



Shire Community News

From the Acting CEO

It is heartening to see how the community has rallied together and looking out for each other. Feel lucky to live in a small country community.

COVID-19

The situation regarding COVID-19 is evolving rapidly and the Shire will do our best to keep the community informed. We have created a page on the Shire's website to provide you with relevant information from trusted sources. Please visit lakegrace.wa.gov.au for updates on what's changing for the communities within the Shire.

Last week staff participated in a business continuity workshop to ensure that we are well prepared to continue to support the community in these unprecedented times. Please be assured that the Shire will continue to maintain business as usual for as long as possible.

The Shire Office remains open however we ask you to contact the Shire staff by phone (9890 2500) or email (shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au) in the first instance.

If you need to pay a Department of Transport account, please visit <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/> to pay online. Information about Practical Driving assessments is being sought from the Department, and any changes will be advised on our COVID-19 webpage.

There will inevitably be cancellations of functions and events, and the state and federal governments are also likely to place further restrictions within the next days and weeks that will impact local businesses and services.

The state government announced that the following facilities will be restricted from opening from midday local time 23 March 2020:

- Pubs, registered and licenced clubs, hotel bars (excluding bottle shops attached to these venues),
- Gyms and indoor sporting venues
- Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, and night clubs
- Large religious gatherings, places of worship or funerals (in enclosed spaces and other than very small groups and where the 1 person per 4 square metre rule applies).
- Libraries and cultural institutions.
- Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway and/or home delivery

Please remember to:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use an alcohol-based hand rub sanitiser.
- Cover your mouth with a tissue or bent elbow when

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sneezing or coughing, dispose of tissue in a bin and always wash your hands as soon as possible after.

- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- If you are unwell, DO NOT GO TO WORK OR SCHOOL.
- Maintain a distance of at least 1 metre from other people.
- Avoid public gatherings.
- Don't visit people who are at a higher risk of developing serious symptoms.
- Keep your workspace clean and hygienic by cleaning your desk regularly with disinfectant wipes and include items that you touch regularly such as phones, keyboard and mouse.
- Be nice to each other – from a distance!

Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday 19 March 2020 at which the following items were considered:

- Seeking assistance in identifying any Australian Government land transport infrastructure projects for construction to commence in the next three to six months
- Grants of up to \$2,000 to help new container refund points for NFP organisations, schools and community group to establish a donation refund point for beverage containers
- Minister Rundle announced funding availability under the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund
- Launch of the first roadworks project for the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network
- Council supported the application for grant funding to upgrade the Lake Grace pool

Community Budget Requests

Community Budget Requests are now open. Council is commencing its budget process and invite organisations and community groups to submit any requests for funding of projects or support for the 2020/2021 Financial Year

Application forms are available on the Shire website <https://lakegrace.wa.gov.au/>. Please complete the application form with the relevant information regarding the perceived need for each item, its estimated costs, and possible funding sources.

Council appreciates the input your organisation has had in this process in the past. It would be appreciated if you could forward any requests to the Shire in writing by Friday 24 April 2020.

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#shoWcAse IN PIXELS

The Lake Grace Visitor Centre have volunteered to create the digital artwork to be displayed on the Yagan Square tower for Local Government Week in August 2020.

Thank you to Jo and Helen and we look forward to presenting the artwork at the next Council meeting before it is submitted to WALGA before Friday 29 May.

Black Friday Under the Stars

The evening was successful with over 40 people attending. Carol Redford from AstroTourism WA and volunteer Darren Sutton pointed out the Milky Way and the constellations. They looked at Orion, the Great Hunter and lined up the star Betelgeuse in their telescopes that may supernova in the future.

They showed where the Southern Cross is, how to find due south using the Southern Cross and how the Southern Cross can become a kangaroo.

The state is becoming a hub for stargazers, with nine towns in the mid-west region recently forming the Astro-tourism trail. Thank you to those who attended.

Market Day

The scheduled Lake Grace Market Day Saturday 4 April at the Lake Grace Visitor Centre has been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience and when the time is right it will be rescheduled.

Alan George
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday 15 April 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.

Bushfire AGM

The Bushfire Advisory Committee (BFAC) scheduled for Thursday 2 April at the Newdegate Pavilion is postponed until further notice.

