



# Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association

## Winter Newsletter

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**WRRRA represents you in Wilson by working co-operatively with:**

- *City of Canning*
- *Canning River Regional Park Community Advisory Committee*
- *WA Government Departments*
- *Neighbourhood Watch & WA Police*
- *State & Federal Politicians*
- *Wilson Wetlands Action Group Inc.*
- *Canning Community Alliance*
- *and other community groups*

**The WRRRA committee meets on the 1st Monday night of every 2nd month at Wilson Community Hall at 7:30 pm.**

**Our AGM will be held on 22nd July 2015.**

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### Wilson residents thank the saviours of our city

When the State Government announced the dissolution of the City of Canning the community staged rallies, organised meetings and wrote letters and petitions to save their City, but it seemed that the City of Canning was destined to be divided up between its neighbouring councils.

That is, until the Minister for Local Government granted elections to the Cities of Cockburn, Kwinana and South Perth and the Towns of Victoria Park and East Fremantle, a right denied to Canning.

To be valid those polls required a turn-out of over 50% of electors, and more than half the votes needed to reject the proposed amalgamations. With little or no support from most of the councils themselves, the burden fell on local citizens and groups to raise the funds to mount a campaign to save their councils.

When the results were finally tallied South Perth, East Fremantle and Kwinana had each achieved the required turn-out and voted conclusively against amalgamations. It was only following this that the Premier announced that all plans for council amalgamations in the metropolitan area were to be shelved.

On Monday 12 May 2015 the Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association (WRRRA), on behalf of all of the citizens of the City of Canning, finally said 'thank you' to the organisers of the campaigns in South Perth, East Fremantle and Kwinana.

"While your efforts were focused on saving your own councils, the result of your success has, in turn, saved our council and many others. On behalf of the Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association and all of the people of the City of Canning, we thank you" Blair Campbell, Vice President WRRRA said.

Cecilia Brooke, the organiser of the South Perth campaign, Ian Critchley of Kwinana's fight and Bruce Seligman of East Fremantle received a certificate and a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of their groups' efforts. The presentation was conducted outside the City of Canning council offices.

"It was a monumental effort, not only getting the residents to vote against amalgamations, but just to get over 50% to vote at all" Mr. Campbell said.

Cecilia Brooke responded "This is the first recognition that we have received from other groups and it is very much appreciated".



**Cecilia Brooke, Bruce Seligmann and Ian Critchley receive the grateful thanks of the people of Canning representative, Blair Campbell.**

## Share the aircraft noise update

In recent months WRRRA has been active in raising concerns about aircraft noise with Air Services Australia (ASA) in support of the Sharing Noise group lead by Dr Johan Rosman. ASA report that complaints from Wilson has jumped from 8 in the April-June 2014 period to 42 in the October-December 2014 time frame.

In response to concerns of local residents ASA have changed the noise abatement plan where Runway 21 (over the southern suburbs) will no longer be the exclusive preferred runway for departures. This will bring some improvement for us on non peak times particularly weekends.

Late this year ASA will commence a year long trial for Runway 21 departures to fly directly south to the Jandakot area before turning west rather than the current flight path over Wilson, Shelley etc. between 10.00pm and 5.00am.

Aircraft arrivals from the north and east landing over the southern suburbs will start the approach a little further north than currently. This should give Wilson a little improvement for arriving aircraft.

ASA state that we should get a 20% improvement in departures over a year a year.

## How to make comment or voice our concern over aircraft noise with Air Services Australia

1. Go to [www.airservicesaustralia.com](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com)<<http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/>>
2. Click on the tab upper panel, called 'Aircraft Noise'
3. Click on the left 'Making a complaint'
4. Click at the left on 'How to make a complaint'
5. Click on the right side on the blue words 'Online Complaint Form'
6. Fill out the form and click the SUBMIT button at the bottom. You need to give your name and address for the report to be registered.
7. Do not forget: the new page will come with a little math question, if you do not answer this, your complaint is disregarded! Sometimes you need to scroll up to see the question.
8. The next day you will receive a receipt, and a few days later an answer to your questions

## City of Canning's dual residential zoning to be removed

The City of Canning's housing and residential land use plan is being updated, under the City's Future Local Planning Strategy.

