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COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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New faces at MFP 2014

MUSIC for Pleasure concerts are held on Sunday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm at the Cottesloe Civic Centre's War Memorial Town Hall.

Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy a selection of fine music for all ages, with afternoon tea included in the ticket price. The Town hosts a range of musical performers over the series, their music ranging from a-cappella singing of popular hits from the 30's to the present day, jazz ensembles, musical theatre, folk music, and classical chamber music.

Newcomers

Two performance groups new to our series this year are WAYV (WA Young Voices) with Strike A Chord Ensemble, on August 17 and, on August 24, The Divine Miss M's vocal trio with their 1940's Andrews Sisters style set, combined with their 1960's Diva set, all in period costumes.

July 6

Three Centuries Ensemble
Bach to Bartok – via Ludwig! for Violin and Piano

Cost: \$15 (Conc. \$10)
Book: Ph: 0434 844 362
(D. Maconochie)

July 13



The Weatherly Club
Songs of the Time of 'Downtown Abbey'
Cost \$15 (Conc. \$12)
Book: Ph: 9574 1591
(Flutissimo)

July 20

Chimera Ensemble
Musical Masterpieces for Violin, Cello and Piano Trio
Cost \$15 (Conc. \$12)
Book: Ph: 0438 898 822
(Peta)



And so to bed?

No, says Council

THE Town has declined an application for a business to hire out beach beds on Cottesloe Beach.

An iconic tourist destination, Cottesloe Beach attracts thousands of visitors every year – and many requests from businesses wanting to operate there. The overwhelming majority of these applications are declined in the first instance as they do not comply with the Town's Beach Policy. The relevant section states:

"In general, commercial activity on the beach is permitted only at the fixed facilities."

In applying the policy, the Town has declined most applications for commercial activity, especially any that would involve competition with nearby traders who do operate from fixed facilities, with all the attendant costs and overheads.

Rate increase will stay low

CONTINUING a long run of modest, but sustainable rate increases, the average increase for residential ratepayers in Cottesloe is proposed to be 4.1 per cent in 2014/2015.

In the State Budget, WA's Government fees and charges increases affecting local councils included the land fill levy – increased from \$28.00 per tonne to \$55.00 per tonne.

This will cost Cottesloe \$75,600 per annum, which equates to a 0.9% rate increase before any other consideration is made.

The State Budget also

contained increases in electricity which have been incorporated in the Town's operating budget.

Revaluation year

Every three years, the Valuer General's Office undertakes a suburb wide revaluation as a part of their normal practices.

This has occurred in Cottesloe and will be applied

in the 2014/2015 operating year.

The Town has no control over the valuation, but its administration can provide affected ratepayers with information and support.

Cottesloe has to adjust the rate in the dollar to account for the change, and to ensure it receives the necessary rate increase. The rate in the dollar this year falls from 6.357 cents in the dollar to 5.263 cents in the dollar. However, on average, most rate payers should experience an increase of 4.1% in what they actually pay to the Town in rates. The actual increase for each individual rate payer will be determined by their re-valuation. Some ratepayers will experience a greater increase, some a lesser increase, as their valuation adjusts.

Commercial Properties

All rateable land in the Cottesloe Town Centre, zoned Commercial in the Town of Cottesloe Town Planning Scheme, pays the general rate, plus a differential rate that is levied on behalf of ProCott – who use the funds in agreement with the Town – to promote and improve commercial activity within the Town Centre.

Volunteers recognised



Mayor Jo Dawkins is pictured (above) with 2014 volunteer awardees Naomi

Quinlivan – acknowledged for her invaluable service as Chairperson of the Cottesloe Child Care Centre – and Malcolm Hay, volunteer member of Cottesloe Coastcare Association, and a major force with the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation, which he founded in 1986. Also recognised on Volunteers Night (from left, inset photo, with Jo) were retired Councillors Greg Boland, Yvonne Hart and her predecessor as Mayor, Kevin Morgan.

