

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

The Hon Dave Kelly MLA, Minister for Water and his entourage accompanied by the Department of Water's Tracy Calvert, Sandy Turton-Parkinson and Liz Tanner came to town on the 12th August to view some of the projects that DWER is doing around the Shire. Tagging along were the Shire President Len Armstrong, Deputy President Ross Chappell, Manager Infrastructure Services Craig Elefsen and myself.

We visited North Lake Grace AA dam where Cr Allan Marshall gave a brief history on how and why it was built. It was then on to Burngup Railway Dam which has been cleaned out by DWER where Cr Chappell provided a rundown on the history.

The Minister took the opportunity to announce that the State and Federal Governments have combined to provide \$7.3million to upgrade 70 agricultural area dams throughout the

southern half of the state. The Shire will see works carried out at North Lake Grace Dam – tank, pump and standpipe. Lake Magenta North Dam – catchment works. Burngup Railway bore- a new bore to be sunk and pipeline to the new tank recently installed. Varley North Community Dam- catchment works. Purnta Rock – negotiations are underway with the Water Corporation for new tanks.

Negotiations are underway with CBH at another site for the installation of tanks but if this falls through, we are looking at a backup plan. The Minister also announced an increase in funding through the Community Water Supply Program and we are already working on some options for this.

There was some minor disruption on the streets of Lake Grace last week when Shire engaged tree loppers arrived to remove some dead trees and trim some others in the main street.

There was a fair bit of misinformation getting around and possibly some miscommunication between all parties. One tree was removed prior to the work being brought to a halt and instructions were clarified. As a result, the contractors packed up and left without completing the works they were engaged to do.

I won't go on about the costs involved to all parties and ancillary businesses. I do however have an issue with the use of social media, in this case Facebook, to spread misinformation whether it be unintentional or intentional. Everyone has a right to form an opinion based on facts however, this is very difficult when misinformation is spread through social media.

It has been communicated many times that if you have a problem ring us and we will be happy to discuss it. The Shire has a duty of care to all residents and ratepayers and does not generally go out of its way to carry out jobs without a valid reason to do so.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer



Above: Shire President Len Armstrong, Hon Shelley Payne MLC, Deputy President Ross Chappell, Tracy Calvert, Hon Dave Kelly MLA, Sandy Turton-Parkinson, Craig Elefsen, Liz Tanner and Alan George.

Coming Events

Newdegate Field Days

Newdegate Sports Facility
Wednesday 1 September
Thursday 2 September

Local Government Week

Perth
Monday 20 September to
Wednesday 22 September

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 29 September 2021 from
3:30pm at the
Council Chambers,
Administration Building.

The Agenda will be available on
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

Please bear with the Shire with repairs/grading on our roads. We will get there as soon as practical, if there are any issues or concerns, please contact the Shire on 9890-2500 and speak to the Infrastructure team.

It has been noted that some farmers in the area have been taking it upon themselves to grade roads. Please do not grade the roads yourself as you could potentially be liable in case there are any incidents/accidents.

Our staff carried out the following works:

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- North Burngup Road
- Mordetta Road
- Fourteen Mile Road
- Jenks Road
- Mallee Hill Road
- Biddy Camm Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Hollands Track Road
- Newdegate Airstrip
- Rodger Road
- Buniche North Road
- Lancing Road

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

- Milsteed Road
- Old Newdegate Road
- Magdabah Track
- Smerdon Road

Parks & Gardens

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

Lake Grace

- Spraying verges near CBH/Dewar Street
- Mallee Hill Road spraying
- Removal of tree in Apex park
- Mowing ovals, marking and weeding
- Mow Shire office, RSL and Visitors Centre lawn
- Town weed spraying / removal
- Rose Pruning
- Slashing open areas

