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COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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How to save Civic Centre for Cottesloe?

COTTESLOE Civic Centre is possibly one of the most valuable local council assets in WA. Other councils may have bigger, more modern facilities – but they are usually on state reserves.

In Cottesloe, the Town owns the Civic Centre freehold, having bought the land and buildings in 1950, with the support of the Returned Servicemen's League (RSL), who continue to occupy and use a part of the building today.

The land was purchased from the de Bernales family; the old family home was converted for use as a Civic Centre and the grounds opened up for public use.

It remains a very popular function venue, used many times a year for weddings or other significant functions, and is also frequently used by local residents as a place to walk, or to simply sit quietly in one of the many idyllic locations.

Protection

With impending council mergers, the Council is concerned to preserve this



The Civic Centre: the building and grounds are owned freehold by the Town. The Council is determined to retain them for use by local people.

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valuable asset for local people.

In a bigger, merged local council, the Civic Centre could be seen as 'surplus to needs'. It might be sold off.

Even though the centre is on the State Heritage Register, listing by itself does not preclude development, or protect the community use of the site so the Town Council recently sought legal advice and discussed methods of saving the Civic Centre.

As a result, last month's

Council meeting authorised CEO Carl Askew to discuss with the Heritage Council of WA the installation of a 'further memorial on the land, to show that the Civic Centre is permanently entered onto the Heritage List.'

The Council would then enter into a Heritage Agreement to best ensure the site continues to be used for public purposes, its gardens remain open to the public and the local RSL have ongoing access/entitlement to the RSL room.

News in Brief ...

Local Elections in Cottesloe

THE next Election of Cottesloe Councillors is scheduled for Saturday 19th October 2013. Five council seats will be contested – that of the Mayor, and a councillor in each of the four wards.

Nominations open on September 5th and close on September 12th.

Full details are available on the Town website.

Town Budget explained

EVERY household in the Town has received a full-colour pamphlet outlining the Cottesloe 2013/2014 budget. With a modest rate increase of 3.8 per cent, setting the level was no easy task for the Council.

The Council is aware that increased costs across the board are putting pressure on household and business budgets. However, as Mayor Kevin Morgan explained, the Town is also experiencing cost increases.

"We need to maintain the replacement and maintenance schedules of Cottesloe's assets, to avoid rate shocks in future years," he said. "The Town's administration will make every effort to ensure future rate increases are kept to a minimum, by exercising very tight control on all expenses."

If you require a copy of the Budget Newsletter, please contact the Town offices at the Civic Centre.

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday August 26, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday August 19, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday August 20, 7pm.

Strategic Planning Committee Wednesday August 21, 7pm.

Planning applications: For October – lodge by September 16, 2013.

Three bin – 'Yes'

FOLLOWING an overwhelming show of support from residents, Cottesloe Council has endorsed the introduction of a three bin system for residential green waste.

The current budget will be amended to create capital expenditure of \$130,000 for the purchase of necessary infrastructure, with corresponding transfer from the waste management and infrastructure reserves.

8 September – 2nd Avenue Singers & A Capella Go

Four-part harmony: Popular, Musicals & Show tunes

Book: Ph: 0418 943 726 (Michele)

Cottesloe cyclists – have your say!

WE all know that Cottesloe is a great place to ride, but how can we make it easier, safer or more enjoyable?

That's what we'd like to hear from you – residents, commuters and leisure riders alike. We're in the process of reviewing our Local Bike Plan, and your cycling experience is important. Tell us your thoughts; how can we improve your experience?

Let us know of any hazards – or improvements – that you've found in the Town. To make contact easy there is a simple online form on the Council website. If you'd like more information, or don't have access to a computer, please contact the Town on 9285 5000.



Bar for surf club

NORTH Cott SLSC is applying for a licence allowing alcohol sales to members and guests and has the support of Cottesloe Council. A low-key operation is projected, noon-midnight from Monday to Friday, 11am-midnight on Saturday, and 11am-10pm on Sunday. The bar will not operate on Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, Good Friday or Anzac Day.

