



**WRRRA Committee Meeting
MONDAY 6 December 2010
Wilson Community Hall**

Minutes

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Meeting opened: 7:30 pm.</p> <p>Geoff Rees (President) declared the meeting open and welcomed all attending.</p> <p>Present: Geoff Rees (President), Les Durbin (Secretary), Rob Marshall (Treasurer), Brian Cornell, Max Zeller, Russell Gorton, Maurice Winter (Committee), Stephen Boylen, Lindsay Elliott (Councillors).</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr. Graham Barry & Peter Morcombe (Committee)</p> <p>Absent:</p>
2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 4 October 2010 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">▪ U/G Power – Cllr. Elliott reported that the decision as to whether Wilson East was to be next on the list for U/G power had not yet been made but was expected shortly. Brian made the observation that some of the new lighting columns in Wilson West could have been better sited relative to driveways, Cllr. Elliott said that there were many factors involved on their positioning notably distance apart and positions relative to property boundaries.▪ Eider Place re-surfacing – Brian has been contacted by the City who will not consider any remedial works, the present road surface being satisfactory for the light traffic in Eider Place. No further action to be taken.▪ Hall Booking – Wilson Community Hall has been booked for year 2011, the committee meetings to be the first Monday of every second month starting 7 Feb. with the AGM to be Wednesday 6 July 2011.▪ CRRP Dual Use Path/Walk Trail – Russell pointed out the distinction in terminology to be applied to various sections of the access along the river frontage between Bow Street and Surrey Road. Some is to be hard surface dual use path and some is to be a walk trail only. He also noted that the Dept. of Environment is to table a report to the CRRP Community Advisory Council in Feb. 2011. Geoff stated that 3 options had been mooted for the Surrey Road area alone.

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Councillors' Reports

- **Student accommodation** – Cllr Elliott announced that a public meeting is to take place tomorrow evening, Tuesday 7 December at Wilson Community Hall at 6.00pm primarily concerning the St. James area but the City is well aware that there is some ‘overspill’ occurring into Wilson and is trying hard to control both conditions and numbers. Geoff will try to attend for WRRRA.
- **Jetty Park/Bridge Street** - Cllr. Boylen said that the works were proceeding as per programme. The kiosk has been leased and the ‘fit-out’ is proceeding on the tenant’s timetable with an opening expected in January. It was noted that the trees in the area of the car park extension were felled on the previous Thursday/Friday and Bridge Street was closed today.
- **Kent Street Cafeteria** – A tenant has not yet been found but a work group is still active to seek a tenant or some alternative use. A spirited discussion then took place about various visions of what should take place in the Kent Street Weir area. This discussion ranged off topic and was getting out of hand at which stage Geoff called a halt.
- **Land NE end Surrey Road** – Russell has spoken to the Mayor since our last meeting and although the block is available for development, the cost in road and services re-alignment would seem to make it cost prohibitive so it would seem unlikely that it would ever go ahead.
- **R Code Review** – Geoff was of the view that there should be more public input into housing density levels and expressed disquiet at the small size of some blocks. Max circulated an article from a recent Sunday Times on the subject. Max to check out on-line and report back to Geoff.
- **Bus shelter** – The bus shelter near the Upnor Street roundabout promised at our July AGM by Troy Bozich has apparently been erected elsewhere. Cllr. Boylen to follow up and seek another.
- **Census Data** – Cllr. Elliott brought to our notice that the Canning City webpage now holds an extract of information from the last national census giving a breakdown of many statistics of value to residents.
- **Sevenoaks Street Leisure Centre** – Cllr. Elliott informed us for our information that a contract had been let to drill a 900m. drill hole on the site to provide geo-thermal heating to the buildings and the swimming pool.
- **Albany Highway Caryards** – Rob asked if there was a council policy/guidelines re. the proliferation of caryards along Albany Highway. Cllr. Boylen said that some were leased and therefore temporary awaiting the widening of the highway sometime in the future. He would look into it.
- **Broken footpaths** – Max asked for clarification of the City’s policy re. construction traffic breaking up footpaths in vicinity of houses under construction. The Cllrs. stated that there was a bond of \$600 lodged to cover remedial costs and that the site was inspected on completion. However just because a footpath was cracked did not mean that it would be re-laid. This would only happen and the bond called upon if the damage presented a hazard.
- **Bywater Way Landing**- Max asked if something could be done about tidying the Bywater Way Landing stormwater outfall area as for example the grill was detached and lying on the grass. Cllrs. To look into it.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sculptures near the old and new Canning Town Halls - Maurice asked if the 2 sculptures had received council approval and what had been the cost? The Cllrs. were of the opinion that ‘Yes’ they had been approved as part of the overall plan and as art they were justified as a public asset even though they were not to everyone’s taste. The cost was unknown. <p>There being no other questions, Geoff thanked Cllrs. Boylen and Elliott for attending and they left the meeting.</p>
5	<p>Tea Break</p>
6	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>Very little this period but all correspondence reported to meeting and a copy of the report attached to minutes.</p> <p>Les commented on a congenial site meeting with Western Power and council officials to witness the ‘Last Pole’ ceremony (last of 360) in the Wilson West U/G Power Project and attended by Geoff & Les as referred to in the report emails.</p>
7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rob submitted the report indicating a bank account as of 1 Nov. standing at \$1503.11 with a membership at 112. It was noted that of the 3 advertising invoices, are still outstanding. - Geoff offered to approach the Riverton Pharmacy for theirs, Rob to approach Bendigo Bank and Aussie Mortgage Broker. ▪ Rob reported that he had received a notification from the Bendigo Bank stating that it was an Australian Taxation Office requirement for tax to be deducted from our interest earned. The Manager of the Bendigo Branch suggested obtaining an ABN which should solve the problem. Russell stated that WWAG followed this route being a simple procedure as the forms required were available on-line - Rob to attend to. ▪ Max suggested that as we are currently in a strong financial position, we should purchase a laser printer for use with the lap-top. The committee felt that as office bearers all have printers then as long as consumables such as ink are paid for by WRRRA then that is as far as we need go at present. Noted that paper, on the odd occasion that we need it, is readily available free on request at either of the offices of our MPs, Steve Irons or Bill Johnson.
8	<p>Portfolio Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Broadband – Les had little to report except that as generally known, Telstra has been split into two divisions as a result of recent Federal legislation, the result of which will only become apparent as events unfold. It is understood that Canning is to be in the second round of installation but at this stage it is not known what this means in practical terms.

