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COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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News in Brief ...

Watch for advertising

AS well as formally advertising matters of public interest to seek input and comments, Cottesloe regularly alerts residents to imminent advertising.

This month the Council moved to advertise revised, proposed, Design Guidelines for the Town Centre and local centres.

Design Guidelines will help with development proposals, and consideration of any submissions will help refine and finalise the proposals.

Parking

Similarly, the Town is advertising a proposed Local Planning policy on parking and related matters.

Full details of this and the proposed Design Guidelines are available from the Town offices or website.

Cat regos are due

ANIMAL owners need to register their pets – cats as well as dogs.

Registrations (under the State's Dog Act Amendment Bill 2013; and the Cat Act of 2011) became due on November 1st.

Cottesloe residents should contact the Town's rangers to make registrations, this being yet another of the duties handled by local government.

There are a range of fees and concession rates for dogs, depending whether they are sterilised or not. Owners of Guide dogs pay no fees.

All cats must be sterilised and micro-chipped prior to registration.

Full details of this council service are available from the Town offices or website.

Snake watch

IT'S that time of year, when snakes and other reptiles are emerging.

Cottesloe rangers are well-trained to deal with and remove unwelcome reptiles from private, commercial and public places. This is a free council service, so call the rangers if you have any concerns.

Havaiana Thong

COUNCIL has approved the Havaiana Thong Challenge, which provides a popular community event and extensive funds for Cottesloe SLSC, for Australia Day – Monday January 26, 2016.

Carols by Candlelight

December 21, 7pm,
Civic Centre – Main Lawn

OUR annual lead-in to Christmas is ever-popular so be sure to be there again this year. Everyone will be welcome on the lawn from 6pm on. BYO picnic and rug, or low chairs, please. Electric candles and treats will be given to children!

Carols by Candlelight is hosted jointly by St Philips Anglican Church with the Town.

Keep Kids Safe

CONGRATULATIONS to Cottesloe winner Abigail Chapman, who succeeded in the 'Child Car Restraints' competition run by Cottesloe and local council partners – Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove – at the Grove library during October, Community Safety Month. Another local winner was Maya Rod Kiewicz of Mosman Park.

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting
Monday November 24,
at 7pm.

Development Services
Monday November 17,
6pm.

Works and Corporate
Services Tuesday
November 18, 6pm.

Roosters crowing at Harvey Field

DURING the 2014 soccer season the new Cottesloe Roosters AFC have used Harvey Field, which has long been the home of the Cottesloe Rugby Club and Cottesloe Magpies Junior Football Club.

The Roosters have now successfully applied to the Council for use of the ground in 2015. Conditions apply, including one that gives priority to the original users of the ground should disputes arise – such as over-programming. Town staff have pointed out that the present wear and tear on the turf indicates that any further increase in use of the ground would need careful monitoring.

The Town has no intention of upgrading or expanding the facilities at Harvey Field in the 2015 season.

Council Mergers?

We're on hold

COTTESLOE has been notified by the Local Government Advisory Board that their inquiry report recommended that the Towns of Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Claremont, the City of Nedlands (part) and the Shire of Peppermint Grove be abolished and amalgamated to form a new local government to be called the City of Riversea.

BUT – the Minister for Local Government REJECTED the Board's recommendation and as such the amalgamation will not proceed at this stage.

However, the Minister has stated that the Cities of Perth and Vincent will come under a new City of Perth Act which will include Kings Park, the University of WA and the QEII medical centre.

Once these boundaries are formalised the State Government will take steps to create the City of Riversea.

Mayor Jo Dawkins says: "It is disappointing and

frustrating that no timeframes have been set for the City of Perth Act or the proposed formation of the City of Riversea.

"It is unclear what process, including the opportunity for a poll, might be used to determine the City of Riversea.

"These unknowns will continue until the State Government determines its position with regard to the City of Perth."



Mayor Jo Dawkins

Refurbishing Napoleon St

A \$350,000 makeover by Cottesloe to refresh the Napoleon Street shopping precinct is under way.

Over the past 12 months, the Council has worked closely on the project with Procott (which represents traders and owners) together with some funding from the sale of the depot.

New trees, street lights, stainless steel bollards and paving changes will be seen in Napoleon Street. Street furniture such as bike racks, bins, seats and signs will be relocated and parking realigned.

Mayor Jo Dawkins said that after years of inaction Council thought it was time to reinvigorate the town centre.

She said the ambience and appeal of Napoleon Street would be improved for retailers and shoppers.

"We have started with the trees and once the street lights have been installed the parking bays will be realigned," she said.

