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COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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Support for smoking ban on beaches

COTTESLOE Council supports a permanent ban on all the Town's beaches, in the interests of better community health and amenity. At present there is no simple mechanism allowing the Council to simply ban smoking on beaches.

To implement such action it would be necessary to amend Cottesloe's Property Local Law. This is due for review and such an amendment would include advertising and a call for public comments and objections.

If endorsed, the amended Local Law would enable a smoking ban for the 2015/2016 summer season. Cr Sally Pyvis told last month's Council meeting of the health hazards caused by discarded cigarette butts, passive smoking, and influence on children.

Despite a general decrease in smoking, more than 250,000 Western Australians still do so, she said.

Sydney

Ten Sydney beaches are now smoke-free; prior to this an environmental group collected more than 110,000 butts in 18 months; and 2,500 in one 30-minute clean-up.

Cr Pyvis acknowledged that a smoking ban would be difficult to enforce and envisaged a signed education campaign to advise of the ban and encourage non-smoking.

Anzac fly-past



THIS year's Anzac Day service, on Saturday April 25, will be marked with a triple fly-past.

Numbers attending the annual service have grown continually, and in this centenary year the Cottesloe RSL organisers anticipate even greater attendance, and will use the Civic Centre main lawn, where seating will be arranged. Everyone is welcome, including children.

Please assemble at the southern gate, opposite Loma Street, from 6.45am.

As well as the fly-past by three aircraft, the service will include flag-raising, wreath-laying, prayers, brief speeches and the Last Post.

People are encouraged to lay wreaths, flowers or a rosemary sprig. Light refreshments will follow the service.

Carbon Neutral: 294-tonnes to go

IN June 2011 Cottesloe's 'carbon footprint' was assessed at 806 tonnes. The latest inventory shows that cut down to 294 tonnes. Now the Council is considering how to eliminate it all, and achieve carbon neutrality.

Many initiatives over the past four years have reduced the Town's CO₂ output.

The biggest sector is purchased electricity, and this has been cut with solar panels at the Civic Centre.

Next comes petrol use, by the Town work-fleet, and private vehicles; and actual fuel consumption is down by 10-tonnes in the past year.

Other primary emissions are due to electricity purchased from Western Power for street-lighting, over which Cottesloe has no authority; and waste sent to landfill.

Smaller steps

As the carbon footprint shrinks, opportunities for stepping on also diminish.

One possibility is buying carbon offsets.

This means investing in

projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions – or sequester carbon from the atmosphere. Such savings could balance the final, remaining emissions that Cottesloe produces.

In noting the completion of the latest inventory, the Council has also moved to develop offset purchasing guidelines during 2015.

The Carbon Inventory report is available at the Town website.

News in Brief ...

Town Plan amendment

AFTER local advertising and consideration of submissions Cottesloe has amended the Local Planning Scheme 3 regarding maximum building and wall height prescription in single-storey developments. The change has been presented to the WAPC and minister for final State approval.

Business Plan adopted

COUNCILS are required by the State's 'integrated planning and reporting framework' to form a Corporate Business Plan. Cottesloe began working on this in 2013, after adoption of its Strategic Community Plan.

Development was slowed as resources were diverted to investigate potential impact of the State's local government merger plans. With rejection of this by the Minister, Cottesloe has moved swiftly to finalise the Corporate Business Plan.

No overall objections were raised, and many of the high-quality suggestions have resulted in updates to the plan, which was adopted last month. Council thanked the many residents who made submissions.

Whalebone Classic

ISOLATORS Reef on July 10-12 (Friday-Saturday) is the place to see long-boards in action, for the 18th successive year. The Council is supporting the event, by waiving event fees.

• Cottesloe also waived fees for the March 28 Surf Life-Saving WA and Westpac Helicopter Services Fundraising Event, deeming it a charity event.

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday April 28, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday April 20, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday April 21, 6pm.

Strategic Planning Committee Wednesday May 20, 6pm.

Planning applications:

For June – lodge by May 4, 2014.

New public art installations for Town



THIS year's public artworks purchased by Cottesloe at the Sculpture by the Sea exhibition are Lucky Country, by WA's Norton Flavel; and Sea Anemone by New Zealander Rebecca Rose.

Rebecca's bright-red steel structure attracted swarms of children during the show, and, fittingly, Cottesloe will install it near the Seaview kindergarten, corner of Jarrad and Broome Streets. (Soft-fall ground cover will surround Sea Anemone.)

The spectacular Lucky Country, which 'references the Australian psyche, of the tension between positives and negatives and what we choose to see' will be placed at the corner of Forrest Street and Curtin Avenue.

Photos – Frank Smith

Refurbishment of the Town Centre's Napoleon Street, with new paving, lights and street furniture is nearing completion, and Mayor Jo Dawkins has thanked shoppers and the business community for their patience over recent weeks.



Five-Year Plans update

COTTESLOE organises the major part of its spending through a series of five-year plans, covering roads, laneways, drainage, footpaths, parks and reserves, plant and equipment.

All have been recently reviewed, taking into account projected funds from sale of the depot site. The revised plans have been adopted and year one will form the basis for development of the Town's 2015-2016 budget.

Full details of the five-year projection are avail-

able at the Town offices and online.

In 2015-2016, projected spending on roads is \$495,000. Other projections: laneway upgrades – \$80,000; drainage – \$20,000; footpaths – \$150,000; streetscape – \$485,625; parks and reserves – \$828,000; plant and equipment – \$828,000; building refurbishment – \$1,719,000.

Graffiti cleaning



COTTESLOE offers a free graffiti removal service to residents and businesses, when graffiti borders Council property and/or is visible from any public place. For details, please call the Town offices or email council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au