<p>9</p>	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Year Ice creams – Maurice has finalised all the arrangements with Clive who will supply one large, well manned van rather than the two smaller requested by the City. This has been approved by Penny Wright for the City. <p>Committee requested that Maurice should obtain a statement from Clive as to the financial arrangement which as in the past has meant a 50% split each of the profits after all costs have been covered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ted Foreman Awards - As noted, Les received the request for an award grant from Wilson Primary School as is customary. Les moved a motion to increase the grant from \$150 to \$200. This was voted down, so cheques value \$150 were written for Wilson Primary and Rehoboth Christian School which Les will hand deliver the next day. Since this meeting Les has found out that the award for Wilson Primary is specific to a boy as they already have a girl specific award. <p>There was some discussion about the amount and purpose of these awards, Les suggested from committee members who had no knowledge of how long WRRRA had been associated with our two local schools. Agreed that it be an agenda item for February's meeting for further consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Walkway on Canning River Pipe – Brian suggested that a walkway on top of the main water pipe crossing the Canning River to Centenary Park would be a good idea. He undertook to investigate and to be an agenda item next meeting. ▪ Dual Use Path – Russell suggested a letter be sent to the City in an effort to progress the planning procedures - Russell & Geoff to collaborate on the wording. ▪ CRRP Environmental - For our information, Russell reported on a meeting he attended where it was announced that a State Govt. grant was available to the Christian Brothers on application for environmental purposes locally. ▪ Summer Newsletter – Les reported that 2,500 copies had been printed by Steve Irons' office with an additional 200 by Bill Johnson's office. There had been a short delay at Steve's office due to staff changes and awaiting confirmation of a new form of disclaimer which Les was asked to sign. Otherwise, the printing was completed speedily and there is no reason why this arrangement with Steve's office cannot continue into the future. <p>Delivery rounds were agreed and those present took away their copies, leaving only round 9 to be allocated. Geoff agreed to ask Susan Rogers to deliver this round for us otherwise Les will ask Gwili Crock to help out. It is expected that all deliveries will be complete by next week-end.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 7 February 2011 at 7.30pm at Wilson Community Hall.</p>
<p>There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.35 pm.</p>	