

# Community Newsletter

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## From the CEO

Residents may have noticed a bit of action around the various towns as the projects that were subject to federal grant funding are starting to get underway. These funds were provided to the shire for projects that stimulate the local economy and were for the general benefit of the community.

These projects had either been on the wishlist for some time and lack of funding caused the delay or new projects that had been identified as being beneficial to the various communities. For example the installation of solar panels on shire buildings; to reduce electricity costs which in turn frees up funds available for other projects.

The grant funds received under three different rounds are subject to approval by the relevant federal departments. The funds can only be spent on those projects which were approved, with some leeway in transferring the funds within different projects within that particular grant round. These grants have to be completed and expended within a certain timeframe or else the funds will have to be returned. In other words the rules are "use it or lose it".

COVID 19 certainly put a spanner in the works not only creating a shortage in tradesmen but also in the supply of materials. We have endeavoured to use local tradesmen and suppliers to complete the works where possible.

### 4WDL Meeting

Councillors and staff from Wagin, West Arthur, Woodanilling, Williams, Dumbleyung Lake Grace, Main Roads and Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries attended a meeting in Shire Chambers Tuesday 11 May 2021.

Discussion regarding :

- Code of Conduct Council Members, Committee members and Candidates
- Passenger Rail Project

### Councillor Training – Infrastructure Asset Management

Twelve Councillors from the shires of Jerramungup, Katanning, Dumbleyung and Lake Grace attended an Infrastructure Asset Management training course on Thursday 13 May. This training was designed to identify the risk associated with the management of infrastructure assets, understanding the life cycle costs of infrastructure assets, identifying the revenue gaps and developing a plan for financial sustainability.

### Roe Tourism

Roe Tourism Association had their general meeting at the Shire of Kulin. Jo, Vicki from the Lake Grace Visitors Centre and I attended the Meeting on Monday 17 May 2021.

*Alan George*  
Chief Executive Officer

## Coming Events

*PINK Exhibition*  
Lake Grace  
Regional Artspace

*Yuk Circus Lake Grace*  
*Lake Grace Shire Hall*  
Monday 24 May



*Newdegate CRC*  
Thursday 27 May 10.30am

*Fanny Lumsden's*  
*Country Hall Tour*  
Varley Hall  
Sunday 13 June 3.15pm

*Varley Progress Association*  
Tuesday 29 June 6.30pm

## Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 26 May 2021** from 3:30pm at the Council Chambers, Administration Building. The Agenda will be available on [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

*Everyone Welcome*

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

# Community Infrastructure Service

Preparations to the Lake Grace All Abilities Playground have taken a step to construction stage, the group has been busy constructing plans and liaising with their contractor and fund raising in-between. You would have noticed the loader and forklift and that the skate park has been relocated towards the Shire office.



This fortnight our works crew have completed the below roadworks and maintenance;

## Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Biddy Camm Rd (Grader and Roller)
- Duckworth Rd (Grader and Roller)

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Dykes Rd
- Magenta Rd

The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Kathleen Rd
- Pickernell Rd

## Parks & Gardens

The Parks and Gardens Crew have carried out the following work:

### Lake Grace

- Tree pruning along Griffin St
- Mowing town site lawns
- Roadhouse garden clean up
- Clear street drains of debris
- Cut back hedges around Shire Office
- Mow hockey and football ovals
- Clean up hydraulic oil spill on Absolon St

### Newdegate

- Cut back trees on Witham St
- Removal of green waste to the tip
- Dispose of fallen trees at the cemetery
- Mow and edge Skate Park and Pioneer Park lawns
- Medical Centre gardens
- Spray cemetery weeds
- Tidy up fallen branches and leaves on Frances St

- Fill in divots on Hockey oval

## Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Dunn Rock Tennis Court
- Lake King Pavilion maintenance
- Lake King Fire Shed
- Newdegate Hainsworth ceiling works
- Lake Grace RSL inspection
- Newdegate Fire Shed maintenance
- Lake Grace Medical Centre works

## Operators

The Machine Operator Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Newdegate Sports Dam contour clean up
- Push up Newdegate and Lake Grace Rubbish Tip
- Set out road signs for closure North Burngup
- Water across road West Kuender Rd signs
- Inspection of gravel road conditions
- Green waste removal around Newdegate town site
- Tank pad preparation
- Old Basketball / Tennis courts bitumen removal

## Other Works

- Work has started on painting new reflective house numbers on town kerbing, which will be done to all towns
- The gabion fencing at the Varley Cemetery has been completed
- Solar panels installed to Newdegate Medical Centre, Lake Grace Railway Station, Lake Grace Hall and Lake Grace Childcare

*Craig Elefsen*

Manager Infrastructure Services

## Seen a faulty streetlight?

Western Power has automated streetlight fault reporting, making it easier to report faulty streetlights.

