



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 the first Monday night of every 2nd Month.

The next committee meeting will be held on 6 August 2007.

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Editorial

Dear Wilson residents,

Once again we are confronted with a rising road toll and the human misery that follows in its wake.

Wilson has a cross-section of roads with Leach Highway, a main arterial road, Manning Road, Fern Road and Bungaree Road which also take considerable through traffic and our suburban streets. Each road type presents its own hazards to motorists, cyclists and pedestrians which with development are increasing.

As motorists, we have a responsibility to care for not only ourselves but others by respecting road rules such as driving within speed limits, wearing seatbelts and not using our phones whilst driving.

Unfortunately, to some, these are alien concepts.

How many of us for example know or care that our suburban streets including Fern Road are 50kph zones?

If we see thoughtless driving by a friend, neighbour or family member, a 'quiet word' is usually enough to bring about a beneficial change. However, for more serious cases I refer to the article in the Canning Times of Nov.21, 2006 encouraging us to 'dob in a hoon'.

Acting Senior Sgt. Sandy Gibson encourages us to give the Police Traffic Branch the information it requires to act. It is totally confidential and 'at least it gives us something to work with', unquote.

It is pointless to join the chorus of 'somebody ought to do something'. That somebody is us and it is our responsibility to keep our local streets safe.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Our Annual General Meeting will be held on
Monday, 16th July at 7:30pm
Wilson Community Hall
Braibrise Road (Near Armstrong Road)**

Contact Geoff Rees on 9351 9571
or E-Mail: wrra@iinet.net.au
for further details

Nominations for new Committee Members most welcome

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Max Zeller

Unfortunately I won't be able to attend this year's AGM as I'll be holidaying in Queensland over the Winter break, on my first, and much anticipated, Long Service Leave break (after 25 years of work).

I will be nominating again for the WRRRA Committee and look forward to continuing to work with fellow Committee members to actively lobby both City and State Government authorities for civic improvements on behalf of our associations' members.

On behalf of the committee, I again invite all Wilson residents, particularly new residents, to join the association and ask that you give consideration to joining the Committee (at the upcoming AGM).

One of our immediate challenges is to help preserve the natural heritage of the Canning River Regional Park, with its increasing development, for the overall benefit of, not only our members, but all existing and future generations of Wilson residents.

Whilst WRRRA is actively supporting the following developments planned in the Wilson area over the coming year (or so):

- Upgrading of Castledare Railway facilities
- Eco-Education Centre (at Kent St Weir)
- Riverton Bridge Kiosk Upgrade
- Completion of the deep sewerage program
- Future upgrades to the Centenary Park area and the extension of the dual-use path network from Waterford to Kent St (alongside the river).

I nonetheless feel more can (and should be) done by Government Authorities to better protect the Canning River Regional Park, and the river itself.

A new start would be to stop complaining about the lack of funding / resources (while sitting on a record budget surplus) and give a firm understanding to review the CRRP Management Plan, in consultation with local community groups!

[The 10 Year Plan comes up for renewal this year]

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

By Lester Durbin

Infill Sewerage Program:

Construction of the New Sewerage Pump Station on Centenary Ave is expected to commence between August and September 2007.

Castledare Railway New Kent St Station:

(Pictured opposite)

On the morning of my visit Swan TAFE students were busy completing the works and painting had begun. Well done guys, it looks magnificent and a welcome addition to local amenities.

Riverton Jetty Park Kiosk:

Design being finalised. Reconstruction is unlikely to commence until the new Eco-Education centre has been completed.

Kent Street Weir:

Remedial works have now been completed and full public access has been restored.

Kent Street Retaining Walls:

A short delay was experienced due to additional soil analysis and construction has now commenced.

Kent Street Eco-Education Centre:

Currently under construction with the main steel frame having been erected.



Work on the Eco-Education centre is scheduled for completion in November 2007.

OUR POLICY ON CRRP DEVELOPMENT

By Lester Durbin

Although no formal planning application has yet been received by the City of Canning, a major development application is expected in the future for the Castledare site, which is partly within the designated boundary of the Canning River Regional Park. In anticipation, the WRRRA Committee have decided to reiterate our long-standing policy (which was first developed in 1997 in collaboration with the Wilson Wetlands Action Group) with respect to developments within the Canning River Regional Park.

Our Mission Statement (with respect to the Canning River Regional Park) is:

“To ensure the conservation of the Canning River Regional Park within its’ existing boundary for the people of Western Australia now and for future generations”.

We continue to liaise with other interested parties and have formulated a number of goals and objectives:

1. To ensure non-fragmentation of the Canning River Regional Park boundaries and maintain a buffer zone to ensure a viable corridor (restored natives) exists along the Canning River edges.
2. To ensure conservation of biological diversity.
3. To preserve recreational value of the site by protecting all existing trees, preserving the railway and retaining open space.
4. To revegetate the site establishing an arboretum of trees and shrubs, indigenous to the region.
5. To establish the site as an Education Resource (esp. Wilson Wetlands area)
6. To restore the Mill Street and Wilson Main Drains to living streams.
7. To retain and restore heritage buildings, structures and vistas (to the Canning River).
8. To encourage relevant agencies to provide adequate parking and toilet facilities (with disabled access) connected to deep sewerage.
9. To construct access paths abutting onto, and through, sections of the Canning River Regional Park within Wilson (from Kent Street to Riverton Bridge).



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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.

WRRRA Membership Subscription Form 2007 / 2008

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.

NAME(S).....

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Please contact me to discuss WRRRA Committee Nomination

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