



Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association

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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 Depts.*
- *Neighbourhood Watch Program & WA Police*
- *State & Federal Government Politicians*
- *Wilson Wetlands Action Group Inc. and other community groups*
- *Community Newspapers*

WRRRA AGM

WEDNESDAY

20 July 7.30pm

WILSON COMMUNITY

HALL

(Braibrise St)

ALL WELCOME

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Editorial

The suburb of Wilson is a small one. With fewer than 6,000 residents it is dwarfed by its near neighbours, and lacks the name recognition of suburbs like Bentley, Cannington or Willetton. I often have to explain to people where I live, usually by telling them 'near Curtin University'.

But Wilson has one thing that each of those suburbs lacks, a long-standing and highly successful ratepayers association.

Your ratepayers association has been serving the people of Wilson for several decades, and has survived strong periods where it has had a full executive committee, and leaner times when it has struggled.

NOW YOUR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR HELP.

No organisation can survive unless its members are prepared to put in the effort to keep it going. After many years of service, several of your committee members have decided to step down. For the last twelve months the committee has run on an *ad hoc* basis, however this has made it difficult to be effective. There are still people who are willing to serve on the committee, but we desperately need more people who will participate and work for Wilson.

WRRRA has a healthy list of members comprising over 100 people. We have a suburb of nearly 6,000 residents.

Surely amongst all those people we can find a dozen people willing to contribute two hours every two months? People who want to be involved in their community, who want to meet with their neighbours and work to improve our suburb?

If you care about your association we encourage you to attend the upcoming AGM and express your interest in becoming involved in the

committee. It is a great way to build friendships and connections in your community and local council.

Aged Care Review

As some of you may have heard, the City of Canning is reviewing its involvement in Care Services,

With changes in the way that Care Services are funded by the Commonwealth, deregulation, and private sector competition—particularly in the aged care marketplace—the City has been forced to decide whether it wishes to continue in this field.

Public meetings have been held and Ansell Strategic, the consultants engaged by the City, have put forward three possible options for the City:

1. The City continue to provide the services—at huge cost (estimated at tens of millions of dollars)
2. The City sell off residential care facilities—to an unknown buyer on unknown terms, or
3. Partner with a not-for-profit to maintain some ongoing services—but again, with an unknown entity on unknown terms.

The City wants your views on the above proposals however, by the time you receive this, the time for submissions will have closed. Council is expected to make a decision by mid-July so you can still contact your local councillors.

We also invite you to drop us a line and let us know your thoughts about anything concerning Wilson.

Email secretary@wrra.org.au

Together we can make a difference

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Aircraft Noise Still an Issue for Many Residents.

Complaints made to WRRRA by residents aggrieved about the seemingly unfair burden of aircraft noise, particularly departures, has been supported with data collected from October 2015 to February 2016.

In the five months of the survey Wilson residents had 83 nights disturbed by aircraft departures after midnight and woken by aircraft departures from 5.00am. This compares to only 33 similar nights for Guildford residents, 27 for Greenmount and 0 nights for Belmont and surrounds. Wilson residents had 50% more nights of disturbed sleep than weather data supports.

Air Services of Australia officers have said "the Noise Abatement Plan (NAP) adapted in 2015, gives equal preference for aircraft departures off the three runways in the direction of Wilson, Guildford and Greenmount. The opportunity for change, however, is yet to be fully implemented to give to give a fairer distribution of aircraft noise".

In a meeting with WRRRA, Steve Irons MP Federal Member for Swan, stated that he would "take up the issue of air traffic controllers utilising the new NAP to ease the unfair burden on Wilson residents". Mr Irons also said that he would "continue to pursue the greater use of the cross runway, including departures over Belmont, to reduce the percentage of aircraft departures over Wilson", reflecting his sentiment in a speech in the House of Representatives on the 17th July 2014.

Mr Ron Brent, Aircraft Noise Ombudsman, commented the impact of aircraft noise is often unfair. Residents in areas such as Wilson can rightly feel that the aircraft noise they receive is unfair. It must be acknowledged that the data presented excludes noise from arrivals and weather information, are not the only consideration for air traffic departures. We are always trying to find a fairer way to manage the noise for residents in all areas"

The importance of a fairly implemented NAP, to give respite to Wilson residents, becomes more important with the failure of the environmental assessment to support a proposed flight path to modify night-time (10 pm to 5 am) departures.

A fairer share of aircraft departures over Wilson will also benefit residents of Queens Park, Beckenham, Cannington, Riverton and other suburbs.

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** on the Airservices Australia webpage

1. Go to 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 Form'
- This will bring up a new page with the form to complete.
6. Fill out the form and click the SUBMIT button at the bottom.
- Please do not complain anonymously, it will not get counted.

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.

