

SAVE – and SAVE!

FORTY lucky residents can have an audit of their home's water, energy and waste audited for just \$30!

"An audit like this usually costs \$249.50," said Council's sustainability officer Jade Hankin. "We have arranged the consultations with Ecosmart Consultations, and the first 40 people to call will get this massive discount."

They will have professional advice on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and home running costs. There will be a detailed action plan and access to a range of sustainable products, as well as a starter pack of water and energy-efficient items. To register, or find out more, please call 1300-ECO-NOW.

4.6 million library loan approved

RESIDENTS' submissions on Cottesloe's proposal for a \$4.6m loan to fund a new library were all in favour of the scheme.

The projected new library and community facilities will cost a total of approximately \$11,300,00 and be shared with the Town of Mosman Park and Shire of Peppermint Grove - as is the existing library. Cottesloe's share is 42.74%; Mosman pays 48.29%; and the much smaller Peppermint Grove 9.25%.

The Town proposed raising the loan to avoid delay in calling for tenders, and potentially increasing the final cost of the library. However, it is likely that eventual sale of the Cottesloe depot will allow a portion of the 20-year loan to be repaid early.

Consultation

Nine public submissions were received, and none of them opposed the proposal to raise a non-budgeted loan. The Council will now borrow \$4.6m from the Western Australian Treasury Corporation..

SINK CURTIN AVENUE and the RAILWAY



AFTER studying a detailed report by Town staff Council has confirmed its view that sinking Curtin Avenue is the best way to reunite a Town divided by road and rail traffic.

Council wants alignment of a future Curtin Avenue as a two-lane road between the railway line and the Western Power substation.

To achieve the main objective – improving the connection of east and west parts of Cottesloe – neither a trench or a subway option is good enough. While a Jarrad Street subway is preferable to the trench option for local connectivity, a subway would have its own physical and visual impacts.

Council will promote the option of sinking both the

railway and the realigned Curtin Avenue, to fully integrate land use and transport, improve transit-orientated development of the Town Centre, and optimise development potential of the western land.

Network City

The detailed report says this approach will have the best long-term outcomes for the area, with regard to Network City objectives, and the principles for activity centres and corridors.

This option is to be explored with State

street, says CEO Steve Tindale.

"A working party has been formed to formulate the design guidelines," he said. "It includes two representatives of ProCott – Katherine Kalaf and David Cookson; and councillors Dan Cunningham (Presiding Member), Brian Miller, Jay Birnbrauer and Jo Dawkins.

"They will be assisted by a specialist consultancy, CODA Studios.

The consultants' brief is to undertake pre-design work, design and develop two options for the two site-specific projects and present those to the working group for review. The results may then be incorporated into design guidelines for the street.

Government agencies.

An Enquiry-by-Design process, together with the Dept of Planning and Infrastructure (guided by the Town's Planning Scheme 3), could deliver a far-sighted and sustainable structure plan for the area.

Relevant consultants (town planning, urban design, engineering, community engagement, place-making, and more) will be required to assist in the process.

Subject to agreement with State Government, a detailed design solution for Curtin Avenue, the railway, Jarrad Street and the Town Centre will be prepared.

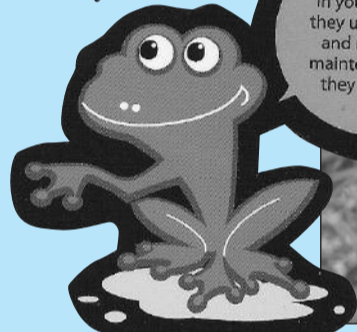


Brochure coming to all homes

EVERYONE should have received a 'Think Water' package in the mail. If you haven't, please contact Jade Hankin at the Council.

"Included in the package is your Native Plant Discount Voucher," she said.

Please use this to obtain a range of local, native waterwise plants – from Apaca nursery – for only \$1.25 each. The vouchers are valid until May 30."



Use native plants in your gardens – they use less water and require less maintenance...and they look great!

Railway Street development

TOWN FOCUSES ON EAST

THINK Water' wasn't too difficult for Water Resources Minister John Kobelke last week, up to his ankles in sand, with the Indian Ocean behind and a gleaming outfall pipe to lean on. With Mayor Kevin Morgan and attendant photographers, the minister was in Cottesloe to launch our Think Water education package.

Cottesloe engineer Geoff Trigg was on hand too.

"This public education drive is part of our four-year Cottesloe Peninsula Groundwater Restoration project," he said. "We really need people to be aware of the parlous state of groundwater here.

"Rainfall is declining and bore water use increasing. On this peninsula with the Swan on one side and ocean on the other there is salt water just below a shallow, freshwater aquifer. We're harvesting as much rainfall as possible, and returning it to the water table.

"But everyone can help, by limiting the amount they draw through private bores and reducing pollutants, such as fertilisers, chemicals and organic waste that can flow into the aquifer."

Indiana changes will go to the community

BROAD public consultation is likely to be held before any final Council approval of changes to the Indiana restaurant is given. The owners want to make alterations and additions to the existing restaurant, and the area near the kiosk.

Councillors have called for a detailed report, including public consultation, to be heard at the May meeting of Council.

Originally the proposed works envisaged two stages. For Stage 1 Indiana wants to extend and open up the restaurant towards Marine Parade, provide new undercover terraces and landscaping to the east, adjust pathways for disabled access, and enclose part of the restaurant for small functions and private dining rooms.

Other internal changes include new offices and new toilets for staff opposite the existing kiosk.

Stage 2 changes to the lower level, which included a relocation of the public

Scout Hall go-ahead

COUNCIL has approved transfer of land at 65 Eric Street from the Scout Association, WA Branch, to the Town of Cottesloe.

The meeting heard that with the high level of interest in under-utilised land Crown land in the Western Suburbs, for redevelopment purposes, it is opportune for the Town to stake a claim on behalf of the community before others do. The size of the lot on which the Scout Hall is situated together with its location next to a district distributor road constitutes a significant community asset which should not be allowed to disappear.

Finance

Should a need arise to repair the Scout Hall for community purposes the cost could be approximately \$100,000, plus another \$5,000 per annum for maintenance.

News in brief...

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday May 26, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday May 19, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday May 20, 7pm.

Strategic Planning Committee Wednesday May 21, 7pm

Planning applications for July close June 4.

* Meeting dates for the whole year are available at the Civic Centre and online. Agenda are available at the meetings; at the library and Civic Centre on the Friday preceding each meeting date. Agenda may also be seen online.

Green and Bulk Waste – reminder

MAY collections began in Area 1 this week.

In AREA 2, put out your waste on May 10/11 (collection – May 12 on.)

In AREA 3, put out your waste on May 17/18 (collection – May 19 on.)

beach toilets have been shelved for the time being.

Although the proposal is essentially consistent with Cottesloe's approach to increase activity along Marine Parade and the beach, the potential increase in custom may increase demands on the existing public parking areas, Council was told.

When Planning Consent was given by Council for the redevelopment of the Cottesloe Beach Pavilion in 1995 seating capacity was limited to a maximum of 240 patrons, including the pergola and alfresco areas.

At the time that this was considered to be the maximum permissible, without any requirement for providing additional car parking. Indiana's current application would allow up 350 people, an increase of 110 or 46%.