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Council acquires Sculpture by the Sea exhibit



Dark Night Shine by Takahiro Hirata is Cottesloe's acquisition from this year's Sculpture by the Sea. The \$58,000 stainless steel sculpture is already installed at the entrance to Napoleon Street.

This is a very popular choice with wonderful positive community enthusiasm for the 2014 acquisition.

News in Brief ...

Two beach wheelchairs for Cottesloe Beach

COTTESLOE has once more supported an initiative by the Town's Disability Services Committee to create easier beach access for people with disabilities.

Two special wheelchairs will be provided at a total cost of \$10,000. One of these, with large pneumatic tyres, is designed for easier movement on sand.

The other uses a paddle-wheel system and allows users to be taken into the ocean, to swim from the chair.

Town staff will arrange a system of storage, booking and management of the chairs, which are likely to be located near the main beach pavilion.

Cottesloe has been active in improving universal beach access, installing appropriate paths at North Cottesloe and Cottesloe beaches.

North Cottesloe already has beach wheelchairs available for people who need one to reach the ocean.

Whalebone Classic extends to three days

THE Whalebone Classic surfing longboard meeting is a Cottesloe staple that will launch for a seventeenth time next July (Friday 11/Sunday 13).

For the first time the Isolators Reef meeting will take place over three days, so organisers can invite riders from the international circuit.

Around 130 competitors are expected. As in the past, any profits from the weekend are donated to Surf Aid International and other not-for-profit organisations.

Organisers of the Whalebone Classic are Peter Dunn and Simone Quartermaine, of Fun's Back Surf Cottesloe, with support of the Cottesloe Longboard Club.

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday May 5, at 7pm. Due to the Easter break.

Development Services Monday April 28, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday April 29, 6pm.

Planning applications: For June – lodge by May 14, 2014.

Sea View needs repairs

CONCRETE repairs to the Sea View golf clubhouse, costed at almost \$60,000, will be made on a cost-sharing basis between Cottesloe and the club.

Faults at the building were discovered when it was assessed for planned improvements, which will be pre-funded by the Town and the club's current loan from the Town will be extended for the club to pay back its share over time.

Cottesloe will not be submitting an Amalgamation proposal to LGAB

COTTESLOE Council's motion for a five-part merger with Claremont, Mosman Park, Nedlands and Peppermint Grove, which was agreed at its February 24 meeting, has been countermanded.

This was done with a rescission motion at the March 24 Council meeting, and followed community concern which resulted in a public Meeting of Electors two days later.

All Council members attended the Electors Meeting, which drew around 150 residents and other interested individuals.

Motions

Three motions were passed at the meeting. They are:

- That Council hold a referendum of all residents with the question 'Do you want Cottesloe to remain an independent Council?';
- That Cottesloe Council

remains an independent Council; and

• That Cottesloe Council request a meeting of WESROC to consider joint legal action in relation to the Minister's Reform Agenda.

Motions passed at an Electors Meeting are not binding on the Town Council, but they must be considered by the Council at its next meeting.

Opening the meeting, Mayor Jo Dawkins said it provided the opportunity to talk through the very important issue of local Government Reform.

Cottesloe had voted for the G5 council because it would be preferable to the G7 proposal by WA's Local Government Minister, she said.

"The State Government has handled the whole amalgamation debate poorly. It has been a moving feast dragged out over a

long period of time, which has created uncertainty, anger and a lack of understanding of the process.

"There has been no cost analysis; no financial or social benefits have been given. It leaves most of us wondering – why?"

The Mayor explained that the February motion for a G5 was not a 'trick' but an attempt to meet the March 13 deadline for submissions to the Local Government Advisory Board.

"Whilst remaining independent has always been preferable the Minister is committed to the reform process. G5 was considered a viable alternative for Cottesloe, rather than have no say, be excluded from the decision making process – and be landed with a G7.

"We discussed this with the Towns of Cambridge and Mosman Park, which had independently come to



the same conclusion – that a G5 was the best outcome that would be acceptable to both Cottesloe residents and to the LGAB.

"After residents' reaction to the G5 concept I realised that the community was not with us. I take full responsibility for that – and the Council has now rescinded the February motion."

ANZAC Day is for young and old



THE RSL WA Cottesloe Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Service to remember those Australians who served and those who lost their lives at war will be held on Friday, 25 April 2014, beginning at 6.45am, at the Cottesloe

Civic Centre and War Memorial Town Hall.

All are welcome to attend and should gather at the South Gate (opposite Loma Street), Cottesloe Civic Centre, 109 Broome Street, Cottesloe no later than 6.45am.

There will be a parade and flag-raising, wreath laying, prayers, readings and the Last Post will be played. People are encouraged to lay wreaths or flowers at the service.

Light refreshments will be served after the service.



Public invited to Beach Pool talk

DUE to past publicity and public discussion of a beach pool concept for Cottesloe's beachfront, the Council has agreed to receive a presentation from Professor Jorg Imberger, of UWA's Centre for Water Research.

It takes place in the Civic Centre War Memorial Hall, on Thursday May 1, 5-6pm.

If you would like to attend, please phone the Town admin office (9285 5000) to register.



GO NATIVE IN YOUR OWN GARDEN

THE ever-popular Native Plant Subsidy Scheme is on again, courtesy of the Town of Cottesloe and the other WESROC councils.

Residents can purchase native plants at a subsidised price of just \$1.50 from APACE Community Nursery, which is at 1 Johannah St, North Fremantle.

The scheme, which is designed to encourage biodiversity and local habitats in the western suburbs, runs from May 1 to May 30 and residents can buy a total of 80 plants. Remember to take proof of residency when you visit APACE.



Young people will again bring the ICEA (Indigenous Communities Education and Awareness) Classic to Cottesloe this year. With around 70 surfers competing and thousands of spectators expected, the Cove (near Mudurup Rocks) will be a lively spot on Saturday September 13 (5.30am to 6.30pm). ICEA's aims include promotion of mutual community respect and raising awareness of indigenous cultures.