



**WRRRA Committee Meeting
MONDAY 2 August 2010
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), Maurice Winter, Peter Morcombe, Brian Cornell (Committee), Stephen Boylen.</p> <p>Apologies: Rob Marshall (Treasurer)</p> <p>Absent: Max Zeller, Susan Rogers, Russell Gorton (Committee) & Councillors.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 7 June 2010 were received as a true record on the motion of Brian Cornell seconded by Geoff Rees.</p>
3	<p>Actions arising from last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ U/G power – As decided at our AGM and at the request of the Mayor, Joe Delle Donne, WRRRA are to draft and deliver a questionnaire to all residences in the area known as Wilson East to determine the demand for U/G power. It is not yet certain whether the area of Kent St. precinct is to be included. Geoff & Peter to draft questionnaire and expedite delivery. Les to approach Bill Johnson's office re. printing when numbers known.▪ Membership flyers – Agreed to deliver a flyer to whole suburb. Max to draft based on previous versions. Also decided to include a membership form in the next Summer edition newsletter even if this means an article must be discarded to make room for it. <p>A discussion then ensued as to how the printing should be done in view of us not wanting to display any political allegiance. WRRRA cannot afford to have 2 sets of flyers and a newsletter printed before year end at current rates. Les maintained that we have a current system that works and saves us a lot of money by having our printing done by our local MPs. Bill Johnson & Steve Irons for which we thank them. In recent months, their offices insist on an acknowledgement that the printing originates there (a not unreasonable stance) but with no mention of the political party. Brian maintains that this brings our political neutrality into question. There was general agreement that we should ask the MPs. to continue to do the printing but we should add a disclaimer as to our political impartiality. The form and wording was not discussed.</p>

	<p>There were also reservations about asking them to do so much printing for us in such a short time. In conclusion, we want the membership and U/G power flyers but it has not been decided when and how. Les is to investigate further the source of the allowances used to do our printing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Footpaths – Following our letter to the City asking about the programme to provide footpaths on one side of every street, the reply gave a short list of proposed sites up to 2020. The list which was short was circulated and proved to be of little interest. ▪ Winter newsletter – There was no feedback regarding numbers required. Geoff to ask City for the number of dwellings to determine how many we need/print run as 2,500 may not be enough.
4	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student accommodation – In the absence of councillors, Geoff reiterated our determination to follow up on seeking clarification of the relationship of zoning and student accommodation overcrowding. This overcrowding is leading to traffic/parking/visibility and streetscape problems for existing residents. The question of zoning, we are informed, is a City matter and we are aware that it is something that they take seriously. Our Mason Ward councillors are particularly active on this issue.
5	<p>Coffee Break - Agreed no break to be taken.</p>
6	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>All correspondence reported and/or discussed or circulated at meeting and a copy of report attached to minutes.</p>
7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Les submitted Rob's report indicating an account standing at \$3653.14 with a membership at 86 with 9 more being added from the Eureka Deli box and 2 more from committee members during the meeting, making a total of 97. ▪ Following Max's suggestion at our June meeting Rob has supplied us with forms from the Bendigo Bank for a Gold Term Deposit Account for 12 months at 5.6% and interest paid quarterly. It was agreed that \$2000 should be deposited and Geoff & Les to complete the forms and the transaction. ▪ Rob had also followed up on a Post Office box for WRRRA at Bentley Post Office providing us with forms and a quote of \$84/yr. At present, most of our incoming mail is to Les's home address with some to Geoff's home. Les pointed out that he has a secure lockable mailbox and the system works well. He could see no advantage in having a PO Box as it would involve him in the paperwork to activate the box and he would have to drive to Bentley to empty the box regularly. Geoff accepted the reasoning and suggested that any new incoming Secretary should be given the option. Agreed.
8	<p>Portfolio Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fern Road Traffic – Brian had nothing additional to report. Les will hand over the email from Yvette Butler of 154, Fern Road and his reply concerning the traffic on Fern Road for his information and noted copies were also mailed to the City.

General Business

▪ Portfolios

- Vice President – position not filled
- Fern Road Traffic – Brian
- Broadband – Les
- U/G power – Peter & Geoff
- Aircraft noise – Peter
- Webmaster – Max
- Jetty Park/Bridge Street – Susan
- Socials/Dinner - Maurice

Note: It may be necessary to reallocate in the near future as Student Accommodation & CRRP/Dual use path should be portfolio topics too and as yet there are some committee members without a portfolio.

