

COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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News in brief...

AGM date

COTTESLOE'S Annual Report for 2004/05 has been accepted by Council and will be presented to the annual meeting of electors this month: 7pm, Wednesday November 23, at the War Memorial Town Hall, Civic Centre.

Grant St grant

COUNCIL has agreed to a request from the Public Transport Authority and will contribute \$10,000 towards cost of proper pedestrian/disabled access from Curtin Avenue to the Grant Street rail station. Cottesloe has already paid more than \$63,000 to the intersection Black Spot project. Pedestrian-controlled traffic lights are due for installation by the end of the year.

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting - November 28, at 7pm.
Committees:
Works and Corporate Services - November 22, 7pm.
Development Services - November 21, 6pm.
Planning applications for February close on January 4.

COTTESLOE'S Great Gardens Workshop is bound to be another sell-out event so get in touch right now to register your interest in attending.

Online: go to www.greatgardens.info
Phone: 1300 369 833

Our team of experts - including gardening celebrities Neville Passmore or Sabrina Hahn and others - will present a diverse fun-filled event full of the latest techniques to help you to create your own urban paradise!

It's happening on Sunday, November 20, from 2-4.30pm in the War Memorial Town Hall at the Civic Centre. There's no charge: in fact it's a total win-win event: informative and fun. You'll have the chance to learn all about specific gardening and environmental issues. What's more, the awards from our Cottesloe Great Garden 2005 competition will be made.

Don't miss this!

You can learn how to:
• Plan a more beautiful

NEW LAW FOR NYE

A LOCAL law to wipe out street drinking and make Cottesloe safe on New Year's Eve has won Council approval.

Every year Police struggle to contain the situation on the beachfront and surrounding streets as thousands of revelers head for Cottesloe. Current public drinking laws are difficult to enforce.

Now Cottesloe wants a Local Law - to help the police - to cut street rowdiness - and to eliminate the danger of broken glass and other beach hazards.

The law is based on one brought in by South Perth to deal with Skyslow crowds. In Cottesloe it applies to New Year's Eve specifically - but Council could amend the Law when required for other special events.

NYE restrictions

For 24 hours, beginning at noon on December 31, the area from Marine Parade to the railway line, and from

Drinking is target

Eric to Jarrod Streets would be covered by the new Local Law.

Possession and consumption of alcohol, as well as having certain 'party' equipment like powerful stereos, would be banned in the area.

Residents

The aim is to eliminate street offenders, not to inhibit local people's legitimate and normal activity.

Exceptions are made for people transporting alcohol and equipment for use on private premises, or at licensed premises, and for people who have specific permission from the Council's CEO.

Police

Council knows that Police have a difficult task enforcing general street-drinking law. They must actually witness the drinking before laying a charge. Doing so diverts officers from beachfront patrol and can actually worsen the overall situation. Police can confiscate alcohol from under-age drinkers, but then need to issue receipts and store it.

The new Cottesloe Local Law puts a blanket ban on alcohol and equipment and is much simpler to enforce. Police are empowered to keep the area safe by simply moving on offenders from the target area.

Overall, the Local Law is a deterrent. It will be publicised so would-be revelers know there is no point in coming to Cottesloe equipped for a street or beach party.

Special signs, including an illuminated trailer, will be used on NYE to inform everyone of the special event restrictions.

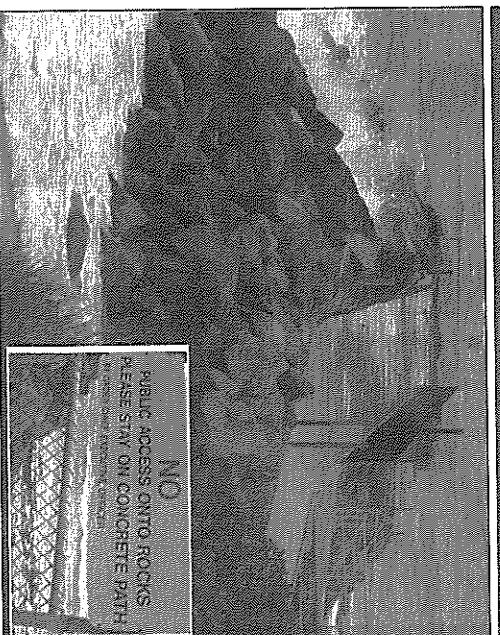
Reward someone! AUS DAY

nominations for awards are invited

DO you know someone who has achieved something special - or given exceptional service to the community? Perhaps there's a community group, or a project or event that merits recognition?

