

Council for the Community

Community Information for the Shire of Busselton

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CUPPA WITH A COUNCILLOR

"Cuppa with a Councillor" is an informal and relaxing way to get to know your councillors at the Shire of Busselton.

Come and chat with your councillors about issues that concern you, or simply get to know the people that represent you. Two different councillors will be available every month.

"Cuppa with a Councillor" is held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Busselton Library between 11am – 12 noon. Dunsborough Library sessions will be held every three months between 11am – 12 noon.

The next session will be held with Councillor Wes Hartley and Councillor Beth Hastie on Tuesday, 3 February 2009 at the Busselton Library between 11am – 12 noon.



General Meeting of Electors 4 February, 2009

The General Meeting of Electors will be held at the Busselton Baptist Church Community Centre, Cnr Queen Elizabeth Avenue and Recreation Drive, Busselton, on Wednesday, 4 February 2009, commencing at 7.00 pm. **All residents and ratepayers are invited to attend.**

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

- To present the Shire of Busselton Annual Report for 2007-08, including financial statements, principal activities, the auditor's report, Shire President's report and Chief Executive Officer's report.
- Other general business as required.

Copies of the Annual Report, including the financial statements and auditor's report, are available from the Shire of Busselton Administration Centre or by phoning (08) 9781 0446. Electors who have questions to be answered at the meeting are requested to submit their questions in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by no later than **Wednesday, 28 January 2009**. Questions can be submitted at the Administration Centre, via facsimile to **(08) 9752 4958**, by email to shire@busselton.wa.gov.au or by post to: The Chief Executive Officer, General Electors' Questions, Shire of Busselton, Locked Bag 1, BUSSELTON WA 6280.

WES HARTLEY, SHIRE PRESIDENT

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD NOW IN FORCE

The Shire of Busselton **IS NOW in the Prohibited Burning Period** until 1 March 2009 or subject to Seasonal Conditions of Prohibited Burning Period being extended, which will be advertised in the local papers.

With extreme fire weather conditions forecast until the end of April all property owners are reminded they must maintain firebreaks, fuel reductions on rural residential, urban and industrial properties and Building Protection Zones (BPZ).

This is a reminder to all people who are operating welding apparatus and power operated abrasive cutting discs or operating machinery in paddocks (grass slashers/mowers), within the Shire of Busselton during the Prohibited and Restricted burning times -

A person shall not operate welding or power operated abrasive cutting discs of any kind in the open air unless at least one fire extinguisher is provided at the place where the welding or cutting operation is carried out and the place where the operation is taking place is surrounded by a mineral earth firebreak which is at least 5 meters wide.

In addition to this requirement, Local Government may issue additional directions considered necessary for the prevention of fire on that land and the person carrying out the welding/cutting operation shall comply with those directions.

Persons operating vehicle or machinery in grass paddocks must ensure that the exhaust system, is clean and safe, fitted with a spark arrester and all pipes and engine compartments free of accumulated grass or other bush fire prone fuel. In addition, an assessment should be carried out to look for areas of exposed stones hidden in the grass to ensure the slasher does not cause sparks which could in turn ignite the surrounding grass.

All enquiries should be directed to the Ranger and Fire Services on 08 9781 0467.

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE WITH YOUR SHIRE



Quarterly newsletter available at the Shire of Busselton, your local Library or click onto www.busselton.wa.gov.au



LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION NOTICE OF RESULTS (Local Government Act 1995, s.4.77)

The result of the extraordinary election conducted as a postal election on Thursday 18 December 2008 is as follows:

Candidates	Result
EDMUNDSON, Lee	Excluded 4th
JOHNSON, Peter	Excluded 3rd
EMERY, Jackie	Elected 1st
WOODTHORPE, Jason	Excluded 2nd
JENNINGS, Kevin	Not Elected
MASTERS, Bernie	Elected 2nd
McCARTHY, Dawn	Excluded 1st
REID, David	Elected 3rd

Jackie Emery, Bernie Masters and David Reid are elected as a councillors for the Shire of Busselton and will hold office until 17 October 2009.

Phil Richards
RETURNING OFFICER
Mob: 0404 813 200



SHIRE OF BUSSELTON COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2009

The Council of the Shire of Busselton has adopted the following schedule of meetings for 2009 and they are hereby advertised for public information in accordance with Local Government Administration Regulations.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, 28 January	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 11 February	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 25 February	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 11 March	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 25 March	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 8 April	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 22 April	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 13 May	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 27 May	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 10 June	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 24 June	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 8 July	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 22 July	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 12 August	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 26 August	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 9 September	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 23 September	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 14 October	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 28 October	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 11 November	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 25 November	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton
Wednesday, 9 December	5.30 pm	Council Chambers, Southern Drive, Busselton

Any enquiries on Council meeting dates and community rights of access can be directed to the Administration Officer, Governance, Jenny Mathies either in writing, jenny.mathies@busselton.wa.gov.au or by telephone on 9781 0451.

Gallery Arty Facts

Busselton has many hidden treasures. The Artego Cultural Complex, incorporating the old Courthouse and the Artego Gallery, is just one of them. The old Courthouse Gallery, located at 4 Queen Street, is a community art gallery and unique gift shop. Inside you'll discover original art work, wooden bowls, pottery, jewellery and more. And each month, exciting new exhibitions go on show at the Artego Gallery (11 Queen Street).

Events and Exhibitions

2009 promises to deliver a host of events and exciting exhibitions. So keep an eye on your local newspaper. You can also check for arty updates on the Artego Cultural Complex notice board (located outside 4 Queen Street) or visit the Artego website at www.artego.com.au.

And don't forget, volunteers are always welcome. If you're interested in volunteering at either gallery, call in at 4 Queen Street for more information. We'd love to see you.



Community Sessions for the Preparation of a Foreshore Management Plan – Scout Road to Ford Rd, Busselton

A draft management plan for the foreshore between Scout Rd and Ford Rd, Busselton is currently being prepared. The management plan will cover issues such as beach access, weed management, revegetation and the provision of recreational facilities along the foreshore. Community consultation is a key component in the preparation of the plan. The consultant preparing the draft plan will be on-site at the following locations and dates to meet with interested people to discuss and/or walk over areas of particular interest:

Thursday January 29 4:30PM – 5:30PM: Next to the Busselton Volunteer Marine Rescue Group headquarters, at the intersection of Geographe Bay Rd and Georgette St

Sunday February 1 3PM – 4:30PM: Corner of Scout Rd and Geographe Bay Rd

Alternatively, written submissions on the management of this area can be directed to the Shire of Busselton, Busselton WA 6280 prior to Friday February 6. For any enquiries, please contact the Shire Environment Officer on 9781 0444.

ELECTORS' MEETING - DUNSBOROUGH 2 FEBRUARY, 2009

An Electors' Meeting will be held at the Dunsborough Hotel-Tavern, Naturaliste Terrace, Dunsborough, on Monday, 2 February 2009, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

All residents and ratepayers of Dunsborough and other interested parties are invited to attend.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

- General business as required.

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