

Community Newsletter

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From the Acting CEO

Welcome to 2022, I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and memorable New Year. Our office has been somewhat quiet after the Christmas break with staff on annual leave, however we are nearly back to full complement once again with lots of projects and service activities on the go.

Alan is on leave and will return to the office at the beginning of February. We all hope he has had an enjoyable and well deserved break.

Ordinary Council Minutes 27 December 2021

- Council authorised the purchase of new Hino 616" truck and any required sundries and attachments under the Job PL23CAP.
- Council have confirmed the location and installation of a new RSL memorial in front of the Newdegate Railway Station building. The design is to include and recognize the three branches of our Australian military services.

Staff Changes

Farewell to Royce Harley who has retired, we wish him all the best for the future. Rebecca Clarke and Brooke Williamson have moved to new and different employment roles over in Pinjarra, and similarly we wish them very well.

After a long search we have now finally filled the position of Manager Corporate Services for the Shire, with Tegan Hall joining our team from the 17 January. We also welcome Jo Oatridge as Infrastructure Admin Support officer and Chris Cody as Plant operator.

Australia Day

Australia Day was celebrated at Newdegate and Lake Grace on Wednesday 26 January. They were hosted by Newdegate Gateway and Loins of Lake Grace supported by the Shire. Congratulation to both on another successful day.

Varley are celebrating on Saturday 29 January at Varley Sports Pavilion starting at 6pm, Lake King will celebrate at a date to be announced.

Chris Paget

Acting Chief Executive Officer

I am excited to take on the role as Manager Corporate Services at the Shire of Lake Grace. Previously I was working at the Shire of Wagin as the Manager of Finance. I bring with me 10 years of local government experience and 14 years in finance.

Growing up on a farm in Tincurrin and marrying a Dumbleyung boy has meant I haven't moved very far! Looking forward to working with you all.

Manager Corporate Services

Tegan Hall

Coming Events

Astro Camp 2022

Friday 18 February
Newdegate

Dinner and Show

Friday 25 February
Walkers Hill Winery

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on
**Wednesday
16 February 2022**
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.

DINNER AND SHOW AT WALKERS HILL WINERY

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2022

FROM 6.30PM

Tickets \$50 each

Booking online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWYGS>

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Community Infrastructure Service

Welcome to the new year, 2022 has started in full swing with works crews and contractors hitting the ground running. Many new and exciting projects are underway throughout the shire so watch this space for regular updates.

The infrastructure team has farewelled our maintenance grader operator Royce Harley, we wish Royce all the best for his retirement. We have had a couple of additions to the team. We welcomed Jo Oatridge to the team as Infrastructure Admin Support officer and Chris Cody and a Plant operator we wish Jo and Chris all the best in their new roles.

After the busy harvest all our roads are due for a grade. Our current priorities are getting the School bus routes graded before school goes back. Once these roads are done we will move onto all other roads.

Our staff carried out the following works:

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Willcocks Rd
- Green Rd

Parks & Gardens

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

Lake Grace

- Railway gardening and retic
- Vacant staff housing garden and retic
- Front of swimming pool garden
- Check and repair retic at Lake Grace hall
- General gardening in town
- Retic maintenance

Newdegate

- Check and water gardens around town
- Spray footpaths in gazebo and fertilize lawn
- Mow verges and vacant blocs around town
- Weeding and maintain main street gardens
- Fertilise and mow lawn in Skate Park

Lake King

- Water Lake King Oval

Varley

- Parks and gardens maintenance around town

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work on the following facilities:

- Team on annual leave
- Lake Grace Medical Centre
- Newdegate Tennis building
- Lake King public toilets

Operations

- Clean and maintain machinery
- Depot yard clean and maintenance
- Paving repairs
- Airstrip maintenance
- Tree lopping Newdegate
- Shire building signage repairs
- Gravel cartage
- Silo Trail picnic area
- Installation of new standpipe
- Signs maintenance

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Community Emergency Service News

To support an efficient response to fires, we are requesting that all fires, no matter how big or small are reported to 000. This is important to help providing an efficient and effective response to fires. As the land owner or lessee, you are best placed to report the location/ address to assist responders find you. We understand that you don't always have good reception in every location, "SOS" coverage often goes further than normal reception, and in doubt 99% of the time you will be able to reach someone on the two-way who has reception who can call 000 on your behalf.

How 000 Calls work:

Firstly you request "Fire Brigade" and "(your locality), WA". You will be transferred to a team in Perth who will take your details and ask questions about the size, cause and location of the fire. After they finish on the phone with you (maybe 2-3 minutes) they contact the Chief, Brad Watson, to coordinate fire response through your

local farmer response and/or town fire brigades.

- Using this process "turns on" the insurance coverage for the people responding to the fire.
- It allows the Chief to effectively mobilise responders through local arrangements
- If you advise that it is a small fire and not going anywhere, the Chief will be advised to vary the Shire response

You can always call back and report that the fire is out, or that it has gotten worse and you need more help.

Thank you for your support in response to the fires we have had so far, your efforts are most certainly appreciated by the Shire and the land owners involved.

Matt Castaldini

Community Emergency Services Manager

Community Information

Office Open Hours

Monday - Friday
8.30am - 4.00pm

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

Licensing Payments

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

Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm

Driving Assessor

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

Friday - 4 February 2022

Friday - 4 March (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.

Lake Grace Swimming Pool

Opens: 12noon - 6pm daily

Early morning swimming:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5.30am - 7.00am

Please note: when there are any changes in the pool open hours it will be advertised on the Pool Facebook, Shire Facebook pages and on the front door at the pool.

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 1 February	Tuesday 8 February
Tuesday 15 February	Tuesday 22 February

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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