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**COTTESLOE
COUNCIL NEWS**

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Music for Pleasure 2013



Pianist Irina Vasileva, left, with cellist Melinda Gourlay are Duo Torino: named after the 18th century Italian cello Melinda plays, nicknamed 'The Turin Cello'. The beautiful instrument was made by master luthier, G.B. Guadagnini around 1770.

OUR annual winter series of concerts return to the Civic Centre's War Memorial Town Hall again during August and September in 2013.

Music for Pleasure concerts are held on Sunday afternoons from 3pm-5pm.

Come along and enjoy a selection of superb music for all ages – with afternoon tea included in the very reasonable ticket price.

A wide range of musical performers are engaged, their styles ranging through a capella singing

of popular hits from the 30's to the present day, jazz ensembles, musical theatre, French cabaret, and classical Chamber music.

Further concert information, including ticket and concession prices, is available by phoning 9285 5000 or visiting the Town's website www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au



Mary Yates with her imaginative Cottesloe map

MANY of Cottesloe's earliest residents were acknowledged at the Town's annual Pioneers Day afternoon tea on June 5th. It was part of the state's 'WA Day' Week, and held in the War Memorial Town Hall.

And there was a special element to this year's activities. Local artist Mary Yates was guest speaker – and she shared some fascinating, and at times cheeky, historical insights of Cottesloe that she had unearthed while producing her beautifully illustrated Map of the Town of Cottesloe.

A lucky few people also won framed copies of the map; and it was fitting that so many of the oldest Cottesloe people were on hand to welcome six newcomers, who made their pledges as Australian Citizens as part of the event.

• If you are a Cottesloe Pioneer, please remember to keep your contact de-

tails current for the 2014 event – by calling 9285 5080 or emailing cdo@cottesloe.wa.gov.au.

New citizens, the Eidne family – Jessica, Michael, Nicola and Andrew – with Mayor Morgan on Pioneers Day



Mayor Kevin Morgan

October's elections still on

THE next Election of Cottesloe Councillors is scheduled for Saturday 19th October 2013. The terms of the following current members' are expiring:

- Kevin Morgan (Mayor);
- Katrina Downes (Central Ward);
- Greg Boland (North Ward);
- Yvonne Hart (East Ward);
- Victor Strzina (South Ward).

The new Council will comprise nine members (as it does at present).

In Cottesloe the Mayor is elected directly by the community and holds office for a four-year term.

Cottesloe has four Wards – North, East, South and Central – with two Councillors in each. The Town engages the Western Australian Electoral Commission to conduct its elections. Please refer to the WAEC website at www.waec.wa.gov.au for all details, including the Election Timetable.

'Writing is on the wall' says Mayor

COTTESLOE Council will not exist at this time next year, and amalgamation will be forced on councils, Kevin Morgan told the June meeting.

His comments follow his meeting with local government Minister Tony Simpson. Mayor Morgan told the Minister, again, of Cottesloe's preference for a G4 merger, and said councils should be allowed to achieve the Minister's reforms voluntarily.

But he acknowledged that a larger, G7, merger was likely and told the Minister that this would only be supported if the Dadour amendment (which allows people the right to vote on mergers) is maintained.

The Mayor told Council: • This month (July 2013) the State is likely to begin restricting the Council's

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governing rights; but Commissioners will probably not be brought in until the end of the merger process.

• We should co-operate with our neighbours to deal with the inevitable changes to come, because the Minister claims that the G4 merger – Cottesloe, Claremont, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove, with 35,000 residents ... 'will be difficult to support' when Councils bigger than this are being asked to merge.

Minister Simpson says that a 'G7 city of 90,000 would make a great coastal city for Perth'.

At its June meeting, Cot-

tesloe Council noted the outcome of recent statements by the Minister, and Claremont and Cambridge's intention to lodge a separate application with the Local Government Advisory Board (proposing three councils in the western suburbs).

Cottesloe re-stated its G4 preference; the need for voluntary amalgamation; retention of the Civic Centre, grounds and War Memorial Town Hall for the local community. It will next consider its position after the Minister's expected further announcement this month (July 2013).

Rate increase among lowest in Perth

REFLECTING the strong financial position established by prudent management in the Town of Cottesloe, the Council announced a 2013/2014 rate increase of just 3.8%, among the lowest in metropolitan Perth.

The budget allows for all asset management obligations to be met, and provides the opportunity for discretionary capital projects, without affecting the Town's overall provision of services.

Staffing

All associated staff costs are contained in the draft 2013/2014 Budget and account has also been taken of the recently announced determination by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (S&AT) on councillor fees and allowances with the Mayor pointing out that there have only been two increases in the last 20 years and the new Council to be elected in October will be required to work on some major items, including local government reform, with more meetings and greater workloads.

Sustainability

Several sustainability projects and programmes are contained in the budget, and the Town is reaping financial benefit from previous sustainability projects, such as reduced costs of fuel from more fuel efficient vehicles and reduced electrical costs through improvements to IT equipment. This will also be the first year Cottesloe realises operational savings from solar photovoltaic cells on the Civic Centre roof.

Consultation

As required, the Town advertised the intention to raise a differential rate earlier this year but no comments or feed-back were received.

Community grants

The Town also advertised the community grants programme and sent letters to community and sporting groups requesting submissions. All approved requests are summarised within the budget document (page 42).

News in Brief ...

Three-Bin Survey – thank you!



COTTESLOE Council thanks residents for an 'outstanding response' to its proposal of introducing a third bin so people can separate their green waste from their recyclables and general rubbish.

"We thank the community for taking the effort to let us know their thoughts," said CEO Carl Askew.

"The third bin approach to waste management will be considered by the Council this month and if approved, it is anticipated the bins will be introduced by the end of the year."

Crossing crossed-off

DUE to changed circumstances the proposed Curtin Avenue pedestrian crossing island, north of Napier St, will not be installed.

Main Roads WA design restrictions and location of a Western Power high-tension pole required a revised location for the crossing. This, together with impact on private properties caused a review of the crossing.

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday July 22, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday July 15, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday July 16, 7pm.

Planning applications: For September – lodge by August 5, 2013.

Fitness groups to be licensed



RECOGNISING the overall community value of organised exercise and fitness groups, Cottesloe Council has endorsed a draft Group Fitness and Personal Training Policy which will be put to the local community for comment.

There would be no charge on such training groups, but organisers would have to seek a permit from the Council at a cost of \$20.

Cottesloe has consulted other metropolitan councils and based the permit fee on the lowest charged elsewhere.

The policy would apply to organised groups and personal trainers. Councillors also debated permitted start-up times, to best avoid noise disturbance.

The draft policy is available on the Town website, and comments are invited by Friday August 2.

Disability path go-ahead

ACCESS to Cottesloe's main beach will be vastly improved for disabled

people, older persons and parents with children in prams by the start of the coming summer season.

With the aid of a \$200,000 Lottery West grant, Cottesloe will install a new access path beginning this month.

Total cost of the path, including preliminary and surveying work, was budgeted at \$300,000 and after a tendering process the Council has awarded the construction contract, set at \$230,000, to Macfield Construction, with the remaining funds to provide support infrastructure.