



Shire Community News

From the Acting CEO

The Western Australian Government has released a four-phase roadmap to help get us back to work and about safely.

Community facilities and libraries are now allowed to be open from Monday 18 May with non-work gatherings of up to 20 people.

As long as we follow the travel restrictions and the 20 - person rule, we are able to have private picnics in the park, fishing, boating, hiking and camping.

The WA Government is still encouraging residents to download the Australian Government's COVIDSafe app.

Shire facilities reopening

We ask people to call the Shire to rebook any facility they want to start reusing as there will be restrictions that all users will be required to follow. Please do not enter any Shire facility if you are unwell, even if you think it is the common cold.

Groups will need to ensure people still practise physical distancing and someone will need to direct people to follow the physical distancing principles and to fill in a register with name and phone number. These restrictions are there to protect you, your family and community.

Staff Changes

I am pleased to say that Kevin Wilson has been appointed as our new Manager Corporate Services. He commenced with us on Monday 11 May and has got straight into the budget preparation. We are excited to have Kevin on board and welcome him to the team!

Gardener for Lake King

The Shire is in the process of looking for a casual gardener for Lake King if you would like more information call the Shire 9890 2500.

Driving Assessor

The Driving Assessor is returning to Lake Grace on Friday 5 June.
For booking call the Shire office on 9890 2500.

Grant Available

The Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) is seeking applications for the third round of the Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants.

This initiative invests in locally driven projects to stimulate economic growth and development in regional Western Australia.

Applications will be assessed against the Round 3 RED Grants objectives, which include:

- sustainable jobs;

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- expanding or diversifying industry;
- developing skills or capabilities;
- attracting new investment in the region;
- maximising recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic impacts.

The grant program can be found in the guidelines available at www.wheatbelt.wa.gov.au under the funding tab.

Alan George

Acting Chief Executive Officer



HEYWIRE 2020

Heywire puts young Australians at the centre of the conversations that shape their communities.

The ABC has run the annual regional youth project in partnership with the Australian Government since 1998.

How do we make life better for young people?

The annual Heywire cycle begins with a storytelling competition - open to people aged 16-22, living in regional or rural Australia.

Heywire encourages young people to tell stories about their life outside the major cities in text, photo, video or audio format.

Tell a story about an aspect of your life, where you live. Check out last year's stories for inspiration and tips for great Heywire story <https://www.abc.net.au/heywire/>

Tell your story in any format you like:



When your story is ready, submit it by filling in our simple online entry form by **Tuesday May 26, 2020** to be in the running to win go to: <https://www.abc.net.au/heywire/competition/>.

Heywire Competition winners score and all-expenses-paid trip to the Heywire Summit, held in Canberra each February. The 30+ participants work together in groups to develop ideas to make positive change in their communities.

The Heywire Summit has seen youth projects developed all over the country. \$100,000 is up for grabs each year to implement Heywire Summit ideas.

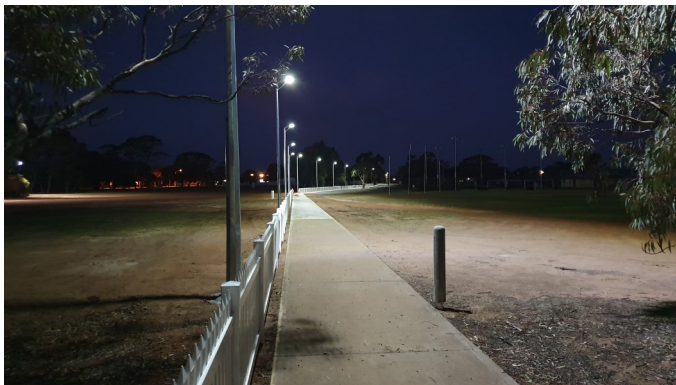
Shire Infrastructure News

Our staff and contractors carried out the following works:

- Removal of old basketball courts
- Re-sheeting Duckworth Road
- Newdegate refuse site push up
- Install of new Newdegate Street lights (as below)
- Install of new Lake Grace Street lights (as below)
- Water binding at Duckworth Road



Solar lights leading to Newdegate Rec Centre



Above: The lights showing the way from the Lake Grace Medical Precincts to town.

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

- Duckworth Road
- Mallee Hill Road
- Burngup South Road
- Strevett Road

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

- Whurr Road
- Bidy Camm Road
- Roger Road
- Old Ravey Road
- Green Road
- Ardler Road
- Taylor Road

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

- Mulcahy Road
- Bidy Camm Road
- Hewson Road
- Tarco Road
- Drust Road
- Kathleen Road

Parks & Gardens

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

- Mowing lawn at town hall
- Weeding at Lake Grace Pavilion
- Slashing of South Road verges
- Removal of branches and dead trees around town site

Building

The Building Maintenance Crew has carried out the following work:

- Lake King Town Hall door and flooring repairs
- Repairs to Newdegate public toilets
- Varley Sports Club maintenance
- New fixtures installed at Lake King public toilets

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:

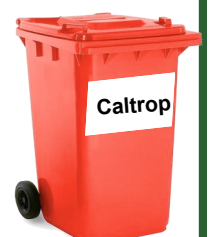
- place them into a marked and sealed plastic bag and keep them until winter when they can be safely burnt

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

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.

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.

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

Driving Assessor

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

Friday 5 June

Friday 3 July - 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.

All bookings to be made at the Shire office on 9890 2500 until further notice.

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

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 26 May 2020 | Tuesday 2 June 2020 |
| Tuesday 9 June 2020 | Tuesday 16 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.

Libraries

Lake Grace Public Library School Place Absolon St
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Closed for 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



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