



Shire Community News

From the CEO

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I thought I would provide some information regarding standpipe water within the Shire.

The Shire of Lake Grace has 18 standpipes within its Shire; 14 are Water Corporation and are directly managed by the Shire and the remaining 4 are managed by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) as they are connected with DWER-managed community dams.

Water from the Water Corporation standpipes is charged out by the Shire at \$3.00/kl.

Water from the DWER standpipes is free.

The Water Corporation charge to the Shire is \$2.597/kl. It may appear that the Shire is making a profit on the water, however, there are several additional costs which the Shire is liable for.

- There is a service charge of \$272/year per standpipe charged by the Water Corporation.
- There are ongoing costs of \$42/month for the remote access and \$695/year for cloud server access to each standpipe controller.
- An annual cost of \$200/year per standpipe for compulsory backflow device testing.

In addition to these costs, is the ongoing maintenance to the swipe card controllers. For example, there is a small computer and modem inside the controllers which for various reasons require replacement from time to time at a cost in the vicinity of \$3,500 per standpipe. Sometimes, the link to the on-board computer goes down and the only way to check it is to visit the site which in some cases involves a round trip of up to 4 hours in administrative costs. Adding to this, are costs involved with vandalism. Unfortunately, there have been cases where locks have been cut on tanks and water drawn directly from the tank which could compromise the quality of the water and it also means that someone is getting free water.

The benefits of having the standpipe controllers are that the consumption of water can be monitored in the various areas which allow the Water Corporation to plan ahead in times of big water draw downs. Also, these standpipes can be operated remotely allowing us to switch over to "Fire Mode" in case of emergency.

Annual Budget 2020/2021

The Shire of Lake Grace annual budget for 2020/2021 has been completed for adoption during a Special Council Meeting to be held on 29 July 2020 at 10am. This year's budget has been influenced by the COVID19 Pandemic where many major projects budgeted for 2019/2020 were not completed due to the closing of the

regional borders, which made getting materials and supplies extremely challenging as well as the lack of staff to complete the projects.

At the 15 July 2020 Ordinary Council meeting, the following items were discussed and resolved by unanimous vote:

- Permanent closure of Whurr Dam Road, North East Newdegate.
- Review of Policy 5.7—Road Classification.
- Delegations of power and duties provided under the Bush Fires Act 1954 has been given to the CEO, Shire President and Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.
- The Shire of Lake Grace is now a signatory to the Roe Tourism Association MOU along with the Shires of Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Kondinin, Kulin, Narembeen and Quairading.
- Specified Area Rates legal advice was received from the Shire's solicitors and was accepted by Council.
- Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, Council voted to waive user fees for the winter sport users for 2019/2020 and the summer sports users be billed in September/October 2020.
- Council agreed to appoint persons nominated by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) to the positions of Fire Control Officer and Fire Weather Officer.
- The 2019/2020 progress report of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan was accepted by Council.
- The Porridge Bikers will stay the night at the Lake Grace Pavilion on Friday 11 September to Saturday 12 September 2020, Council waived the hire fees for the Lake Grace Pavilion.

Varley Progress Association Meeting held on Wednesday 22 July 2020. Cr Armstrong, Cr Lloyd, Craig Elefsen and myself attended the meeting;

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Shire Infrastructure News

Roadworks

Our staff have carried out the following works:

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Burngup Road
- Fourteen Mile Road
- Jarring South Road
- Lloyd Street
- McGlenn Road
- Morton Road
- Naisbitt Road

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- North Newdegate Road
- Mt Sheridan Road
- Edwards Road
- Witham Road
- Biddy Buniche Road
- North Buniche Road

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

- Hogan Road
- Lake King Norseman Road

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew has carried out the following work:

- Varley Fire Brigade door repairs
- Varley Town Hall maintenance (cracks)
- 14 Blackbutt Way maintenance
- Shire office tap repairs
- Fence installation and re-oiling the deck at the Lake Grace Visitor Centre
- Trench digging for Lake Grace Jumping Pillow
- Pump repairs at South Road
- 54 A & B Bennett Street maintenance

Parks & Gardens

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

- Mowing of Lake Grace Football Oval
- Clean up shrubs garden in front of Lake Grace School
- Lake Grace Skate Park tidy up
- Tidying up of fallen branches/trees around Lake

Grace town site

- Rose pruning at Lake Grace Railway Station

Lake Grace Swimming Pool is being repainted in the coming month. The pool is currently being emptied and if you require any water, please contact the Shire office. Own equipment is required.

