

John St will see pines report

OLDEST of Cottesloe's Norfolk Island Pine trees are now more than 100 years old – and they're showing their age.

Collapse of a tree in John Street in July, over a parked car and onto a house, raised questions about the condition of other pine trees in the Town. Council staff commissioned a report by a very experienced and qualified arboricultural consultant, and this will now be sent to all John Street residents.

It gives general information and background on the growth of Norfolk Island Pine trees, both in Cottesloe and on Norfolk Island, expectations on length of life for these trees and a more detailed assessment on the pine trees in John Street.

Part of the report indicates that trees in John Street have not been planted or maintained in high quality conditions, because wind, rainfall and temperature levels are different from conditions where the species evolved, on Norfolk Island. Roots and branches have suffered from various services installed on the road verge, parked vehicles and damage from home building activities over many years.

The consultant says all the remaining trees planted in John Street in 1904 'have passed their period of optimum health and vigour and are now in gradual decline – albeit to varying degrees'.

Replacing trees

Council decided that John Street residents should see a full version of the consul-



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Watch out for full-colour

BEGINNING next month – January 2009 – your Cottesloe Council News in the Post will appear in full colour. Also, because Post Newspapers has changed its distribution system, Cottesloe's news page will be available to readers in Claremont and Nedlands, as well as Cottesloe and Mosman Park.

COTT CAT is on the road again

OUR free Cott Cat bus shuttle starts its annual service again next Saturday, December 13 and will run every weekend until March 29. The Cott Cat travels in a continuous loop from Cottesloe train station to Cottesloe beach, also stopping by North Cottesloe SLSC. As well as weekends it operates on public holidays and every day during the Sculpture by the Sea exhibition (5-24 Mar 09). The bus runs every 15 mins, between 10:30am and 5:00pm.

NEW CEO

THE Town's new Chief Executive Officer is Carl Askew, who joins Cottesloe from the City of Armadale where he is presently Director of Community Services. Carl starts at Cottesloe on January 5.

Count Us In

COTTESLOE was nominated in the local government category of the Count Us In Awards promoted by the Disability Services Commission for the Town's successful Beach Wheelchair Pilot Project.

NEXT Council meeting Monday December 15, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday December 8, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday December 9, 7pm.

Strategic Planning Committee Wednesday December 10, 6pm.

NO meetings are held in January. Dates of meetings in 2009 will be published on this news page, published on January 17, 2009.

Future action

CUTTING beachfront hotel numbers to a 'sustainable' level is just one of the strategies contained in the Town's Future Plan 2006 - 2010.

Now, Council has agreed an Action Plan to guide councillors and staff through the priorities. Full details of the Future Plan, and newly-adopted Action Plan, are available at the Council and on the Town website.

It's a record swim for WA



MORE than 1500 people crowded the sands then swam an open-water kilometre at Cottesloe beach last weekend to set a WA record. Organisers hope for 3000-plus entrants next year to crack the elusive world record.

Captain Cleanup needs YOU!



CAPTAIN Cleanup was there too, with a fore-taste of our Anti-Littering campaign – Do The Right Thing, Keep Cott Beautiful – begins next month. Captain Cleanup will be visiting Cottesloe beach on numerous occasions to spread the positive

message about putting litter in the bin and keeping Cottesloe beautiful for all of us to enjoy.

He will be handing out special giveaways to 'Litter Heroes' that he meets during his visits, and he needs your help to do this!

Will you help?

We are looking for volunteers of any age. Captain Cleanup's beach visits will last for two hours, on weekends throughout January and February. Helpers will receive a 'Keep Cott Beautiful' cap and key ring. Be the envy of all your friends as you're dubbed Captain Cleanup's number 1 sidekick!

Register please

For dates, and to register, please contact Jade Hankin at the Civic Centre on 9285 5016 or via email at jade@cottesloe.wa.gov.au

Extend cycle path, says Council

COTTESLOE Council wants action on a cycle path from Grant Street Railway Station, south through Cottesloe along the railway line.

The submission – to WA's Minister for Planning – says this extension of the Perth to Fremantle PSP (Principal Shared Path) is long overdue and should be constructed as

soon as possible. The submission will also be copied to Colin Barnett, local MP and Premier.

The submission came out of discussion of Cottesloe's own Bike Plan 2000-2013, which was adopted unchanged at the November Council meeting. It provides the basis of a 5-year plan for cycling facilities, which will be presented in February 2009.

TWO of Cottesloe's best gardens came out on top in the annual judging by Great Gardens organisers Gary Heady and John McWilliams last month. Pictured in her winning Andrews Place Great Garden is Anna Chandler, left, with Cherise Haslam, whose own garden in Marmion St was adjudged best Sustainable Garden.

"Our annual contest draws a lot of interest, but perhaps some local gardeners are daunted and a bit nervous about entering," said Jade Hankin, the Town's sustainability officer. "But it's all very friendly, really, and we would love to have more entries next year."

Flying Doctor

Anna's garden has already been put to great use this year, even before her win. She opened it to the public to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and received around 1,000 visitors.

Judging criteria for the Great Garden award include use of space, and design with colour, form and texture. (Anna had a head start here, as she's a designer



Cottesloe has Great Gardens!

who uses her colourful flair in the ceramics products of her own company, Anna Chandler Design!)

The Sustainable Garden award is based on other criteria. As well as design and general layout, the judges are interested in actions such as mulching and composting, planting of complementary plants, and use of shading to conserve water and reduce wind effect.

Judges

The experts said Cherise' was "A very pretty garden utilising natives and water-wise exotics to great effect - fantastic garden colour from natives and exotics. No lawn, great use of plants for this area".

Anna's place – "Very interesting garden, packed full of novelties – great use of waterwise exotics, fantastic arbour of driftwood".

Commendation for another Great Garden went to Kathleen McGregor, of Marmion St, and another Sustainable Garden was commended in Salvado St.

Plaques

To make everyone more aware of the Great Gardens concept, Cottesloe is now investigating use of commemorative plaques outside winning premises.

NO collections in January – Calendar coming

TO accommodate residents, green waste and bulk waste collections will not be made in January. The full list of collections and dates appears in the new Waste Calendar, which will be delivered to every home before Christmas. If you don't receive a copy, please contact the Civic Centre.