

Community Newsletter

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2023

Currently here at the Shire of Lake Grace we have eight Elected members serving as Councilors. Elected members serve a four-year term. Local Government elections in Western Australia are held every two (2) years.

The 2023 ordinary local government election will be held on Saturday, 21 October 2023.

Under the Local Government Reforms introduced in May 2023, the number of elected members for the Shire of Lake Grace will drop to seven (7). This means that out of the four (4) elected members whose terms are due to expire in 2023 there will be three (3) positions to fill.

CONDUCTING ELECTIONS.

The Electoral Commissioner is responsible for conducting all local government postal elections in Western Australia and can also conduct voting in person elections on request under the Local Government Act 1995. By making the Electoral Commissioner responsible for those elections, the local governments concerned ensure that elections are conducted independently and with impartiality.

For local government elections, rolls close at 5.00pm, 50 days prior to polling day. All electors should check their details are up to date before rolls close on **25 August 2023**.

If the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacancies, the candidate is elected unopposed. If there are more candidates than vacancies, the election will proceed.

While voting in a local government election is not compulsory in Western Australia, all electors are strongly encouraged to vote.

RESIDENTS ROLL.

The residents Roll is maintained by the Western Australian Electoral Commission. People who live in the Shire of Lake Grace and are enrolled on the State electoral roll will automatically be placed on this roll.

You can check your enrolment status by using the Online Enrolment Check tool on the Western Australian Electoral Commission's website. A link can also be found on the Shire of Lake Grace website.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES.

- **Nominations open: Thursday 31 August**
- **Nominations close: Thursday 7 September, 4pm**

To be a candidate under the Local Government Act 1995, you must be:

- 1) An elector of the district (residential or owner/occupier and,
- 2) Over 18 years of age

A full list of exclusions can be found on our website or Western Australian Electoral Commission website.

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT EDUCATION WORKSHOP CANCELLED

In light of the State Government's announcement to progress changes to Aboriginal heritage legislation, all upcoming education sessions are now cancelled.

The intention is to repeal—remove—the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and restore an amended version of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.

Any future sessions will be considered once the amendment Bill passes through Parliament and in line with the requirements of the new system, which will include returning to what is known as the Section 18 approvals process.

If you have any further queries relating to Aboriginal heritage, please email: - aboriginalheritage@dplh.wa.gov.au

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 29 August	Tuesday 22 August
Tuesday 12 September	Tuesday 5 September

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.