

Shire of Lake Grace

### **21 FEBRUARY 2024**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

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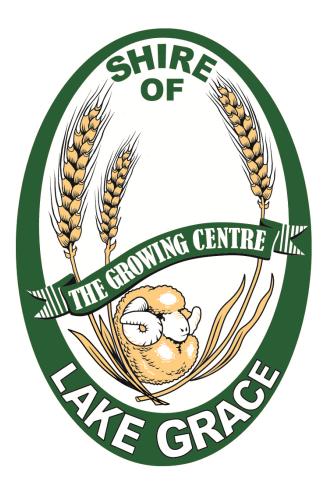
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Shire of Lake Grace

Prepared for the February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting presenting information to the end of January 2024

### **Road Maintenance Grading**

### For the month of December 2023

Lake Grace Area		Newdegate Area		Lake King-Varley A	rea
Road Name	Graded (km)	Road Name	Graded (km)	Road Name	Graded (km)
No grading done		Ardler Rd	10.79	Baanga Hill Rd	4.70
		Dawson Rd	10.00	Hatters Hill Rd	12.24
		Holt Rock South Rd	8.26	Hogan Rd	6.70
		Lockhart Rd	10.17	Ladyman Rd	8.31
		Magenta Rd	6.70	Norseman Rd	23.92
		Mallee Hill Rd	8.12	Smerdon Rd	11.61
		Old Ravensthorpe Rd	51.25	Stennetts Lake Rd	4.83
		Winchcombe Rd	10.78		
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>116.07</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>72.31</u>

Lake Grace Area	,	Newdegate Area		Lake King-Varley Area		
Road Name	Graded (km)	Road Name	Graded (km)	Road Name	Graded (km)	
No grading done		No grading done		Biddy Camm Rd	18.61	
				Broombush Flat Rd	10.85	
				Days Rd	3.82	
				Drust Rd	8.40	
				Fitzgerald Rd	9.75	
				Fox Rd	7.21	
				Hewsons Rd	12.67	
				Kathleen Rd	7.80	
				Long Creek Rd	2.91	
				Milsteed Rd	6.23	
				Paulsen Rd	3.89	
				Pickernell Rd	26.55	
				Purnta Rd	5.94	
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>124.63</u>	

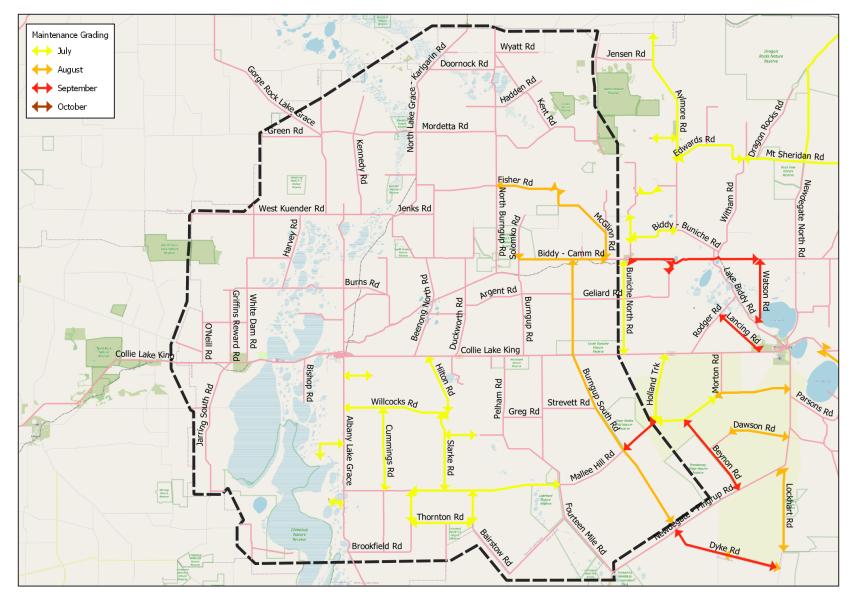
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### 2023/24 Year-To-Date Grading by Month

Year	Month	Lake Grace Area (km)	Newdegate Area (km)	Lake King- Varley Area (km)	Monthly Subtotal
	July	84.53	107.79	135.03	327.35
	August	63.62	108.21	145.95	317.78
2023	September	0.00	60.26	114.16	174.42
2025	October	0.00	8.17	144.91	153.08
	November	0.00	141.95	138.87	280.82
	December	0.00	116.07	72.31	188.38
	January	0.00	0.00	124.63	124.63
	February				
2024	March				
2024	April				
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	June				
	<u>To-Date</u>	<u>148.15</u>	<u>542.45</u>	<u>875.86</u>	<u>1,566.46</u>

