



YOUR WILSON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Summer 2023

President's Message

Greetings

It seems that we are looking towards another hot and dry summer with predictions that we can expect a string of days not unlike last year.

This is not what we want to hear but with the current warming trend its not surprising.

We, like everyone have been asked to plant more trees, maintain our existing tree canopy and be mindful of cooling our immediate environment through clever gardening practices.

For those of us who planted street or verge trees this year our challenge will be to keep them healthy until the next winter rains. A little extra water and care should see them through this first challenging summer.

Did you know that tree canopy cover in the City of Canning is just 7.6 percent, one of the three lowest in the Perth metropolitan area. This is a statistic that the City of Canning, with the support of WRRA and residents is very keen to turn around. So please remember these terrible numbers and if possible, do your bit to make our suburbs greener and cooler.

Ben Indrisie

What is WRRA?

We are a group of volunteers who live in the Wilson area and support the objectives of the organisation to:

- *improve our suburb*
- *work with the City of Canning and other associations or groups to promote WRRA's objectives*
- *be a voice for residents, ratepayers and businesses living in our suburb.*

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How's your water pressure?

Have you noticed a drop in your water pressure? Is your reticulation struggling to water your garden? Is your in-house pressure not what it used to be?

WRRA have received many complaints about the recent reduction of pressure by the Water Corporation in Wilson. Contrary to what Water Corp have communicated, this is certainly having a negative impact on many residents.

If this reduced pressure has changed the way you care for your garden or use water in your home, you are encouraged to contract the Water Corporation by email—

pressure.management@watercorporation.com.au and lodge a complaint or ask for the situation to be fixed.

This is probably going to be a numbers situation, the more emails they receive, the greater the chance of making some change.

Bywater Landing (Drain)

In November and early December, site works were completed at the Bywater landing area. Included were reinforcement walls, coir matting and some appropriate planting. Due to its heavy use by residents and visitors the area had become quite degraded and unsafe. Thanks to the City of Canning and in particular, the Parks and Gardens team for completing this important work.

WRRRA have been active in bringing the issue of Bywater Landing to the attention of the City and we see this as another example of how our committee can bring positive change or action.

WRRRA committee members recently hosted the new CEO of the City of Canning (Michael Littleton) on a walk from Fern Road via Surrey Road through to Bywater Park. This area lends itself to a dual use pathway to allow safe access through the Canning Regional Park. This issue has been on our agenda for many years. WRRRA views such a pathway as a major asset to the community and we will continue to lobby for its construction.



**WRRRA prints 3000 newsletters that are delivered to Wilson households by volunteers.
Visit wrra.org.au to find a digital copy of this publication.**

Playgrounds in focus

As part of the City of Canning playground renewal program (2022/2023) 25 playgrounds have been upgraded in recent times.

Feedback to WRRRA from residents confirms that playgrounds are important and valued.

The next playground to be upgraded is Alderley Park. Those living closely to the park, and the general public were able to vote on their preferred plan from four options. These votes are currently being assessed and work is proposed to start in the new year.

WRRRA encourages residents to let us know if you would like to see your local park upgraded or work undertaken.

Snake safety

There have been several sightings of snakes in our area since the arrival of the hot weather. If you see a snake in a City of Canning managed park, leave it alone and do not bother it in any way. If it doesn't move away or you feel it is a danger phone the City to arrange for it to be removed. At home or outdoors, always watch the snake from a safe distance to assist rangers (or private contractors) who can respond to your call.

WRRRA recently received a City of Canning Small Community Grant which assists us to manage our member database. The City also helps WRRRA by subsidising hire for the Wilson Community Hall.

Congratulations

WRRRA proudly supports our two local primary schools by donating money that is used to provide awards for outstanding students.

WRRRA congratulates:

Wilson Primary School

Yasaga Henad—
Community Award

Rasan Sabah—
Environmental Award

Burst water main?

One of the reasons for reducing the pressure to individual homes in Wilson was to lessen the chances of burst water mains due to aging pipes and infrastructure.

If you do see a burst pipe contact the Water Corporation on **13 13 75**.

Water is a precious resource and wastage can be reduced if we do our bit.

Elected members

Wilson has two members who represent residents and ratepayers at the City of Canning in the Beeloo Ward.

They are:

Mark Bain 0438 610 750
mark.bain@canning.wa.gov.au

Sara Saberi 0433 285 802
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Our Pump Track goes global

On Sunday the 4th of December the Herald Sun (Melbourne) included our Pump Track as number 2 in a list of 20 places to go around the world if you are into things like snowboarding, rock climbing and BMX-riding

“Pump it up

If you're tired of stock standard cycle paths, its time to hit a pump track and Perth has a cracker. Recently reopened after an upgrade, this undulating, looping asphalt track will keep BMX bandits entertained for ages.

Its suitable for all levels of riders”

This track is such a community asset and it is encouraging to see it recognised so far away from Canning.

Your opportunity to have your say

City of Canning residents (including Wilson) can have your say on any issue that you feel needs consideration from the City. Last year representatives from WRRRA attended this meeting and moved a motion to request the City investigate and act on the issue of lack of safety at the intersection Manning and Bungaree Roads. This motion was passed and I am pleased to say that some actions have taken place to reduce the danger at this intersection. More needs to be done and WRRRA will continue to work towards a safer solution.

The next **Annual General Meeting of Electors** will take place at the **Hillview Hub on 31 January- 6pm**.

Visit the City of Canning website for more information on the process to get your issue on the agenda. It is not difficult or daunting, and is a great way to get heard or put your issue forward for consideration.

If you have a concern or idea that you feel could benefit the community of Wilson or needs to be fixed and attending the Electors meeting is not an option, you can let WRRRA know and we may be able to champion it on your behalf.

Contact us via any of the means promoted and we are only too happy to help if we can.

WRRRA Gold Membership

As our annual subscription is only \$10.00 per household, many residents choose to pay \$15.00 membership for three years. Gold Membership status is automatically awarded to 3 year supporters.

Visit our website (wrra.org.au) to print out your membership card. Your card enables a 10% discount at selected businesses.

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On behalf of the committee of WRRR we wish our Wilson residents all the very best for a safe and happy 2023.

For those of you having a well earned break from work or study, enjoy this time and we look forward to working with you next year.

Hannah BEAZLEY MLA Member for Victoria Park

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Visitors and members are welcome to our meetings held on the 1st Monday of every second month.

See website for details
wrra.org.au

WRRR Membership Subscription Form 2022/23

You can join or renew your WRRR membership by:

- Visiting our website and paying securely by card (our preferred method)
- Completing and returning the form below

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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PHONE.....(OPTIONAL)

Post this form to WRRR Treasurer, 54 Queens Park Road, Wilson WA 6107 (we will contact you to arrange payment)