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COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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Here Comes Summer!

HUNDREDS of intrepid swimmers are expected to gather on Cottesloe beach in the early hours of Saturday February 20 for the annual Rottne Channel Swim. The Council endorsed the event at the September meeting and also agreed dates for the swim for the next three years.

A human sign

A community rally organised by the Coalition for a Safe Climate has been scheduled for October 24. They rallied in Forrest Place in June, all to raise awareness of, and action on, greenhouse gas in our climate.

On Cottesloe beach, 300 people will continue the effort by combining to create a 'human sign'; no more details than that – you'll have to come along and find out more!



News in brief...

USING THE CIVIC CENTRE

COUNCILLORS have completed a workshop to discuss future uses of the Civic Centre, to increase opportunities for its use that will enhance residents' lifestyle.

Now the Town wants community input.

Before a final plan is written, there will be a community workshop at the centre in November – date to be announced. Following this staff will produce a budgeted plan, to be ready for the Council in February 2010.

Monsoon at Hullabaloo?

ORGANISERS hope not. The day of food, wine, music, fashion and fun in Cottesloe Village on Saturday November 28 would be best if dry!

But they have welcomed this kind of 'Monsoon' – it being the name of the smart new gleaming stainless steel litter bins the Town has used to replace the unsightly old ones. So when you go to the Hullabaloo – make good use of the Monsoon.



Ready for all weathers, the new Monsoon bins.

Special meeting at Civic Centre

THERE will be a Special Council meeting on Monday 19 October at 7pm. The purpose of the meeting is for all newly elected members to make their oath of affirmation or allegiance and declaration and to consider the appointment of members to various Council and community committees.

MERGER? 'Yes' says Council

AFTER consulting the community Cottesloe Council has voted for amalgamation. It favours an alliance with Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove – but not a complete merger of all western suburbs councils.

In August the Town canvassed all residents. Seventeen per cent of them responded and a majority said they favoured some form of amalgamation.

Because of the importance of this topic, we print here in full the Council's recommendation, agreed at the September 29 meeting.

It stated that the Council should:

■ note the feedback received from its community in relation to local government reform.

Boundaries

■ Join with the Town of Mosman Park and Shire of Peppermint Grove in a proposal to amalgamate the three authorities effective from 1 July 2011.

■ Request that the Minister for Local Government approve the boundary adjustments based on the amalgamated boundaries ... to include the communities of Swanbourne in the north and North Fremantle in the south.

Councillors

■ Reduce the total number of elected members of the new authority to nine effective from July 2011, recognising the joint decision nature of this recommendation if there is an amalgamation of Councils.

■ Advise the Minister of the intention to continue to work collaboratively within a regional grouping comprising the local governments of Subiaco, Nedlands, Fremantle, Mosman Park, Claremont, Cam-

■ Next Ordinary Council meeting – Monday October 26, at 7pm.

Development Services – Wednesday September 21, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services – Tuesday September 20, 7pm.



Civic Centre – 'must be preserved'

bridge, and Peppermint Grove, as they are currently constituted.

2011 election

■ Advise the Minister that the transition time-frame should allow adequate planning so that all of the key systems and requirements are in place for a 1 July 2011 commencement, with elections to occur prior to 1 July 2011.

Civic Centre

■ Advise the Minister that the Cottesloe Civic Centre, grounds and War Memorial Town Hall must be preserved in any amalgamation as a community asset and must remain accessible to the general community.

\$12m cost

■ Advise the Minister that the estimate of costs related to the proposed amalgamation and boundary adjustments is \$12m and request that the Minister support this cost as part of

any decision to amalgamate the Towns of Cottesloe, Mosman Park and the Shire of Peppermint Grove.

■ Advise the Minister that if either the Town of Mosman Park or Shire of Peppermint Grove are not prepared to voluntarily amalgamate, then the Town's preference is to remain independent but with the inclusion of the proposed boundary adjustments, as outlined, to include the community of Swanbourne to the north.

■ Endorse the Town of Cottesloe Structural Reform Submission.

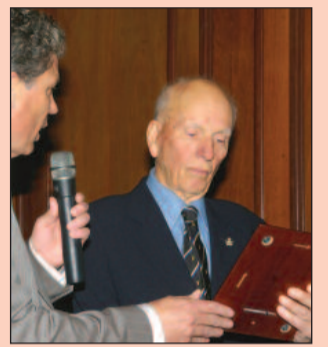
New citizens meet Pioneers

COTTESLOE chose the afternoon tea party – held in the War Memorial Town Hall, for the Town's pioneer citizens – to also introduce some new citizens. So, new citizens met some of the Town's most venerable, as the afternoon included one of the several citizenship ceremonies held every year in Cottesloe. They also heard some fascinating facts about their new home from historian Ruth Marchant James, author of *Cottesloe, a Town of Distinction*.

New style

Plans to augment and improve Cottesloe's future ceremonies were agreed at last month's Council meeting.

In addition to the significant event that is held every Australia Day (in conjunction with Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove) the Town will now arrange a ceremony in April, just before Anzac Day; in June, on Pioneers' Day; and in October, following the Queen's birthday holiday.



Retiring Councillor John Utting with Mayor Kevin Morgan

JOHN Utting's 27 years of service to the Town came to a close at the volunteer sun-downer and re-opening of the War Memorial Town Hall on September 30. The veteran councillor received a commemorative award from Mayor Kevin Morgan and the warm thanks of the community members, many of them local volunteers, invited to the opening.

Local scout leader John Andrewartha was also honoured at the opening, the Mayor paying tribute to the decades John has spent helping and instructing young people through the scouting movement.

COTTESLOE ELECTION 2009

....and then there was one

THIS weekend the 900-plus electors of Central Ward will choose between two candidates for the one and only Cottesloe Council seat now being contested in this year's election.

Four other new councillors – as well as Mayor Kevin Morgan – were elected unopposed.

Who votes?

Unless you are one of the Central Ward electors you

will NOT have received a ballot package. But if you are resident in Central Ward and do NOT have the election documents, you can still vote, in person, on election day (tomorrow, Saturday October 17) at the

Civic Centre council offices, between 8am and 6pm.

(You can also vote any day prior to Saturday, during normal office hours.)

The outcome of the Central Ward election will be posted on the Council website as soon as possible.

New Council takes office

TWO councillors, Bryan Miller (East Ward) and John Utting (North Ward) decided not to stand again this year. Apart from the one Council seat in Central Ward, which

Patricia Carmichael and Thomas Carmody are contesting, this is the new Cottesloe line-up.

Representatives who retained their seats:

Mayor Kevin Morgan
Elected unopposed
Ian Woodhill
(North Ward)
Elected unopposed

Jo Dawkins
(South Ward)
Elected unopposed

New members are:

Davina Goldthorpe
(North Ward)
Elected unopposed

Rob Rowell
(East Ward)
Elected Unopposed

Existing members:
Cr Jay Birnbrauer
(Central Ward)

Cr Greg Boland
Cr Jack Walsh
(North Ward)

Cr Dan Cunningham
(East Ward)

Cr Victor Strzina
(South Ward)

Scouts at Civic Centre

SCOUTS and cubs now meet at the Centre's Lesser Hall and make good use of the grounds. More information is available from John Andrewartha (on 9384 5691, during school terms) or at cotcubs@inet.net.au

Cub-scouts (8-10yrs) meet on Tuesdays, 6.30-8pm; and scouts (11-15yrs) on Fridays, 7-9pm.