



YOUR WILSON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association

June 2022

President's Message

As I reflect on my first year as President of WRRRA I am pleased to say that I believe our committee has held true to our objectives of representing people living and working in Wilson.

Wilson, like so many inner city suburbs is under pressure to build more homes on smaller blocks with an increase in population numbers. WRRRA is extremely concerned about the negative impact on our built and natural environments, especially the loss of some well established and significant trees as older blocks are totally cleared to make way for new developments.

We encourage you, as residents, to find a space in your garden or verge to plant a tree or two to try and retain or increase our tree canopy. You can take advantage of greening programs offered by the City of Canning (see page 3).

WRRRA has been actively involved in monitoring the redevelopment plans of the Castledare site and canvassed for the retention of the beautiful trees along Fern Road. This project, which has reached the planning and approval stage, has the potential to impact Wilson in many ways, some good and some still to be determined. We look forward to the developers working towards taking a positive environmental and community minded approach to preparation works and that these values flow on to those who choose to live on the newly released blocks.

I hope this small snapshot of our 2022 year encourages your involvement and support of WRRRA.

Ben Indrisie

Kent Street Weir Precinct Update

As per the City of Canning Strategic Plan, works at Kent Street Weir precinct continue. The installation of deep sewerage is now complete.

Work on the pump track is next on the agenda with this facility being suitable for BMX, skateboards and scooters. There is plenty of activity in the area at the moment.

After installation of the track and infrastructure, landscaping and beautification will be done.

It is anticipated that the track will be open before the September school holidays.

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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Wilson community members are invited to submit photographs and stories that can be used in this newsletter

Darting around in Wilson

In early June, WA Seabird Rescue (WASR) released two young male Australasian Darters at Canning River's Bywater Landing (Bywater Way) in Wilson

Both darters came into care as fluffy chicks in November last year. These birds are difficult to raise and transition to the wild is not easy. In preparation for release they were transferred to Darling Range Wildlife Shelter in April. Their new home was a big waterbird aviary so they could learn how to swim and fish, build strength for flight and reduce their dependence on humans for food.

At the landing on release day, one bird, the more confident of the two, ventured off within 24hrs. The other bird hung around and was being monitored by WASR and a local resident.

Unfortunately, someone started feeding him and he quickly reverted to looking for food from humans. His search included crossing Bywater Way to get an easy meal. Actually it is illegal to feed wildlife and doing so carries a hefty fine. Feeding also interferes with the transitional process of releasing rehabilitated birds back into the wild. Because of the feeding, this darter is now back in care as the risk of being hit by traffic or starving was too great.



If you come across a “friendly” bird, please don't feed or interact with it in any way, just move away. For more information please call WASR' on 6102 8464.

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Visit wrra.org.au to find a digital copy of this publication.**

Bywater Landing to be rehabilitated

For many years WRRRA has actively campaigned for Bywater landing (referred to in the story above) to be rehabilitated. The banks and surrounds have been eroded and degraded by paddlers, swimmers, fishers and general leisure activities to the point where tree roots are exposed and the riverbank environment is obviously changing.

The City of Canning have recognised the need for restoration works to be started. Shortly, coir matting and brush walling will be installed and beach renourishment and revegetation will begin. These erosion control measures will allow recreational activities to continue whilst protecting our unique piece of Canning River waterside in Wilson.

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.

Request a verge tree

Did you know that the City of Canning has one of the lowest levels of tree canopy over the whole metropolitan area?

In response, the City have developed an **Urban Forest Strategy**. As part of this strategy the City is aiming to create shady tree lined streets with a larger green canopy. Planting more trees on streets, verges and gardens will create a cooler, more liveable and sustain-able environment for everyone.

Residents can lodge an on-line street tree request form on the City of Canning website.

If suitable, the City will supply and plant a street tree, watering it for the first two summers.

New street trees will be planted in June, July and August.

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
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Sara Saberi 0433 285 802
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Both Mark and Sara will be attending the AGM and are active contributors to the agenda and discussions at WRRRA meetings.

What happens at the WRRRA AGM?

Our committee welcomes members, residents, sponsors and guests to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) (see details below).

We take the opportunity to inform those present of our successes and activities for the past year. The AGM is also a great way to learn about issues and topics that people feel are important or needing action.

A good example of this is the concern that was raised by some residents about potential dangers and previous incidents at the junction of Bungaree and Manning Roads. The committee made a representation to the City of Canning and our motion to investigate the situation was accepted unanimously. We are awaiting a response from both the City and Main Roads.

At our AGM we will hear from Hannah Beazley MLA, Member for Victoria Park, Patrick Hall, the Mayor of the City of Canning and Ben Indrisie, WRRRA President. Following their presentations each will be available to answer questions from the floor.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Notice of WRRRA Annual General Meeting

To be held on **Wednesday 13th of July at 7.00pm.**

Wilson Community Hall, Braibrise Road, Wilson

All members of the Wilson community are invited to attend.

You can support WRRRA by:

- Being a financial member (\$10.00 per year or \$15 for three years)
- Being a committee member
- Holding an official position (all positions are declared vacant at the AGM).

* Anyone wishing to be considered for an official position on the committee must complete and submit a nomination form (found on the WRRRA website—WRRRA.org.au) on or before the 1st of July.

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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WRRR would like to thank Ben Morton, former Liberal Member for Tangney, for his support of our organisation through his sponsorship of our newsletter and making himself available for meetings, advice and support.

We congratulate Sam Lim who has been elected as the Labor member for Tangney in the House Representatives.

Hannah BEAZLEY MLA Member for Victoria Park

Proudly supporting the printing of Wilson Ratepayers and Residents Association newsletters.

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Joanne Morris

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

See website for details
wrra.org.au

All positions will be declared vacant at the forthcoming AGM.

WRRR Membership Subscription Form 2022/23

You can join or renew your WRRR membership by:

- Attending our AGM (13th July) and paying on arrival
- Visiting our website and paying securely by card
- Completing and returning the form below

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