



**WRRRA Committee Meeting
MONDAY 6 October 2008
Wilson Community Hall**

Minutes

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| 1 | <p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Meeting opened: 7:30 pm.</p> <p>Present: Geoff. Rees (President/Chair), Les Durbin (Secretary/Minutes), Maurice Winter, (Committee), Graham Barry, Joe Delle Donne, (Councillors), Bill Johnston, MLA Cannington</p> <p>Apologies: Max Zeller , Cllr. Lindsay Elliott, Gwili Crock & Rob Marshall.</p> <p>Absent:</p> |
| 2 | <p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 4 August 2008 were received as a true record on the motion of Geoff. Rees seconded by Maurice Winter.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Actions arising from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small Grants - Lottery West Application: We have been notified that although not yet certain as subject to ratification, our application is likely to be approved to a limit of \$2000. Conditional on our purchase of a suitable laptop by Max & Rob within budget and submit receipts for reimbursement. - Les to await confirmation of grant.• Castledare Land Acquisition/Development Update: It is hoped that the recent change of State Government will not cause a delay. Bill Johnston committed to continue Ben Wyatt's work and Geoff. will make copies of all WRRRA documents available to him on request. Geoff. has been invited to attend a WWAG meeting next evening, 7 Oct. when the subject is on the agenda. He hopes to attend- Geoff.• Dual Use Path: Progress appears to be stalled at present, finance seeming to be the reason as well as some indecision as to the route of the next stage East from Watts Road. Geoff./Max to attend CALM meeting 17 October in an effort to expedite construction. Geoff. tabled a history of the path construction which he will present at the meeting• Canning River Boating Strategy: A report was received from the Swan River Trust, 2 October on the Boating Strategy. Passed to Max for scrutiny and report at our December committee meeting - Max. |

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| | <p>Actions arising from previous meeting (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leach Highway Trucks: Nothing has changed since our AGM and not withstanding the change of State Government we will continue to lobby for early introduction of 12.5m. vehicle length restriction. We can expect this introduction to be more difficult with the new government and indeed the powerful transport lobby would like the 19m. restriction removed. Bill Johnston pointed out that presently, the new Transport Minister is experiencing health problems and may not be able to continue. Cllr. Baker added that a motion was passed at their recent Council Meeting to write to the Minister to maintain the 19m. and clarify the situation re. reducing the limit to 12.5m. over time. WRRRA feels that there is little we can achieve until the new government has 'bedded down' and can clarify its policy. Bill Johnston will vigorously pursue this matter in the interests of his constituents. • Kent Street Eco-Centre and surrounds: Rob was unable to report on any progress, not being present. • Crime and Seniors' seminars: Gwili will continue to attend any seminars relevant to WRRRA and its members. Cllr. Baker tabled a Draft Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan from the Town of Victoria Park for filing and discussion at our December Committee meeting - Gwili • Treasurer Handover: Rob's email re. 3 signatures for banking change to Bendigo Bank was noted and the issue was postponed until our December meeting when Rob will hopefully be present. • River Guardians: We are receiving a number of invitations to events now being members. Cllr. Delle Donne suggested any we are not able to use ourselves could be passed on to one of the local schools. Agreed. - Les to attend to. • New City CEO: Not yet decided. • Archiving old records: Les checked with City and Riverton Local History Library whether they were interested in archiving WRRRA's old records which neither were. Cllr. Delle Donne raised the point that with the old Cannington Town Hall renovations nearing completion there may be a facility there. He will investigate for us. |
| 4 | <p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>Report listing of in/out mail Report attached.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Rob unable to attend. As noted earlier, 3 signatures needed for the new account so finalisation postponed until December meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some memberships and cheque from Aussie Home Loans given to Maurice by Les for Maurice to hand over to Rob at soonest with other paperwork that Maurice has in his possession. |
| 6 | <p>Portfolio Reports</p> <p>There were no portfolio reports other than those reported earlier. Cllrs. Baker & Delle Donne having taken an active part in previous topics added that the U/G power installation in Wilson south of Manning Road is due to start in January 2009 and reiterated the main points of the Kiosk resolution as per the City letter of 22 Sept. principally that cost is to be kept within \$500,000.</p> |

General Business

- Election implications: It was felt that our lobbying of Leach Highway traffic and Castledare land will have not been made easier due to the election result. However Bill Johnston was pledged to continue Ben Wyatt's work and the active liason with WRRRA. Bill has extensive background on Leach Highway but is not yet fully conversant with Castledare land but in liason with Ben Wyatt and Geoff. thought he soon would be. Bill had not yet got an operational office but was able to give us his contact details. He has also arranged with Ben Wyatt to take over his newsletter advertising and will forward a photo of himself shortly. - Les
- Broadband availability: Les gave a background to the push to improve cable broadband availability in the areas of Wilson where it is not available due to sub-standard cabling. He circulated an email sent to the Canning Times & Canning Examiner for their letters page asking that readers with cable broadband problems contact WRRRA with a view to compiling a map of the affected area or areas. Unfortunately the Times did not print the letter and the Examiner did publish an article following a telephone interview but omitted to ask readers for the feedback we required. 3 replies were received despite no contact address being published. The editorial in our next newsletter will cover the subject with a hope that more feedback will be received. Bill Johnston has some background in the subject and was very interested in us all pursuing it as too were all present. - Les
- Newsletter Summer Edition:
 - ◇ Editorial, layout and coordinate deliveries. Decided that a box should display a request for one or more committee members on front page - Les
 - ◇ Printing, page 4 artworks and amendments - Max
 - ◇ Articles - Castledare land & Dual Use path - Geoff
 - ◇ Article - Leach Highway - Max
 - ◇ Article - U/G Power and sewerage - Maurice
 - ◇ Deadlines: Articles to Les by 3rd. week November ready for printing 4th.week and delivery 1st week December.
- Hall Bookings 2009: - Les
- New Year Ice Cream Arrangements: City agreed that we should do it again this year. Maurice to be liaison and agreed that final arrangements need not be made until our Dec. meeting, - Maurice
- Annual Dinner: To arrange Dec. meeting for into New Year.
- Swan River Trust Website: We were requested to give our opinion on the new layout so handed to Max who has broadband to reply.
- Trees in Canning: Received several emails and a petition form. Les had outlined to them the efforts we had made over the past year for the City to have a register of important trees. Cllrs. Delle Donne & Baker said that the City employed an arborist to oversee trees on land under their jurisdiction and restrictions were imposed on planning approvals. The City had no wish to restrict private property other than for the reasons of inconvenience, danger or disease. As such the meeting agreed not to become involved with Trees in Canning.
- Vice-President: Geoff. is to approach Max to be vice-president for the remainder of the term so as to impose some continuity should he not be available at any time as will be the case at our December meeting.
- Congratulations: - Bill Johnston informed us that Ben & Vivienne Wyatt had just become proud parents of a daughter Matilda. Agreed that a congratulatory card be sent from WRRRA at soonest. - Les

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| 8 | Next Meeting The next committee Meeting will be held on Monday 1 December 2008 at 7.30pm at Wilson Community Hall |
| | There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.35 pm. |