

DEEP SEWERAGE UPDATE

By David Robertson

After years of delays, it now appears construction of the Underground Sewerage network within the north-western corner of Wilson will commence next year.

David Robertson (one of our new committee members) reports:

At our AGM in July, we were led to believe that the completion of underground sewerage in North West Wilson was not imminent.

However, whilst the City officials were present, **WRRRA** asked if anything could be done to better

define the schedule or even bring the works forward.

As a result, in a recent letter from Water Corp. the works are scheduled to be constructed during the 2007/2008 financial year. In a letter circulated to affected households the Water Corporation states that the area is now unsuitable for long term on-site disposal of septic tank effluent and the sewerage scheme is necessary to provide community and environmental safeguards.

As with other areas, the cost of the domestic sewer connection is to be borne by the household within 5 years of the works and sewerage rates will then be paid with concessional rates available. Households will have been fully informed by now and objections closed October 13th.

Note from President:

This is great news for WRRRA members in the area, as this is something we've been lobbying for over many years.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

By Lester Durbin

A number of amenity construction projects are currently underway, notably:

Watts Road/Surrey Road Footpath:

Construction began in Surrey Road during the last week in October.

Note: WRRRA fought long and hard for this path so as tempting as it may be, can we ask that vehicles are not parked on it as it is provided for the safety and convenience of pedestrians and cyclists.

Kent Street Weir:

Temporary bridge decking for public access is to be installed early in 2007 to last 2 years being the time estimated for the interested parties of the Water Dept., Swan River Trust and the City to take the major decision as to what to do about the weir structure. The weir is showing signs of defects and although safe and stable must in the long term be dealt with.

Kent Street Riverbank Stabilisation:

The tender prices were too high for the whole project to be constructed as planned but the block walling as an initial stage is hoped to be erected during the summer.

Kent Street Railway Station:

As an added feature of the Castledare Railway, a new station is to be constructed at Kent Street.

Work is planned to start in February 2007 funded by LotteryWest, City of Canning and Castledare Railway Society following clearance by the Aboriginal Heritage Trust. Construction is to be by TAFE student labour forming part of a college course. We wish them every success in this innovative approach.

Riverton Jetty Park and Kiosk:

Still at the detail design stage.

As reported in the last newsletter, **WRRRA** submitted a detailed submission outlining our members' concerns regarding many aspects of the preliminary design proposal.

We hope to meet with City officials shortly to review the detailed design to ensure these issues have been addressed.

Kent Street Eco-Centre and Cafeteria:

Presently at the detail design stage to which **WRRRA** has made some input and continues to do so.

We'll keep members updated on progress of these projects.