

# Shire of Lake Grace

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## Community Consultation

### Review of Local Emergency Management Arrangements and Community Risk

We can all agree that we are fortunate to call Australia home. Many of us enjoy a safe and prosperous community, with essential services such as water, energy, food, health, education, transport and communication systems contributing greatly to our daily lives.

Australia is no stranger to natural hazards and emergency events, with floods, bushfires and cyclones impacting communities every year. As a nation we have, for the most part, managed to cope with these events, and given the sheer size of our country, many people haven't been immediately affected. Some of us could also be forgiven for thinking these events won't occur in our community, leading unwittingly to (dare I say it) complacency.

It will come as no surprise that emergency events are becoming more frequent and intense. With communities relying heavily on essential services, and a growing and aging population, we are facing an increased risk of exposure and vulnerability to disaster events, leading to a greater likelihood of harm, loss and potential inability to cope with the impacts of such events.

The Shire of Lake Grace, as with all Local Governments, are required by law to

have a Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) and Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) in place. The Committee consists of representatives from agencies, community groups, businesses and organisations from within the shire. Their role is to oversee, plan, and test local emergency management arrangements.

The Local Emergency Management Arrangements outline the council's policies for emergency management, the roles and responsibilities of persons involved in emergency management within our shire, the coordination of emergency operations and activities relating to emergency management, a description of emergencies

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## Next Council Meeting

**3.30pm, Wednesday 26 March**

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)

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that are likely to occur within the shire, and strategies and priorities for the management of the risks associated with these events.

The Shire of Lake Grace is a member of a Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) program with the Shires of Kent and Dumbleyung, and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, which sees CESM, Ryan Sutherland, carrying out the role across all three shires. As the three shires share similarities in demographics, environment, industry, emergency capability and risk, it has been agreed to form a joint Local Emergency Management Arrangement and Committee, and a full review of these arrangements is being undertaken.

During the review process, a specialist emergency management consultant, and the Shires of Lake Grace, Dumbleyung and Kent will work closely with their communities to ensure that our LEMA reflects and addresses our needs, risks and unique environments.

As we begin this review, the time has come for us to think about the hazards and emergencies that may impact us and to have these important conversations. As a community we need to identify what we value most, where we are vulnerable in the face of a natural hazard or emergency event, and how we prioritise our risk reduction efforts to minimise harm and loss across the shire.

You know your community best and your knowledge, experiences and input, whether big or small, is valuable and has a role to play in ensuring our long-term resilience. You do not need to have emergency management knowledge or experience. Whilst the Shire of Lake Grace has a LEMC, LEMA and Community Emergency Services Manager in place, the responsibility for the prevention, preparedness, response and recovery from disaster events lies with us all as a community. Your voice matters.

We invite **all community members from across the shire** to participate in an upcoming Community Risk Assessment Workshop in Lake Grace, **Tuesday 25 March 2025 starting at 6.00pm**. If you are unable to attend in person, there is the option to attend online. Further details can be found in this newsletter, and we welcome any questions or feedback you may have about our Local Emergency Management Arrangements, and this event.

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**A copy of the current Local Emergency Management Arrangements up for review can be found on the Shire's website:**  
<https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/services/fire-emergency-management/emergency-management.aspx>



# COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP



This workshop will focus on identifying and rating our local emergency risks, including bushfire, flood, animal disease, rail/road incidents and other extreme weather events. Community members are invited to attend this workshop and provide feedback and input into how we manage these risks and minimise their impacts.



## Why should I attend?

The Shire of Lake Grace has recently entered into a combined Local Emergency Management Arrangement (LEMA) with the Shires of Dumbleyung and Kent. Together, the Shires are reviewing how our communities can prevent, prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies. We need your help to identify local risks, incident types and how we can minimise the impact of these risks on our communities.



## Can't attend in person?

Scan the QR code to attend online



**Tuesday, 25 March 2025**

Starting at 6:00PM - 7:30PM



**Lake Grace Sports Pavilion**

1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace WA 6353

For more information: ☎ 0436 668 242 ✉ [ryan.sutherland@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:ryan.sutherland@dfes.wa.gov.au)



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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Lake Grace Swimming Pool

Tuesday to Sunday: 12 noon - 6.00pm  
**MONDAY - CLOSED** (except for early morning)  
Early Morning Swimming:  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5.30am - 7.00am

### 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@lakegrace.wa.gov.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 closing 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 each month (subject to change). Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments as there is a wait list. Please contact the Shire office for bookings. 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 18 March 01 April	Tuesday 25 March 08 April

Shire of Lake Grace

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Administration Building, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace (8.30am–4.00pm Monday to Friday)

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