



After planting over 6000 native coastal seedlings last year the group is undertaking infill planting at all rehabilitation sites this winter, and will continue to work with the Town of Cottesloe on weed eradication and other natural area management priorities. The past twelve months have been very busy for the Cottesloe Coastcare Association,

with the continued involvement in many ongoing projects, partnerships, and events. Our response to the extremely dry year was to undertake extra spring and summer watering of newly planted seedlings, and as a result plant survival and growth has been exceptionally good. The techniques for shrub planting in our harsh coastal environment which have been fine tuned in recent years now deliver reliable results whatever the season throws at us.

Generous funding from Cottesloe IGA through the plastic bag reduction scheme, and on-ground support from various groups including Conservation Volunteers Australia, Synergy, Hale School, Scotch College and the University of Western Australia have added to local resources and help cement changes in community attitudes to rehabilitation of local natural assets as well as action on the ground.

The campaign initiated by Cottesloe Coastcare to push our government for protection of the Weedy Seadragon in Western Australia has achieved fantastic success. Over 3500 signatures were collected for the parliamentary petition, however prior to these being presented the Fisheries Minister issued a press release announcing Weedy Seadragons would be declared a protected species under new regulations to be approved by the State Government. This is an amazing result for a community driven campaign and will have significant impact on WA's marine environment.

The Town of Cottesloe and Cottesloe Coastcare have just been successful in securing funding through Coastwest for a new rehabilitation project north of Cottesloe Main Beach – near the western end of Napier Street. This high profile site will incorporate new beach access stairways, fencing, weed eradication and restoration of coastal plant biodiversity in the primary dune.

All Cottesloe residents and friends are very welcome at coastcare community events - for more information on these projects or to find out about volunteering please contact the Coastcare Officer on 9285 5099 or refer to www.cottesloecoastcare.org.

Living Smart Course

During March and April 2011 the Town offered a Living Smart course to residents in partnership with the Town of Mosman Park, the Shire of Peppermint Grove and the Western Metropolitan Region Council. Forty people enrolled to "learn to live more sustainably, and share interests with others".

Most participants hoped to learn practical ways to reduce their environmental footprint by attending the course. When asked about their favourite part of the course many participants enjoyed the hands on gardening session, sharing of information and ideas, the real life examples presented, and meeting other like-minded people. Two Living Smart courses will be offered for western suburbs residents each year starting in 2011/2012, make sure you contact Council to register your interest on **9285 5000**.



A Step towards Carbon Neutral Cottesloe

The Town of Cottesloe is showing leadership on the issue of human induced climate change by following a 4 step process to become a carbon neutral Council. The first step has involved measuring the Town's baseline carbon footprint for 2009/2010, towards achieving Step 1: Measure your Greenhouse Gas Footprint.

Energy and fuel use information was collected to calculate the Town's greenhouse gas emissions. The Town's footprint was 806 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent gas (CO2-e) for the baseline year of 2009/2010. Through offsetting fleet fuel emissions this was reduced to a net figure of 663 tonnes CO2-e.

The Town is about to begin Step 2: Reducing Emissions, which requires setting emission reduction goals and targets and implementing actions to avoid and reduce energy use. Step 2 of the Carbon Neutral project is an opportunity for Council to consider innovative solutions to help reduce our emissions and we are looking forward to the challenge. The Town aims to achieve carbon neutrality by 2015.



To find out the latest information about these sustainability initiatives, please call Liz Lowrey at the Town on 9285 5016 or visit:

http://www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au/Services-Environment_Sustainability.htm



Newsletter

Message from the Mayor



Welcome to the Town's 2011/12 budget. With sound financial management, including careful spending, we are once again able to deliver a sustainable forward budget. Council has taken a cautious but optimistic approach in developing our 2011/12 budget.

Our four (4) year National Water Initiative together with the Grove Library & Community Centre and Civic Centre roof restoration have all been completed. As some of these projects were loan funded we will now seek to maintain and service those debts on behalf of the community. This year Council will continue with its rolling five (5) year capital works programs including car park construction, drainage works and road/footpath construction. Reduced infrastructure grants will also shift our operational focus from capital projects to ongoing work in infrastructure maintenance.

