



# Shire Community News

## From the CEO

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Locals in Lake Grace might have noticed the new electric vehicle Fast Charger installed in Stubbs St adjacent to the old railway station.

The charger was supplied free of charge by the Australian Electric Vehicle Association with funds supplied through crowd funding.

The Shire's contribution was the site and the installation costs. It has proven popular with cars lining up on the first day to be amongst the first to use it.

It takes between 1 and 2 hours to charge a vehicle giving the passengers plenty of time to take in the sights and offerings of the town of Lake Grace.

We have received the first of our federal grant funds through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program which will see 11 projects get underway throughout the Shire. Projects include upgrading of lighting on sporting grounds in Newdegate and Lake Grace, roof repairs to the Varley town hall and disability toilet upgrades in all four towns. We are still waiting to hear on the approval of funding from the Drought Communities Fund which will provide funding for more projects.

The WALGA Annual General meeting was held at the Crown on Friday 25 September. Cr's Ross Chappell, Alan Marshall and myself attended the meeting.

### The Sheep's Back

The Spring Optimiser Workshop focused on getting through the summer with water and livestock was held on Monday 5 October 2020 at Walkers Hill Vineyard. There were discussions on:

- Planning for the summer, how much water do we have and how much do we need to get through?
- Which sheep should be leaving the farm in a de-stock?
- What are the most cost effective options for surface water design and what options are there for accessing underground water?
- What is available for desalination on farm and what are the pros and cons of each system?
- Update on the rural water program and water supplies for stock by Tracy Calvert from DWER.
- Market update by local livestock agents.

### Meetings

#### Varley Progress Association

Cr Roz Lloyd, Cr Deb Clarke, Cr Len Armstrong, Cr Helen Steicke, Cr Ross Chappell, Cr Ben Hyde and staff Alan George and Craig Elefsen attended the Varley Progress Association meeting held on 14 September.

#### Lake King Progress Association

Councillors and Staff and will be attending the Lake King Progress Association meeting on Wednesday 14

October 2020.

### Newdegate CRC

A reminder there will be a Newdegate CRC Meeting on Monday 19 October 2020.

### COVID-19 Update

We cannot be complacent and need everyone to stay on course giving us the best chance of protecting our communities. Based on the latest health advice, Phase 4 of the WA COVID-19 roadmap has been extended until Friday, 23 October. Reduce your chances of being infected or spreading COVID-19:

- Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands
- Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance
- Avoid going to crowded places
- Stay home and self-isolate even with minor symptoms such as cough, headache, mild fever, until you recover
- Keep up to date on the latest information on the Shire's Website

Finally, as has been mentioned before, if you have a complaint (or compliment) about something around town or your area please let us know direct so we can address it accordingly.

*Alan George*  
Chief Executive Officer

## Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 October 2020 from 2:00pm at the Council Chambers, Administration Building. The Agenda will be available on [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au)

## Everyone Welcome

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.

# Save the Date

**Lake Grace**

**Movie night**

**Saturday 5 December 2020**

**Newdegate**

**Movie matinee**

**Sunday 6 December 2020**

## Shire Infrastructure News

Spring has sprung, we had our first and hopefully last dealing with a snake in the Newdegate Pavilion. Our Building crew managed to remove and release without any issues. Thanks John!

The Lake Grace swimming pool is in its final stages of renovations, ready to be filled up in the next week or two. Building crew have started dismantling the kid's swimming pool, removing old fibreglass mushrooms & rock features in preparation for the resurfacing.

The Gumtree drive footpath project has been completed and is another great job done by local contractors.

The next few months are shaping up to be busy for Shire staff and local contractors as we have just received notification our Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program funding application of \$850,000 has been approved.

Projects from this funding will be carried out in all towns across the shire.

