



# Shire Community News

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## CEO's Corner

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Well, schools back and everyone should now be well and truly back to work after the Christmas holiday season. It is pleasing to see a bit of rain at last but as we all know we need a lot more.

Things are moving along here with several job vacancies being advertised with good responses being received. There are still more to come and hopefully we will be back to full force and production in the near future. I would like to thank all the staff for keeping things moving in the right direction.

### Citizenship Ceremony

On Wednesday 19 February 2020, the Shire of Lake Grace hosted a special Australian Citizenship Ceremony. We are proud to announce Mr Aidan Martin Coughlan and Mr Nicholas David Spyby as our newest Australian citizens residing within our Shire.

Shire President Cr Jeanette De Landgrafft was the Presiding Officer and conducted the Ceremony as prescribed in the Australian Citizenship Act 1997 and the Australian Citizenship Regulations 2016, under the authority of the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon David Coleman MP.

Aidan and Nicholas made their final pledges to become Australian Citizens in a public declaration of their commitment to Australia in front of friends, members of the Council and Shire staff.

The two new Australian citizens were presented with gifts and shared a light lunch with friends and Councillors.

On behalf of the Shire of Lake Grace, I would like to congratulate Nicholas and Aidan on becoming two of Australia's newest citizens and wish them health, happiness and luck for their future in Australia.



**Above: Mr Aidan Coughlan, Shire President Cr Jeanette De Landgrafft and Mr Nicholas Spyby**

### Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday 19 February 2020, during which the following items of business were considered:

- Application for Leave of Absence by the President from 24 February to 6 March 2020, inclusive
- Purchase of a 2020 Ford Ranger Ute under the Shire's Plant Replacement Strategy which is already allocated within the budget
- Purchase of a new Volvo L90F Wheel Loader which is already allocated within the budget
- Request to change waste collection days
- Call for tenders on the construction of the new CEO residence and two (2) new staff houses
- Lake Grace Sportsman's Club Inc Rate Relief
- Financial Reports
- Write Off Sundry Debtor Accounts
- Request for increase of funds for the Varley Mosaic Art Project

### Welcome to our Relief Executive Assistant

I am please to confirm that Racelis Rose has commenced with us on Tuesday 18 February as our Relief Executive Assistant.

I hope Racelis enjoys her time at Lake Grace.

### Central Country Zone Meeting

On Friday 21 February, Shire President Jeanette De Landgrafft, Deputy President Peter Stoffberg and myself attended a Central Country Zone meeting hosted by the Shire of Dumbleyung.

There were several guest speakers including Jennifer Collins from the Department of Local Government Sport & Cultural Industries who discussed funding opportunities.

Hon. Darren West MLC member for Agriculture and Rick Wilson M.P. both of whom discussed the water situation and funding available.

*Alan George*  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

### Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

**Date:** Wednesday 18 March 2020

**Time:** 1:30 pm

**Location:** Council Chambers  
1 Bishop St Lake Grace

*Members of the public 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.

# Waste Collection Day Changes

Following the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 19 of February 2020, the waste collection day will be changed to **Tuesdays**.

This will help businesses and residents with putting out their bins on Monday evening rather than the Sunday. It will also streamline logistics and improve quality of life for the truck drivers on the waste collector's end. The change of day will be the week commencing the 16 of March 2020.

Waste collection will not be carried out on Monday 16 March and will be instead be carried out on Tuesday 17 March 2020.

All waste collections (both rubbish and recycling) will be collected on Tuesdays from the 17 March 2020.



The schedule of waste collections is as follows:

2 March (Monday)	Rubbish collection all towns, recycling collection Lake Grace
9 March (Monday)	Rubbish collection all towns, recycling collection Newdegate
16 March (Monday)	No rubbish collection
17 March (Tuesday)	Rubbish collection all towns, recycling collection Lake Grace
24 March (Tuesday)	Rubbish collection all towns, recycling collection Newdegate

If you have any questions please send inquiries to the Shire office at 9890 2500 or [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

## Fire Permits

The Burning Prohibited period ended in the Shire on 31 January this year.

We entered the Restricted Burning period, where fires are permitted if a permit to burn has been obtained, on 1 February 2020. However due to an unusually hot and dry summer, the issuing of permits has been delayed until after the Labor Day long weekend.

The Fire Control Officers will decide after Tuesday 3 March if it is safe to issue burning permits.

If you have any questions please contact your local Fire Control Officer or phone the Shire on 9890 2500.

## Restricted Burning period



## Cat Trap

If you are being kept awake at night by singing cats or ones that are fighting please be aware that the Shire has a cat trap available for hire, \$50 bond which will be returned to you upon the return of the cat trap.

