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## COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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### Councillors Mount-up

**BIKE Plan Working Group** Councillors will take to the roads – and bike paths – around Cottesloe to review the Town's current plan. Sally Pyvis, Rob Rowell, Greg Boland and Jack Walsh all declared interests – they have bikes! – when offering to save the Town from paying for a consultant's review.

Instead they will risk saddle sores and winter weather to check the most effective way for Cottesloe to allocate its funds.

The 5-year plan, which began in 2008, holds some major concepts in abeyance until potential development of areas such as Curtin Avenue and the beachfront is decided. But smaller works have been financed

to the tune of \$15,000 per annum.

Last month the Council moved that a \$50,000 widening and improvement of the Raia Roberts dual-use path be considered in the 2012/2013 budget. Cottesloe will also continue lobbying for restoration of the principal shared path south of Grant Street.

### Using the Civic Centre

**BEST** use of the iconic Civic Centre is a regular consideration for Councillors and staff. Currently, estimates are being made for refitting and refurbishing the lesser hall and adjoining facilities, which are used by several local groups.

Improved use of the the Caretakers Cottage is also planned, and staff are analysing the range of social and community events held at the Centre and grounds, including fees received, and any noise/ parking problems.



**NEW citizen Zaija Du Prez** knew all the words and led the singing of *Advance Australia Fair* at the Civic Centre citizenship ceremony in May. The ceremony coincided with Pioneers Day (for more pictures, see next month's Cottesloe Council News.)

### Where to spend the pennies?



**CROWDS** drawn to Cottesloe's popular beachfront, especially during summer and major events like *Sculpture by the Sea*, put ever-growing pressure on the existing public toilets near the Indiana and Barchetta.

The Cottesloe Foreshore Redevelopment Plan shows two possible locations for new facilities. The Council will now engage an architect to develop a concept plan for these locations in collaboration with the

Foreshore Working Group; and begin funding negotiations with relevant agencies.

The Town is also surveying suitable locations for toilets south of the Cottesloe groyne.

# ...and then, there were two?

**PREMIER** Colin Barnett would be happy to see just two Western suburbs local councils, he told Cottesloe Councillors last month.

It's unclear how this would sit within the recommendations of his Robson Review, which suggests dividing the population under one, five or, 10 - 12 councils, presumably each of roughly equal electors.

However, a 'G4' group consisting of Cottesloe, Claremont, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove has long been Cottesloe's preferred option.

The Town has stated its G4 position again, in a

## Town tells Robson the people must decide

forceful submission that emphasises that any amalgamation involving Cottesloe must be approved by residents, in keeping with the Local Government Act.

In common with many other councils, Cottesloe is

critical of many of the Robson findings because it offers virtually no evidence to support its findings.

Cottesloe does support the recommendation for a regional approach to some matters such as waste disposal, transport and planning.

# Council takes legal action on Beachfront

**DO** we resign ourselves to this corruption of the planning process or do we shine a spotlight on the tawdry political antics that led to this?

With those words Mayor Kevin Morgan set on course a legal challenge to the validity of the State government's overruling of beachfront height limits in Cottesloe's Local Planning Scheme 3.

At a special meeting last month, the Council:

- expressed disappointment and dissatisfaction at the way the State seems to have made its determination;
- instructed lawyers and officers to instigate action

towards a judicial review of the Minister's decision, particularly in respect of sites allowed to exceed five-storeys;

- asked the Premier and Minister of Planning to enshrine the Government-set heights (or heights set after the legal challenge) so they cannot be increased again in future.

### No hold-up

Cottesloe is also suggesting that the rest of LPS3 could be signed off by the Minister, with the two 'high-rise' sites excised from the plan until the legal challenge is settled – so that progress elsewhere would not be held up.

Cottesloe was due to return the amended LPS3 to the Department of Planning on May 31, but insurmountable errors in the Department's amendments made that impossible.



**The El Lido beachfront site, opposite the Indiana, is one of two where the Town Council opposes the State's decision to allow five storeys.**

### Tree policy takes in all viewpoints

**COTTESLOE** is dealing with the sticky problem of fig trees in Congdon Street by applying its Tree Policy. This states that any proposal to remove or replace multiple street trees requires a consultant's report and public consultation, before being considered by the Council. So the local community will have an opportunity for a say before any decision is made.

### NZ trees

The same policy applies to another application received last month, for removal of three New Zealand Christmas trees from Ozone Parade.

A call for submissions on both applications will be advertised and must be received by Friday 6 July 2012. Full details are also on the Town website.

### Waste Group could grow

**NEDLANDS** Council could join Cottesloe and other partners in the Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC). This is a regional group which manages waste management at the Brockway tip site, including the DiCOM recycling plant.

Cottesloe has endorsed negotiations between Nedlands and WMRC, provided Nedlands makes a financial contribution in keeping with that of the other members. Claremont, Mosman Park, Peppermint Grove and Subiaco are the other partner councils.

DiCom requires 33,000 tonnes of suitable waste for efficient operation. If Nedlands joins, its waste contribution would swell the member councils total DiCOM input to 22,000 tonnes, reducing the amount of commercial waste that WMRC has to attract.

### News in brief...

#### Meetings at Civic Centre

**NEXT** Council meeting Monday June 25, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday June 18, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday June 19, 7pm.

Planning applications: For August – lodge by July 9, 2012.

#### Climate Change recognised

**LOCAL** governments across WA acknowledged the significance of Climate Change on May 15 at the ceremony organised by WA's Local Government Association. Cottesloe Mayor Kevin Morgan signed its Declaration on Climate Change, on behalf of the Town. Cottesloe is already working hard to reduce its impact and is progressing towards Carbon Neutrality by 2015.

#### Standing down!

**AMONG** the provisions of a new Standing Orders Local Law adopted last month is removal of the need for Councillors to stand when addressing the meeting. As far as we know, the new ruling was not met with a standing ovation.

#### Beached

**NO** public submissions were received on Cottesloe's Beach and Beach Reserve Local Law 2012, which has now been adopted. Its purpose is to protect and conserve the beach and reserves, as well as control usage and behaviour.

#### Eyeing up Town Centre



**METEREYE** technology was first introduced in Cottesloe's Town centre in 2008 to improve parking turnover in Napoleon Street. Whist parking in Cottesloe is free, an 'eye' in each bay helps rangers detect drivers overstaying the time limit and reduces the time spent checking parking areas. Their successful use in Napoleon St was followed by further installations in car parks 1 and 2 at the beach.

Improved software means officers are aware of the volume and locations of parked cars, aiding planning and traffic management.

Last month the Council gave the go-ahead for a further 195 MeterEyes in the Town centre, at a cost of \$76,000.

### Volunteers honored by Cottesloe



**ONCE** a year at the Town's Sundowner, we pay special tribute to local volunteers whose selfless service enhances the lives of so many people.

Last month, honored were Paul Foster (left) for Significant Contribution to the business community through Procott and the Hullabaloo Village Festival; and Simon Watters (far left) for Significant Contribution to Cottesloe as co-ordinator of Cottesloe Auskick. Awards for Council service went to retiring Councillors Jo Dawkins, Dan Cunningham and Davina Goldthorpe (pictured, right, with Mayor Kevin Morgan) and Ian Woodhill, Jay Birnbrauer and Patricia Carmichael.