If a streetlight doesn't turn on, turn off or flickers, let Western Power know using the streetlight reporting tool at:

<https://westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/> or call on 13 10 87

# Community Information

## Office Open Hours

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday  
8.30am - 4.30pm  
Thursday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Staff can be contacted by phone between 8am - 5pm

## Transport and Licensing

All licensing payments are to be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration office, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

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

As an agency, we process the majority of transactions including: renewals, transfers, number plate orders, boat registration renewals and new licence applications. With every transaction we perform, we try to offer the best service possible.

We do ask all licensing customers to be considerate, even though we are aware of people being 'locals' it does not exempt us from following the rules set by the Department of Transport.

## Driving Assessor

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

**Friday - 11 June 2021 (Change of the date)**

**Friday - 2 July - to be confirmed**

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments and we advise booking in advance as there is often a waiting list.

All bookings to be made at the Shire office on 9890 2500 until further notice.

Lake Grace has one assessment day each month held on the first Friday of the month.

For more information go to: [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au).

## Libraries

**Lake Grace Public Library** School Place Absolon St  
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm  
Closed for lunch 12.30 - 1pm

**Newdegate Public Library** Collier St  
Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm  
Closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm  
Friday 9am - 2pm

**Lake King Library** Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Rd  
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

## Town Planner

Planning Officer, David Johnston and Building Surveyor, Gary Bruhn can be contacted through the Shire Office on 9890 2500 or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

## Environmental Health

The Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Brendon Gerrard. Can be contacted via the Shire on 9890 2500 or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

## Tip Times

### Lake Grace

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 2pm  
Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

### Newdegate

Wednesday 9am - 1pm  
Saturday 9am - 1pm

### Lake King and Varley

Open every day

## Recycling Services

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

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

Lake Grace	Newdegate
Tuesday 11 May	Tuesday 18 May
Tuesday 25 May	Tuesday 8 June

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

The recycling bins are collected by Warren Blackwood Waste and transported to a recycling facility. If items which are not recyclable are found the content can't be recycled and the load will be directed to the landfill.

If an item is covered in food, it is not recyclable. Food is one of the worst contaminants in the recycling process. By using the yellow top recycling bin correctly you are contributing, in a combined community effort, to reduce the amount of rubbish that is directed to landfill facilities each year.

For more information on Waste Management visit the



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*Seniors, are invited to come along and share morning tea at Walkers Hill Vineyard from 10am*

*Wednesday 16 June 2021*

Free



**If you need someone to drive you to the vineyard, please let staff know when you book.**

**Bookings Essential:** by Monday 14 June at the Shire office: 9890 2500

### *Facility Hire*

Please contact the Shire to book Shire facilities.

You are required to read the COVID Safety Plan before using the facility.

People, groups, clubs who hire public buildings are still required to:

- Complete the WA Government Safety Plan
- Register uses of the facility
- Monitor entry and exits
- Disinfect surfaces, doors handles, table chairs, showers, toilets regularly.

At the end of the event the requirements are:

- Return tables and chairs to designated storage area
- Put all rubbish into the outside sulo bins provided, including rubbish in toilets
- Ensure all stoves and lights are turned off
- Report any damages incurred while hiring facility
- Facility to be left in the same condition as found upon arrival including the floors
- All external doors are closed and locked;

This is most important as often doors are unlocked when cleaners arrive.

Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of a facility, however they are not responsible for cleaning up and putting away tables and chairs after a function.

### *Help Stop the Spread of Caltrop*

Following the recent rainfall the townsites have experienced an outbreak of caltrop.

What You Can Do:

You can assist by spraying and/or removing any caltrop on your property or verge, please do not put into your rubbish bin as this will contaminate our waste facility and the neighbouring farm lands.

#### **Disposing of Caltrop Plants**

To dispose of any removed caltrop plants please:

- place them into a marked and sealed plastic bag and keep them until winter when they can be safely burnt

or

- take them to the Shire Depot at Absolon Street Lake Grace, where there is a specially marked caltrop wheelie bin facility located just outside the main depot gate.

or

- Newdegate: place them in one of the two blue bins specially marked **Caltrop** on Lot 12 May St (vacant block) Newdegate.