



Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association

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WRRRA represents you in Wilson by working co-operatively with:

- *City of Canning*
- *Mason Ward Councillors*
- *Canning River Regional Park Community Advisory Committee*
- *WA Government Depts.*
- *Neighbourhood Watch program & WA Police*
- *State & Federal Government Politicians*
- *Wilson Wetlands Action Group Inc. and other community groups*
- *Community Newspapers*

The WRRRA Committee currently meet on Monday night every 2nd Month at Wilson Community Hall.

*The next meeting will be held:
Monday 1st February 2010*

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Editorial

Dear Wilson residents,

We live in a small suburb where our location could be said to be our greatest asset. With a river frontage and proximity to facilities and first class transport, we are the envy of many.

We are ideally placed to be a garden suburb and to an extent we are, with several pleasant parks, well designed and maintained streetscapes and many proud gardeners. These virtues add to our sense of well-being and not least the desirability and therefore value of our properties.

However, not everyone shares these values and there are areas where unkempt gardens, churned up verges and the commandeering of these verges for parking cars, trailers, caravans etc. are seen as the norm.

An argument is made that we have a higher than average proportion of rental properties, which is probably true but also suggests that landlords and tenants are absolved of any responsibility to keep their property tidy, which is not so.

We all share a responsibility to maintain a pleasant streetscape whether we are landlords, tenants, private householders. or council employees who not only maintain our streets but are ideally placed to report those particularly unsightly properties.

So come on now and play your part in making those few improvements to enhance the visual appeal of your street, the value of your property and make Wilson a better place to live than it is already.

CAT LAWS

WRRRA recently wrote to Joe Francis MLA (Member for Jandakot) advising him of our support for the introduction of uniform control laws for cats, throughout Western Australia, similar to those that currently exist for registration and control of dogs.

In responding, Joe Francis MLA, advised that after extensive consultation within the community and organizations, including RSPCA and Cat Haven, the broad consensus was that action on cat laws has long been overdue and that this should include mandatory desexing and microchipping.

Drafting of the proposed legislation is we understand with a view to introduce the Bill in Parliament early 2010. Should you wish to voice your opinion in respect to the content of these proposed laws you should write directly to:

Joe Francis MLA, PO Box 130, Bull Creek, WA 6149.