

Community Newsletter

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CEO Chat

Highlights from the 26 July Council Meeting

Council adopted the 2023/24 Shire of Lake Grace Budget. This is a culmination of many months work behind the scenes by office staff and Councillors. Whilst rate rises are inevitable, this years rates increase has been locked in at 3% which is well below the inflation rate whilst still maintaining sufficient resources to carry out our works and services as well as placing funds in our Reserves to provide for future requirements.

Other resolutions passed included:

- The approval of a development application submitted on behalf of Farmers Centre (1978) Pty Ltd for the construction of a new shed on its property in Stubbs Street Lake Grace.
- The appointment of Fire Control Officers throughout the Shire.
- Council adopted the AIM Hospital Museum Interpretation Plan.
- Council received the proposal from the Newdegate Historical Society regarding the purchase of the St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church in Newdegate to be used to house archives.
- Council will undertake a review of all its local laws as required by the Local Government Act 1995.

BUDGET REPORT 2023/2024

General Rates

The budget has been formulated with an increase of 3% on rate in the dollar for GRV (within town site) rate revenue and 3% on rate revenue for UV properties. The UV valuations carried out by Landgate substantially increased the value of these properties which has had a bearing on the setting of rates. This has led to the rate increase being formulated off total revenue that was raised the previous year thus reducing the rate in the dollar.

Rising input costs required to maintain our main source of expenditure, being roads, and the increased pressure being placed on the shires vast network of gravel roads (2500km) by an increase in the size of machinery and increased machinery movements have a big impact on the Shires ability to maintain 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. It also ensures that critical infrastructure asset renewal is somewhat funded over the time frame of the Long term Financial Plan.

The following general and minimum rates on Gross Rental Unimproved Values has been imposed:

General Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV) 14.4746 cents in the dollar

Rural Unimproved Value (UV) 0.8600 cents in the dollar

Specified area Rates—Sewerage

Minimum Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV) \$530

Unimproved Value (UV) \$540

The 2023/24 budget has been prepared with a 3% increase in specified area rate revenue for the Lake Grace Sewerage Scheme.

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The following general rate on Gross Rental Values has been imposed

<u>Specified Area Rate</u>		<u>Fixture Charges</u>	
Sewerage—GRV	4.89 cents in the dollar	First Major Fixture	\$268.00
Sewerage Fixture Charges		Additional Fixtures	\$118.00

Borrowings

There will be no new borrowings for 2023/24. The outstanding loan principal at 1 July 2023 is \$1,213,744. The principal repayments for 2023/24 amount to \$177,282 and interest payable of \$38,474 leaving a balance of \$1,036,462 at 30 June 2024.

Reserve Transfers

Transfers to Reserves total \$1,321,718 which includes \$210,884 interest, Lake Grace Sewerage Reserve \$100,00, Housing \$400,00, Swimming Pool \$175,834, Land Development \$135,000, Plant Replacement \$200,00 and Newdegate Stadium Floor \$100,00. Nil will be transferred out of Reserves. This will give a total closing balance of \$6,593,811.

Budget Focus

The 2023/24 Budget provides as normal, funds to meet the on-going operations of the Shire which includes shire building and facilities, parks and gardens, and recreational facilities maintained to acceptable standards, maintaining and upgrading the Shire's extensive road system which totals some 2,500 kilometres.

Infrastructure—Roads, Footpaths, Drainage and Cemetery Upgrades.

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- Jarring South Rd SLK 0-2 & 13-16
 - Rodger Rd SLK 0.00-5.64
 - Mallee Hill Rd SLK 13.30-15.30
 - Magenta Rd SLK 49.68-51.68
 - Old Ravensthorpe Rd 22.10-27.00 (RRG)
 - Winchcombe Rd SLK 5.00-10.80
 - Burngup Rd SLK 0.0-4.0
 - Bidy Camm Rd SLK 58.32-62.83
 - Rasmussen/McCracken Rd SLK 0.13-0.26
 - Magenta Rd SLK 34.50-39.50 (R2R)
 - Mallee Hill Rd SLK 10.60-13.60
 - Fitzgerald Rd SLK 5.00-9.76
 - Nth LG-Karlgarin Rd 25.73-31.81 (RRG)
 - West Kuender Rd SLK 0.00-3.10
 - Hatters Hill Rd SLK 22.1-27.1
 - Crooks/Kent Rd SLK 0.0-4.0
 - Bidy Buniche Rd SLK 2.75-5.71
 - Waddell St Whole Length 0-1

amount of \$4,251,182 has been set aside for road renewal and upgrades to cover works on:

