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Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association is proud to confirm its continued relationship with the primary schools in the Wilson area.

In late 2014, \$200 Citizenship Prizes were presented to both Wilson Primary School and Rehoboth Christian College—Wilson Campus. These prizes are awarded to exceptional students who display outstanding citizenship qualities. These prizes are used to assist students and their families purchase textbooks for their studies.

Fern Road Update

36 new car parking bays have been constructed, the bus stop relocated and site works completed at Fern Road to reduce the pressure on existing infrastructure.

Throughout the year WRRRA met with the City of Canning to discuss the format and layout of the playground and to represent feedback from the community.

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. and other community groups

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

Help Wilson Share the Aircraft Noise.

Residents from Wilson and surrounding suburbs are currently carrying an unfair burden of aircraft noise.

A group has been formed – Sharing Noise Action Group (SNAG) with residents from Wilson and surrounding suburbs taking immediate action and making it very clear to authorities that the impact for residents living under such a noisy and intense flight path is unacceptable. The relentless aircraft noise in the early morning is not compatible with a healthy lifestyle. There are viable options for sharing this burden. To join the Sharing Noise Action Group please email share.noise@gmail.com

Since 2006 there has been a significant increase in departure flights across our suburb. The flight path is an arbitrary route that that does not have to be the only exit path from Perth Airport.

During a year over 60% of all aircraft depart Perth Airport over Wilson and surrounding suburbs. This compares to 38% over Guildford, 9% over Middle Swan and less than 1% over Belmont and Redcliffe.

In the four weeks, 4th to 31st October Wilson residents went to bed on 26 of the 28 nights with aircraft departing overhead. On at least 6 of those nights another runway was an option. In the same period Wilson residents woke to aircraft departure noise on 22 of the 28 mornings. On 13 of the 22 mornings weather conditions indicated that other runways could have been used. Interestingly at no time, morning or night, was the runway for aircraft departing over Belmont and Redcliff used.

If you believe that residents of Wilson and surrounding suburbs should be given a better deal please make a complaint **at least once a month** to the Airservices Australia webpage.

1. Go to 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. Please do not complain anonymously, it will not get counted.
7. Do not forget: a new page will come with a little math question, like how much is 2+3. If you do not answer this, your complaint goes nowhere. Sometimes you need to scroll up to see the question.
8. The next day you will receive a receipt and a few days later a response.

To improve the chances of reducing aircraft noise, Wilson needs to have a least 300 different people make a report each month to be noticed.

WRRRA Membership Subscription Form 2015

Remember, the more active members we have, the more power Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association has to continue to lobby the City of Canning and the State Government particularly in relation to the proposed abolition of the City of Canning or amalgamation with the City of Gosnells (neither option is supported by WRRRA).

New members are most welcome!!

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

NAME:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL: PHONE: AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

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

Mark cheques payable to the "Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association".

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Bush Fire Season

With the bush fire season now upon us, it is time for extra vigilance for those living in the Canning River or the Regional Parklands precincts. Please think about how you will deal with any fire danger should it arise.

Remember it's not only flames that can cause much damage to your home and contents.

Also consider that it takes time for the emergency services to get to a fire and they cannot be everywhere at the same time. Take steps now to reduce the risk to your property. We at WRRRA have worked closely with the City of Canning through the year to inform them of perceived native bush land potential fire risks.

Let's all be 'Eyes on the streets' this summer season. Look out for early signs of smoke - then call 000.

Local Government Reform is here.

The President of Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association summarises the position and actions of the committee.

Canning's boundaries are to be abolished and all of our suburbs in the northern, western and central areas forcibly dispatched to South Perth/Victoria Park, Melville and Gosnells respectively. Additionally our high value industrial area in the east is to fall into Belmont/Kalamunda.

All ratepayers of the new amalgamated cities across Perth will be required to carry **some \$100M+ of the reform costs.**

This is despite the Premier's promises that:

- THERE WOULD BE NO FORCED AMALGAMATIONS
- THE GOVERNMENT WOULD FULLY FUND THE PROCESS—the state government is now offering \$15m and limited access to low interest loans between 12 eligible councils to cover the estimated costs of between \$8m and \$12m per new entity.
- RATES SHOULD NOT RISE AFTER AMALGAMATION.

These changes are being forced on Canning, without any financial justification being published by the state. This is at a time that there is no elected Council to represent our residents as we have been left with a series of government appointed commissioners to run our city for the past 18 months.

Commissioner Reynolds, who at first went along with the Government's line and recognised that the City of Canning was financially sound and was a City that already held the essential attributes specified by the Local Government Minister for a city to be retained under the Government's reform proposals, was strongly supported by its residents. When he decided to act in the best interest of our city's ratepayers and "FIGHT for CANNING" Mr Reynolds was summarily dismissed.

