

Enjoy Australia Day breakfast on the lawn



There's something for everyone on Australia Day, though some prefer the musicians to the speeches!

COTTESLOE'S Australia Day Awards will be presented on Saturday, January 26 at joint community celebrations hosted this year by Cottesloe. Every year the Town combines with the Shire of Peppermint Grove and the Town of Mosman Park for a celebration breakfast.

Start time is at 8am, on the Main Lawn of the Civic Centre.

As well as the Awards, there will be a flag-raising ceremony and National Anthem, Citizenship Ceremonies and the address to new citizens by a prominent speaker. Children will be well-entertained too, and the celebrations end with a barbecue breakfast.

TWILIGHT CONCERTS

Jay Weston and Katherine Jenkins open the season

FIRST of three Twilight Concerts on the Civic Centre Main Lawn features Jay Weston, one of the brightest talents on the Australian music scene. On February 24, at 7pm, you can come and experience the voice that has thrilled and moved audiences at home and abroad in recent years – PLUS Katherine Jenkins!

Following a startling chart debut in the UK for her albums, Katherine Jenkins caught the attention of Australians everywhere with the 2005 release of her album *La Diva*. Following a hugely successful promotional trip to Australia in May 2006, her new album *Living A Dream* reached #1 on the ARIA Classical Album Chart. Katherine has won Album of the Year awards at the Classical Brits two years running.

Jay is a tenor who sings opera, musical theatre, classical and contemporary music. He is also an accomplished pianist, arranging and accompanying himself on keyboards.



COTTESLOE COUNCIL NEWS

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Dealing with anti-social behaviour

Measures introduced at the December meeting of Cottesloe Council aim to improve local quality of life by curbing anti-social behaviour. The Town announced permanent 3-hr limits at some beachfront car-parks, and empowered staff to gather better quality evidence of anti-social behaviour by hotel patrons.



Video proof may cut crowds

CAMERAS monitoring anti-social behaviour could support Cottesloe's case for a reduction in the crowds of people allowed into beachfront hotels. Strong evidence is needed for a successful complaint to the Director of Liquor Licensing. Video evidence could even allow the Director to take action of his own accord, the December Council meeting was told.



Originally from Perth, this young entertainer has had many years of experience in numerous opera and theatre productions. Discovering an early passion for music, he began playing the keyboard at ten and at thirteen was awarded a musical scholarship, beginning his training at Perth Modern School. Jay went on to complete a Bachelor of Music (Classical) at the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA).

More concerts

As the Music for Pleasure series cannot take place this year, due to Civic Centre office renovations, two more Twilight Concerts have been scheduled. The Town has booked Tod Johnston's band, Peace Love & All That Stuff for March 9 and the Oz Big Band on March 16.

Council has now decided it must obtain a higher standard of proof, linking street behaviour to patrons of the hotels, in order to make a successful Section 117 complaint. The CEO has been given the go-ahead to use additional resources and gather evidence.

"The Town's proposed strategy is to reduce the number of patrons that may be admitted into the beachfront hotels," said acting CEO Graham Patrick.

"At the moment we don't have quality information that would stand up to rigorous examination. This is mainly because it's difficult to prove a direct link between some individuals behaving badly, and patronage of a hotel.

"Residents who suffer from the anti-social behaviour are usually unable to categorically vouch that the offenders have come from the hotels," he said.

"We know that the amenity of many residents is being compromised, though not all make documented complaints.

"Officers need hard evidence. For instance, we have to show that the behaviour could only have originated from a hotel, because no one is in the car parks or on the beach, drinking or otherwise," said Mr Patrick.

Cameras

Live CCTV monitoring and recording has been investigated. In tests, the CEO has been able to view activity in Perth (Osborne Park) and three overseas locations, operating cameras from his desktop computer.

Installation of cameras at No 1 car park would allow video evidence to be recorded by zooming into views along adjoining streets – John, Forrest, Napier and more.

'NO DRINKING' SIGNS FOR TOWN BEACHES

CONSISTENT sign design will improve safety along Cottesloe's beaches. 'No Drinking' is one of the messages, reminding beachgoers of a prohibition on alcohol consumption on the beaches.

However, new signs will also carry a wide range of advisory, regulatory and interpretive information. They will be easily understood by overseas visitors as well as locals.

Cottesloe's Crime Prevention and Community Safety Committee recom-

News in brief...

Meetings at Civic Centre

NEXT Council meeting Monday February 25, at 7pm.

Development Services Monday February 18, 6pm.

Works and Corporate Services Tuesday February 19, 7pm.

Planning applications for March close January 23.

Meeting dates for the whole year are available at the Civic Centre and online. Agenda are available at the meetings; and at the library and Civic Centre on the Friday preceding each meeting date. Agenda may also be downloaded from the Town's website.

Napier parking

IMPROVED car parking bays outside the Civic Centre on Napier Street, south side, will be considered for inclusion in the 2008/09 budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON 3-HOUR LIMIT

AFTER considering community input at the December meeting, Council decided on a three-hour parking limit in the Marine Parade No 1 car park, 24-hrs a day; and a trial of similar restrictions at No 2 car park. In addition, a permit system will be introduced, for the benefit of local people who need longer-term parking.

The restrictions are part of Town efforts to restrict anti-social behaviour linked to hotel users visiting Cottesloe. As outlined in our December edition, some visitors drink in the car parks before heading for hotel Sunday sessions, where alcohol is more expensive. They also linger in the car parks after pub closing time - either sobering up, or creating a disturbance, or engaging in other anti-social activity.

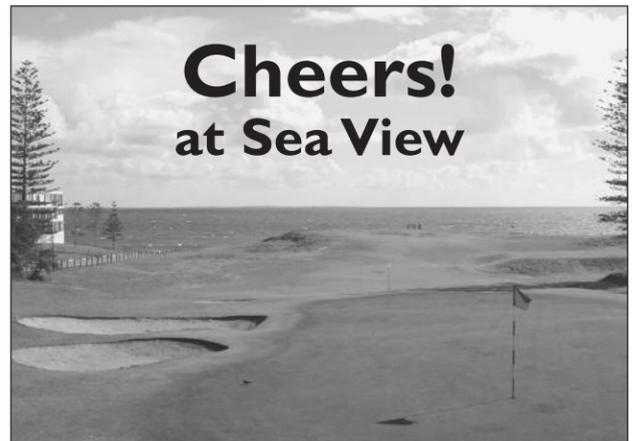
Public submissions received by Council mostly favoured the move. Respondents commented that beach patronage should be encouraged, at the expense of hotel patronage; and other transport methods than cars should be encouraged. They felt that quicker turnover of parking spaces would increase beach use and improve the trade of local businesses. Respondents also believed that loitering, and sustained, heavy drinking would be discouraged.

Against

Staff countered suggestions by some respondents that beachfront employees and surf-club volunteers would be disadvantaged, by pointing out that there is sufficient, free long-term parking space in nearby streets.

MARINE PARADE LIGHTING

AFTER studying street lighting at the northern end of Marine Parade, Council has decided to make no changes. The study was prompted in part by a petition from residents asking for a downgrading of light levels.



Cheers! at Sea View

COUNCIL has given support for Sea View Golf Club to amend the licensed areas of the club house, to include the front foyer and terrace, and some small outdoor areas including a barbecue and pergola. However, an application to licence the entire course was rejected. This was requested so a motorised golf cart could be used on the course during corporate events.