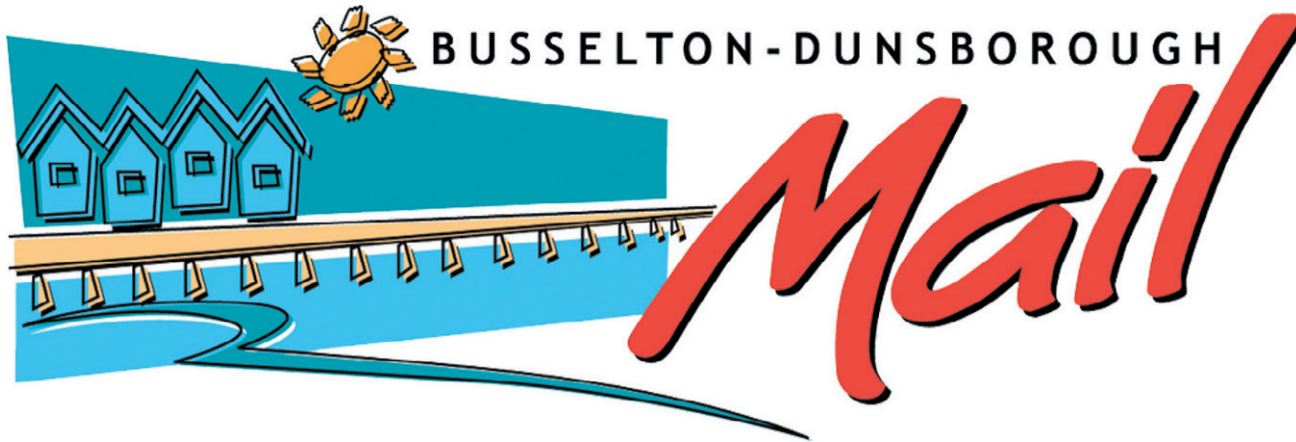




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# Cafe debate on again

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DUNSBOROUGH and Districts Progress Association spokesman Mark Webster is urging the public to have their say on a new site for a cafe to avoid the opportunity slipping.

Following a review of potential sites with local stakeholder groups, the City of Busseton council voted on a proposed 150 square metre space on the Dunsborough foreshore.

However the proposal was altered on Wednesday following the approval of Councillor Rob Bennett's recommendation for the size to be increased to 200

square metres. Cr Bennett said for the project to be viable enough to attract interest the size needed to be increased to include room for an alfresco area.

The proposal shows two potential sites that are located off Geographe Bay Road in between Dunn Bay Road and Chester Way and north of the existing toilet block and carpark.

Mr Webster said if there was a cafe development of this kind on the foreshore the association felt it should not exceed the 150sqm as originally proposed.

City of Busseton Mayor Ian Stubbs did not agree with Cr Bennett's recommendation and said the footprint should not

be made larger before going out for public comment as this was "looking for more trouble". The debate continued between the councillors with the end result voting 6-3 in Cr Bennett's favour.

Mr Webster said if public consultation revealed that most people were happy with a larger cafe then that was a great outcome.

"The association have long supported the idea of a small scale cafe/kiosk in this proposed location and would not want to let one issue stop the process of development at this stage," he said.

Cr Stubbs also made the recommendation that the call for registrations of interest for businesses be deferred until after

the community consultation was completed.

As well as the proposal going out for public comment the City also wanted to ask for registrations of interest at the same time.

Cr Stubbs disagreed with the original proposal and said his recommendation was to make sure the community were supportive of the proposed site before asking for registrations for interest.

The mayor's recommendation was voted on and supported by all councillors.

The proposed cafe/kiosk will be up for public consultation for 28 days, for more information visit busseton.wa.gov.au.



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