

**WRRRA Committee Meeting
MONDAY 1 August 2011
Wilson Community Hall**

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| 1 | <p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Meeting opened: 7:30 pm.</p> <p>Geoff Rees (President) declared the meeting open and new members were introduced and welcomed.</p> <p>Present: Geoff Rees (President), Les Durbin (Secretary), Rob Marshall (Treasurer), Maurice Winter, Sandra Probert, Norman Drake, Kaye Barr, Bernard Hug (Committee), Gwili Crock (Member), Graham Barry & Lindsay Elliott (Councillors).</p> <p>Apologies: Mayor Delle Donne, Cllr. Stephen Boylen, Max Zeller, Russell Gorton, Brian Cornell.</p> <p>Absent:</p> |
| 2 | <p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 6 June 2011 were received as a true record on the motion of Maurice Winter seconded by Rob Marshall.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Actions arising from last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Canning River Pollution – Geoff gave a background to our new committee members with particular emphasis on the health problems of Garry Stirling and the extensive documentation he has provided us with over the years. Geoff is to provide the councillors with our June minutes and leave it in their hands. ▪ Website Action Request Form – Geoff to contact Max as to progress. ▪ Energy Monitoring – Max unavailable to outline proposal. ▪ R Codes – Geoff referred to our submission of 17 December 2010 to the Western Australian Planning Commission. He will extract the section that relates to R-Codes from this document and draft a new R-Code submission which will be circulated to all committee members for comment before submission. It is understood that the City is preparing its own submission which will be available to WRRRA when completed. ▪ Knox Cove Blocks 911 & 912 – All conditions have now been met and the retaining wall has been constructed. All neighbours and John Taylor the previous land owner are satisfied so the matter is now resolved and the blocks can now be developed. ▪ Park Bench – It was agreed unanimously that WRRRA should donate a park bench to be sited at the Riverton Jetty Park by way of thanks to the community. Geoff has received a quote from the City of \$1320 including a plaque and all installation which the committee felt was well within our financial resources. Les to write to City requesting that the bench be installed. A suggested site should be at the east side of the park which has recently been extended over what was Bridge Street, its precise position to be determined by the City to fit in with any proposed sites for a new pergola and barbeque. ▪ Wharf Street Drain – A matter raised at our AGM regarding the unrestricted flow of stormwater into the Canning River. Les to write to City regarding progress with a copy to the councillors. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wharf Street Flooding – Also as mentioned at AGM where City stated that it was budgeted and in a queue of jobs. Les to write to City asking that it be expedited with an estimated date for completion with copy to councillors. ▪ Bywater Way Landing Outfall – The grating has now been replaced and the area cleaned up. The matter is now resolved. |
| 4 | <p>Councillors' Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student accommodation – The City is treating each planning application on a case by case basis with particular emphasis of effective application of the R Codes and awareness of adequate parking being available. Cllrs. Barry & Elliott reiterated that the City is well aware of the difficulties and the disquiet in the community and is treating the matter with the utmost seriousness. ▪ Rubbish Bin – As requested, the rubbish bin has now been replaced on the junction of Eureka Street/Bungaree Road. ▪ Council Depot Contamination – Cllr. Elliott stated that due to the nature and purpose of the Depot, there is some minor contamination sufficient to prevent the area being used for housing but well below levels considered to constitute a public health hazard. ▪ Developers' Bond – Another AGM item. Les to write to City requesting that a \$1000 bond be deposited by developers to reinstate footpaths and verges on completion. The present bond of what we think to be \$300 is seen to be inadequate. Copy to councillors. ▪ Shade Sails Bywater Park – Les to write to City requesting shade sails be sited over the children's play area at the Bywater Park prior to the worst of the summer season heat. Cllr. Elliott stated that it is council policy to provide shade sails at recreation areas but they are expensive and will be placed on the basis of need and practicality. Copies to councillors. ▪ Signage - Bywater Drain Outlet – Les to write to City requesting a sign be placed to request particularly fishermen not to leave fishing tackle and rubbish in that popular fishing area. The tackle in particular is a hazard to wildlife and visitors. A bin might also encourage safe disposal of rubbish. ▪ U/G Power – Kent Street/Fleming Ave. Area – Committee felt that it would be a pity not to include the approximately 140 houses in the area in the Wilson East U/G Power project particularly as the residents are most receptive of the idea. This was proposed at our AGM and Cllr. Elliott said he would check with Troy Bozich the next day as to whether it could be included and any progress to this end. Norman & Rob suggested a petition of these residents and will draw up a flyer to comply with the City's standard format to be found on their website. Les will attend to printing 150 copies and Norman & Rob will deliver and collate results. |
| 5 | <p>Coffee Break</p> |

