

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

Councillors Armstrong, Chappell, Hyde and Clarke and myself attended the Local Government Week convention in Perth on 19-21 September. The theme this year was "Leading the WAY". There were a number of interesting speakers including ex Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, Melbourne Football Club CEO Gary Pert, Christina Matthews WACA CEO and 60 Minutes reporter Liam Bartlett.

A big congratulations to Deputy Shire President Ross Chappell. Ross was nominated by members of the Shire Council for the Honours Program for the category of "Long and Loyal Service Award".

The Long and Loyal Service Award recognises an Elected Member's high degree of commitment to a Local Government. Ross was elected to Council in 2009 and has served on several Council committees including representing Shire on the Rural Water Council. His local knowledge and memory has been an asset to Council.



Above: DSP Ross Chappell with Tracey Roberts President of WALGA.

New Australian Citizens

Council Chambers was very busy on Wednesday 29 September. Before the Ordinary Council meeting there were seven making the pledge and final step in becoming an Australian citizen.

Mr Kevin Michael Caffrey, Reverend Father Abraham Uche Chukwu and the Swart Family - Jacobus, Maretha, Esri, Lize-Mari and Jacobus were the proud new Australians standing in front of the Presiding Officer for this Ceremony Shire President, Cr Len Armstrong.



Above: The Caffrey family, Lachlan, Lauren, Ciara and new Australian Kevin.



Above: New Australian citizen Reverend Father Abraham Uche Chukwu with Shire President Len Armstrong



Above: The Swart Family, Jacobus, Maretha, Esri, Lize-Mari and Jacobus with President Len Armstrong.

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Coming Events

National Safe Work Month

1 - 31 October
a time to make your commitment to improving safety and health in your workplace.

World Mental Health Day

Sunday 10 October

Fitz of Laughter

Lake Grace
Sportsman's Club
Wednesday 13 October

Porridge Bikers

Friday 22 October

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday
27 October 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.

From the CEO Continued

Ordinary Council Meeting 29 September Resolutions as follows:

- Council authorised Administration to provide comment on the consideration for inclusion in the Noongar Land Estate of:
 - Reserve 36444 being Certificate of Title 3066/271, and
 - Reserve 19202 being Certificate of Title 3065/837
- Council advises the Water Corporation that it will accept the takeover of AA Dam 438 Lake Magenta once the upgrades to be carried out under the National Water Grid Connections fund (NWGCf) by the Department of Water are completed.
- Council approved the review of Shire of Lake Grace Policy 3.7 – Purchasing, in order to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and clarity of the policy to staff, elected members, suppliers and our community.
- Council acknowledged that persons have been noted as a dual Fire Control Officers (FCO) from a neighbouring Local Government without appointment and the appointment of the CESM, Mr Matt Castaldini, as a Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (DCBFCO) for the Shire of Lake Grace.
- Council authorise the reduction of the maximum number of persons attending the Newdegate Town Hall to a maximum of 150 people down from the original maximum of 300 persons; authorise the following works on the Newdegate Town Hall
 - install hand rails on all external stair cases,
 - install a disabled access ramp to the front of the hall with a maximum gradient of 1:14,
 - remove complete flooring in the Lesser Hall and replace with suitable subflooring and install vinyl planks on top,
 - paint / seal all external asbestos cladding, window frames, fascia, timber doors
 - isolate staircase to upper level to prevent access and keep the door locked
 - capital works to be limited to \$100,000. Any expenditure required above this amount must be taken to Council for approval.

(3) Community consultation to be undertaken for the future of the Newdegate Town Hall following the Newdegate Centenary celebrations.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Community Emergency Service News

With the increasing awareness of the new WHS Act being implemented in January 2022, we are encouraging all farm firefighting responders to register with the Shire for the zone that they live in. Registration forms are available on request from the Shire.

- ✿ We are asking that all farm responders and permanent workers register as a member in the Farmer Response 'brigade' where you live.
- ✿ You only need to be registered in 1 area, preferably where you live.
- ✿ Registration is free and allows the Shire to provide training and PPE as funding allows.

Go to the Shire website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/ for the registration form and send to shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Once registered, we are able to provide training and work towards issuing fire PPC to members. We look forward to having you registered and supporting the community this summer.

As your Shire, we want to ensure we are providing

local access to training and safe systems of work at emergency incidents, as is required. We believe that being registered, undertaking training, wearing appropriate clothing and keeping your fire unit(s) well maintained, will demonstrate that you are taking 'reasonable steps' to keep yourself and others safe.

For transient and short-term workers, we encourage you to provide appropriate training and induction materials relevant to your farm or business and seriously consider leaving these workers behind if you respond to fires in neighbouring properties for their safety and our shared liability. We will not have the capability or resources to train and equip transient and short-term workers.

We acknowledge that it is highly unlikely that we will be able to deliver training before the start of harvest and will work with registered members to deliver the courses as soon as practicable.

Matt Castaldini
Community Emergency Services Manager

Community Infrastructure Service

Have you noticed the old basketball/tennis courts have been excavated? The Lake Grace All Abilities Playground is underway with ground preparations to allow electrical cables and concrete pads to be laid.



In July the Shire secured a Driver Reviver grant for picnic shelters, BBQ's and drink fountains. The Driver Reviver will be a permanent site near the Lake Grace All Abilities Playground, the equipment is due to arrive mid-October.

Our staff carried out the following works:

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Thornton Rd
- Mallee Hill Rd
- Zweck Rd
- Brookfield Rd
- Tommy's Dam Rd
- Cummings Rd
- Elliott Rd

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Mount Vernon Rd
- Mount Sheridan Rd
- Tonkin Rd
- Kerr Rd
- Bidy Camm Road

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

- Hogan Rd
- Baanba Hill Rd
- Lake King-Norseman Rd
- Hatters Hill Rd
- Bidy- Camm Rd
- Kathleen Rd
- Pickernell Rd

Parks & Gardens

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

Lake Grace

- Swimming pool weeding, spring clean and retic repairs

- Railway toilet garden
- Football dam
- 3 Clark Ave gardens
- Removal of grand stands from sports carnivals
- Re-piping oval sprinklers
- Weeding Stubbs St and RSL
- Tree branches tidy up

Newdegate

- Fertilise sporting ovals and surrounding lawns
- Mowing of skate park and pioneer park
- Watering of un-reticulated gardens
- Weeding around townsite
- Debris off footpath from medical centre to caravan park
- Repair Pioneer Park retic

Lake King

- Not available

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Lake King Hall maintenance
- Shire Office
- Newdegate public toilet
- Lake Grace basketball hoops/courts

Operators

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

- Rolling and carting water to Mallee Hill Rd
- Cart gravel to Mallee Hill Rd
- Fog Lake Grace townsite
- Cart gravel to Purnta Rd
- Cart gravel to Pickernell Rd
- Repairs to Newdegate and Lake Grace footpaths
- Cart blue metal to Pingaring Rd
- Cart gravel to Worsley Rd
- Service lane maintenance

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 - 5 November

Friday - 3 December (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 12 October	Tuesday 19 October
Tuesday 26 October	Tuesday 2 November

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.



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



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