



**WRRA COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY 5 APRIL 2010  
WILSON COMMUNITY HALL**

**MINUTES**

<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b></p> <p><b>Meeting opened:</b> 7:30 pm</p> <p>Geoff Rees welcomed all attending and declared the meeting open.</p> <p><b>Present:</b> Geoff Rees (President), Maurice Winter ( Vice President), Rob Marshall (Treasurer), Les Durbin (Minutes), Brian Cornell, Max Zeller (Committee members), Joe Delle Donne (Mayor), Graham Barry, Lindsay Elliott (Councillors)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Kerry Malone (Secretary)</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 1 February 2010 were received as a true record on the motion of Maurice Winter, seconded by Max Zeller.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Report on New Year's Day ice cream revenue.</b> Maurice reported that WRRA only received \$250 from New Year ice cream sales dramatically down on our usual receipts of approximately \$800. Maurice agreed to obtain a full accounting of the day's receipts. The Mayor reported that there were complaints about the slow service at the ice cream van something we minuted at our last committee meeting and asked that we improve the situation for next year as the slow service/queue reflected unfavourably on the City and the smooth running of the day. As discussed at our February committee meeting, in future two (2) ice cream vans will be provided.</li><li>▪ <b>Results of underground power survey</b> Geoff again reported on the results of our U/G power survey which overwhelmingly approved of Wilson East being given U/G power at the earliest possible date. The results were mailed to the City Mayor 22/2/10 with cc.CEO, Deputy Mayor and Councillors and will also be published in our Winter edition newsletter.</li></ul>

	<p>Geoff outlined details of a public meeting held at the Bentley Community Centre, 11 March 2010 which was held to inform Bentley residents of the upcoming survey to determine whether residents wanted U/G power in Bentley East and what would be involved financially and technically. Geoff, Rob &amp; Les attended for WRRRA and Geoff put the point most forcefully that if Bentley didn't want it then Wilson East most certainly did. We were assured that Wilson would be viewed favourably when the next priority list will be drawn up.</p> <p>Geoff noted the following points from this meeting:  Cost/residence will be \$8-10,000 of which 25% borne by City, 25% borne by State Government and 50% by residents. Although still subject to confirmation, of the 50% borne by residents, a concession of 50% will be given to pensioners and 25% to seniors. A concession of 50% is given to those homeowners who already have U/G power to their property of which the Bywater Estate is a good example. A costing of \$3580/residence before concessions was quoted for Bentley East.</p> <p>An article explaining more fully will appear in the newsletter. Mayor, Delle Donne asked that the WRRRA survey results letter of 22/2 be re-issued electronically as he had not seen a copy - Kerry to re-issue electronically.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Long term verge parking Watts/Surrey Roads</b>  An old car awaiting restoration is permanently parked partially on the verge at 230c Watts Road. - Cllr. Elliott to report to City.</li> <li>▪ <b>Canning River Pollution</b>  Committee felt that the river pollution is two separate and distinct items. One being the pollution caused by the 'Great Storm' recently, the catchments and industrial drainage being unable to cope resulting in low oxygen levels and the death of fish, marron etc. The Sunday Times of 4/4/10 reported this in some detail. - Max to draft a letter to Swan River Trust, City of Canning and the Dept. of Environment and Conservation (DEC) outlining our concerns.</li> </ul> <p>The question of Garry Stirling and local contaminated sites is seen as a distinct item and committee considered that as we have no particular expertise in this area then we should continue as in the past to act as a conduit for Garry's concerns. Cllr. Barry is taking particular interest in this topic and it was decided to forward all recent letters/literature we have received from Garry to the CEO, City of Canning with a brief covering letter - Kerry to forward with copies to Swan River Trust and DEC.</p>
4	<p><b>COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Riverton Kiosk Refurbishment</b>  The Kiosk is on schedule for completion end of June and the closing of Bridge Street and extension of the grassed area to be included in the 2010 – 11 budget and should be started on completion of the Kiosk. The temporary kiosk was taken from site as patronage was very low.</li> <li>▪ <b>River frontage – Eco Centre to Council Depot</b>  Rob reminded the Councillors to not forget funding for improvements along the river frontage along that stretch. Rob also had not yet received a reply to his letter re. Wilson Park Fence removal and he also reported some rowdy behaviour around the soccer club area.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Eco Centre</b> Mayor Delle Donne outlined some problems with the Centre particularly the lack of funding for staff and the low use being made of the facility. He is making particular efforts to increase patronage by schools, having visited some locally in recent times. It is an education centre and he would like to see much more use made of it. The Mayor also noted that the Education Dept. was withdrawing its funding support for the Eco Centre leaving it up to the City of Canning to fund from general rates etc.</li> <li>▪ <b>Annual Grant by City to WRRRA</b> Les presented a draft letter requesting our annual grant. In view of our reduced printing costs this year committee only asked for \$120. The Councillors indicated that we should request our usual \$350 grant which would assist with our internet and administrative costs. -Les to redraft</li> </ul>
5	<b>COFFEE BREAK – NOT TAKEN</b>
6	<p><b>SECRETARY REPORT – INCOMINGS / OUTGOINGS</b> Report listing of in/out mail. Report attached.</p> <p>Actions: Complete Tim Hammond Form – Les Letter to City re. Waste collection Jetty Park - Les Re-send electronically U/G power survey results of 22/2/10 - Kerry</p>
7	<p><b>TREASURER’S REPORT – FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b></p> <p>The bank account currently stands at \$2891.20 with 120 approx. members.</p> <p>Rob to email a detailed accounting to Geoff &amp; Kerry on resumption of business after the Easter break.</p>
8	<p><b>PORTFOLIO REPORTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>River Guardians</b> Chris Bailie has formally resigned but as a last duty Rob is to ask him to notify River Guardians that Rob is to be the future recipient of any mail, electronic or snail, until further notice.</li> <li>▪ <b>Fern Road Traffic</b> Brian submitted a letter to the City 2/2/10 receiving a reply 3/3/10 from Troy Bozich for the COE Mark Dacombe. It undertook to refer the matter to Main Roads with particular reference to the widening of the Shelley Bridge to 3 lanes each direction. Brian was asked to request a copy of this letter to Main Roads and their reply. Brian was also asked to contact Shelley/Rossmoyne Residents &amp; Ratepayers to canvas their opinion and draft a petition re. the traffic for the next meeting.</li> <li>▪ <b>Castledare Land Update</b> Geoff noted that a request for Canning City to take a more active role in progressing the acquisition of the remaining privately owned land within the Park had been made under WRRRA’s submission on Canning City Council 2009 Long</li> </ul>

