

Community Newsletter

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CEO Chat

The crossroads at the Stubbs St and Kulin Rock Gorge Rock Road has certainly been the talk of the town over the past few weeks. The passengers involved in the recent rollover were lucky enough to escape with their lives judging from the camera footage. There is no doubt that the intersection requires attention and has done so over a number of years and the recent footage going around of near misses with trucks and vehicles of all sorts not stopping at the stop sign has finally had some positive results.

On Wednesday 22 March the Manager of Infrastructure, Craig Elefsen, and myself met with the Main Roads WA Director of the Wheatbelt Region, the Operations Manager Narrogin, the Acting Network Manager and Sergeant Joshua Egan-Reid from the Lake Grace Police on site to discuss the issues. This meeting was a result of much lobbying from various sources within the community. The Main Roads representatives then had to prepare a report to the Minister of Transport that afternoon as the matter was being brought up during parliament grievance time by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition Peter Rundle.

During the meeting with the MRWA representatives a plan to address the issues was formulated which included firstly, as a stop gap measure, to immediately arrange to have the white stopping lines redone and to be made larger. This was carried out the following day. The intersection was already going to be asphalted in May, it will now be investigated to use a different coloured asphalt to highlight the intersection. Further measures include improved signage on both South Road and Kulin Gorge Rock Road and the installation of rumble strips on the approaches.

Hopefully the proposed upgrades will have a positive effect however there is nothing we can do about driver inattentiveness or laziness.

Council and administration staff have commenced work on next year's budget. At this stage there shouldn't be any surprises. Again, roads and drainage will be a big spend item along with a continued focus on water capture and retention as well as community amenities.

Highlights from the Council meeting held on 22 March included the following;

- Reallocations of funds from Taylor Rd gravel re-sheeting to Biddy Camm Rd due to gravel availability
- A reallocation of funds from some job savings to the purchase of a mobile water tanker
- Confirmation by Council that the upcoming October Council elections will be conducted by the WA Electoral Commission
- The Shire office will be closed on Monday 24 April (prior to Anzac Day).
- We will be applying for a State government grant to assist with headworks to open up more residential land in Lake Grace
- Council endorsement of the Lake Grace Tree Trail
- Council confirmation of the commencement of Phase 3 of the Padley Park Retention Basin and Wetland detailed design
- Full details of the meeting are on the shire website.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Newdegate Childcare Centre

- If you have a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care or Bachelor Degree in Early childhood
- The Newdegate Childcare operates every Thursday only during the school term
- They need to fill the coordinator position to stay open starting term 2, 2023
- There are great incentives

For further information contact Denise (Director) on 08 9827 1454 or director@gfsa.org.au

Coming Events

Astrotourism

Lake Grace Jam Patch
Friday 31 March

*Come along for burgers at
6pm. The show begins
around 6.30pm*

Shire Offices

will be closed 24 & 25 April

Anzac Day

Normal hours will
commence

Wednesday 26th April

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting
will be held on

Wednesday 26 April
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 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 - 6 April

Friday - 5 May (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

Pool will close for the season Monday 3 April

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 11 April	Tuesday 4 April
Tuesday 25 April	Tuesday 18 April

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. As we welcome the recent rains the shire has commenced its winter grading program that should see all major roads graded in the near future.

Contractors and staff have been kept busy over the last month with many projects being worked on such as

- Re-construction, stabilising and sealing of 4.45km on Aylemore road
- Re sheeting of 3km on Witham Road
- Re sheeting of 5km on Fitzgerald road
- Installation of new colorbond fence at Varley Hall
- Installation of new retic pump at Lake King ovals
- Installation of solar pump on Varley North dam
- Installation of footpaths Witham and May street Newdegate
- Commencement of lighting upgrades Newdegate Hockey oval and Lake Grace Football oval
- Installation of adult gym equipment at various locations within Lake Grace

Over the next couple of weeks there will be bitumen works completed at various locations throughout the shire so please be mindful and follow directions of traffic control if you come across them.

On a sad note vandalism is on the rise again with many road signs being taken, cables cut at Lake King dam, damage to walking trail signs at the Lake Grace Speedway walk trail, public toilets damaged at Lake King and Lake Grace.



Asbestos Disposal Changes at Lake Grace Tip

To ensure the proper and timely burial of asbestos, combined with the dwindling landfill space set aside for asbestos, the Shire will make the following changes to the asbestos disposal process.

The Shire's Waste Management page will be kept up to date when the Lake Grace Tip can accept asbestos or not.

This can be found through the Shire website's dropdown menu Services > Work & Infrastructure > Waste Management, or through the following link: <https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/services/work-and-infrastructure/Waste-Management.aspx>.

- If the webpage shows asbestos can be accepted, you must notify the Shire ahead of time you wish to dispose of the asbestos and the amount, preferably in cubic metres. This will allow time to check current room to bury your asbestos, or if we need to create extra space.
- Once we respond that we can accept your asbestos, you can submit an Asbestos Disposal Application to the Shire. The fee will be invoiced to you or your company after disposal of the asbestos.
- Requests to dispose of asbestos on the same day of the request will be refused. It will take time to check our current capacity. We do not want wrapped asbestos sitting out in the sun for any time while we sort an additional trench.

This procedure (particularly the rejection of same-day disposal) will be put in to place starting on **10 April 2023**.

At the time of this publication, the Lake Grace Tip is **unable to accept** any asbestos. All applications for disposal will be refused.

Please check the website when asbestos can be accepted again. Please keep this in mind when arranging for works on your property that require the disposal of asbestos as your builder/removalist may be required to take it to another tip.

If you have any questions, please send correspondence to

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.