Help stop the spread of caltrop

Following the recent rainfall the townsites have experienced an outbreak of caltrop.

What You Can Do:

You can assist by spraying and/or removing any caltrop on your property or verge, please do not put into your rubbish bin as this will contaminate our waste facility and the neighbouring farm lands.

Disposing of Caltrop Plants

To dispose of any removed caltrop plants please:

- place them into a marked and sealed plastic bag and keep them until winter when they can be safely burnt
- or
- take them to the Shire Depot at Absolon Street Lake Grace, where there is a specially marked caltrop wheelie bin facility located just outside the main depot gate.
- or
- Newdegate: place them in one of the two blue bins specially marked **Caltrop** on Lot 12 May St (vacant block) Newdegate



While Libraries are Closed you can Access Libraries Online

Did you know that library members have access to a state-wide collection of eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines and video streaming, all for free?

By signing in with your library card, members can enjoy BorrowBox for a wide selection of bestselling eAudiobooks and eBooks, while RB Digital offers current and back issues of popular eMagazines.

Kanopy delivers one of the largest collections of indie films, classic cinema, festival and educational documentaries right to your device or compatible TV!

Visit the Shire website in the library tag at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/facilities/libraries/ for more details on how to access and enjoy these free resources during the school holidays.

Shire Infrastructure News

General Maintenance

- Slashing and spraying the verge on Mallee Hill Road.
- Slashing the Lake Grace saleyards.
- Slashing and spraying the verge on North Lake Grace-Karlgarin Road.
- Road patching around the shire.
- Rural road signage replacement.

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Gimbel Road
- Green Road
- Kennedy Road
- Mordetta Road
- Wallace Road
- West Kuender Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grading Contractors has not carried out any grading the past fortnight.

The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grader has not carried out any grading the past fortnight.

Parks & Gardens

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

- Removal of branches around the external perimeter of the Lake Grace Swimming Pool.
- Mowing, whipping and blow down of the RSL Hall.
- Mowing, whipping and blow down of Shire office lawn.
- Mowing, whipping and blow down of Lake Grace hall grassed areas.
- Mowing and whipping of 6 Blackbutt Way.
- Mowing and whipping of 10a Gumtree Drive.
- Caltrop removal and spraying of Lake Grace saleyards.
- Removal of dead trees on 8 Wattle Drive.
- Mowing of Lake Grace ovals.
- Raking of Lake Grace Playgroup.
- Hedging of main street vegetation.
- Vertimowing and topdressing of Lake Grace hockey and football ovals. (fertilising supply and spreading carried out on ovals voluntarily by Bevan Lay) (topdressing sand donated by Royce and Anna Taylor)
- Mosquito control tablets applied to waterways around Lake Grace town.

Building

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Modification of Lake Grace Swimming Pool rear fence for new street lights and fencing.
- Replacement of rusted water pipe supplying to the Lake King Hall.
- Repairs to Lake King Hall door.
- Repair cupboard at 3 Clark Avenue.

- Repair cupboard at 36 Bennett Street.
- Completed patio at 10a Gumtree Drive.
- Repairs to the fence, louvre windows and flyscreen doors at Visitor's Centre.
- Replace clothesline and new painting at 6 Banksia Place.

Craig Elefsen

Acting Infrastructure Manager

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

We encourage you to phone 9890 2500

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

Transport & Licensing

Due to the current circumstances all licensing payments are to be made directly to DOT website.

<https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/>

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am - 4.15pm
Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm



Department of
Transport

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Western Australia.*

Driving Assessor

The Practical Driving Assessor (PDA) will be at the Shire of Lake Grace Office on:

Friday 3 April - to be confirmed

Friday 8 May - 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.

**To be
Confirmed**

Libraries Closed

Lake Grace Public Library School Place Absolon St
Closed until further notice

Newdegate Public Library Collier St
Closed until further notice

Lake King Library Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Rd
Closed until further notice

**Sorry WE'RE
CLOSED**

Town Planner

Planning Officer, David Johnston and Building Surveyor, Gary Bruhn may be available at the Shire Office on the following date:

Wednesday 1 April 2020 - to be confirmed

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.

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
Tuesday 31 March 2020	Tuesday 7 April 2020
Tuesday 14 April 2020	Tuesday 21 April 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 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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