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## Energy Award – won by Grove



Peppermint Grove CEO Anne McAllister; Mayor Genia McCaffrey, Pres. of Australian LGA; Hon Simon Crean; and Mayor Kevin Morgan.

OUR Grove library is an Energy Smart winner in the National Local Government Awards. In Canberra, Mayor Kevin Morgan received the award on behalf of Cottesloe, Claremont, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove. The presentation was made by the Hon. Mark Dreyfus QC MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, with congratulations from The Hon. Simon Crean MP, Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government.

## G4 uncertain, Mayor warns

REITERATING concerns of forced council amalgamation, on his return from a Canberra conference Mayor Kevin Morgan said that most Mayors from other States that have gone through the process spoke of contact lost between local councils and the community.

“Although the option of G4 has been personally supported by the Premier, I remain concerned that there's no guarantee of Government support for a local, four-council merger.

“And with the Robson Review Final report with

the Minister there's a possibility that Local Government Reform will be forced through by a new Act of Parliament that eliminates Poll Provisions and takes away our right to vote on amalgamation.”

## Council brief on Stirling Hwy

COUNCILLORS and staff held a valuable briefing last month with WA's Department of Planning and Department of Transport to discuss the rationalisation of the Stirling Highway reservation, proposed under Perth's Metropolitan Region Scheme.

Cottesloe is in broad agreement of the need to make better use of the reserve, but in a submission to WAPC says further consideration should be given to:

- future public and private transport needs along other regional roads, especially around the existing bottleneck in Claremont and along Curtin Avenue;

- alternatives to Stirling Highway, as on the railway reserve parallel to the highway, to reduce impact on landowners abutting it;

- development of a system to give greater certainty to these landowners – including a simple and transparent compensation mechanism;

- reviewing whether proposed bus ‘turning pockets’ are long enough to ensure continuous traffic flow, and

if there are adequate access points for turning vehicles after a solid central median is constructed.

Council staff will monitor progress and get ready to deal with planning matters arising around all the land that could be removed from

**COMPLEX discussions over street verge play equipment have swung back and forth recently in the media, council chambers and probably in many homes.**

Cottesloe has heard impassioned pleas from parents and children who want to retain swings and other equipment on verges.

## World-class beachfront wanted

BECAUSE of revisions to Cottesloe's LPS3 (Local Planning Scheme 3) the Town must consider amendments to various policies. In April the Council looked at a preliminary report on the Heritage List for LPS3. At a Councillors' workshop, heritage areas, incentives and other measures were discussed, helping preparation of the list and revision of a draft Heritage Incentives Policy.

Other major policies, such as those covering the Beachfront and Parking, and Liquor Licensed Premises, must also be re-examined.

### On the front

Last month the Council received a staff report outlining the local planning policy and design guidelines framework for LPS3 and



Majestic against the south-Cott skyline, Wuyi by Peter Lundberg is one of two sculptures obtained by Cottesloe at Sculpture by the Sea this year. At the other end of the scale, a miniature - 'Do Not...' by 'Garro Deirmendjian' – has also been presented by exhibition organisers for inclusion in the Cottesloe collection. It's in the Civic Centre foyer.

also asked for an investigation and report to Council (by August 2012) on ways to fund building design guidelines to deliver a world-class beachfront to Cottesloe.



## News in brief...

After more than 30 years service to Cottesloe, George Hanlon (now 70) has retired from his post at the Town depot.

## Recycle that bicycle!



Jamie Brindle from B4H collects a trailer full of Cottesloe bikes for Africa.

## Old bikes put brake on poverty cycle

MOST people here use bicycles for leisure and fitness. But in some countries bikes carry people to education and work – even to fresh water.

Bicycles for Humanity – or 'B4H' collects unwanted bikes and ships them to African nations to give sustainable transport to poor people.

When they have enough bikes to fill a shipping container, it goes to Namibia or Zambia's 'Bicycle Empowerment Centres'.

A bike gets riders twice as far, twice as fast and will carry four times the load,

says Perth's local B4H.

Partner charity groups in Africa train local people in bicycle mechanics, business skills and project management. Bicycles not only get people from A to B in a sustainable way, they can empower people to break the cycle of poverty.

### Collection

B4H is a global, not-for-profit, organisation and

Cottesloe Council staff are doing their bit to help out.

Bikes left out for verge collection are kept by depot staff for B4H. Last month they collected 20 bikes from Cottesloe residents and more are welcome. If you want to recycle an old bicycle, you can contact B4H at [perth@bicycles-forhumanity.com](mailto:perth@bicycles-forhumanity.com) – or ask our staff to collect it, by contacting the Town offices.

the reservation, including heritage properties.

### Details

Extensive detail of the proposals, including informative design sketches showing bicycle lanes, median strips and pedestrian footpaths, are contained in the June Council minutes, and on the Town website, or can be inspected at the offices.

## New Cott Citizens



Zach and Zaija Du Preez were the youngest new citizens invested by the Town last month, together with their father, Herc, and mother Jacomi. Our other new citizens are Terence Haywood, Robert Schmitz, Stojanka Bulatovic, Joshua Ramsay and Owen Budd.

## Swinging votes over verge-play

Councillors have debated maintenance of public safety, and protecting the Town from potential liability claims.

After prolonged discussion of alternative motions, last month the Council voted in a trial period for play equipment on street verges.

### Trial

The trial is conditional on

officers making regular, district-wide, inspections of any equipment. Also, landowners must notify the Council of their intentions, and at their own expense, take out and maintain Public Liability Insurance that indemnifies the Town, and the landowner, from any legal action resulting from placement or maintenance of the play equipment.

They must also notify adjacent neighbours that they are applying for play equipment on the verge.

### Review

Cottesloe will review its Residential Verges Policy accordingly, consult with other councils and take advice from Kidsafe WA and the Town's own insurers.

## Budget agreed

THE Town's 2012/2013 budget was passed with a modest rate increase of 4.95 per cent.

## Island cancelled

INSTALLATION of a pedestrian crossing island on Broome Street at the northern end of the tennis courts has been cancelled by a Council rescission motion, after concerns by locally-affected residents and further investigation by Councillors.

## Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday July 23, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday July 16, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday July 17, 7pm.

Planning applications: For September – lodge by August 6

## Disability

IF you have a disability, care for someone with a disability or have an interest and are keen to help, please get in touch with Cottesloe's Disability Services Advisory Committee.

“We are keen to hear from local people who need help, or are willing to help others,” said the Town's Community Development Officer, Meagan Hodgson. “The committee meets every second month to consider people's access needs and ensure the Council is kept informed.”

To be a part of this initiative, please contact Meagan at the Civic Centre - 9285 5000; email [council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au)

## Beach grant

COTTESLOE has been successful with a Lotterywest grant for a Disability Access ramp at the beachfront, Mayor Kevin Morgan announced at last month's Council meeting - where he then congratulated Ms Hillary Rumley for her persistence and tenacity in promoting access issues at the beachfront.

Another Lotterywest grant, of \$2.75m, which will benefit local Scouts WA in collaboration with North Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club and Cottesloe Playgroup.