

BRIGHT sun viewed through new shade sails at the Beach St/ Marine Parade playground illustrates the need for Cottesloe's programme of similar work at all the Town's playgrounds. Installation of these shade sails, and replacement of around 500m of footpath has been paid for with savings made from the Federal Government's Community Infrastructure funding of the beach pylon restoration.

News in brief...

Meetings at **Civic Centre**

NEXT Council meeting Monday December 14, at

Development Services Monday December 7, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday December

Planning applications:

For consideration in FEB-RUARY, applications close January 2.

For MARCH, closing date is January 23.

* There are NO meetings in January 2010.

Meeting dates for the whole of 2010 are available at the Civic Centre and online. Agenda are available at each meeting; at the library and Civic Centre on the Friday preceding each meeting date. Agenda may also be viewed online.

Council closing dates over **Christmas**

THE Civic Centre offices will close on December 24 at noon, and re-open on January 4, at 8.30am.

Emergency phone numbers will be available throughout the holiday season. For ranger assistance, please call 9427 0482

Laneway owners ignore **Council** offer

TO bring all of Cottesloe's laneways into public ownership, so they can be properly maintained for access by all adjacent residents, Council has offered to take ownership of all privatelyowned laneways. This would be done at no legal or administrative cost to the present owners.

No thanks

Only one laneway owner responded to the Council offer, rejecting it. The Council will now consider imposing a minimum rate levy on private laneways in the 2010/2011 budget.

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year from Cottesloe's Councilors and Staff

MARK December 20 in your holiday diary for a great way to start the festive season with Cottesloe's traditional Carols by Candlelight in the Civic Centre grounds.

The carols begin at 7pm; but fetch your picnic, chairs and blankets from 6pm. Candles, and treats for the children, will be provided!

CAROLS by **CANDLELIGHT**

St Philips Anglican Church organises the evening with the Town and hosts the celebration. Bring family and friends for a relaxing and enjoyable evening of Carols by Candlelight - on the Main

Parking

There's hassle-free parking on the west lawn, inside the Civic Centre. Please enter through gate C - off Broome St, near the Napier St roundabout. Rangers will be there; please follow their directions. For a map of the venue, see the website, or get a hard copy from the Council offices, St Philips, or the library.

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Public drinking restricted

POLICE and Council rangers will again be enforcing Cottesloe's local law to curb public drinking, particularly over the new year period.

Details of the restrictions are posted on the Town's website, but briefly:

The Special Events Local Law 2006 makes it an offence to possess liquor in a public place in Cottesloe on New Year's Eve.

Unless you can prove that your are transporting liquor to private property or licensed premises, you run the risk of an immediate \$500 'on-the-spot' fine for the simple possession of liquor – even if the liquor is bagged or unopened.

The ban applies from midday on 31 December, 2009 until midday on 1 January, 2010 and covers the area bounded by the Cottesloe beaches, Eric Street to the north, the railway line to the east and Pearse Street to the south.

Residents are also reminded to use the established reporting system, including online forms, if you experience any unruly, anti-social behaviour in

SAFETY RE-THINK AT JOHN/BROOME BLACKSPOT

PLANS for a safer intersection at the John Street/ Broome Street Blackspot have been changed after local objections.

Instead, engineers are now considering use of rubber speed cushions, north and south of the steep crest outside the Civic Centre and will report their findings to the Council.

Speeding

Speeding on Broome Street is an established problem, though matters have been improved with roundabouts at Forrest and Napier Streets.

Work planned for the John/Broome intersection which had won Blackspot funding from Main Roads entailed median islands, road-widening, and realignment of footpaths. Residents felt this would affect traffic entering/leaving John Street, not reduce speeding, as well as create damage to tree roots and

Which young Citizen will take Leeuwin trip?

AUSTRALIA Day will be extra special this year for Cottesloe's Young Citizen of the Year. Nominations are invited for this award, which this year offers a \$3,000 scholarship aboard the sail training ship Leeuwin.

The Council has changed the upper age limit for young citizens to 21 years, and invited community groups, sports clubs and other organisations to make nominations.

You can nominate

But individuals can also be involved in the process.

If you want to suggest someone as the Town's Young Citizen of the Year or for the major Citizen of the Year, or Community Group/Event of the Year do so now.

Awards will be presented on Australia Day – January 26 – so it's not too late.

Nomination forms are available at the Civic centre, the library and online.

For more information contact Janna Lockyer at the Civic Centre on 9285 5068.

Breakfast

This year the joint community celebrations will be hosted by the Shire of Peppermint Grove. The ceremonies are always followed by a celebration breakfast.

Start time is at 8am, at Mariners Hill Park, cnr of Lila and Johnston Sts Peppermint Grove.

As well as the awards, there will be a flag-raising ceremony and National Anthem, Citizenship Ceremonies and the address to new citizens by Premier Colin Barnett.

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Cottesloe's news

will appear on this page -

Cottesloe Council News – in

the Post newspaper on

January 30.

An Australia Day report

Primary has road safety concerns

A COUNCIL safety audit, conducted by consultants after North Cottesloe primary school parents expressed their worries, has recommended 30 separate necessary actions.

Increased general traffic, and growing pupil numbers resulting in more drop-off journeys by parents, have exacerbated the situation around the school.

Cottesloe will undertake all the work for which the Town is responsible, including applying for Blackspot funds, and has forwarded the audit to other authorities and groups, asking them also to take action.

Copies will go to Main Roads WA, the Public Transport Authority, Education Department, the school, and its P&C.

Each has been asked to consider addressing salient points – including a request for Main Roads to fund the agreed design of a flyover at Eric Street.

Early consultation on Blackspot works

RESIDENTS adjacent to Blackspots where future remedial work is planned will be consulted as early as practicable, the Council has ruled.

The recent John/Broome St re-think has resulted in Cottesloe returning to Main Road WA its \$20,000 contribution to the project. (Although alternative treatments might be installed, these were not as stated in the original application to Main Roads, and the grant can only be used for approved work.)

Applications

Current applications for State Blackspot funds whereby the Council pays one-third of cost, are for:

■ Eric/Railway Sts – to install roundabout predefection

■ Broome/Grant Sts roundabout pre-deflection

Railway/Napoleon Sts install speed reduction platforms on Railway St approaches.

The Town will also apply for funds under National Blackspot programme to make a turning lane, and upgrade signals, at the Curtin Avenue/Eric St junc-