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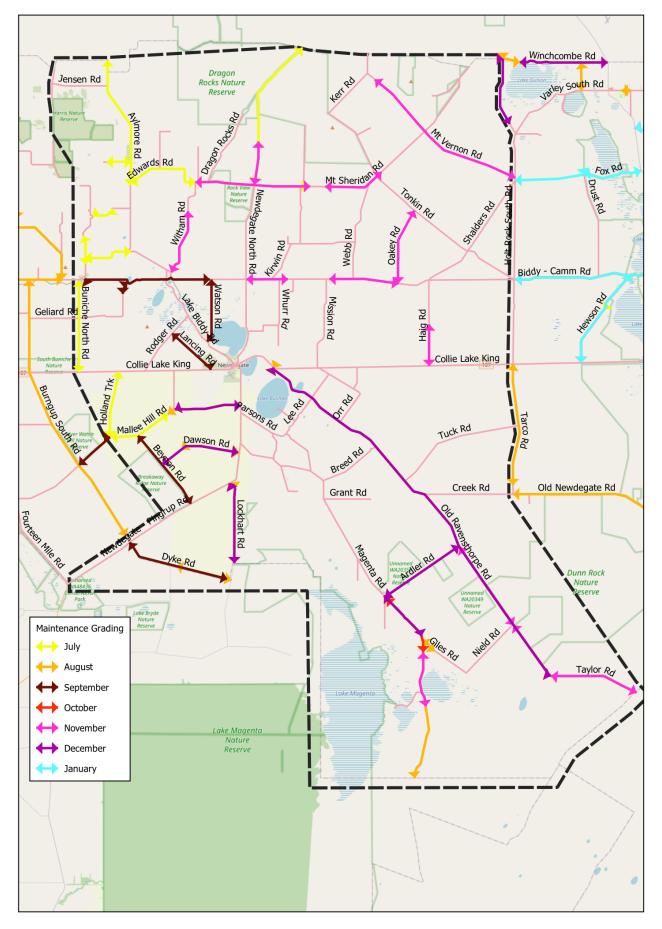
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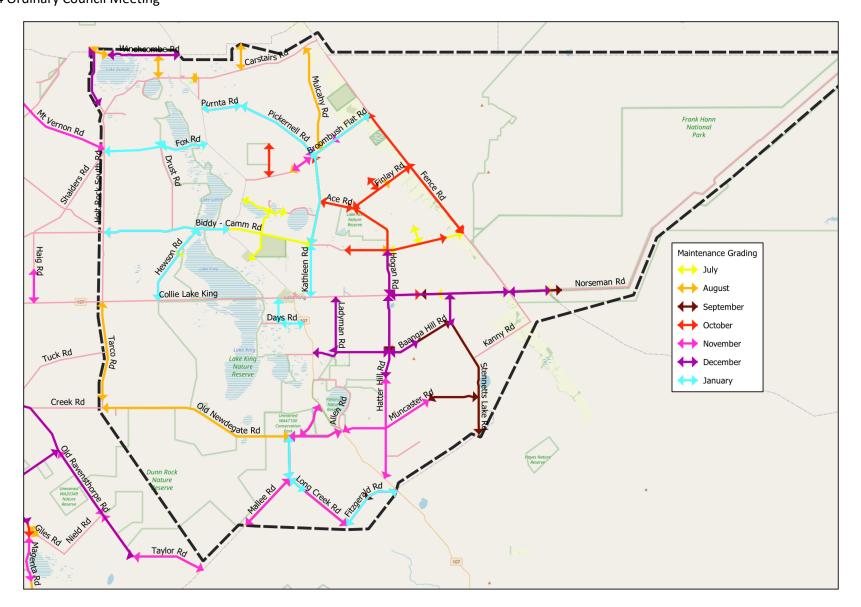
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Monthly maintenance grading – Newdegate area



Monthly maintenance grading – Lake King-Varley area

### **Plant Maintenance**

#### Plant Repairs

Plant	Plant Description	Action
PGRA07	2015 John Deere 770G Grader	7,000 hour service, tyre repair.
PGRA08	2020 Cat 140 Grader	Service, tyre repair.
PLNM08	2022 Peruzzo Mower Attachment	New verticut blades.
PLVU57	2023 Toyota Prado	10,000 km service.

### **Building Construction & Maintenance**

#### Construction

- Assisting in Lake Grace All-Abilities Playground construction.

#### Maintenance

#### Lake Grace

- 10a Gumtree Dr.
- 10b Gumtree Dr.
- 36 Bennett St.
- Daycare Centre.
- Medical Centre.
- Public Hall.
- Railway Public Toilets.
- Shire Depot.
- Swimming Pool.
- Visitor Centre.

#### Newdegate

- Golf & Bowls Club.
- Public Toilets.
- Recreation Centre.
- Tennis Pavilion.

#### Lake King

- Goods Shed.
- Public Toilets.

