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COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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THE Town's major acquisition from the 2011 Sculpture by the Sea exhibition – Ron Gomboc's relationship: together series – was installed in Grant Marine Park by Council staff last month.



Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting
Monday June 27, at 7pm.
Development Services
Monday June 20, 6pm.
Works and Corporate
Services Tuesday June 21,
7pm.

JULY meetings

Council meeting Monday
July 27, at 7pm.
Development Services
Monday July 18, 6pm.

Waterwise

LAUNCHING the 2011
Native Plant Subsidy
Scheme at the Grove
Library last month, local
sustainability officers
scotched the common belief
that 'if it's a native, it can
look after itself.'

"Some upfront soil
improvement will cut the
water and nutrients needed,"
Cottesloe's Liz Lowrey told
the Waterwise Gardening
audience.

For more information,
contact Liz on 9285 5000.

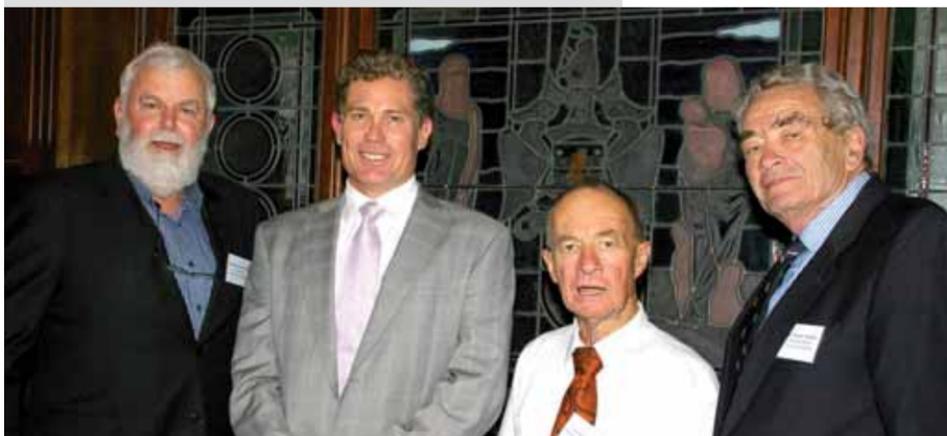
Plastics recycling

ALL plastics numbered 1, 2,
3, 4, 5, and 7 can be recycled.
Simply place the items in
the yellow-top bin. Plastic
numbers appear generally at
the base of the item in a
recycling triangle.

Polystyrene and other
plastics numbered 6 and
plastic bags (not numbered)
cannot be recycled. Residents
are encouraged to avoid them
if possible.

Volunteers recognised

PICTURED with Mayor Kevin Morgan (second, left) are the recipients of Cottesloe's annual awards to volunteers for 2011. They are (from left) Professor Michael Ewing, long-time chairman of Cottesloe Coastcare; Robert Churchill, who is active with St Phillips Anglican Church, Meals on Wheels, SOS and Keep Cott Low; and Dr Charles Murphy, long-time Cottesloe Councillor and former Mayor and Board member of Curtin Aged Persons Homes.



The Beachfront Debate

3-storey view

One of the images produced to assist public appreciation of the scale and character envisaged under the Council's preferred development controls, as outlined in the Local Planning Scheme 3.



Options for Town depot

WHILE continuing the search for a suitable depot site, Cottesloe Council has moved to re-examine all possible sites for vehicle and equipment storage in the Town, including a facility at the Sea View golf course.

In July last year the Council decided that depot facilities there would be inconveniently close to Broome Street and the child care centre. Staff will now research whether a modified proposal for a small facility, away from these areas, is possible. Discussing the motion, Councillors said that consultation with the broader Cottesloe community should be undertaken and the benefits of freeing-up the present site need to be made clear, so the Council can make an informed decision.

Hundreds respond on building heights

EXCEPTIONAL interest in the controversy surrounding building heights along Marine Parade has raised hundreds of public submissions.

The public submission period closed on Friday May 27 and staff will now begin analysing and cataloguing the submissions.

Assessment for Council

Cottesloe has three months to assess the comments and opinions – and expects to complete the task in time for the July or August Council meetings.

"The response rate, after so many months of public consultation, meetings and the Enquiry by Design,

shows that the public still has a strong interest in the matter," said Town CEO Carl Askew.

"It's far too soon to assess the trend of the submissions, but it's fair to say that for many people, living in Cottesloe and elsewhere, the proposed major modifications by the WA Planning Commission and the Minister for Planning give rise to significant concerns about the approach they are taking to the future of the beachfront and other parts of the district."

Grant St will be signed – but not sealed

THREE-hour parking limits and residents' permits will be introduced into Grant Street to ease the railway commuter parking issue. Whilst Cottesloe Council wrestled with the options, the Public Transport Authority has advised of some help.

The PTA will provide 75 extra parking bays on the rough ground bordering the rail line west of Cottesloe Station. The land is currently used for access and some vehicle parking.

"It's now a mixture of old asphalt surface and rough limestone and is vested in PTA for railway purposes," said Geoff Trigg, Cottesloe's engineering manager.

"Their plan is to create 75 high-quality parking, including ACROD bays, in new asphalt, kerbed and line marked. Existing lighting will be used and possibly enhanced. The work will also include a short section of PSP (principal shared path) east of the improved area.



Parking solution: This area, between the rail line and Curtin Avenue, will have 75 new, all-day parking bays courtesy of the Public Transport Authority. It's anticipated the area will take commuter pressure off the Grant St median strip.

"No existing trees will be affected and some landscaping is proposed.

PTA staff suggest the extra all-day parking bays for rail users, and others, at Cottesloe should provide an alternative for the PTA

patrons who have been parking on the Grant St median strip.

Welcoming the PTA offer, Cottesloe Council also thanked local residents for comments on the Grant Street issue. The signed,

three-hour parking restriction will apply 8am/6pm, Monday to Saturday, between Curtin and Birkbeck Avenues; and there will be no sealing of any parking area fronting properties in the vicinity.

Pro Cott to be funded by 'differential rating'

IN 2004 businesses in Cottesloe's Town centre formed Procott and successfully lobbied the Council for funds, to be raised by a surcharge on their rates.

The support is to continue, but under a different technical approach, known as differential rating.

This has been suggested by WA's Department of Local Government, and allows local Councils to

impose a higher rate in the dollar on specific properties. In Cottesloe this would only apply to commercial properties in the Town centre, so the Council can continue providing funds for ProCott

activities such as Hullabaloo.

The Notice of Intention to levy differential rates has been formally advertised for public information and closes on Wednesday, 15 June 2011.