



# Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association

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

- *City of Canning*
- *Mason Ward Councilors*
- *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 meets at the Wilson Community Hall on the 3rd Monday of every Month (excl. December) from 7:30pm.**

*Members may attend the meeting.*

## Editorial

*Dear Wilson residents,*

*Welcome to our "new look" newsletter.*

*We plan to distribute these newsletters twice a year to all Wilson residents and ratepayers. We will also distribute information sheets, as required, on important issues affecting our members, such as the upcoming changes to the City's Town Planning Scheme.*

The association's recent Annual General Meeting was a great success (thanks largely to combined efforts of the President, Maria Valli and the WRRRA committee members). We were particularly pleased that the City Mayor, Dr Lekias, and members of the Council's Executive Committee, chose to give up their time for the evening. We appreciate their ongoing support.

Detailed minutes from the AGM (including the full text of the Mayor's speech), together with the minutes from our monthly committee meetings, are

published on our website. Our Internet Address is <http://wrra.iinet.net.au>.

If you don't have Internet access at home, you can access our website from the local library (at no charge).

Following on from the AGM, we are pleased to announce the appointment of two new committee members this year, namely Jason Durbin and Hal Spencer.

As mentioned in his article, Jason is already making good progress on the long-running Fern Road issue in consultation with the Council's engineers, while Hal is looking after the Utilities Portfolio.

If you haven't done so already, we urge you to join the association by filling out the enclosed membership form.

**It's still only \$5 per household!**

Please also support the local businesses that advertise in this newsletter.

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	<b>Hal Spencer</b>		Utilities
	<b>Theresa O'Neill</b>		

**HELP US to Help YOU! JOIN NOW and Support the New Committee.**

## DOWNCODING OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN WILSON

by Maurice Winter

*At the recent AGM, a number of WRRRA members asked the new committee to continue lobbying the Council to downcode residential areas within Wilson to preserve the Suburb's unique, family-orientated, quality of life.*

*Strong concerns were also expressed over the potential environmental damage to the Canning River Regional Park (and the river itself) as a result of over development in the areas adjacent*

*to the Regional Park in the South Wilson precinct.*

*The WRRRA Committee undertook to investigate the matter further.*

We have since discovered that the majority of lots in Wilson can be redeveloped with two (or more) dwellings under the City's current Town Planning scheme.

Within the South Wilson Precinct (whose residents have strongly supported downcoding efforts in

the past), the current zoning of R17.5/R25 is also inconsistent with all other areas within the City adjoining the Canning River, mostly notable Ferndale on the other side of the river and the entire stretch of river frontage in Rossmoyne and Shelley (all of which are zoned as R17.5).

**We have since asked the City to undertake a survey of local residents to determine their views on this important issue.**

## CRRP DUAL-USE PATH & FOOTPATHS

by Max Zeller

*Earlier this year, WRRRA submitted a Community Petition signed by 144 local residents to the Council asking for the timely completion of the Dual-Use Path network in Wilson; and the immediate construction of the footpath from the Old Lake Grove Walkway along Watts Road and Surrey Road to Fern Road.*

*An alternative route via CRRP was also proposed by the Committee.*

We are pleased to report that the City has agreed to:

1. Construct the section of Dual-Use Path from the Council Depot to Bungaree Rd (Casterdale) this financial year;
2. Investigate (as a matter of priority) the construction of a footpath along Watts Rd (from the Old Lake Grove walkway) to the Riverton Bridge via the

Canning River Regional Park, subject to approval from the Department of Conservation and Land Management (DCLM); and

3. Retain the remaining footpaths along Watts Road and Bywater Way on the City's Forward Plans.

The existing footpaths along Fern Road are also being repaired.

## FERN ROAD UPDATE

by Jason Durbin

*One of the Associations 'hot issues' is the on-going concerns of residents regarding Fern Road traffic volumes and speed.*

The WRRRA has been proactively pursuing these issues in close consultation with the City of Canning to ensure that Fern Road is a safe and pleasant thoroughfare for local residents.

A number of 'hot spots' have been identified and the WRRRA is working closely with the City Engineers to monitor future developments.

WRRRA's position on Fern Road issues is to encourage the City of Canning to install and maintain whatever traffic calming mechanisms are practical to ensure

road users adhere to speed limits and use Fern Road in a safe manner.

Issues such as (unsafe) overtaking and the use of Fern Road as an alternative to other major routes to and from work are also being tackled by the WRRRA Committee to ensure the safety and well being of all concerned.

## WILSON BUS ROUTE CHANGES

by Paul Duncan

*For most residents of Wilson, without their own “wheels”, getting to Canning City and Carousel shopping centres, to the Cannington train station, and to the Circle Route buses by public transport through Wilson has been generally difficult and inconvenient.*

However, during October, Perth Transport will be making two changes to bus routes in the area to improve accessibility to Cannington and Curtin University, but only in daylight hours.

The new 34 route from Curtin University through Bentley continues from Dumond Street along Manning Road, Albany Highway and Cecil Avenue to the Cannington station

instead of deviating along Braibrise Road and Leach Highway. The service will be mainly half-hourly Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 5:30, hourly on Saturday and every two hours on Sunday. Connection from Canning Vale/Riverton buses using Fern Road can be made in Dumond Street near Manning Road.

The 72 route will not terminate at Beaton Park but will travel along Bungaree Road into Leach Highway and onto Cannington station interchange. It will be a Monday to Friday service only, every 30 minutes from 8:30 to 4. Fern Road buses will connect with this service at the corner of Leach Hwy and Bungaree Road.

The circle Route (98 and 99) goes along Centenary Avenue and can be connected from the 34 and 72 buses at Curtin University in Hayman Road.

The WRRRA Committee has written to Transperth and the Southern Metropolitan East-West Public Transport Study to get improvements to bus services in Wilson. On July 17 the President and Secretary met with Tony McRae, MLA for Riverton, to further discuss this issue.

Please write to: Paul Duncan, Public Transport Portfolio, 1 Langham Gardens, Wilson, to report any public transport problems and needs giving details of incidents, times and places. Or E-mail [wrra@iinet.net.au](mailto:wrra@iinet.net.au).

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

by Maria Valli

I have been appointed the NHW Suburb Manager for Wilson. I attend monthly NHW meetings and receive monthly statistics on crime behaviours for the suburb and I in turn liaise with the WRRRA Committee. Recently I consulted with City of Canning to erect approx. 6 NHW signs at prominent points within Wilson.

I am currently waiting to complete a Suburb Manager Training Seminar

and I'm looking forward to promoting NHW through a public get-together in the near future.

As you are aware, City of Canning received a grant of \$25,000 to provide for a part-time District Co-ordinator for the NHW program. Once this person is appointed the NHW program will be enforced and promoted across the district.

**It is pleasing to see that the crime rate in Wilson has dropped but your help is needed to make it an even safer place to live. I hope to keep you all informed and ask that all residents consider becoming involved in NHW to help keep our suburb free of crime.**

Please contact Victoria Park Community Policing on 9470 4277 for general NHW enquiries.

## YOUR SUBSCRIPTION WILL HELP OUR WILSON COMMUNITY

*Remember, the more members we have, the more power the Association has to lobby the City of Canning and State Government Departments to improve services within Wilson.*

### WRRRA Membership Subscription Form

To join the Association, simply complete the following details, enclose your Annual Membership Fee of \$ 5 per Household and return it to us (as per the instructions below). Receipts will be issued.

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