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# COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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## Western Power – better relations are needed

DISAPPOINTED that Western Power gave the Council little time to respond – and didn't indicate how quickly the trees near the Curtin Avenue substation would be removed – Mayor Kevin Morgan said Cottesloe wants better lines of communication established.

The Council has written to the Premier, the Minister of Energy, and the Chairman of Western Power expressing disappointment at the late notice and lack of consultation over the issue.

## Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday February 28, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday February 21, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday February 22, 7pm.

Strategic Planning Wednesday February 23, 7pm

Planning applications for March should be lodged by February 7, 2011.

WA's Minister for Planning wants Cottesloe to modify the draft local planning scheme No. 3, Mayor Kevin Morgan told the December Council meeting. In a media release, Planning Minister John Day stated:

**“Advertising of these modifications will give the Town of Cottesloe and the wider community the opportunity to provide feedback, which I will weigh up carefully before making my final decision on Town Planning Scheme No.3.**

“The main modifications I have requested to draft Scheme No.3 relate to properties fronting Marine Parade between Eric and Forrest streets, including the Ocean Beach and Cottesloe Beach hotel sites.”

The Mayor expressed his disappointment over the length of the process to date and said that ‘modification of the height limits for the beachfront appeared to be without planning rationale’.

### The Mayor:

“There was no attempt at dialogue despite the EBD process and the significant cost in time and resources to that joint process including involvement of the State Government’s planning experts,” he said.

Premier Colin Barnett made his position clear from the beginning and did not participate in the EBD process or attend final workshops where outcomes were discussed and explained.

Given the Minister’s position the Mayor was disappointed the matter had taken so long to resolve and reflected that had it been made much earlier the Town could have “got on with its

# State will ask again **BEACHFRONT** – How high?



business”. He indicated that this decision was likely to be reflected in future planning outcomes across the State under the government’s centralised planning processes.

The Planning Minister has directed Cottesloe to advertise the modifications as soon as possible. The modifications are to be advertised “as is” and the contents of the modifications are not open for negotiation prior to advertising.

Mayor Morgan said the decision on advertising

could be made at the February council meeting.

He referred to the need for community consultation outside of the Christmas and school holiday period and said a more formal report and recommendation will be made at the February meeting.

The Mayor also said that this call for modification of LPS3 appeared to have bipartisan support – and that this was unlikely to be a good outcome for the Cottesloe beachfront.

## FEWER COUNCILLORS

**A REPORT to the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) recommends that all Cottesloe’s ten Councillors’ seats be vacated at the October 2011 election and their numbers reduced to eight. The LGAB considers all reports submitted by local governments and assesses them against the requirements of the Act. The Board makes recommendations to the Minister for Local Government who has the final decision and may accept or reject the Board’s recommendations.**

Changes to wards and representation are subject to an order to be signed by the Governor and then published in the Government Gazette. The order will include the date of implementation which is usually the date and gazetted or next ordinary election day.

To ensure even representation, small adjustments have been recommended to ward boundaries, but the ward names – North, South, East and Central – will be unchanged.

### Public submission

No public comments were received regarding the Ward Review, which was advertised in local press, on the Council website, and in this Cottesloe Council news page during September 2010. Given the lack of community feedback the Council assumes there is no dissatisfaction with the current ward structure.

Declaring all Councillor positions vacant in October 2011 would mean that some sitting members will not serve their full, four-year term. Of the eight new positions, four would be elected for four years, and four for a two-year term. The different terms will be advertised in good time for the October poll.



## 2011 Combined Councils’ Australia Day Celebrations

8am start, Wednesday 26 January 2011  
Main Lawn, Cottesloe Civic Centre, Broome Street, Cottesloe.

The program will include:

- Flag Raising Ceremony and National Anthem
- Citizenship Ceremonies
- Australia Day Awards Presentations
- Free community barbecue breakfast
- Family entertainment provided by the Men in Harmony Choir and Glenn Swift.

Please bring along a picnic rug or folding chair and sun protection.

The celebrations are proudly presented by the Shire of Peppermint Grove, Town of Cottesloe and the Town of Mosman Park for the enjoyment and participation of all community members.



# Civic Centre roof – Town gives Town ‘OK’!

**COTTESLOE’s proposal to fix the Civic Centre roof is a big project, and like any such plan in the Town, it needs Council approval.**

So – because the Town is the landowner – and the applicant – and the responsible authority for planning and building – at its December meeting Cottesloe Council effectively received an application from itself! Needless to say, staff had prepared meticulously.

Plans include replacing unsound parts of the structure and rationalising electrical infrastructure. Externally the new roof will look unchanged, but the original hand-made tiles will be replaced with machine-made clay roof tiles of the same pattern and colour.

The original, Roman-style tiles are decades old, porous and ill-fitting. Resulting water penetration has been a



continuous problem and during the past 18 months water damage has occurred.

### Costs

Following a tender process in October/ November 2010, at the December meeting the Council approved appointment of

the KMC group to undertake the contract. Cost will \$399,700 (ex gst.) KMC is also the company that did the recent upgrading of the Civic Centre.

Recently a grant of \$261,000 towards the roof replacement was received from Lottery West.



**In the War Memorial Town Hall, Mayor Kevin Morgan receives a Lottery West cheque for \$261,000 from State premier Colin Barnett. Total cost of Civic Centre roof restoration is almost \$400,000.**

## Old Roads Board site will be revitalised

A MIXED-USE development of 13 residential units and four offices at 1-3 Brixton St will bring new life to one of Cottesloe’s significant heritage sites. The original local Council (known then as the Roads Board) office was here and the original buildings, two traditional shops, will be given minor conservation work and retained.

Staff report that the developers and their architects have liaised extensively with the Town to devise a building that does not require excavation and which will make a contribution to the locality. Cottesloe’s heritage consultant is supportive of the proposal.