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COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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10th Sculpture by the Sea

7-24 March 2014



For ten years now, Sculpture by the Sea has fascinated an ever-growing audience with works by local, interstate and international artists. They have installed 531 sculptures along the coastline since the Cottesloe exhibition began in 2005. Many of their creations have found a home in Cottesloe, swelling the Town's own art public collection year by year and the Council will be acquiring another Sculpture to add to the collection this year.

Catch the Cott Cat!

Visitor numbers swelled to 220,000 last year, so it makes more sense than ever to use the free Cottesloe Cat shuttle bus. Organised in partnership with the Public Transport Authority, it will operate every day until March 24, between 10.30am and 5.30pm. Leave the car at home, avoid parking pressure, and travel in air-conditioned comfort from the station to the seafont exhibition!

News in Brief ...

Ozone Parade/ Margaret Street plan

FOLLOWING 'near-miss' complaints about this intersection, Cottesloe will advise nearby residents of its intention to ask Main Roads to approve a design option that would make Margaret Street a through road, south to north. Both sections of Ozone Parade would meet Margaret Street at T-junctions.

Arborists will report on tree removals

RESPONDING to requests from two Forrest Street residents for removal of a large Norfolk Island pine, the Council has ordered a comprehensive report by an arborist to determine whether the street tree is a risk to neighbouring properties. The arborist will also make recommendations for management of the tree.

Power line

A property owner on Napier Street requested removal of a large Sugar Gum which has been extensively pruned and is adjacent to power mains. An arborist inspection and report has been ordered by the Council.

AT THE February Council meeting Mayor Jo Dawkins reported on her meeting with the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB).

The Board's role is to investigate proposals made to it and make recommendations to the Minister.

The Minister's proposal to the Board is for a G7 amalgamation – involving all western suburbs Councils.

The Mayor advised the Board of the Town's recent community survey results – 43% were in favour of maintaining status quo, 48% in favour of a G4 amalgamation, and 9% were in support of a grouping larger than G4.

She advised that the Town had reaffirmed its Council resolution to reject the Minister's proposal for a G7 and that during the last five years the Town had worked through potential voluntary scenarios commencing with a G3 and more recently G4 (Cottesloe, Claremont, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove).

The Town has also worked with neighbouring Councils to achieve a good outcome for its community,

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Local Government Reform – Update

realising that G7 will be the only outcome if we do not pursue a sensible alternative.

Current proposals before the Board are for large scale Councils of at least 100,000 population.

We believe the Board has received four proposals in all for the Western Suburbs. One is from the Minister, another from Claremont (G4+). A proposal from Cambridge envisages two Councils covering the Western Suburbs, one of them being a G5. It is also understood that the Town of Mosman Park has lodged a proposal to create a G5.

In order to avoid the Minister's proposal for a G7, Cottesloe has also agreed to support 'in principle' a two-Council model, should the proposal for a G4 (preferred) not be accepted (unanimous Council resolution – December 2013).

Costs

At the January Cottesloe AGM the Mayor was

asked about the economic and social benefits of amalgamations. She raised this with the LGAB which stated they are 'currently collating information from all councils and will work through it to establish proof of financial and social benefits'.

LGAB also stated it is working independently of the Department of Local Government and the Minister.

Referendum

Holding a local referendum on the merger concept

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday March 24, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday March 17, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday March 18, 6pm.

Planning applications: For May – lodge by April 7, 2014.

was not supported by the Council. The Mayor pointed out that in March 2013 Council resolved to receive its Community Perception Survey which included two targeted questions in relation to Local Government reform.

State's \$50,000 offer

The Department of Local Government has offered a grant of \$50,000 to all Local Governments to assist 'preliminary planning for reform, including data collection and other associated tasks'. This information is being requested from all local governments.

Cottesloe is applying for the grant to assist with this extra work.

Officers advise that: 'Should restructuring not happen the work would still be valuable for improving systems and processes for the Town and even be a catalyst for meaningful shared services/resources.'

Laneways/ Rights of Way – have your say

THE Town is updating its Rights of Way/Laneways Policy and is seeking public comments and submissions.

Full details are available from the Council offices and on the Town website, and the relevant sections deal with payments by property owners and developers, when a development application condition requires upgrading of a Right of Way/Laneway.

Please make submissions by 11 April 2014.

Torrens Street stays path-free

ONE of the few Cottesloe streets without a footpath will remain so.

A new concrete footpath was proposed for Torrens Street under the Town's five-year Safety and Speed programme, but unanimously rejected by 19 residents responding to public consultation.

Among their concerns were the waste of money, on a quiet street that needs no pedestrian footpath and is not a direct thoroughfare to the beach.

Residents also thought a path would compromise owners' verge improvements, affect the street's aesthetics and require reticulation changes.

Indiana given 'conditional support' for Tavern Restricted Licence

COTTESLOE has conditionally supported a Tavern Restricted Licence for the Indiana, with a number of restrictions and conditions.

The Town first gave in-principle support to the restaurant's application, to the licensing authority, DRGL (Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor) last September. That was conditional on public consultation, among other conditions.

Indiana made the consultation in accordance with the DRGL requirements – notice at the premises, newspaper advertisements, letter-drops and notices to community groups.

Among the required conditions Cottesloe has advised the DRGL are:



Monday-Thursday and Sunday nights: drinking-only and function components to close by 10pm. Restaurant to close by 11pm and music to cease at 10pm.

On Friday and Saturday nights the same time-limits apply; in addition, music noise shall be managed by closing all doors and windows facing the street, and decibel restrictions applied.

Security staff must be on duty from 7pm until closing times every night for crowd control and to comply with permitted patron numbers.

Broome Street units – Council approves changes

THREE existing units at 219 Broome Street have Council go-ahead for alterations and improvements. Six parking bays are approved, four off the rear ROW which will be paved and drained.

Existing street trees must be retained; air-conditioning plant and equipment is to be located closer to the units than adjoining buildings. Further Council requirements include retention of stormwater on site, glare-free roof surface if needed, fencing, setbacks and finish and colour of boundary walls.