

**WRRRA Committee Meeting
MONDAY 3 October 2011
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), Maurice Winter, Sandra Probert, Norman Drake, Kaye Barr, Bernard Hug, Brian Cornell (Committee), Gwili Crock (Member), Stephen Boylen (Councillor) & Kevin Taylforth (Bendigo Bank).</p> <p>Apologies: Max Zeller, Cllrs. Barry & Elliott</p> <p>Absent:</p>
2	<p>Bendigo Bank Address</p> <p>Kevin Taylforth, Chairman of the Bendigo Bank made a short but informative presentation, explaining the structure and purpose of his community bank; it being where WRRRA currently banks. Although a profit making financial institution, its constitution demands that 50% of any profits will be returned to benefit the community. Kevin explained that although of course his aim is to increase business for the bank much of his time is spent exploring ways to benefit our community. Kevin handed over a cheque value \$250 bringing the outstanding amount for the Bendigo Bank newsletter advertising up to date and a photo was taken.</p> <p>After a short question and answer session, Geoff thanked Kevin who chose to stay on to see how we conducted our meetings and business.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 1 August 2011 were received as a true record on the motion of Maurice Winter seconded by Rob Marshall.</p>
4	<p>Actions arising from last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Canning River Pollution – Les reported that copies of all the information handed to us by Garry Stirling had been passed on to Mayor Delle Donne & Cllrs. Barry, Boylen & Elliott. ▪ R Code Issues – WRRRA’s submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission on Residential Design Codes had been mailed before the closing date. ▪ Park Bench – The City will install our park bench at Riverton Jetty Park at sometime in the future and requested our wording for the plaque. Agreed that Geoff & Les propose a wording and circulate to committee members for approval before submitting to the City. ▪ Wharf Street Drain – Still awaiting a reply from the City. ▪ Wharf Street Flooding – A letter was read out from the City indicating that investigations are taking place re. flooding generally in the area, with a view to improving the drainage as soon as is practical. ▪ Little Aussie Directory – WRRRA’s article has not yet been completed but Geoff will attend to it as time allows.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eureka Box Signs – Thanks to Rob for attending to making the new signs. Les will fix them to the box at earliest. ▪ Verge Trees – Gwili reported that Kings Park Bottle Brushes had been planted on her verge following her request not to plant Box trees which she considers too large and thirsty for a verge. Gwili was fulsome in her praise of the City who were prepared to listen to her comments and conducted the planting in a most professional manner. This was echoed by Brian who also had verge trees replaced recently. ▪ Developers’ Bond – A letter from the City was circulated confirming that at the Council Meeting of 11 August, and following our letter of 9 August, the Council increased the Developers Bond to \$770 for a Kerb/Verge Cleanup/Sand Drift and \$1100 for Kerb/Footpath/Verge Cleanup/Sand Drift. These new Bonds should better reflect the costs of a cleanup and give incentive to developers to keep their sites and adjacent areas tidy. ▪ Bywater Drain Outlet – Following our request of the City, a sign has been sited reminding users to keep the area tidy. A rubbish bin could not be positioned as there would be no vehicular access for emptying. ▪ Annual Dinner - Maurice has booked the Cosmos Restaurant on the corner of Manning/Hamilton for 6.30 pm. on Sunday 9 October. Some drinks will be provided. ▪ U/G Power Report Back – Norman reported that in the Fleming Ave/Wharf St area, a petition was circulated by himself and Rob to the 140 homes not included in the Wilson East U/G Power scheme seeking opinion as to whether WRRRA should lobby for the area to be included. 120 signatures were obtained from 91 homes requesting inclusion with only 1 against. The petition was handed top Cllr. Barry to be submitted to the 11 August Council Meeting where it was minuted. Norman subsequently wrote to the City on 28 August and was promised a reply within 10 days which has not eventuated. The situation may have been complicated by the fact that Troy Bozich, Manager of Eng. Services may no longer be with the City. – Les to write to the City to determine what happened to the petition and has the City made any move to support it and has it been forwarded to Western Power or any other body for consideration to include in the Wilson East U/G Power Scheme. ▪ Cat Laws – Les referred to an email from Bill Johnston MLA notifying us that the Cat Law legislation was presently passing through State Parliament and some of the salient points being discussed.
