



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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Minister, please close Jarrad St

AN OVER-RIDDING DUTY OF CARE, and responsibility to people using Cottesloe's roads, was the prevailing motive in Council's decision for permanent closure of the part of Jarrad Street that crosses the Sea View Golf Club.

Extensive public consultation on the topic began in June 2006, and comments were sought from government organisations. In all, 513 submissions were received; 499 favoured closing the section permanently; 14 were against.

Council will now request the State Minister for Lands to permanently close a section of Jarrad St between Marine Parade and Broome St. Council also requests that the closed section becomes amalgamated into the 'A' class reserve occupied by the golf club.

For and against

Most of the letters supporting closure came from Cottesloe, though some were from suburbs across the metropolis. Their reasons for closing Jarrad St included:

Safety – it not being safe to have an open public road through a golf course;

Potential litigation – reduce the potential of the Town being sued for damages over a golf ball striking person or vehicle;

Minimal impact – past closure has had minimal effect on residents, travel and surrounding streets.

People who wanted the road opened cited access to the beach; under-use of the reserve by the golf club; and closure benefiting only the club. Suggestions were realignment of the course so balls would not be hit across Jarrad St; golfers should take more care; and partial closure, only during peak playing times.

2003 submissions

Public response has moved markedly since 2003. Then, 237 submissions favoured temporary closure; 72 were against.

Since then, there has been virtually no negative comment from residents suggesting increased traffic or noise on Broome, Pearse or Forrest Streets.

Decision

Councillors made their decision taking into account all these points, deciding that the overriding consideration must be public safety. The Town's insurers advised Council that risk of mis-hit golf balls can never be totally eradicated. This is a problem at many metropolitan golf courses.

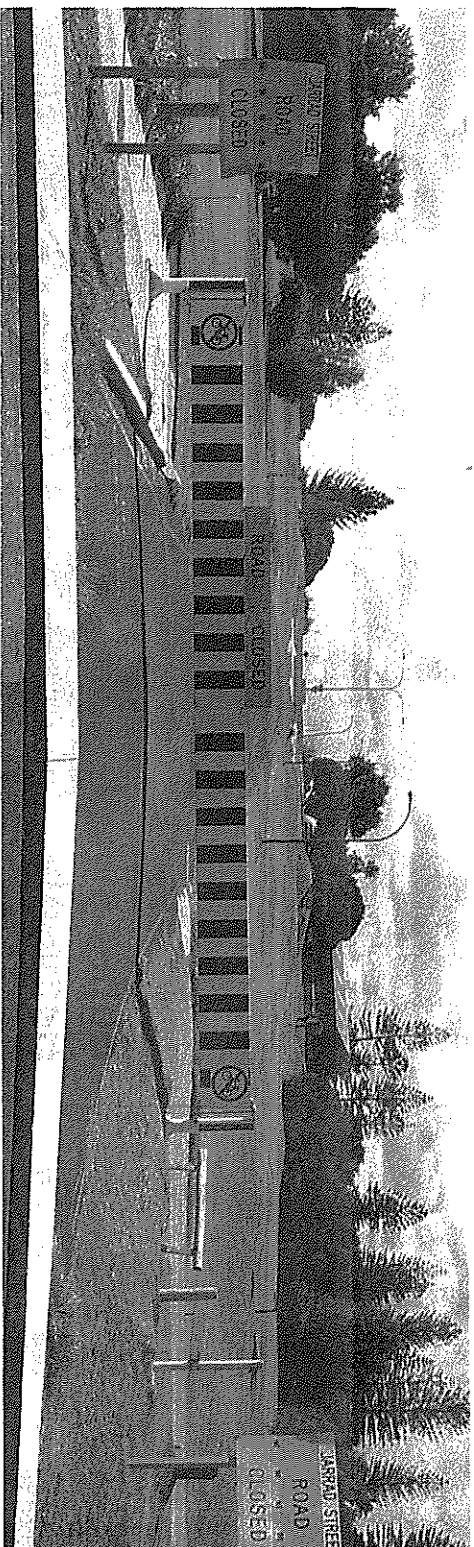
However, the insurers advised that in agreeing a Management Plan, the Town and the club demonstrated earnestness in dealing with the risks.

