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COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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News in brief...

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday July 27, at 7pm.
Development Services Monday July 20, 6pm.
Works and Corporate Services Tuesday July 21, 7pm.

Civic Centre work goes on

CONTINUING work on the heritage listed upper parts of the Civic Centre are due to be finalised in July and this has affected timing of some planned community events. The winter concerts programme will still take place later in the season; and other public events are now being planned, to showcase the refurbished centre, War Memorial Town Hall and administration.

Details of all the public events will be advertised and will be available from the Town's website www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au as information becomes available.

COTTESLOE has recently installed its purchase from the Sculpture by the Sea exhibition. 'Inside spoken things' has found its home in Jasper Green (corner of Congdon and Grant Streets). The installation was overseen by the artist, Tim Macfarlane Reid, art consultant, Lee Holben and carried out by Cottesloe's work's staff.

PUBLIC consultation and comment is essential before Cottesloe Council sends a final submission to the Minister for Local Government. But the tight schedule suggested by the State means that everything must be completed by the end of August.

"It's going to be challenging," said the Town's CEO, Carl Askew.

"We would like to think that the deadline will become more flexible. But residents can be assured that

Tight schedule set by State

LOCAL COUNCIL MERGERS

their input is a highly important part of this process."

"WESROC (our local Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils) has commissioned a full report on local amalgamation options from consultants Price Waterhouse Cooper."

Statue on the Green



REGIONAL Sustainable Primary Schools Network held its first meeting on Tuesday June 30 at the City of Subiaco and drew an enthusiastic group of teachers, administrators, and local government officers from the WESROC area.

The Town of Cambridge was first to test the concept of bringing schools together to collaborate on sustainability and in 2009 it was broadened by the environment team of WESROC (Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils). The aim is to encourage schools in the western suburbs to discuss sustainability issues and projects in the hope of achieving real environmental benefits for all of them.

The network will look to support administrators, teachers, and school communities in education activities and events that encourage sustainable behaviour in schools and the broader community.

Councils working regionally for sustainability in schools

Local government officers will provide support to schools – by way of funding – such as Sustainable Schools Grants; provision of curriculum resources – such as Waterwise K-10 materials; and/or learning opportunities – such as planting days.

"The first session included a presentation about the 'Waterwise Schools' programme, and how schools

can get involved, while allowing time for discussion between schools and councils," said Cottesloe's sustainability officer, Jade Hankin.

"This allowed the schools to provide inspiration to each other about current projects and to show where assistance might be provided by the local councils, and other bodies."

Meetings will be held each term, moving around the council areas and schools, presenting different topics for discussion. Next meeting is planned for mid August at the International School of Western Australia (in City Beach) where the focus will be on waste issues.

Will you vote in October?

NEW residents, and any who have recently become 18 years old, are all eligible to join in this year's postal vote to elect five new Councillors, as well as the Mayor.

To ensure you are on the electoral roll, please contact the Town's administration at the Civic Centre (see contact details at top of this page.)

You may also be considering running for office?

With just three months to go, information on how to nominate for office should

also be sought at the Civic Centre. Positions on the Council are contested every two years.

Seats to be contested in October are those of:

the Mayor, presently Kevin Morgan; Cr Patricia Carmichael (Central Ward); Cr Bryan Miller (East Ward); Cr Jo Dawkins (South Ward); Cr John Utting (North Ward); and Cr Ian Woodhill (North Ward).

**Average
rate
increase
will be
8.5 per cent**

THE average Cottesloe household rate will increase by 8.5 per cent this financial year. Reduced revenues, increasing costs and extra costs due to increased State government charges (including power and landfill levy) have all made a contribution to the final figure.

Town staff and Councillors held three workshop/ briefing sessions to hammer out a draft budget, which was endorsed by a special Council meeting last Monday (July 6.)

Full details of the 2009/2010 budget will be posted on the Council website.



Increased landfill charges have added to local rate increases.

Teams struggle to beat the weather

CONTRACTORS Kulin Group are pressing on with the Cottesloe Beach Pylon restoration despite several storms and high seas that have hindered them.

The last progress report shows they have managed to lift the column to a near vertical alignment and hold it in place with a steel gantry and chains. The concrete base section has been cut back to good quality concrete and solid steel reinforcing.

Holes have been drilled in the base to line up with matching holes in the column and steel reinforcing rods have been concreted into both sections, connecting the column into the base to finish the re-installation.

A steel reinforcing cage has been assembled and will be connected to the existing steel reinforcing in the base. Then a new concrete ring section will be poured on the top of the base to further lock in the column to prevent any future movement or collapse.



No diving!

Finally, the worked-on area will be chemically treated to maximise life. It will also deter swimmers from diving off the completed structure. (All works are being designed and supervised by Wood and Grieve consultants as a free service to Cottesloe.)

New federal grant for Town

MAYOR Kevin Morgan joined more than 650 delegates from councils across Australia attending the National General Assembly of Local Governments in June, to discuss critical issues confronting councils and their local communities. The issues that were raised at the assembly included constitutional reform, climate change, community infrastructure and local government financing.

At the assembly Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced additional funding of \$220 million for the Community Infrastructure Program (CIP) to be made available in 2009/10. This will add to the previous investment in the CIP and add up to more than \$1 bil-

lion since November 2008.

Of the \$220 million, \$100 million is being allocated to all 565 of Australia's councils on a formula basis. Cottesloe will receive \$39,000. In addition \$120 million will be allocated to larger strategic projects on a competitive basis.



Local primary school children learn about sustainability at an Earth Carers session.