



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 currently meet on Monday nights every 2nd Month on:

Next meeting: 2 February 2009

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Editorial

Dear Wilson residents,

With some justification, we are proud of our small but neat suburb. We have good transport facilities, shopping, health services, schools, a river frontage and the excellent Canning River Regional Park and Eco-Centre. In short, our facilities are second to none.

However, in one respect, we are woefully deficient, that of access to high-speed broadband services. Time and time again we experience the major providers telling us that the cabling in parts of Wilson is so sub-standard that if broadband can be provided at all, it will be poor quality and subject to transmission breaks. Technically, the problem is that the cabling in most areas of Wilson is inferior and is not capable of providing a reliable service.

We are constantly bombarded by telemarketers trying to sell us

ADSL2 broadband services, often at that inconvenient time in the evening and claiming speeds that some of us can only dream about. In the trouble spots within Wilson, broadband access at any speed would be a luxury.

Wireless broadband services is touted as an answer for some albeit at lower speed and greater cost. In my case, typical of many, with back to base home security, I would still need to retain a landline which makes the wireless impractical.

If you have difficulty with getting access to broadband services, please email: secretary@wrra.org.au as we are trying to build up a dossier to present to the bodies who can remedy the situation.

Please be brief, we will not be fighting for individual grievances. Perhaps together we can bring our broadband services in Wilson up to an acceptable standard.

SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WRRRA has a membership of close to 100, very healthy by the standards of similar organisations. However, we do need one or two more Committee members . Other than attending a 2 hour meeting every 2 months the duties are minimal. E-mail facilities would be an advantage but we could work around that if you are not on-line.

If you feel able to contribute to the life of your suburb, please contact Les Durbin, Secretary, WRRRA Tel: 9451 6915

PROPOSED RIVERTON BRIDGE KIOSK DEVELOPMENT**By Geoff Rees**

WRRRA Committee members attended a Canning City Council workshop in August 2008 to discuss the proposed \$700,000 redevelopment of the kiosk, which Mr. Steve Atwell (Acting City Engineer) explained was in need of repairs/refurbishment.

WRRRA raised no objection to the proposal, however, as a result of a recent spate of road accidents at this location (3 in the week prior to the workshop), we presented a submission designed to improve traffic flow and safety of the Riverton Jetty Park patrons by:

- Dead-ending the south-west end of Bridge Street in a cul-de-sac.
- Expand the useable park lands by connecting the large grassed public open space on the north-east side of Bridge Street with the existing park.
- Install a roundabout in Fern Road at the terminated end of Bridge Street which would serve as the only entrance to the enlarged kiosk/toilet block carpark.
- Relocate the Children's Playground some 150 metres north-east away from Fern Road.

- Install a 2nd BBQ facility in the grassed public open space on the North East side of Bridge Street. i.e. directly north of the existing kiosk/toilet block.

As a result of the workshop, Canning City Council resolved to call for architectural submissions to progress the kiosk upgrade proposal to a maximum expenditure of \$500,000.

It is doubtful whether this cost would include any provision for improved safety of the park patrons from through traffic.

**LEACH HIGHWAY TRUCKS UPDATE****By Lester Durbin**

This topic has not dropped 'under our radar' although it is fair to say that the change of State Government has not made our task any easier of having the truck length restriction further reduced to 12.5 metres. The previous Labor Government introduced the 19 metre restriction albeit after much indecision and delay. They further committed to reducing the restriction to 12.5 metres at some time in the future with no indication of when this might be.

WRRRA has a copy of correspondence from our newly elected Cannington MLA, Bill Johnston to the new Minister of Transport, Simon O'Brien requesting notification of the Minister's stance on

retaining the 19 metre restriction pending a total ban of all large trucks from Leach Highway between Albany Highway and the Kwinana freeway. **WRRRA** is aware of rumours circulating that the transport industry is lobbying to remove the 19 metre restriction.

To conclude, we cannot move forward until the Minister replies and this may be delayed as we understand he has suffered a bout of ill-health from which we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

CANNING RIVER REGIONAL PARK - LAND ACQUISITION**By Geoff Rees**

WRRA in conjunction with a number of local Community organizations including the Wilson Wetlands Action Group, Castledare Miniature Railway and the Parish Council, continued to express community concern over the ongoing delays in our State Government's willingness to finalise the security of tenure of all privately owned land that lies within the gazetted boundaries of the Canning River Regional Park (CRRP).

