



**WRRRA COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 01 FEBRUARY 2010
WILSON COMMUNITY HALL**

MINUTES

<p>1</p>	<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), Kerry Malone (Secretary/Minutes), Les Durbin, Maurice Winter, Brian Cornell, Rob Marshall, Max Zeller, Susan Rogers (committee members), Gary Stirling, Richard Malone, Joyce Roberts, Coral McCormack and Kathleen Troy</p> <p>Apologies: Steve Irons Federal Member for Swan, Mayor Joe Delle Donne, Cllr Lindsay Elliott, Cllr Graham Barry, Cllr Mark Kelly</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 07 December 2009 were received as a true record on the motion of Maurice Winter, seconded by Max Zeller.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Report on New Year's Day ice cream revenue. Maurice reported that everything went well. Rob reported that the accounts are still being finalised and cheque should be in the mail tomorrow. Les noted that there were large numbers of people queuing, sometimes for over one hour to be served. Maurice will look into getting two vans for next year. Max questioned the revenue amount and suggested that it be checked as it seems to be dropping while the number of customers is increasing.▪ Newsletter – numbers required and folding. All committee members present agreed that they do not mind folding the newsletter by hand. Max feels that the quality of the printing is not as good as previous editions and perhaps we can suggest to Steve Irons that his office print all the newsletters rather than printing one copy and then photocopying the rest. There were 2,500 newsletters printed and around 215 left with Susan still to drop around 100 so it looks as though we are printing the right number if everyone returns any spares.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Results of underground power survey <p>Replies to the survey have been collated with 47 yes votes and 3 no votes received. It was decided to close off the survey now and Geoff proposes to pass on a copy of the spreadsheet and replies to Mayor Joe Delle Donne and cc to the CEO of the Council. The results will also be published in the winter edition of the WRRRA newsletter.</p> <p>A motion was proposed that WRRRA submit to Council a strong recommendation in favour of installing underground power in the area south of Leach Highway and to also recommend that the boundary be extended to the Kent Street precinct bounded by the river, Albany Highway and Mason Street. The motion was carried unanimously. We estimated that this section of underground power would involve 1,250 properties less 330 from the area WRRRA feels the zone should be expanded to. A copy of the letter transmitted to Council is to be forwarded to those respondents that forwarded a separate letter along with their submission.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</p> <p>No councillors were present at the meeting but the following responses were received via email from Cllr Graham Barry</p> <p>Likely boundaries for UG power – a plan for Round 5 was attached to the email. It has been printed and handed out. Kerry will email the plan to the resident who enquired about it.</p> <p>Long term parking on nature strip Watts/Surrey Rd – “All verge parking matters are investigated on an individual basis.” Geoff will contact Lindsay Elliott re action on this matter.</p> <p>Riverton Kiosk Refurbishment – “Contractor now on site, practical completion should be late April”</p> <p>Canning River pollution (ex dump sites) – “This would normally be a matter between the City and the DEC/Swan River Trust.” Rob spoke to the Mayor last week re Canning River. Monitoring is going on in some areas but we do not know the results yet.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Gary Stirling discussion on Canning River pollution</p> <p>At this point the discussion with Gary was brought forward from General Business and continued after coffee.</p> <p>Gary discussed Canning River pollution from a personal perspective, relating the story that – on 21 November 2007 he was returning from walking his dog across a sandbar near the Sea Scouts (Clontarf side) when he was exposed to hydrocarbon organics leaching from an old dump site near the river. Gary also presented a slide show of the contaminated river taken in December 2007. Gary reported that the dump site is still leaking nitrogen and phosphorus in small doses.</p> <p>Action – It is noted that Swan River Trust do not test for chemicals, this is the responsibility of the Health Department. WRRRA will continue to try to get results from monitoring of the river.</p> <p>Apparently by taking core samples in old dump sites it should be possible to predict a pending leachate incident by noting chemical changes in the samples. Barriers can be built but they take quite some time.</p>

