



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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News in brief...

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting - March 29, at 7pm.
Committees:
Works and Corporate Services - March 22, 7pm.
Development Services - March 21, 6pm.
Planning applications for MAY close on MARCH 30.

Last month at Council...

■ **Thanking the three residents who commented on it, Councillors adopted the proposed Street Tree policy without any change.**

■ **Pruning of seven large sugar gums on Napier Street will remove deadwood and improve pedestrian safety. Bird nesting holes will be retained where feasible.**

■ **Year one of a five-year Playground Improvement Programme will be assessed in the draft 2005/06 budget.**

■ **A \$8,150 grant from the Minister for Community Safety from the 'Designing Out Crime - Tackling Graffiti Vandalism Fund 2004/05' was accepted. Cottesloe will meet 50 per cent matching requirements with \$4,150 from the current budget.**

■ **Staff will confirm cost estimates and Councillors will consider funding for a feasibility study for the proposed beach pool in the 2005/06 budget.**

■ **It was decided not to proceed with a referendum on whether electors wish to allow new buildings on Marine Parade to exceed 12 metres in height. A 12m limit is already in place.**

TWILIGHT CONCERTS

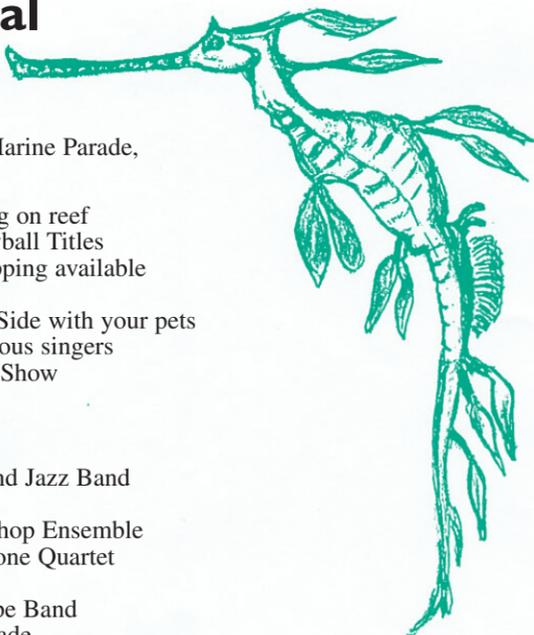
FINAL offering in our short season of our free, Civic Centre Concerts is tomorrow, Sunday March 13 - when the ever-popular Royal Australian Navy Band (WA Detachment) performs from 6-8pm.

Seadragon Festival

Sunday March 13, 10am-3pm, Marine Parade

Most events begin and are centred on Marine Parade, between surf club and the Indiana.

7.30am	Guided Snorkelling on reef
7.30am	State Beach Volleyball Titles
8am-12 noon	\$25 pet micro chipping available
9am	Surf Club trials
9.15	Walk on the Wild Side with your pets
10.15	Yowarlly Indigenous singers
10.45	Hey Presto Magic Show
11am - 2pm	Street Theatre
11.15	Stunt Bikes Demo
12 noon	Think Pink!
12.30	St Hilda's Dixieland Jazz Band
1pm	Angling Tips
1.30	St Hilda's Barbershop Ensemble
1.50	St Hilda's Saxophone Quartet
2pm	Stunt Bikes Demo
2.30	Scotch College Pipe Band
3pm	Seadragon Art Parade



How we will consult you

FULL details of Cottesloe's Community Consultation Policy, adopted last month, are also available at the Council. Councillors have also asked staff to report on the possibility of a secure, website-based voting mechanism that could be used to gauge electors' views on contentious issues.

DEPENDANT DWELLINGS PASSED

DEVELOPMENT of eight units for aged or dependant people at 24 Princes Street has won Council approval. Councillors debated the proposal in light of conflicting arguments about suitability of the site, in a residential area, for special development.

An original Planning Committee recommendation to reject the application was debated and denied by the full Council, which went on to allow the eight-unit development but with a range of planning conditions.

These include retention of trees, provisions for stormwater run-off from roofed areas, front boundary fencing to the site being of an "open aspect" design, and a comprehensive landscaping and reticulation plan.

