



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 Monday night every 2nd Month at Wilson Community Hall.

*The next meeting will be held:
Monday 1st February 2010*

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Editorial

Dear Wilson residents,

We live in a small suburb where our location could be said to be our greatest asset. With a river frontage and proximity to facilities and first class transport, we are the envy of many.

We are ideally placed to be a garden suburb and to an extent we are, with several pleasant parks, well designed and maintained streetscapes and many proud gardeners. These virtues add to our sense of well-being and not least the desirability and therefore value of our properties.

However, not everyone shares these values and there are areas where unkempt gardens, churned up verges and the commandeering of these verges for parking cars, trailers, caravans etc. are seen as the norm.

An argument is made that we have a higher than average proportion of rental properties, which is probably true but also suggests that landlords and tenants are absolved of any responsibility to keep their property tidy, which is not so.

We all share a responsibility to maintain a pleasant streetscape whether we are landlords, tenants, private householders. or council employees who not only maintain our streets but are ideally placed to report those particularly unsightly properties.

So come on now and play your part in making those few improvements to enhance the visual appeal of your street, the value of your property and make Wilson a better place to live than it is already.

CAT LAWS

WRRRA recently wrote to Joe Francis MLA (Member for Jandakot) advising him of our support for the introduction of uniform control laws for cats, throughout Western Australia, similar to those that currently exist for registration and control of dogs.

In responding, Joe Francis MLA, advised that after extensive consultation within the community and organizations, including RSPCA and Cat Haven, the broad consensus was that action on cat laws has long been overdue and that this should include mandatory desexing and microchipping.

Drafting of the proposed legislation is we understand with a view to introduce the Bill in Parliament early 2010. Should you wish to voice your opinion in respect to the content of these proposed laws you should write directly to:

Joe Francis MLA, PO Box 130, Bull Creek, WA 6149.

CIVIC GARDENS WETLAND NEARS COMPLETION

Project partners City of Canning, Swan River Trust and South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) are thrilled with the nearly completed Wharf Street Drain—Civic Gardens Wetland development located on the banks of the Canning River at the rear of the Civic & Administration Centre.

The City constructed the 4 hectare wetland with design and funding support from the Swan River Trust (SRT) through its Swan and Canning River Nutrient Intervention Programme. Planting of over 100,000 native reeds, sedges and upland native shrub plants within and adjacent to the wetland basins has been conducted by SERCUL.

The nutrient intervention project intercepts drainage water from a 129 hectare upstream catchment from residential and commercial land that once flowed directly into the Canning River. Diverting the water through a series of vegetated compensation basins and sub surface media ,strips out polluting nutrients and contaminants from the storm water before it reaches the river.

The wetland treats low and medium size storm water flows, particularly first flush rain storms which often transport significant contaminants. Large storm water flows bypass the wetland directly into the river to prevent upstream flooding in the catchment and to avoid erosion within the wetland itself.

The development provides an attractive parkland transition from the Civic and Administration Centre, its parklands and lakes to the unique natural environment of the Canning River Regional Park. It features walks and cycle paths, parkland shelter and barbeques, open grassed areas and shrub lands featuring locally endemic native plant species.

A small viewing platform and an informal canoe launch ramp will be constructed at the waters edge below nearby Babington Court.

Several of the sub surface flow systems use recycled crushed concrete as media to support microbial nutrient reduction. These will require some further modification in coming months to improve performance and aid further plant growth. Early monitoring of water quality shows the wetland removing substantial amounts of nutrient and contaminants from the storm water. Water quality will continue to be closely monitored by SRT to determine the level of nutrient reduction.

For further information about the wetlands, please contact City of Canning Parks staff on 9231 0655.



