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KEEP YOUR WATER USE LOW AND SLOW

Keep your bills lower for longer by prioritising saving water at home.

The stepped billing system, set up by the State Government, gives you an opportunity to keep your costs down.

Basically, it means you not only pay more to use more water, but it becomes more costly as your usage moves past 150 kilolitres.

On average, Busselton Water residential customers use around 300 kilolitres of water per year. The first 150 kilolitres are charged at \$1.14 per kL. The next two hundred kilolitres – or part thereof – are charged at \$1.59 per kL. So, the longer you can make that first 150 kilolitres last, the less you will pay and the more you can save.

You can make a huge difference to your home water use with a few small changes.

- ✓ **Shorten your shower by just one minute**
- ✓ **Use the half-flush on your loo more often**
- ✓ **If you have a dishwasher – use it**
- ✓ **And fix that leaking tap!**



Remember, being water wise is just that – wise, smart, clever! Watch your water use and you can watch your bills get smaller and smaller.

Imagine your water use fills up like this bucket, the more you use and fill as the year goes on – the more you pay.

1001+ kL
\$3.44 per kL
701-1000 kL
\$3.36 per kL
501-700 kL
\$2.50 per kL
351-500 kL
\$1.81 per kL
151-350 kL
\$1.59 per kL
0-150 kL
\$1.14 per kL



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NEW APPOINTMENTS ADD TO BOARD STRENGTH

Busselton water extends its diversity and leadership

We are delighted to announce that Ms Lorraine Watts has been appointed to the Board of Busselton Water.

Ms Watts is heavily involved in the local community. She is Chair of The People Place in Busselton which provides a base for family and children's groups as well as health support, and she has been an active member of the Naturaliste University of the Third Age.

Before she retired, she had a long career in the WA public sector, having held senior policy and research roles with several agencies, including the Departments of Communities, Training, Disability Services and Culture and the Arts.

The move comes as current Board member Ms Christine Kershaw was elevated to Deputy Chair, to assist Chair Dr Robyn Paice, giving the Board of Busselton Water an all-female leadership team for the first time.

Ms Kershaw, who has been a member of the Board since 2017, is a trainer and consultant with a background in urban and regional development and environmental management.

Dr Paice said, "The new appointments extend the female representation on Busselton Water's Board – an achievement we are particularly proud of given our continuing efforts to build equality right across our organisation."



Lorraine Watts

Ms Lorraine Watts completes an impressive Board line-up, with Chair Dr Robyn Paice and Deputy Christine Kershaw.



Christine Kershaw



Robyn Paice

GIVE YOUR SPRINKLERS "SUPER-POWERS" - WITH A MIDNIGHT BOOST

TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF HIGH WATER
PRESSURE IN THE
EARLY HOURS OF
THE MORNING.



We all know that the time to use our garden reticulation is before 9.00am or after 6.00pm.

But now we can let you into a secret – the best water pressure across the Busselton Water network is between 11.00pm and 2.00am, when demand is at its lowest.

So, if you set your reticulation timer for some time during that period, the extra water pressure should mean that you will get the best possible coverage from your sprinklers!

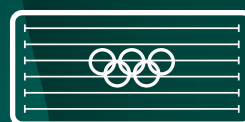
And running your retic in the early hours means more time for the water to trickle down to the roots before the sun is up – so your garden will love you for it.

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KNOW

All of Busselton's drinking water comes from groundwater. It is extracted by Busselton Water from the deep, underground Yarragadee aquifer, then treated at one of our three local water treatment plants before being distributed to homes and businesses across the region.



In 2021, we extracted 5.5GL of groundwater to provide drinking water to our community.



That's enough to fill 2,200 Olympic size swimming pools!

Busselton Water's community partners for this year are Busselton Football Club, Busselton Men's Shed, Vasse Primary School and the Disabled Surfers Association.

L-R, Garry Wheat and Vic Hatt from the Busselton Men's Shed



HELPING OUT AND JOINING IN

Busselton Water has been a proud community partner with the South West Disabled Surfers Association for several years, and we are delighted to be supporting the tremendous work they do again this year.

Come December, the volunteers will be back in the water helping people with a disability experience the joy of surfing, and we'll be right alongside them, sponsoring their events.

With summer just around the corner, we have also linked up with a couple of community groups which told us they needed better drinking water facilities.

One of them was Busselton Football Club, and we've been pleased to give them a new drinking water fountain at Sir Stewart Bovell Park, delivering fresh filtered water for approximately 1,300 juniors and 200 senior players, with the bonus of reducing the number of single use plastic bottles going to landfill.

We have also provided a water fountain for the Busselton Men's Shed.

Chairman of the Board of the Busselton Men's Shed, Trevor Fisher, said "This unit will improve hydration for the Men's Shed's members and visitors. Previously there was no drinking water available in the workshops, only a handwashing basin."

L-R, Busselton football club players Mitch Howlett, Ethan Bowman and Mitch Frazer, with the new drinking fountain



Busselton Water is also supplying rainwater tanks to Vasse Primary School to help upgrade its playground and nature scape area.



Busselton Water continues to support the great work of the South West Disabled Surfers Association this summer.

PROTECTING OUR REGION'S HISTORY AND CULTURE

Local Traditional Owners have met with Busselton Water to help ensure future expansion plans are sensitive to Indigenous culture and history.

Busselton Water is moving ahead with plans for a new bore and water treatment plant on Neville Hyder Drive, near Busselton Margaret River Airport. It's due to open in approximately 6 years to meet the continuing growth in demand.

As part of the planning and development process, local Traditional Owners are helping us ensure that what we are going to build won't damage any areas or relics of significance in terms of Aboriginal heritage and culture. We are working with our local Wadandi people, several of whom joined us close to the site, for a yarn and to examine our maps and designs. Their contributions will be a key part of our plans.

In the meantime, Busselton Water's Reconciliation Action Plan has reached a major milestone. Our inaugural Reflect RAP has been conditionally endorsed by Reconciliation Australia. The RAP sets out reconciliation commitments in line with our business objectives.



(Clockwise from top) Traditional owners meet with Busselton Water personnel and surveyors to discuss plans to expand the local water network.

Traditional Owners Keith Harris and Mark Blurton at the Busselton Water briefing about the company's expansion plans.

Traditional Owners Wayne Webb and Iszaac Webb studying Busselton Water's plans for a new bore and water treatment plant.



Busselton Water staff, Traditional Owners from the Wadandi people and heritage consultants from Brad Goode and Associates, gather to discuss plans to expand the local water network.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Meet Alesha Scurria – our new accountant and the newest member of the Busselton Water team!

Alesha is loving her new role at Busselton Water which is giving her a chance to expand her accounting experience while working closer to her Busselton home.

It was her sister who inspired her to seek out a career move into the water industry, and she joined Busselton Water in June.

"My sister worked at the Water Corporation, and she had a great time there, so this opportunity to join Busselton Water seemed perfect."

The bubbly South West local was raised in Harvey and Bunbury but moved to Perth to study accounting and marketing at the University of Western Australia, graduating in 2019. After that it was back to the South West and a role as a tax accountant in Bunbury.

Alesha, who plays social netball and loves spending time with her family and friends, says her new job takes her into new fields of accounting.



In my last role everything was tax and moving to management accounting has brought a raft of different tasks such as bank reconciliations, term deposits and end of month reports. So this is a great opportunity.

Alesha Scurria

