

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

Council met on Wednesday 10 August to approve the 2022/2023 Annual Budget.

The setting of the 2022/23 budget has again been influenced by the COVID19 Pandemic in that many major projects budgeted for 2021/22 were not completed due to many of the Commonwealth funded projects having conditions that required the works to be done by contractors and not in-house staff.

Due to the large amount of projects in the market place, a severe delay in the supply of materials and a shortage of tradesmen it became apparent that contractors were finding it difficult to complete projects on time, many of these projects will roll over into 2022/23 financial year. The Shire will also receive additional grants during 2022/23 for the Local Roads & Community Program.

General Rates

The 2022/23 budget has been prepared with a 3% increase in the rate in the dollar to GRV rates, and a 0% on UV rates with a minor increase on minimum rates. The UV rate was not increased by rate in the dollar as per previous practice as the Shire received notification from Landgate that property values on unimproved rated properties had increased by an average of 19.96% across the board. Instead the rate in the dollar has been reduced to allow for an overall increase of 10% so as to reduce the impact of the increase in valuations.

The following general and minimum rates on Gross Rental and Unimproved Values have been imposed:

General Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV)	14.053 cents in the dollar
Rural Unimproved Value (UV)	1.032 cents in the dollar

Minimum Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV)	\$520
Unimproved Value (UV)	\$530

Specified area Rates – Sewerage

The 2022/23 budget has been prepared with a 5% increase in specified area rate revenue for the Lake Grace Sewerage Scheme.

The following general rate on Gross Rental Values has been imposed:

Specified Area Rate

Sewerage – GRV	0.0475 cents in the dollar
Sewerage Fixture Charges	

Fixture Charges

First Major Fixture	\$260.00
Additional Fixtures	\$115.00

An amount of \$620,455 has been allocated to Shire Building refurbishment and upgrades including Shire houses, Lake Grace Day Care, Public Toilets in Varley, Lake Grace and Lake King, Shire Halls, Lake King and Varley Sport Pavilions, Lake King Library, AIM Building, Visitor Centre and RSL Hall and installation of Toilet and RV Dump Point in Lake King.

An amount of \$392,554 has been included to install services into the Industrial Land to make ready for sale.

An amount of \$1,075,000 has been allocated to purchase replacement works plant and equipment which includes Volvo Prime Movers, Multi Roller, Spray Unit, Mower for Oval, Skid Steer and Plant Trailer.

Coming Events

Daffodil Day
Friday 26 August

Book Week
20 - 26 August

Comedy Gold
Lake Grace Hotel
Wednesday 24 August

**Newdegate Machinery
Field Days**
Wed 7 Thurs 8 September

Local Government week
3 - 7 October

**Nationwide Walk for
Mental Health**
Sunday 16 October

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on
**Wednesday
24 August 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.

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From the CEO Continued

Infrastructure – Roads, Footpaths, Drainage and Airstrip upgrades

An amount of \$3,668,548 has been set aside for road renewal and upgrades to cover works across the Shire

Kathleen Road SLK 0.00-7.70 (R2R)	\$399,799	Jarring South 2 Locations	\$281,041
Mallee Hill Road SLK 10.60-3.60	\$359,251	Backslopes & Shoulder Renewal	\$100,000
Taylor Road SLK 5.50-9.74	\$257,532	Boulton Street	\$300,000
Mallee Hill Reseals (R2R)	\$256,700		
Nth Lake Grace-Karlgarin Road (RRG)	\$436,767	<i>The following allocations were provided for:</i>	
Old Ravensthorpe Road (RRG)	\$385,825	New footpaths – Newdegate	\$244,890
Speed Calming Devices LG	\$17,259	Urban Stormwater	\$40,000
Fitzgerald Road SLK 0-5 (R2R)	\$308,149	Dykes Road Drainage	\$46,259
Newdegate Pingrup Road 2 Locations	\$68,130	Lake Grace Depot Upgrades	\$29,837
Holt Rock Reseal SLK 25.37-29	\$177,475	Fuel Storage Lake Grace Depot	\$120,000
Rasmussen Rd Newdegate 2 Coat Construct & Seal	\$65,726	Lake Grace Airstrip Building Upgrade	\$15,000
Witham Road Re Sheet	\$212,852		
Waddell Road Reseal	\$42,042		

Infrastructure - Parks Gardens and Recreation Facilities

Many of the projects initiated in 2021/22 budget to be funded by the Commonwealth Programs, Drought Communities and Local Roads & Community have been carried over into 2022/23 budget due to shortage of contractors and resources to enable the projects to be either started or completed.