SURREY ROAD SALT MARSH EAST PATH EXTENSION

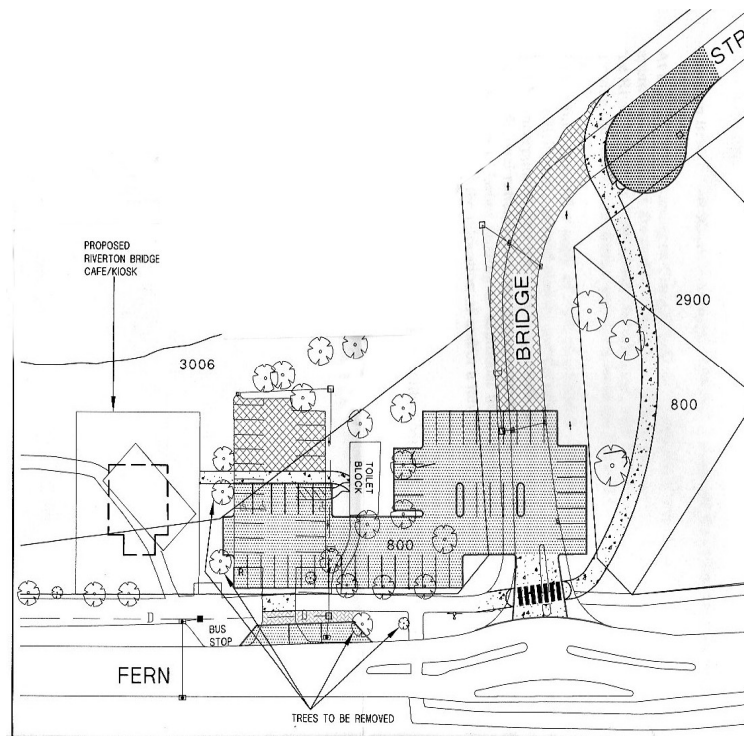
By Geoff Rees

As previously reported, the amendment made to the Canning River Regional Park Management Plan enabled the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) to construct a dual-use path from Riverton Bridge to Watts Road and recommended that more detailed planning, site design and community consultation be undertaken regarding the provision of a walk trail/broadwalk east of Watts Road.

Mr Brendan Dooley of DEC recently confirmed that the Department is still committed to undertaking this consultation. However there were a number of issues affecting the project that require further investigation including funding constraints, the environmental values of the area, Aboriginal land interests, engineering and design requirements and water and flood levels of the Canning River.

The extension of the walk path network around the S/W end of Surrey Road and on to Castledare / Kent Street Weir would provide Wilson residents access to and walks within the Park, an essential health objective aspired to under DEC's 'Healthy Parks, Healthy People' philosophy.

RIVERTON JETTY PARK



Following an approach from the City, **WRRRA**, after a well attended meeting of local residents, submitted its preferred Option 3 for the Café/Kiosk proposed parklands layout.

This option was strongly supported by a majority vote and included the recommendation that the western end of Bridge Street be closed off, and the dual use path be redirected eastward through the large currently unused area of public open space to the east of the terminated section of Bridge Street.

In considering this and other submissions, it was subsequently adopted by Council at their meeting of 27 October along with other improved amenities, such as additional bike racks, additional disabled bays, rubbish bins and the removal of a number of trees which currently occupy the enlarged proposed carpark area. Future consideration will be given to improved landscaping and second pergola / barbecue facility.

UNDERGROUND POWER QUESTIONNAIRE

On 4 November 2009, the Mayor Joe Delle Donne JP and the Minister for Energy, Hon. Peter Collier signed off for the installation of underground power throughout West Wilson.

WRRRA has been approached to undertake a survey of local residents for this project to be extended to the section of Wilson south of Leach Highway from the Riverton Bridge to the Kent St. Precinct. If you are a resident of this area, we ask that indicate your preference for the extension of the project by completing the questionnaire below. The completed form and be dropped into any of the listed letter boxes or e-mail your preference to: secretary@wrra.org.au.

We / I, Mr & Mrs or Ms _____ of _____ in Wilson are / am interested in having underground power installed to our/my residence?

YES NO

Signed: _____ Dated _____

This questionnaire may be dropped off or posted to: **WRRRA** at 11 Surrey Road, 20 Bridge Street, 170 Watts Road or 40 Queens Park Road or dropped in the **WRRRA** box at Eureka One-Stop Deli (Eureka Road).

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