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| 6 | <p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>No copy of the report was available but will be emailed to members. There was little of consequence except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The secretary had received 2 requests for advertising space in the newsletter. One recently was for a half page and the other from Dee De Luis Real Estate had been offered the first vacant space if it became available some time ago. To accommodate more adverts a major decision had to be made as to the newsletter format and purpose. It was felt that if another page were added it would be extra printing and stapling and would take us away from the original purpose of the newsletter. Bernard added that more advertising could bring us under the definition of 'junk mail'. Les proposed that the newsletter should remain as it is with advertising confined to the back page. Seconded by Geoff and the motion accepted unanimously. Les to email Newlawns saying that all our space is taken up. ▪ WRRRA had been requested to allow our letter of 8 April 2009 re. Retaining Walls, to be made available to an applicant through the City under the Freedom of Information Act of 1992. Geoff had taken legal advice - at no cost to WRRRA - and agreed to release the letter on condition that various positions of people and details of neighbours of the property of Lot 5, 9, Surrey Road' were not disclosed. This was agreed over the phone and WRRRA put this in writing to the City. |
| 7 | <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rob submitted the report indicating a bank account as of 31/7/2011 standing at \$2928.76 with a membership of 75 with completed forms handed over at the meeting yet to be added. ▪ It was noted that The Bendigo Bank invoices are still outstanding but Rob is to meet with the bank on Thursday next when the matter should be resolved to our benefit. ▪ The City Grant for year 2011/12 has now been received. |
| 8 | <p>Portfolio Reports</p> <p>None other than items covered previously except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Geoff: Advised that a long term aim of WRRRA is for a walkway within the CRRP from Bywater Way to Kent Street. This was endorsed unanimously by the Committee although it was acknowledged that first the State (DOLA) would have to secure title to the remaining privately owned lands within the Canning River Regional Park at Castledare. |
| 9 | <p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Little Aussie Directory – Geoff has been approached by Little Aussie Directory to produce an article outlining our activities and aims. They forwarded 2 examples of other similar organisations as a guide. There would be no cost to WRRRA and it was agreed unanimously that Geoff should produce the article with some artwork assistance from Max for their August edition. ▪ WRRRA's Future – Geoff and Les explained that at the time of the AGM, our position was indeed precarious with regard to office bearers and committee members whose numbers were dwindling, quite out of proportion to our then healthy membership. Our appeal has been heard and we are now back to a very viable committee and we have a bright future. So much so that for our next newsletter delivery we have 10 deliverers plus two in reserve so it should not be necessary for a couple of the 'old crocks' to turn out doing a double round. |

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| | <p>To conclude, both Geoff and Les made it quite clear that they would both be stepping down as office bearers at the next AGM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Portfolios – The following portfolios were allocated for the coming year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - U/G Power – Rob & Norman - Broadband – Les - Aircraft Noise – Geoff - Kent Street Area – Rob & Norman - Socials & Catering – Maurice - CRRP/Paths – Geoff/Kaye/Max/Rob ▪ Eureka Box Sign <p>The sign on our mailbox is severely damaged and needs replacing. It was decided that a smaller sign should be placed on the front of the box possibly with a logo and title. Rather than go to a commercial company at some cost, Rob offered to produce the new sign. Les will measure the box and provide Rob with the dimensions plus a digital copy of the logo in blue and yellow. Les will attach the sign when made.</p> ▪ Verge Trees – Gwili Crock thought that Box trees recently planted on verges locally were most unsuitable and many were dying through the drought. She is of the opinion that a native would be much more suitable and has arranged to meet someone from the City shortly on site to discuss this. Geoff suggested that Russell Gorton would be someone she could also discuss this with. Gwili will report back at our October meeting. ▪ Castledare Church – Rob informed us that the Castledare Church had been re-roofed with tiles and the job was completed in 6 weeks with some success. ▪ WWAG AGM – It was noted that the Wilson Wetlands Action Group will hold their AGM tomorrow evening 2 August and all WRRRA committee members are invited to attend. |
| 10 | <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 3 October 2011 at 7.30pm at Wilson Community Hall.</p> |
| <p>There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.45 pm.</p> | |