



**WRRRA Committee Meeting
MONDAY 7 February 2011
Wilson Community Hall**

Minutes

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Meeting opened: 7:35 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, Maurice Winter & Peter Morcombe (Committee), Graham Barry (Councillor) & Sandra Probert (Member/Visitor).</p> <p>Apologies: Cllrs. Lindsay Elliott & Stephen Boylen (on Council business), Mayor Delle Donne.</p> <p>Absent: Max Zeller & Russell Gorton (Committee)</p>
2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 6 December 2010 were received as a true record on the motion of Maurice Winter seconded by Brian Cornell.</p>
3	<p>Actions arising from last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ U/G Power – Cllr. Barry reported that Wilson East has progressed to the next stage of the selection process to have U/G power installed being the only one selected of the four areas put up for consideration by the City of Canning. The Minister and Office of Energy are aware of the costing anomalies with reference to those households with U/G power already, this being one of the details yet to be finalised. WRRRA is confident that final approval will be granted in due course.▪ CRRP Dual Use Path/Walk Trail – A letter had been sent to City (see Secretary's report) in December, reply awaited.▪ CRRP Land Acquisition – Geoff reminded committee that the acquisition of all the private land within the Canning River Regional Park (CRRP) will be a lengthy process including negotiations with the Christian Brothers, the main private land holders and others. WRRRA has continued to pursue this matter at both Local & State Govt. levels and will continue to do so. <p>Submission to WA Planning Commission – WRRRA's submission was emailed mid December and receipt had been acknowledged. Les was asked to email electronic copies to Mayor Delle Donne, CEO City of Canning and our 3 Mason Ward councillors.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summer Edition Newsletter – 2340 newsletters were delivered with some extras being given to Bill Johnston MLA’s office for visitors to reception. WRRRA received a very pleasing letter from Bill indicating that his office was available for a reasonable amount of printing for community groups such as ours and that WRRRA is well within the amount considered ‘reasonable’. Our committee wishes to extend our thanks to Steve Irons MP and Bill Johnston MLA for their assistance with printing over 2010. Steve Irons MP’s office staff completed our last print run of 2500 in quick time and indicated that there was no reason that our arrangement cannot continue into the future with a Winter Edition print run of 2400 in May this year. ▪ New Year Ice Cream – Maurice was congratulated for organising the ice cream vendor for the New Year Show & fireworks which showed an income to WRRRA of \$530, much improved on last year. A letter from the City’s Penny Wright was circulated indicating how pleased the City was with what WRRRA had organised and inviting us to provide the same next year. - Les was asked to write to Clive of Aussie Ice Cream thanking him for his efforts and enclosing a copy of the City letter. <p>Canning River Pipeline Walkway – Brian has been unable to pursue the matter with having been overseas but intends to proceed. Cllr. Barry suggested contacting the Water Corporation and the Swan River Trust but indicated some doubts as to whether they would find the idea acceptable. Les noted that it was not a good idea as it would attract ‘idiots to do silly things’ should a walkway ever be installed on top of the pipeline. Committee agreed that Brian should pursue his proposal.</p>
4	<p>Councillors' Reports – All addressed by Cllr. Barry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student accommodation – The City is fully aware of the local difficulties and Cllr. Barry is particularly active in this area looking into current practices and the City is treating it as a serious ongoing issue. A public forum is expected to be held within the next 2 weeks. Sandra voiced her concerns over street and verge parking as well as problems with rubbish bins particularly at multi-tenant premises. It was pointed out that the City has employed a Parking Officer and State Govt. is presently looking into new parking rules for the metro area. ▪ Jetty Park/Bridge Street - Geoff expressed concern about the drainage soakwell/trap siting re. its size, location and safety, restricting the open grassed area. Cllr. Elliott had confirmed in an email that it was a design stipulation by the Swan River Trust and although not ideal had to remain. ▪ Graffiti – Sandra raised the question of graffiti and all reports/complaints can be made to a State Govt. phone number which I have unfortunately been unable to find but it does exist. ▪ Rubbish Bin – Sandra reported that the bin previously located on the corner Bungaree/ Eureka Street has been removed. – Cllr. Barry to follow up. ▪ Bus Shelter – Cllr. Elliott emailed following our December meeting stating that a shelter had been found and would be located on the south side of Fern Road near the Upnor Street roundabout in the New Year. – Cllr. Barry to follow up. ▪ R Code Issue – Geoff is unhappy about there being no appeal or redress procedures over R code decisions or the effect of retaining wall designs or lack of on the boundaries with existing properties. There is a growing problem with smaller blocks. He informed the meeting, that at the request of Bill Johnston MLA, notes on his experiences with the development next door to his home had been provided to Bill for background data re. a Bill to be discussed during the early sittings of State Parliament in February/March 2011. Cllr. Barry suggested that a copy of these notes be forwarded to the Mayor/Ward Councillors.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bywater Way Landing Clean up – Cllr. Barry had no knowledge of this as minuted at our December meeting but will follow it up. ▪ Builder’s Rubbish, 9 Surrey Road – Geoff reported that builder’s rubbish, materials and vehicles using the verge and footpath as an extension of the site are posing an eyesore and giving safety concerns. Les asked to email City asking for a site inspection. ▪ Mosquitoes – Cllr. Barry was aware that it is a particularly bad year for mosquitoes and the City had had many complaints and the fogging operation was continuing in an effort to minimise them. ▪ Fire hazards – Rob asked as to whether a report would be made re. the recent fire encroaching on Wilson from Ferndale and to whether any regard was given to the City choosing plants that were less fire prone. Opinion was that FESA make reports as a matter of routine. Nothing was known about plants. Rob to contact the City. ▪ Kent Street approaches – Rob asked if more watering could be done on the Kent Street approach which was dry and uninviting to visitors at this time of year. Rob to draft a letter for Les to mail. ▪ Algal Blooms – Brian referred to a recent report in the Canning Times about algal blooms in the Kent Street Weir area.
5	<p>Tea Break - Not taken</p>
6	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>A copy of the report attached to minutes and all incoming mail was outlined and/or circulated at the meeting.</p>
7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rob submitted the report indicating a bank account as of 1 Feb. standing at \$2126.66 with a membership at 120. It was noted that 2 advertising invoices, are still outstanding. - Rob to approach Bendigo Bank and Aussie Mortgage Broker diplomatically pointing out that their payments are almost a year behind and we do have other potential advertisers awaiting space. Noted that Lee DeLuis Real Estate contacted us recently awaiting space. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rob reported that he is presently working on the ABN online form claiming exemption from paying tax on our Bendigo Bank interest. The form is somewhat involved but he does not anticipate any problems complying with the 30 June deadline. ▪ Les noted that the City of Canning annual grant of \$350 requested in April 2010 was paid immediately on re-applying for which we thank the City. It has been banked see. Financial statement.