#### Varley

- Public Toilets.

#### Other

- Dunn Rock Tennis Pavilion.

### Parks & Gardens Maintenance

#### Lake Grace

- General maintenance, gardening/mowing & tidying of gardens and parks.
- Pruning vegetation at sewerage ponds.
- Tidying up of 36 Bennett Street.

#### Newdegate

- General maintenance, gardening/mowing of the recreation grounds, parks and skate park.

#### Lake King

- Carried out general gardening, mowing and spraying to all parks and gardens.
- Gardening to Library gardens.

#### Varley

- Carried out gardening maintenance and general maintenance, including spraying, mowing, raking of the town site, sports complex and cemetery for weeds.

#### Pingaring

- Nil.

### **Customer Service Requests**

For the period of 1 July 2023 to 31 January 2024:

Category	Complete	Incomplete	Total	% Complete
Works	8	3	11	72.7%
Building	2	5	7	28.6%
Parks & Gardens	3	6	9	33.3%
<u>Total</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>48.1%</u>



#### **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT**

October - December 2024

#### HEALTH

This report is to highlight issues and activities ongoing within the environmental health area for the period October - December 2024

#### Events

• Nil this reporting period

#### Food Businesses

Inspected the following premises for Food Act compliance-

- Newdegate Roadhouse
- Newdegate Grocer and Café
- Newdegate Hotel
- Newdegate Rec Centre
- Newdegate Motel and Caravan Park
- Overall Farms
- Farmyard Pantry
- Hollands Track Farm
- Lake King Agencies
- Lake King Tavern
- Lake King Sports Pavillion
- Lake King Memorial Hall
- Lake King Golf Club

Food Recall Notices circulated to all food businesses

- Voyager Estate Sparkling Red Grape Juice and Voyager Estate Sparkling White Grape Juice
- Brand Solutions Australia Performance inspired Water
- General Mills Pty Ltd- Old El Paso Hard n Soft Taco Kit 350g
- Fifya Greek Tzatziki
- Capital 555 Bean Sprouts
- Stuart Alexander & Co Pty Ltd Hershey's Caramel Syrup 623g
- North Aussie Ice Jumbo Ice 5Kg

New Food Standard 3.2.2A notification circulated to all Food Premises, this requires some food premises to have the following from December 2023:

- Food safety supervisors: Food Premises will need to appoint a food safety supervisor for their business.
- Food safety training: All food handlers will need to show they have had food safety training.
- Key food safety controls: Food Premises will need to keep records of important food safety controls or be able to demonstrate safe food handling practices.

#### Lodging Houses & Caravan Parks

Inspected the following for compliance -

- Newdegate Motel and Caravan Park
- Lake King Caravan Park

#### Onsite Effluent Disposal Systems

• Lot 595 Biddy-Buniche Road, Buniche

#### **Pool Water Sampling**

- Lake Grace pool open
- Newdegate Pool open
- Newdegate Pool upgrade works to pool and building quote for resurfacing pool sent to Department of Education

#### **Public Buildings**

Inspected the following for Health Public Buildings compliance -

- Newdegate Rec Centre
- Lake King Tavern

#### Recycled Water Scheme

• Recycled water scheme currently offline

#### Stallholder / Street Trading Permits

• Nil this reporting period

#### Waste Management

- Ongoing inspections of waste facilities
- Various enquiries for disposal of asbestos

#### Other

- Noise complaint Bennett Street, Lake Grace
- Complaint Newdegate Country Club Food Safety and Cleaning Procedures
- Broadacre Spray Contractor (Pest Management Business) Registration enquiry
- Disposal of farm livestock enquiry
- Short Term Rental Accommodation Bill 2023
- Building Amendment Regulations Private Swimming Pools
- Reticulated Waste Water Systems enquiry
- Local Government Health and Wellbeing Network meeting
- Advanced Diploma in Building Surveying study

Brendon Gerrard Principal Environmental Health Officer



# October – December 2023 Tourism Statistics

Prepared by Jo Morgan



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### Introduction

This document is prepared for the Lake Grace Shire Council to illustrate visiting statistics to the Lake Grace Visitor Centre.

It is a snapshot of visitor profiles that visit our Shire and is not all inclusive. The Lake Grace Visitor Centre (LGVC) only records visitors that physically enter the centre. The use of signage, open flags and being positioned in the main street of town we feel we are getting the majority of genuine visitors calling into the centre.

One of the goals of the LGVC is to provide accurate information for visitors. We also want to provide an enjoyable experience for the visitor by sharing our history with them, i.e. through telling them about the Station Masters House. While in the LGVC we dispense brochures and maps highlighting places to see and things to do in our Shire foremost.

Equipped with additional information about the Shire of Lake Grace and its attractions, the tourist is more inclined to spend more time seeing and doing things in the Shire of Lake Grace. If they have the time visitors often add additional time in Lake Grace after visiting the Centre.