Previously under Scheme No 40 dual zoning, only properties that could be connected to reticulated sewerage could be developed to the higher density. Also the required 25 metre frontage criteria is no longer considered essential thus allowing the number of dwellings to be built according to available area.

Our suburb of Wilson has over 1,700 lots that are covered by the R 17.5 – R30 & R25 zones that the City of Canning considers will not be adversely effected by the removal of the lower density provisions.

Increased infill (subdividing of blocks) has created some issues that WRRRA considers need to be monitored by the City:

- An increase in through traffic and on-street parking in our relatively narrow residential streets.
- The denuding of the residential allotments of bird friendly gardens and large native trees from both the properties under development and the streetscape.
- The lack of public open space available within development areas has failed to match the resultant infill population growth, particularly along the Canning River foreshore and public access to the privately held lands that have been locked up within the boundaries of the Canning River Regional Park since late last century.
- Limited access to local public transport, particularly for residents in south Wilson.

This is an issue that can affect residents and more information is available on the City of Canning website [www.canning.wa.gov.au](http://www.canning.wa.gov.au).

## Ward boundary update

Throughout the recently conducted City of Canning ward review WRRRA has maintained our position that the process of review, consultation and submission by the City of Canning was not entirely transparent, was rushed and did not enable residents to consider a full range of options.

In response to public opinion, WRRRA felt that the only acceptable outcome of the review was to maintain the status quo of four wards and enable newly elected councilors and mayor the opportunity to thoroughly examine the wards and vote as to the most appropriate boundaries.

As a submission from the City of Canning has been sent to the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB), WRRRA has undertaken to ensure that the Minister for Local Government (The Hon Tony Simpson MLA) and the LGAB are aware of our concerns and preference.

## Your vote is important

WRRRA and the Canning City Alliance have fought long and hard to save the City of Canning and restore its democracy. True democracy will not be restored until a council, elected by the people, has been reinstated.

This will only happen if all eligible residents and ratepayers nominate for office or vote in the next (October 17 2015) and future council elections.

Voting is not compulsory but it is your right to say who will represent you on the council. By the time a new council and mayor are reinstated, the City of Canning will have been under administration for almost three years. It is time for a fresh start and we urge you to give Canning the council it deserves and not one that will repeat mistakes of the past.

Vote and vote wisely.

## The Annual General Meeting of WRRRA will be held on Wednesday, 22nd July 2015 at 7.30 pm.

**Wilson Community Hall (Cnr Braibrise / Armstrong Roads)**

In addition to the usual AGM Business (all executive positions will be declared vacant), the City of Canning will present an update.

**Should any Wilson resident (or ratepayer) wish to join WRRRA and/or contribute in a practical way to local affairs we would be pleased to hear from you.**

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**Nominations will be received at the AGM**

**Over the past 12 months WRRRA has actively canvassed and acted upon community opinion in relation to:**

- # The proposed amalgamation of the Cities of Canning and Gosnells
- # City of Canning ward review
- # Aircraft noise
- # Castledare lands
- # Student accommodation guidelines
- # The Kent Street master plan
- # Local issues as they arise

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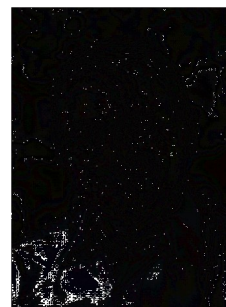
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**It's Smart to Ask**

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## WRRRA Membership Subscription Form 2015/16

*The more active members we have, the more power Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association has to lobby the City of Canning and the State Government on local issues that directly affect those living in our suburb.*

**New members are most welcome!!**

To join WRRRA, simply complete the following details, enclose your Annual Membership Fee of \$5 per household and return to us (as per the instructions below). Receipts will not normally be issued unless requested.

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

EMAIL: .....

PHONE: ..... AMOUNT ENCLOSED: .....

**Please contact me to discuss WRRRA Committee Nomination**

Post form to PO Box 1060, Cannington WA 6107. Payment by cash (note only) or cheque.

Cheques payable to the “Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association”.