

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

Several Councillors and the CEO had a meeting with Doctors Abi and Olay on Friday to discuss some issues regarding services to Lake Grace and Newdegate. There was frank and open discussion between both parties regarding some concerns recently voiced by the community and it was mutually agreed that some improvement is required.

The main concern was a breakdown in communication regarding doctor absences and the making of appointments amongst other things. There was a problem with the recent absences of Dr Olu for a period of 6 weeks. Drs Abi and Olay tried for 4 months to get a locum to town to cover the absence but were unable to attract anyone. Phone consults were still available however this fact was not communicated to the public enough.

Dr Olay was also experiencing some personal problems and was not available for some time. We have been assured that everybody is back on board with doctors in attendance 5 days per week.

The problem with HotDoc not working as expected will also be addressed. There was a concern raised by a resident regarding the results of blood tests not being advised. If you have a blood test done and you haven't received a call about the results there are 2 options available 1. Ring the surgery to make an appointment with the doctor, or 2. Blood test results are available on MyHealth on the MyGov website. These apparently are available once they have been opened by the doctor.

We were also advised that Dr Olu will have full hospital rights 8 weeks from now. He already has visitation rights for the aged care residents. It was generally agreed that the underlying problems concern a lack of communication and the Doctors have assured Council that they will take measures to improve.

Congratulations goes to the Newdegate Container Exchange for being awarded Volunteer Refund Point Operator of the Year at this year's Change Makers Awards.

From the media release on Monday 7 November;

"Newdegate Container Exchange was awarded the Volunteer Refund Point Operator of the Year for providing the community with the opportunity to reduce landfill, for creating a fundraising stream for local clubs and not for profit organisations, and for providing opportunities for young adults with a disability to work at the refund point."

Comments Attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC *"The Containers for Change program has created additional fundraising opportunities for local communities while also reducing landfill," she said. "I am thrilled for the Bremer Bay Primary School P&C and the Newdegate Container Exchange who were both announced as winners at this weekend's Change Maker Awards. I would also like to acknowledge the Gnowangerup Heritage Group for being a finalist in the Volunteer Refund Point Operator category". "It is great to see local communities and organisations embrace this program."* Well done to all those involved.

The Shire of Lake Grace Review of Councillor Representation is still underway until 25 November

This gives all residents and ratepayers the chance to have their say into the number of councillors representing YOU in the Shire. As part of the Local Government Act reforms announced on 3 July 2022 the Shire of Lake Grace needs to reduce the number of councillors down to between 5 and 7.

YOU need to decide which will give you the best representation for your community. A discussion paper and feedback form are available on the shire website or at the office.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Coming Events

Asbestos Awareness
1 - 30 November

November
1 - 30 November

National Recycling Week
8 - 14 November

Remembrance Day
Friday 11 November

**Seniors Week -
Mamma Mia**
Friday 18 November
Albany Port Theatre

Social Inclusion Week
19-27 November

White Ribbon Day
Friday 25 November

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday
23 November 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.

Community Infrastructure Service

Shire works crews have been busy building tank pads in preparation for the installation of 2 x 500kl & 1 x 250kl steel tanks in Lake Grace, 2 x 250kl steel tanks in Varley. These projects are funded by the DWER Community Water Supply Funding Grant the Shire recently received for adding additional emergency water storage.

Works are scheduled to commence towards the end of November on preparing the Newdegate Rec Centre car park and the Lake Grace Rec Centre car park for sealing. Once the earthworks are completed the carparks will be flagged off until they are sealed in early December

Everyone is reminded to separate their waste when dumping at the rubbish tips as we are starting to get more and more general waste mixed with wire and scrap steel. (see the picture below recently taken at Lake Grace tip)



Over the last few weeks the Newdegate Maintenance Grader has graded

- Lockhart Road
- Bidy Camm Road from Newdegate North Rd to Oakey Rd
- Beynon Road
- Dawson Road

Over the last few weeks the Lake King Varley maintenance grader has graded

- Hatters Hill Road
- Tilbrook Road
- Muncaster Road
- Banga Hill Road
- Ladyman Road
- Lake King Norseman Road

Over the last few weeks the Lake Grace maintenance grader has been grading back slopes on

- Strevett Road
- Greg Road
- Fourteen Mile Road
- Mallee Hill Road
- South Bunrgup Road

Safety on Our Gravel Roads

With the harvest season underway, there are sections of gravel roads in the Shire that are already struggling under the weight and volume of frequent, fast moving heavy vehicles.

These roads are deteriorating despite the best efforts of our Roads Crew to keep them graded and up to scratch.

Please note there is now a recommended 80kph speed limit imposed on all Shire gravel roads until 31 December.

In the meantime, we will continue to do our best to keep them graded and in a smooth, safe condition. We would like to thank the community for your road reports so far and ask that you keep them coming.

Any road standard issues please contact Craig Elefsen, Manager Infrastructure Services, on 0448 089 092 or 9890 2500, or shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Craig Elefsen

Manager of Infrastructure

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 - 2 December

Friday - 6 January 2023 (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 22 November	Tuesday 15 November
Tuesday 6 December	Tuesday 29 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.

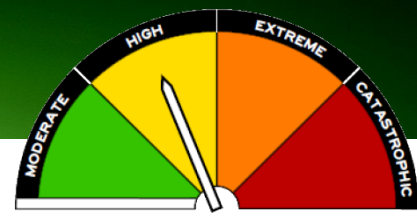
If an item is covered in food, it is not recyclable. Food is one of the worst contaminants in the recycling process. By using the yellow top recycling bin correctly you are contributing, in a combined community effort, to reduce the amount of rubbish that is directed to landfill facilities each year.

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/>

Community Emergency Service



I would like to express my thanks to everyone who completed the Rural Fire Awareness training. Course file processing will now commence with certificates to be available once done. Participants should receive an email with a link to download their certificate.

If you have any issues with the download link we can retrieve certificates as required.

Since November 2021, we have trained 335 people in Lake Grace, 128 in Kent and 128 in Dumbleyung, totaling 591 which is a great result for our area.

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, and 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, door handles, table chairs, showers, and toilets regularly.

At the end of the event the requirements are:

- Clean and return tables and chairs to the 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 the facility
- **Facility is to be left in the same condition as found upon arrival including the floors**
- All external doors are closed and locked

Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of the facility. They are not responsible for cleaning up after a function.

Please clean and put away everything you use.

Reminder

November 2022 to 31 January 2023 - during this period you must not start a fire in the open air.

Any date changes will be published on the Shire of Lake Grace website at: www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Matt Castaldini

Community Emergency Services Manager

VAC Swim

Lake Grace and Newdegate

Friday 16 December 2022 to Friday 23 December 2022
(including Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 December 2022)



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.



Extended Power Outages

The \$80 payment is an acknowledgement of the inconvenience for customers who have experienced a long unplanned outage while waiting for repairs to be completed and restoration of power to occur.

Go to: <https://www.westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/make-a-claim/extended-outage/>

