

News in brief...

October Elections

FIVE Councillor's seats will be contested this year, as well as the Mayoral position. The positions are:

Mayor Kevin Morgan; Cr Patricia Carmichael (Central Ward); Cr Bryan Miller (East Ward); Cr Jo Dawkins (South Ward); Cr John Utting (North Ward); and Cr Ian Woodhill (North Ward).

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday May 25, at 7pm. Development Services Monday May 18, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday May 19, 7pm.



It's Time – to start Living Smart!

TODAY (May 9) the annual Living Smart course gets underway in Mosman Park from 11am - 1pm. The FREE course runs over seven weeks so there will be lots of opportunities for you to learn about ways to enjoy a more sustainable everyday

Topics covered include energy and water use, reducing waste and recycling, gardening for biodiversity and food, sustainable transport options, chemical free homes and much more. The course includes a local field trip to see `sustainability in action' and each session includes discussions, presentations and goal setting.

To check for availability for this course or to register for a future course contact Carolyn Ryder on 9286 5025 or email: earthcarer01@wmrc.wa.gov.au. This is a joint initiative between the Towns of Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Claremont.

Save the Pylon work is underway

AS we go to press work has begun on a steel working platform for the Cottesloe beach pylon. The prefabricated platform is being made in Fremantle, by specialist contractor Kulin Group which will also handle all rehabilitation works on the pylon.

When ready it will be towed to Cottesloe on a barge and installed on the west side of the pylon.

Once it is installed contractors will make concrete and steel repairs to the heritage-listed pylon working with compressed-air tools from a base on the beach. Timing of the repairs will depend on weather conditions.

The work is funded with a Lottery West grant and a grant from the Federal Government – Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Programme.

The contract is being supervised most generously by Wood and Grieve, consultant engineers. They are contributing their services free, to make a public contribution to the project.

Beachfront Controls: 'Easy-read' version is on

RESPONDING to concerns that information about the Special Control Area (the beachfront hotels) and the new Local Planning Scheme 3 (LPS3) is too complex, the councillors decided that a summary should be posted on Town's website.

This was done after the April 28 Council meeting – and was advertised in local newspapers last week (May 2 edition.)

Summary

The points covered in the summary include:

- OBJECTIVES for appropriate development
- how WALL HEIGHT is determined
- OPERATION of controls
- HEIGHT LIMIT 12m
- EXTENT of site development
- PARKING requirements
- DWELLING UNIT size.

Design controls

Great community involvement in the Enquiry by Design process helped form

website

the design controls for the two hotels. The summary simplifies a very detailed document, and residents seeking more detail can find it in full (appendix IV of the Enquiry by Design report.)

Website

To read the summary, please go to

www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au and click on the link -

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME REVIEW



Cottesloe's newest public art – inside spoken things, the work purchased this year at Sculpture by the Sea - will be installed as soon as possible. It's precise location somewhere on Jasper Green will be decided in consultation with the sculptor, Tim Macfarlane Reid.



Gardening for food

A GREAT Food Gardens workshop will be held at Cottesloe on Saturday June 6, 11am-2pm in the War Memorial Town Hall.



Participants will learn how to grow delicious fruit and vegetables in a waterwise and fertiliser-wise way. You will also learn how to incorporate food plants into landscaping, and tips for growing in either large gardens or small courtyards. To register please go to the Great Gardens website at www.greatgardens.info and follow the 'workshop booking' link.

Town meets schedule

IN accordance with the request from the Minister for Local Government, stage one of the time frame for completion of a reform submission to the Minister has been completed.

By April 30, the Town had to:

- consider suitable partners for amalgamation
- consider reduction of councillor numbers and
- complete a 'reform checklist' and send it to the Local Government

LOCAL COUNCIL Amalgamation

Reform Steering Comm-

And that's only stage one, with four more stages – equally detailed and complex – that must be finished by the end of August 2009.

Public comments

Before Cottesloe's final submissions are sent in the Council will consult the community. Mayor Kevin Morgan believes public consultation will be considerably more effective if the Council has solid facts and figures to present to the Town's residents.

Consultants (Price Waterhouse Cooper) have been commissioned to produce a full report on amalgamation options by WESROC (our local Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils.) Armed with the information gained in this completely up-to-date report, residents will be able to make an informed judgement on the pros and cons of amalgamation.

What a Blooming ALL residents should now have received this beautifulgood deal!

have received this beautifully illustrated native plant discount voucher; check your letterbox. It entitles you to buy up to 70 native plants – at a subsidised price of only \$1.50 each – from Apace Nursery in North

Fremantle. Your voucher is valid until Saturday May 30 this year. So it's the right time to start creating your native, waterwise garden and verge.

ROW named after Mayor John Doscas

RESPONDING to a public request, Cottesloe Council has begun the process of naming a right-ofway on the east side of Broome Street, running parallel to Forrest and John Streets.

It will be called Doscas Lane (not Pine Court lane, as reported elsewhere.)

The naming recognises the outstanding service to Cottesloe, and Perth, of John Doscas.

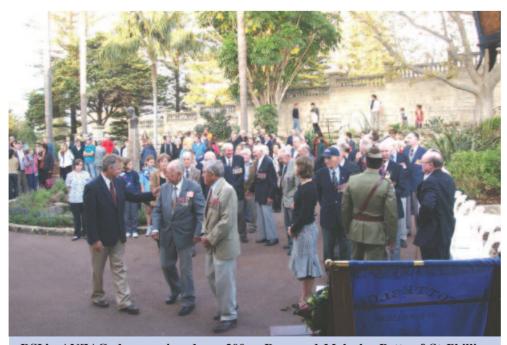
Spartan

One-time Mayor longserving Councillor John Doscas was born in Sparta, Greece, migrated first to Melbourne, and arrived in Perth in 1896. He became a successful produce merchant and was responsible for the introduction of Saarnen goats to WA.

Beginning in 1907, he served on the Town Council for 46 years, lived in John

Street, Cottesloe and was close friends with his neighbour William Zimpel. The two were responsible for planting the Norfolk Island pine trees that have now become an outstanding landscape feature along the coast.

John Doscas was fluent in a number of languages, and also benefited from marriage to an Anglo-Australian woman who provided the necessary social contacts into Perth society. He was an influential leader in the Greek community and was responsible for the allocation of land for the Greek Orthodox community at Karrakatta in 1906.



RSL's ANZAC day service drew 200 people to Civic Centre where 40 ex-servicemen and one serving member led the parade around to the steps of the War Memorial Hall. Erin Carlton of the Seaward Group Girl Guides raised and lowered the flag, Mayor Kevin Morgan gave an ANZAC Day address,

Reverend Malcolm Potts of St Phillips Church gave the blessings, while an air force fly-past added a moving and poignant note to the day.

Trumpeter Ian Teo from Christ Church Grammar School played the Last Post and Reveille.