



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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News in brief...

Rockin' reminder

FAMILY concerts at the Civic Centre take place tomorrow (Sunday March 11) with jazz, swing and pop from the 18-piece Oz Big Band; and one week later (Sunday March 18) with the rocking return of Peace, Love and all that Stuff led by Todd Johnson. Both shows run from 7-9pm; byo picnic, rugs, chairs, family and friends - to the Civic Centre main lawn.

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting – Monday March 26, at 7pm.
Development Services – March 19, 6pm.
Works and Corporate Services – March 20, 7pm.
Strategic Planning Committee – March 21, 7pm.
Development applications for May - April 4.

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.

Eric St Plan

COUNCIL has given 'in-principle' support to updated plans for redevelopment of the Eric St shopping centre, following public consultation.

THE PEARSE Street section of Sea View Golf Club, used unofficially by players and maintained by the club for many years, is to be formally incorporated into the playing area. Public consultation (until February 2) having raised no opposition, Council has asked the Minister to remove this section of the road reserve and incorporate it into the adjoining 'A' class reserve, which includes the golf club.

The excised area is delineated by a low, pine log fence. The rest of the road reserve, alongside Harvey Field, is unaffected.

Community Consultation

THE FUTURE WAITS A WHILE

COTTESLOE'S FUTURE PLAN will almost certainly be recommended for further public consultation by special meeting of the Town's Strategic Planning Committee on March 21.

At its February meeting, Council sent the plan to the Committee, incorporating several amendments suggested by community members. It also heard salient comments from SOS Cottesloe members about the inadequacy of the original public consultation, which fell in the Christmas holiday period.

More public comment is likely

"The Council is keen for the community to be fully consulted," said CEO Stephen Tindale. "There was some concern that many people were away and not sufficiently aware of what is a very important

document for the future development of Cottesloe.

"Only five people submitted comments, and some of them said they had insufficient time for proper study."

It's now likely the Strategic Planning Committee will recommend another consultation period, using a range of media to fully alert the populace.

NEW LIBRARY COULD BE LANDMARK OF THE DECADE

WHAT are your thoughts about a new library shared with the people of Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove? It would replace the existing Leake St library, provide space for a Community Learning Centre, more borrowing items, computers, and services for children and adults.

It could also become Cottesloe's biggest cost item of the decade – and Council wants to be sure of public support for the concept.

Full information is on the way to every Cottesloe home – and the Town urges everyone to read it carefully, and comment.

The brief is also available on the Council website, and

copies are available at the Civic Centre.

Closing date for comments is April 6.

Residents of Mosman and Peppermint Grove will also join in the consultation. All Councils want full community input so they can all debate the library project fully in the April/May round of meetings.

Comments please...

LIBRARY redevelopment comments, suggestions and submissions are required on or before April 6; please get your say in promptly.

STATE OFFERS \$100,000 FOR WATER WORKS

What's next for CBH?



A PLAN FOR redevelopment of the Cottesloe Beach Hotel was brought to Council in 2004 and in December 2004 refused. A key issue in the Council's decision was the height of the proposed building (at six storeys) and the resultant impacts, particularly the amount of overshadowing on the beach.

The applicant (Multiplex) appealed to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) for a review of Council's decision. SAT mediation followed and the Town provided development parameters to facilitate an acceptable proposal.

However, the applicant was not willing to conform to these.

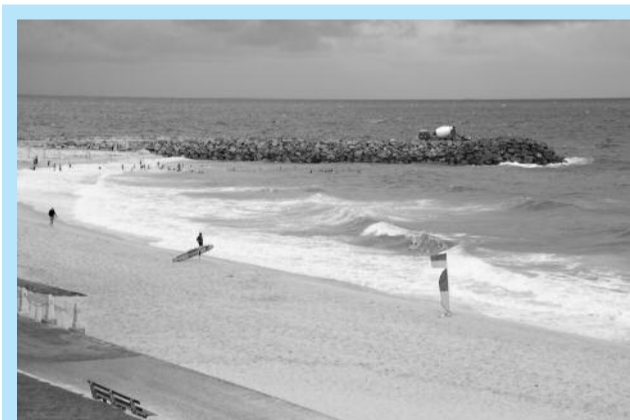
At the same time a preliminary legal issue was raised by the Town, considered by the SAT, and is about to be heard in the Court of Appeal (on March 12).

The issue involves the need for certain approvals under the Town Planning Scheme and the discretions which may apply. The decision of the Court will determine the future of the SAT review, and the redevelopment proposal.

If the court determines the preliminary issue in the Town's favour, then the current proposal cannot proceed.

If it is found in the applicant's favour, then the SAT will continue to consider and determine the proposal, and the Town will continue to be involved in that process.

What happens next depends on the Court decision, and this might take weeks, or months.



CONCRETE repairs made the new, bigger and better Cottesloe groyne ready for the 2007 Sculpture by the Sea exhibition beginning this weekend (March 10.) The contract smoothly delivered and placed 1500 tonnes of armour rocks on and beside the old groyne, securing it for up to another 40 years. After Sculpture by the Sea the concrete walkway on top of the groyne will also be renewed.

COTTESLOE has accepted a \$100,000 contribution from the WA Government, for restoration of the area's groundwater aquifer, under the Town's National Water Initiative project. Last year Cottesloe won a \$782,000 Federal grant for the four-year project, and applied to the State for assistance with the shortfall – up to \$1.564m.

Staff point out that 'the original submission for Federal funds was made even though the WA government had not joined the initiative... and may never have joined.' While hoping for a greater contribution, Council has accepted the offer.

100 soak wells

As part of the Initiative, in 2006/2007 Cottesloe will have installed 100 new soak pits in on Ozone Parade and in Greenham, Wentworth, Princes, Napier and Sydney Streets. Thirty of these, on or near southern Marine Pde, enabled closure of three ocean outfall pipes.

Also, underground tanks have replaced open sumps at Marmion St/Ackland Way and Jarrad/Brixton Sts; and data has been gathered for an education programme on underground water conservation.

Next year

In 2007/2008, more soak pits will go into Birbeck Avenue; Marmion, Eileen, and Perth Sts; and Torrens St/Crt, all prior to resurfacing. Two open sumps in Railway and Forrest Sts will be converted to underground tanks. Two more ocean outfalls will close, near Dean and Pearse Sts, replaced by 12 more soak pits.

