

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 Ross Bromell & Councillor Beth Hastie on Tuesday, 3 March 2009 at the Busselton Library between 11am – 12 noon.

Councillors attending subject to change without notice.



Fencing of Portable Swimming Pools

Due to the recent warm weather many people may have purchased a portable swimming pool and be unaware that this type of pool, if the water depth is over 300mm, must be licenced by the local authority and they must have pool fencing that complies with AS 1926.1. This is a requirement of the building regulations. The pool must also be checked for compliance every 4 years. When these pools are purchased many people are not advised of this requirement as the fencing can add a substantial cost to the pool.

If you have one of these illegal pools on your property you must either reduce the water depth to less than 300mm or apply for a building licence for the pool and immediately fence it to comply with AS 1926.1. If you have any questions in regard to pools please **contact the Shire's pool inspector on 9781 0483**. The consequences can be extreme for non compliant pools especially if a young child were to drown in the pool.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be held at the Shire of Busselton Friday 27 February 2009 commencing at 9.30am and concluding at 11.30am

Order of Proceedings:

1. President to open the hearing
2. Introduction by the Chair of the Commission
3. Presentation by the Commission on its role, function and the process it uses to determine Financial Assistance Grants.
4. Discussion on Submission (if submitted), or issues of interest to Council.
5. Close of hearing

The WA Local Government Grants Commission makes recommendations on an annual basis to the State Minister for Local Government on the allocation of Financial Assistance Grants to local government in Western Australia. In accordance with the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 the Commission is required to conduct public hearings with local governments in connection with the recommendations made to the Minister for Local Government and also to discuss any submissions made to the Commission by local governments. Organisations or persons wishing to make a submission, in connection with the recommendations of the Grants Commission on grant allocations at the above hearing are requested to register their interest with **Shannon Wood, WA Local Government Grants Commission phone 08 9217 1416, email Shannon.wood@dlgrd.wa.gov.au**

Financial Assistance for Community Projects, Groups & Events

Community Bids for the 2009 / 2010 Budget

The aim of the Community Bids is to grant financial assistance to organisations that provide services or activities that align with the Shire's strategic plan and deliver sustainable social, environmental and / or economic benefit to the Shire of Busselton community.

Funding allocations include the following:

- General donations and grants
- Fee waivers (facilities, services and other)
- Events sponsorship
- In-kind works

This year's applications must be submitted on the NEW application form by 4.30pm Friday, 27 February 2009.

Application forms, information & guidelines are available from the Shire Office, website www.busselton.wa.gov.au, by contacting **Kate Meggitt on 9781 0383 or katherine.meggitt@busselton.wa.gov.au**. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact **Allan Whitfield, Manager of Community Development on 9781 0462** to discuss their applications prior to submission.

REQUEST FOR TENDER (TEN 14/08)

General Plant Hire with Operator for Crushing Bricks and Concrete Within the Shire of Busselton

Tenders closing at 2:00pm on Tuesday, 24 February 2009 are invited for General Plant Hire with Operator for Crushing Bricks and Concrete within the Shire of Busselton. Tender documents are available by phoning **Wendy Mekisic, Community Infrastructure on (08) 9781 0423** or email: **wendy.mekisic@busselton.wa.gov.au**.

Enquiries regarding this tender should be directed to Wendy Mekisic, Executive Officer by phoning 9781 0423. Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Tender - TEN 14/08 - General Plant Hire with Operator for Crushing Bricks and Concrete within the Shire of Busselton" and be addressed to the CEO, Shire of Busselton, Locked Bag No. 1, Busselton WA 6280 or hand delivered to the Shire Offices, Southern Drive, Busselton. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Canvassing of Councillors will disqualify. Late tenders or email and facsimile tenders will not be accepted. Prospective tenderers are advised that the Shire will not be submitting a tender in this instance.

LOST YOUR PLOT COMPETITION

The Shire of Busselton is giving away a plot in the ever growing Community Garden. The use of the plot is for 12 months and any School or Community Group can write to us for your chance to win!

