



**WRRRA Annual General Meeting -
Wednesday 20 July 2016 - 7:30pm
Wilson Community Hall**

MINUTES OF MEETING

1	WELCOME	Chairperson, Bill Prince, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	AGM NOTICE	Attendees were advised that notice of the AGM had been provided to members via letters, newsletter and the WRRRA webpage.
3	INTRODUCTION of WRRRA Committee & Special Guests	<p>The Chairperson introduced the following special guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ben Wyatt MLA Member for Victoria Park • Mr Bill Johnston MLA Member for Canning • Mr Steve Atwell, Director Infrastructure and Environment Canning Council • Dr Christine Cunningham, Beeloo Ward Councillor • Dr David Brown, Beelia Ward Councillor <p>The Chairperson also introduced the WRRRA committee members: Kaye Barr, Blair Campbell, Norman Drake, Deanne Dymock, Russell Gorton, Rob Marshall, Joanne Morris, Sandra Probert, Geoff Rees, Maurice Winter and Max Zeller.</p>
4	APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from: Greg Mawer, Caroline Heuss, Maggie and Frank Smith, Hal Spencer, Tania Trengrove
5	MINUTES from last AGM 23 July 2015	<p>Moved: Geoff Rees Seconded: Max Zeller</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
6	FINANCIAL REPORT	<p>In the absence of the Treasurer, Geoff Rees, provided a brief overview of the finances for the WRRRA. It was noted that total income for the 2015/16 financial year was \$1,219.80 which included membership fees of \$655.00. As at mid-July 2016 there were 115 members. The cash balance as at 30/6/16 was \$4,598.73. There was currently one outstanding commitment – a park bench to be installed in the Canning Regional park.</p> <p>Moved: Maurice Winter Seconded: Deanne Dymock</p>
7	MEETING PROCEDURES	The Chairperson read out the Meeting Procedures.
8	MATTERS ARISING - Last year's AGM Minutes	<p>Public access path options, Castledare to Kent Street</p> <p>The Chairperson noted copies of the related report from the WRRRA Sub-Committee had been distributed. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.</p> <p>It was advised that due to mixed feedback received regarding the four suggested routes for a public access path Castledare to Kent Street, land tenure and other issues, the Review Committee's decision was that they were not in a position to identify a preferred opinion and recommended that this</p>



	<p>- Past year's Committee Meetings</p>	<p>matter be referred back to WRRRA's incoming Committee and leave the design aspects to be provided by the relevant authorities. It was noted, however, that whilst these were to be reviewed by the new Committee, WRRRA's main interest at the moment was the connection through Centenary Park South, Surrey Road Saltmarsh to Bywater Way, Bywater Way to Fern Road. A member (Peter Johnston), from the floor, requested all members be given the opportunity to vote individually on each of the four routes. However, after discussion, it was agreed members first be asked to vote on whether they wanted to do this. A show of hands from members (nine in favour of voting and 14 against) meant that the matter was deferred and would be taken up by the new WRRRA committee as outlined above.</p> <p>WRRRA's Constitution Update</p> <p>Blair Campbell provided an overview of the State Government's new Associations Incorporation Act that came into effect from 1 July 2016 and what it will mean for associations such as the WRRRA.</p> <p>Some of the key major changes for associated committees include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common law duties are codified – there is a duty to act with care and diligence, in good faith and for a proper purpose, not to misuse position or information; not permit associations to trade whilst insolvent. • Dispute resolution – disputes between a member and the Association are to be mediated • Financial – an introduction of tiers based on turnover and differential requirements. <p>It was noted that there are a number of actions the WRRRA will need to take including, in the first instance, providing details of their current address to the Commissioner for Consumer Protection by 29/9/2016.</p> <p>The WRRRA will need to update its rules to include the new Schedule 1 matters and ensure that the rules comply with the requirements of the new Act by 1/7/ 2019. It was noted that during the three year transition period, the association's committee has the power to make any necessary alterations to the rules so they comply with the Act without requiring members to pass the changes by special resolution at a general meeting</p> <p>Blair advised that the draft model rules will go on to the WRRRA website.</p>
9	PRESENTATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Wyatt, MLA, Member for Victoria Park addressed the meeting, noting that Wilson had originally been included in the Victoria Park boundaries and he was happy to have it back. <p>Mr Wyatt outlined the important role community groups, such as the WRRRA, play in providing input and feedback to local members and he was looking forward to working with the WRRRA in this regard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged Care and Disability Services Review: In the absence of Ms Tania Trengove, Director of Community Development, City of Canning, the Chairperson outlined the following points from an email provided by Ms Trengove:



