



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 meets on Monday nights every 2nd Month at the Wilson Community Hall in Braibrise St.

The next meeting will be held on 4 February 2008.

Editorial

Dear Wilson residents,

When asked to define 'community', we all harken back to those halcyon days gone by when everyone knew everyone else, we could leave our doors and windows open when we went out and there was always someone nearby that we could rely on. Sadly those days are gone and may never return.

However, together we can still create something worthwhile with a few simple steps. Get to know your neighbours by acknowledging their existence. Offer to help in simple ways such as taking in mail while they are away and let them know that you are keeping an eye on their property.

Act with consideration for your neighbourhood like not leaving litter, driving and parking with regard to others, and if entertaining, tell

nearby neighbours that there may be some additional noise and traffic.

Perhaps there is a senior nearby who would appreciate a kind word or occasional help in some small way.

Such simple deeds are often rewarded many times over and create that sense of community and make the statement that this is where we live and we want it to be a pleasant and safe place where we consider and look out for each other.

Wilson already goes a long way in this regard and is a good suburb, a good place to live with an atmosphere and character of which we can be proud.

That being said, we can all do that little extra and make it even better, a suburb where there is no 'them and us' we are all 'us'.

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CONGRATULATIONS

WRRRA celebrated it's 20th Year of Incorporation in November 2007

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers over the years, WRRRA is a vibrant and effective voice for the residents of our suburb.

New members and Committee Members are always welcome. Membership is still only \$5/household/year.

E-Mail secretary@wrra.org.au or Contact President (Max Zeller) on 9258 9250 (or max@wrra.org.au) for further details.

HEAVY TRUCK BAN ON LEACH HIGHWAY By Kelly Faulkner

Wilson residents expecting the ban of heavy trucks on Leach Highway from 1 October 2007 would have been disappointed to hear that the bans were postponed due to delays to the Perth-Mandurah Railway.

The Government has promised to restrict all large vehicles requiring Main Roads permits, as well as any semi-trailers and B-doubles over 12.5m long, from using Leach Highway between Kwinana Freeway and Albany Highway. Note that only these types of trucks will be restricted.

On 26 September 2007, Hon Adele Farina told Parliament that the commencement of restrictions were conditional on the completion of the `Southern Suburbs Railway, as the rail project is expected to reduce the number of vehicles travelling on Kwinana Freeway. This would provide additional capacity for the extra trucks that will be using the

Freeway between Roe Highway and Leach Highway. The Government now intends to introduce the restrictions 2 to 3 months after the completion of the rail project, to allow traffic patterns on the Freeway to settle.

The truck restrictions are expected to commence in the first quarter of 2008 but no actual start date could be provided. Rail services along the Perth-Mandurah line are scheduled to start on 23 December.

WRRRA has raised concerns about the delays with Ben Wyatt MLA.

Residents interested in finding out more about the restrictions can contact the Public Affairs Coordinator at Main Roads WA on 93118450.

DUAL USE PATH UPDATE By Geoff Rees

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is currently undertaking the planning for a new dual use path between Fern Road and Watts Road in Canning River Regional Park (CRRP).

The path is consistent with a gazetted amendment to the Canning River Regional Park Management Plan, which identified the potential need to upgrade access in the area due to increased recreational demand. The path will provide improved access for visitors to the area.

Initial planning and surveying has been completed, and the project has been discussed with and agreed to by the CRRP Community Advisory Committee.

DEC will soon be seeking approval for the works from the Swan River Trust.

The construction of the path is scheduled to occur next financial year.

The route recommended by the CRRP Community Advisory Committee is shown on the map below. The jagged line is the gazetted CRRP boundary.



Thanks to Jacinta Overman (DEC) for providing the information for this article.

NEW BUS ROUTES FOR WILSON (FINALLY)

By Max Zeller

WRRA has successfully lobbied the State Government (on behalf of its members) to provide new bus routes from Wilson to the Canning Train Station (via Carousel) and the New Bullcreek Train Station with connections to the City .

We are very pleased with the proposed changes (which are long overdue) as they will directly benefit many Wilson residents and their families for years to come.

Below is a summary of the new bus routes, which will be introduced when the Southern Railway Services commence:

1. New Route 509 Bull Creek Station to Cannington Station via High Rd, Fern Rd & Albany Hwy. [Replaces parts of OLD ROUTE 877]

From Bull Creek Station, via Leach Hwy, High Rd, Riley Rd, Riverton Dr East, Tribute St East, Marjorie Av, Barbican St East / Fern Rd, Bungaree Rd, Leach Hwy, Manning Rd, Albany Hwy, Cecil Av, to Cannington Station.

2. New Route 179 Esplanade Busport to Bull Creek Station via High Rd, Fern Rd & Albany Hwy. [Replaces part of OLD ROUTE 174]

Services to be co-ordinated with proposed timetable changes to Routes 170, 176 & 177.

From Esplanade Busport, Mill St, St Georges Tce / Adelaide Tce / Causeway to Victoria Park Transfer Station / Shepperton Rd, Asquith St, Albany Hwy, Basinghall St, Berwick St / Chapman Rd, Walpole St, Dumond St, Manning Rd, Braibrise Rd, Armstrong Rd, Bungaree Rd, Fern Rd / Barbican St East, Marjorie Av, Tribute St East, Riverton Dr East, Riley Rd, High Rd, Leach Hwy, to Bull Creek Station.

3. Modified Route 170 Esplanade Busport to Bull Creek Station via Leach Hwy & Manning Rd

From Esplanade Busport to Bungaree Road (as per Route 179) then Leach Hwy, Tudor Av North, Corbel St, Modillion Av North / Tribute St West, Beatrice St, Corinthian Rd West, Fifth Av, Central Rd, Third Av, Wilber St, First Av, Bullcreek Rd, Webb St, Leach Hwy, to Bull Creek Station.

[Not shown on map]

4. The following Wilson routes will be withdrawn:

- a. Route 174 Esplanade Busport to Canning Vale (replaced in part by New Route 179)
- b. Route 555 Curtin University Bus Station to Booragoon Bus Station (replaced by New Routes 100 & 101)

I'd like to publicly thank Ben Wyatt for his support on this important issue.



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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 upon request.

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