

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.



Use of Recreational Sports Grounds - Winter 2009

Applications are invited from clubs requiring the use of Council reserves during the 2009 winter season (1 April 2009 - 1 October 2009). Application forms are available from the Council Offices, website www.busselton.wa.gov.au, Geographe Leisure Centre, Naturaliste Community Centre or by contacting **Kate Meggitt - 08 9781 0383** or email katherine.meggitt@busselton.wa.gov.au. Completed applications must be returned **no later than 4.00pm, Friday, 13 March 2009.** From the applications received, a ground usage will be scheduled and ground hire charges raised. GST will be proportionally applied to all ground usage within the Shire.

PUBLIC COMMENT LOTS 123, 1444, 176 & 177 RENDEZVOUS ROAD, VASSE

Pursuant to Clause 25 of District Town Planning Scheme No. 20, Council invites public comment on a draft Development Guide Plan for Lots 123, 1444, 176 and 177 Rendezvous Road, Vasse. The draft Development Guide Plan proposes 88 rural residential lots, ranging in size from 1800m² to 2.49ha in area, with an average lot size of 5214m². An additional 2033m² of POS is proposed to be ceded for drainage. A copy of the draft Development Guide Plan may be viewed during opening hours at the Shire offices, Southern Drive, Busselton, at the Busselton and Dunsborough Libraries and on the Shire of Busselton's website www.busselton.wa.gov.au. Persons wishing to make a submission should do so in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Locked Bag 1, Busselton WA 6280 (quoting reference 21910) prior to close of business on **27th March 2009.**

Update on Meelup Beach

The Shire of Busselton has recently completed a significant works program aimed at improving the Meelup Beach grassed area, which have included improving the water supply, installing a new reticulation system and improving the soil to re-establish a quality grassed area. Terracottem, a soil improver/fertilizer and conditioner, which also increases water retention was used and required the area to be ploughed or blended into the existing soils, which has made the grassed area look unsightly. To deal with this, a grass reseeded program will be completed by mid March. Additionally, as there is no power at Meelup Beach to control the reticulation system, a solar powered unit has also been installed. Oliver Darby, Director for Community Infrastructure said, "As with anything that requires improvement, there will be a point where works are required to be 'opened', which results in inconvenience and sometimes an unsightly appearance, but the final outcome will be a piece of Public Open Space that is much better than was there before, with a sustainable automatic reticulation system that which will improve the overall standard of the Meelup Beach area. It is anticipated that one complete growing season will be required to re-establish the area with good results anticipated by this coming October", Mr Darby said.



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**

FACILITY HIRE APPLICATIONS WINTER 2009 (APR '09 – SEPT '09)

Applications are invited from clubs and organisations requiring the use of the Geographe Leisure Centre facilities during the 2009 WINTER season (13 April '09 – 27 Sept '09). Application forms are available from the Geographe Leisure Centre, Cnr Recreation Lane and Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Busselton. Facility hire forms are also available from the website at www.busselton.wa.gov.au Completed application forms are to be returned no later than **4.00pm Friday, 9 March 2009.** Due to an increase in demand, late applications forms cannot be processed. To ensure your groups booking, please contact the Centre immediately on 9754 3600.

Gavin Bunbury, Operations Coordinator, Geographe Leisure Centre



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.



FUNDING SCHEME - MINOR SPORTING, RECREATIONAL & COMMUNITY GRANTS 2009/10 ROUND

Sporting, Recreational and Community Groups...

Do you need new equipment? Do you want to improve your facilities? Minor Sporting, Recreational and Community Grants 2009/10

Grants are available to incorporated clubs, groups and organisations based in the Shire of Busselton.

The aim of the grants is to provide financial assistance to groups to improve facilities and/or purchase durable equipment. The funding is provided on a dollar for dollar basis, not exceeding a \$2,000 contribution per application. The funds are provided on a reimbursement basis after the provision of receipts.

Please Note: Applications close 4.00 pm, Friday 27 March 2009

Application forms, information & guidelines are available from the Shire Office, website www.busselton.wa.gov.au, by contacting **Kate Meggitt on 08 9781 0383** or katherine.meggitt@busselton.wa.gov.au.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact Allan Whitfield, Manager of Community Development on 08 9781 0462 to discuss their applications prior to submission.

COUNCIL AGENDA - 11 MARCH 2009

The agenda for the 11 March 2009 meeting of the Council, commencing at 5.30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton, includes the following items:

Lifestyle Development Report

- Proposed Sand Extraction for Beach Renourishment - Lot 94 Forrest Beach Road, Wonnerup
- Proposed 10 Chalets Within a Conservation Zone and Alteration to the Approved Site Plan (P6280) for Lot 3 Caves Road, Abbey
- Draft Scheme Amendment No. 137: Proposed Rezoning of Lot 41 Bussell Highway, Busselton from 'Residential R15' to 'Residential R40/R60' and Lots 11 & 35 Bussell Highway, Busselton from 'Tourist' to 'Residential R40/R60' (Consideration for Adoption for Community Consultation).
- Proposed Scheme Amendment and Draft Development Guide Plan - Ambergate North

Systems And Information Report

- Financial Activity Statements - Period Ending 31 December 2008

Community And Organisational Development Report

- Small Local Projects Fund 2008/09 - Nos. 14 and 15

Motions Proposed By Councillors

- Request to the Minister for Local Government to Initiate a Study on the Amalgamation of the Shire of Busselton and the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River
- Dunsborough Foreshore - Endorsement of Lease Concept
- Policy for Shire of Busselton Electors' and Special Electors' Meetings

Due to advertising deadlines, the finalised Meeting Agenda may contain additional reports to those listed above. The complete Agenda, including officer reports and recommendations, is available for perusal on the Shire's website at www.busselton.wa.gov.au, at the Busselton and Dunsborough Libraries and the Customer Service Centre at the Shire Offices.

Council Agenda Briefing Sessions

Two Agenda Briefing Sessions are held in relation to each Council Meeting. The first is on the Wednesday in the week before the Council Meeting at 4.30pm and the second occurs on the day of the meeting at 5.00pm. These sessions are open to the public.

Community Access Sessions

Community Access Sessions are conducted on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm. Members of the public are able to address Councillors regarding items on a Council Agenda or any other local government matter. Should a member of the public wish to address Councillors on a matter on the 11 March agenda, they will need to book for the 4 March session. Contact Jenny Mathies (jenny.mathies@busselton.wa.gov.au or 9781 0451) by 4.30pm on Tuesday, 3 March 2009.

Presentations by Parties with an Interest

Parties with a demonstrable interest (may include an applicant; affected neighbour or other person with a significant interest) in an agenda item can request to address the Council during its meeting. To make a request contact Jenny Mathies (email: jenny.mathies@busselton.wa.gov.au / telephone 9781 0451) before 4.30pm on the day before the Council Meeting.

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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