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### WRRRA Membership Subscription Form 2014/15

*Remember, the more active members we have, the more power Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association has to lobby the City of Canning and the State Government particularly in relation to the proposed abolition of the City of Canning or amalgamation with the City of Gosnells (neither option is supported by WRRRA).*

#### New members are most welcome!!

To join WRRRA, simply complete the following details, enclose your Annual Membership Fee of \$5 per household and return to us (as per the instructions below). Receipts will not normally be issued unless requested.

NAME:.....  
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Please contact me to discuss WRRRA Committee Nomination

Post form to PO Box 1060, Cannington WA 6107. Payment by cash (note only) or cheque.  
 Cheques payable to the “Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association”.

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# Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association Winter Newsletter

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**WRRRA represents you in  
 Wilson by working co-  
 operatively with:**

- *City of Canning*
- *Canning River Regional Park Community Advisory Committee*
- *WA Government Departments*
- *Neighbourhood Watch & WA Police*
- *State & Federal Politicians*
- *Wilson Wetlands Action Group Inc. and other community groups*

**The WRRRA committee  
 meets on the 1st Monday  
 night of every 2nd month  
 at Wilson Community  
 Hall at 7:30 pm.**

**Our AGM will be held  
 on 23rd July 2014.**

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### **Strong Action by Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association (WRRRA) to combat proposed amalgamation/abolition plans.**

WRRRA has and will continue to oppose the State Governments proposal to divide our suburb of Wilson and abolish the City of Canning's boundaries which we believe, will result in a change to the fibre of our community, adversely effect the range and quality of services we currently enjoy and importantly, increase our rates.

We joined forces with other community organisations that share our concerns, Canning – One City and the Herald Ave Senior Citizens, to raise public awareness of the issue through letterbox drops, media alerts, gathering public opinion through surveys and petitions, public meetings and maintaining pressure on the City of Canning to continue to resist the action.

Due to the absence of an elected mayor and councilors, WRRRA feels that the City of Canning is in a disadvantaged position to proactively fight these proposals. We are therefore in constant contact with the CEO (Lyn Russell) and Commissioner (Linton Reynolds) to reignite the City's "FIGHT for CANNING" campaign as it is essential that the City's administration stands with us in support of our ratepayers in their community endeavour to retain Canning as their City of choice.

We encouraged our ratepayers to send independent submissions to the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) as we believe that heartfelt and genuine input had the most potential to be considered. WRRRA also sent a submission which contained many of our survey results, combined with members' comments and a strong call for the City of Canning to remain untouched.

We continued our campaign by attending a public rally on the steps of Parliament House to maintain our outrage at the proposals.

#### **What have our survey results told us?**

- 93.6% of Canning residents are in favour of saving Canning as their City within its existing boundaries
- 92.2% of respondents from the Shelley, Riverton regions voted to retaining Canning as opposed to moving under Melville's administration

#### **What next?**

We have now joined with other non-politically aligned community groups to form the Canning Community Alliance (CCA) to lobby politicians, WALGA, other councils and the LGAB. With a mission statement of "to act in the best interests of the City of Canning Ratepayers" with the aim to "stop the abolition by forced boundary changes of the City of Canning". The CCA will be using social media, print media, direct lobbying and community engagement campaigns to maintain pressure on decision makers.

More recently the Councils for Democracy (Mayors Alliance) announced their stance against the forced abolitions of their Cities and opposition to borrowing funds to finance their demise. We are pleased with this stance that adds weight to our campaign.

#### **What can you do to help us?**

Should you, your neighbours or friends in other Canning suburbs be interested in joining the Canning Community Alliance, please encourage them to contact Co-ordinator Bill Prince on **9458 3845** or at [princew44@inet.net.au](mailto:princew44@inet.net.au). You can also support CCA on Facebook by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/groups/waunitedcommunitiesfordemocracy/> remember numbers count in the eyes of politicians.

Finally, we ask that you maintain your interest in this issue by joining or remaining a member of WRRRA – your voice is stronger and louder when united with others.

**GLEDHILL WAY WILSON**

The heavily planted and introduced bush that runs parallel with Gledhill Way and Bebington Close, along the dual-use path as part of the Wharf Street Wetlands plan was planted over an area twice as large as originally designed.

Also the plants used were different to those specified in the open planning stages, both in species and number. Over the six years since this area was planted, some have grown extensively while others have died.

Due to minimal regular attention by the City of Canning Natural Areas Team in that time and the close proximity to residences has caused the area to degenerate into a very high fire risk zone.

Following lobbying from WRRRA the area has recently been attended to and the City of Canning Parks Conservation Officer, Ms M Blackburn, confirmed that regular maintenance work and planting has been scheduled for the winter months.

Furthermore the City is considering the development of a Wharf St. Wetlands Management Plan in the next financial year which would include an opportunity to comment as part of the process.

All of which is good news for residents. WRRRA will continue to monitor this area and look forward to having input into any forthcoming management plan.

**KENT STREET WEIR PRECINCT**

WRRRA has been advised that the City of Canning will finalise the Kent Street Weir Management Plan once the survey work is completed as the levels of the land may cause rearrangement of planned uses and activities. It is hoped this will be completed in the second half of this year.

The following projects are currently in progress:

- An investigation into sewerage management options for increased patronage of the area.
- Commissioning of a detailed Land and Features Survey of the study area.
- A detailed investigation of the riverbank between the Weir and the CREEC / café facility with the aim to prepare design development and detail plans for that area as a possible first stage of development for the overall site.

