

## Tell MPs 'No'

IF Cottesloe residents want the Town to remain independent, they should let State government and local MPs know, advises Mayor Kevin Morgan.

"The Minister for Local Government assures us there will be no forced amalgamations of our local councils," he said.

"Under the Local Government Act 1995, local communities have the right to decide if their councils merge, or remain separate. But if the State government waters down this part of the Act it could become easier to bring about supposedly 'unforced' mergers."

The WESROC mayors and CEOs recently met three local MLAs – Sue Walker, Liz Constable and Colin Barnett – to advocate that any prospective mergers continue to be decided by local residents.

"Sue Walker and Liz Constable indicated they would strongly support maintenance of these rights under the Act; Colin Barnett was somewhat more equivocal," said Mayor Morgan.

"I now urge residents to contact the Local Government Advisory Board, the Minister for Local Government and their local State Parliamentarians, and tell them there must be no watering down of these important, democratic rights."

## Alcohol ban aimed at NYE

A NEW 'Special Events Local Law' will arm WA police and Town staff with stronger powers to prevent street drinking on New Year's Eve, with penalties increased to \$500 for an offence.

In 2005, police made good use of 'move-on notices'. Public behaviour was improved, although other factors, including cool weather, played a part. Council now has legal advice that to impose a blanket ban on possession and consumption of alcohol in specified public areas at particular times is acceptable. Council believes that introducing a Local Law will be an effective deterrent to anti-social behaviour. The law would allow the Town to ban drinking and possession of alcohol in a specific area, within stated times. Large items of 'party equipment' would also be prohibited.

### Public comment

The proposed Local Law will be advertised for public comment, and details are available at the Council and on the Cottesloe website. For example, on New Year's Eve, the ban would apply from the railway to the ocean, between Pearse St in the south to Eric St in the north; and operate for 24 hours, from noon on December 31.

Exceptions would apply to people transporting alcohol to private property or licensed premises, or with specific permission granted by the Town.

### MUSIC FOR PLEASURE CONCERTS

Sunday afternoons in winter  
3.00pm - 5.00pm, War Memorial Town Hall

PADDY Conolly and Colin Smiley are folk-duo Two Pints, bill-toppers of the WA Folk Federation showcase concert on August 6. Sharing the bill will be folk/roots sensation Khin Myint, fresh from the release of his debut album, and the Rose & Wattle Country Dancers.



## COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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## COUNCILS WORK TOGETHER

### Computers can be recycled

COTTESLOE will support a programme to save obsolete computers from landfill and make better use of their plastic, metal, glass and rubber components. The Council is recommending that other local councils, members of WESROC, join the move.

"We see a growing amount of computer equipment piled on the verges for bulk waste collection," said the Town's sustainable development officer, Carolyn Ryder.

"The plan is, for three weeks, twice yearly, to have

### Joint depot planned

COTTESLOE, Nedlands and Claremont councils have jointly commissioned a business plan for relocating their three separate depots to a shared site off Brockway Road, Nedlands.

The plan should be completed and presented to Cottesloe Council for consideration within a few weeks.

The depot scheme is seen as yet another

opportunity for neighbouring councils to work closely together, through the Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (WESROC), and achieve mutual

benefits and savings. If the plan proceeds, the Town is likely to raise finance through sale or development of its old depot site off Marmion Street.

a couple of big, special collection bins at a convenient location for all local residents. These would be controlled and dedicated for PC monitors, scanners, printers, fax machines and such equipment.

"Cost of the plan would be only \$1,700, and we hope

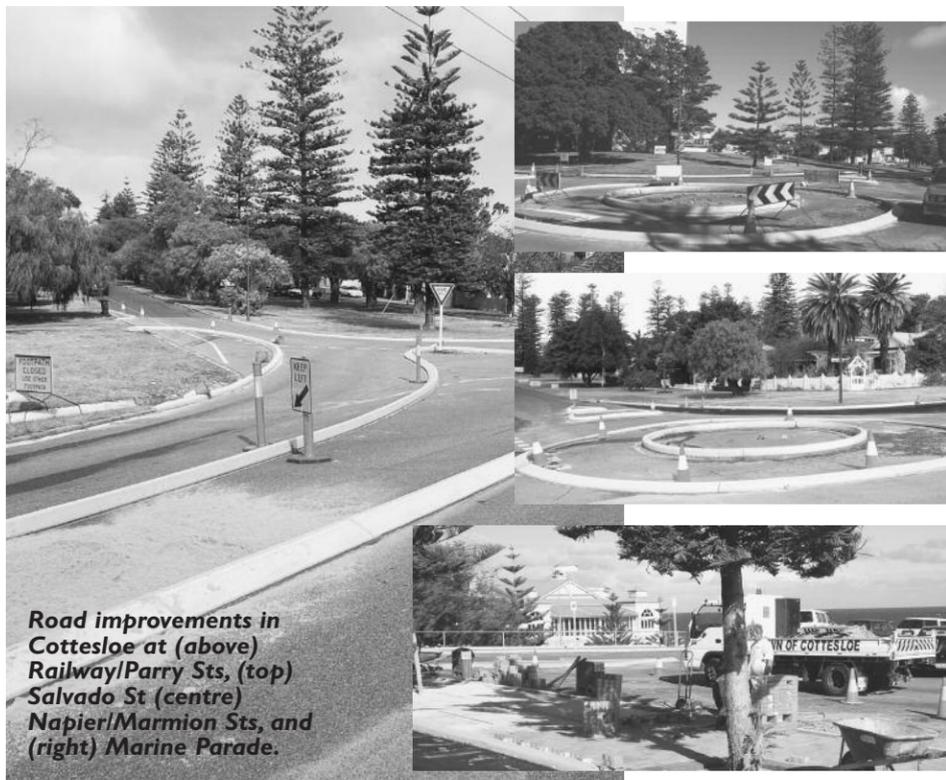
to share that with five neighbouring councils."

