



Shire Community News

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From the Acting CEO

The Shire office reopened its doors on Monday 4 May and staff have been busy this week.

There are some restrictions in place, please ensure there are only two members of the public in the office at one time. We would prefer you to use the tap and pay system instead of cash and follow the 1.5 metres from others rule and stay home if you are unwell.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions keeping us to our own region there are some great local attractions to visit in the next few weeks.

Staff Changes

I am pleased to say that Brooke Williamson has been appointed as our new Development Services Administration Officer and commenced with us on Tuesday 28 April. We are excited to have Brooke on board and welcome her to the team!

A belated welcome to our new Final Trim Grader Operator, Shane Markham who joined the team at the beginning of April. We hope he has settled into the position and area well.

Licensing

Licensing is now available again however please be aware that as an agency we can process the majority of transactions however there are some which take time to process.

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.

You can still visit the DoT to pay online at <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/>. A reminder the Practical Driving assessments have been cancelled until further notice.

Helping Hand Project

The Helping Hands project is still available to people living in our towns. It is a way people can stay connected in their own homes. Your pack can still be placed on your front 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.

Health Officer Returns

Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Brendon Gerrard. Has returned to the office, you can contact him at the Shire office on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Mandatory COVID-19 Hygiene Training

The state government and Australian Hotels Association's has rolled out a \$1.8 million mandatory COVID-19 hygiene training course.

The initiative announced last Wednesday ahead of a possible reopening of WA hospitality venues next month will require people working across the state hospitality and tourism industries to take the specialised COVID-19 hygiene course before venues can reopen.

The COVID-19 Hygiene Course would help the sector reduce risks associated with COVID-19 in respect to hygiene, cleaning and social distancing measures and cover the following modules:

- Understanding COVID-19 and venue restrictions
- Reporting personal health issues
- Maintaining personal and work environment hygiene practices, specific to COVID-19
- Reducing cross-contamination through procedures, specific to COVID-19

Effective cleaning and sanitising practices, specific to COVID-19

Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 May 2020 at 1:30 pm.

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.

Alan George
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Restricted Burning

The restricted burning season finished on 30 April, which means that you no longer have to apply for a permit to burn. However, after a hot and dry summer the soil moisture levels remain very low in the district and any fire that do start may spread rapidly.

Until we receive some decent rainfall, this situation won't change. Please also remember that this is the time of the year when we can expect strong winds ahead of cold fronts crossing the coast. Therefore, the Shire urges you to take extra care if you are planning to do any burning.

Please make sure that if you do start a fire, you have enough people and other resources to be able to put it out.

For further information go to: <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/>

Shire Infrastructure News

Our staff and contractors carried out the following works:

- Removed bitumen surface next to Lake Grace skate park surface to prepare for new jumping pillow
- Trench and cover at Lake Grace tip
- Resheet a section of Biddy Camm Road
- Resheet a section on Whurr Road
- Resheeting and backslope clearing started on Duckworth Road
- Slashing verges on Newdegate North Road
- Slashing verges of Magenta Road
- Work on clearing the Newdegate sports dam catchment
- Replacement of rural road signage.



Re-sheeting on Whurr Road

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

- Biddy Camm Road
- Hilton Road

Contract maintenance Grading in the Newdegate area has been carried out on:

- Giles Road
- Lockhart Road
- Magenta Road
- Nields Road
- Old Ravensthorpe Road
- Taylor Road

Contract Maintenance Grading in the Lake King-Varley area has been carried out on:

- Biddy Camm Road
- Broombush Flat Road
- Finlay Road
- Hogan Road
- Kathleen Road
- Mulcahy Road
- Pickernell Road
- Rose Road

Parks & Gardens

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

- Weed spraying around Lake Grace town
- Mowing and gardening the Lake Grace sports pavilion areas
- Mowing RSL Hall
- Mowing Lakes Village verge
- Mowing Doctor's house
- Investigate reticulation issues with Lakes Village Hall
- Removal of dead trees around town
- Mosquito treatment around Lake Grace waterways.

Building

The Building Maintenance Crew has carried out the following work:

- Moved furniture in library to enable installation of new flooring
- Repair of fencing in front of the Newdegate Pavilion
- Installed white picket fence along the new footpath through the Lake Grace Sports Precinct.

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

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 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:

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.

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 Officer

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 12 May 2020	Tuesday 19 May 2020
Tuesday 26 June 2020	Tuesday 2 June 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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