- Community Forums had been completed on 11 June 2106
- Currently a Summary of Survey Results of feedback received is being collated. This will be submitted with the report to Council.
- The report has been delayed going to Council while further information, such as detailed financial analysis, further demographic statistics and updated information from the State and Federal Governments in regards to their policy changes to Aged Care and Disability Services funding arrangements are sought.
- The last mail out on 15 June 2016 included Fact Sheets with a diagram of impact services provided to clients. The next mail out, to notify of the delayed report, is currently being prepared.
- An elected members' tour of the City of Canning Aged Care and Disability Services sites was held on 16 July 2016.
- Updates are available via local newspaper, www.canning.wa.gov.au and www.facebook.com/cityofcanning

- **Steve Atwell, Director for Infrastructure and Environment, Canning City Council.**

Mr Atwell advised the new CEO for the City of Canning, Mr Arthur Kyron, has been working at the Council for the past few weeks. Mr Kyron was previously the CEO of the Waverley Council in Sydney and prior to that had been CEO of the Town of Victoria Park and CEO of the City of Claremont.

Mr Atwell provided a comprehensive overview of the numerous infrastructure projects and other activities the Canning City Council will be undertaking during 2016/17 and the funds that have been allocated to each. Practical services include refurbishment of the Riverton Leisureplex, waste services, property maintenance, security, road maintenance, aged care, park maintenance and care, the Kent Street Weir precinct concept plan, removal of asbestos.

Mention was also made of the \$40,000 grant by the Council towards the consultation fees for the upgrade of the Willetton basketball stadium, ahead of a formal application to the Federal government for \$5.2 million through the National Stronger Regions Fund.

Questions from the floor:

A member (Blair Campbell) asked in relation to the Stronger Regions Fund being disbanded what will happen to the \$40,000 that had been set aside? Mr Atwell advised that some funds will be kept aside for planning purposes. Mr Atwell also advised that the costs associated with any additional street and parking infrastructure required around the stadium was estimated at \$500,000 which could increase the City's costs to \$3 million, However, the Council can arrange for a loan, eg. for the \$500,000, which may be repaid by the developers or be a shared responsibility.

Norman Drake raised a question on the effectiveness of recent changes to street drains in the Kent St area. Steve acknowledged that the change to side entry pits and reduced grating size at the road level was to prevent organic material being discharged via the drain outlet into the Canning River. The City is to review options.



		<p>Lindsay Elliot asked whether there any plans to upgrade Shelley Bridge? Steve advised that there were none, although some of the other plans, e.g. new road works at Centenary Avenue, developing a bus lane and slip road modifications to Leach Highway may help ease traffic bank up on the downstream lane of the bridge.</p> <p>Questions to Canning Council member Christine Cunningham</p> <p>Norman sought clarification as to why on 29/6/16 an end of financial year tax advice for small business seminar was run by the Council, giving small business little time to complete their tax advice. Councillor Cunningham advised that she will take his question back to the City and ask the City to change it for next year.</p> <p>Norman also asked where Council stands on private workshops on tax advice. Councillor Cunningham replied that if the community wants any form of advice then the Council should provide that advice, if it is of benefit to the community.</p> <p>Blair asked how much the rates were going to rise this year, noting they had risen by 8.5% last year. Christine replied either 4.9% or 5.8%.</p> <p>Councillors Cunningham and Brown were thanked for their interest in attending many of the WRRRA meetings in the past year. Councillor Cunningham confirmed she was the Wilson representative for the next three years; that she has a public page where she hosts what the Council has been doing; and would love to hear from Wilson ratepayers. Ms Cunningham also thought to would also be good if more ratepayers attended the Council meetings.</p>																											
10	ELECTION of COMMITTEE MEMBERS	<p>Bill requested all Committee members for the past year to stand down. He thanked Sandra Probert for her efforts in providing the biscuits during WRRRA's Annual General and Committee meetings over past years.</p> <p>Ben Wyatt MLA Member for Victoria Park then took the chair for election of the following office bearers for the 2016/17 year:</p> <table data-bbox="638 1473 1141 1653"> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>:</td> <td>not filled</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice- President</td> <td>:</td> <td>Rob Marshall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>:</td> <td>Peter Morcombe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>:</td> <td>Joanne Morris</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Webmaster</td> <td>:</td> <td>Max Zeller</td> </tr> </table> <p>As no one nominated for President, Bill Prince returned to the Chair to request nominations for committee members and volunteers to assist with newsletter deliveries.</p> <p>Committee nominations:</p> <table data-bbox="606 1814 1340 2031"> <tr> <td>• Norman Drake</td> <td>• Max Zeller</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Russell Gorton</td> <td>• Graham Follington</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Rob Marshall</td> <td>• Daniel Roepen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Joanne Morris</td> <td>• Peter Morcombe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Maurice Winter</td> <td>• Caroline Heuss</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Bill Prince</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	President	:	not filled	Vice- President	:	Rob Marshall	Secretary	:	Peter Morcombe	Treasurer	:	Joanne Morris	Webmaster	:	Max Zeller	• Norman Drake	• Max Zeller	• Russell Gorton	• Graham Follington	• Rob Marshall	• Daniel Roepen	• Joanne Morris	• Peter Morcombe	• Maurice Winter	• Caroline Heuss	• Bill Prince	
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11	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION 2016-17	WRRRA subscriptions to stay at \$5 per household per year: Motion: Norman Drake; Seconded: Maurice Carried.
12	GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>The Chairperson read out a number of activities for the WRRRA to follow up during the coming 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City's proposed changes to Aged Care. • Aircraft noise • NBN connection problems • U/G power East Wilson • Pathways <p>Suggestions from the floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fern Road traffic peak hour • Canning River Regional Park land ownership • Centenary Park south <p>Questions from floor directed to WRRRA Graham Follington queried whether it is WRRRA's brief to consider traffic on Fern Road. If so, could we also look at Bungaree Road?</p> <p>Other business: Bill Johnston reiterated that as from 11/3/2017, Wilson would come under Victoria Park. He noted that during his eight years of coming to the AGMs he had found the collective views of the WRRRA to be very helpful to him as the local member. Mr Johnston wished the WRRRA committee and its members all the best over the next 12 months confirming that his office was still available to provide printing services and to sponsor the WRRRA until the changeover to Victoria Park.</p> <p>Max thanked Deanne, Geoff, Blair and Bill for their commitment to the work of the WRRRA over the years and acknowledged the effort they put in for the fight to save Canning Council.</p> <p>In response to a comment that the WRRRA has been going since 1978/9 it was suggested that the history of the WRRRA be included in the next edition of the WRRRA newsletter.</p>
13	CLOSING & NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING	The meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next committee meeting is: Monday 1 August 2016 at 7.30pm.