Parking

In the short term, three bays will be lost, temporarily. Once all works are finished, infrastructure relocated and parking bays re-marked, some lost bays will be reinstated. The overall reduction will be minimal and more than compensated by the new, 50-bay council car park in Station Street.

The new works will be organised to avoid disruption and any need to close the street during the busy Christmas shopping period. Works should be completed in February 2015.

"Please bear with us during the inconvenience because the end result will be well worth it," said Mrs Dawkins.

Shark Barrier – Council wants State to help

COTTESLOE will allocate \$130,000 and request State Government funding for a three-year shark-barrier trial on Cottesloe beach – the most popular and heavily used beach in WA.

Provided the State agrees to help, and the Department of Lands agrees to lease the suggested area to Cottesloe, the Council will engage the specialist company Eco Shark Barrier to install and manage the barrier for the next three summer seasons.

The company would also be required to monitor and report on erosion or sedimentation of the beach and

sea-bed; remove the net early if it does not withstand ocean conditions, or adversely affects beach users; and is required to remove it for each winter season.

Given Cottesloe beach is used by visitors from neighbouring suburbs, interstate and overseas, it is hoped the State Government will support the initiative.

Vera View Beach

DOG-owners will continue to exercise their pets at the Town's Vera View beach, as they have done for many years.

Changes to the State's Dog Act (see Cottesloe Council News, August 2014) required local councils to advertise designated exercise areas, including those which were already operating.

Cottesloe did so, and following animated discussion between groups of residents over the Vera View beach, at its October meeting the Council moved that the beach would remain open for dog exercise.

Celebrity Autos in Town!

Sunday, November 16

ROLLS Royce of South Australia's Governor; Imperial owned by Emir of Kuwait; Robert Wagner's Chevy Corvette; and the little Riley TT Sprite that was 4th overall at Le Mans – in 1935!

Cars of this ilk don't come out every day.

In fact, you have to invite them, and that's what the Celebration of the Motor Car organisers have done for the annual show at the Civic Centre on November 16.

Car buffs – and anyone else who appreciates the combination of things that are beautiful, useful, and move – will find lots to love here!

Maserati is also celebrating its 100th year and will be well-represented, as will Ferrari, Mercedes, Porsche, Jaguar and rarer exotica.



The rarities are almost 'one-offs' – such as WA's only Ferrari 599GTO, and the only McLaren MP-125C '50th Anniversary' on our side of the planet.

Charity beneficiary this year is Wheels for Hope,

which provides and maintains specially converted vehicles for families with special needs.

The show runs from 10.30am-3.30pm. Full details, can be found at www.celebration.org.au

WHEN reviewing the decade-long Cottesloe career of Geoff Trigg, our Engineering Manager, you're hard pushed to find a major project he hasn't had a hand in.

From the beach to Town centre, along every road and footpath; all over the Civic Centre; and in every aspect of Cottesloe's infrastructure construction and management, Geoff's left his mark.

He has overseen rebuilding of the Cottesloe groyne; and the resurfacing of Broome Street (which for a few weeks took that fine boulevard back to its roots, looking ready for the plough!).

Water Smart

Even the water that now flows into the water table, instead of the ocean, is due to a Geoff Trigg-driven initiative. That was Water Smart, one of the actions of which he is most, modestly, proud.

Town Engineer retires

After winning a \$750,000 grant from John Howard's Federal government, Geoff led a four-year Town drive which diverted stormwater, closed large open sumps on Council land and sunk 400 soak-pits.

Saved water now replenishes the shallow aquifer.

Converting the sumps into underground drainage systems also gave Cottesloe a financial windfall. Three parcels of Council-owned land was reclaimed and sold for housing – adding more than \$4 million to Council funds.

Similar underground technology converted the Station Street sump – long an eyesore – into a much-needed and requested town centre car park.

Depot relocation

There's an obvious synergy here – between engi-



Geoff Trigg

neering projects allowing us to make better use of valuable Cottesloe real estate – and the recent Town depot sale. Relocation was first mooted by Geoff's predecessor, Malcolm Doig, who was Town engineer for 30 years. Over the past ten years more than 20 possible new sites have been considered and rejected.

Geoff has finally seen that project through, organising a move to rented depot premises in Fremantle.

Freeing the old depot site has given the Council more than \$8 million to invest in improved Town assets and debt reduction.

Five year plans

Less spectacular, perhaps, but of immense continuing value to Cottesloe has been Geoff Trigg's introduction of Five-Year Plans. Separate plans are now in place for every aspect of Cottesloe that requires engineering, and budgetary planning.

Geoff won his engineering qualifications in Victoria, where he was born and raised. He came to Cottesloe after a couple of years with Subiaco, and before that, Augusta/Margaret River and Manjimup.

His home and family are now in WA – and this is where he will enjoy retirement. ■