The graphs presented in this document are tracking several different measurements of tourism data. It must be remembered that not all visitors are comfortable with revealing information of their travels so it is based only on the information that has been offered and is not conclusive.

Visitor data measurements recorded include;

- Number of people
- Age
- Origin
- Route
- Mode of transport
- Accommodation
- Yearly tracking from 2014





### **Origin of visitors to the Shire of Lake Grace**

For the purpose of recording data visitors are classed into five groups;

- Locals indicating they are from the town of Lake Grace. No purposeful travelling was required to visit the centre.
- Intrastate this term is used to describe visitors from surrounding Shire of Lake Grace towns and the rest of WA, e.g. Newdegate, Kukerin, Wagin and Perth
- Interstate this term is used to describe visitors from within Australia, including Tasmania who travel through the Shire
- International this term is used to identify visitors from outside Australia including New Zealand
- Unidentified Travelers who don't disclose where their place of origin.

#### Locals

A great result for local interest. The wildflower season came to an end for some favourite varieties as the temperature got quite unusually high early November. Harvest started early and finished earlier than usual so it was great to see more locals around in the December months.

Our annual Market Day and Treasure Trail in November was bigger than we've ever had before thanks to the glorious weather (it poured with rain last year). This year we had activities for the children available thanks to the Shire's Community Services Development Officer - Aimee. There was tie dying and play-dough to keep all ages entertained. Lots of successful stalls and garage sales made it a most enjoyable day indeed.

The town's Harvest Festival in December was an absolute delight as so many Dads were able to join in the fun with harvest finishing so early this year. A lovely community feel was in the air as local talent Hayden McGlinn played familiar tunes throughout the warm evening.

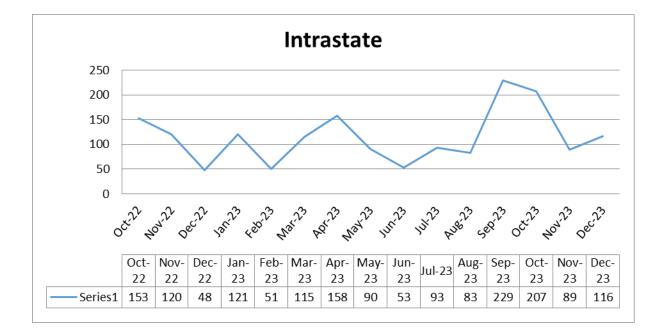




#### **Intrastate Travellers**

The interest in travelling to Esperance started early! It's clearly becoming an absolute favourite for West Australians. With the high cost of living, the desire to travel within our own backyard is still proving to be a popular option. Esperance continues to be a "new" destination for many so the curiosity sure helps visitors call into our wonderful region on the way. Hopetoun and Bremer Bay travellers often travel our direction too so we are most fortune capturing fans of the coast.

We continue to draw plenty Grey Nomads through our region. The Jam Patch often had up to 8 caravans camping each night. Even though free camping isn't offered in our town site as many travellers have STRONGLY suggested over the years, we can be thankful we offer a beautiful nature reserve within our shire.

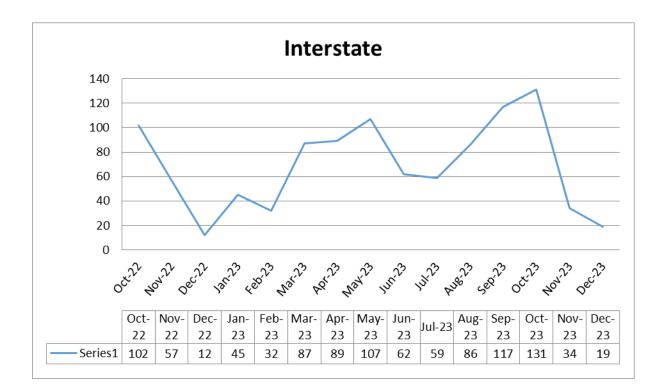






#### **Interstate Travellers**

The wildflower season and gorgeous weather kept our interstate travellers in our region. The hunt was on for mysterious exact locations of rare orchids. The Kwongan Heathland walk and the Jam Patch was a great hit for the wildflower enthusiasts. It won't be long til a tree walk will be an option around town. Admiring and celebrating beautiful trees we have around town that are over 100 years old. After losing trees recently to storms these trees are more precious than ever. A walk interstate travellers especially would appreciate as our trees often differ to where they live.