**STUDENT ACCOMMODATION**

In response to growing community concern about issues arising from overcrowding in the areas adjacent to Curtin University the City of Canning has created a draft policy to address planning issues in the Bentley and North Wilson areas. Residents of Wilson may know that houses with numerous bedrooms are being approved in the area, and houses with only a few bedrooms are being filled to the brim with tenants. Student housing also raises additional issues with parking and (lack of) street appeal.

The area of North Wilson between Manning Road, Centenary Ave and Leach Highway is to have specific planning policies to address issues arising from student accommodation. The City's draft policy contains a few key items which will impact on development in this area:

1. The policy involves a limitation based on bedrooms, bathrooms **and** 'bedspaces'. A 'bedspace' is intended to capture larger rooms (over 11m<sup>2</sup>) which could accommodate more than one bed.
2. No dwelling with more than 4 bedrooms or 2 bathrooms (with third W/C) OR more than 6 bedspaces will be approved unless the owner grants the City an absolute caveat over the property to use the property only for a single family with no more than 2 unrelated persons.
3. Any room, whether described as a study, games room, home theatre or otherwise which has built-in robes or direct access to an ensuite is deemed to be a bedroom and will be added to the total number of bedrooms used in the calculations at 2 above.
4. Bedrooms are to make up no more than half of the total floor space of the dwelling.

Our understanding is that, for example, a house with four bedrooms and two bathrooms, plus a study or games-room with built-in storage, would not be approved in the North Wilson area under the policy without the owner granting the City an absolute caveat.

Representatives of WRRRA had a positive meeting with the City of Canning to discuss the policy and raise concerns about the impact of student accommodation in our suburb. We raised issues concerning parking, lack of visual appeal, the need for additional waste storage/bins and strengthening protections in the policy generally. The City's proposed use of an absolute caveat in support of the policy and whether the City could use its existing enforcement mechanisms to prevent dwellings being used as unlicensed boarding houses were also discussed.

The City has agreed to consider the points raised, speak with their legal advisors and reconsider the policy to see if the issues raised can be addressed. The City is currently hoping to take the matter to Council in July.

WRRRA is supportive of a policy to address the issue of student accommodation in the area and the impact it has on residents but wish to ensure that any policy is both effective and reasonable.

**WRRRA CALLING FOR FAIRER DISTRIBUTION OF AIRCRAFT NOISE**

Residents of Wilson, Shelley and surrounds have raised the issue of increasing aircraft noise over our suburb. Whilst acknowledging the increase in air traffic from our only airport, there is no denying that the regular noisy takeoffs are impacting on our households. As there is no curfew, aircraft traffic continues 24 hours a day which adds to the issue.

WRRRA has nominated a representative to attend the recently formed Shelley Community Aviation Consultative Group (CACG). This group has been very active on this matter and we feel that by supporting CACG we have a greater opportunity to be heard.

WRRRA all agree that we cannot stop the planes but would like a fairer distribution of the take-offs (this is where most of the noise comes from) and other flight path routes to lessen the impact on residents.

The best way to show our concern that we get almost 70% of all craft take-offs over our suburb, please report the matter by

1. Go to [www.airservicesaustralia.com](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com)
2. Click on the tab upper panel, called 'Aircraft Noise'
3. Click on the left 'Making a complaint'
4. Click at the left on 'How to make a complaint'
5. Click on the right side on the blue words 'Online Complaint Form'
6. Fill out the form and click the SUBMIT button at the bottom. You need to give your name and address for the report to be registered.
7. Do not forget: the new page will come with a little math question, if you do not answer this, your complaint is disregarded! Sometimes you need to scroll up to see the question.
8. The next day you will receive a receipt, and a few days later an answer to your questions.

**WILSON EAST UNDERGROUND POWER PROJECT—PROGRESS REPORT**

The Wilson East Underground Power Project (excluding the Kent Street area) is nearing completion.

This project is a WA Government initiative as part of the State's Underground Power Program (SUPP) was initially approved in 2012 and scheduled for completion during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014. Due to a number of delays completion is now anticipated by mid-August.

The current status of the underground power project is:

- Drilling – 100% complete
- House services converted to underground power – 45% complete
- Street lights energised – 26% complete
- Demolition of old poles – 30% complete
- Street lights installed – 35% complete (see note below)

If you are experiencing any issues or have any questions please contact WRRRA or alternatively you can contact Tony Moore (Public Liaison Officer Western Power) 9219 2012.

**Wilson Residents & Ratepayers Association (WRRRA)**

**our Annual General Meeting will be held on**

**Wednesday, 23rd July 2014 at 7.30 pm.**

**Wilson Community Hall (Cnr Braibrise / Armstrong Roads)**

In addition to the usual AGM Business, the City of Canning will present a community action update.

Over the past 12 months WRRRA has actively canvassed and acted upon community opinion in relation to:

- # The proposed amalgamation of the Cities of Canning and Gosnells
- # The Kent Street Master Plan
- # Student accommodation guidelines
- # Wilson east underground power project
- # Surrey Road Salt Marsh Walk Trail
- # The Fern Road playground project
- # Aircraft noise
- # Castledare lands
- # Local issues as they arise

**Should any Wilson resident (or ratepayer) wish to join WRRRA and/or contribute in a practical way to local affairs we would be pleased to hear from you. Nominations will be happily received at the AGM.**