



# Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association

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## WRRA represents you in Wilson by working cooperatively with:

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WRRA Committee Meeting

Mon 5 February 2018 @ 7pm  
Wilson Community Hall  
Braibrise Road, WILSON

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## Editorial

### FLEMING AVE PROPOSED BUS ROUTE

The City of Canning is considering a proposal that would re-join the Fleming Avenue & Civic Gardens cul-de-sacs creating a bus link that allows buses to avoid traffic congestion along Albany Highway and Manning Road, which has led to major concerns by Wilson residents that reside along and around Fleming Avenue.

The proposal would see the 72, 100, and 509 bus routes bypassing the Manning Road and Albany Highway intersection by using residential streets between Manning Road and Wharf Street, which the Public Transport Authority says will save around three minutes in total route time.

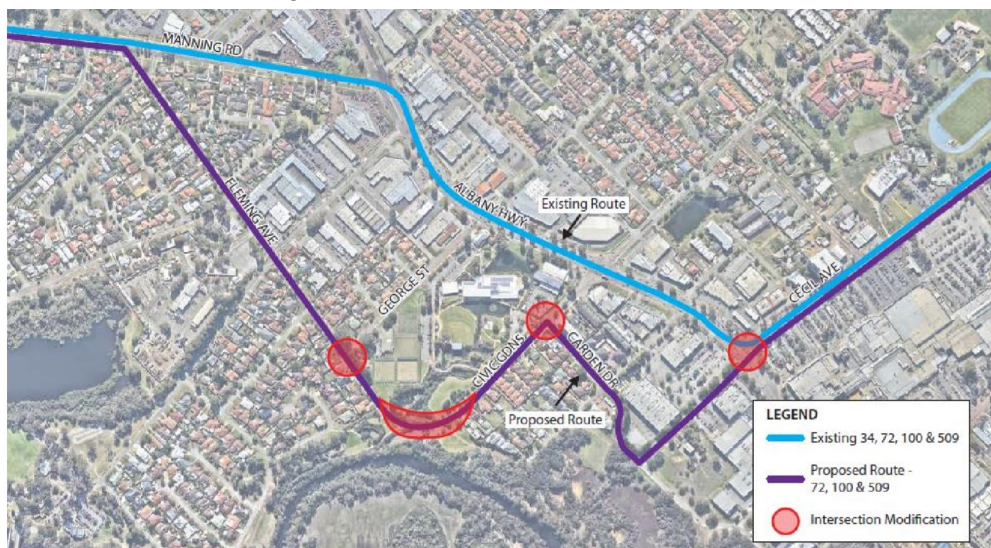
Fleming Avenue residents believe that the extra traffic from more than 200 daily buses, when compounded with council vehicles entering and leaving the Fleming Avenue depot will create traffic bottlenecks, particularly through peak times, as traffic attempts to negotiate back on

to Manning Road, and would be an intrusion on their lives. A connection between Fleming Avenue and Civic Gardens was closed off in 2008.

The proposed route shifts buses and bus stops further from the Centrelink/Medicare precinct on Albany Hwy, forcing the elderly, and people with disability or impairment to walk further than they currently do, including crossing Albany Highway, when visiting the precinct.

The City has recommended that the Council **not support** the current proposal, scheduled for discussion at the 12 December 2017 Council meeting. The WRRA Committee would like to thank the City of Canning for listening to the concerns of its residents and ratepayers.

The WRRA Committee is willing to work with the City to participate in the broader community consultation process to ensure the best possible outcome.



### **Kent Street Weir Upgrade**

Recently the Kent Street Weir has received a refurbishment that will extend the life of the weir, maintain the water quality for the freshwater ecosystem and improve safety for the users of the weir.

The upgrade was necessary due to the poor condition of the existing concrete piers and the weir reaching the end of its structural life.

The Kent Street Weir Upgrade will see:

- Installation of a new bridge
- An automated weir gate system
- Fishway to enable fish passage up and downstream when the weir is closed

Originally built in 1926 to prevent salt water from creeping further along the Canning River, and heritage listed in 2013, the Kent Street Weir plays an integral part in protecting freshwater flora and fauna along the Canning River.

Part of the weir upgrade included automated weir gates, regrettably the instrumentation box that controls the weir gates has been placed on a large platform located right at the river bank next to the weir. This has created quite an eyesore along the water line. The control box and platform are visible from the Kent Street Weir Café through to the BBQ and picnic areas on the western side of the park.

Members of the community have contacted the City

of Canning in relation to the placement of the weir control box. The City advised that City officers have met with both the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and the Department of Biodiversity over this particular part of the project, with both departments stating they will be discussing the control box issues privately.

