

Rates increase in 08/09 Budget

MOST people's rates will rise less than nine per cent in the coming year. However some properties, particularly in the west and south of the Town, have increased in value faster than the rest of Cottesloe according to the State Valuer General and as a result their rates increase will be higher.

Library

Because of rising fuel and construction costs, an overall nine per cent budget rise is needed to maintain last year's spending power. But it also includes 3.92 per cent to cover the first loan instalment of the \$4.6m loan for the new library.

HOW TO USE THE CIVIC CENTRE?

COMMUNITY forums to discuss future public and private use of the Civic Centre are planned for the end of this month.

These are important opportunities for people concerned with Cottesloe, as the focus groups will generate ideas about how to use the Civic Centre, its grounds and main function areas.

Community input is vital and the Council hopes for a wide-ranging spread of ideas and suggestions to make the Civic Centre a stronger focal point for the Town's activities. Provided sufficient numbers of people wish to attend, the two forums will be held at the Centre's Lesser Hall on:-

Thursday July 31, 6pm - 8pm

Friday August 1, 9am - 11am

To be involved in either of the forums, please contact Kathryn at the Council offices on 9285 5012 - by 4pm on Friday 25 July - indicating which forum you can attend.

Alternatively, if you can't be there in person, please send your suggestions to:

Estill and Associates, 170 Burswood Road, Burswood WA 6100.

The Civic Centre is a popular concert venue.



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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State and Australian Open Surf Boat Champions, the North Cottesloe J crew towered over the heads of the many local people gathered in the War Memorial Town Hall recently for Cottesloe's annual Volunteers Sundowner. The event is an opportunity for the Town to thank all the volunteers whose selfless contribution makes such a difference to life in Cottesloe. As well as making a presentation to the victorious crew - Peter Charles, Kim Greville, David Porzig, Shaun Colton and sweep Jack Allis, the Mayor also acknowledged the lengthy service of retiring councillors Arthur Furlong and Peter Jeanes, in sincere appreciation of their services to the Cottesloe community, Arthur over 20 years, and Peter four years.

Council counters alarmist reporting

MAYOR Kevin Morgan says that 'blatant errors' in the West Australian's report on climate change hitting the Cottesloe foreshore need correction.

Contrary to the West's story last month, very little beachfront property would be at risk, even given extreme and unlikely circumstances many decades into the future.

Possible effects of climate change on Cottesloe's foreshore are fully examined in a report published on the Town's website.

Protection

The speculation about property damage due to climate change is based on a worst case scenario for the year 2070.

"In the unlikely event that sea levels rise dramatically

Climate change fears

- and a major storm occurs in 2070 - and that our coastline is found to consist entirely of sand, then we could well have a major disaster on our hands," said the Mayor.

The area most affected would be the northern and central beachfront. The chance of that happening in or around 2070 is slim, even if no protective measures are taken.

"It's far too early to call. First we must find out how much protection is given by the underlying rock outcropping, and this means more geological survey work.

"To devise safeguards, we also need to start tracking sea level changes and find out more about the dynamic nature of our coastline.

Erosion

"The Council is keenly aware of the adverse impact

of greenhouse gas emissions and the likely increase in sea levels over this century. Many locals also know that Cottesloe beaches have been significantly eroded by storms in the past thirty or more years.

"Beach dunes have been replenished with sand and rock-fill in the past, and it doesn't take too much thought to recognise the possibility of a major event, increased by the effects of climate change."

"Cottesloe is at the forefront of Australian coastal communities investigating and tackling the potential impact of climate change on the foreshore.

"I hope that State Government agencies and other local governments which have potentially much more at stake than Cottesloe will examine this report closely."

'Vulnerability of the Cottesloe Foreshore to the Potential Impacts of Climate Change' can be read in full at:
www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au

Are you Living Smart?

TO be healthier, save money AND help our environment, be at the Civic Centre for FREE Thursday night programmes (from July to September) that will show you how!

'Living Smart' interactive nights involve Earthcarers, WMRC, and the Great Gardens team and are supported by the Town.

They comprise presentations, discussions and a local field trip, and cover topics such as: • saving energy and water; • recycling and reducing waste; • sustainable gardening; and • developing healthy homes and lifestyles.

You will discover the skills and knowledge to make a positive impact on your own life, the local community and the planet.

There are lots of opportunities to take part, because the nights run from 31 July - 11 Sep (every Thursday, 7-9pm for 7 weeks).

To find out more - or to register - please contact Jade Hankin, the Town's sustainability officer, on 9285 5016; or email jade@cottesloe.wa.gov.au

Comments, please

Disability access

PUBLIC comments are invited on Council plans for a disability access ramp linking the dual use pathway to the toilets, showers and change rooms below the Barchetta Café on Marine Parade. Preliminary clearing work has been completed as part of Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. Cost is \$35,000 and the Town would like to complete the project by the end of September.

Date for close of submissions is 25th July 2008

LPS3 - reminder

AN information package on LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 3 was sent to all residents last month, including a special form for submissions. Closing date for those submissions is July 16, so if you are planning to comment, please do so right away.

News in brief...

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday July 28, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday July 21, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday July 22, 7pm.

Planning applications for September close July 31.

Parking

AFTER studying public comments, Council decided to extend the Railway St parking area with another 31 bays. But the car parking bays considered for either side of Forrest St will not be installed. Also, a safety audit will be made at the Railway St/Forrest St intersection, after concerns expressed by TAPSS Community Care.

Beach pylon

COST of repairing the fast-deteriorating heritage-listed pylon at Cottesloe beach range from \$20 - 100,000 according to a Council report. Removing it could cost \$15 - 30,000. Cottesloe has sent the report to the Heritage Council and the DPI, requesting comments, advice and aid on funding.

COTT JOINS IN HIGHWAY FIGHT

EVEN more traffic on Curtin Avenue due to a long-standing State plan for highway link from Fremantle to the Mitchell Freeway is to be opposed by Cottesloe. The Town has now joined WESROC's Stephenson Highway Working Group, which wants the plan scrapped permanently.

Joining the towns of Cambridge, Claremont, Mosman Park and the Shire of Peppermint Grove, Cottesloe has committed \$5,000 for a submission to State government. The City of Stirling also opposes the

Stephenson Highway and the group plans to invite Stirling to join.

History

Stephenson Highway is part of Perth's first, 1955, regional plan, gazetted in

1963 as the Metropolitan Regional Scheme. Especially contentious is the section of highway that would cut through Wembley Golf Course and Bold Park, connecting to the West Coast Highway near Claremont.

WESROC councils have consistently opposed the route, and in 2001 a State Department of Transport study said there was no strong need for it.

This year Cambridge Council proposed a working group to lobby the State. In June WESROC gave its support. All councils involved have committed funds for a formal submission, should lobbying fail.