



## **Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association**

### **Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 16 July 2007 - Wilson Community Hall**

#### **1. Welcome**

**Geoff. Rees** as outgoing Vice President, substituting for **Max Zeller**, opened the meeting at 7.35pm. and welcomed all present. Geoff. thanked all WRRRA members for their support throughout the year, all visitors to the AGM and invited guest for attending. Geoff. briefly outlined the meeting agenda and meeting procedures, copies of which were available on the floor.

11 visitors and members exclusive of the committee and special guest **Kim Wilkie MP**.attended as recorded on the attendance sheets attached.

**Total Attendance was recorded as 16**

#### **2. AGM Notice**

Notification of this AGM was published in the Canning Times, Canning Advertiser, Newsletter drop, Eureka Notice board, a mailout to all existing members, email to Mason Ward Councillors and personal letters to Dominic Carbone, Silvio Trinca - City of Canning officers and Dr. Lekias, Mayor of the City of Canning. Ben Wyatt MLA and Kim Wilkie MP were invited by Geoff. Rees on our behalf.

#### **3. Introduction of WRRRA Members and Special Guest**

##### **Current WRRRA Committee:**

Max Zeller - President  
Geoff. Rees - Vice President - Chair  
Kelly Faulkner - Treasurer  
Les Durbin - Secretary  
Maurice Winter - Committee  
Paul Duncan - Committee  
David Robertson - Committee  
Juan Lui - Committee

##### **Special Guest:**

Kim Wilkie - MP. Swan

#### 4. Apologies

Max Zeller - President WRRRA  
Dr. Lekias (Mayor - City of Canning)  
Ben Wyatt, MLA  
Cllr. Lindsay Elliott - Mason Ward  
Cllr. Joe Delle Donne - Mason Ward

It was minuted that a number of committee members and invited guests were not present nor did they acknowledge their invitations - something of a disappointment.

#### 5. Minutes from previous AGM

Copies were available on the floor. Motion to accept as a true record: Troy Anglesey, seconded Maurice Winter. Accepted.

#### 6. Presentation by Kim Wilkie MP Swan

Kim gave a very entertaining address which included some new information about local matters and some information from Ben Wyatt MLA with whom he had conferred prior to this AGM. After his address, he took questions from the floor on topics on which he felt qualified to answer as follows:

- Kent Street Eco-Centre - The frame is now up and a business plan is confirmed. The centre is scheduled to be opened in November next and is to include a café/kiosk to encourage groups to visit. There will be a tree planting project to which the public will be invited; notice to be given later.
- Feeder bus services to Bullcreek Railway Stn.: 2 new services are to be instituted before the end of the year. One, No.179 via Fern Road to Bullcreek and a second No.509 to travel more directly from Cannington Stn. to Bullcreek. Final details to be published in due course.
- Castledare Railway: Money has been allocated for an upgrade.
- Broadband Access: Wilson has been declared the worst suburb in the electorate of Swan for broadband access. Labour policy was outlined.
- Seniors Forum: A forum is to be held shortly at Bentley Park and a mailout will occur very soon.
- Neighbourhood Watch: Its importance was stressed.

Questions/topics from floor:

- Cannington Railway Station: Could a pick up/drop off bay be constructed? - To be passed on to **Ben Wyatt**.
- Traffic in suburbs: A general problem particularly speeding in 50kph. zones. See Other Business for more discussion of local traffic issues.
- Kent Street Eco-Centre: Concerns raised about the amount of parking to be allocated. We were told that if visitor numbers exceed expectations then the City will provide more.

#### 7. President's Report

The Report Card was compiled by **Geoff. Rees** and **Les Durbin** as outlined by **Max Zeller** in the Winter Newsletter as outgoing President and was presented by **Geoff. Rees**.

Geoff. outlined what had been an active year with again a high level of constructive consultation with local and state government. WRRRA has a stable membership and all committee posts have been filled over the past year.  
A copy of this report is posted on the WRRRA homepage.

## **8. Financial Report**

**Kelly Faulkner** as Treasurer presented the Annual Report indicating a healthy financial position. Current membership is 91 with a balance of \$3271.61. A copy of the balance sheet is attached. Accepted on a motion of Geoff. Rees and seconded by Maurice Winter.

**Kim Wilkie** made the point that funds were available for printing costs for community groups if we were to ask him for them. Apparently the grant from the City of Canning only goes some way to covering these costs which are rising. Kelly suggested we discuss this at our next committee meeting.

## **9. Matters arising from last AGM & Related Issues**

As no councillors or City officials were present questions from the floor were dealt with by WRRRA office holders and committee members.

