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Local Council amalgamation

COTTESLOE has responded to the State's latest review of metropolitan local governments, announced by the Minister in June 2010. The Minister-appointed panel have prepared a paper and invited community comment on the future of local government.

The Town's response restates Cottesloe's position, which was reached after extensive consultation with residents and other local councils in late 2009. All of this research and consultation was made in response to previous requests by Minister Castrilli.

Cottesloe has advised the review panel that the Town supports investigation of an RTG (Regional Transition Group) process in order to set up a regional council with at least two neighbouring councils (drawn from Claremont, Mosman and Peppermint Grove.)

Local representation

Cottesloe Council also supported regional resource sharing, service delivery

and partnerships including the recently introduced Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill - presented to WA's parliament by the Hon Max Trenorden MLC - without sacrificing local identity, representation and decision-making.



The Cat's back!

UNTIL March 25 the FREE Cott Cat is the smart way to traverse the Town. Following the route shown (see map) the service will run on Saturday and public holiday (except Christmas Day), every 15 minutes 10.30am - 5pm.

On Sundays the hours are 10.30am to 11pm.

New Year

On New Year's Eve a special service will run - every 15 minutes between 10.30am and 1am, thanks to the generous support of the public Transport Authority.

During Sculpture by the Sea, in March, the Cat will operate EVERY day.



Action on Climate Change

PROTECTING Cottesloe from the potential impact of climate change is integral to the newly adopted Local Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan: 2011-2016.

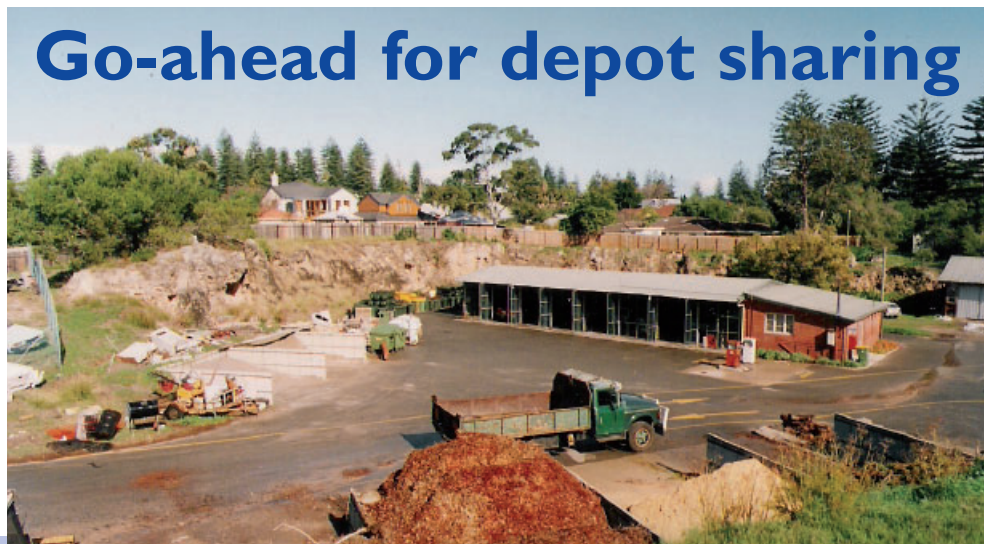
Studies commissioned by the Council between 2008-2010 - including one on the vulnerability of the Cottesloe foreshore - have provided vital information to guide the new plan. It will help Town staff incorporate adaptation to climate change into their decision-making and daily work, while building community preparation for such change.

Water

Sustainability officer Nikki Pursell reported to Council on the sustainability implications of potential climate change. These include:

- awareness of water as a significantly limited resource;
- commitment to protect and maintain coastal biodiversity and habitats
- commitment to waste management and recycling, and
- to increase energy efficiency of the Town.

