

# Southern Seawater Desalination Plant | UPDATE 7

*We're bringing you news and other matters of interest involving the new seawater desalination plant that will be built at Taranto Road. It will complement our community newsletters and other communications.*

## **Whale expert joins team**

The director and founder of Western Whale Research, Chris Burton joined the project recently as our whale expert. Chris is one of the very few cetacean (marine mammals such as whales, dolphins, sea lions and the like) experts living in Western Australia and is extremely familiar with the south west WA coast. Through more than 20 years working with whales and dolphins, in particular, he has studied these magnificent marine animals in not only the temperate and tropical Australian waters, but also the cold Southern Ocean waters and international waters off the west coast of Africa. Chris will recommend management strategies to avoid any impacts on migrating whales and the results of his advice will be included in the management plans that form part of our environmental approval.

## **Two companies to fight it out to build the plant**

We are as keen as anyone to see just what the new plant outside your communities is going to look like. A major starting point to reaching that position will come very shortly when we will publicly announce the two companies who have been short-listed to fight it out to establish who will build WA's second major seawater desalination plant. That announcement will begin an intensive six-month period at the end of which the two companies will be evaluated by the Water Corporation and one of the companies will be selected to push on to the completion in 2011.

## **Join us on 21 February**

Our next community information sessions on Thursday 21 February are now approaching rapidly. We are looking forward to a big turn out at the two sessions at the Binningup Water Sports Centre. There will be a mid afternoon session from 2pm to 4pm and an evening session from 6pm to 8pm.



A whale frolicking off Binningup Beach.



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