<p>5</p>	<p>Councillors’ Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Accommodation – Cllr. Boylen gave assurances that the more aggressive stance by the City towards multi- occupancy student accommodation was beginning to bear fruit particularly with the increased scrutiny of building applications for the purpose. A number of applications had been refused in recent times. The City is well aware of the disquiet in the community over multi-occupancy and will continue to be vigilant. ▪ Speak outs etc. – These are public forums inviting residents to involve themselves in the evolving future of the area in which they live. These events are now a statutory requirement and the next one involving Wilson is to be held at the Wilson Community Hall from noon until 5pm. on Sunday, 30 October and will include activities for all the family as well as the chance to speak out. We were also reminded of the Speakers Nights organised by the City where guest specialist speakers address public meetings on planning/lifestyle/community matters. WRRRA was invited to a Stakeholders Workshop on 30 August and Geoff attended on our behalf. The workshop was to discuss ideas, issues and objectives in the organising and running of our local communities and proved to be an enjoyable and worthwhile event.

	<p>Geoff has requested that the City keep all attendees involved in identifying the issues that should be targeted in this initial Stakeholders Workshop for inclusion within the City of Canning's future Community (Strategic) Plan and be kept informed as to the issues identified and other matters that may be raised during the public Speak out forums to be held through out the City during the next six months.</p> <p>All the above events are advertised in the community newspapers and WRRRA will endeavour to attend as many as possible.</p>
6	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p>It must be said that the committee is most appreciative of Maurice for turning up at every meeting with copious supplies of refreshments and Sandra for her cakes. We thank them both.</p>
7	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most issues of any importance were raised in Actions from last meeting and a copy of this report is attached to the Minutes to all committee members, councillors and other interested parties.
8	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rob advised that paid up membership was now at 104 with 3 having pre-paid for next year as well and with the membership form in the Summer Edition newsletter we can expect numbers to be up to 120+ by year end. ▪ There are still two outstanding unpaid invoices for newsletter advertising but both are long standing and reliable clients so their adverts will be continued in the Summer newsletter. ▪ Our Total Accounts now stand at approximately \$5400 before a provisional allocation of \$1,350 for the park bench.
9	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is noted that there were no individual Portfolio Reports not covered elsewhere. ▪ Civic Dinner – Geoff reported that he and Bea attended the City of Canning Civic Dinner representing WRRRA. As usual a most enjoyable evening and he is pleased to donate the few surviving chocolates from the 'bag of freebies' to WRRRA's more modest dinner on October 10th. ▪ Stakeholder's Meeting – As mentioned previously, Geoff attended and will follow up on anything arising from proceedings. ▪ CRRP Pathway – Kaye and Geoff circulated a map and letter from the Dept. of Environment and Conservation sent to all residents immediately affected, giving alternative routes of a proposed walk trail path through the CRRP from Watts Road to Canning River Gardens. The closing date was 30 Sept. We understand that Max made an individual submission. Funding for the project is jointly from CALM and the City and Geoff was of the opinion that due to the stakeholders and process involved, an early start on construction should not be expected.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Riverton Jetty Park – Geoff raised the issue of the children’s play area which in his opinion is no longer large enough to accommodate the numbers now visiting. He had obtained aerial photos of the foreshore in the 1970s showing that the Jetty Park area had been eroded and therefore reduced in size by up to 10 metres in that time. Some reinstatement and reed planting has taken place in recent years to stabilize the foreshore. However, Geoff canvassed the idea of trying to regain some of the 10 metres by extending the park by importing fill, an idea viewed favourably by Steve Atwell the City’s Manager of Parks and Gardens. It is fair to say that the committee did not warm to the idea as several felt that it would be too big and disruptive an engineering project and Brian in particular said that it was a non-starter as the Swan River Trust in his opinion would not agree to such a major re-shaping of a foreshore. However it was agreed that Geoff should make further enquiries. ▪ U/G Power – Norman raised the point that in the Winter Edition newsletter the false impression may have been created that the 140 houses in the Fleming Ave/Wharf St. enclave were automatically included in the Wilson East Project which had been approved. Les and Geoff disagreed because the newsletter referred specifically to the ‘Wilson East Project area’ and the map had been well circulated locally together with an invitation to seek further information from the City, Office of Energy or Western Power. However to clarify the situation Norman & Rob are to deliver another letter pointing out that the enclave never was included but due to the demand, WRRRA are making strenuous efforts to get those residences included. ▪ Summer Edition Newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the benefit of new committee members, Les outlined the background to compiling, printing and delivering a newsletter. - Articles to Les at earliest deadline 1st. week November. - Newsletter ready for printing by mid-November for delivery first week December. - Ask Steve Irons MP. for print run of 2,500 - Articles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Editorial: R Codes and effect on development – Les ◇ U/G Power, short article report – Norman ◇ Walk trail/path (250 words approx.)– Geoff & Kaye ◇ Kent Street Precinct article & photo – Rob ◇ Canoe Launching Ramp area – Norman ◇ Membership Form to be foot of page 3
10	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 5 December at 7.30pm at Wilson Community Hall.</p>
<p>There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10.05 pm.</p>	