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Town of Cottesloe supports expansion of tennis club

COTTESLOE Tennis Club's development application to the Western Australian Planning Commission is supported by the Council.

At the May meeting, councilors heard the club's plans to expand 18-metres west into John Black Dune Park, which adjoins the club, to provide additional courts and meet increasing demand, and the growing popularity of tennis.

The precise form of the extension (level of courts, degree of retaining, landscape treatments, fencing, etc) remains to be designed and the Council has asked the club to prepare more detailed information for consultation, further consideration by Council and submission to the WAPC.

This will include photographs of the existing site and surrounds; drawings of the northern, southern and western elevations; likely retaining walls, bunds and landscape treatments; likely materials, finishes and colours.

Town staff will also undertake appropriate community consultation on

the proposal and to report back to Council.

According to the club, amenity to residences along Bryan Way would be enhanced by creating grass courts with less noise and lighting impacts.

The estimated construction cost is approximately \$900,000, depending on detailed design. Any contribution by the Town is still to be decided, but CTC has suggested equal cost sharing between it, the Town and WA's Department of Sport and Recreation.

In 2005 the Town provided a low-interest ten year loan to the CTC for improvements, due to be paid out in October this year.

In conjunction with its consideration of the CTC request, the Town will also engage a landscape consultant to prepare a concept plan to upgrade John Black Dune Park and Car Park No. 2.

Margaret Street/Ozone Parade plan to correct drivers' confusion

ACTING on concerns of residents and local road users about the Margaret Street/Ozone Parade intersection, the Town drew up two alternative treatments for Main Roads WA consideration.

Road users said the intersection was confusing, unclear on the expected alignments for cars driving through it, and on who should give way to turning traffic.

The plans and explanations covering the proposed changes were sent to all adjacent properties, as well as several residents nearby who were concerned that Margaret Street would

become a 'through road' onto North Street.

Following this consultation, the favoured plan will now be sent to Main Roads WA for approval.

As well as removal of old kerb lines in the large asphalt area of the intersection, and installation of replacement kerbing on new alignments, 'low level' native vegetation will be planted.

Western Suburbs Mergers

TOWN CONSULTS ITS COMMUNITY

COTTESLOE will consult the Town community to ask for opinions on local government reform. The survey will be conducted by Council staff with the intention of making contact with all its Electors/Ratepayers.

The move was decided at this month's Council meeting, following the recent Electors' meeting.

Previously, in December 2012, in a community perspectives survey prepared and conducted by consultants, residents were asked about amalgamation options. The results showed 48% supportive of a local amalgamation involving Mosman Park, Peppermint Grove and Claremont. Nine per cent were supportive of a broader amalgamation inclusive of all the western suburbs (North Fremantle to City Beach).

That survey was a specific and targeted survey of residents to ensure a stratified and representative sample of the community was attained.

Other councils

Submissions have been made by neighbouring councils to the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB). If any of them were supported by the Board and recommended to

the Minister there would be implications for Cottesloe.

Minister

The Minister has submitted a proposal for a G7 amalgamation of all seven western suburbs Councils plus part of Stirling (population estimated at 110,000).

Cambridge

The Town of Cambridge has submitted a 'two Council' model for the western suburbs. Under this, Cambridge would form a northern council with Subiaco and part of Stirling. The second, southern council, would comprise the remaining five western suburbs councils – City of Nedlands plus G4. Population of these two councils would be about 55,000 each.

Claremont

The Town of Claremont has submitted a G4-plus, comprising Claremont, Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove (plus minor boundary

adjustments with Swanbourne and Mount Claremont – population approximately 35,000).

Mosman Park

As a consequence of the current advertising by the LGAB the Town of Mosman Park has submitted a proposal for a G5 amalgamation, including itself, Nedlands, Claremont, Cottesloe and Peppermint Grove.

LGAB

The LGAB will consider all proposals for the metropolitan area including the Minister's own submissions and report their recommendations to the Minister in July 2014. It is expected the Minister will make a decision in August 2014.

Any amalgamation proposals affecting Cottesloe should be open to challenge under the Poll Provisions of Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 (known locally as the Dadour Amendment).

Eric Street safety crossing for students and residents

AFTER consulting affected residents in Eric Street, Cottesloe Council is in favour of a new pedestrian safety crossing adjacent to North Cottesloe primary school.

The Council will now consider the funding of \$33,000 to install the crossing island on Eric Street, opposite the new Scout Hall, in the 2014/2015 financial year budget.

Also, at the school's request, the Town's manager of engineering services will ask Main Roads to consider a reduction in vehicle speed, to 40kmh, at this location.

The area is presently limited by Main Roads to 50 km per hour, but the location of the new crossing is too far from the school to qualify automatically for the 40kmh limit. Timing of the works, if approved in the Council budget, will begin as soon as Main Roads approve the plans.

Walk to school

For some years, North Cottesloe primary has been developing and promoting systems for children to walk or ride to school, rather than being driven.

Maximising the safety of walking and cycling routes to school, including the crossing of busy roads by individual children, or children walking in a walking-school-bus arrangement, is part of the overall plan.

At present, when children use the footpath on the west side of Charles Street to deliver them to the south side of Eric Street, there is no safe pedestrian island protection to cross Eric Street.

News in Brief ...

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday June 23, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday June 16, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday June 17, 6pm.

Planning applications: For July – lodge by June 2, 2014.

FROM now until 30 May take advantage of the Local Native Plant subsidy scheme, courtesy of the Town of Cottesloe, and the other WESROC councils. Residents can purchase native plants at a subsidised price of just \$1.50 from APACE Community Nursery, 1 Johannah Street, North Fremantle, which opens 8am-3pm weekdays and 9am-noon Saturdays. The scheme provides waterwise plants that will encourage biodiversity and local habitats in the western suburbs. Residents can buy a total of 80 plants – so take advantage of the cooler weather and transform your garden, or verge. Remember to take your drivers licence or other proof of residence when you visit APACE.



Changes to Rights of Way/Laneways policy

AFTER advertising and consulting with respondents, Cottesloe will go ahead with important changes to the policy dealing with laneways and RoWs (Rights of Way).

In future, when an RoW/Laneway upgrade is part of a development application, the ratepayer/developer making the application will pay for the upgrade of the RoW/Laneway for the full length of their property, and the full width of the RoW/Laneway.

Also, where a development application includes the intention to use the RoW/Laneway for vehicle access, the ratepayer/developer application will contribute a sum equal to the cost of sealing and draining the width and length of their property frontage to the laneway.

If the RoW/Laneway is undeveloped, their contribution will be spent on the improvement of that section. If it is already sealed and drained then that contribution will support and will be additional to the Town's overall laneway upgrade programme.

Plant some natives!

