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# COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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## Revamping Vlamingh

**DUTCH** sea captain Willem de Vlamingh landed on Rottnest in December 1696 and early the next year first set foot on mainland Australia. Precisely where is still debated, but it was probably near Cottesloe Beach.

His memorial stands at the southern end of Cottesloe. The Council is now considering its improvement and intends to allocate \$8,000 for a redesign in the 2013/14 budget.

Suggestions received include one from Cottesloe Coastcare for substantial changes to the site, including removal of paving and concrete, and their replacement with a timber platform, and more planting.

Another proposal is for retention of existing elements with a plaque and map.

Vlamingh's original voyage was a rescue mission, ultimately unsuccessful, to look for survivors of the Ridderschap van Holland that had gone missing two years earlier.



## New homes planned for old Depot

**SALE** of Cottesloe's Nailsworth Street depot site, with an approved for sub-division plan, is anticipated during this winter. A sub-division application is being forwarded to the WA Planning Commission and Town staff are preparing to seek expressions of interest prior to a formal tendering process.

Cottesloe is selling the redundant depot site to create residential housing lots, and provide substantial funds for re-investment in the Town, including improvements at the foreshore (with new change room and toilets) and in the Town Centre.

### Consultation

The sub-division design, which includes a small central park and about 12 housing lots, will be loaded onto the Town's website once the subdivision application is finalised and lodged.

Residents in the immediate locality have been involved in the process. At an April forum, they discussed overall design, traffic implications, site-fill and house construction, and development guide-

lines – as well as the overall strategy and timetable for disposal of the site. The revised design, showing a proposed new access road and laneway, was agreed at the residents' forum.

Cottesloe's development



committee also discussed many aspects, including parking and garaging, any need for footpaths, retention of significant trees and the new street and existing lanes.

They took particular ac-

count of residents' traffic concerns, and the Council has instructed staff to examine the situation in Nailsworth and Clarendon Streets, to investigate appropriate traffic management.

**METERED** electricity consumption at the Civic Centre dropped by 23 per cent in February cutting the Town's power bill by \$1500 dollars, month on month. The savings are due to these solar panels, installed at the end of 2012, almost out of sight from most aspects, on the north-facing roof of the centre.

### Carbon neutral

In February 2010 the Council committed to become carbon neutral by 2015.



The first step was to measure the Town's greenhouse gas footprint, and part of the next step – developing a reduction plan – was recommending 79 solar panels at the Civic Centre.

The building is the Town's largest user of electricity and it was estimated that a 15kW system would cut use by around a quarter. Comparison with the month of February last year shows the panels are close to target, and as electricity costs have increased in the past year, notable savings have also been made.

## News in Brief ...

### Muffling the Beach Club

**THE** CBH (Cottesloe Beach Hotel) is to engage an acoustic engineer to monitor noise levels and report them to the Town after work is completed on the Beach Club, its outdoor dining area.

Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations are required to be met, to the satisfaction of Cottesloe's manager of development services.

Cottesloe raised concerns at noise levels following complaints from neighbours near the rear dining and bar area. The Town has approved the planned remedial work, which includes acoustic-lined roofing, aluminium frame clear-glazing over an existing brick fence, infill to gates, and a variety of other sound-absorbing panels and treatments.



### Big crowd for ANZAC Day

**ECHOING** increased attendances around the nation, RSL WA Cottesloe Sub-Branch's ANZAC Day commemoration to remember those Australians who served and those who lost their lives at war drew around 300 people to the parade and service this year.

### Meetings at Civic Centre

**NEXT** Council meeting Monday May 27, at 7pm.  
Development Services Monday May 20, 6pm.  
Works and Corporate Services Tuesday May 21, 7pm.  
Strategic Planning Committee Wednesday May 22, 7pm.  
Planning applications:  
For July – lodge by June 3, 2013.

## Station St car park is underway

**CONSTRUCTION** of the new Station Street car park is well under way with drainage works to ensure the area continues to serve as a sump while 49 car park bays are installed at street level.

Massive catchment tanks – seen forefront of picture – supplement the drainage channels that underlay the car park. The sump takes run-off rainwater from Stirling Highway and the surrounding streets and the new system is designed to cope even with once-in-a-lifetime storms.

The tanks are essential to such an occurrence, holding and slowing the flow to prevent it washing away groundworks.

### Parking

Design and layout of the car park, which should be open in approximately two months time, can be seen on the Council website.



Views of the local community have been taken into account in finalising the design, particularly regarding access to the site and rear laneway.

### Working with water

Cottesloe has a fine record of water conservation with several sumps created to eliminate ocean

outfalls. The Station Street sump will also continue to deliver all water from the catchment back into the water table.

In 2006 Cottesloe joined the ICLEI Water Campaign, recognising that changing climate and decreasing rainfall were likely threats. After many

water-saving actions the Town has now achieved all five Campaign Milestones.

### Please help!

Everyone can play a part in water conservation, and residents are reminded to please limit their own garden water use now the weather has cooled.

**THERE'S** still time for you to take advantage of the Local Native Plant subsidy scheme. 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 Street, North Fremantle, and open 8am-3pm weekdays, 9am-noon Saturdays

The scheme, which is designed to encourage biodiversity and local habitats in the western suburbs, is on until May 25. Residents can buy a total of 80 plants – so take advantage of the cooler weather and transform your garden, or verge.

Remember to take proof of residency when you visit APACE.

