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COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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SOME Rangers and Town staff will be highly visible about the Town in future, astride their bright blue bikes. It's a new move instigated by sustainability officer Liz Lowrey (right) to reduce car use for local journeys. Liz consulted several other local authorities on bike safety, and says Cottesloe can facilitate staff training, through Cycle WA, if required. Also, a cycle rack is installed at the Civic Centre offices for use by visitors and staff.

Ranger Tammie Heedes (left) joined Cottesloe three months ago, and says cycling around the Town is perfect for many of her duties. During summer the two permanent rangers will be joined by three part-time officers.

Verge access

An unusual, sloping and raised verge extending along Forrest St from Broome has pine bollards to prevent general access, and the Council has moved that they should remain in place. However, for occasional access one is to be replaced with a lockable, drop-down bollard. A non-copiable key will be retained by Town administration. Residents who need front access to their properties will be able to use the key, having signed an indemnification and release, stating their awareness of potential hazards.

News in brief...

■ Living Smart courses: date changed to Thursday, from October 20-December 8, all at Shenton Park Community centre.

■ Cottesloe has received a draft Local Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan and will advertise it for community comment.



WA Planning Commission has been given Cottesloe's latest statement of the Town's preferred Local Planning Scheme No. 3.

It is the culmination of long-running public debate and comment, an Enquiry by Design, and most recently, hundreds of public submissions responding to the State government's advertised modifications to LPS3.

Inevitably, all parties have focussed on the beachfront and potential high-rise development – even though the bulk of LPS3 concerns planning for the entire district of Cottesloe.

Five-storeys

Mayor Kevin Morgan explained the Council's position on beachfront heights at a special Council meeting last month, held to accept the summary of public submissions.

He introduced a recommendation that was a 'transparent and public compromise' which would confine

the opportunity to build up to five-storeys, to three sites. These are the OBH, the Cottesloe Beach Hotel, and the Seapines sites. Elsewhere on the beachfront three-storeys would be the maximum, because no other sites are large enough to encompass the Council's required setbacks.

If setbacks can be applied to a development site important design and planning principles will apply.

Setting back the four and five-storey parts of a building reduces pedestrian-level visual impact, beach shadowing, impact on neighbours, amount of parking required, building bulk and loss of views.

On-line images

Graphic images showing how building and setbacks on the three sites could work

New Council elected

COTTESLOE'S new, eight-Councillor plus-Mayor Council was decided on Saturday October 15. It comprises four members of the previous Council, three people new to Cottesloe Council, and one returning member, Peter Jeanes.

In each of North, and South, Wards there were only two nominees for the available positions.

Therefore Jack Walsh and Greg Boland were elected unopposed in North; and Sally Pyvis and Victor Strzina were elected unopposed in the South Ward.

Eight Councillors and the Mayor now represent Cottesloe

Voting for the two available seats in each of Central and East Wards was close.

In Central the Councillors elected are Peter Jeanes, 277 votes and Katrina Downes, who received 261 votes. Her term of office is two years and Peter's term is four years.

Also contesting the seats were Patricia Carmichael (195 votes) and Jay Birnbrauer (234 votes.)

In East Ward Rob Rowell received 226 votes, and will serve a four-year term. Yvonne Hart won 221 votes and will serve two years. Third in the East Ward election was Sandra Boulter, with 214 votes.

Profiles of them all are on the Town's website. A special meeting of the new Council was held last Monday, October 17, and its first regular meeting is on October 31.

Meetings at Civic Centre

TOWN meeting dates this month differ from the norm due to the October 15 elections.

A special meeting of the new Council was held on Monday October 17.

The first regular meeting of the Council is on Monday October 31, at 7pm.

Development Services Committee meets on Monday October 24, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Committee is on Tuesday October 25, 7pm.

Planning applications: For December - lodge by October 24, 2011.

Traffic matters to Council and residents

PROLONGED debate over roads, parking and vehicle access marked the final meeting of Cottesloe's eleven-strong Council.

