



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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Council responds to State on TPS3

A POSTAL poll of every Cottesloe elector, to ascertain whether retention of the 12m central beachfront height limit is favoured, is part of Cottesloe's response to State government comments on the Town's draft new Town Planning Scheme.

That was one outcome of a long and detailed Council meeting, with input from concerned residents. Two important decisions were made concerning housing density, and height limits.

Density

Council believes that the current character of Cottesloe should be retained; but it is not adverse to increasing overall density near the Town centre. While five-storey development is not wanted on the beachfront, some increase in height limits could be considered near the railway and town centre. Staff will now report on the potential to increase population by redeveloping vacant railway

LOW-RISE RULES ON BEACH FRONT

FOUR years after Multiplex first applied to rebuild the Cottesloe Beach Hotel, the Town of Cottesloe has won a Supreme Court appeal. This effectively means the end of Multiplex's appeal, to the State Administrative Tribunal, against Cottesloe's refusal to allow a six-storey development of the CBH.

The Court ruled that Multiplex's 2004 development application was fundamentally flawed and cannot be approved under Cottesloe's Town Planning

land, as opposed to increasing density in small pockets of Cottesloe.

Height

Staff will also report on the pros and cons of increasing height along Marine Parade. Subject to Council signing-off on the content of that report, a postal poll of Cottesloe electors will then be conducted. Cottesloe will then go back to the WA Planning Commission and report on the wishes of local community.

Supreme Court supports Town on CBH

Scheme (TPS2). It also decided that heritage provisions of TPS2 do not allow Council to vary height and other planning requirements.

Low-rise victory

"This judgment is a victory for grass-roots, community aspirations for a low-rise Cottesloe beachfront," said Mayor Kevin Morgan.

"It thwarted the big-end-of-town's attempt to use clever legal reasoning to side-step the height limits that are so treasured by the community."

Fight continues

Although the community has won today's battle, there is still a long way to go in winning the overall war, said the Mayor.

"We must ensure that there are no back-room deals with the State Government on our draft new town planning scheme

(TPS3) – by developers who continue to peddle the nonsense that height limits must be increased in order to encourage redevelopment.

"TPS3 goes beyond the current scheme.

"It offers ample planning concessions that will encourage the redevelopment of the Cottesloe Beach Hotel and other foreshore sites – without compromising our 12 metre, three-storey height limit, which must be retained.

"The Supreme Court judgment tells Multiplex that Cottesloe will do everything within its powers to reject unwanted and inappropriate planning proposals."

NEXT Council meeting - Monday June 25, at 7pm.
Development Services - Monday June 18, 6pm.
Works and Corporate Services - Tuesday June 19, 7pm. Development applications for August - July 4.

MORE

Community Consultation – on JARRAD Street!

HOW much time does the word 'temporary' suggest? How about 21 years?

The original temporary closure of Jarrad St across the Sea View golf course was for four years and time's up next month. After respondents overwhelmingly supported permanent closure (September 2006: 499 for, 14 against) the WA Planning Commission has been unable to support the permanent closure of the road despite unanswered invitations to come down to Cottesloe and gain firsthand knowledge of the Town's safety concerns.

So, with no chance of a timely response, the Town needs to make another 'temporary' closure and this time its for 21 years.

Despite the overwhelming sentiment expressed by respondents last year, the Town must again request public comments on the proposed temporary closure. Please voice your comments by 6th July 2007.

Public to consult on Civil Centre upgrade

Office space is urgently needed

WIDE-ranging public consultation, including residents' focus groups, will augment Council plans to expand and upgrade the Civic Centre.

Improvement of the Town offices is now urgent. Staff shortages will compromise capacity to take on new projects and mean existing staff work under growing pressure.

Reporting to Council, CEO Steve Tindale stated:

"Combined with poor office accommodation...we may well lose not only more staff, but the momentum that has been built up over the past five years, as knowledge disappears from the organisation."

According to the report, Cottesloe's offices rank alongside Nedlands and East Fremantle as worst in the region.

Mosman Park and Claremont have just completed expansion/improvements. Neighbouring councils are all considering improvements, as 'added demands placed on local governments is evidenced by the expansion of office accommodation in the western suburbs.'

NO BLUES FOR LEAH!



'MORNING-AFTER blues' were no problem at Blue Waters on June 29, because the 'night before' Council delivered an historic decision that could "civilise the drinking culture along Marine Parade," said Town CEO Steve Tindale.

Blue Waters applied for permission to serve alcohol without a meal to customers sitting inside the restaurant and at tables outside.

"We're delighted!" said manager Leah Tocas.

"We hoped for this, but really didn't expect to be successful. I think we are the first restaurant in WA to be given permission to serve drinks, without meals, in an alfresco area.

"We cater for older people than the pub, 35-plus, families and so on."

According to Steve Tindale, Council accepted that the restaurant would not attract the same clientele as the adjacent Cott Beach Hotel. Also, Blue Waters closes at 3pm on Sundays, when hotel custom builds towards a peak.

"The trend towards a wider range of outlets where families can enjoy a drink in pleasant, civilised surroundings is likely to grow," he said. "There are other applications in the wings, and they are likely to be approved also."



Newly-built roundabout near the Civic Centre aims to improve the Broome Street Black Spot.

LIGHTS-OUT IS NOT-ON



IF you know a street light is not working, please call Western Power. Outages are a danger, especially on main roads, and in Cottesloe both Curtin Avenue and Stirling Highway have been affected.

The number to call is 1800 622 008. The Town suggests that residents complain to Western Power online too – at www.wpcorp.com.au

Under 'your power supply' click on 'report a problem online'. It's hoped that if many residents complain at the poor service experienced in recent weeks, some more urgent action will result.

PROGRESS OF NEW LIBRARY

LIKE neighbouring councils of Mosman and Peppermint Grove, Cottesloe has welcomed the outcome of the recent community consultation process, and is ready to budget \$100,000 for consultancy costs in 2007/2008. But Council has made a proviso. Before committing funds Council wants an assurance from the Shire of Peppermint Grove that legal action by the Cottesloe – Peppermint Grove Bowling Club against the Shire will not compromise the project.

'Comfort'

So Cottesloe has authorised its Library Project Steering Committee to progress to detailed planning and design, subject to Peppermint Grove: 'providing the Town of Cottesloe with sufficient comfort that there are no outstanding issues relating to land for the proposed library site that may have an adverse financial impact on the Town of Cottesloe.'