

# WATERSOURCE



IT'S  
COMPETITION  
TIME!

ENTRIES  
CLOSE  
4pm, Monday  
27 October  
T&Cs apply

CALLING ALL  
YOUNG CREATIVES!

Your mission is to create a poster that inspires people to reduce their water use and help save our precious water resources at home, in the garden, at work and, or at school – with some great prizes to WIN!

### PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 1 to Year 6 students can draw or paint their poster.

#### Age categories

- Years 1 to 3
- Years 4 to 6

### SENIOR SCHOOL

Students in Year 7 to 12 can choose their medium – using any art material or digital technology, including original photographs and digital graphics.

#### Age categories

- Years 7 to 9
- Years 10 to 12



Learn more

## BRINGING WATER INTO FOCUS THIS NATIONAL WATER WEEK

It's National Water Week – and the theme this year, *'Bring Water into Focus'*, encourages us all to consider the importance of water and to promote positive water-saving behaviours.

Here in the South West, we know our water supply is facing challenges on a number of fronts – as our climate becomes hotter and drier, our population continues to grow and demand for water increases, it's more important than ever to use water wisely.

At Busselton Water, we're investing in innovation and measures that contribute to preserving our water – with significant infrastructure projects, new technology and education programs.

But we also need the community to play their part, and we know that when people make small, positive choices it can add up to big impacts – from checking for leaks, turning off the sprinklers, planting waterwise gardens, having shorter showers, or spreading awareness, every action helps.



#NationalWaterWeek  
20 to 26 October 2025

[nationalwaterweek.org](http://nationalwaterweek.org)



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# COMMUNITY OPEN DAY



CONGRATULATIONS!



The Pillworth family were our lucky Community Open Day prize winners, taking home a sensational prize package valued at \$750, which included a Hunter Irrigation Control System and Wi-Fi wand from Nutrien Water - Busselton, with installation services by ARB Landscaping & Fencing.

The sun was shining, and the sky was blue as we threw open the gates and welcomed more than 300 people to Plant 2 for our Community Open Day.

From climbing to the top of our water tank, building an aquifer, planting native seedlings and checking out our trucks and machinery to learning about where our water comes from and how to make gardens more waterwise – there was plenty of fun for everyone.

A massive thank you to everyone who came along, and to GeoCatch, Nutrien Water - Busselton, Rotary Club of Busselton Geographe Bay, The New Beaut Coffee Ute, the student volunteers from St Mary MacKillop College and Busselton Senior High School and our incredible staff who all helped make the day such a success.

## CARING FOR WATER COUNTRY

The Noongar people of the South West region in Western Australia live by the six seasonal rotation. They move camp within their traditional boundary lines every second full moon, paying close attention to the weather patterns while living in harmony with the environment.

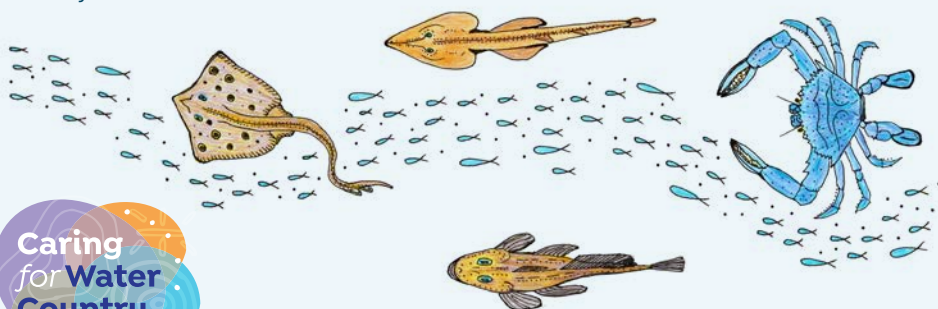
During the colder times they would move to inland lakes, river systems and waterholes. When the season changed to warmer periods, they moved back along sheltered bays, estuaries and coastal camping areas.

Understanding the interconnectedness between plants, animals, weather movements and spiritual beings allows Noongar people to have a strong connection to country and sense of belonging to the land and identity.

### It is now the season of Kambarang.

The season of colour and life. Days warm with nights still cool, winds and rains easing. Lots of baby ducks, emus, possums and kangaroos. Time to start moving camp towards the coastal areas under melaleuca trees, cave and estuary systems, and river mouths. Maintain fish traps, spring tides ideal diving for crayfish and shellfish. Time to craft fishing spears and boomerangs traditional tools.

Care for your water country.



