



YOUR WILSON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association (WRRRA)

Summer 2021

Refined focus for WRRRA committee

Following on from our AGM and the election of a new President (Ben Indrisie), WRRRA has selected a number of projects and issues that the committee feel are important to community. We are only a small group but have had some major wins over the years and are keen to keep kicking goals where they matter for everyone living in Wilson.

We surveyed our members who gave us plenty of feedback and ideas. From this very long list and other comments we have narrowed our focus down to the following:

- Ensuring the completion of the dual use pathway through Wilson
- Being a community voice for the Castledare redevelopment project
- Raising issues of traffic access and safety
- Assisting the community to bring items and ideas to the City of Canning
- Working hard to raise our profile in the community to attract more members and inform people what we do.

You will find the rest of the projects and issues raised in the full report on the WRRRA website (www.WRRRA.org.au).

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.*

Kent Street Weir Precinct Plan Update

The Kent Street Weir precinct works are continuing to progress with the upgrade to the sewerage system planned to commence in early January. This important stage will then enable other planned activities to commence.

Immediately following the sewerage upgrade, the pump track works will begin.

Most of us are aware of the cultural significance of this area to the Whadjuk Nyoongar people. To ensure this important heritage is recognised, the City of Canning will be working closely with local Aboriginal people and community to ensure that, where possible, the project changes are in line with the new Aboriginal Heritage Bill WA (2020) and expectations.

You will find more information on the City of Canning website.

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Parks and Playgrounds

The City of Canning have a list of playgrounds planned for renewal. Margaret Park (built in the 1990's) will be upgraded this financial year. If you would like to see a park or playground in Wilson added to this list, contact our Secretary (secretary@wrrra.org.au) so that we can help with your request.

We welcome our new newsletter sponsors, Hannah Beazley MLA and Hon Ben Morton MP

Traffic safety update

High on the list of priorities for WRRRA is the safety of motorists and pedestrians in our suburb.

An area of huge concern is the crossover from Braibrise Road across 6 lanes of busy traffic at Leach Highway. In the past five years there has been 33 reported crashes and plenty of near misses.

To improve safety, the median strip on Leach Highway is to be modified, pedestrian pram ramps and crossings will be built. This will mean changes to traffic flow and some disruptions, but as this area has been identified as a black spot, the work will benefit the community in the long run.

In response to a request from the community, the City of Canning will install a series of grab rails on Fern Road (near Lo Quay Café) to better identify the crossing points to motorists.

The intersection of Manning and Bungaree Roads has also been highlighted as a concern by community members. Contact WRRRA if you would like to add your voice to our campaign for changes to increase safety in this area.

Castledare development update

The development plans for Fern Road/Castledare Place were recently released for public comment. The plan proposes the development of 44 new residential blocks, supporting an estimated 114 residents.

Whilst the proposal only contains 0.18 hectares as designated Public Open Space, the development (if approved) will trigger the long-awaited transfer of adjoining private land, comprising of the Wilson Wetlands & River Parklands into the Canning River Regional Park. Ongoing management then becomes the responsibility of the City of Canning and State Government authorities. This is seen as a positive move.

The plan includes the construction of a shared use path linking Fern Road to Bywater Way. This will bring us one step closer to completing the shared use path network, on the Wilson side of the Canning River!

There is also provision for a buffer zone (parks reserve) alongside Fern Road to ensure the protection of the mature Fig Tree on the corner of Castledare Place and Fern Road and the mature Red Gum trees alongside Fern Road.

Many local residents, however, have expressed concerns at the potential impact of the development on the mature Gum trees at the end of the Bywater Way as well as concerns regarding the possible extra traffic from the new developments, particularly during the morning peak period. A possible solution is to allow one way traffic from/to the new development to Bywater Way, in cases of emergency only, and direct all regular traffic from the Castledare site towards the existing roundabout at the corner of Fern Road and Castledare Place.

Refer to <https://www.yoursaycanning.com.au/scheme-amendment-no-5-and-structure-plan> for further details.

NBN upgrades coming to Wilson

Whilst the NBN has officially been completed, upgrades to the network were recently announced. Wilson has been added to the list of suburbs receiving this upgrade. This is great news as many residents cannot access faster NBN plans due to network technology limitations.

Once the fibre cabling is completed, Wilson residents who require speeds above what their current Fibre to the Node (FTTN) connection can deliver will be able to place an order with their internet provider for a higher speed plan. NBN will install a fibre lead-in to complete the conversion from FTTN to the faster speed Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) technology. Contact your internet service provider (ISP) for more details.

WRRRA receives a City of Canning Small Community Grant which assists us to produce, print and distribute this newsletter. The City also helps WRRRA by subsidising hire for the Wilson Community Hall. WRRRA thanks the City for this support.

Congratulations to our junior achievers

Each year, WRRRA donates money to our two local schools, to be used as prizes to recognize outstanding students.

On behalf of our community we congratulate the following students .

Rehoboth Christian College

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD – **Noah**

CHRISTIAN GROWTH AWARD—
Melanie

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER AWARD-
Kenneth

OURSTANDING AWARD EFFORT
- **Makayla**

Wilson Primary School

ENVIRONMENT AWARD - **Geri**

COMMUNITY AWARD - **Devadett**

City of Canning Elected members

Congratulations to Sara Saberi who was reelected to the City of Canning in the Beeloo Ward at the recent local government elections.

Our ward (Beeloo) is represented by:

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

Sara Saberi 0433 285 802
sara.saberi@canning.wa.gov.au

Both Mark and Sara are active contributors to the agenda and discussions at WRRRA meetings.

Meet our new President

Hi, my name is Ben Indrisie and I work in project controls in the mining industry travelling between the city and mine sites.

My wife and I bought our first house in Wilson in 2005, and as our family grew we moved to a larger home, again in Wilson.

Some years ago residents in our street were having problems with phone and internet connections and I went to a WRRRA meeting to see what could be done. It was at this meeting that I saw that the committee really care about all aspects of our suburb and work hard to make a difference. The fault was fixed and I joined WRRRA as a committee member.

I became President this year. With consultation from the other committee members we have become more goal focused on issues for which we believe we can provide suitable solutions.

I have enjoyed my time on the committee and look forward to working with our current and future members to keep Wilson the great suburb it currently is. I'm always happy and willing to hear from our residents on local issues and possible solutions.

WRRRA Membership

We invite everyone who has received this newsletter either in your letter box or through our website to join and support WRRRA.

WRRRA can only continue to exist if we have continued community support.

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. You can use your card to get 10% off at selected businesses.

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.

Are the mozzies biting?

An unusually wet winter and spring has meant ideal conditions for our local plants and animals. While our trees and plants have benefited from the extra water, so have pests such as mosquitoes.

Mosquito larvae are targeted by the City of Canning to reduce the numbers that grow to become adults. This important work is monitored by trapping and checking the numbers in our wetlands. The City no longer undertakes spraying as this is known to be detrimental to the environment.

Residents can do their bit to keep the numbers down by not having water around in which mosquitoes can breed. Think about bird baths, pot plant saucers, ponds, pools, upturned canoes etc. as where there is water, there is a chance for mosquito numbers to build up quickly.

You can find excellent information on the City of Canning Website (Mosquito Management).

If you feel that mosquito numbers are increasing or becoming a problem you can contact the City to report this as an issue.

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If you are going away during the holiday season don't forget to let the City of Canning know. They offer a terrific (and free) Holiday Watch Patrol.

To register call

1300 422 664

WRRRA Membership Subscription Form 2021/22

You can join or renew your WRRRA membership by visiting our website and paying securely by card or completing the form below

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