

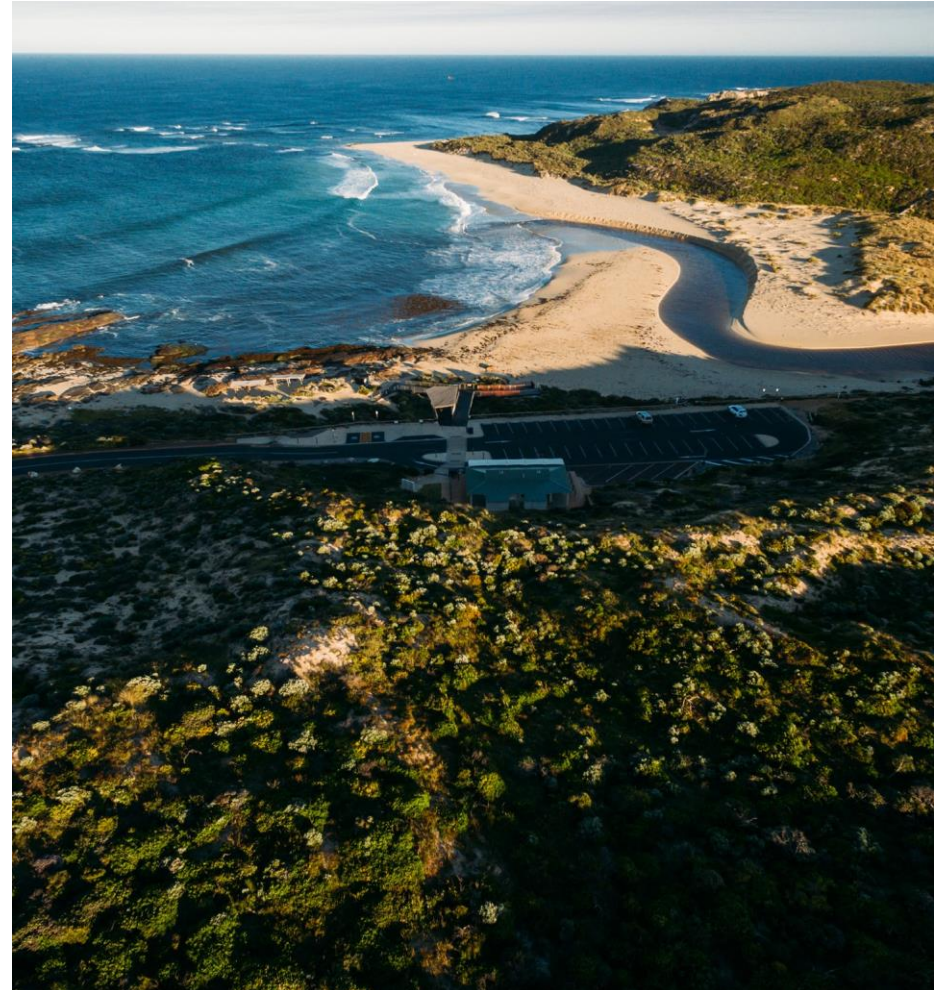
Establishing Design Review in the Regions



Design review in the regions



- Difficult for the following reasons:
 - i. Smaller local authorities without planners
 - ii. Smaller budgets
 - iii. Low numbers of large applications to warrant a dedicated design review process
 - iv. Smaller pool of experts
- Regional collaboration occurs on other local government functions, such as waste, coastal processes and emergency management
- A joint Design Review Panel was seen as an option for design review for smaller local governments



Benefits of a joint panel



Single LG
Only



Pros:

Easier to
establish

Cons:

Increased
cost

High risk of conflict of interest
Smaller pool of experts to draw
from

South West



Pros:

