



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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Australia Day

THE Australia Day Awards will be presented on January 26, 2007 at the community celebrations, which this year are at Manners Hill Park, Peppermint Grove, hosted by the Shire of Peppermint Grove in conjunction with the Town of Mosman Park. Start time is at 8am.

As well as the Awards, there will be a flag-raising ceremony and National Anthem, Citizenship Ceremonies and the address to new citizens. The celebrations end with a barbecue breakfast.

BOOK MARKS CENTENARY

A HISTORY of Cottesloe will be published by the Town to celebrate its centenary year, 2007. It has been written by Ruth Marchant-James, a former resident and author of *Heritage of the Pines - A History of Cottesloe* which was published by the Town in 1977.

The new publication (final title still to be decided) is likely to be a colourful, coffee-table volume of 248 pages, retailing at around \$45. Ruth has invested many years of research into the updated history, producing an 'eminently readable manuscript that provides far more insights into the history of Cottesloe than ever before.'

FIREWORKS PLAN

TOWN staff will prepare a draft policy for Council consideration, dealing with potential fireworks displays in Cottesloe.

STOP CRIME IN COTTESLOE call 131 444

ALL residents are reminded to note and report ALL incidents of anti-social behaviour: 131 444 is the number to call. At the end of March 2007, if enough evidence has been amassed, the Council may make an s117 appeal to the Department of Liquor Licensing for reduced Sunday trading hours and number of customers allowed in the hotels.

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting - Monday February 26, at 7pm.

Development Services - February 19, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services - February 20, 7pm.

Development applications for March - January 31.

Safer summer swimming



HARMONY in the waters off Cottesloe's beaches - that's the aim this season. Council was asked (at the Annual Electors' meeting in December) to help swimmers and surf ski users stay at a safe distance from each other.

Local Laws covers how surf skis, sailing boats and sail boards may be used. But a lack of markers showing where the 100m surf ski exclusion zone lies makes it difficult to enforce.

The Town is now talking to both local surf clubs to ensure members understand and comply with the laws. Marking the surf ski area with buoys will also be explored.

Town to pay more for groyne safety works

TRUCKS bearing hundreds of tonnes of armour rocks for the long-awaited groyne refurbishment will roll into Cottesloe next month.

Preliminary work begins at the end of January, and the whole job should be completed in February. Tenders were assessed in December, the contract going to the Italia Stone Group.

During construction a security fence will prevent beach access from the southern terraces near the Indiana. Before the heavy deliveries can begin, a lime-

stone 'rock-haul road' must be laid beside the paved path leading to the groyne. Also, light poles, fencing, signs and shade shelters will be removed from the beach.

As well as replacement of the protective armour rocks, the pedestrian path on the groyne will also be renewed. When refurbished, it's expected the groyne will be secure for another 25-40 years.



NEW LIBRARY:

More public comment wanted

EXTENSIVE public consultation on the projected redevelopment of the local library to serve residents of Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park could begin in March.

Cottesloe Council has given in-principle support to the broad consultation programme, which will augment 'community needs' research done in 2005.

Redevelopment

Redevelopment of the library was first suggested in 2002. A Joint Steering Committee representing the three councils now wants to be sure 'the community accepts the concept proposal ahead of further, detailed planning work.'

According to the Committee Chairman, '...the current service is inadequate for the growing population and does not meet modern library standards.'

(Redevelopment on the present Leake Street site would incorporate new Peppermint Grove Shire offices, financed entirely by the shire.)

Views

The committee recognises

that there are diverse views on the project and will seek a general community consensus. Ratepayers, community groups, councillors, local businesses and MPs will be consulted. The Joint Steering Committee will co-ordinate the process across all three municipalities.

An independent company will handle the work. Their methods are likely to include mail-outs to all ratepayers, asking for comments; public displays; public information sessions; on-line information; and advertising for public submissions.

Summary

After the consultation process each council will receive an overall summary of feedback, plus an analysis of data from each council area. By April, each council should be in a position to consider any changes to the library project, including design and costs.

Council plans to make space at Civic Centre

MORE office space would make for more efficient administration, Council has decided. At its December meeting it supported a schematic design for the Civic Centre that would achieve this aim, by improving existing office and public areas.

Next step is to establish fixed costs, before asking for community input and setting a budget.

As well as making better use of the building, and providing more room for Town staff, the design includes improvements to the publicly-used War Memorial Town Hall. The arcade around the Hall would be reopened and upgraded; lighting, sound and audio-visual facilities upgraded; external levels contoured for disabled access; and toilets brought up to modern standards.

Under the proposed changes, Mustard Catering (which is presently housed in the main building) could relocate to Lesser Hall, which would be redesigned. Rangers would remain in their present headquarters, the Caretakers Cottage.

Finance

The Council has confirmed in-principle support for sale of the Margaret Street drainage sump to fund the extensions and refurbishment during the 2007/2008 financial year.