Newdegate

- Reticulation repairs to Pioneer Park
- Mowing of sporting ovals
- Town Hall and Medical Centre gardens
- Weed Maley Street gardens
- Spray Airstrip edges
- Slash hockey oval and cricket pitch
- Cemetery gardens and slashing

Lake King

- Mowing oval
- Townsite weeds / spraying
- Public toilet gardens

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Repairs to Newdegate Hockey toilet door
- Lake King Hall ceiling fan and front door
- Dunn Rock Tennis Club
- Fence off CWA playground as it is unsafe
- Lake Grace Medical Centre toilet
- Build pump shelter for Lake Grace oval tanks

Operators

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

- Rolling North Burngup Road and Jenks Road
- Rural Road inspections
- Road maintenance from Lake Grace to Pingaring
- Fill in pot holes around towns
- Grade the road to Lake Grace sports oval dam
- Road maintenance to Parsons Road and Fourteen Mile Road
- Street sweeping to start for all towns prior to Newdegate Machinery Field Days

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Local Fire Brigades

We have been experiencing a wetter than average winter this year and it will soon dry out and will be well on the way to summer.

We are proud to support our nine (9) Bush Fire Brigades in the Shire, along with the Fire & Rescue Brigade in Lake Grace who provide support to the community in the event of emergencies.

If you are interested in joining a local brigade, please feel free to contact our Community Emergency Services Manager, Matt Castaldini, or Brad Watson, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer who can directly assist you with your application.

Additionally, our Department of Fire and Emergency Services regional team will be at the Newdegate Machinery Field Day where you can also get more information on supporting your community through volunteer emergency services.

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 - 3 September

Friday - 8 October (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.

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

Building Surveyor

Building Surveyor, Gary Bruhn can be contacted through the Shire Office on 9890 2500
or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Town Planning & Building

The Shire's Town Planner consultant Joe Douglas, can be contacted via the Shire on 9890 2500
or email 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.

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 31 August | Tuesday 7 September |
| Tuesday 14 September | Tuesday 21 September |

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 contaminators 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 Shire's website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au.



Check our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace/>



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Shire of Lake Grace

An Ordinary Postal Election will be held on Saturday, 16 October 2021 in the Shire of Lake Grace to fill the following vacancies:

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| District | 5 | Councillors | 4 year terms |
| District | 1 | Councillor | 2 year term |

Nominations Open on Thursday, 2 September 2021

Nominations Close at 4:00 PM Thursday, 9 September 2021

Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer:

- at any time during the above period by arrangement; or
- between 2:00pm and 4:00 PM Thursday, 9 September 2021 (close of nominations) at the Shire of Lake Grace, 1 Bishop Street, LAKE GRACE.

Nominations Requirements

Candidates are required to lodge with the Returning Officer:

- a completed nomination in the prescribed form, signed and witnessed. This form is available from the Returning Officer or the Western Australian Electoral Commission(www.elections.wa.gov.au);
- a single A4 page profile of not more than 800 characters (including spaces) containing information about the candidate;
- a nomination deposit of \$80 (cash, bank cheque or postal order);
- (optional) a recent passport-sized photograph of the candidate's head, or head and shoulders; and
- every candidate must have completed the online course titled *Induction for prospective candidates*, available at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au, prior to nominating.

The Commission has developed an online system called Nomination Builder to assist candidates to complete their nomination form which includes the candidate profile. This is the preferred method of completing the nomination form and profile for elections conducted by the Commission. Candidates complete their nomination details and profile, print the completed form which has a reference number allocated and lodge it with the Returning Officer. The nomination builder can be accessed via www.elections.wa.gov.au.

Where an agent lodges a nomination on a candidate's behalf, it must be in the prescribed form with a written authorisation signed by the candidate.

The documents may be hand delivered or posted to the Returning Officer and must be received by the close of nominations.

Information

Full details about eligibility and nomination procedures for prospective candidates can be obtained by contacting the Returning Officer, **Kerry HITCHINS** on 0409 764 220 or the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06.



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