

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

We are slowly getting the projects finished around the Shire with the funding provided by the federal government stimulation packages to get the economy up and running as a result of the COVID -19 pandemic. Some projects include new toilets at Lake King and the Jam Patch in Lake Grace, lighting for the Lake Grace hockey field and upgrades to the football oval lights. The all abilities playground in Lake Grace is finally showing some progress with the equipment being ordered, the toilet installed and the shelters and BBQs installed with funding through the Driver Reviver program.



Some other projects in the pipeline include sealing of the Newdegate and Lake Grace recreation precinct carparks, replacing the Newdegate hockey shed and the commencement of a 3 stage upgrade to Aylmore Rd.

Some of the projects have been slowed considerably due to a shortage of materials and labour which is unfortunately out of our hands but they are progressing.

We will be starting preparations for the upcoming budget in the next few weeks so if any clubs, associations or groups have any projects on their wish list for consideration by council now is the time to start planning.

We are pleased to advise that negotiations with Doctors Abiola and Omoniyi for the Lake Grace Medical Centre have been finalised and their contract has been renewed for a further two years.

As a result of community concern in Lake Grace over the removal and trimming of some trees in town last year an independent arborist was engaged to do a thorough check of trees within the townsite. The result of the report was that some trees will require removal and some trees will require some lopping and trimming to maintain safety as some of them are in the vicinity of the school. In addition there are some trees that just need a bit of TLC. The report will be available for viewing at the Shire office if required.

The weather is now slowly starting to turn and we are looking forward to some rain sometime in the not too distant future to top up our dams and water tanks.



Newdegate Hockey old toilet block removed ready for the new one

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Coming Events

Varley Social Nights

Friday 11 March
Saturday 26 March
Sunday 3 April
Friday 10 June
Friday 24 June

S.T.R.I.N.G.S

Wednesday 23 March

Newdegate Neighbour Day

Tuesday 22 March

Movie Night

Back to the Future

Lake Grace Visitor Centre
25th March

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday
23 March 2022
from 2.30pm 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

The Shire crew have been busy installing new toilets at Lake King and the Jam Patch. They have installed the jumping pillow in Newdegate.

Our staff carried out the following works:

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Elliott Rd
- Mallee Hill Rd

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Dillon Road
- Edwards Road
- Bidy Buniche Road
- Buniche North Road

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

- Milstead Road
- Broombush Flat Road
- Finlay Road
- Mallee Road
- Fitzgerald Road

Parks & Gardens

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

Lake Grace

- Clearing leaves and branches at oval
- Mowing ovals
- Cleaning/edging cricket pitch
- Remove carpet at medical centre
- Repair retic at oval
- Mowing lawn at Shire Hall
- Shire office/ pool cleaning outside
- Signs to Elliott Rd
- Depot maintenance
- Newdegate Cemetery Maintenance
- SWMS Induction
- Signs for Mallee Hill Rd
- Slashing around townsite
- Hedging at Banksia Corner
- Weeding Bennett St
- Water Ovals
- Stubbs St gardening
- Caltrop check
- Lake Grace Pool
- Mowing vacant Shire housing lawns

Newdegate

- Water un-reticulated gardens and pot
- Check retic on oval
- Deadhead rose bushes
- Weeding around gazebo
- Deadhead geraniums
- Clean road verge on McCracken St
- Mow lawn at gazebo and Skate par
- Spray around pavilion
- Make block for pump at jumping pillow

Lake King

- Oval maintenance
- Garden maintenance

Varley

- General maintenance around Chicken Ranch

Buildings

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

- Maintenance Lake Grace Pavilion
- Gutter cleaning at depot
- Lake King toilets
- Swimming pool fence maintenance
- Netball ring install

Operations

- Cart gravel to Elliott St
- Cart gravel to Aylmore Rd
- Roller on Aylmore Rd
- Roller to Mallee Hill Rd
- Septic tanks to Lake King ready for toilet install
- Roadworks Elliott Road
- OHS Induction
- Varley Verge clearing
- Newdegate oval dam
- Cart chipping to Aylmore Rd
- Cart blue metal to Aylmore Rd

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

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 users 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 not locked 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.

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 March

Friday - 8 April (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, 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.

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

Lake Grace	Newdegate
Tuesday 15 March	Tuesday 8 March
Tuesday 29 March	Tuesday 22 March

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



Check our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace/>



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Shire of Lake Grace

Fire Ban Information - Permit Burning



Permits being issued from 1 March 2022

In light of the current conditions, elevated fuel loads and limited widespread rainfall over the Shire, the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, in consultation with the Fire Control Officers, have determined some specific requirements on permits for the prevention of escape of fire.



5 day default permit expiry for all permits.*

*Expiry date to be managed by FCO's on a case by case basis.

2+

Minimum 2 able bodied people in attendance

Sufficient people required for safely lighting and crewing fire suppression equipment



Minimum 3m firebreak to be present around fires

FCO's may stipulate 3-8m firebreaks to be present as a condition of the permit



Permit holders to receive a copy of their permit

Permit holders to have a copy of the permit including terms and conditions.



Wind Speed Restrictions

FCO's may apply wind speed restrictions to help limit the risk of fire escape



Permit Registration

All permits to be registered to avoid false alarm reports. Details on the permit.

The Shire of Lake Grace & our Bush Fire Service do not want to cause undue economic impact to our residents and ratepayers, however the risk of wild fire is still present in our district. Please respect the direction of your local permit issuing FCOs.

Any queries, please call;

Brad Watson CBFCO - 0427 906 441 or Matt Castaldini CESM - 0436 668 242

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