- **Kiosk - Les**

A visit to the Council Office recently revealed that the main effort was being put into the Kent Street Eco-Centre due to staff shortages but planning and design is ongoing. We have received assurances that the opening hours for the new kiosk will be formalised so its opening can be relied upon. There were complaints from the floor that opening times are somewhat sporadic at present.

- **No. of households in Wilson: - Maurice**

There are close to 2,500 households in Wilson.

- **Old Garage Site cnr. Bungaree/Eureka Roads - Les**

Question raised by **Gwili Grock** a nearby resident as to the zoning and planning status of the block.

Suggested that a visit to the Council Offices will give a prompt and up to the minute answer over the counter.

- **Traffic problems specifically Fleming Ave. and Fern Roads - Kim and Les**

Several present raised question of traffic problems.

Re. Fleming Ave/Wharf Road - complaints about speeding vehicles from test drivers of vehicles known to be from local car yards. Kim suggested recording Reg. No.s where possible and reporting to the local Police Station on Albany Hwy. Les confirmed that in his experience this process was totally confidential and very effective.

Re. Fern Road - complaints about traffic misbehaviour. Les outlined the traffic improvements made in the last 2 years and WRRRA's input for traffic control measures. There seemed to be no more to be done except reporting to the police for them to act. The police did patrol from time to time but the SAM speed monitor had not been there for some time. It was felt that siting a speed camera occasionally would assist.

Traffic problems to be dealt with at next committee meeting with a view to sending a letter to the Police.

## 10. Election of officers.

There being no other questions from the floor, **Geoff. Rees** vacated the chair and invited **Kim Wilkie** to chair the election of officers and committee. Kim thanked the current committee for their work over the past year. He stressed the importance of community input into local affairs and asked of the floor if anyone would be prepared to nominate for any vacant position or serve as a committee member.

- a. **Kim Wilkie** declared all positions vacant.
- b. Nominations were called for the position of President. **Max Zeller** was nominated by **Les Durbin** seconded by **Maurice Winter**. There being no other nominations Max was elected on a show of hands.
- c. Nominations were called for the position of Vice President. **Geoff. Rees** was nominated by **Maurice Winter** seconded by **Les Durbin**. There being no other nominations Geoff. was elected on a show of hands.
- d. Nominations were called for the position of Secretary. **Les Durbin** was nominated by **Maurice Winter** seconded by **Kelly Faulkner**. There being no other nominations Les was elected on a show of hands.
- e. Nominations were called for the position of Treasurer. **Kelly Faulkner** was nominated by **Les Durbin** seconded by **Maurice Winter**. There being no other nominations Kelly was elected on a show of hands.
- f. Nominations for committee members were requested. Noted that **Maria Valli** and **Paul Duncan** did not wish to re-nominate after many years service. **Maurice Winter** was the only existing committee member to nominate. A new committee member **Gwili(Jeeli) Grock** nominated and two members who would name themselves later as they would likely be present at our next committee meeting in August and offer themselves for committee then. This leaves our committee short on numbers but hopefully we would be able to gain other members shortly.

## 11. Membership Subscription 2007/8

Proposed by **Paul Duncan** seconded by **Geoff. Rees** that in view of our healthy balance sheet, the Membership Subscription of \$5/household should continue. **Kelly** pointed out that many people paid in cash and a banknote in an envelope was more convenient than a coinage amount. Accepted unanimously.

## 12. General Business

- **Thanks to Maria Valli and Paul Duncan for their service to WRRRA.**

**Geoff.** on behalf of WRRRA thanked both for their contribution to WRRRA and the community. **Paul** had been a valuable member and committee member for 19yrs. and **Maria** had worked tirelessly to maintain WRRRA as a viable unit through some difficult years whilst President, ably assisted by **Paul**. They will both be missed.

- **Aragon Way - Ray Hardman**

Asked if anything could be done by way of road markings to stop the cutting of the corner by drivers approaching the Manning Road junction. Les asked Ray to draw a mud map and he and Geoff. will visit the site with a view to discussing the matter at our next meeting with a view to writing to the City.

- **Eco-Centre Parking - Terry Gordon**

As mentioned previously the adequacy of parking will be monitored when visitor numbers are determined.

- **Fern Road/Castledare Post Box - Paul Duncan**

Requests that the possibility of a temporary parking bay being installed to make the posting of letters more convenient. Les explained the background that some 3/4 years ago, Australia Post wanted to remove the box but retained it for the convenience of Castledare Residents although not of course for their exclusive use.

Les to measure up the site and raise it as an agenda item at our next meeting.

### **13. Next Meeting.**

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>. August 2007 at 7.30pm. at the Wilson Community Hall.

There being no further business, the incoming Vice President, **Geoff. Rees** thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.