERSON - Cash, Cheque or Effpos

1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace WA 6353

BY MAIL - Cheque or Credit Card (no cash accepted by mail)

PO Box 50, Lake Grace WA 6353

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

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER:

****Please note that the Shire of Lake Grace has changed banks****

Acc: Shire of Lake Grace

BSB: 066-000 Account #: 1733 3994

Reference: Assessment number on rates notice

DIRECT DEBIT:

To enter into a direct debit agreement please contact the Shire office.

OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS:

BPoint payment is available and can be done by following the prompts on the Shire website under the Corporate Services section.

Emailing Rates Notices:

You can choose to receive your rate instalment notices electronically from Council. Please note that when registered to receive your rates notice by email, you will no longer be issued a rates notice in the mail. Only one email will be sent to the nominated owner of the property. Please email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au with your email address.

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) \$152 (GST Free)

Pensioners (per service) \$ 87 (GST Free)

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

Recycling Kerbside Collection

Lake Grace & Newdegate Fortnightly Collection (per service) \$156.50 (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; and
- A large-print version of any of the Shire's publicly available documents that relate to the sewerage charges.
- The customer's personal account information.

Commercial Waste

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007* and section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following charges for the deposit of commercial waste apply:

Trade and Other Refuse (per m ³)	\$96.00 (Inc GST)
Commercial (per m ³)	\$12.00 (Inc GST)
Asbestos Disposal (per m ³)	\$240.00 (Inc GST)

Financial Hardship Policy for Water Services

The Shire will assist a resident who cannot pay the wastewater service portion of a rate notice because of financial hardship in accordance with the Shire's "Financial Hardship Policy for Water Services".

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

Our policy applies only to the wastewater 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 Team. For further information contact the Shire on: (08) 9890 2500

Difficulty paying your rates?

To avoid legal action, please contact our Finance Team 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.