

POTENTIAL BUSHFIRE DANGER

WRRRA over the past 18 months has received several complaints from residents living close to potential bushfire risk areas on the boundaries of the Canning River Regional Park and have sought to obtain assurance from the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) that appropriate and timely fire mitigation measures will be undertaken in all of the fire risk areas. This includes the Queens Park Road area, where a limited number of residents were evacuated due to a fire within the Park in early 2011. As yet our request of DEC have not been acknowledged.

It is, however, our understanding that DEC has, for the past 18+ months, been undertaking an assessment of the fuel loadings within all Parklands throughout the State and have yet to release any information on the results or status of their studies, including public information on guidelines that should, or is being done, within our Park to alleviate public concern over this very pressing issue.

For further information, contact Ms Kathleen Ridgwall from the City on 9231 0628, or Mr Tony Eddleston from DEC on 0418 904 454.

KENT ST WEIR PRECINCT

A study to plan for the future of Kent Street Weir and adjacent parklands is being conducted by the City of Canning, in cooperation with the Swan River Trust and the Department of Environment and Conservation.

The consultation process has included workshops on 3rd November for residents, and previously 11th October for other stakeholders. The events were coordinated by Jayne Bryant, the City of Canning's Strategic Projects Officer. The purpose of the study is to examine how best to develop the area in the future so that it's social and environmental values are protected and enhanced ensuring that the area remains a valuable community asset.

Consultation has focused on impact for residents, environmental issues and the passive recreation opportunities.

Issues of interest for residents included:

- The necessity for provision of safe traffic flow and discrete, yet ample parking.
- Underground power for safety and to enhance the landscaping assets.
- Provision of light recreation facilities such as fitness stations along pathways.
- Maintain the peaceful and tranquil setting of the area.
- Taking advantage of the environmental asset as improved viewing access to Wilson Lake.
- Construct dual use pathways along the river to access Castledare Miniature Railway and access to Bywater Way.
- Demolish the old buildings on the recreation park to create a visually pleasing park entrance and to provide to additional area for picnics.
- Develop landscaping to minimise risk of bush fire for residents and reduce dust levels.
- Re-locate the City of Canning Works Depot to utilise the land for extending the park or use for residential development.

When consultants Blackwell & Associates (www.blackwell.net.au) complete the development plan, an opportunity will be available for residents and other stakeholders to comment further.

WRRRA welcomes any further comments from all Wilson residents regarding the Kent Street Weir precinct. Please E-Mail your comments to secretary@wrra.net.au. We also encourage local residents to join our association to keep informed on further developments (See next page).

AIRCRAFT NOISE

Are you disturbed by the sound of airplanes at night, or during the early morning, when often a number of planes seem to queue up one after the other and fly south from the airports swinging to the west and over Wilson. This problem is not unique to our area but it is important our voices are heard and considered when the decision makers are weighing up options for changing the flight paths and related operational procedures (such as taking off further up the runway) to reduce the level of aircraft noise over residential areas.

If the aircraft noise is causing you distress, then it is time to act!

You have some options to voice your concerns. While it may seem fruitless at times, you should not dismiss the opportunity to lodge your complaint, as they are taken in account as part of the planning process.

Problem flights can be easily identified using the website: <http://www331.webtrak-lochard.com/webtrak/per3>

There is a form on this website to lodge a formal complaint with AirServices Australia for a given flight. Alternatively, you can call their information line on 1800 802 584.