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COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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News in brief...



Recently installed ramp for access to North Cott toilets below Barchetta restaurant

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday March 23, at 7pm.
Development Services Monday March 16, 6pm.
Works and Corporate Services Tuesday March 17, 7pm.

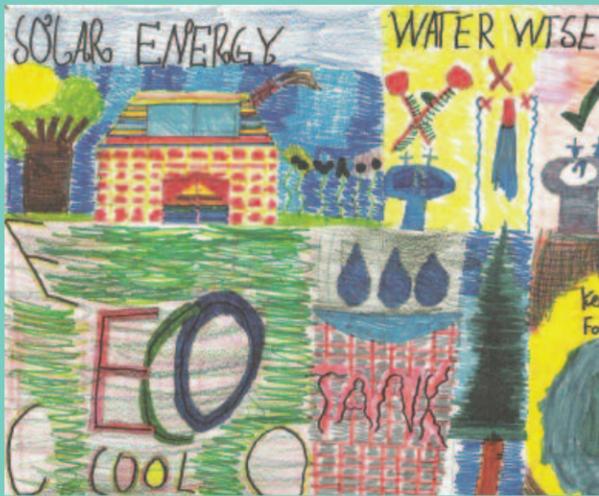
2009 Elections

POSTAL voting will again be used for Cottesloe's local elections in September. Six Council seats will be contested.

Verges

AFTER extensive revision, Cottesloe's draft Residential Verge policy was re-advertised, bringing no further submissions. It has now been adopted by the Council. Officers point out that the highest level of environmental sustainability would apply to planting of local, native vegetable species on road verges.

Greenwaste collections



MARCH collections are imminent – see details below. Also, a full list of collections and dates appears in the new Waste Calendar. If you do not have a copy, please contact the Civic Centre.

AREA 1: Put out your waste on March 7 (collection – March 9 on.)

AREA 2: Put out your waste on March 14 (collection – March 16 on.)

AREA 3: Put out your waste on March 21 (collection – March 23 on.)

Artwork from the 2009 Cottesloe Calendar by Rebekah Wheeler, North Cottesloe Primary, year 4.

COUNCIL CALLS SPECIAL MEETING

WESROC (the Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils) met recently to discuss comments by WA's State Minister on amalgamation – and also progressing recommendations contained within a detailed report by Professor Brian Dollery on reform options for the Western Suburbs.

It was resolved that member councils of WESROC should be asked to endorse, in principle, the report as a foundation planning document for the regional organisation.

This resolution will be debated at a special meeting of Cottesloe Council next Monday – March 9.

The special meeting is also necessary to consider progress towards Cottesloe's EbD (Enquiry by Design) and LPS3 (Local Planning Scheme 3).

LPS3

In February councillors were presented with draft

LPS 3 – and Amalgamation – are on the agenda

outcomes of the Enquiry by Design held recently in Cottesloe. An officer report together with supporting consultants' reports, including proposed building design controls, will be reported to the special, March 9, meeting of the Council.

* As with all Council meetings, this is open to the public.

Density study

A report on local councils' regional co-operation commissioned by WESROC also assumes increased significance in light of the proposal that local councils might be compelled to merge.

To gauge the effectiveness of planning in our sub-region, a consultant liaised with Cottesloe, Claremont, Mosman Park, Cambridge, Nedlands, Subiaco and Fremantle councils to prepare the WESROC report.

Water plan flowing well

WELL into the third year of its drive to restore the groundwater aquifer below Cottesloe, the Town has constructed soak-pits, removed ocean outfalls, replaced open sumps, intercepted debris and pollutants. Cottesloe has also pursued a community education programme, with more information going to every home this month.

It's all part of the National Water Initiative. In 2006 Cottesloe won a one-third Federal grant towards the total cost of \$2.346m. WA's State department of water has agreed to another \$100,000 grant.