Lower cost for establishment and
maintenance Lower risk of conflict of interest

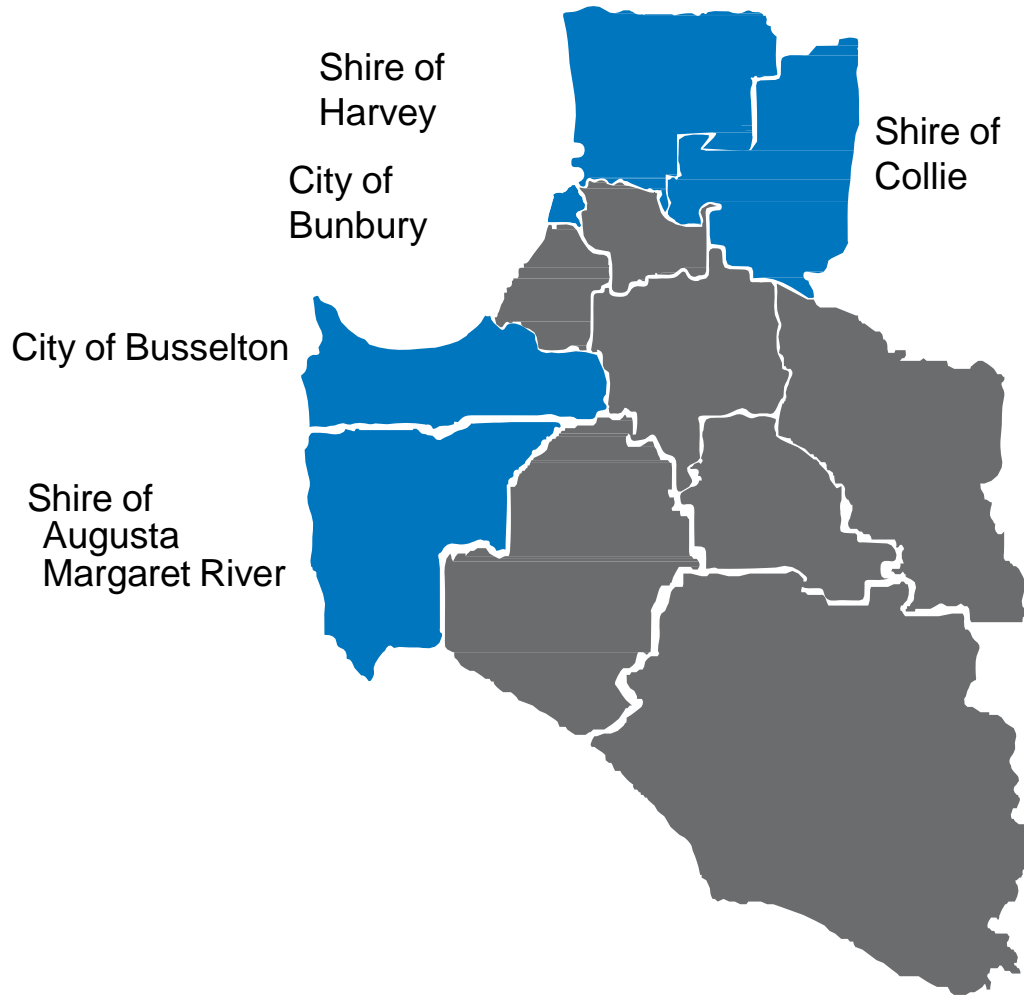
Greater pool of experts to draw
from Can be accessed by smaller

LG's

Cons:

Coordinating multiple Local Governments
Establishing Structure

Design review in the regions



Approach

- Memorandum of Understanding to establish collaborative working
- Terms of Reference to establish operational functions
- Use of Local Planning Policy to allow each LG to customise thresholds and fees and charges.
- Equal contribution to establishment, user pays thereafter.



**Local Planning Policy 2
Design Review**

March 2021

Local Planning Policies are guidelines used to assist the local government in making decisions under the Scheme. In considering an application for planning approval, the local government must have due regard to the relevant Local Planning Policies.

This policy is established in accordance with Division 2 of the Deemed Provisions of Local Planning Scheme No.1.

Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to augment the Shire's development assessment process and projects by providing design input from an independent panel of design experts.

The Shire is part of a South West Joint Design Review Panel, which will operate in accordance with the process outlined by the State Government Design Review Guide - Guidance for local governments (the Design Review Guide), as augmented by the adopted Terms of Reference.