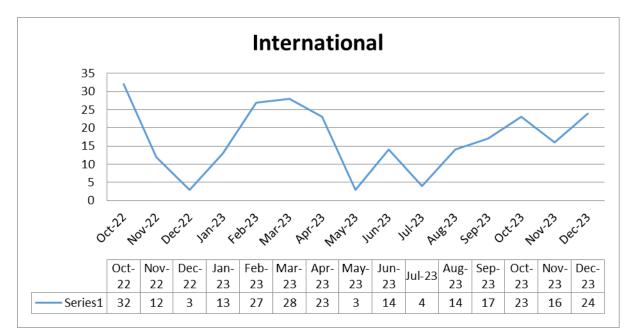






#### **International Travellers**

It's great meeting more overseas travellers to our region. We had visitors from New Zealand, Netherlands, France, UK, Ireland, South Africa, Sweden, Singapore, Botswana, Singapore and America. Some were here to visit family and friend but many were leisure travellers which is BRILLIANT after so long without them.



#### **Unidentified Travellers**

A group of travelers we try our very best to engage with but keeping in mind some people wish to simply browse and have a look around. If anything good has come from this pandemic is more people feel the need to engage whenever possible. Connection is welcomed more than ever.





### **Direction of Travel**

Known for our crossroads, our traffic consists off those heading to either Wave Rock/Hyden, Esperance, Albany or Perth. Wave Rock and Esperance seemed to be where everyone was heading or we caught them on the way home to Perth. Lake Grace proving to be a destination in its own right. Seasonal workers, family and friends visiting loved ones were the main reasons to our region.

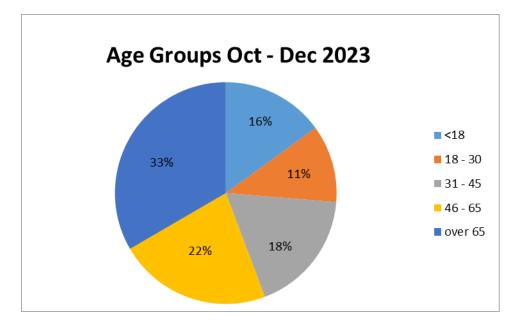




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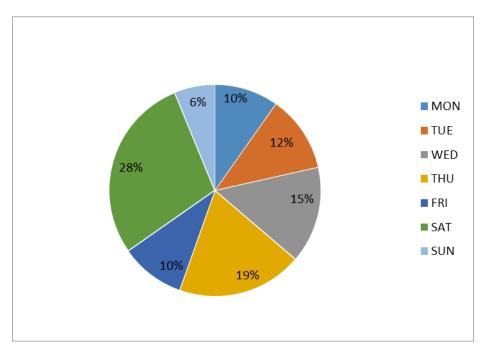
The information tracked in this graph is reliant on the recorders ability to judge ages of visitors, therefore probably not entirely accurate in all cases.

Grey Nomads are almost always our most popular age group. A noticeable trend or 40-50 somethings travelling and working along their Australian onroad adventure. Sell the house and kit up with car and caravan and off they go! I think covid has caused this shift in mindset, why not!



### **Popular Visiting Days**

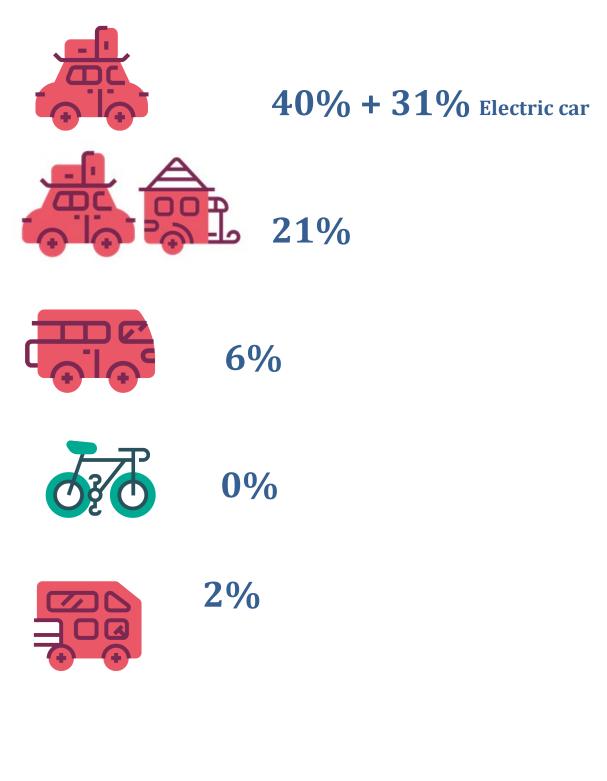
There is no particular day we can say is ALWAYS our busiest as it changes all the time, but a worthwhile measure all the same. Opening on weekends is a huge success! **Popular Visiting Days October - December 2023** 





### **Mode of Transport**

People travel to and through our Shire in various forms of transport. We have recorded the transport used by those who called into the Visitor Centre. It's a great indication as to how people are moving through our region and how travellers are using our region. This data measures October – December 2023. The electric car data is the exact amount recorded whereas the other modes of transport is counted for those that came through the Visitor Centre door.