• Understand soils and get the best out of them
• Deal with pests and diseases effectively and responsibly
• Find out about the best products and services
• Help the local environment and do your bit to save the Swan River
• Enhance the WOW! factor of your place
There will be loads of freebies to take home. Great Gardens tips from the experts, samples of a range of the latest sustainable garden products, a scrumptious afternoon tea, and...you even have a chance to win wonderful gardening prizes, just by being there...

GROYNE REPAIR IN 2007?



Fencing and warning signs deter the public from the rocks and far end of groyne.

RENOVATION of the Cottesloe groyne, which has suffered more damage in recent storms, may be delayed until February/March 2007.

Latest estimate is for placement of 4,000 tonnes of core fill and large rocks costing between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Cottesloe is taking an 'all of government' approach to the project, hoping the State will contribute two-thirds of the total.

Specialist services would be needed and the contract would take up to a month. The area would be closed off to the public, so ideally the work should be scheduled for February/March, after the busy summer school holidays. But the lengthy process of applying and gaining State agreement means probably rules out a 2006 start.

Storms

Town engineer Geoff Trigg reports that storms in the past two months have cracked the concrete deck. There is also more cracking at the nose of the groyne which could cause partial collapse.

LAW AND ORDER IS A PRIORITY

ACTION to improve public safety is to the fore this month as Cottesloe prepares for the busy summer season.

All homes have now received a survey from the Town's Community Safety and Crime Prevention committee. Residents are urged to complete and return the forms. Let your Councillors know what is needed to improve security and peace of mind for Cottesloe people.

On the street

Council has announced approval of a new Local Law to reduce lawlessness on New Year's Eve (see lead story).

Who do you call?

To report or request hotel security attendance, phone:
Cottesloe Beach Hotel - 0411 167 060 or 9383 1100
Ocean Beach Hotel - 9384 2555

Police

To report or request police attendance - phone the Police Assistance Centre 131 444, all hours; or Cottesloe Police Station 9384 7666 (Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm)

North Cottesloe Primary's Walking School Buses won last year's Community Events Group award.

Why not reward them - with nomination for an Australia Day Award?
By November 25

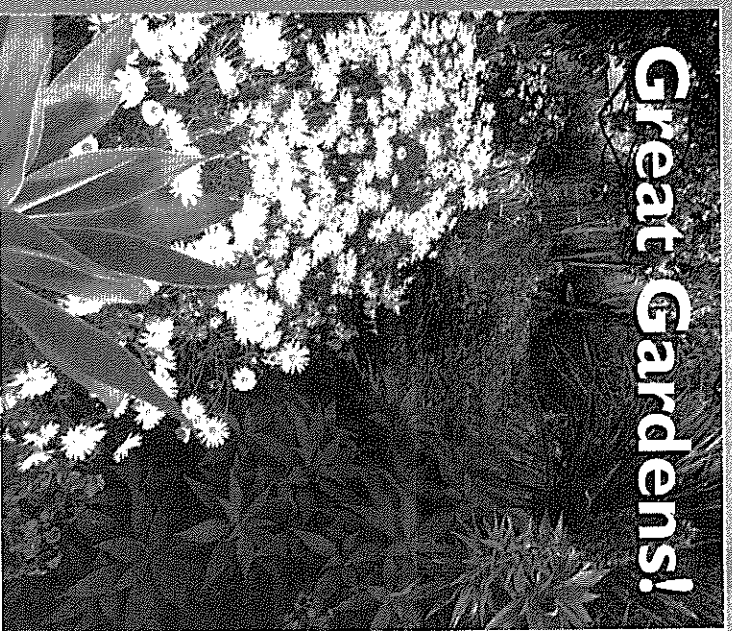
Nominations for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event or Group of the Year are all possible - but they must reach the Council by 4.30pm on Friday, 25 November.

Forms are available now at the Civic Centre and library, or just by calling us

Breakfast

This year the Australia Day Awards breakfast event will be hosted by the Town of Mosman Park at 8am on January 26, 2006, with a community breakfast. Presentations will be made to recipients from Cottesloe as well as our neighbouring councils.

Mosman/Cottesloe



Great Gardens!

manageable and sustainable garden
• Save precious time and money
• Create a wonderful garden - be water and nutrient wise
• Attract our wonderful Western Australian wildlife
• Improve the beauty and value of your property