

YOUR INPUT NEEDED

This month, public consultation topics are the Eric Street sump; Stirling Highway revitalisation; and the Town's Principal Activities Plan. Closing date for your comments and submissions is Monday, June 13.



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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News in brief...

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting – May 23, at 7pm.
 Committees:
 Works and Corporate Services – May 17, 7pm.
 Development Services – May 16, 6pm.
 Planning applications for JULY close on JUNE 1.

GROYNE FENCED OFF FOR SAFETY

CONCERN for public safety led to fencing the far end of the Cottesloe groyne and the whole northern side of the structure. Town engineer Geoff Trigg took the decision following the April meeting, when the Council unanimously delegated him the power to take any action needed to ensure public safety.

A full safety report will be presented this month.

State help

In December 2004 consultants estimated that repairs would cost \$800,000. Cottesloe has made several attempts to discuss the situation with the State's department of Planning and Infrastructure. The Council cannot afford



to make such repairs and considers the groyne a regional facility that should be supported with State funds.

Last month the Mayor requested a meeting with

the Ministers for Infrastructure, Tourism, Heritage and Sport & Recreation. In the meantime, Geoff Trigg has also written to Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTier-

Cottesloe groyne north side: now fenced, together with the final, seaward, ten metres.

nan explaining why use of the groyne has now been restricted.

Town Plan – reply by May 25

AS we go to press the May round of residents' consultation forums are under way. Full details of the review of TPS 2 are available on the Town website, at the Civic Centre, and the library. All residents are encouraged to read the material and comment by May 25, 2005. Submissions may be made online.

Last month at Council...

Station Street

In March we asked for comments on redevelopment of Station Street. Many useful submissions were received. The outcome, decided at the April 26 Council meeting, was to NOT seek tenders at this time. Instead, the matter will be considered as part of Cottesloe's Town Centre Revitalisation Study.

Artworks

An amended artworks acquisition policy has been adopted. Under the policy, the CEO may approve purchases, following advice from an Arts Acquisition committee, and in consultation with the Mayor and chair of the Works and Corporate Services committee.

Design Advisory Panel

Council deferred adoption of the Design Advisory Panel policy to allow for the consideration of a late submission.

New life for City route?

A GROUP of key stakeholders – including the Town of Cottesloe – has commissioned an 'Integrated Revitalisation Plan for Stirling Highway.'

The highway should become a more pleasant gateway between the western suburbs and the City of Perth, according to the plan. Key objectives include improved pedestrian access and safety; encouragement of public transport use; and maximised beautification and enhancement through landscaping, including tree planting.

Before signing off on the visionary plan, which has been driven by WES-ROC, Cottesloe Council wants comments from Town residents (by Monday June 13.) When finalised the Revitalisation Plan will be the subject of a presentation meeting with the State Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

ERIC STREET SUMP SALE

TO finance installation of improved stormwater drainage and release funds for future works Cottesloe has considered sale of sumps in the Town. The sale of 103 Eric Street is now subject to public consultation.

An outline of the scheme was published in Cottesloe Council News in December 2004.

This month Councillors said that further public consultation should be made before proceeding with the drainage scheme.

(Householders in Eric Street have already been

consulted over the proposed diversion of stormwater to the Railway Street road reserve. This limited consultation was necessitated by exploratory work on the Eric Street road reserve to find any underground rock or limestone outcrops which would increase project costs.)

How is our Town doing?

THREE years ago a survey of 358 local people, all electors of the Town and selected at random, gave the Council a valuable guide to community attitudes and satisfaction. It asked for their opinions on the whole range of services provided by the Town.

Well, here it comes again! "By issuing what is basically the same survey, in exactly the same manner, we can discover how community use of, and attitude to, services has changed," said CEO Steve Tindale. "This will give a measure of our effectiveness over recent years."

Cost of making the survey is kept low. Staff hand-deliver most of the forms; a few are posted.

Minor changes have been made to the 2002 service list to include certain developments. But everything from A – Aged Persons Support Service; to V – Visual Privacy Controls is included for evaluation.

The surveys will be distributed this month.

Your comments, please

Full details of the project are available at the usual locations: the Town website, Civic Centre, and library. Submissions should reach the Council by Monday June 13, please.

Oldham's pond needs – your 'original' plants

RESTORATION of the picturesque water garden at the Civic Centre entrance will return it to the original style of more than 50 years ago.

Designer of the Water Garden, opened on Arbor Day, 1962, was landscape architect John Oldham. Local plants, many of them succulents, were part of his plan. But since then the area has been invaded and dominated by cotton palms which are now reaching the end of their life-span.

The Town is taking the opportunity to revert to the original plan.

"We would love to hear from local people whose own gardens may harbour similar plants to those used by Oldham, and who might like to contribute some to the project," said Alan Lamb, co-ordinator of the restoration.

Budget

At a draft budget meeting last month it was decided that Council should hold off on the sale of the sump at No. 45 Lyons Street. As the potential proceeds are not required for any immediate capital expenditure, the Town should retain the land to benefit from increasing property values.

HEIGHT PETITION

COUNCIL received a petition, bearing 3,706 signatures, asking the Town 'not to allow any building development in the Marine Parade precinct (west of Broome St) which exceeds a height of 12 metres above natural ground level.'

Roughly half the signatories lived in Cottesloe and other western suburbs. The Council has asked solicitors handling the State Administrative Tribunal review on the Cottesloe Beach Hotel development application refused by Council to take the petition (and another received in December 2004) into account and bring them to the attention of the SAT.

BUS SHELTERS

PUBLIC consultation over bus shelters was announced in February. Although only one resident responded, Council has decided to replace three old shelters - on Marine Parade, Grant Street and North Street - provided funds are available in the 2005/2006 budget.

Town grant for Cottesloe playgroup

COTTESLOE Playgroup (Inc) will use a \$6,700 Council grant for fence replacement and rubber playground surfacing. This not-for-profit organisation, based in Railway Street, provides 10 playgroup sessions a week largely for local families. Modest annual family membership fees cover operational costs but leave little surplus for improvements. The Council's donation will be made from the 2005/2006 budget.