Occupants

At least one occupant of each dwelling must be a disabled or physically dependent person, or aged over 55, or be the surviving spouse of such a person.

Design, art, development: Your comments, please

YOUR views are needed this month on three Council plans. In each case, full information is available from the usual sources - the Council website, offices and library. Submissions should reach the Town by April 4.

Design Advisory Panel

In December 2004 Cottesloe Council called for a report on the way the Design Advisory Panel (and similar advisory committees) operates. This was in response to some community unrest over beachfront development and the involvement of the panel.

For the purposes of continuity, Council has adopted the Design Advisory Panel policy on an interim basis. But it now seeks public submissions on that interim policy.

Acquisition of Artworks

\$20,000 in the current Cottesloe budget to acquire artworks of long-term cultural value to the community. Details - including management of the collection, a selection panel, as well as its principles and objectives - are shown in a draft policy now available for public comments.

Station Street sump

Potential development of the Station Street sump (behind the BP station on Stirling Highway) has brought expressions of interest from several land developers and consultants.

Councillors believe there may be a feeling of uncertainty over what the community wants for the site. Therefore they have called for community input before any further work is carried out.

Safety action by Council

On the roads....

Consider Our Kids' stickers available, free, for residents and ratepayers' rubbish bins.

* Black on yellow metal signs - 'Reminder - 50kmh Zone' - will be tried out at locations known for speeding vehicles on Broome, Railway, Eric and North Streets.

* A new electronic Speed Advisory Sign trailer for use throughout the Town (cost \$18,000) will be purchased if funding allows.

BLACKSPOTS

IF State and Federal Ministers approve grants for the treatment of crash blackspots on Jarrad Street,

the Railway Street/Eric Street, and Curtin Avenue/Marine Parade intersections Cottesloe will accept the grants and include these works in the draft 2005/06 budget program.

SUMPS

INSTALLATION work on a 450mm diameter pipeline in Eric Street to divert water from Lot 14 (No. 103) Eric Street to Railway Street will begin in June.

It's the beginning of the project to provide 30 soak pits in the Lyons Street drainage catchment and sell Lot 8 (No. 45) Lyons Street

and Lot 14 (No. 103) Eric Street.

The Town of Mosman Park will be paid \$195,500 for the pipeline installation. Surplus funds from sump sales will be held in the existing 'Area Improvement' Reserve Account for infrastructure installation and upgrading.

FIVE-YEAR PLANS

COUNCIL has also adopted Five-Year Plans for a Local Road Rehabilitation Programme, a Footpath Replacement Programme, and Drainage Improvement Program. Year one of each programme will be considered as part of the draft 2005/2006 budget.



Stunning art like this - Kevin Draper's 'Intersection' will complement Cottesloe Beach from 17 - 28 March when the Town hosts Sculpture by the Sea, Cottesloe 2005. The free exhibition showcases some 40 works by leading WA, other Australian and international sculptors. The prestigious \$10,000 Allens Arthur Robinson Sculpture Scholarship will go to a West Australian sculptor to further their career. Free travel from station to beach has been arranged for the first weekend aboard Perth's three hydrogen fuel-cell buses, and later on diesel alternatives, meeting every train from 8am-7pm.

Want to be involved? Volunteers for management and production should call Katy Coote on 9384 3885 from Monday 14 March.

Grant for Town Centre study

A \$20,000 Network City grant, matched with another \$20,000 by Cottesloe, will be used to study how we can enhance and preserve the Napoleon Street centre, and improve links to the rest of Cottesloe.

Cottesloe's new Town Planner, Andrew Jackson, explains:

"Our Town centre re-vitalisation project is a joint initiative with State government, through the Western Australian Planning Commission.

"Network City co-funds such projects as part of the strategic planning for the growth of Perth."

The initiative is timely, as Cottesloe is currently making a study of parking requirements, and needs to reflect development of the Town centre in its new town planning scheme.

Consultants will begin the study this year. Essential to the project is involvement and consultation of stakeholders and the community.

"The recent facelift of The Grove shopping centre (now called Cottesloe Central) is an example of the opportunities to be explored in enhancing traditional Town Centre focused on Napoleon Street," said Andrew.