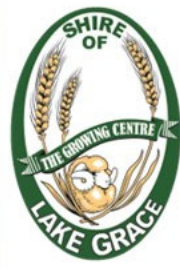


Community Newsletter

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CEO Chat

Winter came a day early last week with some decent rainfalls received throughout the Shire, hopefully there wasn't too much damage caused.

The roadworks at the Stubbs St South Main Rd intersection in Lake Grace has been completed with not too much disruption to the public. The Main Roads hierarchy for the region met with myself, Craig Elefsen and Sgt. Egan-Reid at the intersection on Thursday 1 June to discuss the outcome and any concerns. The intersection will be monitored over the next 12 months for its efficacy and any perceived shortcomings will be discussed.



We have several irons in the fire at the moment for some grant funding opportunities which include;

1. The development of some more residential land for release in Lake Grace. At the moment we have only 2 vacant lots for sale left in Quondong Court development due to popular demand in recent times.
2. Renovations and additions to the Lake King Sports pavilion
3. The development and release of more light industrial land in Dewar St Lake Grace.

These things take some time to prepare submissions and getting approval can be a lengthy wait so let's hope we get approvals across the line.

The Community Strategic Plan Review is well underway with a very pleasing number of surveys being returned. Thank you to all those that have completed the surveys. They are currently being collated ready for the next steps.

Some highlights from the 24 May Council meeting were;

- Due to concerns expressed from a neighbouring landowner Council approval was sought for the closure of Walker Road. This road is virtually a no through road that runs to the edge of Lake Grace North and is impassible after rains. The closure of the road will be advertised for public comment. Council voted 7/1 in favour of the closure.
- Main Roads received a request from a local transport company to have all the roads within the Varley town site assessed as being included in the RAV road network. This would allow all heavy vehicles to travel on what are basically residential roads within the town. Council resolved to advise Main Roads that permission to access the roads will only be given to the local contractor under a Restricted Local Access Permit.

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Coming Events

International Men's Health Week

14—20 June

COLTS CARNIVAL

Lake Grace

*Saturday 16 &
Sunday 17 June*

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 28 June** 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

- Approval has been given to Crisp Wireless to install some hardware on the Newdegate radio tower at the recreation ground to increase internet coverage to the town. Approval was subject to a wind rating investigation being carried out on the tower infrastructure.
- A request was received regarding removing the No Overnight Caravan Parking sign at the Lake King rest stop opposite Lake King Agencies and Roadhouse due to demand from travellers. This was approved subject to consultation with Main Roads and local businesses.
- Council endorsed a review of the Shire of Lake Grace Financial Management Systems and procedures carried out by an independent consultant. This is a requirement of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.
- The Council approved the sale of Lot216 Quondong Court to Akron Pty Ltd and this is subject to public comment as per government regulations. Details are on the shire website.
- The CEO Annual Performance Review was endorsed by Council.

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH) Act 2021 comes into effect on 1 July 2023 and there are wide ranging ramifications for farmers, land owners and the shire. You are strongly advised to visit the Shire website for details of the workshops being held. We have contacted DPLH and requested that a workshop be held in the shire as the nearest workshops are in Esperance and Merredin!

Further information can be found on the DPLH website.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Community Infrastructure Services

As we near the end of the financial year shire senior staff and administration staff have been working towards putting together the 2023-24 budget. If all goes to plan we should see many new exciting projects unfold.

Shire staff have been receiving complaints about the state of the Newdegate tip, staff and councilors are aware of this and hopefully, all necessary permits will be received in the near future so an expansion can occur. This permit process has been drawn out due to the need for a clearing permit, licence amendment, and rehabilitation plan and now with the new ACH Act coming into effect on 1 July a 3 tier approval will be need.

As we welcome the recent rains with arms wide open it has now allowed us to ramp up our winter grading program throughout the Shire. Over the last couple of weeks, the following roads have been graded;

- Burns Rd (Western section)
- Harvey Rd
- Kuender West Rd
- Green Rd
- Gimble Rd
- Kennedy Rd

- Mordetta Rd
- White Dam Rd
- Lake King Norseman Rd
- Biddy Camm Rd
- Mission Rd
- Shalders Rd
- Haig Rd

In recent weeks Shire staff and contractors have been busy on many projects including

- Gravel sheet 5km of Biddy Camm Rd
- Grave sheet 5km of Jarring South Rd
- Gravel sheet 5km & culvert replacement of Fitzgerald Rd
- Culvert replacement of Smerdon Rd
- Culvert installation on Oakey Rd
- Drain & Backslope maintenance on North Lake Grace Karlagarin Rd
- Bitumen reseal on sections of Holt Rock South Rd, North Lake Grace Karlagarin Rd & Newdegate Pingrup rd
- Maintenance on Lake Grace Airstrip, Parks & gardens, all shire ovals & various public buildings.

Craig Elefsen
Manager Infrastructure Services

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 for 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 - 9 June

Friday - 7 July (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 20 June	Tuesday 13 June
Tuesday 4 July	Tuesday 27 June

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.