

OUR POLICY ON CRRP DEVELOPMENT

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Although no formal planning application has yet been received by the City of Canning, a major development application is expected in the future for the Castledare site, which is partly within the designated boundary of the Canning River Regional Park. In anticipation, the WRRRA Committee have decided to reiterate our long-standing policy (which was first developed in 1997 in collaboration with the Wilson Wetlands Action Group) with respect to developments within the Canning River Regional Park.

Our Mission Statement (with respect to the Canning River Regional Park) is:

“To ensure the conservation of the Canning River Regional Park within its’ existing boundary for the people of Western Australia now and for future generations”.

We continue to liaise with other interested parties and have formulated a number of goals and objectives:

1. To ensure non-fragmentation of the Canning River Regional Park boundaries and maintain a buffer zone to ensure a viable corridor (restored natives) exists along the Canning River edges.
2. To ensure conservation of biological diversity.
3. To preserve recreational value of the site by protecting all existing trees, preserving the railway and retaining open space.
4. To revegetate the site establishing an arboretum of trees and shrubs, indigenous to the region.
5. To establish the site as an Education Resource (esp. Wilson Wetlands area)
6. To restore the Mill Street and Wilson Main Drains to living streams.
7. To retain and restore heritage buildings, structures and vistas (to the Canning River).
8. To encourage relevant agencies to provide adequate parking and toilet facilities (with disabled access) connected to deep sewerage.
9. To construct access paths abutting onto, and through, sections of the Canning River Regional Park within Wilson (from Kent Street to Riverton Bridge).



New Castledare Miniature Railway Train Station at Kent St Weir