It has now been in excess of 10 years that strategies under the CRRP Management Plan

1997-2007 i.e. "to seek to purchase the remainder of private land as soon as possible, and preferably within 12 months, from willing landowners", were defined and still a large portion of privately owned land is continuing to degrade with each passing year.

We therefore will continue to pressure State Government to map out a clear way forward to achieve security of tenure of the park lands within 18 - 24 months.

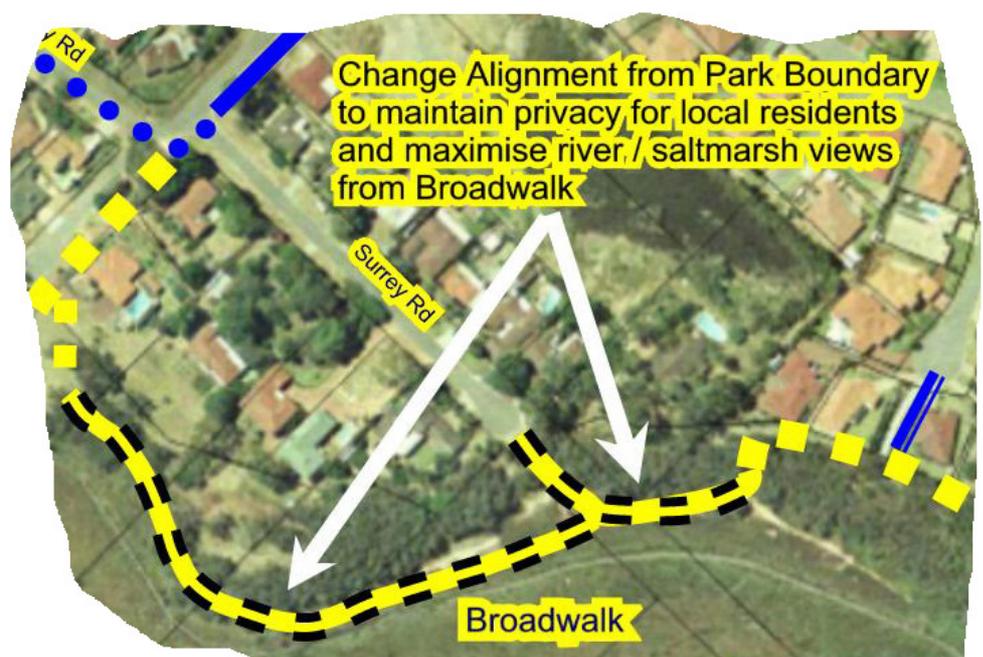
SURREY ROAD SALT MARSH PATH EXTENSION**By Geoff Rees**

Following public submissions to CALM (now DEC) in September 2005, the Canning River Regional Park Management Plan has now been amended to provide for construction of a **walk trail** through the park lands. The new **walk trail** will include long sections of elevated boardwalk through sensitive low lying areas of the park to connect the existing Riverton Bridge/Watts Road path around the SW end of Canning River Gardens.

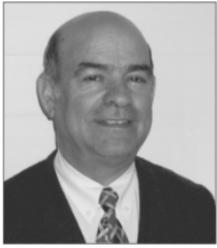
DEC and Canning City Council are to undertake detailed design/planning for this path, which will include landscape, environmental, native flora and weed study as well as other considerations along with further public consultation before a final decision is made on its construction.

We strongly believe the **walk trail** should be constructed within the park, not adjacent to Surrey Road rear property/park boundaries, which is the alternative route being considered.

The extension of the walk path network alongside the Surrey Road Salt Marsh will provide Wilson residents and visitors with a greatly enhanced vista of the Canning River Regional Parklands, which today cannot be gained from any existing public road or pathway along the entire northern (Wilson) side of our park. Access to and walks within our parks are also an objective aspired to under DEC's "Healthy Parks, Healthy People" philosophy.



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WRRRA Membership Subscription Form 2008/9

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 issued upon request.

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Please contact me to discuss WRRRA Committee Nomination

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