



# 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 Monday nights every 2nd Month.**

*Meeting dates for coming year to be confirmed at AGM.*

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## Editorial

Dear Wilson residents:

The WRRRA Executive Committee invites both existing (and prospective) members to attend our upcoming AGM.

This is an excellent forum for discussing local issues with City of Canning representatives and other WRRRA members.

Founded in 1979, the association remains actively involved in pursuing major issues on behalf of its members.

Recent successes include:

- The city's support of downcoding sections of South Wilson & East Cannington (which is still pending State Government approval);
- The Riverton Bridge and Fern Road upgrades, including the widening of the pedestrian walkway on the bridge;

- Lobbying to prevent the closure of the Bentley Library;
- The State Government's announcement of a (conditional) ban of large trucks on Leach Highway, following the completion of Roe Highway Stage 7 (as recommended in WRRRA's submission);
- Additional city funding for Wilson footpaths and bike paths; and
- Improved Broadband Internet access.

Work in progress includes: Changes to our constitution, the CRRP dual-use path network, underground power & sewerage, Riverton Bridge kiosk upgrade, Centenary Park and Castledare's development plans.

We invite members to get more actively involved and consider becoming Committee Members.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2005 at 7:30pm**

**Wilson Community Hall  
Braibrise Road [Near Armstrong Rd]**

**Contact Max Zeller on 9258 9250  
(or E-Mail [wrra@iinet.net.au](mailto:wrra@iinet.net.au))  
for further details**

*Nominations of new Committee Members most welcome.*

## NEW CONSTITUTION

By Jason Durbin

*The main drivers for amending WRRRA's current constitution are:*

- A desire to update the wording and terminology of the constitution to reflect the current cultural and social environment it needs to operate.
- To reflect the structural changes that are necessary to provide more flexibility in running the Association.

A broad summary of the proposed changes follows:

1. The term 'General Meeting' will be generically replaced by

'Committee Meeting'.

2. The "Objectives" of the Association have been updated to reflect a greater diversity in the organisations that the Association liaises with.
3. Greater flexibility has been added to improve the maintenance of our Register of Members.
4. The 'Qualification for Membership' clauses have been updated to reflect 'modern' practices.
5. The Association's definition of

the end of the Financial Year has been modified to reflect modern accounting practices.

6. The rules associated with setting a date for the AGM have been modified (in line with proposed changes to the Financial Year).
7. The definition of the Association operating 'boundaries' have been clarified to reflect recent changes to town planning scheme.

[The constitution changes will be discussed at the AGM. The Full text of proposed changes is published on the WRRRA Website]

## RIVERTON BRIDGE UPDATE

By Lester Durbin

*WRRRA is pleased to report that the Fern Road and Riverton Bridge improvements are progressing apace after a short delay in the start-up due to materials problems.*

The bridge works are evolving into quite a tourist attraction with great interest in the outstanding condition of some of the old timbers, a testimony to the quality of local hardwoods.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

By Maria Valli

*Due to increased family and work demands, I recently resigned as Suburb Manager for Wilson.*

I am hoping that one of the current Street Reps will consider taking on this role. A monthly meeting is held with all suburb managers and it's a wonderful way to be involved with the community.

NHW has been successfully developing in the past year and it would be great if someone with more

time could continue promoting it.

If you are interested, please contact City of Canning (9231 0606) or Victoria Park Community Policing (9472 1874).

### PRESS RELEASE (02-Mar-2005)

The City of Canning is to employ a part-time District Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for six months, whilst it endeavours to secure ongoing funding for a permanent

position.

"This will ensure the City of Canning Neighbourhood Watch Program and its volunteers continue to receive support," Mayor Dr Mick Lekias said.

"It will also build on the progress made by the part-time District Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator who was employed by the City from November 2003 to September 2004."

## PLANNING STRATEGY SUBMISSION

By Max Zeller

*The State Government recently called for public submissions to the "Network City: Community Planning Strategy for Perth and Peel".*

An edited version of the WRRRA's submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission follows:

### General Comments

The Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association (WRRRA) has strong concerns over several aspects of the existing draft, namely:

### Housing Density

- a) WRRRA has worked closely with the City to Canning to amend the City's Town Planning Scheme to ensure we have a fair distribution of medium density housing within the Wilson area, and hence **we strongly object to any further blanket changes to the residential coding within the Wilson area** (or related changes to the housing density of the existing R-Codes) that the Government might propose.
- b) The City's Growth Management Plan (as outlined in the City of

Canning's submission) provides ample provision for increased infill development in the Wilson Area in areas where adequate infrastructure already exists and/or can be economically built. For its part, **the State Government should escalate plans to complete the installation of Underground Sewerage and Power services in the Wilson Area if it wants to encourage further infill development.**

- c) It is equally important that Planning Authorities maintain the "status quo" in established local communities where the majority of surveyed residents have indicated they are against higher density development.
- d) **WRRRA strongly objects to any suggestion to change the R-Codes to impose minimum density requirements** instead of maximum density restrictions.

**In summary, Wilson residents DO NOT want the blanket higher density development (as is happening along Fern Road West) to become the norm within Wilson.**

### The Overall Strategy

WRRRA shares the City of Canning's concerns (as outlined in their submission) with regards to some key elements of the Government's Network City Strategy.

In particular, we note that:

- a) There is an obvious conflict between limiting urban expansion while maintaining housing affordability.
- b) In a democratic society, Local Community preferences should always be given priority over regional objectives.
- c) It is our firm belief that Local Governments (rather than State authorities) should have the final decision on which areas are targeted for increased infill development.
- d) State Planning Authorities should work closer with the City of Canning's Strategic and Regulatory Services' team to ensure there is a consistent view of the Strategic Planning initiatives within the region.

[The full submission can be viewed on the WRRRA Website]

## WILSON WETLANDS UPDATE

By Russell Gorton

*The Wilson Wetlands Action Group Inc is holding an Arbor Day 2005 event on Friday 10 June at the Mills Street Main Drain rehabilitation site along Fern Road in Wilson.*

Planting will commence at 9.30am and continue until 12:30pm.

The conservation category wetlands within the Canning River Regional Park has progressively been revegetated to create a substantial vegetation buffer.

Work on this site has been supported by WWAG, Swan Alcoa Landcare Program, City of Canning, CALM, Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Two Rivers Catchment Group.

WWAG is seeking assistance from local schools and interested residents. This is a great opportunity for children to learn more about local projects, how they can look after our environment and what can cause harm to our river systems.

You are welcome to come for any length of time and at any time during the hours given. Please make sure everyone attending brings a hat, sunscreen, raincoat and enclosed footwear. Some tools will be provided, however, BYO trowels would be very much appreciated!

Please note: Children under 5 are not covered by indemnity insurance.

Contact Wilson Wetlands Action Group Inc. on 92587301 for further information.

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*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**

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.

NAME(S).....

ADDRESS.....

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Post form to WRRRA, 12 Foreshore Entrance Wilson 6107 OR drop it in the WRRRA Box at the Eureka One Stop Deli (on Eureka Road). Please do not enclose cash payments. Mark Cheques payable to the "Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association".

Payments will also be accepted at the WRRRA Annual General Meeting.