



Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association

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WRRA 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 WRRA Committee currently meets on the first Monday of every 2nd month at Wilson Community Hall @ 7.30pm.

New members are most welcome.

Next meeting: 7 FEB 2011

Editorial

Dear Wilson residents,

As we near the end of another year perhaps it is pertinent to remark on some results of our continuing lobbying over the years. Lobbying can only be successful if we have the ear of the decision makers and **WRRA** prides itself on having access to all levels of government whether Local, State or Federal. This access has been gained over 25 years of respectful and responsible consultation. We do not always get what we ask for but we are listened to.

Now that Wilson West U/G power is well underway the streetscape is visibly improving and in time so will the reliability of supply. **WRRA** has made every effort lobbying to gain U/G power in Wilson East and it only remains for the decision to be

Yes or No and at what cost.

WRRA has had considerable input into the Kiosk and Jetty Park redesign, soon to be completed.

Fern Road traffic is one of our ongoing concerns, an intractable problem but we had input into the road redesign in recent years and are now lobbying for the bringing forward of the Shelley Bridge widening to ease Fern Road traffic.

The excellent bus service in Wilson serving both rail stations, the major shopping centres and University resulted from our input. Our only regret is that it is not better used, perhaps the love of our cars overrides common sense.

These are but a few examples of results of our lobbying; more can be found on our website and your input is always welcome.

NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME !!!

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.

WRRA Membership Subscription Form 2010/11

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 not normally be issued except upon request.

NAME(S).....

ADDRESS.....

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Please contact me to discuss WRRA Committee Nomination

Post form to WRRA, 170 Watts Road, Wilson 6107 or drop it in the WRRA Box at the Eureka One Stop Deli (on Eureka Road). Payment by cash (note only) or cheque. Mark Cheques payable to the "Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association".

CANNING RIVER REGIONAL PARK

For years now the Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association (the association) have been engaged with many stakeholders concerning the land tenure at Castledare Estate. Some ten years later, still thirteen hectares remain in the hands of the Trustees of the Christian Brothers and the association's goal is to have this land which includes a large conservation wetland acquired by the Western Australian Planning Commission in the near future.

Of the thirteen hectares at Castledare, that are still privately owned, approximately eleven hectares are identified as high conservation wetlands and river flood plain with many damp lands that support life observed along the way.

Another outstanding asset is the well established and long standing Castledare Miniature Railway which is seen as a local treasure and is firmly entrenched within the Canning River Regional Park's (CRRP) boundaries.

In the near future the association hope to see the final steps towards completing the dual use path network on public lands progress and include the proposed tracks and trails identified within the Canning River Regional Park Management Plan 1997-2007 (the plan), this is in the area to the West of Castledare Estate, from Bow St following along Bywater Way and on towards Canning River Gardens. For one reason alone it will allow the elderly to be comfortable walking off the road and on stable ground as the many users of our well established dual use paths currently enjoy along the eastern end of Fern Rd. Locals will be able to take a leisurely stroll along our beautiful river foreshore reserve, enjoying the song of a bird or a view to the wetlands that breathes life into the Canning River.

The plan is a working document, and identifies these areas within the park that will support both conservation and public open space needs. Area 6 towards Canning River Gardens allows for "Development of facilities restricted to minor nature trails, signs, cycle tracks through access where necessary." Area 7 along Bywater Way west of Bow St., is considered "predominantly passive recreation pursuits," and is recognised in the plan as a future high use area.

The association aims to pursue further discussions with the City of Canning, the Department of Environment and Conservation and all other stakeholders to see these natural assets and the surrounding properties benefit through the implementation of the Plan's proposed tracks, trails and dual use paths. This process will be ongoing and will involve extensive consultation.