In the next twelve months we will focus our attention on relocating and re-establishing our depot and developing the existing site in consultation with the community. We had previously deferred undertaking some works at the current site in anticipation of relocating our services, which has not eventuated, and so in this year's budget we will need to spend some funds to undertake remedial and refurbishment works. However some of this expenditure will not be completely lost as we intend to remediate the site before it is sold. Once we achieve the sale of the land the Town stands to benefit from a significant injection of funds, which will enable Council to consider a combination of reducing its existing loan commitments, restoring its reserves and delivering on priority strategic projects for our community, including redevelopments in the public domain at the beachfront and in the Town centre.

In 2009/10 and 2010/11 Council benefitted from grants from the Federal Government's Community Infrastructure Program and during 2011 Council applied for a significant grant (\$100,000) to assist with the construction and installation of a disability access ramp at the main beach. We are yet to find out the outcome of that application but if it is not successful it will mean we that we will need to either defer that project or look for alternative sources of funds.

Once again our budget this year will allow for a number of donations to a range of local community groups as well as

provide support for the proposed Men's Shed project and continuation of the restoration of our historic photograph collection.

According to the Western Australian Local Government Association the projected Local Government Cost Index for 2011/2012 is between 3.5% and 4.5%. This year's overall rate increase of 4.95% is therefore an excellent outcome when we consider the increasing cost of utilities such as water and electricity (including street lighting), increased waste charges, and significant increases to accommodate the operational costs for the new Library and Community Centre, including increased utility and insurance costs as well as additional staffing and services.

As with previous years, the rate increase has been determined by the Town's administration and elected members working together in tight fiscal conditions, including difficult State and Federal Government budgets. Funding requests have been moderated and numerous cost savings made in this year's budget in order to maintain Council's organisational capability to manage existing service levels to our community in a sustainable and responsible way. The overall rate includes all waste charges which will allow eligible pensioners to claim their rebate on the full rate cost.

The 2011/2012 financial year is a revaluation year for Cottesloe. This means the Valuer General's Office (VGO) has re-valued all of our gross rental value properties (GRV), which is a process that is repeated every 3 years. In order to ensure only the required rate rise is achieved, a change to the rate in the dollar has been required. The revaluation also has another impact in that the rate rise people experience individually may not reflect the overall rate increase of 4.95%. Some people will experience slightly larger increases, some slightly smaller increases and others may experience a decrease. The difference will be caused by the amount that their property has been re-valued by the VGO. In cases where people feel their revaluation is unfair, there is an appeal process through the VGO and information on this process will be supplied to residents upon request. It is important to note that the Council itself has no control over or input into the valuation process, however staff can assist people with their appeals by providing information (such as assessment number and historical valuations) but Council is required to accept and use the valuations provided.

There is no widespread rental potential in vacant land therefore the Valuer General creates a synthetic GRV by defining a

vacant property's market price potential and expressing the GRV as being 3% of this value. It should be noted that prior to 1 July 2011, the percentage of 5% was used.

Council has historically applied uniform rating across the Town based on multiplying the rate in the dollar by valuations provided by the Valuer General's Department. The 'rate in the dollar' being determined by the level of revenue the council needs to raise to carry out its functions according to the proposed annual budget. There is also provision in the Local Government Act 1995 (s 6.33) for Council to create "differential rates" to shift the revenue raising effort to certain sectors of the community i.e. commercial property. Council's may also create a "specified area rate" for specific services to a particular group of properties.

Since 2004 Council has raised a "specified area rate" to support the promotion of the town centre through PROCOTT. In January 2011 Council received correspondence from the Department of Local Government identifying concerns with the specified area rate mechanism and recommending that "differential rating" be considered to achieve Council's intended aim. Council considered the implications of the introduction of differential rating to achieve an equitable means of providing funds for promotion of the Town Centre and in May 2011 resolved, in accordance with the Act, that differential rates be advertised for public comment, prior to receiving and adopting its 2011/12 budget. Under differential rating the rates in the town centre commercial area (non-residential) would attract a higher rate in the dollar than other properties throughout the Town. The additional monies raised would support Council's commitment to activities and promotion of the Town Centre through PROCOTT.

Council actively encourages community feedback as this plays an important role in shaping the Town's activities and priorities and, as we did last year, I look forward to receiving your constructive comments and to keeping you up to date with the progress of our activities during the next twelve months. It is important to understand that your rates add value to our community and ensure a vibrant and sustainable future. I encourage all residents and ratepayers to make the most of their Town, its services and facilities. On behalf of all Councillors and staff I take this opportunity to recognise and congratulate the tireless work of our community committees and volunteers and I look forward to your continued support.