The new plan provides Cottesloe with a framework to deal with local effects of climate change. Many of the recommended actions are inexpensive - but require a cultural shift towards recognising the need for addressing climate change across all aspects of council business.



Go-ahead for depot sharing

COTTESLOE AND MOSMAN PARK could sign a shared-depot agreement this year.

The Council has given in principle approval to moving the Town's depot operation to McCabe St, Mosman Park and authorised CEO Carl Askew to liaise with Mosman Park to finalise the project during 2012. Details to be examined include a review of cost estimates, and a draft management/lease agreement between the two councils.

Cottesloe officers will also be looking at options for sale and development of the present Nailsworth St depot site, which is surrounded by private residences.

Nearby residents have previously been advised of the Council's intentions for the depot site. They will be kept abreast of progress as the sharing project proceeds.

Sustainability

Redevelopment of the site is governed by Cottesloe's current Town Planning Scheme 2, and by the future LPS3 (Local Planning Scheme 3). All new dwellings there must meet modern sustainability standards, including deep sewer connection, and any contaminated material must be

removed prior to development.

Building

A Council-funded consultants' report confirmed that the McCabe St depot has the capacity to house Cottesloe's depot. A new depot administration building is proposed, with offices, showers, toilets, changing rooms and a lunch/training room. New vehicle sheds are also proposed.

Cost of the Cottesloe relocation move is likely to be offset by eventual sale of the Nailsworth St site.

Enjoy Australia Day at Mosman

EVERYONE is invited to enjoy Australia Day this year at the beautiful Mosman Park Memorial Park (corner Bay View Terrace and Memorial Drive).

January 26 is always a special day, when new citizens become an integral part of the community and everyone reflects on how fortunate we are to be Australian.

Presentations of local Council awards to their Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen, and Community Group/Event will be made on Australia Day by Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove.

Expect all the trappings - stirring songs from Men in Harmony, entertainment for the children, the



Australia Day in 2011 - celebrated at the Civic Centre.

National Anthem and flag-raising as well as thought-provoking words from Premier Colin Barnett in his address to the new citizens. As always a lavish barbecue breakfast will round off the morning.

Events begin at 8am.



The popular Men in Harmony at last year's Australia Day

Action on ram-raids

FOLLOWING a number of ram-raids on shops in Station Street the Council is looking at strategies to improve safety and security in the area.

Street treatments and architecture are areas that the Council can act on.

Treatments can include safety bollards in front of shops, although the effect of placing such treatments in the footpath has also to be taken into account. Council officers will investigate options, as well as sources of crime prevention funding.

Rottnest Swim

THE 21st annual Rottnest Swim is on Saturday February 25, beginning at 5.45am from Cottesloe beach. Up to 900 swimmers are expected for the 19.7km journey, the youngest permitted being 14 years of age. The last wave of contestants will leave Cottesloe at 7.30am.

CBH changes agreed

THE Heritage Council of WA and adjoining landowners have been advised of plans to amend and enhance previously permitted improvements to the Cottesloe Beach Hotel. Owners are currently repainting the heritage-listed building and the beer garden has been demolished. Their intention is to redevelop the area by the end of the summer, ideally to coincide with Sculpture by the Sea, in March. Subject to conditions the Council has given permission for the amendments to the overall redevelopment, which aims to create an establishment with community-wide appeal.

Seaview Golf Club Management Plan

A WORKING party comprising a Cottesloe Councillor, the Town's manager of engineering, and representatives of Cottesloe Coastcare and the Seaview Golf Club will develop a revised management plan for the club. Seaview has a 21-year lease on the reserve land and every three years submits a management plan which includes ground water usage.

Meetings at Civic Centre

THERE are no meetings during January 2012.

The next full Council meeting is on Monday February 27, at 7pm.

Development Services Committee - Monday February 20, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Committee - Tuesday February 21, 7pm.

Strategic Planning Committee - Wednesday February 22, 7pm.

Planning applications for March - by February 6.