Attendees at WRRRA meeting:

Daniel Roepen	Lindsay Elliott	Cr David Brown	Russell Gorton	Joy Harris
Sandra Probert	Gwili Brock	Peter Morcombe	Helen Morcombe	Clive Brown
Ben Wyatt, MLA	Peter Johnston	Sara Saberi	Rob Marshall	Deanne Dymock
Ron Dymock	Christine Apfel	Manfred Apfel	Neville Loudon	Graham Follington
Markus Brunette	Annemarie Brunette	Cr Christine Cunningham	Maurice Winter	Kaye Barr
Geoff Rees	Bea Rees	Norman Drake	Bill Johnston, MLA	Ann Drake
Joanne Morris	Max Zeller	Bill Prince	Steve Atwell	Lindsay Elliot
Blair Campbell				



Report from WRRRA Sub-Committee for AGM 2016

Below is a summary of the routes suggested by WRRRA Members, in response to the recent WRRRA Newsletter Article, to improve pedestrian access from Castledare to Kent St Weir:

Route	Brief Description
<p>Route 1</p>	<p>As described in WRRRA Newsletter: Follow footprint of the existing Miniature Railway along the north/eastern side of the Canning River from the Kent Street Rail Station to the north west corner of Wilson lagoon (Point I) and construct new boardwalk approx. 90m in length over the lagoon, connecting to Castledare’s oval, via the existing railway bridge. See photo below.</p> 
<p>Route 2</p>	<p>Follow footprint of the existing Miniature Railway on northern side of the track (away from river) connecting to Castledare’s oval, via the existing railway bridge. Refer to the sketch of the following page.</p>
<p>Route 3</p>	<p>Construct a new pedestrian bridge over the Canning River from the existing Castledare Railway Picnic area, then follow the path of the existing walk trail on the other side of the river connecting to the boardwalk at Kent Street Weir. Refer to the sketch on the following page.</p>
<p>“Do nothing”</p>	<p>Use existing Dual Use Path (alongside Fern Road) and restrict access to wetlands and the miniature railway track, in an effort to protect the environment.</p>

Important note: The WRRRA Committee is *not* in position to endorse any of these options and/or finalise the wording of WRRRA’s related position statement, at this time. i.e. Some of the planning issues that will need to be considered by the appropriate parties include: private land ownership & public access rights, environmental impact assessments, impact on miniature railway operations, and the need for wider community consultation [which the WRRRA committee supports].



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