



**WRRRA Committee Meeting
MONDAY 6 April 2009
Wilson Community Hall**

Minutes

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Meeting opened: 7:35 pm.</p> <p>Geoff Rees welcomed all attending and declared the meeting open.</p> <p>Present: Geoff Rees (President), Les Durbin (Secretary/Minutes), Rob Marshall (Treasurer), Maurice Winter, Brian Cornell, Susan Rogers (Committee), Joe Delle Donne, (Mayor), Graham Barry, Lindsay Elliott & Mark Kelly (Cllrs. Mason Ward), , Garry Stirling (Member),</p> <p>Apologies: Bill Johnson MLA, Max Zeller & Chris Bailie (Committee)</p> <p>Procedure:</p>
2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 2 February 2009 were received as a true record on the motion of Brian Cornell seconded by Maurice Winter.</p>
3	<p>Actions arising from last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Castledare Land Update - No further progress. Meeting with Ben Wyatt MLA still outstanding and there is currently no interest being shown by MPs and State Government in acquiring the remaining privately owned lands within the Canning River Regional Park. Geoff to raise this matter with Steve Irons MP and Bill Johnston MLA. With the change in government no quick results are expected.• Dual Use Path Update - Geoff reported that there has been no action by the Dept. of Environment and Conservation (DEC) on the proposed path extension in the park from the south end of Watts Road around the bottom end of Surrey Road as DEC did not believe this would go ahead . They also had no money at the moment to spend on the project.• Kent St. Eco-Centre and surrounds - No progress or reply to letter of last June. Les to email copy of original letter for Rob to rewrite and resubmit.• Broadband Report-back - Copy of letter from Joe Delle Donne, Mayor, to Steve Irons MP requesting backing to upgrade ADSL in Wilson. Noted mention of WRRRA broadband submission being mentioned in Bill Johnston's maiden parliamentary speech. Note: The day following the meeting, Fed. Gov. announced roll out of 'fibre to the home' broadband at cost of \$43bn. - Les to monitor.

	<p>Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrey Road development - Work at No.9 Surrey Road has now ceased under a Council Stop Work notice whilst an independent structural engineer is engaged to re-assess retaining wall adequacy for No.11 and redesign for load bearing wall at No.7 A draft of a letter to be sent to Canning City Council seeking the addresses of all Wilson residences that have non-load bearing retaining against their boundaries was circulated among all committee members and the proposals to seek the information passed unanimously - Geoff • Annual Dinner - Decided to postpone for this year being so close to AGM. Next dinner to be almost immediately after the mid-July AGM to welcome new committee. - Maurice • River Guardians - Les had forwarded all recent literature to Chris Bailie who was on honeymoon and unable to attend this meeting. The free membership expired in December last. Chris to follow up our membership subscription for 2009. • Recruiting - Les noted that membership is currently healthy at 97 and the upcoming Newsletter and AGM were probably the forums to recruit. - Agreed • Boating Strategy - Max was unable to attend but expressed to Les prior to the meeting that not all the proposals in the WRRR Boating Strategy Submission that he prepared were accepted so a little disappointed However, he was pleased that we had submitted a professional and well reasoned document and must accept the final report. • Riverton Jetty Kiosk - Geoff. read out a letter from Betty Urqhart, a local resident, and will draft a reply for Les to mail. Susan raised several points mainly about the use of the currently little used grassed area on cnr. Bridge St./Fern Rd. which is part of the Jetty Park and could be used as a carpark. She also suggested that the kiosk be moved to Shelley foreshore but this was not seen as acceptable by Cllrs. The meeting felt that the planning/consultation over the area had a long way to go yet with much to consider. Joe Delle Donne announced that a public meeting would be held on site in late April as part of the process and that the Kiosk had gone to the architects for design with a brief to keep the cost within \$500,000. • Town Hall Dinner: Geoff and Bea Rees attended the re-opening of the newly renovated Cannington Town Hall in early March, representing WRRR. It was an enjoyable evening and enabled Geoff to meet and network other local organisations and individuals.
<p>4</p>	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U/G Power North Wilson - The planning and financial details incl. pensioner discounts are still before council. Cllr. Elliott noted that a number of submissions had been received from residents of Leach Hwy particularly from multi-dwelling developments. Noted that WRRR had received letter from Michael Petrich, 73, Leach Hwy. on this subject. Geoff to attend any subsequent meetings on subject. • Joe Delle Donne noted that a Fed. Govt. grant had been approved to construct new change rooms at Centenary Park. • Confirmed that a consulting engineer was investigating the question of the excavation and retaining walls at the 9, Surrey road development and until resolved, the works would be 'on hold'.

	<p>Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verge/nature Strip storage: Noted that the situation at 205, Watts Road had not changed since our 2 Feb. meeting and in fact a front-end loader was now permanently parked up on the opposite corner. WRRRA had received an additional letter of complaint from a near neighbour. Les hand delivered a letter and additional paperwork to Gavin Ponton this morning requesting action. Joe Delle Donne was concerned that it was taking so long and took copies of documentation away from the meeting promising to follow it up. • Mark Kelly, newly elected Mason Ward Councillor introduced himself.
5	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p>Agreed no break to be taken as Chairman had other commitments and wanted to keep the meeting short.</p>
6	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All correspondence reported and/or discussed at meeting and a copy of report attached to minutes. • A spreadsheet was passed around for checking and/or amendment being details of committee members, addresses, duties etc. plus details of councillors and other associated individuals.
7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob submitted a report indicating an account standing at \$2586.92 with membership at 97. Both figures agreed to be most satisfactory. • Expenses paid out to Geoff & Les for small consumables. • Rob to negotiate with Bendigo Bank at earliest to have them waive our account keeping fees in exchange for an advert in our newsletter.
8	<p>Portfolio Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no portfolio reports other than those reported earlier.

<p>9</p>	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee noted the resignation of Gwili Crock with regret. Gwili joined us at a time when committee numbers were low and she helped us over a difficult time. We very much appreciate her contribution. Noted that she is willing to assist with newsletter deliveries if we are short on numbers. Les had delivered a letter of thanks earlier in the day. • Broadband questionnaire - Max had intended to deliver a questionnaire in the immediate vicinity of his home as an addition to data already collected for our earlier submission. It was felt that this could be postponed until at least replies had been received from that original submission. Note: Perhaps with the Fed. Govt. announcement the following day, we may have been overtaken by events. • Newsletter Winter Edition - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Deadline for completion and delivery to printers - 1st. week in June ◇ Deadline for deliveries - before end of June leaving 2 weeks before AGM ◇ Final details to be arranged - at 1 June committee meeting ◇ Articles - 4 needed with 3 agreed as follows: Geoff. - Castledare Land, Rob - Wilson Fence/Park, Les - Broadband update. Les will accept articles at earliest. If anyone wants to contribute the 4th article please put your hand up. ◇ Editorial - Already prepared - Les ◇ Advertising - We shall lose ad. for Peta Charles Hair Studio which Rob is hoping to replace with Bendigo Bank. Les to mail out invoices to the other 5 at earliest with expectation that all will renew. Graham Barry has indicated that he would take up any vacant spot should it arise. Max to attend to any page 4 artwork arising from a new advert. It was suggested that we try to accommodate more than 6 ads but space is tight and 6 was seen to be a practical number. ◇ The production of the Summer edition last did not go smoothly so we are urged to please meet deadlines. Liase with Les if you have a problem and the 1 June committee meeting should be seen as giving us one week only prior to printing.
<p>10</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next committee Meeting will be held on Monday 1 June 2009 at 7.30pm at Wilson Community Hall</p>
<p>There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.</p>	