# EARTH AWARD FOR CAVES ROAD PIPELINE UPGRADE

We are pleased to share that our contractors, Saltire Infrastructure took out the Excellence in Civil Construction Project Value \$2-5 million category of the 2025 WA Earth Awards for our Caves Road Pipeline Upgrade project.

This project saw 1.2km of new water supply pipeline constructed along Caves Road from Lennox Drain to Marybrook Drain.

Busselton Water CEO David Hughes-Owen said this award was great recognition for this important water infrastructure upgrade project.



“Ensuring water security is an important part of what we do at Busselton Water, and I thank and congratulate the Saltire team and our own very talented projects team – Ashleigh, Conor, Josh and Nathan,” said David. “The increased capacity delivered by this project ensures we will be able to meet the increased level of daily bulk

water supply required by the Water Corporation, which we provide under a commercial agreement.”

Stay tuned, as the project is now in the running for the Civil Contractors Federation National Earth Award, to be announced at a gala event on 28 November in Canberra.

# SAVE WATER AND MONEY!

As we head towards summer, we’re excited to have launched **5** waterwise offers – targeting areas of high household water use and designed to help you save water and money!

Accounting for close to a quarter of household water use, saving water in the shower is one of the easiest ways to reduce water use. Through the **Showerswap Program**, you can exchange up to two old showerheads for new water efficient WELS 4-star rated models.

The **Waterwise Toilet Rebate** provides a rebate of up to \$400 on the purchase and install of a new dual flush WELS 4-star rated toilet to replace a single flush toilet.

With the average WA household using around 60 per cent of their water in the garden, it’s a great place to look for ways to save water and ensure you’re watering efficiently.

The **Rainwater Tank Rebate**, of up to \$1,000, is perfect if you’re looking to install a new plumbed-in rainwater tank, replace an existing plumbed-in rainwater tank, or have an existing rainwater tank plumbed-in.

A rebate of up to \$300 is available for the purchase, set up and programming of eligible weather-based irrigation controller and module products through the **Weather-Based Irrigation Controller Rebate**.

And, customers can claim a rebate of up to \$200 through the **Waterwise Irrigation Rebate** when they engage a Waterwise Garden Irrigator to reduce water use by improving irrigation efficiency.



Busselton Water Chief Executive Officer, David Hughes-Owen explained that while we’ve experienced a wetter-than-usual winter, much of that rainfall isn’t reaching the aquifers that supply our drinking water.

“This highlights the importance of being proactive about water conservation,” said David. “If every Busselton Water customer saved two buckets of water a day for a year, together the community would save enough water to fill the Geographe Leisure Centre outdoor swimming pool more than 230 times.”

Find out more



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION

It's been a busy time for a number of our 2025 community partners – and there's plenty more action ahead as we head towards summer!



With our support **Vasse Soccer Club** became the first local club to have Jillaroos-only uniforms. After a successful season, they're now in the running for not one, but three awards at the City of Busselton Sports Awards.

We helped put young movie makers in the frame at **CinefestOZ** providing funding to the Schools Program – enabling students from across the South West to enjoy workshops, film screenings, and inspiring

sessions with industry professionals – sparking new creativity and passion for storytelling.

And, we've been making a splash in the pool too! The **Busselton Swimming Club** has been able to invest in new equipment, and the **Busselton Masters Swimming Club** has enjoyed the season of stroke training with coach Andrew Sexton.



## UPCOMING DIARY DATES

1 to 9 November 2025	Pride Wellbeing Festival
23 November 2025	Radiance Festival and Big Pram Walk
December 2025 to March 2026	Monthly Let's Go Surfing events, Disabled Surfers Association South West
31 December 2025 to 19 January 2026	Festival of Busselton

## SWITCH OFF FOR WATER NIGHT

Did you know? Most Australian's turn on the tap at least 15 times a day, but most of us do so without really thinking about it.

Water Night is an annual event designed to help raise awareness about how much water we use and to encourage everyone to value it more. So, we're asking our customers to join us in turning off the taps for five hours, and to spend that time improving your water knowledge, considering how much water you use each day, and putting plans in place to break the habit of unconscious consumption.

**Thursday 23 October**  
5pm - 10pm  
Register at ⇒ [waternight.com.au](http://waternight.com.au)

For tips on how to reduce your water use head to [busseltonwater.wa.gov.au](http://busseltonwater.wa.gov.au).

## KNOW YOUR TWO-DAY ROSTER?

Our summer watering roster is now in place with no sprinkler or reticulation use permitted on any day between 9am and 6pm.

Watering with sprinklers or reticulation using scheme water is still allowed on a roster system based on your house or lot number.

On rostered days, each household may water once only before 9am or after 6pm.

### 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.