

Council for the Community

Community Information for the Shire of Busselton

28th 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

PROPERTY: LOT 4 HSE NO 14 HEMSLEY ROAD, NATURALISTE

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: RURAL TOURIST DEVELOPMENT – CHALETS, CARAVAN & CAMPING SITE, ARTS & CRAFT STUDIOS, MUSEUM AND MICRO BREWERY (RECONSIDERATION)

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. DA09/0141 prior to close of business **Friday, 18 September 2009**).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 SHIRE OF BUSSELTON PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT DUST & BUILDING WASTE CONTROL LOCAL LAW 2009

Notice is hereby given under section 3.12(3) that the Shire of Busselton proposes to make a local law relating to local government dust and building waste control the purpose and effect of which is as follows:

Purpose: To provide for the regulation, control and management of dust, sand drift, rubbish and litter, on building sites, extractive industries and subdivisions on land within the district so as to protect the amenity of the district.

Effect: To establish the requirements relating to dust, sand drift, rubbish and litter control on building sites, extractive industries and subdivisions on land within the district.

A copy of the proposed local law may be inspected and a copy obtained at the Council Office, Southern Drive, Busselton between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday and at any public library within the Shire of Busselton during normal opening hours.

Submissions about the proposed local law will be received by the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Busselton, Locked Bag 1, Busselton, **until no later than 9 October 2009**.

COUNCIL AGENDA – 9 SEPTEMBER 2009

The agenda for the 9 September 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 Amendment for Lot 9005 Pickmore Circus, West Busselton to Rezone from 'Residential', 'Recreation' and 'Development Investigation Area' to 'Special Purposes' (Old Broadwater Farm Development Area) and 'Special Provision Area' with Associated Provisions; and Draft Development Guide Plan - Consideration for Adoption for Community Consultation
- Central East Busselton Foreshore Management Plan - Scout Road to Ford Road (Consideration for Final Adoption)
- Draft Busselton Town Centre Urban Design Policy - Adoption for Community Consultation

Systems and Information Report

- Payment Listing – July 2009
- Financial Activity Statement – July 2009

Community Infrastructure Report

- Dunsborough Oval Reconstruction Consultancy

Community and Organisational Development Report

- Naming of the New Group Fitness Room at the Geographe **Leisure Centre**
- Small Local Projects Fund 2009/10 – No. 1
- 2009/10 Community Bids Budget Allocations
- ArtGeo Management Plan Revision and Proposed Lease Opportunities

Motions Proposed by Councillors

- School Participation at Community Access Sessions
- Youth Advisory Council
- Letter to Troy Buswell
- Letter to Health Minister

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 9 September agenda, they will need to book for the 2 September session. Contact Fiona Anderson (fiona.anderson@busselton.wa.gov.au or 9781 0333) by 4.30pm on Tuesday, 1 September 2009.

Presentations by Parties with an Interest

Parties with a demonstrable interest (may include an applicant; affected neighbour or other person with a significant direct interest) in an agenda item can request to address the Council during its meeting. To make a request contact Fiona Anderson (fiona.anderson@busselton.wa.gov.au or 9781 0333) before 4.30pm on the day before the Council Meeting.

COLLECTION OF UNWANTED CHEMICALS

People who are storing obsolete agricultural, veterinary or pest control chemicals have a chance to dispose of them under a special collection scheme visiting the Shire of Busselton.

The ChemClear Program, which last toured WA in 2007, will soon visit the Busselton Waste Facility to collect chemicals. People wanting to dispose of their chemicals must register before **September 14 by phoning 1800 008 182** or visiting the website at www.chemclear.com.au.

The program is designed to prevent potentially hazardous chemicals from being dumped in landfills, creeks or being inappropriately disposed of in the community and the environment.

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.

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Geographe Bay