

Sea View wants new 'Lifestyle'

COUNCIL was unable to vote on Sea View golf club's scheme to create a new golf, health and lifestyle club at the September meeting. Because two members - Councillor Walsh and Mayor Morgan - are members of Sea View they absented themselves from the meeting because of conflict of interest. Lacking a quorum, Council has re-scheduled the discussion until the October meeting.

Recommendation

Council staff recommend in-principle support for the Sea View Golf Club plan, subject to community consultation and review of the lease sought by the club. Legal considerations would need addressing and State government agencies are involved.

Proposal

Sea View wants to ensure its future viability in conjunction with Next Generation Clubs Australia, which has redeveloped the Kings Park Tennis Club. It began in Australia with Next Generation Memorial Drive (Adelaide, 1999) and followed with clubs in Sydney and south of Perth (2003).

At Sea View, the proposal could add to the present clubhouse site features such as a swimming pool, spa and sauna, gymnasium, creche, changing rooms, library etc.

NEXT Council meeting Monday October 27, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday October 20, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday October 21, 7pm.

Planning applications for December close October 22.



Georgia Scott – new community development officer

GEORGIA Scott has joined Cottesloe as Community Development Officer, a newly-created position that will increase the Town's concentration on community and disability concerns.

"One of my principal challenges is to access funds for local projects from organisations such as the Disability Services Commission," says Georgia.

"Grants are available, but gaining them can be time-consuming. I hope we can be more effective with another pair of hands helping out."

Georgia came to Cottesloe after completing

LEARN ABOUT YOUR SECURITY

A FREE security seminar – next Wednesday, October 8 – will be hosted by the Council at the Lesser Hall (Civic Centre, 6.30-7.30pm; refreshments provided.)

Professor Kerran Campbell will guide the meeting through personal risk management; identity theft; the use of physical attributes and alarm systems in protecting homes; and detailed crime statistics on your own street in Cottesloe.

OVER the next five years a plan of future works will ensure the Town's natural areas are properly maintained and enhanced.

Public consultation on the plan brought changes and improvements to the Cottesloe Natural Areas Management Plan, which was jointly produced by Town staff and Ecoscape Consulting.

an honours degree in Sustainable Development at Murdoch and a short period consulting in the field.

Committee

"Right now we are also seeking a new community member to join our Disability Services Committee," said Graham Patrick, Manager of Corporate Services.

"Ideally we would like

Dig into Town's Great Gardens Awards



Great gardens

GARDENING Greats – remember to get your nomination for the Great Gardens Competition to the council offices – before 17 October.

You can be in the running for a range of prizes.

Be the envy of your entire street as proud proprietor of the newly-crowned 'Sustainable Garden' or 'Great Garden'!

If you need an entry form, they're on the council website or available at the Civic Centre. So don't miss out this year!

Natural areas will be better managed

Its aim was to identify the parts of Cottesloe to be managed as natural areas, with guidelines for protecting, preserving and enhancing local bio-diversity.

Public comment

Several residents made submissions to the Council during a four-week public comment period. In response changes were made to the experts original draft.

Dealing with weeds appropriately was one of the amendments agreed by Council. It will ensure that weeds are ranked accurately and correct weed control measures will be used.

Remnants

Other recommendations were also highlighted at the September Council meeting and will be considered in future. Existing remnant bushland concerned several of the respondents, who suggested management of remnant existing natural areas should take priority over potential natural areas, such as rail and road reserves, verges etc.

Employment of a bush-care officer was another suggestion. Such a position might operate across several Western Suburbs councils, they submitted, to aid, maintain and manage revegetation plans and programmes.

VEGGIE VERGES

COUNCIL will take no further action on an unapproved herb and vegetable garden on the Lyons Street verge. At the September meeting, Council also asked staff to prepare a draft policy to allow for such growth on residential street verges. The policy would list strict controls and require strict compliance with existing and any new requirements, regarding use of materials to be used, risk to pedestrians and underground services. Many other factors must be considered by Town staff and the draft policy will be open for public comment.