	<p>ACTION– Gary received a letter from the Minister for Environment – Youth that indicates some action may be taken.</p> <p>WRRRA response – Geoff noted that this matter is of concern to everyone at this meeting and to everyone who lives in the area. He proposes writing a letter to Council to pursue the question of what action has been/will be taken and asking again for results of monitoring. We need to – ask for <u>all</u> results in our area, make sure that testing is extensive and covers chemicals, heavy metals and other contaminants, the frequency of same and by Whom and that ongoing monitoring is carried out. Susan suggested that there is an article on this subject in the next WRRRA newsletter, as strongly worded as possible. All agreed that local clubs, such as the Sea Scouts, plus River Guardians should be informed of the possible danger of this type (leachate) of pollution.</p> <p>A WRRRA Sub Committee of members will work on this subject – Les, to write letters asking for test results with ref to letter from Minister addressed to Gary, with a copy to Bill Johnston. Geoff and Rob to assist. Maurice will assist where he can also. The aim – to find out what is leaching into the river and to ensure the public are informed. Gary Stirling to provide a copy of the letter that he has written to the Minister for Environment; Youth</p> <p>In relation to this, Rob has notes relating to Canning Works Depot site from several years ago. Both Local and State Government have been slow to respond to this matter to date.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK –</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>SECRETARY REPORT – INCOMINGS / OUTGOINGS</p> <p>Report listing of in/out mail Report attached. Action – Kerry to reply to Mrs Florence Crasto to say that WRRRA does not have space for any new advertisers in the newsletter at this time.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>TREASURER’S REPORT – FINANCIAL STATEMENT</p> <p>Financial Report to January 31 attached. Membership is currently 118 with 27 residents also paying for 2010/11 and 20 choosing not to renew membership. All payments for advertisements have been received with the exception of Bendigo Bank. Rob suggested to Bendigo Bank that WRRRA would consider delivering a flyer advertisement for the bank with the WRRRA newsletter in return for a donation to WRRRA from the bank.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>PORTFOLIO REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RIVER GUARDIANS – Chris Bailie is not here to report. Rob noted that it is worth being a member of River Guardians (as individuals not just committee) as they get interesting reports from the Government and we should send a letter to them regarding our concerns with the dump sites near the river.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FERN ROAD TRAFFIC – Brian has submitted a draft letter on which Geoff has done some minor editing. The committee is to view the letter and Geoff will send it this week. ▪ BROADBAND Les says that there is still no progress. ▪ CASTLEDARE LAND UPDATE 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 CCC 2009 long term Strategic Plan. No response as yet. ▪ DUAL USE PATH UPDATE (HEALTHY PARKS HEALTHY PEOPLE) Geoff passed around a newspaper clipping of an article published during the Christmas period which basically said that it had been demonstrated that more health benefits were gained from walking in a park or somewhere in nature rather than in a city or shopping centre. Geoff suggested that we put a similar article in the next WRRRA newsletter. Geoff also reported (re dual path) that the Dept of Conservation will go ahead with design, consultation and Aboriginal clearance permission. ▪ WILSON PARK FENCE AND SURROUNDS Rob reported still no response since Christmas. He will continue requesting a response. ▪ RIVER POLLUTION Geoff, Les, Maurice and Rob will research this issue and write letters re dump sites and Canning work depot.
<p>10</p>	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Printing Grant – Les to draft a letter to say that while we are not currently using the grant for printing, this arrangement may change again in the future, and in the meantime WRRRA requests that we receive a reduced grant of \$120.00 for administration costs. ▪ Verge trees – Brian informed the committee that Canning Council will deliver and plant a verge tree on request. Geoff to check with Steve Atwell for Canning City’s policy. ▪ Aircraft noise – Joyce, a resident who is not currently a member is not happy with the recent level of aircraft noise. It was explained that WRRRA has recently written a submission on this subject (submission now closed) but WRRRA would be happy to write a letter to Canning City on her behalf if the problem continues in the future. ▪ Riverton Park – Susan had three subjects to discuss <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Susan informed the meeting that bins in the park have been overflowing lately, especially this last weekend and it is obvious that there are inadequate bin facilities. Susan will write a draft letter on this matter, for Geoff to forward to Canning City. 2. Susan will also draft a letter to both Canning and South Perth Councils in support of extending the footpath past Centenary Avenue to the South entrance to Curtin University. She says that it is not only inconvenient but also dangerous crossing

	<p>Manning Road at this point where the footpath ends and there is potentially more pedestrian and cycle use with the new markets opening at Clontarf on Saturdays.</p> <p>3. Susan would also like to see bus bays on Centenary Avenue to aid the flow of traffic. Max will have a look at this subject, but advised that Transperth were against bus bays as busses found it difficult during peak hours to regain access onto the road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brian – mentioned that Eider place has been resurfaced and it is a shocking job. Brian wants to phone through a complaint and then put the complaint in writing if there is no action by next meeting. ▪ Les – suggested that rather than trying to reply in writing to individuals who responded to our Underground Power survey, we put a general thank you in the next WRRRA newsletter. Kerry to reply to longer responses and send to Geoff for him to forward.
<p>11</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>THE NEXT WRRRA COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 05 APRIL 2010 AT 7:30 AT WILSON COMMUNITY HALL.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40 PM</p>