

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

A SERVICE to remember those who served and those who lost their lives at Gallipoli will be held on April 25, 6.45am, at the Civic Centre. Reverend Malcolm Potts of St Phillips Anglican Church will lead the service and say the prayers. The Australian flag will be raised and there will be a wreath laying. Readings will be given by a primary school student, and Andrew Tompkin, a student from Christ Church Grammar school, will play the Last Post. Refreshments will be served after the service.

News in brief...

LIBRARY REMINDER

DEADLINE for your thoughts about a new library, shared with the people of Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove, is April 10.

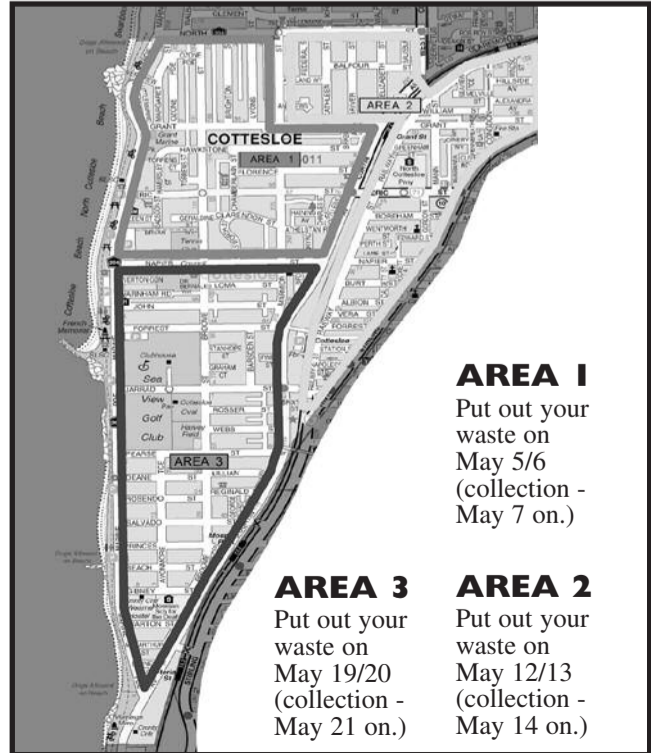
Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting – Monday April 23, at 7pm.
Development Services – April 16, 6pm.
Works and Corporate Services – April 17, 7pm.
Development applications for June – May 2.

Talk of the old days...

SENIORS who give talks to local schoolchildren need new members. Their 'Tales of Times Past' are a valued and enjoyable feature in our schools, and you could be a part of it, especially if you have a colourful tale to tell! Please contact Margaret Ball (ph: 9387 1484) for more information.
The group meets on the first Wednesday every month, 1.30pm, at Drabble House, Webster St, Nedlands (behind Nedlands library.) Next meeting is on May 2nd.

GREEN and BULK WASTE COLLECTIONS in MAY



AREA 1
Put out your waste on May 5/6 (collection - May 7 on.)

AREA 2
Put out your waste on May 12/13 (collection - May 14 on.)

AREA 3
Put out your waste on May 19/20 (collection - May 21 on.)



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More consultation – and you can...



Lifestyle

HELP PLAN FUTURE TOWN

Have your say, by 11th May

COTTESLOE'S people have another chance to input their ideas, suggestions and comments into the Town's FUTURE PLAN.

Once finalised the Plan will guide the Council in future decision-making, and replace the existing Strategic Plan. The detailed draft is online at the Council website, and available at the Civic Centre and library. Residents are urged to read the draft and make submissions as soon as possible. Deadline is May 11.

The Future Plan gives insight into the future direction of the Town by setting out objectives, and the various strategies that the Council intends to pursue.

Objectives

Here are the six broad objectives of the Future Plan.

1. Protect and enhance the lifestyle of residents.

Open space and recreation areas – beaches, cafés, hotels – visitors – parking, liquor consumption, anti-social behaviour - recreation and entertainment – transport.

Potential strategies;
• Integrate transport, including park and ride, Cott Cat, Travelsmart and parking controls.

• Join in youth programmes and social opportunities on a regional basis.

• Increase use of existing facilities – or provide new ones.

• Increase community involvement when change is needed.

2. To achieve connectivity between east and west Cottesloe.

Curtin Avenue and the railway divides Cottesloe. Limiting the effect of these barriers will improve traffic flow, car park design, pedestrian movement and safety; reduce the 'wasteland' look and under-use of the railway reserve. Greater connectivity of the two activity areas – the beaches, and the town centre – could be achieved with proper redevelopment.

Strategies:

• Sink railway and realign Curtin Avenue.

• Decide 'what's possible' in sustainable development, pedestrian and traffic links.

• Consult with community and government; consider housing density and forms; promote engineering and financial feasibility; and lead the entire process.

3. Enhance beach access, and the foreshore.

Cottesloe's beaches are a defining element of the district and a desirable destination for local, national and international visitors. Council knows that residents have high expectations of the area, and they are not being met by some 'tired' looking facilities. Raising revenue to deal with demand is just one of the challenges facing Cottesloe. Others include State coastal and planning policies, limitation on parking fees, pressures for Marine Parade development, and damage caused by some 'badly-behaved' visitors.

Strategies:

• Finalise the 'Foreshore Vision and Master Plan'.

• Replace 1 and 2 car parks with landscaped parkland, and relocate parking to John Black dune park (subject to environmental analysis, costs, benefits and community support.)



Heritage

Strategies:

• Planning incentives for heritage properties, and promotion of the heritage advisory service.

• Develop 'best practice' policies for a seaside residential suburb to benefit the public as well as private entities.

• Consider undeveloped Government land for high-density use.

• Debate planning philosophies.

5. Maintain infrastructure and council buildings in a sustainable way.

A 'sustainable approach' to assets means considering their 'whole of life' costs, from the original capital outlay, through operation, maintenance and depreciation costs. Although Cottesloe's infrastructure can meet needs for the coming 10-15 years, age and condition of some community buildings and facilities raises concern.

A Future Plan must take account of an ageing population, and calls for better standard and quality of community infrastructure.

Strategies:

* Valuable assets like the depot and the sumps demand a policy position.

* Non-rates sources; maximise income from these.

• Consult and inform the community on costs and benefits of public assets and proposed changes; and develop working parties that include community representatives.

• Develop a long-term asset management and financial plan.

MAKING CHANGES

Council has already incorporated into the draft plan some earlier comments made by residents. At the March meeting it declared:

'Council recognises the invaluable contribution that many residents play in the community life of Cottesloe – especially those who actively participate in civic affairs. The aim is to ensure this continues and that Council maintains the spirit of co-operation with the community in an accountable and transparent manner on all occasions.'



Town divider

6. Foster the community's confidence and support for Council.

It is heartening that many people want to contribute and play an active part in developing our future. Community members are very articulate. They know what they want – and this is valued. In addition, Council has many statutory obligations to consult with the public, in order to improve decision-making. Councillors and staff will listen to community views, understand, discuss and explore possibilities in an environment of greater collaboration.

Strategies:

• Recognise that objectives may require varied techniques, and improve the community consultation policy accordingly.

• Improve flow of public feedback via email, website, letters, and more.

• If community input is not accepted for a particular case, ensure that the reasons are explained.

• Ensure the community is forewarned of imminent issues at information-gathering stage.

• Ensure staged progress reports are made to the community.

• Explore making the Cott News page available to readers by direct email.



Checking the infrastructure