Though with the weir upgrade project nearing completion it seems unlikely that the location of the control box and platform will be changed and users of the Kent Street Weir vicinity will have to face the blemish of this large structure obscuring the natural beauty of the Canning River.

### **Ben INDRISIE**



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### **FLEMING AVE PROSPOSED BUS ROUTE: THE FACTS**

If the proposal is successful, it would be funded by the Public Transport Authority (PTA).

The proposal would see the reconnection of Fleming Avenue & Civic Gardens as a bus only link.

A connection between Fleming Avenue and Civic Gardens was removed in 2008 to improve local safety and access onto Albany Hwy. Later there was a multi-million dollar investment in creating the Wilson water filtration system now known as the Wilson wetlands.

Under the proposal, 214 buses would be sent down Fleming Avenue each week day. This would mean on average one bus every four minutes.

The diversion down Fleming Avenue would save on average three minutes per route (Routes 72, 100, & 509).

Bus embayments are not proposed at the bus stops along the proposed route.

The proposed route was identified in the City of Canning's Integrated Transport Strategy 2015 to try to ease traffic congestion along a busy part of Albany Highway and Manning Road.

The Today Tonight report on the bus link proposal can be viewed: <https://thewest.com.au/news/wa/residents-unite-to-fight-proposed-back-street-cannington-bus-route-ng-b88625296z>

A decision as to the suitability of the proposed bus link will be made at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 December 2017.

### **Ben INDRISIE**

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

In late 2017, \$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.

## AIRCRAFT NOISE

Many Wilson residents suffered a particularly long stretch of nights with interrupted sleep in late October. There were ten successive nights of late night departures followed by early morning departures. In October there were 27 nights and 22 mornings that we suffered noise from aircraft departures.

Strategies implemented by Air Services Australia (ASA) in 2015 are not making any difference. ASA stated that we would have a 20% improvement. Is the non-action because Air Traffic Controllers are not carrying out the Noise Abatement Plan? Could our government representatives do more to support us?

If you wish to make a complaint about the excessive aircraft noise please contact:

### ASA Complaint form:

<https://complaints.bksv.com/asa>

### Air Noise Ombudsman:

online contact form:

<https://secure.ano.gov.au/complaints/>

email [ano@ano.gov.au](mailto:ano@ano.gov.au)

### Steve Irons (Federal Member for Swan):

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<http://steveirons.com.au/engage/contact/>

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## Rob MARSHALL

## MANNING ROAD / LEACH HWY

Have the delays waiting for traffic lights on Manning Road to cross Leach Highway improved in recent months during peak times?

WRRRA has reported incidents to Main Roads Western Australia when traffic congestions have been caused due to very short times for green lights for Manning Road traffic.

If you have a complaint about traffic lights contact Main Roads WA on 1800 800 009.

## Rob MARSHALL

## COUNCIL RATE COMPARISON

On 3 November 2017, WAtoday.com.au published an article comparing council rates between different West Australian shires and councils.

The good news for us is that on average, City of Canning home owners were charged \$1,251.83 for the 2016-17 period, the lowest of all metropolitan city councils. Please note that this figure is for the entire council, and not just Wilson.

When compared to our neighbouring councils:

- **Canning - \$1,251.83**
- Belmont - \$1,320.92
- Vic Park - \$1,614.47
- Gosnells - \$1,633.96
- Melville - \$1,638.34

When comparing council rate increases over the last ten years the City of Canning did not fare as well:

- Belmont - 183%
- Vic Park - 267%
- **Canning - 324%**
- Melville - 444%
- Gosnells - 470%

For 2017/18, the City of Canning increased rates by an average of 2.8%.

Council rates are calculated by multiplying the Gross Rental Value (GRV), as determined by the Valuer General's Office, by the rate in the dollar as set by the City of Canning.

For 2017/18 rates were calculated as GRV x \$0.04412

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**NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME !!!**

*Remember, the more active members we have, the more power the Association has to lobby the City of Canning and State Government Departments to improve services in Wilson.*

**WRRRA Membership Subscription Form 2017/18**

To join the Association (or renew your subscription), simply provide the following details and enclose Annual Membership Fee of \$5 per Household.

NAME.....  
 ADDRESS.....  
 E-MAIL..... (REQUIRED FOR PORTAL ACCESS)  
 PHONE..... (OPTIONAL)

Please contact me to discuss WRRRA Committee Nomination

You can also deposit the form in to WRRRA Box at the Eureka One Stop Deli with Cash (Note only) or Cheque made out to "Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association".

Alternatively, you can apply to join (or renew) your subscription via the New WRRRA Members' Portal . Follow the link from <http://wrrra.org.au>.

[This is the preferred method]