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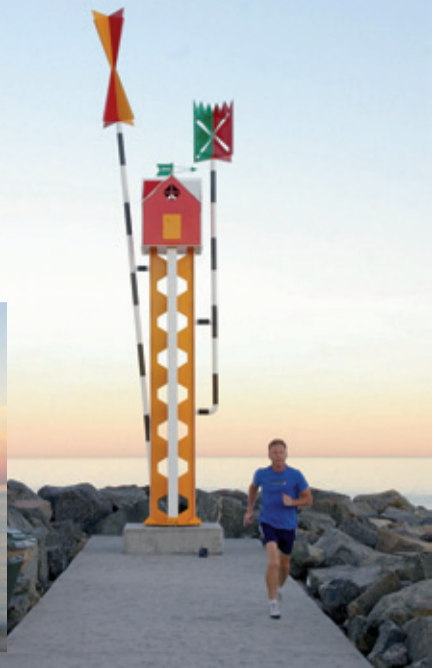
COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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At sunrise, early-morning exercisers enjoy uncluttered views of the outstanding works that comprised this year's Sculptures by the Sea exhibition on Cottesloe Beach.



Crime prevention in Station Street

DESIGNERS of new developments in Station St and the Town centre will be encouraged to incorporate anti-crime features into their plans. While the Council's Station St working group will try to ensure that new street treatments and architecture aid crime prevention, Town officers are also discussing strategies with relevant stakeholders. They will liaise with property and business proprietors, Police, the Office of Crime Prevention and ProCott.

Various methods to protect premises are illustrated in the WA Planning Commission's 'Designing-out Crime' planning guidelines; and the Office of Crime Prevention's 'Community Safety & Crime Prevention' manual.

A report to the February Council meeting details these and acknowledges the need for a balance between making premises physically secure and creating an ambience that can be foreboding, and paradoxically, make the area less safe because it is less welcoming.

Signs for our times

EXCESSIVE and/or redundant signs along the beachfront will be removed in a move towards a more elegant and restrained style suitable to Cottesloe.

A Council audit found 383 signs of various styles along the foreshore, of which 113 are 'candidates for rationalisation'. In some places two or three signs warn of the same hazard - such as 'dune under repair', or duplicate information.

Staff will reduce and consolidate information signs over the next three months, and report further on parking signs, colours of poles and markings on kerbs and at roundabouts.

Surf breaks

At the same time, Council has agreed to further consider the suggestion of a young local resident who wants to make signs for the Town's four popular surf breaks. Evan Ledger will create them with timber recycled from the fence at John Curtin House, and he has designed them to merge with existing environment at the breaks.

MAYORS DEFEND RIGHT TO VOTE

COTTESLOE Mayor Kevin Morgan has united with council leaders of Mosman Park, Claremont and Peppermint Grove in a strident defence of the community's right to determine how they are governed.

Constituents' rights to self-determination are embodied in WA's Local Government Act 1995.

These 'Poll Provisions' are known as the Dadour amendment, after the politician who introduced them. The amendment enshrines the right of local people to vote on any proposed merger of their local government.

Local electors have the right to a poll on any proposed merger of their council provided 250 electors, or 10% of electors (whichever is the lesser) request it.

Law gives electors veto over mergers

Any proposed merger can be vetoed, as long as at least 50% of electors participate in the poll, and more than 50% of them vote against.

Under the title 'COUNCILS FOR DEMOCRACY' Mayor Morgan and his colleagues have called upon the Premier; both the Minister and shadow Minister for Local Government; local MPs; the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel; and WALGA (the WA Local Government Association) 'to forever uphold and not dilute constituents' right to self-determination' as embodied in the Act.

Full details of the initiative, the letters of communi-



Mayor Kevin Morgan

cation, responses from other local councils and the motion passed by Cottesloe Council on February 27 are posted on the Town's website. To view all, open the 'Council' link on the home page, and then the 'Councils for Democracy' link.

Redevelopment Plan is out for viewing

A DETAILED view of the way Cottesloe's foreshore could be redeveloped is on the Council website. Principal features include a realignment of Marine Parade, construction of a beachside promenade and reorganised car parking to replace the large car park no. 1.

Numerous other details are shown on the plan, which can be easily magnified in your viewer.

Cottesloe's CEO Carl Askew explained that the Town will now develop a prospectus to identify what needs to be done, and when, as well as identifying potential sources of funding.

'The Council has adopted the Plan as a framework for

improvement of the beach and foreshore areas,' he said.

'Some aspects are obvious priorities, such as the disabled access ramp and additional change room and toilet facilities. Others will require more detailed planning prior to implementation, such as the raised pedestrian walkway above the dunes.'

Fixing the public space

RESPONDING to Premier Colin Barnett's comments on the Foreshore Re-development, and his aim to impose high rise development on Cottesloe, Mayor Kevin Morgan was quoted (by the Post, March 3):

Who will entertain at Civic Centre?

MUSIC for Pleasure concerts at the Civic Centre are staple winter fare and once more the Council invites musicians and singers to apply, come along and entertain.

The concerts will take place every Sunday afternoon during July and August.

Groups or individual performers are welcome, and should contact Meagan Hodgson, on 9285 5000 for an application form.

reserves, it will also pay for reinstated parking along Napier St adjacent to the tennis club, and for a traffic study at Curtin Avenue and Forrest St. Some minor air-conditioning work will also be done at the Civic Centre and children using the Centre's playground will benefit from reinstatement of a shade sail.

'It's on the beach side of Marine Parade that money needs to be spent, and spent now. Once we've fixed the public open space and rejuvenated the draw-card features, you'll then see crowds and vibrancy and then the private investment to improve ground-floor facilities on the other side of the road.'

In other words, he says, the foreshore and its ambience doesn't depend on high-rise buildings for improvement.

Her email is cdo@cottesloe.wa.gov.au, or you can write to 109 Broome St, Cottesloe. Forms must be returned by May 11, 2012.

5-Year Plans

Ten 5-Year plans were considered and approved in February, covering lane-ways, cycling, footpaths, local roads, main roads, natural areas, plant, playgrounds, buildings, road safety, reticulated areas and groundwater - and the Civic Centre's maintenance and restoration.

Beaches Local Law opens for comment



COTTESLOE has reviewed the Beaches and Beach Reserves Local Law and, as the first step in the review process, agreed to advertise it for public comment before it is considered a second time and adopted. Full details are available on the Council website, together with an important document outlining operational guidelines for rangers applying the proposed rules.

In updating the law, parts of which were written up to 30 years ago, the Town will continue to manage the behaviour of beach users so that everyone can use the area harmoniously.

Submissions on the proposed law close on April 23, 2012.

Budget review brings forward projects in Five-Year Plans

A BUDGET surplus identified in the Council's mid-year review has enabled the Town to advance several projects previously deferred or scheduled for action later in the cycle of five-year plans.

Included is a wheel ramp on the Curtin Ave/Pearse St

footbridge, under the 5-Year Cycling Facilities Plan. (Separately, the Council also moved to form a working group that will review Cottesloe Bike Plan, 2008-2013.)

Parking

While some of the anticipated surplus will go into