

# 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 Bev Clarke and Councillor Bernie Masters on Tuesday, 2 June 2009 at the Busselton Library between 11am – 12 noon.



## Would You Like to Make a Difference?

If you are or belong to the following then the Shire of Busselton would like to hear from you:

- Youth
- Indigenous
- Surfer/Recreational Fisherman
- Arts & Culture
- Commercial Business Owner
- Tourism Operator
- Rural/Farm Business

The Shire of Busselton would like to invite you to be part of the Community Reference Group that will work with the Shire in developing a Local Planning Strategy. ***If you are interested in sharing ideas and making a difference in your community then please call Mersina Robinson on 9781 0342 or email mersina.robinson@busselton.wa.gov.au by Wednesday, 3 June 2009.***

## UPGRADE TO TUART DRIVE COMPLETE

An upgrade of the Tuart Drive Tourist Way has now been completed in the Shire of Busselton.

The upgrading works consisted of:

- construction of a roundabout at the Tuart Drive / Layman Rd intersection;
- correcting numerous depressions to improve the road surface;
- alterations to line marking on the road to achieve a wider sealed shoulder to encourage a reduction in speed and increased safe use of the road by cyclists; and
- weed removal and planting of local plants, groundcovers and understorey along the road verge.

In December 2006 the Australian Government announced that the Shire of Busselton's application for \$600,000 in funding for the upgrade of Tuart Drive was successful.

This funding, together with \$300,000 of Shire funds, has enabled the Shire of Busselton to undertake this much needed upgrade of the Tuart Drive Tourist Way.

The upgrade of the Tuart Drive will significantly improve the safety of the road for the local community and visitors to the area and assist in providing a safer habitat for native species and the protection of the tuart trees.

If you would like anymore information on the Tuart Drive Tourist Way project please contact Graeme Jones on Ph 9781 0374.



**Annual General Meeting  
Bush Fire Management Committee  
South & North Acton Park Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades  
Annual General Meeting will be held on  
24 May 2009 at 7pm at the Acton Park Hall**

## COUNCIL AGENDA - 10 JUNE 2009

The agenda for the 10 June 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

- Draft Revised Extractive Industry Policy
- Proposal for Performing Arts and Creative Industries
- Redevelop Existing Tourist Development to Include 14 Apartments and One Day Spa

### Systems and Information Report

- List of Payments Made - December 2008
- List of Payments Made - January 2009
- List of Payments Made - February 2009
- List of Payments Made - March 2009
- List of Payments Made - April 2009
- Financial Activity Statements - Period Ending 30 April 2009
- Busselton Central Business District (CBD) Specified Area Rate - Adoption of 2009/10 Draft Annual Budget
- Proposal to Borrow - Overdraft Facility

### Community Infrastructure Report

- WA Plantation Resources - Application for a Restricted Access Vehicle Permit

### Community and Organisational Development Report

- Reserve 27342 Harris Road, Busselton
- Geographe Crush 2009 Sponsorship Request
- Small Local Projects 2008/09 - No. 23
- Corporate Plan 2009-2010

### Motions Proposed by Councillors

- Investigation into Purchase of Portion of Suburban Lot 4, Lots 48 and 49 on Plan 8809 - Cnr Southern Drive and Causeway Road, Busselton

### Confidential Reports

- Geographe Bay Tourism Association Long Term Accommodation
- Legal Costs Nightclub and Smith's Beach State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) Matter
- CEO Performance Appraisal

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](http://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 10 June agenda, they will need to book for the 3 June session. Contact Fiona Anderson ([fiona.anderson@busselton.wa.gov.au](mailto:fiona.anderson@busselton.wa.gov.au) or 9781 0333) by 4.30pm on Tuesday, 2 June 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 Fiona Anderson (email: [fiona.anderson@busselton.wa.gov.au](mailto:fiona.anderson@busselton.wa.gov.au) or telephone 9781 0333) before 4.30pm on the day before the Council Meeting.

## Public Comment

The Shire of Busselton invites public comment on the following development application which is presently under consideration:

**PROPERTY: LOT 1425 SCOTTS ROAD LUDLOW**

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: SAND EXTRACTION**

Plans and details of the proposal may be viewed between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm at the Shire Offices, Southern Drive, Busselton and at the Busselton and Dunsborough Libraries. The proposal is also available for viewing on the Shire's website [www.busselton.wa.gov.au](http://www.busselton.wa.gov.au). Persons wishing to make submissions should do so in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Busselton, Locked Bag 1, Busselton WA 6280 (quoting Reference No. DA09/0038 prior to close of business Friday 19th June 2009).

## Local Government Structural Reform Invitation to Comment

In response to Local Government Minister John Castrilli's Local Government Reform Strategy, the Shire of Busselton has established a project team to advance discussions with neighbouring local governments.

Minister Castrilli has invited all Western Australian local governments to consider voluntary amalgamation and a suite of other reform strategies, including reducing the number of elected members and forming appropriate regional groupings of Shires to assist with the efficient delivery of services.

The Council of the Shire of Busselton recently resolved that its preferred outcome from the reform process would be to enhance resource sharing and co operation with neighbouring Shires and all South West Local Governments via a Regional Local Government and/or a voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils.

The Council also advised the Minister after completing the Minister's 'organisational health check' that amalgamation was not necessary for the Shire of Busselton, but that other types of structural reform were.


The Project Team, consisting of the Shire President, CEO and Councillors Stubbs, Tuffin, Clarke and Binks, is seeking to receive community input regarding structural reform concepts.

Following initial discussions with neighbouring local governments a more robust and structured formal community consultation process will be undertaken, however, the Reform Project Team would like to hear from any individual or group with their views on the broad structural reform topic for consideration during the early stages of the process.

Comments can be submitted to the Shire at any stage during the process. However, if you would like your views taken into consideration during the very early stages of the discussions with neighbouring local governments, please reply by 22 June 2009.

All submissions should be addressed to the CEO and can be lodged electronically at [shire@busselton.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@busselton.wa.gov.au) or by post to Locked Bag 1, Busselton WA 6280. Submissions can also be hand delivered to the Administration Centre at 1 Southern Drive, Busselton.

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Geographe Bay