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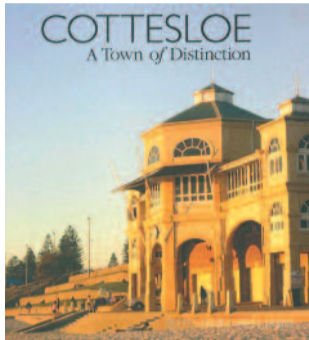
COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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News in brief...



'COTTESLOE – A Town of Distinction' is the award-winning history of Cottesloe written for the Town by Ruth Marchant-James. It's available in hardback or soft-cover at the Civic Centre offices; or, please call 9285 5000 for more information.

Register to vote

LOCAL government elections take place on Saturday October 17, this year. Are you registered on the State Electoral roll to vote in Cottesloe? If not – or for more information about the voting process – please contact the State Electoral Commission. Phone on 13 63 06, or view their website www.waec.wa.gov.au

If you are on the State roll for another locality and want to take part in the Cottesloe election, please contact our Town administration – on 9285 5000 – or email council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au

Have you had 'Think Water'



ALL Cottesloe residents should now have received package 2 of the Town's 'Think Water' campaign. If it hasn't hit your letterbox, please contact sustainability officer Jade Hankin at the Council to get one.

Your package contains a letter from the Mayor; a fridge magnet on how to save water in the kitchen; a shed magnet on saving water and preventing pollution in the shed, garage and garden; a brochure on water use and tips for when you are planning a new home; a pack of seed-sticks to plant in your garden; a crossword and word sleuth and two animal magnets – a whale and lizard – for the kids.

"Please, lets all do our bit in saving water in Cottesloe," says Jade.

BUILDING DESIGN CONTROLS TO BE ADVERTISED

COTTESLOE'S projected Local Planning Scheme 3 (LPS3) which has been formulated over many years, includes a Special Control Area 2 – comprising the Cottesloe Beach Hotel and the Ocean Beach Hotel (OBH).

Draft provisions to control development on these two sites were agreed at the special meeting, and will be advertised for inclusion in LPS3.

Height limits

When advertising begins, full details of the provisions will be available at the Civic Centre offices and on the Town's website. In brief, development on the hotel sites will generally be restricted to three storeys or less to their various street frontages, with prescribed provision for up to four storeys/15m on part of the Cottesloe Beach Hotel site, and five storeys/18m on part of the Ocean Beach Hotel site, subject to setbacks and other considerations.

Curtin Avenue

Councillors also agreed to pursue the preferred plan for a future Curtin Avenue, for better connection of the two parts of Cottesloe which are presently divided by the Avenue and railway lands. The Town will also continue working for realisation of the Foreshore Concept Plan.

Meetings at Civic Centre

A CHANGE from the usual Monday night Council meeting has been made because of Anzac Day.

Next Council meeting Tuesday April 28, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday April 20, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday April 21, 7pm.

North Cott club plan supported by Town

PROPOSED alterations and additions to North Cott SLC's clubrooms on Marine Parade were supported by the Council, and will be advised to the WA Planning Commission. However, this

IMPORTANT decisions for the future of Cottesloe were taken at the special March 9 Council meeting. The Town's Local Planning Scheme 3 moved a little closer to completion with an agreement to advertise building controls for the beachfront hotels. And Cottesloe voted to investigate co-operative approaches to amalgamation options through WESROC (Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils).

WESROC councils look at their options

STATE government has asked for voluntary amalgamations of local councils, fewer councillors, and regional groupings for delivery of services.

COTTESLOE and neighbouring councils currently work closely together on suitable, regional projects. The co-operative approach to waste disposal is an instance – as illustrated by the DICOM project featured in this page on February 14.

A report looking at how western suburbs councils work together was commis-

Grant won

COTTESLOE'S application for the Federal Government grant of \$122,000 (under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Programme) has been approved. Town officers had expressed concern that unless the grant came through Cottesloe might miss the September cut-off date for using the grant. (If that had occurred the Town would have considered alternative reserve projects from the 2009/10 five-year works programme and allocated a similar sum towards restoration of the pylon later in the 2009/10 year.)

However, receipt of the grant should ensure the pylon is made secure before the worst winter weather begins.



NEW art meets Cottesloe icon: foreground is the Town's purchase from this year's Sculpture by the Sea *inside spoken things* by Tim Macfarlane Reid and in the background, the famous beach pylon. Good news received last month means that first-stage restoration work can begin on the pylon.

sioned by WESROC and has been endorsed by Cottesloe. It will now be used as a foundation for WESROC's planning.

Amalgamation

WESROC will now engage consultants to assess and compare the likely costs and benefits of:

- amalgamation of WES-

ROC councils

- amalgamation of Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove; plus amalgamation of Claremont and Nedlands, with Subiaco remaining independent

- fast-tracked (2-3 year) maximisation of regional co-operation and resource sharing by WESROC councils.

Saving Town's 'natural areas'

COTTESLOE has adopted a five-year works plan for more efficient management of natural areas throughout the Town. As well as established and well-acknowledged areas such as Mudurup Rocks, the Vlamingh Memorial area and Grant Marine Park, potential natural areas are included in the five-year plan.

Resources could be used on verges such as the eastern end of Eric St, including along the railway corridor. Local shrubs could replace water-hungry couch grass; trees reaching the end of their life-expectancy might be replaced with suitable natives.

Revegetating verges with small, aesthetic, water-wise plants would enhance the appearance of the street while cutting water use. Year one of the five-year plan will be included in the 2009/2010 budget for funding consideration.

Better bins at beach and centre

THE need for waste bin capacity on Marine Parade in summer will be met by converting 33 recycling bins to normal waste disposal. Officers have found the seafront recycling bins are often contaminated with general waste. Changing the waste stations for general waste bins involves cutting welds and installation of a new 'splash' tray. (With the DICOM system, now under trial, all waste can be separated after collection.)

Overall cost will be app. \$13,200, but this will be balanced by savings on collection service costs of more than \$19,000. Signs and general community education initiatives regarding the changeover were also approved by the Council.

In the commercial centre of Cottesloe 17 existing waste/litter bins, which are in poor condition, will be replaced with stainless steel bins to reduce graffiti and improve cleaning.



FIVE years of painstaking work by dedicated craftsmen has made inroads into renovation of the Town's Civic Centre.

A high point was the Summer House construction, to mark the Town's centenary, and along the way work opportunities were given young apprentices too.

Work on the administration offices was completed in March and work continues to improve and restore the historic upper parts of the building to normal use.

Gardens

The Council has considered and endorsed a five-year construction plan for the Civic Centre, at an annual cost of

around \$180,000, prepared by curator Ken Miller. He has combined information from historic reports, input from architects and his own experience of the Centre.

Included is a landscaping plan by Apace Aid (Inc) which provides a consistent approach to plantings in the Centre's grounds. An intriguing insight into the original style of the gardens came from memories of a man whose father was gardener to Claude de Bernales, the last owner of the Civic Centre.

support is made on condition the existing boundaries of the building remain intact, and other conditions, such as compliance with building and public health

regulations are adhered to. Planned work makes additions and alterations at the lower ground level and to the store, kitchen, training room, external stairs

and balcony extension at the Marine Parade level. The club has also agreed to upgrade the eastern end of the façade as part of their proposal.