Kevin Morgan
Mayor

Waste Update

e-Waste or electronic waste including televisions, computers and printers is recycled by the Town of Cottesloe. To ensure that your e-Waste is recycled, you could either leave it on your verge during your bulk collection days in May and November or drop them off at the Town of Cottesloe works depot located in the laneway at the rear of 253 Marmion Street. All e-Waste collected is then transported to Sims e-recycling facility where they are stripped for parts.

Batteries and mobile phones – can also be recycled by dropping them at the Town of Cottesloe Civic Centre on 109 Broome Street.

Household hazardous waste (HHW) – Great news! From 1 July 2011, all HHW (up to 20kg or 20L) can be dropped off at the Jim McGeough Resource Recovery Facility (Formerly Brockway Transfer Station) located at the corner of Brockway Rd and Lemnos St, Shenton Park. HHW includes batteries, chemicals, paint, thinners, etc. For more information on HHW, please visit the WMRC webpage: www.wmrc.wa.gov.au/our-facility/household-hazardous-waste

Recycling – Well done to all who have been following the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle principle! For those who are still not sure about what can be recycled, please refer to the picture. In order to ensure that all recyclable waste is diverted from landfill, please place only permitted recyclables in the yellow-top bins.

For more information about waste, please visit our website: <http://www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au/Services-Waste.htm>

Waste Prevention is the key to saving money & the environment – next time you're at the shops ask yourself, "Do I really need this?"

If the answer is yes... then please recycle everything you can!

All paper, including glossy magazines

Plastic Bottles & Containers (1,2,3,4,5,7 accepted)

Please do not bundle or tie

Please rinse & remove lids (lids cannot be recycled)

What to recycle in Cottesloe?

Cardboard boxes & milk cartons

Steel, Aluminium Cans & Aerosols

Glass Bottles & Jars

Please flatten & void metal lined UHT cartons cannot be recycled

Please rinse & remove lids (lids cannot be recycled)

What plastics can be recycled in the Town of Cottesloe?



Recent changes mean that MORE plastics can now be placed in your yellow lidded recycling bin.

The recycling information sticker that most Cottesloe residents have on their recycling bin shows that only plastics 1, 2, and 3 are to be recycled – this is no longer the case.

Plastics 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 7 can now be placed in your yellow-lidded recycling bin! This is wonderful since it will help to decrease the waste that goes to landfill. All you need to do is look at each plastic waste item to find out what number it is (the number is often on the bottom) before you place it in the correct bin.



If you have any questions about plastics recycling or anything to do with waste please contact the Town of Cottesloe on 9285 5000 or go to our website: www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au/Services-Waste-Recycling.htm



Library

The new library and community centre at The Grove has become an inspiring model of sustainability for the residents of Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove with the iconic project a national sustainability pioneer offering ideas and examples for a future facing less water.

Jointly funded by the three councils with support from the Australian Government Green Precincts Program and Lotterywest, The Grove, is almost three times larger than its replacement. Since its opening last August membership has increased 37%, with visitor numbers increasing by 47% per day.

At its official opening on 30 March 2011 the Federal Minister for Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP praised the Councils for their leadership and described The Grove as a "smart building". It generates approximately 14% of its own power, collects its own water, recycles its wastewater and the storm water is treated through the landscaping and garden before recharging back into the aquifer.

At the recent planting day the community took ownership of the site with over 100 people of all ages taking the opportunity to get involved in planting 700 new natives species into the landscape.

Open seven days a week the stunning new library offers modern services and an inviting ambience with comfortable, stimulating and appealing spaces for all. In partnership with the Westcoast Community Centre, Child Health Services and Friends of the Library new opportunities are available for learning and leisure. Check the events calendar on www.thegrovelibrary.com for up to date information on the programs on offer.

A series of six fact sheets are available on The Grove Precinct website describing all the "green" initiatives in detail and offering information on how to incorporate them into your own home. Go to www.thegroveprecinct.com



Sustainable September 2011 at the Grove

Once again the Town's of Cottesloe, Mosman Park and the Shire of Peppermint Grove will be arranging "Sustainable September" at the Grove for 2011. Jude Blereau is back again presenting whole food cooking. Sessions on solar power and energy efficiency can help you to save money at home. Local bat expert Joe Tonga is holding a family friendly session on biodiversity in backyards to build a bat box for the Grove! Popular events "swishing" or clothing up-cycling and the feature movie night will also be back by popular demand!



