

WATERSOURCE

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LOCAL ARTIST BRINGS RAP TO LIFE



We are delighted to have commissioned acclaimed local artist, Cassandra Bynder, to create this stunning artwork for our Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) – depicting the waterways around Busselton and their important connection to life and the past and present inhabitants.

The painting, 'Beeliar kebitj bwooar nginy' which translates to 'The river runs through me' celebrates the rich web of life that depends on the local waterholes, rivers and oceans and the deep connection the local First Nations people, the Wadandi Noongar, have to the water.

Cassandra, a Ballardong/Whadjuk Noongar and Yamatji woman, said, "I wanted to explore what water means to the Noongar people, to all the indigenous people and to all people in general, and that is that water is life, and it brings life, and it is in everything."

Our RAP will guide us as we seek to develop a deeper understanding, build stronger relationships and raise cultural awareness as individuals and as an organisation.

KNOW YOUR DAYS!

Did you know that during the summer months we can use more than twice the volume of water than at other times during the year?

That's why it's so important to know and follow Busselton Water's watering roster which is in place between 1 September and 31 May each year. During this period each household has two rostered watering days, on which you may water once, before 9am or after 6pm.

Working out your rostered watering days is easy! Simply take the last digit of your house number and apply it to the watering roster – if your property doesn't have an assigned house number, please use the last digit of your lot number.

- 12 Rose Street – last digit of your house number is **2** = watering days are Thursday and Sunday
- Unit 3, 355 Rose Street – last digit of your house number is **5** = watering days are Sunday and Wednesday.

WATERING ROSTER

No.*	Your two watering days
1	Wednesday + Saturday
2	Thursday + Sunday
3	Friday + Monday
4	Saturday + Tuesday
5	Sunday + Wednesday
6	Monday + Thursday
7	Tuesday + Friday
8	Wednesday + Saturday
9	Thursday + Sunday
0	Friday + Monday

*Last digit of your house/lot no.



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CULTURAL LEARNING IS KEY

Improving our knowledge through cultural learning is an important pillar of our RAP, and we recently welcomed Danie Zappa and Shaynee Hendrick from IPS Management's Indigenous Advisory Service to Busselton Water to facilitate a series of 'Unconscious Bias' workshops, which were attended by our whole team.

The engaging workshops provided the opportunity to explore the challenging topic and recognise the importance of understanding our biases, and gave us practical guidance and tips on how to recognise and manage unconscious bias.



A NEW ROLE AHEAD FOR MD

After a decade at the helm of Busselton Water, and close to 50 years in the industry, Busselton Water Managing Director, Chris Elliott has announced that he will retire on Thursday 20 July.

Reflecting on the decision Chris said he was incredibly proud of what has been achieved in his time at Busselton Water, all of which has been possible because of the wonderful team, visionary Board and great partners he has the pleasure to work with.

"I look forward to working with everyone and enjoying the next six months, as we prepare the business for a smooth change of leadership.

"But the time is now right for a new role for me," said Chris. "I'm ready for more relaxing, more travel, more time with grandees and more fishing!

The recruitment process for a new CEO is now underway, and we look forward to introducing our new CEO to you in the next edition of Watersource.



WATER SAVING TIPS

Did you know if every one of us saved two buckets of water a day for a year, together our community would save enough water to fill the Geopraphe Leisure Centre outdoor swimming pools 231 times?

So, how can you save two buckets?



In the kitchen

The average household uses between 21 and 31.5 litres per day to hand wash dishes. Swap to a water efficient dishwasher, which only uses 15 litres – you'll save one and a half buckets of water.



In the bathroom

Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth – you'll save more than one bucket of water.



In the laundry

Catch your grey water from the washing machine with a bucket and use it on your plants – you'll save between three to eight buckets of water per load.

Looking for more ways to save water? You'll find more handy tips on our website.

MEET OUR NATIONAL WATER WEEK WINNERS!



Secondary School prize winner Yuchi Do's stunning ink and water colour creation.

L-R: National Water Week art competition winners Yuchi Do, Sadie Palmer and Mila Deery with Busselton Water Chair Dr Robyn Paice.

Three talented young students have been named as the winners of Busselton Water's 2022 National Water Week art competition.

The trio were picked from 210 entries from students at Primary and Secondary schools across the Busselton area – with each entrant exploring their own relationship with water through words and art.

Yuchi Do took out the Secondary School prize with a stunning ink and watercolour creation depicting a small fish in a jar of water sitting next to a stream.

The Mary MacKillop College student described her relationship with water as: "Water can be anything. It can be cold, hot and warm. Water is an essential part of life and adapting to a new environment can feel like a fish out of water."

Also from Mary MacKillop College was one of the two Primary School competition winners, Sadie Palmer, who created a beautifully bright and colourful entry with lots of detail.

Her entry had a strong environmental message: "Water is a precious resource, and we use over 300 gallons a day and we need to help use less so we can survive."

Joint winner Mila Deery from Vasse Primary School also delivered a stand-out entry which was colourful, detailed and featured beautiful shading. Her water story message again focused on the environment: "Water is wonderful because it is vital to all our living species."



The beautiful artworks by joint Primary School competition winners Sadie Palmer (above) and Mila Deery (below).



WE ♥ OUR COMMUNITY

Busselton Water has been part of the local community for more than a century, and through our Community Partnership Program we love being able to support volunteer groups, not-for-profit community organisations, social enterprises, clubs and schools in the Busselton area who need a boost or a hand to kick-start local initiatives.

We're gearing up to launch our next round of grants, with applications opening soon! Application forms, important dates and more information will be available at busseltonwater.wa.gov.au.

Here's what some of our previous recipients had to say...

The Busselton Water Community Partnership Grant has helped our school's dream of creating a new Nature Playground become a reality. From a dull boring space around our playground, we have been able to create a beautiful waterwise space, that enables us to collect water for our new creek, giving the students a wonderful new space to play and explore.

Tracey Bruse, Vasse Primary School



We were able to purchase a branded POOPS gazebo and tablecloths that have made us very visible when attending events. Our elderly and disabled clients sadly quite often don't have the financial resources to afford the care their fur friends require, so the support has been extremely important as it allowed us to use any fundraised dollars directly for vet assistance for the 95 dogs we have walked, rather than on the gazebo.

Cathy Gibson, POOPS –
Pets of Older Persons



Busselton Water has helped DSA for many years, first with bottled water and for many seasons a \$1000 donation, which we have used to supply drinks and a sausage sizzle free for all. The application process has been easy to follow and complete. Well worth making the small effort to apply.

Ant Pursell, Disabled Surfers Association

CUSTOMER SURVEY COMING SOON!

Your chance to tell us more about your experience with Busselton Water through our Customer Survey – opening on 1 March.

The online survey, which we conduct every two years, will be promoted on our website and Facebook page and helps us plan for the future to ensure we meet the needs of our customers.



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