RAMP – still waiting

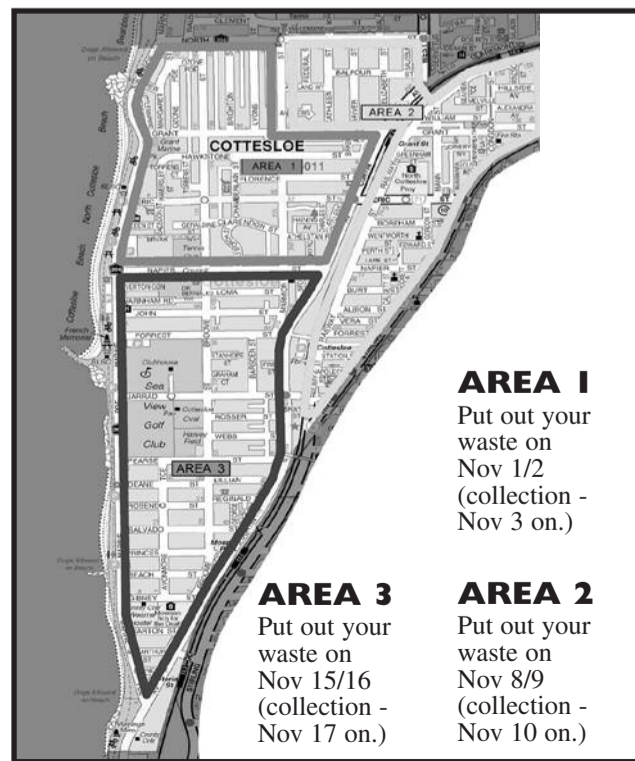
COTTESLOE is still waiting for State permission from the WA Planning Commission to build a disability access ramp to the North Cottesloe beachside facility.

The ramp will provide access for people with disabilities to reach the toilets, showers and change rooms below the Barchetta and surf club.

that to be a person with disability, or experience of same – like a carer.

"The Committee is flexible enough to take account of members' special needs, to attend medical appointments and so on. The first-hand experience of committee members is very important to us."

GREEN and BULK WASTE COLLECTIONS in NOVEMBER



AREA 1

Put out your waste on Nov 1/2 (collection - Nov 3 on.)

AREA 3

Put out your waste on Nov 15/16 (collection - Nov 17 on.)

AREA 2

Put out your waste on Nov 8/9 (collection - Nov 10 on.)

Bucket goodness onto your garden!

A PLASTIC bucket that looks for all the world like an under-the-sink garbage bin could be the lifeline for your home herb or veggie patch.

As part of the Living Smart Programme, Cottesloe has made the Bokashi Bucket available to residents at a bargain price of \$75.

Easy composting

The Bokashi Bucket is a small portable composting system that can compost all food waste, including meats. It's clean and easy to use, and produces 20 litres of fermented material ready to bury in the garden in just a few weeks.

Local trials

Earth Carers have tested the system and have been promoting the use of the buckets for some time.

A revolutionary fermentation process is used to turn kitchen waste into a rich soil conditioner. It is a practical and convenient alternative to the garden compost system, employing microorganisms to anaerobically break down food scraps without the use of heat. A full explanatory brochure is supplied with the buckets, together with a supply of essential Eco Bokashi grains, which drive the process.

Further supplies of the grains will also be available from the Council at reduced cost, \$10 for three kilos.

The specially designed air-tight bucket can be stored in the home or office kitchen. The fermented grain/powder containing microbes is sprinkled over the food scraps to start the fermentation process. After approximately two weeks in the anaerobic environment the compressed food waste will have been broken down sufficiently to be added directly to the garden or to an outdoor compost facility. There are no odours associated with the Bokashi Bucket.

Benefits

- Food scraps convert to a useful product
- Nutrients are returned to the soil
- Promotes healthy plant and vegetable growth
- Adds to water retention capacity of soil
- Reduces watering requirements
- Eliminates the need for chemical or inorganic fertilisers
- Reduces methane gas production by diverting from landfill
- Easy and user friendly to manage in the home or office

Supply of the Bokashi Buckets is part of Cottesloe's Living Smart Programme, which covers a range of topics including energy, water, transport, organic gardening and waste.

Please contact environmental health staff at the Civic Centre to obtain your Bokashi Bucket, or for more information.