



Shire Community News

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From the Acting CEO

The Shire office has been a quiet place of late, some staff are working remotely from home to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19.

The Shire will continue to do our best to keep the community informed. The COVID -19 page on the Shire's website is continuing to keep you updated with relevant information from trusted sources. Remember – maintain social distancing, wash your hands and stay well.

Please visit lakegrace.wa.gov.au for continued updates.

Main Street Revitalisation

The main street (Stubbs Street) of the Shire of Lake Grace requires revitalisation there are bare patches and the plants that are there are no longer ideal for the area. They are all blocks of green without any colours.

The main road is used by heavy trucks carrying loads and overweight vehicles therefore the plants are unable to grow height. The flora must survive and thrive under extreme conditions with minimal care and maintenance. They must be in accordance with the season or if at best, extend the length of the flowering season for as long as possible through a variety of native plants.

We are looking for a company who can provide a “fantastic streetscape” particularly as the street receives the highest traffic areas. A maintenance plan must be provided.

Quotes for the work close Thursday 9 April

Employment Opportunity

The Shire of Lake Grace is seeking to appoint a permanent - full time Manager Corporate Services to become a member of the Shire's Senior Management team, with the responsibility of providing quality organisational, governance, customer support and reporting services.

Please check the Shire website for the application details.

Shire Housing

The Shire of Lake Grace offers staff housing for its outside employees and managerial positions.

The current residence of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is old and out-of-date.

In order to keep up with its employee retention strategy and improve its attractiveness with prospective employees, the Shire has decided to fund the construction of a new residence for the CEO position.

The new transportable house will be built on 1

Quandong Court, accessed by a new cul-de-sac. This specific lot is on the corner and abuts two streets; Wattle Drive to the south and Quandong Court to the west, and is zoned as Residential.

Two new transportable houses will be built on a lot (or lots) that has yet to be decided, within the town of Lake Grace to accommodate Shire outside employees.

Licensing

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.

Helping Hand Project

The Shire of Lake Grace understands that the COVID -19 pandemic has affected members of our community in different ways. We want to support our local communities, there are people who would like to offer a helping hand, and those who could do with a helping hand.

To make it easier for people to connect, the Shire has set up a Local Emergency Welfare Coordination Group. The Group is made up of members of local community groups and Shire staff.

Together, we would like to empower and support our community to assist those looking for some assistance to those who are able to help, please contact the Shire 9890 2500.

Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 April 2020 commencing at 1.30pm.

Please be advised this meeting will be hosted online.

Any questions from the public will need to be presented to the Shire preferably by email by 3.00pm Tuesday 14 April. Further details will be provided via the Shire Website.

Community Budget Requests

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.

Applications close Friday 24 April 2020.

Alan George
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Shire Infrastructure News

General Maintenance

Our staff has carried out the following works:

- Clearing the catchment at the Newdegate sports dam.
- Removing existing footpath in the recreation grounds to medical centre in preparation for new footpath.
- Continued slashing of the North Lake Grace-Karlgarin Road.
- Rural road signage replacement.

New Lake Grace Footpath

The new footpath going through the Lake Grace recreation grounds—from the entrance with the ticket booth to the medical centre—requires a lot more work than it appears on the surface. This is part of a bigger project to provide overhead street lighting along the entire length of this pathway, which will also service the Sportsman's Club.

There are sewerage mains close by, and both water pipes and electrical wires cross under the footpath to get to the modern sports pavilion. We needed to know exactly where these utilities run, and also how deep, which would help us avoid hitting anything when we're excavating the old footpath, and also when digging deep holes to plant the streetlight bases later on.

Once those services were located, we were able to get along with removing the existing footpath. It has cracked in several places due to a soft base not withstanding vehicular traffic.



Above: Looking west heading to the Doctors Surgery and hospital.

The next component of work will be the laying of the footpath itself, after compaction of the ground. Osborne Concrete will carry out this portion of the work (they were also the ones to install the new footpath along Clark Avenue and Mather Street).

The next step will be the installation of the new streetlights, which will be powered by solar panels. This work will be shared with Osborne Concrete and Bentley Power and their subcontractors.

To complete the project a white picket fence will be installed along the north side of the new footpath, with a double-swing gate for vehicle access near the old sports pavilion.

Newdegate Catchment Clearing

Newdegate residents may have noticed some work happening recently at the catchment near the turkey nests and airstrip. After a lot of correspondence and waiting, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulations have finally granted us a Clearing Permit.

Once the clearing of all the shrubbery and removal, the next flash of rain should fill up a good amount of the dams and we can start giving the ovals something to drink.

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading and backslope maintenance on

- Biddy Camm Road
- Eggers Road
- Kennedy Road
- Mordetta Road

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

The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grader has carried out any grading on

- Kanny Road
- Norseman Road
- Stennetts Lake Road

Parks & Gardens

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

- Weed and spraying of the Lake Grace Cemetery
- Weeding at the RSL Hall
- Mowing and clean up in Lake Grace Swimming Pool
- Mowing Lake Grace Pavilion side lawn
- Mowing Lake Grace hockey oval
- Mowing Lake Grace town hall lawns
- Remove dead tree at Lake Grace ovals
- Repairs to reticulation at the Railway Station gardens
- Hedging of main street vegetation
- Securing playgrounds around Shire to prevent gathering due to COVID-19

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew has carried out the following work:

- Replacement of fly screen at 14 Blackbutt Way
- Repair of downpipes, front door and ceiling in Lake King Hall
- Fixing up of paving at Lake Grace Pavilion
- Repairs to garage door at 6 Banksia Place

Craig Elefsen

Acting Infrastructure Manager

Community Info

Office 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



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Transport

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Driving Assessor

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

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.



Libraries Closed

Library members have access to a state-wide collection of eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines and video streaming, all for free. Sign in with your library card and enjoy BorrowBox for a wide selection of bestselling eAudiobooks and eBooks.

RB Digital offers current and back issues of popular eMagazines. Kanopy delivers one of the largest collections of 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.

Town Planner

Planning Officer, David Johnston and Building Surveyor, Gary Bruhn can be contacted through the Shire Office at 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Environmental Health

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 Tuesday 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 14 April 2020	Tuesday 21 April 2020
Tuesday 28 April 2020	Tuesday 5 May 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.



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