

## BIN IT...OR SWIM IN IT!



**HE'S faster than a speeding chip-wrapper, and quick to reward kids who bin their litter!**

Captain Cleanup – conspicuous in his yellow and blue superhero suit and bright yellow superhero-modified car – has been on Cottesloe Beach every weekend (Saturdays 9.30/11.30am; Sunday 10am/noon) in January and February. He and local Earth Carer volunteer helpers explain the 'Bin it... or Swim in it!' campaign to the crowds.

"It's in response to the growing problem of litter on Cottesloe beach," said Carolyn Ryder, the Town's Sustainable Development officer.

"We were fortunate to receive \$10,000 funding from the Keep Australia Beautiful Council, and Cottesloe Council has matched that with \$10,000. The objective is to alert beach users to the problem and cause a shift in littering behaviour."

Bin it... or Swim in it! began on January 1 and runs through to March 31. Signs are posted on all beachfront rubbish bins, as well as a huge billboard on Eric Street.

"Captain Cleanup points out that litter on the beach and grassed picnic areas will blow in and pollute the ocean," said Carolyn. "It's a serious problem for marine life – as well as swimmers, surfers and boaters."

The Captain and his band reward beachgoers spotted binning their litter with 100% fruit icy poles (made by local manufacturer Fruity Fanatics.)

## Waste not...



COTTESLOE'S 2007 Waste Calendar, full of useful information as well as a multitude of coloured artwork by local schoolchildren, has been delivered to all homes in the Town. If by any chance you have not received your copy, please contact the Civic Centre.



# COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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## Parking Meter-Eyes move us along!

COTTESLOE is first in the State (and possibly all of Australia) to try out a new electronic device to monitor vehicle parking.

Parking Meter-Eyes are installed in 46 Napoleon Street bays, automatically signalling whenever a car moves in or out of each bay. The Meter-Eyes also alert Town Rangers if a car overstays the time allowed (in Napoleon St this varies from 15 minutes to an hour, depending on the bay.)

### Advantages

The vandal-proof electronic system is on trial until the end of March, but numerous savings and advantages are already apparent.

Rangers' time is used much more effectively. Instead of constant patrolling to mark car tyres, they can pinpoint offenders and issue infringements.

"Although Rangers allow drivers several minutes leeway, in the early weeks of the trial considerably more infringement revenue has come in," said Graham

Patrick, the Town's Manager, Corporate Affairs.

"Installed cost of the 46 Meter-Eyes is approximately \$25,000. More efficient issuing of infringements should recover outlay in about six months."

### Traders

Shopkeepers in Napoleon favour a system that will improve customer flow to their premises. If shoppers can park easily, make their purchases and move on, everyone benefits.

"Information from the Meter-Eyes will also help us understand and plan better for peoples parking habits," said Graham.

"They also tell us at any one time if all parking bays are full. Subject to the trial, an electronic sign, in each street or car park entrance, will inform motorists and save them driving up and down the street or car park in a fruitless search."



**Ranger Ernie Polis with the hand-held monitor that receives signals from the Meter-Eyes. "The Meter-Eyes register when something solid is above. Shopkeepers have told us that some people are already trying to park at odd angles to avoid them but then they risk a ticket for parking illegally."**

**"They are made from the same material used in jet-fighter windscreens. So if it can deflect a 500mm shell, I think that makes them vandal-proof!"**

## ROCK TRUCKS ROLLING



**1500 TONNES of armour rock added to Cottesloe groyne will buttress and protect the structure for another 25-40 years. Early this month trucks began rolling along the purpose-built limestone road at the beach, bearing carefully selected rocks from a Byford quarry. Picture shows the careful placement of rocks alongside and adjoining the existing groyne. The largest rocks, weighting up to ten tonnes each, will be placed at the tip of the groyne.**

**Reinstating the groyne and surrounds, with a new concrete walkway, should be finished within weeks. The old beach wading pool will also be removed.**

## STOP CRIME IN COTTESLOE – call 131 444

ALL residents are reminded to note and report ALL incidents of anti-social behaviour: 131 444 is the number to call. At the end of March 2007, if enough evidence has been amassed, the Council may make an s117 appeal to the Department of Liquor Licensing for reduced Sunday trading hours and number of customers allowed in the hotels.

## FAMILY SUNSET PICNIC CONCERTS

### Big Band and Rock at Civic Centre

TWO free weekends of fine music begin with jazz, swing and pop from the 18-piece Oz Big Band, on Sunday March 11 (7pm to 9pm.) A week later it's the return of Peace, Love and all that Stuff (Sunday March 18, 7pm to 9pm.)

Led by Todd Johnson, the band plays a great mix of rock music that appeals to all ages. So - bring your picnic, rugs, chairs, family and friends to the Civic Centre main lawn and enjoy two great, free, family shows.

### Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting – Monday February 26, at 7pm.

Development Services – February 19, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services – February 20, 7pm.

Strategic Planning Committee – February 21, 7pm.

Development applications for April - February 26.

### Australia Day Awards

MAYOR Kevin Morgan invested new Australian citizens (from left) Frederick and Catharina Jankowitz (with their children), Steven Cindric and Milvo Scaramella on Australia Day this year.



**Above, new citizens of Australia; below, Cottesloe's Citizen of the Year, Marshall Walker**

The Mayor also spoke warmly of the outstanding service and dedication to Cottesloe residents (and other beach users) of the 2007 Town of Cottesloe Citizen of the Year – Marshall Walker. As a Surf Lifesaver, Marshall gives assistance, support and encouragement to swimmers at Cottesloe Beach far above and beyond the requirements of his duties.

The Australia Day celebrations was hosted this year, on January 26, at Manners Hill Park, by the Shire of Peppermint Grove in conjunction with the Town of Mosman Park, and included the Town of Claremont for the first time.