▪ **WWAG AGM** – The AGM of Wilson Wetlands Action Group will be held tomorrow evening at the Kent St. Eco-Centre. WWRA accepted an invitation and Geoff will attend if convenient, if not Les will deputise.

▪ **Broadband** - Following up Max's suggestion at a previous meeting that broadband should be provided to the Secretary paid for by WRRRA out of the City's Communications Grant. Max suggested that it would ease some of the Secretary's workload and to having it available for some personal work might encourage someone to take up the position in the future. Les, the current Secretary having thought long and hard has declined to take up the offer as his old steam driven dial-up is adequate for the job and in his case the paperwork, bill paying etc. would only give him more work. He also felt that the grant could be better spent on something else. As with the PO Box, a future secretary may feel differently as Les may do in time. The committee seemed to think that the \$350 grant couldn't cover it anyway. However, Les did suggest that perhaps a token payment could be made annually to each of the President and Secretary to defray some of the costs involved with having to have an email account and fuel costs for all the running around. There was no reaction from the meeting except from Brian who made it clear that all verifiable expenses for consumables should be paid without question but could not agree with a lump sum payment being made, however small.

▪ **Clean-up committee** – Following Susan Rogers' suggestion at our AGM that WRRRA become involved in local litter clean-up activities and wasn't present to elaborate, Geoff interpreted this to mean that we assist on the Clean Up Australia Day. Generally, those present felt that it would raise our profile and could be a good idea. Brian suggested that there was a lot involved such as transport, garbage bags etc. and we should attach ourselves to an organisation such as the City should we proceed. Les was adamant that he would have nothing to do with it and was philosophically opposed to picking up other people's rubbish. Geoff suggested and it was agreed that Susan should investigate how it could be organised and report back next meeting.

▪ **Student Accommodation** – Les briefly outlined correspondence from Bill Johnson MLA to Hon. John Day MLA, Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts and to Hon. Bill Marmion MLA, Minister for Commerce; Science & Innovation; Housing re. "student dormitories" and the effect on our suburb. The only reply of any substance was the statement from Bill Marmion that 'it was a matter for the City as it related to planning laws and permitted use of buildings'. WRRRA are aware that the City has the matter in hand.

	<p>Continued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aircraft Noise/Emissions – Les has copies of 2 letters from Bill Johnson MLA to Brad Geaches, CEO Westralia Airports Corporation and Hon. Donna Faragher, Minister for Environment/ Youth which was handed to Peter for his information being his portfolio. ▪ CRRP Land Acquisition - Geoff did not have copies of latest correspondence to hand but will check that replies to his letters to both Steve Atwell and Mark Dacombe at the City have been received and we have the latest information. ▪ Eider Place resurfacing – Brian, as a private citizen, has contacted Troy Bovich at the City and is awaiting a written undertaking that it will redone. Only if this is not received will he ask WRRRA to write to the City on his behalf on the subject. ▪ Civic Dinner - Maurice Winter requested a report back on the recent City of Canning Civic Dinner attended by Les and Jean Durbin representing WRRRA. Les was pleased to report that it was a most enjoyable and congenial evening and thanked Mayor Delle Donne for the invitation. Since the event, it has been something of a struggle to return to my normal waist measurement – the fine cuisine and hand made Italian chocolates are suspected to be the culprits. ▪ Verge Parking – Geoff said that we could expect an article in the Canning Times shortly concerned with verge parking arising from the multiple occupancy in student accommodation. ▪ Cat Laws - Geoff reiterated WRRRA’s stance over the proposed new laws that we think generally cats should be treated in much the same way as dogs. Our detailed submission was made in late 2009. ▪ Steven Boylen – Steven introduced himself as a candidate for Councillor in Mason Ward in the election to be held shortly. Although not in Wilson, he brought to our attention the following topics which may affect our residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirmed the \$7m. funding now available for the Leisure Complex in Sevenoaks Street. - Explained the new Brownlie Towers precinct development roads now being planned which may in time affect traffic flow across Manning Road into Wilson.
	<p>Note: The Secretary feels disposed to note that due to the poor turnout of committee members, several decisions were deferred on matters that deserved more consultation and which should have been dealt with at an early date.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 4 October 2010 at 7.30pm at Wilson Community Hall</p>
<p>There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.35 pm.</p>	