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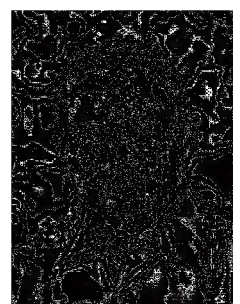
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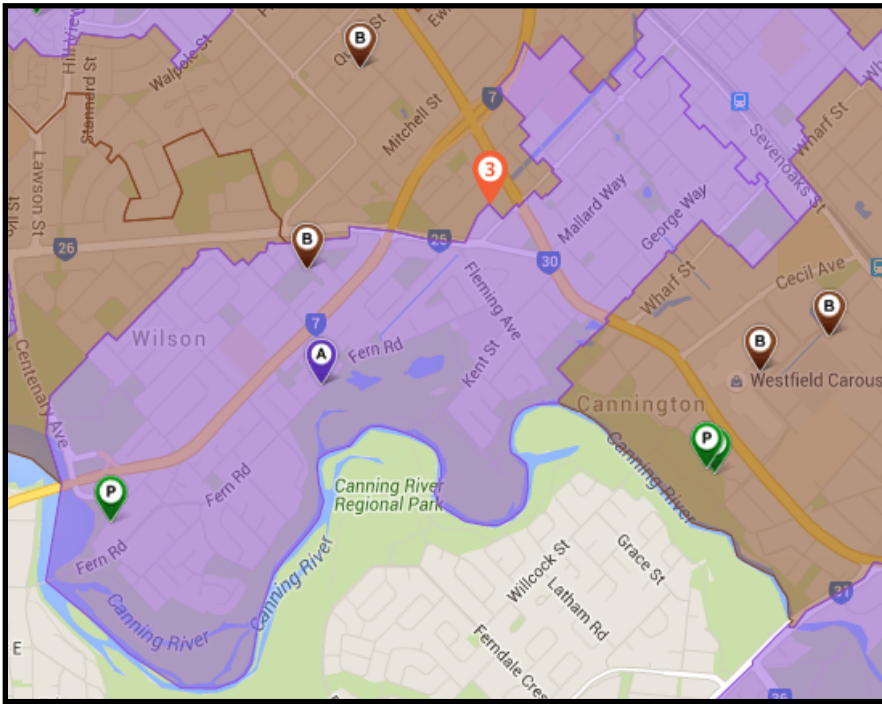
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National Broadband Network (NBN) Update



The National Broadband Network (NBN) is now available for connection in most areas of Wilson (as shown). Wilson was one of the first suburbs in WA to be rolled out using Fibre-to-the-Node technology.

Although this technology is not so fast as Fibre-to-the-Home, it's still significantly faster than the ADSL technology it replaces, assuming you could get ADSL in your area.

e.g. download speed experienced by one member, over NBN, is rated as 25MB, whereas it was less than 3MB over ADSL (on a good day).

Digital phone (VoIP) services are also more reliable.

Refer to www.mynbn.info and enter your address for further details. MZ

WRRRA's ACCESS PATH -CASTLEDARE TO KENT STREET (14 May 2016)

WRRRA's Position Paper provides for public access for Wilson residents through the Canning River Regional Park (CRRP) from the Castledare area to connect with the network of existing pathways on the southern side of the Canning River at the Kent Street Weir. Following our last AGM, this policy is under review and submissions from Wilson residents as to the nature of this public access are sought for consideration at WRRRA's AGM on 20 July 2016.

Under the LAND USE ZONES of the CRRP Management Plan, the area through which this public access is to transit, restricts development to that of "walk trails, signs and cycle tracks".

As such, one possible route for an access path is to adopt the alignment of the existing walk / bike trail that, in general terms, follows the footprint of the existing Miniature Railway along the north/eastern side of the Canning River from the Kent Street Rail Station to the north west corner of Wilson lagoon where, to avoid a sensitive area of wetlands, it has been suggested that a 90 to 100 m length of elevated boardwalk be installed over the lagoon to connect the new public access with the Castledare area. See photo below



Note-All submissions for this public access options are to be forwarded to WRRRA's Acting President by 10 July 2016, where they will be reviewed and a report and recommendations made to WRRRA's AGM on Wednesday 20 July 2016.

After all comments have been considered at the WRRRA AGM and any adjustments made to WRRRA's position, the preferred option will then be forwarded as a submission to the City of Canning Council for consideration as part of their future management and implementation of the Kent Street Area Master Development Plan.

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Underground Power.

Those residents of Wilson who missed out on underground power installation in the past will be pleased to know that their homes have been included in the City of Canning's latest application for Round 6 of the State Government's **U n d e r g r o u n d P o w e r P r o g r a m** . This was the result of a survey carried out on behalf of the council of those properties affected.

Some 60 applications were received by Western Power from all over the State when the bidding process closed on April 29th. Therefore to be successful in the highly competitive bidding process is dependent on many factors, however the result of the City's application will be made known in late August or early September 2016. *ND*

ISSUES FOR COUNCIL

Help make our suburb a more liveable place by reporting issues.

Information from and reporting to council may be accessed during office hours, in person at the Council Offices by phoning 1300 422 664 or emailing customer@canning.wa.gov.au .

The City's Ranger and Community Safety Services may be contacted 24/7 on the same number.

By-laws relating to parking, the use of verges and verge collections may be found on following website :

<http://www.canning.wa.gov.au/P/parking-local-laws.html>

Verges: <http://www.canning.wa.gov.au/V/verges.html>

Waste: <http://www.canning.wa.gov.au/W/waste.html>

The City also produces information pamphlets for collection at the Council Office and distributes Waste Collection information with your annual rates notice.

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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 within Wilson.

WRRRA Membership Subscription Form 2016/17

To join the Association, 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.....

PHONE..... E-MAIL.....

Please contact me to discuss WRRRA Committee Nomination

Payment via Bank Transfer (See Website link - http://wrra.org.au/Membership_Flyer.pdf for bank details).

Or Post form to WRRRA, PO Box 1060, Cannington WA 6987 with Cash (Note only) or Cheque made out to "Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association"