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Surf club plans

A NEW dual-use path and landscaping around North Cott SLC have been approved by the Council with extensive conditions. The proposal was advertised for public comment and was given lengthy debate at the April 27 meeting.

Concerns include the possibility of erosion of the path, which is west of the surf club. While making several conditions on building controls and public access, Cottesloe Council has also advised the surf club that its development could 'be affected by coastal processes, including erosion, accretion, storm surge, tides, wave conditions and sea-level changes' and that the Council takes no responsibility for any impact on the club premises caused by such occurrences.

The WA Planning Commission must now approve the proposals because the club is on Crown reserve land.

DAPs: Councillors nominated to attend new State planning panels

COUNCILLORS Jack Walsh and Greg Boland have been nominated by Cottesloe Council as the Town's representatives to the State's Development Assessment Panels (DAPs).

The concept of DAPs was opposed by Cottesloe, but the Panels, which will control any applications for building developments valued at \$7 million or more are now part of WA's planning process.

Local councils must nominate two councillors, to present their community and council's views to the DAP that deals with planning applications in their own area.

Cottesloe, and six neighbouring, councils are covered by a single DAP. Council delegates would be joined on the five-person DAP by three people appointed by the Minister for Planning. Cottesloe has also nominated Rob Rowell and Jay Birnbrauer as deputy members.

Election

DAPs do not come into force until July 1 this year.

In October all Cottesloe Councillor positions are likely to be up for re-election. Depending upon the outcome, new DAP representatives could be needed.

TOWN MEETINGS

NEXT Council meeting Monday May 23, at 7pm.
Development Services Monday May 16, 6pm.
Works and Corporate Services Tuesday May 17, 7pm.
Strategic Planning Wednesday May 18, 7pm.
Planning applications: For July - lodge by June 7, 2011.



THE DILEMMA of parking for Grant St station continues to vex residents and the Council. People in the immediate area, around the eastern end of the Grant St median strip adjacent to Curtin Avenue and the station, were invited to comment on the situation. Thirteen of the fifteen households did so and all were against the concept

COTTESLOE's administrative centre has run on green power from renewable sources for some years. Last month the Council examined the situation and decided to continue sourcing wind power energy on a monthly basis, while awaiting the outcome of a tender arranged by WALGA (WA's

The Beachfront Debate



COTTESLOE has been asked to correct one of the errors in the WA Planning Commission's modifications to the Town's LPS3 - because WAPC failed to make it clear that 'hotel use' would be permissible everywhere in the Cottesloe main beachfront area.

"By definition 'Hotel use' includes commercial accommodation besides licensed facilities," said Andrew Jackson, Cottesloe's planning manager.

"The basic implication is that every building along the beachfront could apply to become a hotel."



Planning boss critical of Keep Cott Low meet

IN a letter to Mayor Kevin Morgan, WAPC Chairman Gary Prattley says he was 'disappointed at the lack of objectivity and misrepresentation of what has been requested to be advertised' at the SOS/KCL meeting (March) at the Civic Centre, which drew an audience of more than 300, including Premier Colin Barnett.

The Mayor has released the WAPC letter to the

'Hotel use' opens bar doors to all properties

Cottesloe Council was also alerted to this omission, and several more, by local resident and lawyer Peter Tarranto.

As reported in the Post (April 30) Mr Tarranto made a scrupulous study of the WAPC's modifications and found anomalies that he says make it impossible for the public to make reasoned submissions.

Mayor Kevin Morgan said the Council now has to decide whether to move for a recall of the modifications papers.

The letter to CEO Carl Askew from the WAPC states:

'We note that a modification requiring that the land use of 'Hotel' be indicated as a 'D' use in the 'Foreshore Centre' zone under Table 1 - Zoning Table has not been expressly outlined in the list of modifications.'

It goes on to confirm that 'Hotel' is intended to be a permissible use in the area, and asks the Council to include this advice in information available for public use.

PLANNING CHANGES

Time to comment pushed out to May 27

RESIDENTS now have extra time to comment on the changes to the Town's Local Planning Scheme 3.

The Council asked the Minister to extend the advertising period because it spanned Easter and school holidays. An extension to May 27 has been agreed - and Cottesloe is urging everyone to consider the changes and make individual submissions.

Council amalgamation

Premier says 'think again'

PREMIER (and local MP) Colin Barnett has encouraged each Mayor and Shire President in his electorate to revisit the concept of voluntary engagement in the State-backed local government reform program. In a letter to Mayor Kevin Morgan he says local government Minister John Castrilli has encouraged other Western Suburbs councils to 'revisit earlier decisions to not participate.'

Cottesloe has already stated willingness to consider participation in partnership with other councils.

Our rights

The Mayor's response concludes by urging the Commission and Minister to respect the role and rights of Council and pursue an outcome for LPS3 consistent with orderly and proper planning.

press, with his reply, in which he points out that the meeting was organised by SOS and KCL, not the Council.

'It is entirely inappropriate for you to now level accusations of misrepresentations, which you did not raise at the time...particularly after you were given the opportunity and repeat-

ed invitations to speak,' he writes.



Council subsidy for beautiful gardens

COTTESLOE is once more helping residents create fine gardens filled with native plants.

The Native Plant Subsidy Scheme is happening now and runs until Friday May 27. Simply, it means you can buy up to 80 discounted plants from Apace Nursery in Fremantle. And these low-maintenance plants will also help you save water and fertilizer! Please contact Liz Lowrey at the Civic Centre - on 9285 5016 - if you would like more information about the Scheme.

Station car-parking still a problem

of a sealed car park to replace the strip.

Staff reported increased commuter use of the area, which has no signed parking controls. Parking affects Norfolk Island tree roots and is converting the area to

a loose dusty surface in summer.

Last month Cottesloe told the Perth Transport Authority it should provide parking on railway land and now the Council has requested staff to devise alternative methods to alleviate the parking problem, which is extending further to the west along the Grant St median.

Civic Centre's green light

Local Government Association) for Green Power supply.

Ranging the Shire

AFTER a successful trial the Shire of Peppermint Grove has asked Cottesloe to provide ranger services for the coming year. Cottesloe has agreed to share its rangers with the Shire at an agreed hourly rate. The level of service within Cottesloe will be unaffected.



A BRIEF fireworks display on the Cottesloe groyne for a wedding party has been approved. It will occur at just before 8.30pm in the evening of November 5th and be run by an experienced, specialist contractor. For safety, the groyne will be temporarily closed from 7-9pm.