

WATERSOURCE

CALL OUT FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Grants of up to \$5,000 are now available through our 2026 Community Partnership Program to support grassroots initiatives that strengthen community connection, enhance local services, and achieve meaningful outcomes for the Busselton community.

Now in its 10th year, the program supports a broad range of volunteer-run and not for profit organisations, incorporated community organisations, social enterprises, clubs, and schools within the Busselton area.

Minister for Water and the South West Don Punch MLA said "Local community groups, clubs, organisations, and schools play an essential role in strengthening the fabric of our regional communities, and this program is designed to ensure they have access to the support needed to deliver meaningful grassroots initiatives."

"Over the past nine years, the program has helped more than 60 local projects progress important work across a range of community priorities, supported by nearly \$200,000 in funding.

"It is encouraging to see the ongoing commitment to initiatives that connect with residents and deliver genuine benefits for the wider community, and I strongly encourage eligible groups to apply for the grants now available."

In 2025, we partnered with 16 local groups and organisations in the areas of sport, the arts, disability services, community services, education, and the environment. A total of \$50,000 in funding is available this year, with local organisations in need of a helping hand encouraged to apply.

Applications are open now and must be received by 5pm on Wednesday, 8 April.

Apply now!

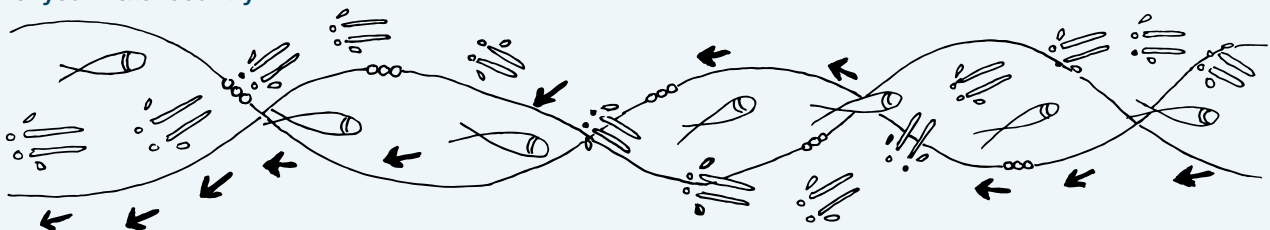


CARING FOR WATER COUNTRY

It is now the season of Bunuru. A season of hot days with warm nights, a good time to camp and fish along the west coast and south coastal areas for Herring, Tailor, Bream and migrating Salmon. Flowering marri blossom, lots of White-tailed Black Cockatoos, and Honeybees. Water levels low in rivers, lakes, and brooks. Families camp near freshwater springs. Reptiles still abundant, good time to catch Goanna.



Care for your water country.



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GROWING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Busselton Water recently hosted a delegation of international and national visitors as part of the Australian Water Association's Cambodia-Australia Water Partnership Program (CAWPP).

The tour was designed to provide the Cambodian partners with the opportunity to experience Australian water management practices directly, with a focus on applying new strategies for operational improvement and sustainable practices.

Over three and a half days they participated in workshops, on-site demonstrations and knowledge sharing sessions covering topics including asset and risk management, network planning and maintenance, water treatment and quality, customer service, community engagement and public education, project management and supervisory control, data acquisition systems (SCADA), and water regulation and pricing.

They also spent a morning at Ngilgi Cave with Koomal Dreaming, which provided great insight into the local groundwater systems and the cultural significance of water.

In amongst the operational and technical sessions, the delegation enjoyed some down time – with a visit to Kings Park, a walk on the Busselton Jetty and barbecue dinners on the beach some of the highlights.



TWIN TANKS AT PLANT 4

The installation of a new 4.5ML treated water storage tank at Plant 4 Broadwater has doubled the site's total treated water storage capacity.

The additional storage has improved water supply security by providing greater capacity to meet growing demand and increased flexibility during maintenance activities and high-demand periods.



DRILLING NEW BORES

We've taken a significant step forward on the Busselton Water Supply Improvement project at Plant 8 with construction of the monitoring bore complete and the new production bore nearing completion.

Both bores are drilled to a depth of around 750 metres and will provide essential data for the new water treatment plant which is currently being designed in partnership with engineering and design group Arup.



FAST FACTS:

 In 2024-25,
Busselton Water:

6.8 billion litres
of groundwater extracted

6.7 billion litres
of drinking water supplied

109.4 kilolitres
per person, per year
residential water use

100%
water quality health compliance



See it, **REPORT** it!

Thanks to the quick reporting by a customer who recently called in a leak on Vasse Highway, and the rapid response from our Customer Service and Network teams, an estimated 900,000 litres of water was saved when compared to similar leaks historically – that's enough water to fill 3,750 standard sulo bins! In addition, because there was less erosion caused by the leak, the repairs were able to be completed more quickly.

So remember, if you spot a leak call us on 9781 0500.

MEET OUR NEW TRAINEES!

It's been a busy start to the year for our new trainees, with Taylor (Business and Administration) and Charli (Marketing and Communication) both joining the Busselton Water team in January. It was great to sit down and find out a bit more about them both!



Why did you apply for the Busselton Water traineeship program?

C: I was initially drawn to Busselton Water because of its strong connection to the community and its commitment to sustainability, environmental responsibility, and positive local impact. It felt meaningful to join an organisation that genuinely invests in the wellbeing of the region.

T: I'd been really interested in starting a Certificate III in Business and this opportunity aligned perfectly with the direction I want to take. While looking for work during my gap year, I came across the traineeship on SEEK and it immediately stood out as a chance to gain hands on experience while studying at the same time. It felt like the ideal way to begin my career and build real skills in a professional environment.

What are you hoping to achieve through your traineeship?

C: I hope to build strong professional confidence and gain a deeper understanding of how a business operates behind the scenes. I'm excited to learn the practical skills involved in communications and marketing, and to understand how these functions contribute to the organisation as a whole.

I want to grow, meet new people, and make a positive contribution to Busselton Water. Most importantly, I hope to walk away with knowledge, experience, and personal growth that will support me long after the traineeship ends.

T: I'm hoping to build a strong foundation of practical skills that I can use both in the workplace and in everyday life. I want to develop my confidence, grow my knowledge of the industry, and gain experience that will set me up for future opportunities. I'm also looking forward to

forming meaningful, long term connections with the people I work with and learning from their experience.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself.

C: One fun fact is that Taylor and I are actually cousins. We didn't know we were both applying and no one realised during the recruitment process so it was a complete surprise to us all when we first started! Another is that I'm a creative at heart and hope to write books or work in film in the future.

T: A fun fact about me is that in 2025 I was a finalist in the CinefestOZ Cinesnaps Short Film Competition for my short film *CONSEQUENCE*. It was an amazing experience and something I'm proud of!

WATERWISE WAYS TO SAVE!

We've got **5** waterwise offers to help you save water, and money.

OFFERS AVAILABLE UNTIL 31 MAY 2026
T&Cs apply.

Learn more →

World WATER DAY

World Water Day is celebrated annually on 22 March. Coordinated by UN-Water, each year a theme is selected that spotlights a key issue affecting the 2.1 billion people still living without access to safe water close to home. In 2026, 'Where water flows, equality grows' focuses on safe water and sanitation as human rights and critical enablers of gender equality.



2026 Water and gender