Application

Applies to development or Shire projects that meet the threshold set out at Part 2.

Objectives

1. Ensure higher quality built form outcomes and an improved public realm through Design Review of development applications and Shire projects.
2. Outlines the types of applications that will require design review.
3. Set out the weight afforded to the advice provided by a Design Review Panel.
4. Establish process for fees and charges.

Interpretations

"Design Review" means an independent and impartial evaluation process in which experts on the built environment assess the design of a proposal.

"Design Review Panel" means a selected panel of experts who undertake a design review of a proposal.

"Terms of Reference" means the adopted Terms of Reference that establishes the role and functioning of the South West Joint Design Review Panel.

Policy

1. Design Review process
 - 1.1 The Shire is to establish and maintain a Design Review Panel to undertake Design Review for matters outlined at Part 2.
 - 1.2 The establishment and operation of the panel is to occur in accordance with an adopted term of reference.

LOCAL PLANNING POLICY 2 DESIGN REVIEW

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Key Challenges

- Procurement
- Flow onto hosting arrangements
- City of Busselton 'hosting' DRP admin function, holding contracts
- Admin fee charged by Busselton when an item is presented.



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With the Dunsborough Historical Society display are Norma Andrews, Christine Byatt, Jo Fettes, Carol Wooders, Irene Penfold and Margaret Baxter. Picture: Rachel Owen

Exhibition details region's rich past for Family History Month

SARAH GREEN
 In celebration of Family History Month the public are encouraged to visit the new historical display at the Naturalside Community Centre in Dunsborough.
 The Dunsborough Historical Society has put together its third exhibition in conjunction with the Busseton Dunsborough Libraries with this year's display following the theme Through the Generations.
 The display showcases three of the region's winners, Collie Whites, Cleaveland Family Whites and Gwyn Estate Whites, as well as Cleaveland Beach Cemetery Park and Cottage.

The display also encourages people to look into their history.
 "I'm sure the Dunsborough Historical Society is contributing to preserving our local history," she said. "And I hope our children and community members of Dunsborough learn from these displays of people who've given so much for all of us to enjoy in today's world," Dunsborough Historical Society chair Margaret Baxter said.
 "There's a different side to who we are and what we see in today's world and hopefully the photos and display will give our community a snapshot of our families who've put their heritage on our earth," she Baxter said.
 The exhibition is open to the public from August 1 to August 31. The Family History Display is available for viewing at the Naturalside Community Centre from August 1 to August 31.

Fundraising event

WARREN HATELY
 A major fundraising event later this month will help support a vital community group at the forefront of the region's housing crisis.
 Just Home Margaret River will host an afternoon of music and fun at the Margaret River Yachting Club on Sunday, August 13, in an effort to raise awareness as well as funds for the not-for-profit group.

The afternoon event which starts at 2pm will feature local musicians as well as food and drink providers and children's activities.
 An auction supported by businesses across the shire is the feature act, with residents and families invited to get on board.
 Just Home project manager, Alan Hughes said proceeds from the community event would support the organisation to continue to fight for housing justice in the region.
 "The Augusta-Margaret River Shire is in the midst of a severe housing crisis which has rendered over 150 people homeless with an ever-increasing number of people at risk of homelessness," Mr Hughes said.

"The event also acts as enough reveals, community at social function to arrive the community which, combined with the crushing cost of living, has seen a doubling of inquiries to our service since 2021."

The event also opens WA Homelessness Week which Mr Hughes said shows a spotlight on the plight of those experiencing homelessness.
 "That includes Margaret River, which has some of the lowest incomes and highest rental prices in the South West," he said.

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 Once complete, the facility is expected to be among the best on offer in regional Western Australia

upgrades.
 It is understood the debris will take a week to clear, with construction then expected to start immediately for anticipated completion in September 2024.
 The oval is home in the South

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 Aided by \$8m of State Government funding, Sport and Recreation Minister David Templeman said the facility would mark

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The football building that was built in 1955 was reduced to rubble in the matter of a few hours – paving the way for construction.