Business Plan for Station Street parking lots

FOUR lots of Council land in Station Street will be included in a business plan and advertised for comment by the Town.

During the advertising of the business plan staff will hold meetings with ProCott, and the town's businesses, to discuss the effects and implications of the business plan on the town centre.

At present the lots (2, 4, 6 and 8 Station St, Cottesloe) are used as car parks by customers and people working in the town centre. During discussions, consideration will be given to locating suitable/acceptable, new or improved parking stations within the town

News in Brief ...

Art underfoot

COLOURED art inserts made from glass and tile pieces may be included in the budget for insertion on new concrete footpaths in Cottesloe.

Examples can be seen on the footpath near Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club on Marine Parade, where they were placed three years ago.

Every year, the Town replaces up to 1.9km of slab footpath a year with in-situ concrete. The inserts, which are simply pushed into the concrete while it's soft, would be placed at intervals in new paths.

Deane St parking

AN allocation of \$20,000 to construct a low retaining wall on Deane Street will be considered in the 2014/15 budget, plus a concrete pad to assist with car parking.

It would overcome problems on a short section of the street, east of the Avonmore Terrace intersection, where a steep-sided cutting slopes down to a short distance behind the street kerb lines. The crumbling slope deposits soil and small rocks to create a build up which affects vehicle parking and so impedes street access.

Officers will liaise with the residents of Deane Street about remedial works on either/both sides of the street to develop a preferred solution.

Update for Natural Areas Plan



IMPROVED pedestrian access routes from Cottesloe's dual-use path to the beach, and new timber ramps or steps to parts of the beach most affected by summertime sand erosion, could be installed during 2014/2015.

A request for the improvements has been made by Cottesloe Coastcare, which also suggest the Town implement a new five-year Natural Areas Management Plan (NAMP).

The beach access improvements might be paid for with some of the funds generated by the Town's depot site.

Cottesloe Coastcare, which was actively involved in formulation of

the original NAMP, has carried out a large range of improvements to the foreshore area and other sites nearby in the past five years.

Although some items in the 2008-2013 NAMP have still to be addressed, with the possibility of Council amalgamations pending, Coastcare is keen to have a new Plan in place. This would help secure the future of their projects – and they would

have the potential to use the new plan in applications for grant funding.

Cottesloe has resolved to refer funding for a review and update of the NAMP in the 2014/2015 budget, which will be adopted in June 2014.

Also, staff will bring to Council attention any work considered necessary from the existing NAMP in the coming financial year so it can consider allocating necessary funds.

Chimera Ensemble



July 27
The Keynotes & Company
Popular Songs & Musical Comedy with Instrumental Accompaniment
Cost \$15 (Conc. \$12)
Book: Ph: 9304 7920
(Diane Davies White)

August 3
A Cappella Go & 2nd Avenue Singers
4 Part Harmony: Contemporary & Popular Music
Cost \$15 (Conc. \$10)
Book: Ph: 0418 943 726
(Michele Mentiplay)

August 10
6-Appeal
Popular A Cappella Vocal Ensemble
Wide Appeal & Repertoire
Cost \$15 (Conc. \$12)
Book: Ph: 0414 576 340
(Kay Wood)

August 17
The Divine Miss M's Vocal Trio
3-Part Harmony: Andrews Sisters Style
Cost \$15 (Conc. \$12)
Book: Ph: 0415 449 894
(Joyce Mathers)

August 24
WA Young Voices & Strike a Chord
WA's Premier Children's Choir, plus Leading Ladies of Strike a Chord
Cost \$20 (Conc. \$15)
Book:
Ph: 0419 471 583 (Leonie)
Ph: 0417 806 818 (Sarah)

August 31
Tuxedo Junction Vocal Ensemble
4 Part Harmony: Music Inspired by Hollywood
Cost \$15 (Conc. \$12)
Book:
Ph: 0432 183 222 (Janet)
Ph: 9206 5651 (Ria)

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 August – lodge by July 7, 2014.