



# 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 every 2nd Month on the 1st Monday at Wilson Community Hall, Braibrise Road, Wilson.**

*Next meeting: 4 December 2006*

[2007 meeting dates to be confirmed]

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## Editorial

Dear Wilson residents:

In a rapidly changing world, some facets of our lives remain constant: family, health and community.

Family and health are individual concerns but we can all contribute to 'our' community in a worthwhile way by assisting **WRRRA** to bring your voice to the bodies that matter.

Now in its 27th year, and with a new constitution, **WRRRA** continues to be actively involved in pursuing major issues on behalf of its members.

Recent successes include:

- **Riverton Jetty Park/Kiosk:** Our submission to upgrade the kiosk but with minimal other changes thus retaining the character of 'our' park has been largely accepted. Some of the initial proposals were seen as not in keeping with the area.

- Following a **WRRRA** organised petition, the construction of a Watts Road/Surrey Road footpath adding to pedestrian safety along an increasingly busy street.

Work in progress includes: the **CRRP** dual-use path network, underground power & sewerage, Castledare's development plans and the Kent Street Eco-Centre development.

Additionally **WRRRA** is active with a submission to put in place a feeder bus service from Wilson to link to the Mandurah Rail Line due to come into service next year.

We invite all local residents to become actively involved and for a meagre \$5 per family/year become members of **WRRRA** and add your voice to those already involved.



**Kent Street Weir** [Photo taken by Les Durbin]

## DEEP SEWERAGE UPDATE

By David Robertson

*After years of delays, it now appears construction of the Underground Sewerage network within the north-western corner of Wilson will commence next year.*

David Robertson (one of our new committee members) reports:

At our AGM in July, we were led to believe that the completion of underground sewerage in North West Wilson was not imminent.

However, whilst the City officials were present, **WRRRA** asked if anything could be done to better

define the schedule or even bring the works forward.

As a result, in a recent letter from Water Corp. the works are scheduled to be constructed during the 2007/2008 financial year. In a letter circulated to affected households the Water Corporation states that the area is now unsuitable for long term on-site disposal of septic tank effluent and the sewerage scheme is necessary to provide community and environmental safeguards.

As with other areas, the cost of the domestic sewer connection is to be borne by the household within 5 years of the works and sewerage rates will then be paid with concessional rates available. Households will have been fully informed by now and objections closed October 13th.

*Note from President:*

*This is great news for WRRRA members in the area, as this is something we've been lobbying for over many years.*

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

By Lester Durbin

*A number of amenity construction projects are currently underway, notably:*

### **Watts Road/Surrey Road Footpath:**

Construction began in Surrey Road during the last week in October.

*Note: WRRRA fought long and hard for this path so as tempting as it may be, can we ask that vehicles are not parked on it as it is provided for the safety and convenience of pedestrians and cyclists.*

### **Kent Street Weir:**

Temporary bridge decking for public access is to be installed early in 2007 to last 2 years being the time estimated for the interested parties of the Water Dept., Swan River Trust and the City to take the major decision as to what to do about the weir structure. The weir is showing signs of defects and although safe and stable must in the long term be dealt with.

### **Kent Street Riverbank Stabilisation:**

The tender prices were too high for the whole project to be constructed as planned but the block walling as an initial stage is hoped to be erected during the summer.

### **Kent Street Railway Station:**

As an added feature of the Castledare Railway, a new station is to be constructed at Kent Street.

Work is planned to start in February 2007 funded by LotteryWest, City of Canning and Castledare Railway Society following clearance by the Aboriginal Heritage Trust. Construction is to be by TAFE student labour forming part of a college course. We wish them every success in this innovative approach.

### **Riverton Jetty Park and Kiosk:**

Still at the detail design stage.

As reported in the last newsletter, **WRRRA** submitted a detailed submission outlining our members' concerns regarding many aspects of the preliminary design proposal.

We hope to meet with City officials shortly to review the detailed design to ensure these issues have been addressed.

### **Kent Street Eco-Centre and Cafeteria:**

Presently at the detail design stage to which **WRRRA** has made some input and continues to do so.

**We'll keep members updated on progress of these projects.**

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT SUBMISSION

By Geoff Rees

*In our recent submission to the Public Transport Authority regarding the proposed Southern Suburbs Railway Feeder Bus Network, the WRRRA committee (on behalf of our members) recommended extending the feeder network to improve access to public transport services for South Wilson residents.*

Below is an extract from our submission:

While we are satisfied that the commuter requirements in the northern section of Wilson appear to have been reasonably well covered by the continuation of ROUTE 72, from Bungaree Road / McManus Street and Cannington Rail Station, and the replacement ROUTE 555 with a new 100 service, running

along Manning Road to connect with Canning Bridge Station, at a peak frequency of 15 / 20 minutes.

In our view, however, the plans to maintain the existing frequency of ROUTE 174 and the urgent need to reduce the long travel time for commuters from the higher residential areas rapidly being developed along Fern, Surrey and Watts Roads in the southern section of Wilson is of great concern to our members.

We therefore submit that the Bus Services into Wilson South be amended to provide a more timely access to and from the Perth CBD by:

1. Introducing a New Bus Service for Wilson South which will

cross the Circular Route by running directly between Cannington Rail Station to the New Bull Creek Rail Station via Fern Road and Leach Highway in Shelley; and

2. Extending the termination point for the 170D and 176 Services from Braibrise Road / Armstrong Road to the Riverton Bridge after 5:50pm.

### Latest Update:

Representatives from the committee will be meeting with Ben Wyatt shortly to discuss this proposal.

We'll keep you informed of progress.

## MOBILE PHONE TOWER DISPUTE

By Max Zeller

It recently came to our attention that Vodafone/Optus is proposing to construct a mobile phone tower on top of a new commercial building at Lot 50 (52-54) Kent Street, Cannington (which backs onto residential properties) without

seeking formal council approval or community consultation.

The company regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination

1997 ("The Determination").

WRRRA has formally disputed this claim as the proposed structure will be more than 3m above the natural roofline of the original building (as allowed under the Act).

## WILSON WETLANDS UPDATE

By Russell Gorton

*Over 8,500 plants have been planted this year with the help of many volunteers.*

On behalf of the Wilson Wetlands Action Group (WWAG) Committee, I would like to thank the teachers, students and parents of all the local schools that participated in the planting program this year, and the many volunteers who offered their time to participate in the ongoing wetland restoration projects in the Wilson Wetlands.

Special thanks to the City of Canning Council and its staff and to the Dept of Environment and Conservation (DEC), and the Regional Parks team for their continued support this year. WWAG look forward to working with the community and stakeholders again next year to further improve biological diversity and ensure the protection and enhancement of this conservation area for future generations.



*Come and help the Wetlands*  
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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 2006 / 2007**

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.

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