After October 15 a new Council line-up, of Mayor and eight Councillors, will continue to debate solutions to Broome Street speeding and Grant Street parking, as well as many other matters of local importance.

Broome St

The contentious speed cushions and bollards installed in July to prevent speeding at the Black Spot of John St and the hill outside the Civic Centre have been removed following protests by people living in the immediate area.

The Council has now outlined two possible treatments for the area – either one of which requires approval and go-ahead from Main Roads WA.

First preference is a roundabout or similar treatment,

at the junction of Loma / Broome Sts.

The alternative is 'lateral' deflections on either side of the crest – with the intention of slowing traffic on Broome St.

Another alternative discussed but dismissed was a flat-top plateau at the crest of the hill.

Station St

Similar speed cushions in Station St have also been removed, and a flat top plateau will be installed in its place if approved by Main Roads.

Grant St - no parking

Various methods to deal with commuters parking on the Grant St median for access to the rail station have been considered in recent months. Further debate at the September

committee and Council meetings have resulted in a decision to ban parking anywhere along the Grant St median strip, except for residents with Council-issued parking permits.

This will take effect from January 1, 2012.

However, officers have been asked to prepare a full report on the situation for further consideration by the new Council this month. This will include input from affected residents of Grant St between Curtin Ave and Marmion Street.



DESPITE treatment in recent years white ant damage has closed the charismatic bus shelter at Railway and Station Sts. Local governments are not obliged to provide bus shelters, but Cottesloe will repair the popular structure (which was originally provided free of charge by Bristle to display its roof tiles) at a cost of \$9,000.

Better beach access

TWO well-used sand paths to the beach between Napier St and Overton Gardens will be replaced with timber staircases thanks to a grant of \$34,565 from Coastwest (WA Planning Commission.) At the same time, environmental restoration will improve the area for access.



LPS3 goes to State with 5-storey amendment

Public comments

As mentioned extensively in this newspaper on September 24, Cottesloe discounted the 642 pro-forma submissions organised at local hotels. The remainder numbered over 1200 and the majority of those opposed the Planning Minister's advertised modifications.

Cottesloe's report to WAPC also took account of a petition signed by more than 13,000 visitors during this year's Sculpture by the Sea exhibition.

Although the Council has submitted what is intrinsically its final report on LPS3, it has reserved the right to make further comments, following some further advertising of a few remaining detailed items, as requested by the Minister.

are now on the Council website, together with information on Cottesloe's presentation to the WAPC.

"This is a compromise that will maximise the public benefit... from these private development sites to ensure the unique features of Cottesloe are retained," said the Mayor "while embracing the Minister's imperative that we maximise the financial incentives available to encourage developments."

He said the 'up to five-storey' amendment is based purely on planning principles, devised by experts on the EbD. It will deliver the primary objectives of both low-rise and high-rise proponents, whereby quality developments will be enticed without loss of long-term viability.

Beachfun is the Thong!

COTTESLOE Beach will throb with major events again this summer.

In January (Sat 28/Sun 29) the State-supported Indian Ocean Classic and Kellogg's Ironman Series will turn around on our beach.

Each begins at Scarborough and includes swimming/board paddling with support of our local surf clubs. The Classic is an endurance test for teams and individuals, while the gruelling ocean-based Kellogg's Ironman and Ironwoman attract some of the world's best athletes.

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Less frenetic, on Friday February 10 (7am) indigenous Elders and performers will greet artists and visitors from around the world with a Welcome to

Country. The ceremony begins three weeks of the Perth International Arts Festival, as a tribute to the people and natural landscape of Australia. Afterwards, a brass band will play, 600 (environmentally sustainable) white message balloons will fly, and there will be a celebratory ocean swim.

Thongs

Over the past seven years the Haviana Thong Challenge has caught the imagination of thousands of beachgoers. An eighth staging is on Thursday January 26, when countless rubber thong-shaped floats will take to the water. For every one sold \$10 goes to Cottesloe SLSC/Nippers.