

Saltwater Busselton

Saltwater Busselton is nearing completion and we're counting down to the highly anticipated opening of Australia's newest convention centre and performing arts venue in 2026.

Saltwater is a state-of-the-art multi-purpose venue. Every space has been designed with multi-functionality in mind to host a wide range of entertainment, exhibitions and conferences across three levels of innovation and artistic inspiration.

Positioned in the heart of the Busselton Cultural Precinct, Saltwater is just a short stroll from the iconic Busselton Jetty and the Foreshore Precinct's premium accommodation, restaurants, bars and attractions.

Owned and managed by the City of Busselton, Saltwater will enhance the region's cultural landscape by presenting a diverse range of events, entertainment and art exhibitions.

Saltwater Facts

- Saltwater was named after the **Wadandi** (Saltwater People) who are the Traditional Owners of the Country (Undalup) on which this new venue is located.
- Saltwater's modern **auditorium** is the ultimate multi-function space. The black box design is transformable from a traditional 640-seat tiered theatre to a 1000-person standing capacity flat floor space, which is perfect for large trade shows and conventions. Equipped with high performance light and sound equipment, the venue is also ideal for concerts.
- Saltwater's **conference suite** offers innovative audio-visual technology and three operable walls that can be configured for large and small meetings, functions, workshops, conventions and banquets. Located on Level 2, these function rooms enjoy abundant natural light and access to an alfresco balcony with magnificent views of Geographe Bay.
- The A-Class **Saltwater Gallery** located on the ground floor will showcase continuously changing displays of local art and national touring exhibitions. Open daily, this sophisticated gallery will be free to enter.
- Saltwater will diversify Busselton's event offerings, as the venue will be the only indoor venue in the Margaret River Region with a 1000-person standing capacity, which will dramatically increase the number of business events and entertainment held in the region between April and October. This will boost

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visitation to the region during the shoulder and off-peak tourism periods.

- Located two and a half hours' drive south of Perth (or a 45-minute flight with QantasLink) and easily accessible from the east coast with direct flights from Sydney and Melbourne to Busselton Margaret River Airport, the region is perfectly placed to attract world-class entertainment and national conferences.
- Saltwater is situated in the **Busselton Cultural Precinct** at the Busselton Jetty end of Queen Street between Adelaide Street and Marine Terrace.
- The Busselton Cultural Precinct comprises some of Busselton's oldest buildings in the **Old Courthouse Complex**, which is located across from Saltwater - Australia's newest convention and performing arts centre.
- The heritage-listed Old Courthouse Complex dates back to the 1860s and is now a hub for art and culture. Historically significant settlement buildings within the complex include: The Old Busselton Gaol, the Old Police Station, the Courtroom, the Bond Store, the Old Stables, the Fodder Room and the Old Post Office.
- The City of Busselton received the Judges' Award at the 2024 WA Heritage Awards for installation of new exhibitions at the Old Courthouse Complex - *Forgotten Voyages - Rediscovering the S.S. Georgette* and *Stories from the Gaol Cells*.
- *Forgotten Voyages - Rediscovering the S.S. Georgette* shares previously untold accounts from survivors and other sources about the heartbreak and heroism surrounding this infamous shipwreck in nearby waters in 1876.
- *Stories from the Gaol Cells* presents true stories about the lived experiences of prisoners and law enforcement officials during the Old Gaol's operational years.

Further Information & Venue Hire Enquiries

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