

# Maccas supersizes Jolimont arches

The trademark golden arches outside the new McDonald's in Hay Street, Jolimont, are bigger than those they replaced.

Neighbours noticed the sign seemed to be more prominent (It's a Mac-attack, Jolimont says, POST, January 20).

The Metro West Development Assessment Panel approved golden arches measuring 5.6m wide and 4.6m high on top of the pylon used by the previous sign.

In a response to the POST in January, McDonald's said the sign was in a slightly different location but was the same size and height.

An email from Subiaco council staff to councillors in January said the sign was bigger but it had been approved by the DAP.

The email said the sign was 5.525m wide by 4.570m high with an overall height of 20m including the pole and had been built in accordance with the development application.

"The original plans from 1984 for the previous sign included a smaller illuminated sign 3.64m wide by 3.58m high and with an overall height including pole of 15m," it said.

The email said it was understandable there was com-

munity concern but there was no recourse through planning legislation.

Peel Street resident Patrick MacQuillan said residents had been left with one of the biggest fast-food signs in WA that could be seen from several surrounding suburbs, and Jolimont Primary School.

"Most Maccas signs are under 5m high," he said.

"Jolimont residents believe this is contrary to local planning guidelines as it is not compatible with the character of the locality and the general nature of land use in the area.

"Jolimont is about old wooden cottages, quiet streets lined with lovely trees, and beautiful parkland."

In less than two weeks an online petition he started to have the sign taken down has collected about 500 names.

Mr MacQuillan has written to Planning Minister Rita Saffioti asking her department to investigate how the DAP approval for a refurbished sign could be replaced with a larger one in scale and height.

A McDonald's spokesperson said the sign was in accordance with the approval and directed questions to the council.

## Parking blind in Cottesloe

Twelve Meter Eyes in a north Cottesloe parking area are out of action due to a lightning strike.

A council spokeswoman said the devices, in the bays in front of Barchetta off Marine Parade, had not been working for a

couple of months.

"The town's rangers are monitoring parking in this carpark and will continue to do so at this time," she said.

She did not reply to a query about what the repair bill might be.



Shields up! ... Scotch boys Billy Mahaffy, left, Oli Warden and Aussie Prendiville have helped deliver a groaning trophy cabinet at their school. Photo: Billie Fairclough

## Triple shield win for Scotch

**Billy Mahaffy, Oli Warden and Aussie Prendiville didn't win all their races or events at their Junior Private Schools Sports Association tournaments.**

But their training and on-field efforts mean Scotch College holds the swimming, athletics, and cross-country shields.

"It's a big achievement," junior school sports master Scott Whiston said.

"We won the cross-country and athletics last year and the swimming this month."

Mr Whiston said a good at-

titude and being committed to training had helped the boys succeed.

"They're always quite relaxed on the day," he said.

"We build their confidence by getting them to do their best in practice."

Aussie Prendiville swam in the solo butterfly and freestyle relay events.

"I like swimming because you get strong and it helps you with a lot of other sports," Aussie said.

"My best time for the 50m freestyle is 36.9 seconds."

Athlete Billy Mahaffy was in the winning relay team and came second in his 100m sprint.

"I love to try and push myself when I'm running," he said.

Oli Warden said a key to success in cross-country was running in a straight line.

"Last year at Guildford there wasn't enough room and we got stuck at the back," Oli said.

"I finished 16th in the 2.5km race."

Mr Whiston said the cross-country was the closest tournament: Scotch beat Hale School by six points.

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