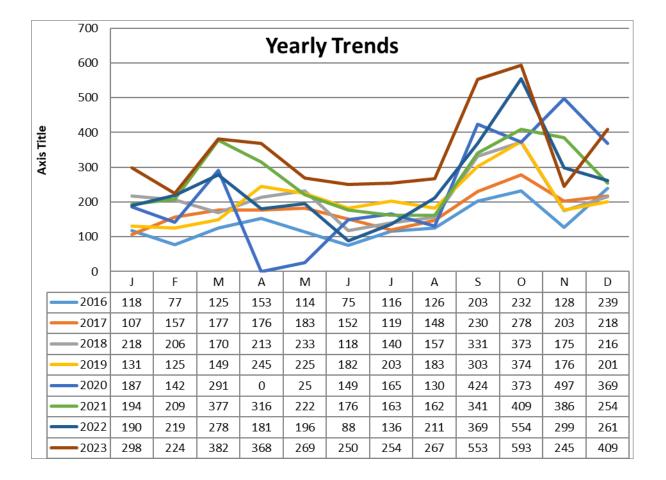




### **Yearly Trends**

Studying yearly trends is a great tool in measuring our patterns for the future and areas where we can improve on. Predicting better opening times, staff and volunteer rosters, information needs for those seeking accommodation, things to do or places to eat and drink. Having this knowledge ahead of time allows us to offer the best service and welcome party for those who choose to drop by.

What an AMAZING year the Visitor Centre has had! Introducing 7 day opening sure has paid off with record breaking stats to prove it. October 2023 being our busiest month in history. We also introduced fees for the AIM Hospital tour which hasn't deterred visitors at all. If anything people have been more curious to experience a tour. With a strong Visitor Centre team we can only aim for bigger and better outcomes for 2024.



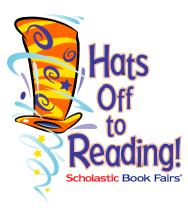


#### Lake King Library Report for October -December 2023



We had a successful Scribbler's Golden Feather Hunt with lots of white feathers found and coloured in. Lucky prize winners were Katrien, Will, Lila, Morgan, Regan and Phoebe. The topaz feather was finally found after many clues to it's location were given. Congratulations to Hunter who received a book prize from The Scribbler's Festival.

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Wow! What a success our book fair in November was!

Sales of \$1,370 earned us commission of \$479 to spend on books from the fair and book club over the next few months.

Special thanks to Varley Progress who purchased over \$400 worth of books to be gifted at the Varley Christmas Tree.

Congratulations to our competition winners Zac, Alice, Fletcher, Angus, Ellena and Emily who all received \$10 vouchers to spend at the fair.

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The "Lake King 100 Years" planning committee continues to meet monthly in the library. One of the first tasks highlighted was the purchase of a scanner so that photos and slides can be collected and copied at a resolution suitable for use in displays and the production of a book. Although five years away keen community members have started discussion and plan to meet the last Friday of the month going forward.

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The State Library's Borrow box remains popular.

	Oct	ober	Nove	mber	December		
	Libby Borrowbox		Libby Borrowbox		Libby	Borrowbox	
Audio Book	2	32	2	28	3	28	
E book	3	9	1	10	2	6	
magazines	12	0	26	3	20	2	

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Our quarterly supply of used books from the State Library arrived in December. Seventy new titles with a mix of adult fiction, nonfiction and also junior titles to update our collection.

#### Lake King Library Statistics

Issues and Renewals	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2010												
2011												
2012										202	344	182
2013	36	412	353	280	539	399	360	490	391	257	376	268
2014	88	593	559	300	630	252	417	607	502	335	588	338
2015	51	767	743	332	677	649	380	520	614	429	655	297 *
2016	89	798	769	425	426	864	392	393	439	526	715	228
2017	83	646	744	194	444	695	360	867	378	512	666	171
2018	214	493	690	255	690	675	364	808	434	438	524	607
2019	165	561	511	255	652	532	267	763	507	388	574	200
2020	80	775	451	22	622	565	346	523	481	336	463	240
2021	76	455	376	224	336	258	275	310	336	308	230	161
2022	41	405	430	194	331	277	148	339	187	291	322	235
2023	63	302	423	192	352	607	228	464	316	331	407	108



Newdegate Library Report October - December 2023

The books purchased for the library are still on display in our library space and advertised as available for loan in the Gate Post. Each Gate Post one of the new books goes into our This Week We Are Reading page.

We had a quite a busy period in October with the loan statistics at 37. In November & December the statistics numbers dropped to 14 and 10 as we got closer to the holiday period.