From the CEO's desk



During the last 12 months the day to day business of the Town has kept the administration fully occupied and a number of matters have been progressed. Local Government reform has remained at the forefront of our long term future although decisions by both the Town of Mosman Park and Shire of Peppermint Grove have limited any voluntary reform at this time. Nevertheless ongoing resource sharing and joint service delivery has continued to the benefit of the region. The Cities of Subiaco and Nedlands have entered into a Regional Transition Group (RTG) process to explore the possibility and viability of a future amalgamation and we will watch their progress with interest. In addition, the Minister for Local Government has now initiated a further review of boundaries of all metropolitan Councils.

Proposed Local Planning Scheme No. 3 was initially forwarded to the Minister for approval in June 2009 and was subsequently returned to the Town in late December 2010 for re-advertising of a number of modifications.

Budget Information

The Town of Cottesloe has completed another successful year including the completion of the new Grove Library & Community Centre and roof restoration of the Civic Centre.

The rates increase reflects both the Local Government Cost Index, capital works programs and the loan repayments for the new library & Civic Centre. The new rate ensures current levels of service will be maintained as well as allowing for investments in the town's infrastructure, social and administrative capabilities.

Roads earmarked for rehabilitation and/or resurfacing include:

- Griver Street
- Clarendon Street
- Boreham Street
- Congdon Street
- Seaview Terrace
- Chamberlain Street
- Gordon Street
- Florence Street
- Vera View Parade

Footpaths will be replaced in sections on the following roads:

- Curtin Avenue
- Railway Street
- Edward Street
- Clarendon Street
- Broome Street
- Dalgety Street
- Napier Street
- Hawkstone Street
- Hillside Street
- Griver Street
- Perth Street
- Ozone Parade
- Stirling Highway
- Jarrad Street

Supporting the community

- Opening of the Grove Library & Community Centre
- Ongoing Support of TAPSS Community Care
- Continuation of bike plan
- 2nd year of Speed & Safety Program
- Additional provision for lifeguard service on main beach
- Cott Cat service
- On-going support of the Sculpture by the Sea

Council determined to advertise the modifications at its February 2011 meeting with closure of submissions scheduled for the end of May 2011. As at the closing date the Town had received some 2,000 submissions. Council will have three months to consider the submissions before advising the Minister of its position. A decision by the Minister may be possible by the end of the year.

Strategic projects that will be pursued by Council in the next twelve months include redevelopment of the foreshore and Town Centre land and, as outlined by the Mayor, this financial year we will also be focusing our energies on relocating and re-establishing our depot, developing the existing site for disposal and undertaking some remedial renovation works. In addition a number of Local Laws together with the Town's Strategic Plan are also scheduled for review.

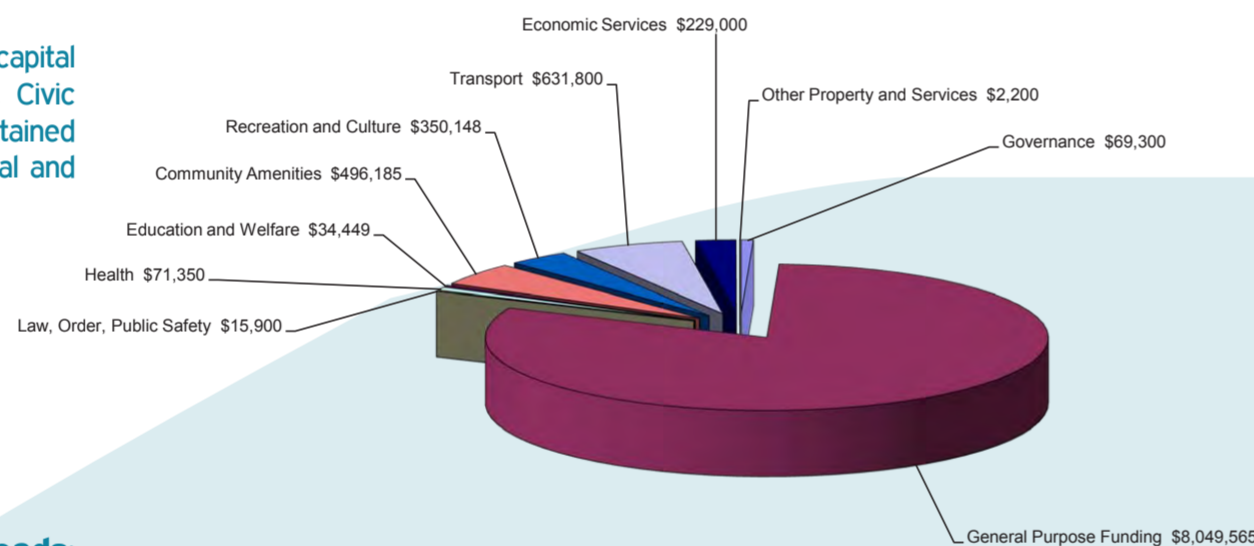
Our budget this year is focused on achieving Council's priorities and objectives and is underpinned by a number of five (5) year programs for our major infrastructure and asset classes as well as a ten (10) year long term financial plan. Increasing operational costs for the new Library and Community Centre, such as utility and insurance costs, will impact upon our budget and represent

