



# Shire Community News

## From the Acting CEO

We will continue to do our best to keep the community informed of the COVID -19 on the Shire's website which is continually keeping you updated with relevant information from trusted sources. Please visit [lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://lakegrace.wa.gov.au) for continued updates.

Remember – maintain social distancing, wash your hands and stay well.

### Licensing

Please note that even though there are staff at the Shire office the Department of Transport have closed our computer access until we are fully operational.

Please visit the DoT for help regarding licensing <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/> or to pay online. Practical Driving assessments have been cancelled until further notice.

### New Manager Infrastructure Services

Congratulations to Craig Elefsen who is now our New Manager Infrastructure Services. Craig has been in the the acting role since January. Councillors and staff welcome you into your new role.

### Helping Hand Project

The Helping Hand Project is coordinated by the Shire, Lake Grace Community Resource Centre, Lake Grace Winter Sports and the Lake Grace District High School.

The Helping Hands packs were delivered over the last week to people living in our towns. It is a way people can stay connected in our own homes. Your pack will have a green and red page with instructions. Please place them on your window to let neighbours know you are doing okay or if you need help.

If you are looking for some assistance or are able to help, please contact the Shire 9890 2500 or email [helpinghand@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:helpinghand@lakegrace.wa.gov.au).

### Council

#### Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Meeting of Council was held online Wednesday 15 April 2020, during which the following items of business were considered:

- The appointment of Mr Craig Elefsen as Manager Infrastructure Services effective 1 April
- Installation of electric vehicle fast charger adjacent to the Railway Station Rose Garden in Stubbs Street, Lake Grace
- Funding application to be submitted for the Drought Communities Programme with the following priority projects for consideration:
  - Lake Grace and Newdegate Hockey Field lights
  - Solar panels for recreation centres and

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community buildings

- Tanks on fire sheds
- Water tanker trucks to deliver water to fire prone areas
- Lake Grace Bush Care Project Revegetation
- Contribution to the Newdegate Country Club renovations
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Lake Grace All Ages Playground
- Community Events for all communities
- Council has approved taking the licence over Lake Biddy Dams on Reserve 23140 from the Water Corporation and is seeking grant funding from the Community Water Supply Project Programme to desilt, enlarge the dams and to clean up the catchment area
- Staff Recruitment for Development Services Admin Officer has been completed and the successful applicant will be notified shortly
- Tenders for the construction of the new CEO house plus two staff houses will close on 30 April 2020

### 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

## Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held:

**Date:** Wednesday 20 May 2020

**Time:** 1:30 pm

**Location:** To be confirmed

*Council meetings will be held online until further notice.*

*Questions from the public will need to be provided to the Shire Office no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.*

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.

# Shire Infrastructure News

## General Maintenance

- Removed old footpath to make way for new footpath ready for Osborne Concrete
- Re-sheet a section of Biddy Camm Road
- Trench and cover at Newdegate tip



**The new footpath going through the Lake Grace recreation grounds from the entrance to the medical centre was completed.**

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

- Biddy Camm Road
- Buniche Road
- Dunham Road

Contract maintenance Grading has been carried out on:

- Old Newdegate Road
- Magdahba Track
- Muncasters Road
- Hatters Hill Road
- Fitzgerald Road
- Finlay Road
- Lockhart Road
- Magenta road

## Parks & Gardens

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

- Weed spraying around Lake Grace town
- Mowing Lake Grace ovals
- Mowing Lake Grace Shire Hall lawns
- Clean up around Lake Grace Medical Centre
- Clean up of Lake Grace Railway Station area
- Moving furniture in Lake Grace Library
- Repair of reticulation on Lake Grace BBQ Area median strip

The Building Maintenance Crew has carried out the following work:

- Repair of paving around the Lake Grace Visitor's Centre
- Repair of leaking tap at Lions Park
- Repairs to the Lake King Fire Shed
- Repairs of Lake King public toilets
- Finish painting walls and tiling in 10a Gumtree Drive
- External spider spraying and internal termite inspections of all Shire buildings
- Preparation work for renovating 8 Wattle Drive

*Craig Elefsen*

Acting Infrastructure Manager

## 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.



## Community Info

### Office is Closed

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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### 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](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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](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 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 28 April 2020	Tuesday 5 May 2020
Tuesday 12 May 2020	Tuesday 19 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](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au).



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