

Community Newsletter

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Acting CEO

Our sincere condolences to the McDonald family and friends in the passing of Helen McDonald. We were surprised and saddened to hear of her passing on the 4th February; wishing her family love, comfort and strength. Helen was a Councillor for the Shire from July 2001 until 2004.

Lake King AGM

Councillors Armstrong, Chappell and Clarke with Craig and myself attended the Lake King Progress Association AGM on Tuesday 7 February. They are getting prepared for their 100 year celebrations in 2028.

Annual Electors Meeting

Councillors and Staff attended the Annual General Meeting of Electors on Wednesday 8 February at Newdegate CRC, at 6.30pm. Unfortunately no members of the public were present, and all reports were completed with the meeting closing at 6.45pm. The purpose of this meeting is to Council and residents receive the Shire of Lake Grace:

- 2021/22 Annual Report, President's, CEO and Auditor reports
- Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Central Country Zone Meeting

Crs Armstrong, Chappell and myself attended the WALGA Central Country Zone Meeting in Corrigin on Friday 10 February; present was the Minister for Local Government the Hon. John Carey MLA who spoke to all of the Councils involved in CCZ about the new Local Government Act reforms.

New Australian Citizens

Before the Ordinary council meeting locals Kiri Ann Harwood, Malcolm Harwood and Kyle Harwood made their pledge in their final step in becoming an Australian citizens. Congratulations to the family in becoming our newest Australian citizens. Zane was born in Australia and already an Australian citizen.

Ordinary Council Meeting Wednesday 15 February 2023

- That the development application submitted by Optus Mobile Pty Ltd under authority from DP, RM & BP Sinclair (Landowners) to construct and operate new telecommunications infrastructure on portion of Lot 3007 on Deposited Plan 214431 Tuck Road, East Newdegate be approved subject to certain conditions;
- Council provided comment to DPLH on a block of land identified for possible transfer and inclusion in the Noongar Land Estate;
- Council acknowledged the letter from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and advise that it has no comment or objection to the renewal of the lease over Lot 279 or to the freehold of Lots 279, 280 and 281 Mason Street, Lake Grace to Mr David Fyfe for the purpose of 'light industry'.
- Council endorsed the extension of the new Local Government Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as detailed in the attachment for a further 5 years that will promote cooperation between the Central Country Zone local governments in emergency events.



*Kyle, Kiri, Zane
and Malcolm Harwood*

Coming Events

Outdoor Movie

The Goonies

Lake Grace visitor Centre

Friday 10 March

Astrotourism

Lake Grace Jam Patch

Friday 31 March

Albert Facey

A Fortunate Life

Varley & Districts

Town Hall

Tuesday 28 March

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting

will be held on

Wednesday 22 March

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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Community Information

Roe Tourism meeting

Jo Morgan from Lake Grace Visitors Centre and myself attended the Roe Tourism Association meeting in Kulin on Monday 20 February. We are pleased to acknowledge that the Committee appointed Mikaela Spurr as the Executive Officer.

Regional Tourism Meeting

Councillors Armstrong and Chappell attended a regional tourism workshop at Kojonup on Wednesday 22nd February 2023. The meeting was called to discuss the future of tourism in our region and the Great Southern, and the opportunities and challenges within the industry.

Varley Progress Meeting

Councillors Armstrong, Chappell, and Clarke with Craig and myself attended the Varley Progress Association Meeting on Thursday 23 February.

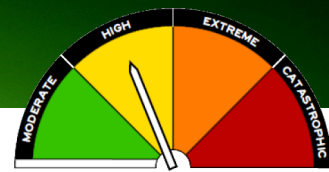
Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group Meeting

Cr Chappell and Craig Elefsen attended the Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group Meeting at Wickepin Friday 24 February.

Finally, a special thank you goes to Sandy Armstrong for her help and determination last Thursday, Evan Ayres was due to play at Newdegate Hotel however due to the power outage this was not possible. Sandy asked Evan if he would like to play at Lake Grace Hotel and some 40 people were lucky enough to see him in action. The Shire did aim for three towns to host Evan, and regrets that Newdegate missed out this time due to the power issues.

Chris Paget
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Community Emergency Service



Fire Season Catchup – We saw our usual fires over harvest with a number caused by mechanical issues and a few electrical faults as well as rock strikes. As we moved through summer the lightning strikes started with the Shire largely missing out on the ignition of any major fire. With the Shire's support I participate on the State Pre-Formed Team roster, which brings together a team of emergency services personnel to support large incidents. This year has seen support to the Kimberley following Ex-TC Ellie (TL06U), the Avon Valley fires and the Hamersley Drive Fire (Fitzgerald NP/Hopetoun). Closer to home the Shire of Lake Grace sent a Task Force of resources from the east down to support the Shire of Ravensthorpe with the Edwards Farm fire in West River, just across our southern boundary.

Additionally, we have noted another exceptionally high occurrence of pole top fires this season with 19 being reported to 000, and approximately 9 additional damaged poles identified by Western Power in their follow-up. Understandably there is increasing frustration being expressed by the community from this impact to their time and availability to power. The local Chief Bush Fire

Control Officers have been discussing ways to move forward, applying pressure to Western Power to remediate this issue. We will investigate avenues available through the Shire to support this cause.

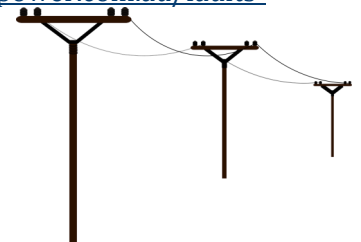
Finally, I would like to say thank you to those who have been reporting fires to 000. By doing this it accelerates our ability to mobilise and support incidents within the Shire. Remember, when you call 000 for FIRE, your message is passed on to the local CBFCO and decisions about response are managed locally.

Matt Castaldini
Community Emergency Services Manager

Extended Power Outages

The \$120 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/>



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 - 3 March

Friday - 14 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.

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

Lake Grace Swimming Pool

Open: Wednesday to Monday 12noon - 6pm
Closed - Tuesday

Early morning swimming:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5.30am - 7.00am

Changes will be advertised on the Shire Facebook page.

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 14 March	Tuesday 7 March
Tuesday 28 March	Tuesday 21 March

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.

Community Infrastructure Services

Welcome to another edition of the community news, we have been busy at the shire over the last couple of weeks with many projects commencing.

Staff and contractors have been busy working on:

- Re sealing 7km of Mallee Hill Road
- Sealing preparation of 4.5km on Aylemore Road
- Re sheeting of 3km on Witham Road
- Installation of adult Gym equipment in Lake Grace
- External painting of the Lake Grace Visitor centre
- Installation of footpaths Newdegate
- Works have commenced on the Football lighting tower installation at Lake Grace Oval
- Sign and guide post maintenance in the eastern parts of the shire
- Installation of a new pump in the Lake King rec grounds dam to water ovals



Lake Grace Visitor Centre is having it's first facelift since 2004 and the opening in 2005.

- Maintenance grading throughout the shire
- Garden maintenance throughout the shire
- Building maintenance throughout the shire

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services



Main Street facelift has started. Watch this spot, some changes are coming

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.

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