approximately 1% of rates this year. In addition we have also seen an increase in the operational costs of our surf life saving service contract and waste services from the Western Metropolitan Regional Council.

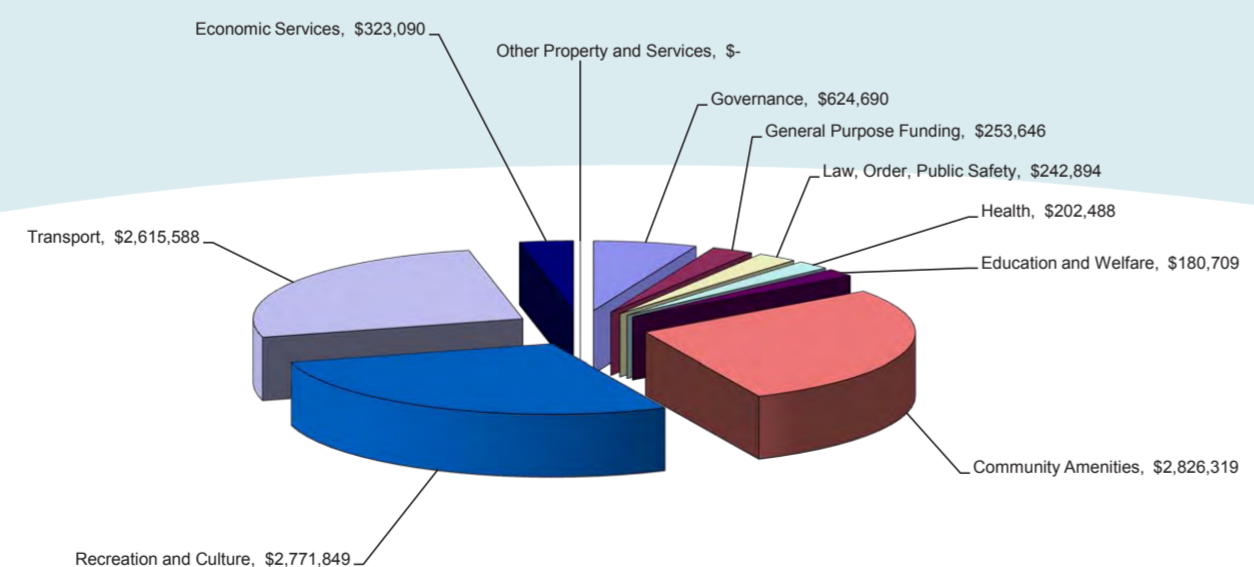
Quality staff is a critical component of any business success and during the year we have welcomed some new faces to the team at Cottesloe. We look forward to their contribution and efforts in maintaining and improving our services to our residents and ratepayers. During 2010 the Federal Government, through Fair Work Australia (FWA), developed the Local Government Industry Award 2010 and as a consequence during 2010/11 the staff, unions and management have been negotiating a new three year Enterprise Agreement, which was lodged with FWA in May 2011 and approved/registered in June 2011. Staff establishment levels have remained constant with a number of internal reviews resulting in changes to some staff roles and responsibilities.

Once again, I am looking forward to working with our professional and committed team of staff and elected members to deliver high quality services to the Cottesloe community.

Revenue



Expenditure



Valuation Changes

This year is a revaluation year for Cottesloe which is repeated every 3 years. It means the Valuer General's Office (VGO) revalues all properties based of market trends. A significant change this year is the calculation method of vacant land being revised. The average increase in value for Cottesloe is 1793%.

As with every revaluation year ratepayers are entitled to appeal their GRV, however, it is recommended that you contact the Rates Department on 9285 5069 in the first instance. If this fails to reach a suitable outcome further contact details will be provided for the VGO and district valuer.