NCSLSC has operated for many years without a Club Licence, and only applied for occasional licensed events. The club now wants to provide bar service in a social setting to members and guests after training or patrol sessions, surf carnivals and for club-related events such as fundraising, or awards.

The premises will not be available for any non-member private functions and will not be a public function centre for commercial gain.

Cottesloe has several sports clubs, including the Cottesloe SLSC, tennis, golf and rugby clubs, which have held liquor licenses for many years.

All of these are understood to operate successfully with few if any complaints.

Nominate an Aussie!

IN 2013 Mike Ewing became our Citizen of the Year; Oliver Angliss was the Young Citizen of the Year, and Perth Studio Potters received Cottesloe's own community group award.

Who will succeed them in the next Australia Day awards?

Help choose, by nominating a local person; a young local (under 25 years old); and/or a community group – or event



Cottesloe's recipients of Australia Day 2013 honours, with the Mayor

of the year – to receive our 2014 Australia Day Awards.

Contact the Town's community development officer, on 9285 5000.

Or you could go directly to the nomination form on the Town's website link – www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au – Events – Cottesloe Annual Events.

Old depot site moves towards re-development

EXPRESSIONS of interest to purchase Cottesloe's old depot site on Nailsworth Street were sought last month, and that part of the disposal process is now completed. Further interest is anticipated once tenders are invited, when prospective purchasers will have the benefit of extra information and subdivision approval.

Obtaining subdivision approval from the State is underway, having been submitted to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) in early June.

The WAPC has 90 days to process and determine the proposal (including a 42 day referral period to utility service authorities).

Responses are currently being received by the WAPC and indications are that the proposal is

supported, subject to relevant conditions.

Design

Design guidelines to supplement the subdivision have been drafted and endorsed in-principle by the Council, with the addition of footpaths for the subdivision, for the purpose of advertising as an intended town planning scheme policy.

These guidelines must be adhered to, and will be an intrinsic part of the final contract of sale between Cottesloe and the successful tenderer/subdivider of the site. The guidelines include treatments of landscaping, an access road, lanes and infrastructure such as lighting, bollards, and more.

Station Street's new car park is open and ready to serve you! A free, two-hour parking limit is in place, supported by the meter-eye system.

Sports events coming to Cott

A RANGE of beach-front events have been booked for 2013/14, beginning this month. Our surf, swim and cycle season opens with:

- The 4th ICEA Classic Event, a youth-run surfing event and cultural day to promote mutual respect and raise awareness of indigenous cultures, is on Saturday, 31 August, 7.30am-5.30pm. Location – car park south of Cottesloe SLSC.
- On Sunday October 20 the Ocean Ride for MS, starting 6am at South Beach, Fremantle and ending at Hillarys Beach, will pass through Marine Parade, raising funds and increasing awareness of Multiple Sclerosis. Last year's event attracted 1400 riders, cyclists from the general public.
- The next weekend, the West Australian Swimming Association is holding the first of its 2013 Open Water Swim events, on Cottesloe Beach, Saturday October 26. More than 300 competitors, SLSC members and supporters are expected. Races cater for a wide range of ages and begin at 8am on, over distances ranging from 1.2km-5km.

Music for your Pleasure

YOUR local winter concert season – Music for Pleasure – continues this weekend. It continues on Sundays through to September 29, from 3pm-5pm in the War Memorial Town Hall at the Civic Centre. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$15 and include afternoon tea.

11 August – 3C Ensemble
Three centuries of classical music for violin, cello and piano.
Book: Ph: 0434 844 362 (David)

18 August – Fremantle Women's Choir & Strike a Chord Choir
Three-part harmony: Jazz, Pop, Musical Theatre, Classics.
Book: Ph: 0418 890 032 (Nancy)

25 August – The Keynotes & Company
Light Opera classics to Musical Comedy.
Book: Ph: 9330 5259 (B. Smith-Gander)

1 September – Rush Hour Big Band – pictured below
All styles from the past 50 years.
Book: Ph: 0451 458 533 (Chris)

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NEW CAR PARK IS OPEN