I would also like to congratulate the local community gardening ladies on their effort and the pride they have taken in the up keep of the Lake Grace Medical Centre, Lake Grace Hall and the Old Lake Grace Medical Centre gardens, thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining these gardens.

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Seen a faulty streetlight?

Western Power has recently automated streetlight fault reporting, making it easier to report faulty streetlights.

If a streetlight doesn't turn on, turn off or flickers, let Western Power know using the streetlight reporting tool at:

<https://westernpower.com.au/faults-outages/report-a-faulty-streetlight/> or call on 13 10 87

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/>

Extraordinary Elections

Call for Nominations

The Shire of Lake Grace will hold an Extraordinary Election on Friday 11 September 2020. There are two (2) Councillor Vacancies and the term will expire on

16 October 2021. Nominations will open on WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020 and will close at 4:00 pm Wednesday 5 August 2020. Full details about eligibility and nomination procedures for prospective candidates can be obtained by contacting the Returning Officer, Ms Kerry Hitchins on 0408955280 or the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06 or visit www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au

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:

Friday 7 August

Friday 4 September- 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.

For more information go to: www.transport.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

Town Planner

Planning Officer, David Johnston and Building Surveyor, Gary Bruhn can be contacted through the Shire Office on 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 and 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 and Newdegate. See below for the upcoming recycling collection dates.

Lake Grace	Newdegate
Tuesday 21 July 2020	Tuesday 28 July 2020
Tuesday 4 August 2020	Tuesday 11 August 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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Lake Grace Fire Control Officers 2020/2021

Shire of Lake Grace has appointed the following people, pursuant to section 38(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, as **Fire Control Officers** for the 2020/2021 bush fire season:

Lake Grace North	Doug Dunham (SNR FCO), Evan Wyatt, Brad Watson (CBFCO), Glen Willcocks, Leon Morgan, Greg Carruthers, Ross Chappell
Lake Grace South	Kevin Naisbitt, Scott Strevett
Newdegate North	Bill Lloyd, Tim Lloyd, Ian Lloyd, Barry Ness, Ron Shalders, Craig Shalders, Pete Walker, Aaron Guelfi, Dean Rintou, Gary Guelfi
Newdegate South	Matt Dugley, Simon Cugley, Geoff Richardson, Syd Walker, Wes Hall (CDBFCO), Peter Kennedy
Varley	Stephen Davies, Jorge Brinkmann, Ben Hyde, Craig Newman, John Zurnamer
Lake King	Jason Sugg, Arthur Sugg, Hugh Roberts (SNR FCO)
Mt Madden	David Roberts, Lindsay Brownley, Anthony Teale, Rory Vermeesch
Dunn Rock	Rhys De Landgraft, Bernie Giles, Tyson De Landgraft
Lake Grace Town	Reid Stubberfield
Newdegate Town	David Tonkin
Shire of Lake Grace	Suzan Lees

The following Shire of Lake Grace FCOs are appointed as **Dual Fire Control Officers** for the following Shires for the 2020/2021 bush fire season:

Ravensthorpe	Anthony Teale, David Roberts
Kondinin	Stephen Davies, Jorge Brinkmann
Kulin	Evan Wyatt, Doug Dunham
Dumbleyung	Kevin Naisbitt, Leon Morgan
Kent	Brad Watson, Wes Hall
Esperance	Hugh Roberts

Shire of Lake Grace has appointed the following people, pursuant to section 38(10) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, as **Fire Weather Officers** for the 2020/2021 bush fire season:

Fire Weather Officer: Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (Brad Watson)
Deputy Fire Weather Officer: Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (Wes Hall)

Vacswim

Early Start PROGRAM, 2020

General information can be found at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/vacswim> with updates shown on the Programs and Locations page.

Lake Grace and Newdegate:

Friday 18 December 2020 to
Thursday 24 December 2020

7 days x 45 minute lessons

Special Council Meeting

A Special Council Meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday 29 July 2020

Time: 10:00am

Location: Council Chambers, 1 Bishop St
Lake Grace

The Agenda will be available on
www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

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.