Mr Reynolds was replaced by three Commissioners who have refused to take up the challenge and fight for Canning, even though we understand they are aware that:

- Independent studies of all suburbs of the City of Canning, undertaken in 2013 and 2014, recorded a 90+% preference to retain their city within its existing boundaries: and
- Recognition that the State Treasury Department report to the Local Government Board that Canning was financially unsustainable, is incorrect and based on questionable assessment parameters.

So where to from here?

PLEASE READ PAGE 3 FOR HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR CLEAR POSITION TO RETAIN THE CITY OF CANNING AS A SINGLE ENTITY.

Kent Street Weir Precinct News

In the context of the Kent Street Weir likely to be in the City of Gosnells, the City of Canning has informed WRRRA that the **Kent Street Weir Precinct Plan** may require future review in consultation with the City of Gosnells at some point, assuming the proposed Local Government reform proceeds as proposed. The City of Canning has completed the features survey pickup and is progressing the Sewer Investigation.

The Department of Water is currently planning the refurbishment or replacement of the Kent Street Weir. The City of Canning is participating in the preplanning with a view to ensuring the continued provision of public access across the river during the Weir reconstruction/replacement period and to also ensure the continued provision of access in association with the final outcome whether that be new or refurbishment of the original structure.

Since May, visitors to the Kent Street Weir would have noticed a significant increase in the industrial noise from the café. The City of Canning is liaising directly with the electrical consultant who installed the variable speed unit in the Café. They have been to the Café to look at the possible relocation or modification of the equipment.

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It is now up to Canning's residents, ratepayers and a small number of community action groups, including Canning Community Alliance and WRRRA to maintain the pressure. We have collected signatures and submitted a number of petitions to the Minister for Local Government demanding that all 100,000 citizens within the district of Canning be given the right to a poll on the Local Government Reform recommendations.

If granted the right to Poll then we, in Wilson and throughout the City of Canning, will be entitled to vote in early 2015 to determine whether Canning is to be forcibly abolished or not. However, we have no guarantees that the Minister will even grant us this basic democratic right to such a vote.

It is anticipated that any Poll will be a postal vote. HOWEVER in order for our voice to be heard it is essential that you actively encourage your neighbours and friends to ensure that some 65 to 70% of ratepayers actually participate. To be successful, a majority of (50% plus 1) of all Canning's registered residents & ratepayers must vote in favour of saving our City. A low voter response of anything less than 50% plus 1 will not achieve our desired result.

If the Poll is not granted or does not attract the numbers required the consequences will be:

- Canning will be abolished and its large cash and land assets/facilities (estimated at \$130-160M) gifted to our surrounding councils
- Canning's existing residents, who currently enjoy the lowest rates in metropolitan Perth, will be subjected to substantial rate increases, estimated to be at least 12-18% for residential and 28-33% for industrial land.
- Loss or reduction in the quality of general and essential care and aged services.

To save our suburb of Wilson and City of Canning we urge you to:

- **Discuss these issues with your friends and neighbours, including those in business and rental accommodation, to ensure that they are fully informed on the issues involved.**
- **Sign petitions and lobby everyone you can for a Poll to be granted to the residents of the City of Canning.**
- **Ensure that, once our request for a Poll has been granted, all are aware of the need to vote, register your vote as this may be your only chance to have a say on this important issue.**

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
 - * The Kent Street Master Plan
 - * The Fern Road playground project
 - * Student accommodation guidelines
 - * Sharing of aircraft noise
 - * Wilson east underground power project
 - * Castledare lands
 - * Surrey Road Salt Marsh Walk Trail
- And Local issues as they arise.

Fence on Bywater Way

There has been strong resident objection to the construction of the fence on Bywater Way. Council considered a recommendation to modify and paint the fence at a recent meeting but resolved to defer its decision until all relevant issues have been reviewed and reported on.

Letters have been sent to the residents who reside adjacent to the path advising them of the this delay and informing them of the further review of the situation. They will be invited to liaise with the City's Engineering staff regarding any ongoing concerns during the investigation period.

NBN Update

NBN Co has revealed the next WA towns and suburbs to join the construction schedule for the broadband rollout and unfortunately Wilson is not included. NBN has no rule about suburbs order, however it has indicated that the rollout usually expands out from suburbs that have it. This means that Wilson may not receive the broadband rollout until after 2017.

So far, the NBN has passed 60,360 homes in Geraldton, South Perth, Victoria Park and Mandurah with 23,550 connected. The NBN wants to pass 12.5 million Australian homes by 2020.