

# Shire of Lake Grace Community News

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## CEO's Corner

The Shire is in the process of compiling its 2015/16 Budget and in doing so is reviewing those items previously identified in the Strategic Community Plan and a number of requests received from community groups in response to recent advertising by the Shire seeking submissions. These matters will be resolved over the coming weeks and it is planned to adopt the budget in the third week of July 2015.

Thank you to all those groups and community members who have provided suggestions and submitted requests.

In framing the coming year's budget it is interesting to note in regard to the Long Term Financial Plan prepared last year, the following considerations:

- ◆ Utility costs will increase on average by 7% not 5% as previously anticipated;
- ◆ Loan servicing costs have been impacted by a 0.6% fee applied by the State Government in this year's State budget, adding approximately \$14,000 to the Shire's loan servicing costs
- ◆ Commonwealth grants funding will not be adjusted for inflation over the next two years but may vary due to changes in the distribution formula.
- ◆ State road funding cutbacks will have an effect on future funding within the Shire's long term financial planning.

### May 2015 Council Meeting

Council held its latest Ordinary Meeting on 27 May 2015 at the Newdegate CRC/Library, no

members of the public were in attendance. Mr Greg Durell, District Manager Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) attended in response to an invitation by Council to discuss the proposed transfer of a Water Reserve to DPAW. The Reserve is located in the Varley area on Fence Road. Mr Durell provided comment in response to questions raised and the matter will be the subject of a future meeting of Council.



Council at its Meeting endorsed the following:

**CBH Lake Grace – Dangerous Goods Storage Compound** – a proposal to construct and operate a new Compound was approved subject to conditions

**Food Safety Compliance and Enforcement Policy** – new policy was approved in respect to the Food Act to ensure that the law is enforced and its objectives are achieved in a consistent and collaborative manner.

**Monthly financial statements and accounts** were reviewed.

**Memorandum of Understanding – Lake Grace Visitors Centre**- This document outlines the responsibilities of the Shire and Visitor Centre Committee in regard to the Stationmasters House and the operation of the tourism services provided from that facility.

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**Roadwise – Crash Car Trailers** – Council agreed to provide up to \$1,100 towards the cost of purchasing these trailers to promote road safety within the southern Wheatbelt area of the Regional Road Group of which the Shire is a member. All member shires have agreed to contribute funds so trailers can be made available at local events such as the Newdegate Field Days as a reminder of the need to be aware of the road safety message and the terrible death and injury toll experienced across the Wheatbelt in recent years.

### Independent Living Units – Newdegate

The Shire is nearing completion in constructing four (4) Units in Newdegate. These units are for persons over the age of 55 years and have been designed to accommodate persons experiencing restricted movement and or require wheelchair access. The buildings have wider than normal access and passageways, bathrooms and toilets that also have wide door access and increased space.

 KidSport enables Western Australian children to participate in community sport and recreation, no matter their financial circumstances. Eligible youth aged 5–18 years can apply for financial assistance to contribute towards club fees. The fees will go directly to the registered KidSport clubs through their participating local government. Applicants must be aged 5-18 years and have a Health Care or Pension Concession card or be referred by a recognised referral agent. Primary place of residence must be in the local government area that they are applying to.



### SHIRE OFFICE HOURS

Please be advised that the Shire Office will close at 4.00pm every Wednesday after 1 June 2015.

Should you be interested in renting one of these units, please register your name with the Shire of Lake Grace by contacting the Shire on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

### Recruitment of Medical Practitioner

With the assistance of Rural Health West, the Shire is in the process of advertising for a medical practitioner to fill the vacancy that will arise at the end of this year. I am pleased to advise that there has been two expression of interest so far as we await the end of the current advertising process. Dr Jacobs and the Shire will continue their efforts to find a suitable replacement.

Neville Hale  
CEO

## Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Shire of Lake Grace Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, 17 June 2015, 3.00pm**  
**Location Council Chambers**  
**Lake Grace**



Members of the public welcome.

A minimum of 15 minutes is set aside for public questions time, giving members of the public an opportunity to ask questions relating to Shire activities

### Staff Movement

The Shire farewells Mikaela Knill who has left to commence her dream of a private business.

Mikaela has been working at the Shire since November 2013 in a variety of roles including the Shire's Communications and Executive Support Officer.

Mikaela used her knowledge and experience in communications to help achieve the objectives, outcomes and aspirations contained in the Shire of Lake Grace Community Strategic Plan.

We wish her all the best with her new endeavours.



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# Bulk Kerbside Collection

Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 June 2015

Lake Grace / Newdegate / Lake King / Varley

The collection is ideal for bulky items such as discarded white goods, furniture and electronic equipment. There are some limitations:

- all items of rubbish must be capable of being loaded by two employees.
- loose items must be boxed.
- garden refuse must be bagged or bundled with twine.



### Accepted Material:

- ✓ Household appliances and Whitegoods
- ✓ Furniture & mattresses
- ✓ Bagged & boxed items
- ✓ Bric-a-bac
- ✓ Garden Refuse (bagged or bundled)

\* To comply with disposal requirements, the doors of refrigerators must be removed prior to being put on verge for pickup.

\* The removal of motor vehicle bodies will require prior notice to Shire staff.

### NOT Accepted:

- × Batteries, tyres, oils, petrol's, etc.
- × Gas bottles, oil filled heaters, flammable items
- × Asbestos (fibro) soil, stones or sand
- × Chemicals or paint (tins must be empty)
- × Heavy materials – i.e. items not capable of being loaded by two employees
- × Fire extinguishers and flares
- × Glass
- × Tyres, car parts or building materials such as bricks, tiles & concrete
- × Food scraps and household garbage

**Items are not to be placed earlier than 10 days prior to 23 June 2015.**

All enquiries should be directed to the Shire of Lake Grace on: (08) 9890 2500.

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## Office Opening Hours

Monday to Friday  
8.30am - 4.30pm

**Wednesday 8.30am—4.00pm**

## Licensing Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am—4.15pm  
Wednesday and Friday 8.30am—4.00pm

## Tip Opening Hours

### Lake Grace

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday  
7am - 6pm

### Newdegate

Wednesday 9am - 3pm  
Saturday 8am - 12pm

### Lake King & Varley

Open Every Day

## Waste & Recycling Pick up Dates

Household Waste Collection is weekly and collected each Monday for Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

Recycling is fortnightly and alternates between Lake Grace & Newdegate. See below for the upcoming recycling collection dates.

**Please Note:** There is no kerbside recycling collection service in Lake King or Varley.

Lake Grace	Newdegate
1 June	8 June
15 June	22 June

For more information on Waste Management visit the Shire's website.



Check out our website  
[www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

## Driving Assessor

The Practical Driving Assessor will be at the Shire of Lake Grace Office on:

**Friday 5 June 2015**

**3 July 2015—to be confirmed**

Please contact the Shire's Customer Service Officer for an appointment.

You can now book your PDA online. For more

## Building Surveyor

Shire Building Surveyor, Josiah Farrell will be available at the Shire Office on the following dates:

**Tuesday 2 June 2015, Tuesday 16 June 2015**

To make an appointment please contact Josiah on 0438 811 944.

## We want your photos

For people who always have their camera at hand the Shire is looking for photos to promote our area.

If you have any photos of events, infrastructure or landscape please email, with a description, to [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

Your photos will be used to promote the area on our website, Facebook page and publications.

Please ensure you have permission from the people who are captured in the photo.

## Community E-News

Are you wanting to receive the Shire's Community News, updates and latest news direct from the Shire to your email?

To register please contact the Shire on (08) 9890 2500.



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