

YOUR WILSON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association

December 2020

We say goodbye to 2020

On behalf of the committee of the Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association (WRRRA) I encourage you to read our latest newsletter. This publication is produced twice a year and provides a snapshot of some of the issues that have been identified by the committee, with input from Wilson residents, as being of community importance.

Many residents and businesses of the City of Canning have felt the impact of COVID-19 and this is sure to continue for some time. However there is a possible light at the end of the tunnel and the committee and members of WRRRA are keen to get back into the full swing of action when permitted.

Our committee members have the following portfolios/responsibilities

- Rob—Kent Street Weir, aircraft noise
- Graham—Centenary Park & surrounds
- Peter—Canning River Reserve
- Max—digital communication, dual use pathways, Castledare development
- Ben— transport, website



We work closely with our local elected members (Mark and Sara) to ensure that we have a good working relationship with the City of Canning.

Introducing WRRRA Gold Membership

As our annual subscription is only \$5.00 per household, many residents choose to pay membership for three years. To say thank you to those 3 year supporters we are automatically moving you to Gold Membership status. We are working hard to grow our rewards program and invite new members, businesses and supporters to participate.

Visit our website (wrra.org.au) to print out your membership card. You can use your card to get 10% off at selected businesses such as the Canning River Cafe.

If you are a business or service provider and would like to offer a discount to our members please contact Deanne at secretary@wrra.org.au.

See back page of newsletter for more information.

What is WRRRA?

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 WRRRA's objectives*
- *be a voice for residents, ratepayers and businesses living in our suburb.*

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Thank you to Joanne Morris for the photos used in this newsletter.



Kent Street Stories

Kent Street Weir is a special place for many people - be it the important Aboriginal heritage sites and stories, the significant flora and fauna in the area, family memories, water sports, keeping fit, the list goes on!

The City of Canning would love to hear these stories and memories. Visit the City of Canning website for more information.

Kent Street Weir Park plan advances

Recently the Kent Street Weir Master Plan was endorsed by the City of Canning. Approximately \$8.5 million has been set aside to ensure that Kent Street remains a favourite destination for local families and visitors for generations to come. This means that work on stage three will start shortly with a commitment to completing this, and stage four, within two years. Stage three works include the construction of the fenced dog park (inclusive of two separate exercise areas) and upgrading the sewage system.

Stage four will see the building of the extended car parking facilities, amenities block and the new district play space. This play area will be around ten times the size of the current space and have a wider range of equipment and access for people of all abilities.

The overall plan focuses on retaining and increasing native vegetation, adding extra facilities for entertainment and engagement, increased disability access and creating opportunities to learn about the environment within the park.

The City is seeking feedback and ideas that residents or users of the park may have on three main areas of the parkland re-development: the new play area, the enhanced pump track, and the expanded car parking amenities.

Its not too late to have your say or learn about the plans. Visit the City of Canning website or respond to the survey at www.yoursaycanning.com.au/kent-street-weir. Responses will be collected until the 8th of January 2021. WRRRA committee members also welcome your feedback .

Our digital world

Telstra customers may be aware that many parts of Wilson now have 5G coverage. There is no announcement when other providers will deliver this service.

NBN announced a new roll out program to build fibre access networks in areas that have Fibre to the Node (FTTN) connection which should include Wilson. Cannington is the first cab off the rank in WA with Wilson being connected to that exchange. We look forward to the timeline announcement as many parts of Wilson have poor internet speeds.

Surrey Road Parking

Recently WRRRA supported residents who raised safety and access issues with the City of Canning relating to overflow parking from the Lo Quay precinct. Permitted parking on both sides of Surrey Road caused congestion, difficulty of driveway access and unsafe vehicle passing.

In August, residents presented a petition to the City to voice their concerns. Subsequently the City authorised the installation of kerbside stopping and parking prohibitions along Surrey Road between Fern Road and Watts Road. Parking signs were quickly installed and yellow "no stopping" line markings painted on the road.

Main Roads are currently installing a solid line on the Surrey Road, Watts Road corner to assist with traffic management and safety.

If you are having issues with parking or traffic, contact WRRRA.

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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Congratulations to our young stars

Each year WRRRA financially contributes to the graduation award ceremonies to the two primary schools located in Wilson.

Rehoboth Christian College

- Principals Award - Claris
- Christian Growth Award and Christian Character Award - Lincoln, Ben and Catherine
- Award for Outstanding Effort - Josiah

Wilson Primary School

- Community Award - Hector
- Environment Award - Ngawang

Our river is for everyone

The Canning River, its waterways and surrounding natural environment provide sanctuary for a huge range of fish, turtles, birdlife, plants and occasionally, dolphins.

As Wilson becomes more populated and access to the river and its surrounds easier, it is only natural that human interaction is increasing.

In our last newsletter we discussed the terrible impact of feral cats on creatures large and small. Community awareness of this issue is increasing and some local governments are implementing additional by-laws to add further protection to vulnerable creatures. A Responsible Cat Ownership brochure produced by the City of Canning provides good information and is also available on-line..

Are our fish and other water living creatures being given the same consideration? Lost or excess fishing lines, motor boats, shore fishing and litter (especially plastics) all have the potential to kill or injure those animals that call the river and its surrounds home.

WRRRA has identified the need to protect the river as a community issue and is working with the City of Canning, Wilson Wetlands Action Group and Swan River Trust to ensure that our precious waterway and its surrounds are protected for future generations.

WRRRA are actively involved in planning for the:

- Dual use path network around the river and parklands
- Surrey Road saltmarsh boardwalk and
- Upgrades to the Kent Street Weir precinct.

To have your say on this or any other issues you can contact the City of Canning, speak to your local elected member or connect with WRRRA or one of our committee members.

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Contact Us

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Visitors and members welcome to our meetings held on the 1st Monday of every second month. (starting Feb)

See website for details wrra.org.au

WRRRA Membership Subscription Form 2021/22

Join (or renew) your subscription securely via the WRRRA Portal — wrra.org.au

Alternatively, provide the following details and enclose \$15 for 3 years membership.

All members who pay for three years are automatically upgraded to Gold status.

NAME.....

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PHONE..... (OPTIONAL)

Post this form to WRRRA Treasurer, 54 Queens Park Road, Wilson WA 6107 with Cheque made out to "Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association"

Please note—the WRRRA mailbox at The Eureka Deli has been decommissioned.