Sculpture on show

SCULPTURE by the Sea began its fifth year in Cottesloe this week. The exhibition on the beach and foreshore shows more than 60 works by local and international sculptors and runs until March 22.

All Western Australian artists exhibiting have been supported by the WA Government with funding of \$30,000 from the Department of Culture and the Arts.

Other sponsors include Alcoa, which supplies aluminium to many artists; NAB – Kids' Choice Prize of \$1,000; People's Choice Prize of \$2,500; Patrons of Sculpture by the Sea and the Collectors Club – the Andrea Stretton Memorial Invitation of \$5,000, with an invitation to exhibit in Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi 2009.

Top prize for local artists is the NAB Western Australian Sculptor Scholarship of \$10,000.

Awards will be announced on March 22. In conjunction with the Cottesloe show, a conference, Sculpture in Public Space, is on Monday March 9 at the State Library of Western Australia from 9am until 1pm.

For more information please visit www.sculpturebythesea.com



Last year's looker?

Pictured is Tribanga III by Clare Halli, purchased in 2008 and recently installed in Station Street. The petite work is mounted on a plinth especially prepared by the Town's own craftsmen.

Mergers need consent

ANSWERING a query from the public gallery, Mayor Kevin Morgan told the February meeting that Cottesloe had not formally considered its position on amalgamations but:

"It might be assumed that Council would be opposed if only because of its earlier resolutions in support of increased regional co-operation and resource sharing across the western suburbs."

50 per cent vote

The Mayor also pointed out that the Local Government Act states:

"a proposed amalgamation must be refused if a poll is called – at which at least 50 per cent of electors of the district vote, and of those, at least 50 per cent oppose the amalgamation."

In the light of that ruling, and bearing in mind that the State Minister has yet to set out his criteria for amalgamation, the Mayor says it might be assumed that Cottesloe would oppose forced amalgamations.

Five years in the saddle

CYCLISTS will have safer passage ways through roundabouts in Cottesloe following 2009-10 works that will aim at a standard treatment for all the Town's existing roundabouts. It's the first year of a new 5-Year Cycling Facilities Plan. Also included in the first two years of the plan is widening of the Forrest Street footpath, from Marine Parade to Curtin Avenue, to become a three-metre wide dual-use path. For this work a 50 per cent grant has been sought from the State's DPI Cycling fund.

Town staff will also investigate the feasibility of a dual-use cycle path on the west side of Marine Parade; and a – potentially controversial – cycle lane down either side of the Parade, in place of some parking bays.



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

COTTESLOE'S Australia Day Award winners were EcoSmart, which was the Community Group of the Year and Chris Wiggins, Citizen of the Year.

EcoSmart was formed in May 2007 by the North Cottesloe Primary parent group and has started a sustainable revolution at their school! Members Maryellen Yencken, Sally Grainger, Belinda Dodds, Casey Walsh, Julie Scanlon, Sarah Hope and Michaela Whiteman, gathered funding and inspired projects within the school including the installation of solar panels, worm farms, recycling schemes, water-wise gardening, an eco-art mural, an energy audit, and an organic vegetable garden. They have worked effectively with school staff to integrate sustainability into the curriculum.

Chris Wiggins, as President of SOS – the Cottesloe residents' and ratepayers' association has made tireless contributions towards many facets of strategic planning within the Town, and in his position on the Disability Services Advisory Committee, Chris typifies the best of the Cottesloe community.

"He has facilitated community input upon countless issues of importance to the Town," said Mayor Kevin Morgan, "including draft Local Planning Scheme (LPS) 3.

"He has also led the community fight to retain a low-rise Cottesloe beachfront."

Think Water!

PRACTICAL advice on reducing water use in and around your home – and cutting back the contaminants that enter our stormwater and groundwater – is on the way to your door.

It's all in the next round of Cottesloe's 'Think Water' campaign, which will be hitting your letterbox this month. Watch out for the package; not only does it carry handy hints on water wisdom but also some useful garden goodies that kids and adults will enjoy.