Elected members

Mayor Kevin Morgan declared a proximity interest, as a property owner in proximity to Pearse St. He did not take part in the debate, or vote.

Councillor Strzina (a sea View Club member) and Councillor Furlong (a social member) made declarations of impartiality before the debate. Cr Furlong noted a letter from Cottesloe MP Colin Barnett, stating that his office had received no requests for the road to be opened.

The decision in favour of permanent closure was carried unanimously.



'Special Events' Local Law passed

COTTESLOE'S new 'Special Events Local Law' was passed by Council in August after public consultation. It was announced in July this year as a potential deterrent to the anti-social behaviour that often occurs in the Town, especially at holiday times such as New Year's Eve.

The law means Cottesloe can ban drinking and possession of alcohol in a specific area, within stated times. Large items of party equipment would also be prohibited. Armed with this

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local law, WA police are now equipped with stronger powers to prevent street drinking, with penalties increased to \$500 for an offence.

Under the terms of the local law, Council must give advance public notice of alcohol-free locations, special event locations and special event days.

New Year's Eve

Schedule 1 of the local Law specifies New Year's Eve as an annual Special Event. From noon on December 31, through to noon on January 31, the alcohol and 'large party objects' ban will apply. Area designated for the ban is bounded by the railway and the ocean. Southern boundary is a line between these features, through Pearse Street; and in the north, a line through Eric Street.

Exceptions apply only to people transporting alcohol to private property or licensed premises, or with specific permission granted by the Town.

Kylie Party

COUNCIL has given 'in principle' support to a '100% Kylie' family concert at the Civic Centre on December 3, from 4.30pm-7.30pm. Up to 1500 people are expected to attend, with a portion of ticket sales going to the Cancer Support Association.

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting – Monday September 25, at 7pm.
Committees:
Works and Corporate Services – September 19, 7pm.
Development Services – September 18, 6pm.
Planning applications for NOVEMBER close on OCTOBER 4.

Shark alert stations for Cottesloe beaches?

COTTESLOE wants the Ministry for Fisheries to provide more information about possible shark listening stations for Town beaches.

The stations are believed to reliably detect tagged sharks over a 500-metre range, and around 500 tagged sharks are known to operate between South Australia and WA. Versions of the stations can automatically alert authorities when a creature is detected.



providing early warning for beach-users.

Commercial production of the electronic stations has not begun. But by negotiation with CSIRO – which undertakes shark tagging – manufacturer Amrix/Vemco Inc would produce the equipment, provided 30 orders or more

are made. Cost per station is \$7,500.

WA's Shark Hazard Committee, of which Cottesloea CEO Steve Tindale is a member, indicates that acoustic listening stations offer a feasible addition to WA's current strategies.

'NO PARKING' under review

OWNERS of property on the east side of Marine Parade, between North Street and Vera View, are invited to comment on three options for the 'no parking' area adjacent to their properties.

Resurfacing of Marine Parade, from North to Grant Streets, will take place this year, jointly funded by Main Roads and Cottesloe on a \$2/\$1 basis. This presents the opportunity to change what are considered unsightly no parking bays.

Council is considering whether to:

- maintain the status quo (but re-lay the 'no parking' embayments in red asphalt, and lay the 'through' lane in black);
- removing the embayments completely, and replace with new kerbing;
- allow parking in the bays, which would be re-layed in the same colours as elsewhere on Marine Parade.

It is believed the no parking section was originally designated so residents would have safer access to the main road during heavy, seasonal, parking in the area. However, road improvements further south on Marine Parade now allow

vehicles to circulate more easily while seeking parking bays. East-side parking bays have been in place on central and southern Marine Parade for years, and parking on both sides of the Parade discourages speeding.

GREEN WASTE ONLY COLLECTIONS THIS MONTH

Please see map for your own collection dates

AREA 1 Put out your waste on September 9/10 (collection - September 11 on)	AREA 2 Put out your waste on September 16/17 (collection - September 18 on)
AREA 3 Put out your waste on September 23/24 (collection - September 25 on)	

