



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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News in brief...

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday July 23, at 7pm.
Development applications for September-August 1.

DATE CHANGE

BECAUSE local elections will be held on October 22, Council's monthly meeting date has been changed to October 27. The shift will allow any newly-elected Councillors to be briefed on current events prior to their first Council meeting.

Below: Meter Eyes in use by Rangers at the Town centre



RESIDENTS COMMENT ON TOWN'S FUTURE

A FUTURE Plan that will set Council strategy was approved in June following further community consultation.

In March, after suggestions that the original public comment period was ineffectual because of summer holiday, Council moved to repeat the consultation process. This time, 23 submissions (including one from SOS Cottesloe) were made by the cut-off date of May 11.

All were considered by Council and the Future Plan was passed with a series of changes. After a year's work, the final plan is available on the website; submissions are shown in minutes of the June Council meeting, also on the Town website.

Many residents touched on topical aspects – such as foreshore height limits, car park development, and residential densities – which are already subject to investigation.

More singular suggestions included bulldozing the Civic Centre gardens; a beach pool; opening beaches to dogs, in winter; and bringing back the annual fancy dress ball.

Several suggestions centred on the Sea View golf club. Build a road tunnel under the course; re-open Jarrad Street for cyclists; turn it into public parklands; and relocate Council offices to the Sea View clubhouse.

07/08 Budget is set

COUNCIL EXPENDITURE in Cottesloe during 2007/2008 is anticipated at \$8,253,130, and revenue at \$9,840,821. These Operating Statement figures were announced when the year's budget was adopted, at the June Council meeting.

General rate for the year on all property will be 8.01 cents per dollar of gross rental value, which represents a 5% rate

increase and the minimum rate is set at \$723.

Conditional spending

The budget was adopted with a proviso that there will be no outlay on the proposed library, Civic Centre redevelopment and Meter Eye parking equipment without a specific Council resolution.

ALL PARKING IN NEW STUDY

ALL the car parking needs of Cottesloe will be examined by consultants before any possible extension of the Meter Eyes system.

Meter Eyes have been tested in the Town centre, where Council installed them in 46 Napoleon Street parking bays earlier this year. They automatically signal when a car moves in or out of a bay, and alert Rangers if a car overstays the limit. Better use of the Rangers' time, and improved customer use of the shopping centre, are seen as efficiencies the automatic system can provide.

Cost of extending the system across Cottesloe is estimated at \$300,000. The cost would be partly off-set by increased revenue from more efficient collection of parking infringements.

Roll-out

However, before considering extending Meter Eyes across the Town, Council wants a thorough survey of existing parking practices, the comments of car users, and of businesses in the Town centre.

Consultants will also study whether railway land - particularly on the east side of the line - could be used for car parking. They will also investigate what plans, if any, the Perth Transport Authority has for the land.

Survey

Motorists will be asked for their comments in the Town centre, at car parks and other streets across Cottesloe, on a Friday and a Saturday.

Questionnaires will be filled at Marine Parade car parks and on-street parking areas; John and Forrest Streets; and Overton Gardens. They will also cover Eric Street and Congdon/Railway Parade.

Business

In the Napoleon Street business area, consultants will analyse the short, medium and long-term parking needs and recommend time limits. Also, they will assess demand for over-stay in time restricted bays or under-used parking areas.

FIREWORKS Policy adopted



PUBLIC fireworks shows in the Town have been given a Council go-ahead.

Applications for displays on beach reserves will generally be approved for public holidays such as Australia Day and New Year's Day. Up to six events a year could be allowed.

The Fireworks Policy went through following publicity and calls for public comments by June 8. No submissions were received.

Notice

Prior to any fireworks events, residents within 200m will be informed by letterbox drop. There will also be display advertisements in local press.

Strict restriction on displays are intended to pre-

vent potential damage to dune vegetation, litter on beaches or in the ocean, noise disturbance for residents; and to preserve Council's public liability protection.

Among the provisions of the policy - details of which are available at the Civic Centre and on the Town website - are time limits, and a 500m exclusion zone around any Protected Place.

The Town CEO has delegated authority to approve displays, which must also comply with the Town's Outdoor Concerts and Large Public Events Policy.

Height limit Poll is on the way

EVERYONE on Cottesloe's electoral roll will soon receive some important voting papers in the mail.

All Cottesloe electors can have a say, and let Council know if the 12m height limit should be retained for buildings on the central beachfront.

As announced in Cottesloe Council News last month, the poll is part of Cottesloe's response to State government comments about the Town's draft Town Planning Scheme.

Return

For your opinion to be counted, please return the completed polling paper promptly. Close-off is 4pm, Thursday August 30. Papers received later cannot be counted.

Result of the poll will be announced the next day, and Cottesloe will then report the opinions of the local community to the WA Planning Commission.

Density

In May, Council indicated it was not totally against increasing overall density near the Town centre but believes that five-storey



Everyone will have a chance to comment on Marine Parade building height limits.

development is not wanted on the beachfront. Council called for a staff report on the possibility of increasing Cottesloe's population by redevelopment of vacant

railway land, rather than increasing density in small pockets of Cottesloe. The report is being presented to the July meeting of the Council.