

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

Notes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held 24th August 2022

- **Development Application - Proposed additions to existing grain handling and storage facility on Lot 11 (NO.7059) Kulin -Lake Grace Road, Lake Grace.**
Council approved the application submitted by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited to formalise the previously authorised construction of an additional 14,625 tonnes of grain storage capacity at its existing grain handling and storage facility on Lot 11 (No.7059) Kulin-Lake Grace Road, Lake Grace including a new gravel hardstand area, open bulkhead storage infrastructure and associated vehicle accessways and stormwater drainage.
- **Council accepted and adopted the Shire of Lake Grace Public Health Plan.**
The Shire of Lake Grace Public Health Plan is based on the State Public Health Plan which aims to provide high level strategic directions focusing on prevention, health promotion and health protection strategies that aim to prevent disease, illness, injury, disability and premature death in WA. Where we aspire for the people of WA to experience the best possible health, wellbeing and quality of life. The preparation of the Shire of Lake Grace Public Health Plan included community consultation via a Health and Wellbeing survey carried out within the Shire in the latter half of 2021.
- **Access Agreement – Ross Chappell**
Council approved the fixing of the Shire of Lake Grace Common Seal to an access agreement to portion of Lot 5 on Deposited Plan 201701 and Lot 2696 on Deposited Plan 171350 with the owner Ross Chappell for the purpose of access to water. In 2021 the Department of Water & Environmental Regulation in-conjunction with DPLH desilted the Burngup railway dam. To enable access to the water a pipeline was laid through Mr Chappell's land to a tank also located on a corner of his land which gave access by the public to emergency water. This agreement formalized the arrangement.
- There was a question from the public relating to bushfire volunteers, the provision of personal protective equipment and funding arrangements under the Work Health and Safety Act. Funding for the provision of PPE and training is provided by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services from monies raised by the ESL Council sought an increase in the budget allocation for our Bushfire Operating Grant this year to cover the cost of providing PPE amongst other things however it was not successful. Council, however, did receive a paltry extra amount specifically to be spent on PPE. Lobbying will continue for increases to our allocations.
- A Notice of Motion was put to Council to consider revoking approval of the 2022/2023 Annual Budget so that the 10% increase in rate revenue on Rural Unimproved Value (UV) could be reconsidered. The Motion was lost 3 for and 5 against.

Significantly rising input costs required to maintain our main source of expenditure, being roads, and the additional pressure being placed on the Shire's vast network of gravel roads (2500km) by an increase in the size of machinery and the number heavy traffic movements have had a big impact on the Shire's ability to maintain and preserve the roads to a suitable standard that is demanded by the main users. Rate increases assist in provision of service delivery that meets reasonable community needs and expectations. It also ensures that critical infrastructure asset renewal is somewhat funded over the time frame of the Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Coming Events

Prostrate Cancer Awareness Month
1 -30 September

Fathers Day
Sunday 4 September

Newdegate Machinery Field Days
Wed 7 and

Thurs 8 September

R U OK? Day
Thursday 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
28 September 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.

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System is now one week 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.

Important Dates to Remember:

Prohibited Burning Times:

November 2022 to 31 January 2023—during this period you must not start a fire in the open air. The penalty \$10,000 or 12 months imprisonment or both.

Restricted Burning Times (Permits Required) **

19 September 2022 to 31 October 2022

1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

**Subject to change depending on prevailing weather conditions. Any date changes will be published on the Shire of Lake Grace website at: www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

FIRE MANAGEMENT NOTICE 2022/2023

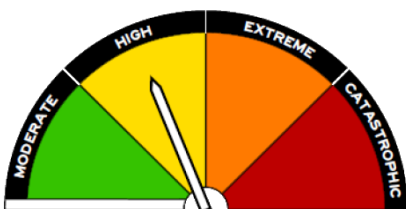
First and final notice is hereby served to all land owners or occupiers in the Shire of Lake Grace that under Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 and the mitigation measures stipulated in the Notice are required by law.

You must prepare your property for the fire season by installing and maintaining firebreaks and reducing fuel loads on your property to the standards specified.

The fire mitigation measures listed in the Notice must be in place by 1 November 2022 and be maintained up to 30 April 2023 (inclusive).

Matt Castaldini

Community Emergency Services Manager



Works Completed by Shire staff and contractors

- Finished the installation of the new Lake King Toilet Block
- Re sheeting on Magenta Road
- 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
- Planting of trees on the Lake Grace Industrial land
- Street sweeping of all towns (Varley, Lake King, Newdegate and Lake Grace) - still ongoing until this weekend

Lake Grace Maintenance Grading:

- West Kuender Road
- O'Neill Road
- Treloar Road
- Wolseley Road
- Slarke Road

Newdegate Maintenance Grading

- Jensen Road
- Stone Road
- Harris Road
- Mount Sheridan

Lake King Varley Maintenance Grading

- Lake King Norseman Road

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

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.



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 - 23 September - changed for September

Friday - 28 October (changed for October)

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 13 September	Tuesday 6 September
Tuesday 27 September	Tuesday 20 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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<https://www.facebook.com/ShireofLakeGrace/>