- Dykes Road Drainage—\$46,000
- Lake Grace Cemetery Roadway—\$50,000
- Newdegate Footpaths—\$150,000
- Buniche Dam Revitalisation (CWSP) — \$ 75,000
- Construct Newdegate Dam—\$140,000
- Lake King Cemetery Fence—\$50,000
- Lake Grace Footpaths—\$25,000
- Fuel Storage Lake Grace Depot—\$ 80,000
- Dempster Rock Dam Revitalisation (CWSP) — \$12,071

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Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 23 August** from 3.30pm at the Council Chambers, Administration Building.

The Agenda will be available on www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Everyone Welcome

Infrastructure—Parks, Gardens and Recreation Facilities

A total of \$1,611,851 has been allocated for capital parks and garden works which include Lighting for Newdegate Hockey Field, Lake Grace Football Field Lighting, Lake Grace Sporting Complex Entry, Jam Patch BBQ & Picnic Shelters, Lake Grace Visitor Centre Park, Newdegate Street Bin Shrouds, Lake Grace Walkway Shelters, Lighting for Lake Grace and Lake King Playgrounds, Padley Park Stormwater Capture, Lake Grace Bowling Club Lights, Lake Grace Community All Ages Playground, Lake Grace Pump Track, Lake Grace RV Park and Lake Grace Lookout Upgrade.

Property, Plant & Equipment.

An amount of \$1,547,308 has been allocated to Shire Building refurbishment and upgrades including Admin Office Building, Relocation of Toy Library to the Daycare Centre site, Shire houses, Varley Public Toilet, Lake Grace Hall Refurbishment, Lakes Village Hall, Lake King Sports Pavilion, Lake Grace Sports Pavilion Bar, Varley Sports Pavilion, Newdegate Hockey Shed Replacement, Lake King Library, AIM Building, Lake Grace RSL Hall, Lake Grace Visitor Centre, Lake King Tractor Museum Shed and Newdegate Museum Shed. An amount of \$100,000 has been included to install services into the Industrial Land to make ready for sale.

The Shire is currently in the process of applying for a Building Regions Program Grant for the works at Lake King Sports Pavilion. Also in consideration are funding options for housing within Lake Grace including the release of some more residential and light industrial land.

An amount of \$1,080,000 has been allocated to purchase plant and equipment which includes MIS Prado, Lake Grace and Newdegate Digital Speed Signs, Lake Grace and Newdegate Town CCTV, DFES Fast Fill Trailers, Lake Grace Pool Diving Board & Net, Lake Grace Pool Blankets and Roller, Skid Steer Plant Trailer, Backhoe, Builders 4WD Ute, Mobile Traffic Light Trailer, Lake Grace Community Bus, Lake Grace and Newdegate Digital Display Sign and Lake Grace Football Electronic Score Board.

Community Grants

Community Grants totaling \$41,974 have been approved this year and the successful recipients will be advised shortly.

Alan George

Chief Executive Officer

Community Information

Rates 2023/24 Due Dates

OPTION 1:

Single Full payment due - 4 September 2023

OPTION 2:

1st Instalment due date - 4 September 2023

2nd Instalment due date - 6 November 2023

OPTION 3:

1st Instalment payment due - 4 September 2023

2nd Instalment due date - 6 November 2023

3rd Instalment payment due - 8 January 2024

4th Instalment due date - 11 March 2024

Paying your Rates

IN PERSON - Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS or money order
(NO CASH)

BY MAIL: - Cheque, credit card or money order

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER - Acc: Shire of Lake Grace

BSB: 306-019 Account # 0125 324

Reference: Assessment Number on rates notice

The Finance Team

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:

Wednesday - 30 August

Friday - September (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 15 August	Tuesday 8 August
Tuesday 29 August	Tuesday 22 August

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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