How to enter: In 25 words or less tell us why your school or group deserves to win a plot for 12 months. Please submit your entry to Helena Webb at **helena.webb@busselton.wa.gov.au** or **Locked Bag 1, Busselton WA 6280**. **Entries close 30 April 2009. Winner announced in the Council for Community.**



BUSSELTON SPECIAL SERIES NUMBER PLATE

The Shire has released a NEW special series plate for the 'Shire of Busselton'.

The plate replaces the previous Shire number plate which displayed the old Shire logo.

As this plate is a revamp of the old number plate the numbers available are limited to those remaining for sale under the old BSN plate. To find out what numbers are available and to order your new look plates, contact the Shire's Customer Service Centre in Southern Drive, Busselton on 9781 0444.

Plates cost \$405. Owners of the old BSN special series plate can upgrade their plate to the new look, still retaining their number by contacting the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.



REQUEST FOR TENDER (TEN 01/09)

Architectural services to develop a plan for the Shire Operations Facility and Council Chambers to cater for the organisation for the coming 40-50 years

Tenders are invited from suitability experienced and qualified Architectural Consultants for the staged delivery of:

- A detailed Master Plan of how the organisations needs for the coming 40-50 years will be achieved on land comprising Lot 42 Causeway Road and the current administration site being Lot 68 Southern Drive, Busselton, which also incorporates the needs of Rotary Club of Busselton-Geographe Bay including high amenity Public Open Space.
- Finalising the Design Brief for the project.
- Concept finalisation including public advertising to take the project to the point of being able to submit a Development Application.

In the long term the Council seeks to create a Community Hub on these sites which in addition to meeting the organisations needs for the coming 40-50 years, will also see the existing Shire Administration Centre used for public purposes either as a Community Resource Centre or accommodating Government agencies. Consideration needs to be given to these future uses as part of the Master Planning process. **Tenders must be lodged by 4.00 pm on MONDAY, 16th MARCH 2009.**

Tender documents are available by phoning **Bret Howson - Community Hub Project Manager on 0429 312 264** or email: **bret.howson@busselton.wa.gov.au**. Enquiries regarding this tender should also be directed to **Bret Howson, Community Hub Project Manager by phone or email as above.**

Tenderers are requested to attend a Tender Briefing/Site Inspection on Tuesday 3 March 2009 at 1.00 pm. This meeting will be held in Council Chambers, Shire of Busselton, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton, WA. The briefing/site inspection will provide prospective tenderers with the opportunity to clarify any uncertainties with the Project Manager prior to the tender closing date. Please confirm with the contact person, Bret Howson if you wish to attend this meeting by no later than 4.00 pm, Thursday 26th February 2009.

Attendance at this meeting is not mandatory. Failure to attend this briefing/site inspection will not render the tenderer ineligible to tender. Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Tender - TEN 01/09 - Architectural Services For the New Shire of Busselton Community Hub" and be addressed to the CEO, Shire of Busselton, Locked Bag No. 1, Busselton, WA 6280 or hand delivered to the Shire Offices, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Canvassing of Councillors will disqualify. Late tenders, faxed or emailed tenders will not be accepted. Prospective tenderers are advised that the Shire will not be submitting a tender in this instance.

Community and Sporting Groups - Are Your Details in the Community Directory Correct?

The 2009/2010 Shire of Busselton Community Directory is currently being compiled and is scheduled for reprinting for distribution mid year. As a service to the community, details of Community & Sporting Groups are listed in the Directory free of charge. To ensure that the details are correct when the Directory is reprinted, it would be appreciated if those not for profit groups listed, or those that wish for an entry to be included, complete the form on page 49 of the 2008/2009 Community Directory. Completed forms can be dropped off at the Shire of Busselton Administration offices, Southern Drive, Busselton or posted to Locked Bag 1, Busselton WA 6280.



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