Expression of Interest South West Joint Design Review Panel

The Cities of Bunbury and Busselton and the Shires of Augusta Margaret River, Collie and Harvey are calling an expression of interest for panel members to make up the inaugural South West Joint Design (SWJD) Review Panel pool.

The panel will provide design advice on certain types of development applications at the discretion of each of the participating local government authorities.

Experienced professionals in the fields of architecture, urban design, landscape architecture, heritage, sustainability and environmental design, town planning and arts and culture are encouraged to apply. The design review meetings will be available via teleconferencing.

For more information on the expression of interest, the SWJD Review Panel and to submit your application, please visit www.southwest.gov.au/planning-and-building/designreviewpanel or contact the Shire's Planning and Development Services on (08) 9780 5220.

EOI closes 5pm Wednesday 23 August.

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CEMETERY

Concerns are brewing about the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River's plans to expand the town's cemetery.
 "I'm not sure the Shire is undertaking work to prepare a business case for the cemetery expansion," said a community consultation and a panel representative for the Shire of Collie.
 "But speakers at last week's meeting raised concerns about the Shire's plans to expand the cemetery. I think the Shire should be more open to community consultation and a panel representative for the Shire of Collie said the Shire's plans to expand the cemetery cost the club up to \$300,000 — and the Shire should pay for it."
 Club president Ian Chidgey said he had maintained and enhanced the site of last year's cemetery for about 10 years.
 He said the master plan had "extensive and expensive ramifications on the site of the cemetery."
 "While the Shire managed that well, it was unfortunate and the club's resources that maintained the buffer



Implementation.

- Pool size
- Contract Issues
- Administration Processes



New South West Joint Design Review Panel to be hosted by City of Busselton

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The first meeting of an innovative new South West Joint Design Review Panel will be hosted by the City of Busselton on 31 May 2024. This is a shared initiative between the Cities of Busselton and Bunbury and the Shires of Augusta Margaret River, Collie and Harvey.

The panel comprises professionals in the fields of architecture, urban design, landscape architecture, heritage, sustainability and environmental design, town planning, arts and culture, and will meet monthly to provide design advice on development applications, structure plans, design guidelines and any local government projects occurring in the five local government areas. Each participating local government will determine the types of applications and projects requiring design input.

The panel will operate within an agreed terms of reference forged by the five local governments, and design feedback will be provided in response to ten design principles listed in State Planning Policy 7.0 (Design of the Built Environment).

Mayor Phill Cronin welcomed this new initiative, "The City is delighted to be the host for the first two years and our team looks forward to collaborating with industry professionals and other local governments to deliver quality design outcomes in our communities."

The panel will be chaired by architect Craig Smith who said, "The panel has a great mix of capable senior professionals, including local experts, with a wide range of experience in building, landscape, environment and planning. Design reviews not only create better buildings and places but can add to the public benefit and the economic success through projects that are innovative, distinctive, and memorable."

Mr Smith also noted, "Reviews should find a balance between the intended future character of a place and as positive response to its cultural and heritage setting. Consistent improvement in design is a key dynamic in the process of creating better environments for all of us to enjoy." Deputy Chair and urban design expert, Malcolm Mackay, also sits on a range of other panels around WA. He stated, "Good design is every bit as relevant in the regions as it is in the Perth metropolitan area and is particularly relevant in the South West of WA where better design can increase its appeal and thus help to support tourism related activities and employment and improve the lifestyle for people who call the South West home."

There will be no charge to the proponent for up to three design reviews, provided one occurs prior to lodgement of a development application. Should another design review be required, the fees to be paid to the City will be in accordance with the adopted fees and charges.

For further details, please visit the City's [website](#).

Objectives outlined in this statement are aligned with the City of Busselton's Strategic Community Plan (2021 - 2031) Key Themes Opportunity: A vibrant City with diverse opportunities and a prosperous economy.

Ends. Media enquiries can be directed to pr@busselton.wa.gov.au



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Progress to date...



- 5 meetings to date with 5 matters reviewed.
- Shire of Capel joined the Panel, used by other regional Local Governments
- 5 locally based experts included in panel to develop regional skillset in Design Review.
- QR Code for administrative documents:

