

Council for the Community

Community Information for the Shire of Busselton

21st August 2009

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 Jackie Emery & Councillor Bev Clarke on Tuesday, 1 September 2009 at the Busselton Library between 11am – 12 noon.

Please note: Councillors attending are subject to change without notice.

2009/10 BUSH FIRES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The following dates have been scheduled for the 2009/10 Bush Fires Management Committee Meetings.

Tuesday, 8 September 2009

Tuesday, 15 December 2009

Tuesday, 16 March 2010

Tuesday, 15 June 2010 (**Annual General Meeting**)

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Southern Drive, Busselton and commence at 7.30pm.

USE OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS GROUNDS SUMMER 2009 – 2010

Applications are invited from clubs requiring the use of Council reserves during the 2009/2010 summer season (1 October 2009 - 31 March 2010). Application forms are available from the Shire Offices, website www.busselton.wa.gov.au, Geographe Leisure Centre, Naturaliste Community Centre or by contacting **Kate Smith on 9781 0383 or email kate.smith@busselton.wa.gov.au**.

Completed applications must be returned **no later than 4.00pm, Friday, 11 September 2009**.

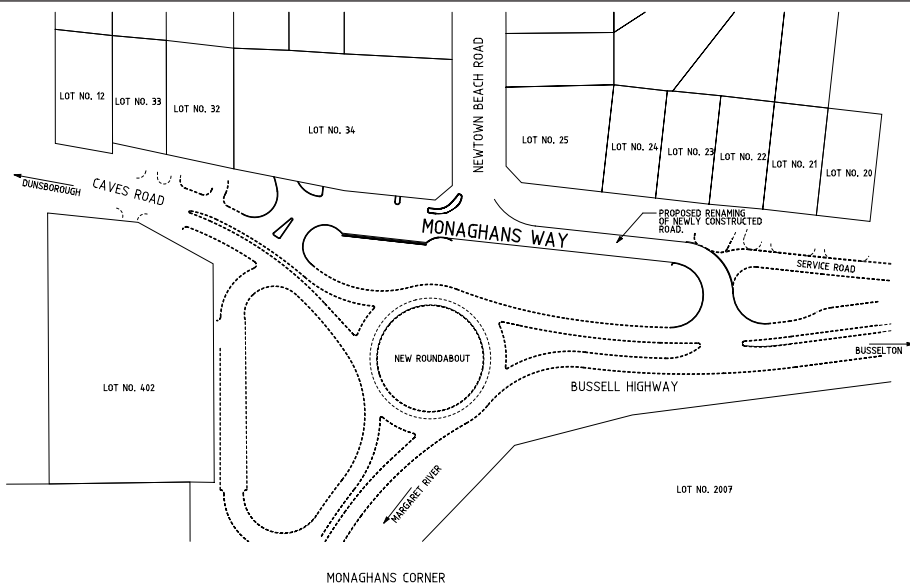
From the applications received, a ground usage will be scheduled and ground hire charges raised.

GST will be proportionally applied to all ground usage within the Shire.

PROPOSED RENAMING PORTION OF OLD BUSSELL HIGHWAY CORNER OF BUSSELL HIGHWAY & CAVES ROAD

The Council invites public comment on a proposal to rename the portion of the downgraded Bussell Highway to Monaghans Way following the construction of the roundabout on the corner of Bussell Highway and Caves Road. For enquiries please contact **Wendy Mekisic on 9781 0420**.

Persons wishing to register an objection to the road renaming proposals should do so in writing by close of business, **Wednesday, 16 September 2009** to the: Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Busselton, Locked Bag 1, BUSSELTON WA 6280.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2005

Review of the Biodiversity Incentive Strategy for

Private Land in the Busselton Shire

Available For Inspection

Shire of Busselton

Town Planning Scheme No. 20

Notice is hereby given that the local government of the Shire of Busselton has prepared the above-mentioned 'draft' review document for the purpose of updating and improving the current Strategy from a statutory, operational and technical perspective. Key considerations include a review of the existing: biodiversity value criteria; vegetation reporting models; conservation incentives including the rate rebate agreement and subdivision opportunity.

A copy of the revised draft Strategy is available at:

- Shire Offices, Southern Drive Busselton for inspection during office hours;
- The Busselton and Dunsborough Libraries; and
- The Shire's website (www.busselton.wa.gov.au)

An information session for interested parties may be undertaken and expressions of interest in the session should be registered by **11 September 2009**. If you have any queries or would like to be involved in the information session, please contact **Daniel Naude, Strategic Planning Officer, on 9781 0363** or via e-mail: daniel.naude@busselton.wa.gov.au.

If you wish to provide comment, please do so in writing and lodge with the Chief Executive Officer, Locked Bag 1, Busselton WA 6280 or via e-mail (to the e-mail address above) **on or before 2 October 2009**. Submissions should be addressed to Daniel Naude and include reference: Biodiversity Incentive Strategy Review – Public Consultation.

Any submission received will be given consideration as part of the Strategy review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

PROPERTY: LOT 15 HSE NO 293 BUSSELL HIGHWAY WEST BUSSELTON
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: EXPAND EXISTING BEACHLANDS CARAVAN PARK

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. 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. DA09/0123 prior to close of business **Friday, 11 September 2009**).

SEASONAL FIRE PREVENTION GUIDE

The Shire of Busselton Ranger & Fire Services encourages the community to prepare for the upcoming Bush Fires Season. All ratepayers and local residents should be proactive and implement preventive measures.

FUEL REDUCTION ON YOUR PROPERTY

Fuel reduction burns should be conducted now. Garden rubbish, piles of dried vegetation or logs in paddocks can be burnt, which will instantly reduce fuel levels around your property.

SAFETY MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT BEFORE BURNING

- Check the weather forecast to ensure winds are not too strong and to avoid fire getting out of control.
- Notify your neighbours of planned burn/s.
- Before starting a burn, ensure proper tools (shovel, rake & knapsack) are onsite, which can be used to control possible spot fires.
- Sufficient water supply onsite is a must! Water must always be available to extinguish the fire and a long enough hose with adequate pressure should also be available.
- Ensure surroundings areas of refuse pile are clear of all combustible materials.
- Shield yourself by wearing protective clothing whilst you conduct a burn. Appropriate work wear includes: gloves, long-sleeved shirt, long trousers work boots and a wide-brimmed hat.
- Always disturb the pile prior to starting the burn to scare away animals that may be using the pile for shelter.
- A person must remain in attendance for the entire duration of the burn.
- To allow smouldering material to extinguish faster, assist by spreading burnt material after the burn.
- The day after the burn, check burn site to ensure the fire is completely out. There should be no smoke or glowing embers.

ALL YEAR ROUND – FIRE PREVENTION GUIDELINES AND PROACTIVE MEASURES

During May to August (WINTER)

- Conduct tree pruning around your property if necessary, by cutting lower branches of trees and trim where required.
- Seek a professional contractor to ensure powerlines are free of tree branches.
- Clearing leaves, twigs and any other flammable materials around your property, will instantly reduce fuel level.
- Flammable materials such as petrol and oils should always be stored away safely.
- If you are in possession of any fire fighting equipment, make sure the equipment is kept in good working order and serviced annually or as required.
- Property owners in rural residential areas are advised to communicate their emergency plan and evacuation route to all neighbouring residents.

During September to November (SPRING)

- Piles of wood, timber or any other stacked up flammable materials should be moved away from the main residence.
- Grass/lawn should be maintained to a height of 10cm or under.
- Clear your gutters and remove any roof debris.
- Implement measures as per Bush Fire Notice, e.g. carry out parkland clearing, install and maintain firebreaks, building protection and hazard separation zones.

During November to May (BUSH FIRES SEASON – SUMMER)

- To keep vegetation green around property, water lawns, trees and approved plants.
- Throughout the fire season (1 December to 12 May each year), continue to maintain firebreaks, building protection and hazard separation zones and undertake regular parkland clearing as outlined in the Bush Fire Notice.
- Double check that gutters remain clear of roof debris, ensure fire fighting equipment is in good working order and water supply is sufficient.

Your efforts count and will assist to create a safer community and environment.

For further information, please contact Ranger & Fire Services on 9781 0444.

Andrew Macnish, Chief Executive Officer
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www.busselton.wa.gov.au

Shire of Busselton
Geographe Bay