Some of these projects are:

- Newdegate Country Club
- Lake Grace Sportsman Club Roof Replacement
- Newdegate Hockey Shed Replacement
- Lake Grace Hockey Field Lighting
- Newdegate Hockey Field Lighting
- Lake Grace Football Field Lighting
- Newdegate Jumping Pillow
- Lake King Walk Trail Upgrade
- Community All Ages Playground Lake Grace
- Property, Plant and Equipment

Full details of the Annual Budget can be found on the Shire website.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

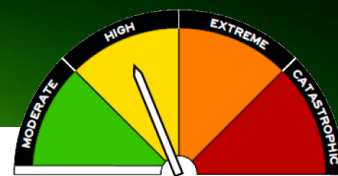
Seen a faulty streetlight?

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 Emergency Service



The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System is now 2 weeks away, commencing on 1 September.

The main change you will experience is that permits to burn will be invalid on days of forecast High fire danger and above. This new rating has been selected based on the expected fire behaviour to minimise the chance of escape. The science behind the system has been dramatically updated to provide a better reflection of expected fire behaviour and potential impacts to the community.

The new system has simplified the number of ratings from 6 to 4 and has been harmonised across the country, providing

a consistent experience for tourists and residents alike. To provide consistency, the system adapts to the relevant vegetation types within the forecast area where previously only 2 fuel types were utilised.

For more information, search "AFDRS" online. Resources have been published through AFAC nationally and DFES locally.

Matt Castaldini

Community Emergency Services Manager

Community Infrastructure Service

With the Shires 2022/2023 annual budget adopted Shire staff and Local Contractors are gearing up for another busy year.

Earlier in the year I submitted a grant application for DWER's Community Water Supply Program.

The application has been successful in securing \$196,000 of funding. This funding will go towards upgrades at Dempster Rock Dam, Buniche Underground Tank and the Lake Grace town water catchment project.

Dempster Rock Dam

- Install 2 x 250KL Tanks
- Install solar pump on dam to fill tanks
- Install pipe and standpipe from tanks to Dempster Rock Road to allow easy access to water

Buniche Underground Tank

- Install 250kl tank and standpipe
- Install solar pump to fill tank
- Clear and grade catchments

Lake Grace Town Water Catchment Project

- Install 2 x 500kl Tanks and pipe line from South dam to the Lake Grace Oval

Works Completed by shire staff and contractors

- Spraying of ovals
- Marking of ovals
- Main street garden maintenance
- Oval maintenance on all ovals throughout the Shire
- General tidy up around all towns
- Spraying of town verges
- Maintenance to community buildings and staff housing
- Drainage maintenance
- Road sign Maintenance
- Gravel pushing Kathleen Road

Lake Grace Maintenance Grading

- North Burngup Road
- Hilton Road
- Slarke Road
- Jugos Road
- Alan Road
- Biddy Camm Road
- Green Road
- Fisher Road
- Gimbel Road

Newdegate Maintenance Grading

- Mount Vernon
- Mt Sheridan
- Kerr Road

- Stone Road
- Shalders Road

Lake King Varley Maintenance Grading

- Kathleen Road
- Paulsen Road



Above: Roads crew at work



Above: Varley Cemetery Entrance

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Bus Stop Warning Signs

If you know of any unused bus stops or your bus stop is no longer used and still has sign up can you please notify the shire via email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au or by phoning 08 9890 2500 to get these signs removed.



Check out our website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

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, (please phone ahead to confirm availability)

Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 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 - 16 September

Friday - 7 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, 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 30 August	Tuesday 23 August
Tuesday 13 September	Tuesday 6 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 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.



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