It is important to note that the Council itself has no control over or input into the valuation process but Council is required to accept and use the valuations provided. If you intend on challenging your valuation you are still required to pay your current rates by the due date. Any adjustments that may be required will be made throughout the year.

Elections

Local government elections play an important role in our democratic system and are an excellent opportunity for people to contribute to, and be involved in their local community. Ordinary local government elections are held on the third Saturday in October every two years, generally for 50% of the members of every council.

There are many benefits of being involved in your local council including the sense of satisfaction you will gain from serving your community. Being involved in local government will also give you the opportunity to increase your knowledge about the operations of all levels of government, improve your confidence in public speaking and play an important role in the changes occurring in your district. If you want to make a difference in your community and have a say in local decision-making, vote or stand for election as a councillor in your local government elections. To view the current list of elected members please visit the Town's website.

The Town engages the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) to conduct their elections. Please refer to their website at www.waec.wa.gov.au. The next election is scheduled for Saturday 15 October 2011.

Council at its meeting of 13 December 2010 resolved to recommend to

the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) that the number of elected members (Councillors) be reduced from ten (10) to eight (8) effective from the next ordinary elections in October 2011 and that changes be made to our ward boundaries. This resolution was subsequently formally communicated to the Chairman of the LGAB and the Department of Local Government. A copy of the proposed adjusted ward boundary map is on the Town's website.

In March 2011 the Department of Local Government advised the Town that the Minister for Local Government had accepted the recommendations of the LGAB as outlined by Council, with changes to be implemented in time for the 2011 elections. **All councillor positions** will therefore be declared vacant. Administrative processes to obtain the Governor's approval and to publish the changes in the Government Gazette were undertaken and the Government Gazette dated 3 May 2011 (No:73) subsequently confirmed that Order.

Further election information is also available from the Department of Local Government www.dlg.wa.gov.au and the Western Australian Electoral Commission. Additional detail will be added to the Town's website once the election timetable is finalised.

Your Elected Representatives

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North	Cr Jack WALSH - 35 Grant Street, Cottesloe WA 6011	Phone 9384 9470 cr.walsh@cottesloe.wa.gov.au
North	Cr Ian WOODHILL - 23A Grant Street, Cottesloe WA 6011	Phone 9385 6227 cr.woodhill@cottesloe.wa.gov.au

Music For Pleasure Concert Series 2011

Date	Performer	Style	Adult	Concession	Ticket Bookings
3-Jul-11	CONTRABAND	A Capella vocal group/Classical/Popular/Comical	\$15	\$12	Kay Wood Ph: 0414 576 340
17-Jul-11	The Weatherly Club	Edwardian Parlour Songs	\$20	\$15	John Hardy Ph: 9574 1591
24-Jul-11	Undercover Big Band	All Styles - Past 50 Years	\$15	\$10	C Martin Ph: 9302 5423 or 0451 458 533
31-Jul-11	Pinnacle String Quartet	Chamber Music Classics	\$15	\$10	Rachael Kirk Ph: 9381 3381
7-Aug-11	Allegri Chamber Orchestra	Classical Chamber Music	\$20	\$15	Gail Owen Ph: 9383 3647
14-Aug-11	Fremantle Women's Choir	3 Part Harmony: Mowtown/Classical/Popular	\$15	\$10	Liz Finch Ph: 9339 6141
21-Aug-11	'AKANNA'	Singing Female Trio: 3 Part Harmony/Musical Theatre/Light Classical	\$15	\$10	Petrina Bishop Ph: 0409 127 282
28-Aug-11	The Real Sing	A Cappella	\$15	\$10	Shirley Jackson Ph: 0437 058 957 Paul Winnacott Ph: 9335 4789

Sunday afternoons in 2011, 3:00 to 5:00pm

Ticket price includes Afternoon Tea

War Memorial Town Hall
Cottesloe Civic Centre
109 Broome Street Cottesloe.



"Save the Date"
Saturday November 26th 2011
9am to 2pm
Napoleon Street, Cottesloe

September 2011 (Green waste)		November 2011 (Bulk/green waste)	
AREA	Place out	Collection from	Collection from
Area 1	3 & 4	5 Sep	12 & 13*
Area 2	10 & 11	12 Sep	19 & 20*
Area 3	17 & 18	19 Sep	26 & 27*
			28 Nov

*Note - The dates in November have been moved back a week to accommodate the CHOGM.