At our AGM of 4 July 2010, the Mayor undertook to ensure that the Canning City became more proactive to encourage the State Government and DOLA to set in place a process, and hopefully a definitive time frame for the transfer of tenure over the Castledare Wetlands to the State. It is only then that our association in conjunction with Wilson Wetlands Action Group, Castledare Miniature Railways and members of the Parish Church can actively work towards improving the natural assets located in the CRRP that we all share and seek to work within the plans, guidelines and its strategies to further improve the CRRP in the City of Canning and of course our suburb of Wilson.

BRIDGE STREET PARKLANDS UPGRADE

About a year ago, **WRRA** expressed support for the City's proposal to close off the western end of Bridge Street with the view to consolidating the parkland area adjacent to the Riverton Bridge Kiosk, as well as improving the local parking facilities. The proposal included provision for disabled parking bays, additional bike racks, more rubbish bins, improved drainage and additional landscaping.

At a recent **WRRA** Committee Meeting, Mayor Delle Donne reported that agreement had been reached with the Swan River Trust over the drainage and car park design and he was confident the planned work would be completed this financial year, as project funding has already been approved.

AIRCRAFT NOISE—Your pet hate?

Does noise from big jumbos out of Perth or pesky little biplanes from Jandakot cause you distress? Are you woken at night and can't get back to sleep? Do vibrations rattle your house - and your cage?

If yes...don't put up with it...get it off your chest—lodge a complaint by:

- i) ringing the National Noise Enquiry Line—1 800 802 504,
- ii) going on line via Air Services Australia web site www.airservicesaustralia.com
- iii) writing to Noise Enquiry Service, PO Box 211, MASCOT, NSW 1460
- iv) ringing the City of Canning Aircraft Noise Line 1 300 677 425 for specific events only, not general complaints.

Air Services Australia assesses, monitors, certifies, regulates and publishes information on aircraft noise. They have two automatic noise and flight path monitoring recorders in the City of Canning for tracking flights in and out of Perth Airport.

Noise events recorded are those above 70dB (decibels), 80dB and 90dB. In the second quarter of 2010 there were twice as many events 70-80 dB recorded in Queens Park (QP) as that in Cannington and five 80-90dB events per day in QP compared to one per day at Cannington. However, there were no events exceeding 90 dB at QP while there were few (1 in every 5-10 days) of these very loud events at Cannington. Why I don't know.

Blame the weather because it can make a loud aircraft into a thumper. Cloud, temperature inversions and wind direction—or lack of wind—can prolong, amplify or re-direct the noise.

The root of your insomnia will be the nightly average of 90 landings and take-offs. There is no curfew at Perth Airport which makes for a most vexatious issue. However be philosophical—planes must fly! And if they change the flight path then someone else is woken up. I suggest dream of travels to exotic places - like the magic faraway tree!

FERN ROAD TRAFFIC

The constant stream of peak hour traffic is a source of irritation and inconvenience to residents who are unfortunate enough to live on the section of Fern Road between the roundabout at Bungaree Rd. and the Riverton Bridge when accessing the road from their driveways or side streets. In addition there is also the problem of 'hoon' drivers seeing the traffic calming devices as a challenge leading to dangerous manoeuvres, frequently mounting the kerbs and being a nuisance and a hazard to other traffic, pedestrians and cyclists. **WRRA** frequently receives complaints from local residents who are of the opinion that it is time something was done to reduce the volume of peak hour traffic and speeding problems.

Our representatives have met with the City's engineers many times over the years in an effort to reduce the volume of traffic and have suggested that the peak hour motorists that use the route as a short cut to access the Leach Highway from High Road. This is the route that many take to avoid the morning and evening congestion on Leach Highway which banks up due to the constriction, down to two lanes when crossing Shelley Bridge.

The City is reluctant to redirect traffic away from Fern Road and have informed us that no reduction in Fern Road peak hour problems will be brought about until Shelley Bridge is widened at some time in the future as they see this as the only lasting solution. Main Roads however do not see the need to widen Shelley Bridge as a priority.

WRRA has presented a petition to the City over the widening of Shelley Bridge and will continue to lobby over this important issue as we have in the past.

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