The library area has been used by the Newdegate CRC and community for meetings, crafts, Pilates, school assemblies, workshops and events. We had a few holiday events such as Halloween crafts and playgroup Christmas activities.

There has been a jewellery workshop, iPhone photography course and the primary school using our space for Seniors Week.

Regards

Jade Parker



#### Newdegate Library Statistics

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Renewals

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	12	45	37	21	46	33	4	16	6	15	15	14
2006	21	21	27	7	21	22	14	34	27	6	20	15
2007	17	16	24	3	24	32	15	39	25	19	19	4
2008	9	30	15	14	33	14	6	16	9	20	17	8
2009	2	23	20	15	25	28	12	15	10	17	15	8
2010	3	13	16	14	13	23	28	26	27	26	35	27
2011	5	37	52	27	77	54	22	42	35	76	72	38
2012	10	69	33	27	50	20	49	18	26	54	59	31
2013	8	34	30	20	30	21	36	28	18	27	36	29
2014	39	50	35	33	53	36	61	29	24	61	32	47
2015	23	50	52	58	62	53	42	59	45	38	88	38
2016	17	77	29	45	42	15	53	39	43	43	65	42
2017	26	55	40	43	29	29	40	13	29	39	29	28
2018	9	37	15	30	19	36	33	18	51	30	66	48
2019	31	26	54	34	33	39	29	34	7	43	35	33
2020	6	33	42	2	12	23	27	24	39	54	21	16
2021	17	36	51	53	22	32	25	31	38	33	20	27
2022	5	23	27	8	31	13	19	32	8	42	8	17
2023	13	9	14	10	26	29	9	28	21	37	14	10
2024												-

# Regional Road Group Report

February 2024

### Roads

#### Local Government Transport and Roads Research and Innovation Program (LGTRRIP)

Four new projects have been initiated as part of the Local Government Transport and Roads Research and Innovation Program:

- 1. Use of crumbed rubber modified bitumen and reclaimed asphalt (RAP) in asphalt applications,
- 2. Use of crumbed rubber modified bitumen in spayed seal applications,
- 3. Design and construction guidance for the use of crushed recycled concrete, and
- 4. A catalogue of typical pavement structures for local roads.

This program of work builds on the projects completed in 2023.

#### **Condition Assessment of Roads of Regional Significance**

Industry proposals were assessed and a consultant appointed to complete a road condition assessment for all *Roads of Regional Significance* in the South West region of WA (approximately 2,100km). The project commenced in January 2024 with the bulk of the survey work to be performed between February and April 2024.

#### **Road Rail Interface Agreements**

Rail Interface Agreements are a requirement under the *Rail Safety National Law (WA) Act 2015*. A model *pro forma* agreement between Local Governments and Arc Infrastructure is nearing the end of negotiations and should be available for Local Government review and action soon. This agreement updates various elements of the existing agreements, particularly adding clarification on types of works and the responsibilities of both parties. As soon as this is complete, WALGA will liaise with each affected Local Government to provide advice around the new agreement.

### Funding

#### State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 – 2027/28

Working groups have been established to progress implementation of the commitments made in the agreement in relation to:

- 1. Increasing application of the Safe System approach to the local road network,
- 2. Employment of Aboriginal people, and
- 3. Use of recycled materials in road construction and maintenance.

Each of these groups has held at least one meeting during the quarter.

#### **Roads to Recovery and other Federal Funding Programs**

Working with ALGA and the State Associations, WALGA engaged with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts concerning the design and guidelines for key Australian Government infrastructure funding programs, Roads to Recovery, Black Spot and the Safer Local Roads & Infrastructure Program. WA Local Governments are generally supportive of the administrative arrangements. The competitive funding approach for the smaller programs raises equity concerns, as a reasonable level of resources is required to develop strong project proposals.



#### Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) Model Revisions

Work continues to harmonise the MCA models used by Regional Road Groups to prioritise project proposals for funding under the Road Project Grant funding pool. The process has now commenced in seven of the nine regions in regional WA. The proposed changes to the MCA models reflect the new focus areas of the State Roads Funds to Local Governments Agreement, while still allowing for flexibility to recognise the significant differences between regions.

# Business Case for Safety Improvement to High Speed Sealed Local Government Roads

Meetings were held with the Minister for Road Safety / Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and senior government officers concerning the proposed investment by Federal and State Governments to improve the level of safety provided to users of high speed, sealed Local Government roads in peri-urban and rural areas. The Association is continuing to work in partnership with the RAC to highlight the importance of this investment.

### **Road Safety**

#### **Road Safety Council Update**

The Road Safety Council Communiques highlight the key discussions and considerations of the Council meetings. View the Communiques via the following links:

Meeting held 16 November 2023 Meeting held 8 December 2023

#### **RoadWise Councils**

WALGA's RoadWise Councils initiative is a fresh approach aimed at engaging and supporting Local Governments to adopt and apply policies and practices that effectively and sustainably lead to better road safety outcomes for WA communities.