## BLACK FRIDAY UNDER THE STARS

Take a journey through the Universe and discover the stars with a laser pointer tour of the night sky. Look through telescopes to see the stars, the Orion Nebula, Magellanic Clouds & more! Find out about Astrotourism & what it means for the Shire of Lake Grace.

### Black Friday, 13th March 2020

6:30pm – 7:30pm | Astrotourism Talk & Telescopes 101  
7:45pm – 9pm | Stargazing  
Lake Grace Football Oval, Bishop Street

Fish and Chips available at the Sportsman's Club on the night.  
BYO chairs, rugs, picnics, drinks, torches, warm clothes, fly net, insect repellent.

**Bookings:** Please RSVP to Jo or Helen at the Lake Grace Visitor Centre 9865 2140.  
This event will go ahead rain, hail or shine.

Lake Grace is on the Astrotourism WA map!  
[www.astrotourismwa.com.au](http://www.astrotourismwa.com.au)

This event was made possible with funding from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund and the Shire of Lake Grace. It is part of the Astrotourism WA project that's promoting Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King and Varley as destinations for stargazing and astrophotography.



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ASTROTOURISM



# Shire

Our staff have carried out the following works:

- Maintaining and replacing road signage
- Shoulder repair on North Newdegate Road
- Clearing embankment of vegetation at the Lake Grace sewerage ponds

## Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Burngup Road
- Crook Road
- Duckworth Road
- Jenks Road
- Lake Bidy Road
- Lake King Airstrip
- McNamara Road
- Mordetta Road
- North Burngup Road

The Newdegate and Lake King-Varley Maintenance Grading Contractors will deliver their report for the next issue.

## Parks Gardens

The Parks and Gardens Crew have carried out the following work:

- Town maintenance in Lake Grace
- Town maintenance in Lake King
- Mowing Lake Grace football oval
- Mowing Lake King sports oval
- Removed trees on road at Duckworth Road and North Lake Grace-Karlgarin Road
- Clean-up of 10b Gumtree Drive garden/backyards

## Building

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Ceiling repairs at the Newdegate Pavilion



**Above: Hue replacing ceiling battens in the change room at Newdegate Pavilion**



**Above: New ceiling for the Change room and strappers room at Newdegate Pavilion**

- Works requests at Varley town hall, public toilets and BBQ area
- Flyscreens at 14 Blackbutt Way
- Work on blinds at 54a Bennett Street

## Facility Hire

The responsibility of all people, groups, clubs who hire public buildings include:

- ♦ Tables and chairs are to be returned to designated storage area.
- ♦ All rubbish is to be put into outside sulo bins provided, including rubbish in toilets.
- ♦ Ensure all stoves and lights are turned off
- ♦ Any damages incurred while hiring facility will be charged to hirer.
- ♦ Facility to be left in the same condition as found upon arrival include the floors.

**All external doors are locked**, this is most important.

Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of a facility, however they are not responsible for cleaning up and putting away tables and chairs after a function.

Affiliation fees are set up to help cover some of the costs in maintaining the buildings for the hirer's use which include, but not limited to, general cleaning, water and electricity usage.

## Extended Power outage

The State Government's \$80 extended outage payment, which is a one-off payment of \$80 per any unplanned outage that lasts longer than 12 consecutive hours. Go to: <https://westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/make-a-claim/extended-outage/>

## Community Info

### Office Open Hours

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday

8.30am - 4.30pm

Thursday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Staff can be contacted by phone between 8am - 5pm.

### Transport & Licensing

All licensing payments are to be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration office, 1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am - 4.15pm**  
**Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 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 here, 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 6 March 2020**

**Friday 3 April - 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.

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

For more information visit [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au).

### Libraries

**Lake Grace Public Library** School Place Absolon St  
Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm  
Closed for lunch 12.30 - 1pm

#### School Holidays

Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 5pm 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

### Town Planner

Shire Town Planner, David Johnston will be available at the Shire Office on the following date:

**Wednesday 4 March 2020**

### Environmental Health Officer

For an appointment with the Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Brendon Gerrard. Contact the Shire on 9890 2500 or email [shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto: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 & Varley

Open every day

### Recycling Services

Household Waste Collection is a weekly service and collected each Monday for Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

**Recycling** is a fortnightly service and alternates between Lake Grace & Newdegate. See below for the upcoming recycling collection dates.

Lake Grace	Newdegate
2 March 2020	9 March 2020
Tuesday 17 March 2020	Tuesday 24 March 2020

**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](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au).



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