

Meetings at Civic Centre

PLEASE NOTE – there are no meetings in January.

Next Council meeting – February 27, at 7pm.

Committees:

Works and Corporate Services – February 21, 7pm.

Development Services – February 20, 6pm.

Planning applications for MARCH close on FEBRUARY 1.

Agendas are available at the meetings, at Council offices and library on Friday prior to each meeting, and on the website – www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au

TOWN PLAN

Good response to consultation

ENCOURAGING public response, with around 200 submissions and comments received, suggests the Council campaign to fully inform residents of the new draft Town Plan has been successful.

There was steady attendance at the Civic Centre open days in December, following press publicity and delivery of a comprehensive information package to every home.

“It’s pleasing to have achieved such a high-level response,” said Andrew Jackson, the Town’s manager of development services. “We are working through each point made in every submission ready for Councillors’ consideration in February.”

Website

Staff were told by many respondents that they particularly appreciated the opportunity to complete a straightforward comment form online at the Council website.

Holiday

Because of a deadline imposed by State government, Cottesloe had to time



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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Seadragon Festival

Children enjoying the last Festival; there’s even more entertainment for them next month in Cottesloe.

It’s a week-long affair this year

THIS year’s Seadragon Festival has been expanded to bring a week of linked activities to the Town of Cottesloe from the end of February. Some events are still in the planning stage, so watch the Post, Council locations and the website for further details.

Your week of seafront fun:

Monday Feb 27 – a walk around the suburb/coast.

Tuesday Feb 28 – cooking demonstration promotes good nutrition and organic products.

Wednesday Mar 1 – (tba)

Thurs/Fri Mar 2/3 – science presentation about water for school children.

Saturday Mar 4 – (tba)

SUNDAY March 5 – Main Seadragon Festival Cottesloe Beach from 11am-4pm.

this most recent consultation pre-Christmas.

“Residents’ demonstrated interest in the process, and the draft TPS3, seems to have overcome the negativity of consulting in the holiday period,” said CEO Steve Tindale.

“Also, we would like to remind everyone that there will be a further three-month consultation period, after State approval is received to advertise the draft plan.”



- Interactive activities and information stands on coastal sustainability and environmental issues including local Coastcare and Earthcarer groups

- Gymbus to keep the toddlers amused
- Spineless Wonders insect display

- TravelSmart – including a display by Cyber Cycles

- Cottesloe Surf Lifesaving Club demonstrations

- Continuous entertainment for children.

Clean Up and Bag Swap!

March 5 is also Clean Up Australia Day so Captain Cleanup will join us to amuse the kids and encourage everyone to do the right thing. At a special stand you can swap 10 plastic shopping bags for one reusable bag.

Concert

The day ends with a free family picnic concert – 5pm on the Main Lawn at the Civic Centre – featuring Todd Johnson with ‘Peace Love & All That Stuff’.

From February 1st, full details of the week-long festival will be available at the Council, library and website. Queries? please call Carolyn (9285 5016 or carolyn@cottesloe.wa.gov.au) or Jodie (9285 5012 or jodie@cottesloe.wa.gov.au)

SATISFIED – YES! PAY MORE – NO!

COTTESLOE people are generally happy with Council services; they want them kept at present levels and are unwilling to pay for ‘unnecessary’ improvements. That’s the overall picture emerging from questionnaires distributed to 587 homes in the Town.

Cottesloe’s functions are in four areas – Community, Recreation, Engineering and ‘other’ services (which covers development, control and waste.)

People were quizzed on 66 separate services provided.

They were asked how often they used each service, and how satisfied they were. Next came: ‘Is the service offering value for rates and charges?’ ‘Would you be willing to pay for improvements?’ and ‘Should it be increased/reduced?’

The services survey aids Councillors and staff to meet community expectations. Overall, community

feelings appear little changed since the previous survey in 2002.

Details

Full details of the responses are available at the Civic Centre in a 30-page document and make interesting reading.

For instance, there is as much concern with the heritage issue now as in 2002. But the author concludes that dissatisfaction with planning is so small that the 2005 results contradict the 2002 conclusion of a ‘noticeable level of dissatisfaction.’



Pedestrian-controlled traffic lights are now fully operational at the Grant Street/ Curtin Avenue intersection, adjacent to the rail station.

6am start OK in summer

CONSTRUCTION work can start at 6am in summer months provided builders first submit a noise management plan for approval by the CEO. Council heard that officers regularly receive noise complaints arising from builders’ early starts. They also took into account workers exposure to harmful UV radiation and the heat stress caused by heavy manual work.

Now, individual builders can submit a plan to the CEO for permission to start at 6am on domestic sites, from Monday to Friday, November 1-April 4.

Neighbours must also be given 24 hours notice of the builder’s intentions.



Work continues on the Civic Centre grounds and future funding from the National Trust Appeal could be directed to the walls and gardens. Last month Council adopted a five-year plan for maintenance and restoration of the Centre, based on annual spending of \$170,000.

News in brief...

AUSTRALIA DAY

COTTESLOE will celebrate the national day on Thursday, January 26 with presentations to the Citizen of the Year, and for the Community Event or Group of the Year. The Town of Mosman Park will host the presentations and community breakfast this year, at 8am in council grounds on Bayview Terrace.

BOAT SHED

REMINDER – comments on planned traffic entry to the Boatshed Markets on Jarrad St are required by February 6.

BEACHFRONT VISION

COMMENTS on the concept suggested by local resident Andrew Forrest, and shown on video at the TPS3 open days, and on the website, are needed by February 3.

HOONS BRING PARKING BAN

THE slip road car park adjacent to the Ocean Beach Hotel will be closed and parking banned – from 4pm Sundays to 5am Mondays – from September 1 to May 1. Public safety was at risk, Council decided, from ‘hoons’ using the road for burn-outs and exiting at speed onto Marine Parade. The area re-opens on Mondays in time to suit early-morning swimmers at North Cott beach.

CIVIC CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

COUNCIL has approved \$230,000 for painting, maintenance and improvements of the Civic Centre buildings. War Memorial Hall improvements will include lighting and ventilation, making the area more user-friendly for public and commercial use.