Our staff have carried out the following works:

### *Road Works*

The Lake Grace maintenance grader has carried out grading on:

- Biddy Camm Road
- North Burngup Road

The Newdegate maintenance grader has carried out grading on:

- Not available this week

The Lake King and Varley maintenance grader has carried out grading on:

- Not available this week

### *Buildings*

The Building Maintenance crew has carried out the following work:

- Gutter box replacement at Lake Grace Cemetery
- Dispenser installed at Lake Grace Medical Centre
- 10B Gumtree Drive maintenance
- Lake Grace Railway Charging station
- Disassembling of Lake Grace kids swimming pool

### *Parks & Gardens*

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

- Removal of fallen tree branches
- Weeding Stubbs Street
- Slashing of Sale Yards

*Craig Elefsen*

Manager Infrastructure Services



**Shire of Lake Grace Invites  
all Seniors to Morning Tea  
at Walkers Hill Vineyard  
10am Wednesday 14 October 2020**

**Bookings Essential: by Monday 12 October at the Shire office: 9890 2500**

**Please let staff know if you require  
someone to drive you to the vineyard**



# 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 6 November 2020**

**Friday 4 December 2020 - 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](http://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](mailto: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](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 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 13 Oct 2020	Tuesday 20 Oct 2020
Tuesday 27 Oct 2020	Tuesday 3 Nov 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 contaminants 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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## Community Info



# KNOW SOMEONE GREAT?

Nominate an individual or a group for a 2021 Australia Day Award.

[citizenshipawards.com.au](http://citizenshipawards.com.au)  
Closing Date: 31 October 2020

Local Government Recognising Community Champions.

Presented by:



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## Facility Hire

Please contact the Shire to book Shire facilities.

You are required to read the COVID Safety Plan before using the facility.

People, groups, clubs who hire public buildings are still required to:

- Complete the WA Government Safety Plan
- Register uses of the facility
- Monitor entry and exits
- Disinfect surfaces, doors handles, table chairs, showers, toilets regularly.

At the end of the event the requirements are:

- Return tables and chairs to designated storage area
- Put all rubbish into the outside sulo bins provided, including rubbish in toilets
- Ensure all stoves and lights are turned off
- Report any damages incurred while hiring facility
- Facility to be left in the same condition as found upon arrival including the floors
- All external doors are closed and locked;

This is most important as often doors are unlocked when cleaners arrive.

Shire cleaners are responsible for the general cleaning of a facility, however they are not responsible for cleaning up and putting away tables and chairs after a function.

## Community Emergency Services

### Bush Fire Training

There is a great opportunity for experienced bushfire fighters to complete formal Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) training. The qualifications are necessary for anyone who would like to volunteer for intrastate and interstate deployment and are prerequisite qualifications for higher level. Meals and accommodation is provided.

DFES is changing their bushfire courses next year and it is anticipated that the new equivalent qualification will take two days each to complete under the new course structure.

If anyone would like further information, please contact the Shire of Lake Grace Community and Emergency Services Manager, Suzan Lees, on [cesm@lakegrace.wa.gov.au](mailto:cesm@lakegrace.wa.gov.au) or phone 0436 668 242.

#### WHEN:

Friday 16th October 4pm—9pm and  
Saturday 17th October 8am—5pm, 2020

*Suzan Lees*

Community Emergency Services Manager

### Restricted Burning

The restricted burning time started on 19 September.

This means that if you're planning a burn on or after this date you must apply for a permit, by contacting your local Fire Control Officer (FCO).

A list of FCOs is available on the Shire of Lake Grace website at <https://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au/our-services/bushfire-and-emergency-management-services/>.

### Harvesting & Total Fire Bans

A reminder that you can harvest or move vehicles across paddocks during a Total Fire Ban (TFB) as long as;

- a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has not been put in place by the Shire of Lake Grace.
- you have a firefighting vehicle in the paddock being harvested, carrying a minimum 400 litres of water.

Shire of Lake Grace will be responsible for placing Harvest and Vehicle Movement.

This will happen when local weather conditions result in the Grassland Fire Danger Index (GFDI) reaching 32. Very high in the Grassland Fire Danger Rating.

To check if a HVMB is in place, phone 9487 7191