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COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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Heritage listing gets the ok

THE Council has told WA's Minister for Planning and the Commonwealth authorities that it supports Keep Cott Low in its bid to have the Cottesloe beach area placed on Australia's National Heritage List.

It stated: 'Such classification would be consistent with the high heritage worth of the precinct and the objectives of Council's existing and proposed planning scheme and policies, and recognize the strong collective cultural heritage significance exhibited by the history and elements of the beachfront and surrounds.'

NEWS in brief...

Pines...

AN audit report on 536 large Norfolk Island Pines in Cottesloe has been prepared by specialist company Arborcare. Cottesloe's intention is to preserve the Town's identity, that is closely linked to the species, remove any shown to be dangerous or of poor quality, and replace them with same species.

Wheelchair...

A BEACH wheelchair and matting to make access easier is once again available at North Cottesloe Beach. For more information – or to make a booking – contact Yolande Joubert at the North Cottesloe Surf Lifesaving Club: tel 9284 2626.

Meetings

NEXT Council meeting Monday March 28, at 7pm.

Development Services CANCELLED.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday March 22, 7pm.

Planning applications:

For May – lodge by Apr 4, 2011;

For June – lodge by May 9, 2011.

Bigger and better – Sculpture by the Sea

COTTESLOE'S continuing helping hand for the annual Sculpture by the Sea has ensured its success again, making organiser's smiles as broad as these statues! Have you been down to the beachfront yet?

If not, this weekend is your last chance to view the astonishing display of artworks arranged along the beach front, and inside the Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club building. The show ends next Tuesday – March 22. The Cott Cat free bus service will operate daily, right through the exhibition, between the train station and the beach.

Helping hand brings grins



The Beachfront Debate

Minister's modifications of Town's LPS3 to be advertised

Proper process?

Town staff are investigating whether State Planning Policy has been properly interpreted and applied in relation to Cottesloe's beachfront.

The Council questioned the apparent disregard of the preferred height regime for the beachfront that emerged from the intensive consultation already undertaken in the EbD, which was jointly undertaken and funded by State and Council.

Eight-storey question for Minister

The Council has also asked the Minister 'to what extent the proposed alternative building control diagrams for the beachfront, which are designed to facilitate development up to eight storeys, were prepared by consultants acting for the intending major developers of beachfront sites, and if so, why that occurred without further reference to the Town of Cottesloe?'

Local action groups

Cottesloe has acknowledged the deep involvement of Save Our Suburb (SOS), Keep Cott Low (KCL), and other community groups in the earlier Enquiry by Design (EbD) process and founding of the Town's Building Design Controls for the Special Control Area – and progress on Cottesloe's Foreshore Plan.

MORE submissions can soon be made in response to further advertising of Cottesloe's Local Planning Scheme 3 (LPS3) which has been ordered by State Planning Minister John Day.

The Town will undertake additional advertising to make sure the Minister's proposed changes to LPS3, and their full implications, will be given wide public consultation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED...

COTTESLOE has begun the process of reviewing its Dogs Local Law and now wants community input.

The law makes provisions for control of the number of dogs that can be kept on premises, and the manner of their keeping; impounding dogs; areas where they may

DOGS LOCAL LAW

be exercised, and those where they are prohibited.

In February the Council discussed various options for use of the northern (Vera View) dog beach – including allowing dogs there at all times.

Full details of the proposals are now available online

at the Cottesloe website, at the Civic Centre offices and the Grove Library.

The Local Law has been advertised and public comments and submissions are requested by 4pm, April 29. They should be addressed to CEO Carl Askew.

Laneways Plan

COTTESLOE is considering a long-term programme to asphalt and drain all unsealed laneways that are Council-controlled.

A draft five-year plan is available now on the Town website (together with a map showing Cottesloe's laneways) and at the Civic Centre showing the proposed action for 2011/2012. Community input is requested and comments should be sent to the CEO (details as above) by Thursday, 17th March 2011.

For further information about the proposed programme, please contact Geoff Trigg, the Town's manager, engineering services, on 9285 5050.

Five-year plans cover Town

A WIDE range of Council activity is organised in Cottesloe with a system of five-year plans to achieve steady, budgeted progress and maintenance of infrastructure. Last month the Council approved continuation of plans for footpath replacement, working plant replacement (vehicles and machinery), playground improvements, road rehabilitation, cycling facilities, reticulation and groundwater bores, natural areas management and road safety programmes.

Details of all these five-year plans are available at the Council offices and in the minutes of the February meeting.

Twilight Concert



COTTESLOE concerts are completely free – so bring a picnic, low chairs, and a rug and enjoy the superb musicianship of local star Jay Weston and Katherine Friend next Sunday (March 20). Gates open at 6:30pm and music begins at 7pm.

Jay and Katherine will entertain with songs from all your favourite shows and movies, from Broadway to the Opera House. Their music is redolent of the 'great American song book' with a dash of the Emerald Isle!

Jay Weston is one of Australia's most admired 'popera' cross-over artists with flair across a variety of vocal genres.

Road safety petition – and Council action

IN December last year a petition signed by 275 local people raised the problem of road safety for pedestrian crossing on Stirling Highway, Railway St and Curtin Avenue.

Last month Cottesloe acted to pursue a State government commitment to pay for the extension of West Coast Highway through the Town, with pedestrian crossings at regular intervals. These crossings would traverse the highway and railway.

The Council also aims to pursue the sinking of the railway line in Cottesloe.

Main Roads

Also, a Council-funded safety audit will investigate the need for a median island on Curtin Avenue, north of Princes St, to support a future Black Spot grant application.

Main Roads WA will be told that Cottesloe also supports improvement of Stirling Highway pedestrian crossings at Glyde, Salvado and Jarrad Streets; and be asked to comment on the need for conversion of the existing Pearse St pedestrian bridge for full disability-access.

HAVING YOUR SAY

Dogs Local Law – comments by April 29
Laneway Upgrading – comments by March 17
Mail to PO Box 606, Cottesloe WA 6911
or by email to council@cottesloe.wa.gov.au.

Temperatures go through the roof

DESPITE exceptionally hot conditions in February, carpenters working in and on the Civic Centre roof have kept the job on time.

Structural strengthening of the entire roof structure and replacement of the waterproof membrane and clay tiles are currently running on time and to budget. All work is expected to be finished, with scaffolding and all materials removed, by the end of March.