Since invitations to participate commenced in August 2023, fifty-four (54) Local Governments have registered as a RoadWise Council. The majority (70%) registered with a resolution of full Council and thirty percent via a Declaration signed by the Shire President/Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

Participating Local Governments are spread across the state with RoadWise Councils located in all ten Regional Road Group regions.

In terms of road safety activities, 37 or 71% of registered RoadWise Council have recorded the delivery of activity aligned with the RoadWise Council Framework in the first few months.



Shire of Lake Grace Alan George, CEO ceo@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Dear Alan,

Thank you, you are one of our valued supporters.

On behalf of everyone at CRISP Wireless, I am very pleased to share some exciting news and to say a huge thank you for your recent support in relation to the grant submissions we made last year.

CRISP Wireless has successfully been awarded Commonwealth and WA State government funding for three projects totalling \$13.6 million with funding for the Regional Connectivity Program - Round 3. CRISP Wireless is one of several organisations who have been awarded funding in Western Australia.

The Wheatbelt Network Expansion project will see 11 towers constructed across ten Shires.

Funding agreements will be sent to us in the coming months, and we will begin planning the expansion of the CRISP Wireless service area in due course. It's important to ensure we get everything correct before we begin.

I'm pleased to share that currently CRISP Wireless reaches across almost 80,000 square kilometres and into 29 local government areas. We will continue expand and enhance the service, to support regional communities and enhance regional business capacity from our base in Narrogin. The funding is for three discrete projects which will both expand the network and fill in some of the service area gaps in the Wheatbelt.

The continued support of the Commonwealth Government via the Regional Connectivity Program and the WA State Government is a testament to the dedication and commitment that CRISP Wireless has already shown, providing the service that is needed in regional WA and completing and acquitting all projects successfully.

CRISP Wireless has delivered, managed, and has continued to provide an uninterrupted internet service through some of the region's significant emergencies in the last few years. The service continued throughout and in the aftermath of Cyclone Seroja; flooding events experienced in the Central Wheatbelt; the large fires that have impacted the region and then finally, the two intense thunderstorm events in recent weeks.

CRISP Wireless has been successful in securing Commonwealth and WA State Government funding of almost \$22 million in projects since 2018, that's not bad for a regionally based small business from Narrogin.

From everyone at CRISP Wireless, we offer our significant thanks for your support.

Kind regards,

Maree Gooch Chairman

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31st January 2024

Chief Executive Officer & Councillors Alan George Shire of Lake Grace PO Box 50 LAKE GRACE WA 6353

Dear Alan & Councillors,

On behalf of the Lake Grace-Kukerin Hockey Club, I would like to thank the Shire for the job carried out by its staff in mowing and maintaining the hockey playing field at Lake Grace in 2023.

We would also like to thank the Shire for installation of the new hockey lights. We appreciate the extra light during trainings. Additional lighting allows both the Lake Grace – Pingrup and Lake Grace – Kukerin hockey teams to train safely and effectively when we share the oval.

All the best to the Shire for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Melissa Eynon President, Lake Grace – Kukerin Hockey Club

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2 February 2024

#### Heartfelt thank you for your support during the recent weather events

In challenging times the strength, compassion and resilience of communities is revealed. Western Power and the people of the Perth Hills, Wheatbelt and Goldfields certainly demonstrated this during the recent consecutive severe weather events.

As you know, the storm experienced on January 17 caused damage to Western Power's network, resulting in wide-spread customer power outages to around 34,000 homes and businesses. We understand the frustration and inconvenience the storm related power outages caused your community and can assure you that there was a common commitment across everyone in Western Power to restore power as quickly and safely as possible to the communities we serve.

Responding to events of this magnitude requires many organisations and many people to work collaboratively. On behalf of everyone at Western Power, I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you for your organisation's contribution and collaboration during the response. I would like to acknowledge your support and patience in enabling us to restore power to affected residents.

The restoration effort was immense, with 700 plus Western Power workers from all depots attending repairs and addressing more than 300 hazards across a vast area of the network. Work involved repairing and replacing around 300 poles, 80 transformers, around 21kms of conductor in the distribution network in the Perth Hills, Wongan Hills and the Wheatbelt. Damage to the transmission network was also repaired including the use of 12, 32-metre-high steel poles in an innovative design that enabled the quick restoration of the 220kV line to Kalgoorlie-Boulder on which five lattice towers were destroyed.

The repair to the network couldn't have been achieved without the support and patience of the community, the contribution of our suppliers, contractors, landowners and the hard work and commitment of our people. Additionally, the support of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and local authorities ensured a coordinated effort which was invaluable.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Samantha Torrens Head of Community and Stakeholders

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