



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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Bright new signs for the Cott Cat. The service, subsidised by the Town, provides a free, 15-minute service between the railway station and Marine Parade.

News in brief...

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting – February 28, at 7pm.

Committees:

Works and Corporate Services – February 22, 7pm.

Development Services – February 21, 6pm.

Planning applications for MARCH close on FEBRUARY 2.

Laneways Policy adopted

PUBLIC submissions on Cottesloe's proposed Rights of Way and Laneways Policy were considered and used to amend the policy adopted at the December Council meeting. A notable change to the draft's point 6 includes a provision to discourage pedestrians and motorists from using laneways as de facto streets and footpaths, or using laneways as short cuts.

GREEN WASTE REMINDER

IF YOU live in AREA 2 – please put out your waste on January 15/16 for collection – January 17 on.

If you live in AREA 3 – please put out your waste on January 22/23 for collection – January 24 on.

(Area 1 January collections have been completed.)

Better roads from State surplus

STATE government's re-allocation of \$23.4m from its large budget surplus to road funds will bring several projects to life in Cottesloe.

Main Roads WA (MRWA) has offered \$172,000 to improve Railway Street (Grant to Parry) and Curtin Avenue (southern boundary to Victoria Street). Cottesloe has to contribute \$1 for every \$2 of the grants and Council has agreed that \$86,000 saved over the past two years can be spent on the road works.

The Railway Street plans had previously been rejected

by MRWA; Curtin Avenue was approved, but for the 2005/06 year.

Bringing both projects into the current, 2004/05, year also means that MRWA can reconsider other work for 05/06. In Cottesloe it could mean sections of Marine Parade and Broome Street might get the nod.

LG action

Local governments state-wide have protested at reduction of grants for the past two years, most recently through the WALGA 'Outrage' campaign. Well aware of the concern, Planning and Infrastructure minister Alannah MacTier has been successful in persuading a 'return' of \$23.4m to its original road-funding allocation. The funds become available on June 30, 2005.

KEEP COTTESLOE GREEN...

A FIVE-YEAR plan for the Town's reticulation was passed in December, with Councillors taking a firm stand on 'greening' Cottesloe. It was generally agreed that Eric Street, as an entrance to Cottesloe, must be kept green.

At the same time they said that the Broome Street verge should not be changed just to cater for car-parking by people visiting the Civic Centre or the Town's hotels.

SAFER CYCLING SCHEME



News was finalised (December 2004) the Town's sustainable development officer Carolyn Ryder said:

"We have high hopes of securing one of the buses for our Cott Cat service. If used here it would give the hydrogen fuel-cell concept very high profile right through the summer and give passengers a glimpse of the kind of technology that could save the environment of major cities all over the world."

CYCLISTS travelling through Cottesloe and crossing the railway will have an easier and safer ride after almost \$30,000 of improvements, along Marine Parade, Jarrad and Grant Streets.

A State grant of \$13,800 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Council in response to complaints to the Travelsmart officer and her suggestions for improvements.

Overhang

Cars in No. 1 car park tend to overhang the pedestrian/bike path on the ocean side. It will be widened by 0.7m and given a painted centre-line. Grant street will also be line-marked, and improved with a widened path, and pram ramps to create cycle paths on the existing road surface.

Combined with two new roundabouts on Grant Street and an improved intersection with Curtin Avenue, it's anticipated that cyclists' safer use of the streets will increase considerably.

Jarrad

The path on north side of Jarrad Street will be improved, continuing across the railway, Railway Street and finishing at Stirling Highway. Bicycle parking rails will be installed on the pavement in front of the Boatshed, on Jarrad Street.

Town needs more office space

HERITAGE architects will be asked to plan ways of expanding office space at the Civic Centre.

Although the building is extensive, room for Town staff is cramped and customer service compromised by lack of available space.

Part of the Centre is leased to Mustard Catering, bringing around \$40,000 per annum income to the Town. The function rooms and grounds are used regularly for community and private functions.

Although Council considered ending the caterers' lease and using their area for Town staff, it was decided that better solutions might be possible.

Staying put

"Council is committed to retaining the Civic Centre for its administration," said CEO Steve Tindale.

"At the same time, the community needs to be better served and our staff need accommodation where they can work efficiently.

"Council decided that potential additions to the Centre might be the best way to achieve this, and we now require expert recommendations before deciding how to progress."

Talk to the Trees...



TOWN policy for street trees has been laid out in a document which is now available for public comment.

The draft is based on an extensive survey of 1999 and includes 21 'commitments'. These include items such as:

■ 'recognition of Norfolk Island pines as a symbol of Cottesloe that should be preserved'; and

■ an endeavour to have at least one street tree 'at each property frontage, to enrich the physical and

aesthetic quality of streetscapes'.

Many important aspects of tree management, planting and maintenance are also included and will interest anyone with even the slightest interest in preserving the character of Cottesloe.

Council will consider the new policy at the February 28 meeting, and asks for

public submissions by Friday, February 4, 2005.

Cottesloe also intends implementing a five-year plan for development of the Town's street trees.

Consultation

You can access the draft policy at the Council website, and in person at the Civic Centre and town library.

NYE: Police had 'no glass' power

COUNCIL gave WA Police extra powers, under a Local Law, to keep glass off Cottesloe beach on New Year's Eve.

Each year the Town, the Police and local hoteliers have worked to improve NYE revellers' behaviour. On the beachfront the No. 1 car park is closed; a first-aid station, portable toilets and SULO garbage bins installed. In 2004 a large-scale

event was scheduled at the Civic Centre, and a similar party was organised this year for 2,500 people.

Safety

Despite all efforts broken glass on the beach remains a problem, on the night and for beach users on following

days. The annual clean-up has also become a large drain of Town resources.

Under the Local Government Property Law Cottesloe gave Police more specific powers to deal with possession of alcohol on the reserve area.