



# 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 AGM

Wednesday, 15 July 2020

@ 7pm

Wilson Community Hall

Braibrise Road, Wilson

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## Editorial

### MOVING ON FROM COVID-19

We have seen so much change since our newsletter six months ago, most notably the COVID-19 pandemic.

Western Australia did a fantastic job at flattening the curve, and City of Canning residents definitely did their bit, with only fourteen of WA's six hundred plus confirmed COVID-19 cases.

On top of the economic and employment turmoil, which hit many Wilson residents hard, seeing the local parks, playgrounds, and services closed was heartbreaking, especially for children, who's lives had been turned upside down. Being 'locked out' of the world we knew and being told to 'stay home' sounded far easier than it actually turned out to be. No doubt many Wilson residents have felt a little stir crazy in the last couple of months.

Moving forward, we are all going to view life as we know it differently.

The lesson here is that we have learned to appreciate again what we once took for granted, whether that be enjoying a coffee whilst we let the kids run amok in the playground, going to the local recreation centre, or even being able to get a haircut.

It is exciting to start seeing the world begin to open back up, having our lovely public spaces and facilities open again for use, seeing local businesses able to open their doors to customers again.

I believe it is important that we look to support local businesses as local business owners are our neighbours. Vibrant communities have a great mix of residents and small businesses who are invested in the community.

Whilst we aren't sure of what 'a new normal' is, we do know that things are going to continue to get better.

Don't forget the WRRA AGM at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 15 July 2020, Wilson Community Hall, Braibrise Wilson. Hope to see you there.

Stay happy and stay safe

**Ben INDRISIE**

## KENT STREET WEIR PRECINCT POSITION PAPER

WRRRA has commenced the process of preparing a Kent Street Weir Precinct Position Paper.

The paper focus on the area as of benefit for

- Residents
- The Environment
- Passive Recreation Area for people of all ages, focusing on families.

The Paper will reflect issues such

- Improvement to the aesthetics of the approach to the Precinct.
- Focus on environmental features.
- Traffic Flow and Parking.
- Underground Power.
- An area of tranquillity for all residents and visitors.

The position paper can be found on the WRRRA website

Residents are invited to provide comment from about the development of the Precinct be emailing [secretary@wrrra.org.au](mailto:secretary@wrrra.org.au) or and to attend the WRRRA AGM on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Wilson Community Hall.

**Rob Marshall**



## SUBMISSION TO THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLANNING COMMISSION (WAPC) METROPOLITAN REGION SCHEME (MRS) AMENDMENT 1365/57 (MINOR AMENDMENT) PT LOT 4 FERN ROAD AND PT LOT 102 CASTLEDARE PLACE, WILSON

On behalf of the Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association

Issues with the proposed Amendment to the MRS

1. The two areas of land in Lot 4 and Lot 102 that are 'asbestos containment cells' cannot be revegetated or be open to the public and should not be rezoned into the CRRP.
2. The large trees surrounding the proposed residential development should be given the highest level of protection. The developers have indicated they will 'consider' the protection of the trees. Previous experience with the developers (at Cygnia Cove) would suggest that the trees could be removed if they impact on the planned development.
3. The WAPC should set aside or acquire sufficient land to be rezoned as Public Open Space (POS) on the eastern side of Lot 4 and Lot 102 aligned with the western side of the Wilson Main Drain (WMD) which will provide, at the least, the required minimum 50m buffer to the Conservation Category Wetland (CCW), land for the Castledare Miniature Railway, the proposed Principle Shared Path connecting Fern Road with Bywater Way and the existing large trees.
4. The land set aside or acquired for POS should include all the large trees within the boundary of the CCRP allowing for an adequate protected root zone and to ensure falling leaves and branches do not affect the safety of the residents.
5. The WAPC, in determining the area of land to be set aside or acquired as POS, and the proposed development, should consider the migratory nesting habits of Long Necked Turtles, resident in both the CCW and the WMD - no walls and fences impeding access to nests - and, impacts from water bores and surface water runoff on the water table and water quality in the CCRP.

**Peter Morcombe**

## CATS AND AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE BY THE NUMBERS

We know feral cats are an enormous problem for wildlife – across Australia, feral cats collectively kill more than three billion animals per year.

But pet cats are wreaking havoc too. On average, 186 animals per cat per year. If you own a cat and want to protect wildlife, you should keep it inside.

In Australia, 1.1 million pet cats are contained 24 hours a day by responsible pet owners. The remaining 2.7 million pet cats – 71% of all pet cats – are able to roam and hunt.

What's more, your pet cat could be getting out without you knowing. A radio tracking study found that of the 177 cats whom owners believed were inside at night, 69 cats (39%) were sneaking out for nocturnal adventures.

Many owners believe their animals don't hunt because they never come across evidence of killed animals. However, on average, pet cats bring home only 15% of their prey.

Many native animals don't have high reproductive rates so they cannot survive this level of predation. The stakes are especially high for threatened wildlife in urban areas.

Pet cats living near areas with nature, such as the Canning River Regional Park, also hunt more, reducing the value of places that should be safe havens for wildlife.

*Based on an article first published in **The Conversation**.*

In addition to sterilising, micro-chipping and registering your cat, the City of Canning recommends :

- Installing an outdoor cat enclosure,
- Not allowing your cats to roam. Keeping cats indoors protects them from injury, avoids nuisance behaviour and prevents unwanted breeding. Cats kept inside live longer than cats that roam.
- Ensuring your cat wears a collar and bell. However, it does not stop hunting.

To report lost or straying cats - contact the City of Canning Ranger and Community Safety Services team on 1300 422 664.

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**Peter Morcombe**

## SURREY ROAD PARKING UPDATE

WRRRA have previously raised with the City of Canning the issue of overflow parking from the Lo Quay Precinct parking on both sides in Surrey Road. The congestion leads to a narrow gap for vehicles to drive through and a nightmare for some Surrey Road residents entering and leaving their properties.

This request to introduce parking controls in Surrey Road will provide an uncongested thoroughfare and less obstructed access to properties was acknowledged by the City and is currently considering if the introduction of parking controls on Surrey Road would be warranted to address the safety and access concerns.

The City canvassed local residents to determine the extent of the issue and is considering an introduction to of a kerbside parking prohibition along the east side of Surrey Road which will discourage kerbside parking in the street and improve safety and access for residents. If this prohibition is implemented it will still allow parking on the west side of Surrey Road, as this is the footpath side of the street, and the direction of the westside parking could discourage spill-over parking could discourage Lo Quay patrons from parking in Surrey Road at all.

**Ben Indrisie**



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

***Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday,  
15 July 2020***

***at 7:00pm Wilson Community Hall, Braibrise Road, Wilson  
Nominations of new Committee Members most welcome***

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

### WRRRA Membership Subscription Form 2020/21

Join (or renew) your subscription via the New WRRRA Members' Portal  
<http://wrrra.org.au>.

Alternatively, provide the following details and enclose \$15 for 3 years membership.

NAME.....  
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PHONE..... (OPTIONAL)

**[ ] Please contact me to discuss WRRRA Committee Nomination  
Post form to WRRRA Treasurer, 54 Queens Park Road, Wilson WA 6107  
with Cheque made out to "Wilson Residents and Ratepayers Association"**

**You can also deposit the form in the WRRRA Box at the Eureka One Stop Deli.  
[Cash Payments are NOT recommended for Security Reasons]**