



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 meets on the first Monday night of every 2nd Month.

Meetings are held at the Wilson Community Hall at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting: 4 June 2012

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Editorial

Dear Wilson Residents,

It is the time of year approaching our AGM when we reflect on events of the past year and events previous to that which have shaped our suburb.

Sub-division continues at what seems an increasing pace but due to the vigilance of the **WRRRA** committee and with the cooperation of our Ward Councillors and the City, we lobbied and succeeded in achieving a substantial increase in the Developer's Bond to cover clean-up and repair damage to verges and footpaths caused during construction.

Residents may also notice that due to increased surveillance some of the more blatant abuses by developers 'taking over the street' during construction are being curtailed.

WRRRA has over the past year made detailed submissions to the WA Government on Residential Design Codes in an effort to prevent intrusive infill on small blocks, the Draft

Metropolitan Local Government Review and to the Swan/Canning River Aquatic Use Review seeking to restrict use by destructive motorised vessels locally.

Oh yes, and you may soon notice a new bench at the Jetty Park, our way of thanking residents for their support over the years.

However **WRRRA** does have a problem. Despite having a healthy membership, the largest committee for years and being financially secure, we cannot fill our main executive positions of President, Vice President and Secretary all positions to become vacant at the AGM. It is not overdramatic to state that without these officers **WRRRA** will have to disband after 30 years of service to the community.

Hopefully it will not come to that as we feel that we play too valuable a role to let **WRRRA** go without a fight.

Should you feel able to play a part in our activities please do not hesitate to contact us or come along to the AGM.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th July at 7:30pm.

**Wilson Community Hall
Braibrise Road (Near Armstrong Road)**

All Wilson residents welcome to attend

For more information, or have issues to raise, contact Lester Durbin on 9451 6915 or email secretary@wrra.org.au

Nominations for new Committee Members most welcome

WILSON EAST UNDERGROUND POWER UPDATE

Following up on our Summer Edition newsletter, there have been some changes in the schedule for the installation of U/G power in Wilson East, which was due to start late 2012. The original definition of Wilson East in the programme was to exclude the area east of Fleming Avenue and bounded by Manning Road. This area included approximately 147 dwellings and a small number of commercial premises which were excluded. However following submissions from residents of this area who very much wanted U/G power, **WRRRA** undertook a doorknock and gathered a petition which was presented to Council and it was tabled at the Council Meeting of 11 August 2011. As one of our committee members put it 'you can't get much further east in Wilson than this area so why isn't it included in the Wilson East Project?'

The Council agreed with our petition and submitted it with their own reasons to Western Power, Office of Energy the government office concerned who after due consideration rejected the proposal to increase the scope of the project. Subsequently, Canning City Mayor Delle Donne and Acting CEO have met and requested the Minister for Power, Peter Collier to have this decision reviewed. As we await a final ruling, the installation of U/G power in Wilson East has been delayed and our 'slot' given to another area so it is hoped that work can start in 2013. Whether the area east of Fleming Ave. will be included we don't yet know.

WA METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT REVIEW DRAFT FINDINGS - APRIL 2012

During the latter part of 2011-early 2012, a selected panel from the community and local government sector reviewed the numerous submissions and after due consideration have now issued their draft findings under a report which was issued for public comments by the 25 May 2012. Briefly the committee recognised the need for change and made 23 key recommendations under their April 2012 Report. These included the need to enhance strategic thinking across the Local Govt., State and the wider community required to manage the extraordinary growth over the next 50 years. It also recognised the need for change on Local Govt. structures, boundaries and governance to reduce duplication, streamline regulatory requirements and achieve greater economies of scale.

KENT STREET WEIR PRECINCT

WRRRA is aware that the City of Canning is working on a Master Plan for improvements to the Kent Street Weir precinct. **WRRRA** and the public will be given the opportunity to comment on the plan when it is released.

WRRRA is keen to see a balanced outcome of conservation, recreation and residential issues including:

- Access for the public to use the playing field near the Weir;
- Improved parking and safer traffic flow in the area on days of heavy use such as the third Sunday for the month for the Castledare Railway.
- Night lighting that is adequate for security whilst reflecting the environmental qualities of the area.
- Improving access to the public, whilst harnessing the conservation value, for the Wilson Lake.
- The area conforms with FESA requirements for bushfire prevention.
- The reduction of dust in the area, particularly across the dry weather periods.

In recent months the City of Canning has acted on the elimination of industrial noise from the Eco-Education Centre Cafe.

WRRRA welcomes comments from residents regarding issues in the Kent Street Weir precinct. The best method is email to the secretary at secretary@wrra.org.au

UPDATE ON PROPOSED WALKTRAIL – WATTS ROAD TO CANNING RIVER GARDENS UPDATE

The Dept. of Environment and Conservation (DEC) recently conducted a survey of about 60 residents living adjacent/near the area of the proposed walk trail or boardwalk from Watts Road to Canning River Gardens. A strong response was received with over half of those surveying responding.

5 options were presented, falling into three major groups.

- (A) (Option 1) Pathway along the northern edge of the CRRP, close to house boundaries
- (B) (Options 2 – 4) Boardwalk path swinging some distance into the CRRP and eventually looping back in at the Eastern end, near Canning River Gardens.
- (C) (Option 5) No walk trail at all.

DEC have reported that respondents have strong objections to a walk trail running near their property boundaries, due mainly to security concerns. This option will not be pursued further. Preference indicates that a walk trail is wanted through the Surrey road marshlands generally along the route approved by the amendments to the Canning River Regional Park Draft Management Plan of September 2005, which approximates to the DEC favoured route being one that swings out away from the property line, in the vicinity of the drain that follows the line of the river, between the houses and the river.

It is to be hoped that the inward swing of the walk, trail/boardwalk will be directly in at right angles from the main pathway, towards Canning River Gardens, avoiding all property boundaries.

Further work will not take place in the near future. A review and approval process involving various groups with interests in the area must take place. Thus the input from relevant bodies such as the Swan River Trust, Canning Council, and local groups representing Aboriginal interest, flora and fauna, engineering and maintenance, costing and so on will be obtained, over a period of possibly 2-3 years.

The time taken is likely to result in a well planned facility, and a walk trail with boardwalk sections, which will have minimal impact upon residents and upon local flora and fauna. This may prove slightly more expensive than other options that have been mooted, but will be a valuable enhancement to the area and provide visitors a wonderful vista of this secluded section of Canning River Regional Parklands.

Unfortunately due to lack of space we are unable to show the route options in this issue but a detailed map in colour is available on the WRRRA homepage.

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 2012/13

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).....

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Please contact me to discuss WRRRA Committee Nomination

Post form to WRRRA, 170 Watts Road, Wilson 6107 or drop it in the WRRRA 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".

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