



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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News in brief...

Service wins praise – again

A RESIDENT of Marmion Street writes:

To the Cottesloe Council depot staff: "Thanking you very much for removing the graffiti from our limestone wall on Clarendon St. You did a great job and we really appreciate it."

As mentioned last month, it's heartening for staff to receive praise for work well done. The operator concerned this time was Bruce Redfern.

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting – Monday August 28, at 7pm.

Committees:
Works and Corporate Services – August 22, 7pm.

Development Services – August 21, 6pm.

Planning applications for OCTOBER close on AUGUST 30.

Supporting Tourism WA

FEES for movie and stills shoots in Cottesloe by Tourism WA will be waived in the coming year. However, the Council has also requested any assistance Tourism WA can provide in highlighting to State Government the financial burden that Cottesloe Beach represents to a small local community.

Pesky rabbits

THE current rabbit control programme in South Cottesloe will continue and officers will continue seeking improved methods and funding.

BUDGET INVESTS IN TOWN

SIGNIFICANT capital works beginning this year include the National Water Initiative (jointly funded by the federal government), road rehabilitation and improvements.

Proceeds from the sale of land in Lyons Street, made available by new drainage works, will be used to offset the Water Initiative project and the Town will spend \$629,000 on it each year for the next four years.

Many roads are scheduled for rehabilitation and several new roundabouts are being constructed. In all, Cottesloe has planned to spend more than \$1 million on these projects. Another \$500,000 will be spent on community amenity improvement programmes.

'No Minister' says Cottesloe

COTTESLOE Council has reaffirmed its opposition to forced amalgamation of local authorities in the Western Suburbs.

Although the State Government's Minister for Local Government has said there will be no forced amalgamation, the Council was advised that its formal opposition should be explained. (Silence on the matter might have been considered tacit endorsement of the Local Government Advisory Board recommendations that amalgamation was desirable.)

Council also advised the Minister that the LGAB report fails to make an objective assessment of current poll provisions, and is therefore open to criticism.

Software

Ratepayers will benefit from extra services provided by a new computer software package this year.

It will be possible to pay rates, infringements and other debts on-line. Also, home owners and their approved agents will have on-line access to track progress of building and planning applications. These time-saving features will be widely publicised as they become available.

Summary

Cottesloe's total income

for the year is budgeted at \$6,706,881. Rates amount to \$5,050,155, or 75.2% of the total.

Main spending areas are:

Transport – \$2,181,949 (31.7% of budget)

Community Amenities \$1,717,585 (25.0% of budget)

Recreation & Culture – \$1,560,015 (22.7% of budget)

Administration – \$614,325 (8.9% of budget)

Full details of the 2006/2007 budget are available on the Council website www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au

COTTESLOE GARDENS COMPETITION Where is your favourite?



Local Year 1 schoolchildren from North Cottesloe Primary worked hard at their planting on National Tree Day (July 28).

DO you live in Cottesloe and have a great garden? Or do you know another, perhaps one you walk by, that enchants you? Then the Town wants to hear about it.

"Since adapting our policy to encourage verge gardens, it's really heartening to see some terrific landscapes springing up" said Town engineer Geoff Trigg.

Competition

"Cottesloe's annual gardens competition acknowled-

edges some of the wonderful places that inspire the Cottesloe community and add beauty to everyday life here. But it's not limited to residential front gardens.

The competition also includes verges, business premises, school gardens, streetscapes and parks, of any style or size."

How to take part

There are great prizes on offer, including mulch, soil conditioner, garden tools, garden décor and plant vouchers. Nomination forms will be delivered to all residents in the first days of spring, and are also available on the Cottesloe website. Please drop completed entries into reception at the Civic Centre.

Keeping ants out of your home

BEFORE the next bout of warm weather causes a fresh onslaught of this nuisance, here are some tips from the Council's EHOs on how to keep them out of your home.

Ants can be expected in most gardens and under paths. Unfortunately they can also get into homes, and are often found in bathrooms, kitchens and other areas where they scavenge for food.

Different types

Species have different nesting and feeding habits, but the Coastal brown ant is most common in the Cottesloe area. They are a uniform dark, shiny brown colour, about 2-2.5mm long. (Some worker ants are longer, with enlarged heads.) They prefer to eat protein such as meats and fats; and have no smell when crushed.

Remedy

Keeping your home and outdoor areas free of food particles is the most effective, non-chemical, way to control these ants. Also, try to keep gardens free of sap sucking insect pests such as aphids, that attract ants. Pouring used coffee grounds, mixed with water, around the perimeter may prevent ants from entering the home. Pour boiling water into nests, or mix equal parts of borax and ani-

mal fat and place the mixture along ant trails.

Chemical

The most effective chemical control is Amdro, available at hardware stores. Use in accordance with the directions: but for maximum benefit it's best if several neighbours treat properties together. Remember – all chemicals must be used carefully. They are dangerous if swallowed by humans and animals and are harmful to the environment.



Future heritage? Centrefold, the sculpture purchased by the Town this year from local sculptor Derek Grey-Smith is installed on Marine Parade.

Heritage Help

New service shows how old and new can mix

HOW do you preserve the valuable heritage character of your home while adding the advantages of modern living? It's a dilemma for owners of such properties, and can be perplexing for anyone considering buying a heritage property.

But... balancing heritage and modern design has become a whole lot easier in Cottesloe. Council has begun a new, free, heritage service for the Town.

Heritage specialist architect Sue Hunt will visit homes and advise owners on ways to make improvements and additions while preserving the essential streetscape aspect of their home. She is also available to advise prospective buyers of Cottesloe properties.

"For instance, someone might want to make a modern addition at the rear of a house that has heritage value," said Town planner Andrew Jackson.

"This service will explain how that can be done. In other words, heritage properties are not untouchable. In some instances it's even possible that planning limits could be amended so that owners' improvements stay true to the original styling of the building."

6 months funding

The Heritage Council is funding the service for six months. After that, Cottesloe will assess whether the Town should continue with it. Presently, Sue Hunt is available just one day a week, and residents should contact the planning department to arrange to see her.