UWA ran the three-week programme on campus recently, and achieved 96 per cent recycling of component materials.

### Town's IT system

Cottesloe's own 10-year

old information system will get a \$290,000 update in the coming year. The majority of the new contract, which has been awarded to specialist company Civica, is for software and maintenance and will help the Town maintain and improve service delivery to residents.



Road improvements in Cottesloe at (above) Railway/Parry Sts, (top) Salvado St (centre) Napier/Marmion Sts, and (right) Marine Parade.

## RATE RISE MAINTAINED

UPGRADING Cottesloe's road, footpath and drainage networks will cost around \$2.5 million in the coming year, almost twice the amount spent on capital works two years ago.

This increase is in line with the Town's 5-year works programmes, that prioritise community needs and ensure the long-term upkeep Cottesloe's infrastructure.

by Mayor Kevin Morgan

Fortunately, the return for each rate-dollar we spend on capital works is improved wherever possible, with extra contributions from Federal and State Government grants.

The graduated increase in capital works during the past two years required a five per cent rates increase in this bud-

get, the same figure as in last year's budget.

The Local Government Cost Index – which measures changes in the cost of delivering local services in WA – has grown by 6.63%. I am pleased to report that we have kept Cottesloe's increase below this, especially as much of our spending is on roads and drains, where we compete with the booming building and resources industries for materials and services.

**23 July**  
The Keynotes  
Musical comedy to opera, with solos and duets  
Cost: \$15 (Conc. \$10)  
Book: Ph: 9330 5259  
(Betty Smith-Gander)

**6 August**  
WA Folk Federation  
Folk, jazz, pop, rock and blues  
Cost: \$12 (Conc. \$8)  
Book: Ph: 9592 2122  
(Jane Laws)

**20 August**  
Rachel Hardie  
Crossover style vocals – sacred, classical, contemporary and inspirational  
Cost: \$12 (Conc. \$12)  
Book: Ph: 9450 1800  
(Kay Hardie)

## News in brief...

### Service wins praise

A NAPIER Street resident writes:

*'I would like to express my appreciation for the care and effort made by the staff member of Council who repaired the reticulation on our front verge following the laying of the water pipe. Cottesloe Council and the ratepayers are very fortunate to have such a person who cares, and takes a real interest in making Cottesloe such a great place to live in.'*

Paul Robinson is the employee who did such a good job for this resident. In general, organisations only hear from their clients when things go wrong – so thank you, it's really gratifying for Paul, and all his colleagues, to have this positive feedback!

### Food handler help available

WELL done – the 20 staff and volunteers of The Aged Persons Support Service (TAPSS) and Wearne Hostel who took advantage of Cottesloe's free food handler training in June.

Town environmental health officer Donna Branson presented the Australian Food Safety Essentials video, which covers safe food handling, personal hygiene, cleaning and sanitizing and temperature control. Similar sessions can be arranged for owners or managers of food businesses in the Town. For details, please call Indrajai on 9285 5053.

### Meetings

NEXT Council meeting – Monday July 24, at 7pm.

Committees:

Works and Corporate Services – July 18, 7pm.

Development Services – July 17, 6pm.

Planning applications for SEPTEMBER close on AUGUST 2.

### Senior Smart 2006

DO you want – to be healthier and have more energy? to develop a super memory? to learn all about natural super-foods? to detoxify your home and save money? to make new friends and enjoy life more? Would you like to live to 140!

To go beyond 'just wishing', there's Senior Smart, a nine-week holistic healthy-ageing program that delivers honest, scientific information on a range of pertinent health topics in clear, down-to-earth terms. Designed by the presenters (researchers Jason Fox and Associate Professor Peter Dingle of Murdoch University) Senior Smart incorporates proven behaviour change strategies to help people achieve their goals.

Full details of Senior Smart are available from Carolyn Ryder (9285 5016) at the Civic Centre. The weekly course begins in Cottesloe on July 24, running from 10am to noon. Cost for nine sessions is just \$50.