

# Shire of Lake Grace

ISSUE 10 2024



Lake Grace ○ Newdegate ○ Lake King ○ Varley ○ Pingaring

## From the Chief Executive Officer

I mentioned in my last newsletter about the remarking of the parking bays along Stubbs St and a few of the side roads in Lake Grace, which is very good. What would be better would be if some people actually parked in them properly. I would like to say it is the people passing through but...?

There are still people hooning around the roads cutting up the gravel and leaving rubber on the bitumen. Please stop as this is costing everyone money to fix. Please also note that the old speedway is off limits to vehicles - this is the site of a wildflower walk trail, and not for vehicles. Signs have been knocked over and vegetation destroyed, please respect the area.

There is lots of excitement building around town about the All Abilities Playground as it nears the final stages of completion; with some more turf being laid shortly, shade sails being installed, fencing to be finished off and a general tidy up of the area.

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## Next Council Meeting

**3.30pm, Wednesday 26 June**

A minimum of 15 minutes is set aside for public question time, giving community members an opportunity to ask questions relating to Shire activities. All welcome.

Upcoming agendas, and minutes from previous meetings are available for public viewing at: [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

## Highlights from Council

Highlights from the 22 May Council Meeting:

- Workshops were held with the Councillors prior to the meeting to review the Shire's Long Term Financial Plan for the next 10 years, and commenced planning for the upcoming Shire Budget
- Councillors were advised of the 2024 Local Government Convention to be held this year at the Perth Convention Centre in October
- Council appointed a new Authorised Person to exercise powers under the Local Government Act with regard to Ranger Services
- Council approved the waiver of fees for the Newdegate Country Club in regards to the new lease and also supported a request to Racing, Gaming and Liquor for a variation of its licence for the sale of liquor.
- Approval was given by Council to write off some shire rates that were raised due to administrative delays for a property settlement.
- Council undertook the Annual Performance Review of the Chief Executive Officer and have approved a contract extension for a further 2 years.

the growing centre

From the Chief Executive Officer continued...

It now should only be a couple of weeks away and then we can unleash the public onto it. This area will soon be complemented by the addition of a Pump Track adjacent to the east end of the playground.

The Shire is working with neighbouring shires and partnering with the Wheatbelt Development Commission to develop a joint funding proposal to support new housing investment in Lake Grace, due to the severe housing shortage in town for both rentals and permanent housing. We recently sent out a request on our social pages seeking expressions of interest from interested parties. We have had a good response which gives us more ammunition for our project.

Council has received advice from the federal government that our application for funding through the Growing Regions Program for the Lake King Pavilion project was unsuccessful, which is disappointing. Alternative funding sources will be investigated and a fresh plan of attack prepared in consultation with the Lake King community.

We welcome our new Community Emergency Services Manager, Ryan Sutherland, who commenced work with the Shire on Tuesday 4th June. He will be looking after the Shires of Lake Grace, Kent and Dumbleyung. It is his first CESM position, but with his wide experience he will be a valued addition. Ryan will be ranging throughout the shire and settling in and meeting people over the coming weeks.

Alan George, Chief Executive Officer  
Email: ceo@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

## Citizenship Ceremony

On 22 May 2024 the Shire of Lake Grace had the honour of conferring citizenship status on Mariska Engelbrecht & Jacobus Jordaan. Making the pledge of commitment at a formal ceremony is the final step in becoming an Australian citizen. Acquiring citizenship is a public declaration of commitment to Australia, and an acknowledgement of the common bond of reciprocal rights and obligations enjoyed by Australian citizens.

Citizens pledge to be loyal to Australia and its people; share their democratic beliefs, respect their rights and liberties, and uphold and obey the laws of Australia. In return they have the right to vote, and acquire an Australian passport.

Shire President Len Armstrong presided over the ceremony which was attended by councillors and staff of the Shire of Lake Grace.

Warm congratulations to our newest citizens Mariska and Jacobus.



Photos:

1. Mariska Engelbrecht & Jacobus Jordaan
2. Mariska Engelbrecht, Len Armstrong, Jacobus Jordaan



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## Community & Events

The Shire of Lake Grace is pleased to announce the opening of a Youth Centre in Lake Grace, for youth aged 10+. The centre will operate out of the Lake Grace Sports Pavilion on the second Monday of each month. We hope to see as many youth as possible at our opening session Monday 10 June 2024.

Please follow us on Facebook for further announcements regarding school holiday activities!

The Shire of Lake Grace and Walkers Hill Vineyard are hosting a Ladies Lego evening on Friday 28 June 2024. Tickets can be booked via Humanitix, with the cost including a Lego set and nibbles.

Please RSVP by Thursday 13 June.



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Lake Grace Swimming Pool

#### **CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**

We look forward to seeing you all in the 2024/2025 season.

### Library Services

#### **Lake Grace Community Library**

School Place

T: 08 9865 1185

E: lakegracelibrary@hotmail.com

#### **Newdegate Public Library**

Collier Street

T: 08 9871 1791

E: admin@newdegatecrc.com.au

#### **Lake King Library**

Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Road

T: 08 9874 4147

E: lklib@westnet.com.au

### Town Planning & Building

Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace for all Town Planning and Building Surveying enquiries.

Email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

### Department of Transport

All licensing payments can be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration Building:

#### **Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm**

*Please allow a minimum of 30 minutes prior to enable completion of transactions*

We process the majority of transactions including: renewals, transfers, number plate orders, boat registration renewals and new licence applications.

### Driving Assessor

Lake Grace holds one assessment day on the first Friday of each month.

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments as there is a wait list. Please contact the Shire office.

For more information go to:

[www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au)

### Environmental Health

Please contact the Shire of Lake Grace for all Environmental Health enquiries.

Email: shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

### Waste Facilities

#### **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 is collected each Tuesday in Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

Recycling is a fortnightly service, alternating between Lake Grace and Newdegate:

Newdegate	Lake Grace
Tuesday 11 June 25 June	Tuesday 18 June 02 July

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