8	<p>Portfolio Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aircraft Noise – Peter noted the flyer from Steve Irons MP and the recent letter from Bill Johnston MLA both indicating the growing interest in the subject. He suggested the next newsletter should include an article on aircraft noise, drawing on the information in the flyer and the letter. - Agreed ▪ Cat Laws – Geoff inquired of Cllr. Barry did he know how the drafting of the cat laws was progressing. Cllr. Barry only knew that WRRRA’s submission together with that from the City and all others in the Metro area were under consideration by the Minister. ▪ Path route Riverton Bridge to Canning River Gardens - Following a query from a John Taylor, Geoff indicated that the route shown on the WRRRA website was still our preferred route. <p>Cllr. Barry was thanked for attending and left the meeting at this point.</p>
9	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ted Foreman Awards - Les proposed that the award for 2011 should be increased from \$150 to \$200 in view of our strong financial position. A spirited discussion ensued with a much divided committee. Rob was of the view that it should be divided into smaller amounts so more students could benefit. It was decided that the recipient school should decide. Maurice is to seek opinion from Wilson Primary, Les from Rehoboth Christian School and report back for our April meeting. ▪ Bushfire Appeal – Les proposed WRRRA donate \$200 to the Lord Mayor of Perth’s Bushfire Appeal. Agreed unanimously. Les/Rob to organise. ▪ Environmental Community Grants 2011 - Geoff had received literature and it was decided that as the grants are of an environmental nature and we should not apply on this occasion. ▪ PEET sponsorship – Bill Johnston MLA forwarded literature from the PEET group offering grants to \$5000 to assist local community groups and with a bias to sustainable development. Rob suggested we could purchase/develop computer software to enable ourselves and other community groups to map the area and superimpose our combined ideas to use as a planning tool. As the closing date is 25 February it was decided that this was too broad a topic to define at this late date but we should look into it for next year. Geoff suggested that he should form a sub-committee of Geoff/Rob/Peter/Max & Russell to investigate further – Agreed ▪ Advertising Lee DeLuis – See Treasurer’s Report ▪ River Guardians – Les asked where the literature was going at present. Rob said that we are still members and he received some as too did Les but much less than in the past. Agreed to continue as at present with Les to file that which we receive.
10	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 4 April 2011 at 7.30pm at Wilson Community Hall.</p>
<p>There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.</p>	