	<p>Term Strategic Plan. The Mayor indicated that the land purchase was nothing to do with the City and that lack of finance at State Government level might be the problem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dual Use Path Update</b> (Healthy Parks Healthy People) Nothing to report.</li> <li>▪ <b>Wilson Park Fence &amp; Surrounds</b> Rob reported still no response since Christmas. He will continue requesting one.</li> <li>▪ <b>River Pollution</b> Max as a regular user of the Canning River undertook to draft a letter to the City re. the recent Canning River pollution.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Riverton Jetty Park Waste Collection</b> – As noted earlier, Les to contact City.</li> <li>▪ <b>State Government Library Funding</b> The much publicised proposal to cut library book funding by 40% as a temporary measure in the coming year was discussed. Decided that any small contribution we could make to the debate would have little impact – No action.</li> <li>▪ <b>Resignations:</b> The resignation of Chris Bailie was noted as too was Kerry’s intention not to nominate as Secretary next year but would continue until the AGM. Both resignations are due to work commitments.</li> <li>▪ <b>Winter Edition Newsletter</b> It was agreed to prepare the newsletter with a deadline for articles the end of April thus leaving plenty of time for printing and delivery before the AGM on 7 July. Duties as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Editor, Printing and delivery – Les</li> <li>- Article: ECO Centre – Geoff</li> <li>- Article: Canning River pollution – Max</li> <li>- Article: U/G Power, survey results &amp; background – Geoff</li> <li>- Article: Fern Road Traffic – Brian</li> <li>- Article: Kent Street Precinct – Rob</li> <li>- Editorial: CRRP with content from Bill Johnson MLA &amp; Steve Irons MP. – Les</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Les to coordinate delivery end May/early June.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p><b>THE NEXT WRRRA COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 7 JUNE 2010 AT 7:30 AT WILSON COMMUNITY HALL.</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p>The meeting closed at 9.30pm.</p>