

Waterside Residents Association (Inc.)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I wish to inform our Waterside Members that the security service Corporate Enforcement and Security Australia (C.E.S.) ceased operations in Mandurah on June 30th this year.

Your committee successfully appointed a replacement Security company called **Armsec W.A.**, who started security patrols on July 1st. **Armsec** is owned by Mark Winsor who was previously the operations manager for M.I.G. (Mandurah Industrial Guards). M.I.G. was our security company for many years but became too expensive, forcing your Committee to seek alternative replacement Security companies.

We are fortunate that **Armsec** is very familiar with our service requirements, knows the Waterside precinct and we were able to contract **Armsec** until December 31st. 2018.

To continue our security service Your Committee will be seeking a significant increase in membership costs in 2019, and I will spend time at our AGM to explain our future options in detail.

In the meantime, I encourage you to read the article on page three written by your Committee member Mark Wall, who has explained our situation.

Jeff Marsh WRA President

NEW CONSTITUTION

To comply with the new associations legislation, WRA needs to review and revise its constitution.

If you are interested in taking part in this process, please contact Diane Gilbert via email <u>diane.gilbert@iinet.net.au</u> or mobile 0417 925 522.



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AGM NOTICE: INVITING ALL WATERSIDE RESIDENTS

Please make a calendar note of this Year's AGM

WHEN: November 4th at 10am

WHERE: HALLS HEAD BOWLING AND RECREATION CLUB 3 STICKS BOULEVARD ERSKINE.

Please make a special effort to attend this important event. We invite you to arrive at 9:45am and join your committee and friends for coffee, tea and biscuits.

This will be a significant meeting as we must decide on the future of Waterside Security Services.

The Annual General Meeting is open to all Waterside Residents whether you are a financial member or not.

We have four members of your Committee resigning their positions, so we are seeking interested parties to replace the Waterside Secretary the Waterside

Waterside Secretary, the Waterside Treasurer, a General Member and your Waterside President.

For set-up and catering purposes, please let Diane Gilbert (<u>diane.gilbert@iinet.net.au</u> or be attending.

SITUATIONS VACANT

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

OUR WATERSIDE COMMUNITY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE COMMITTEE FOR 2019.

mobile 0417 925 522). know if you will

We encourage everyone to attend.



Security Under Threat?



For years the residents of Waterside have benefited from a security service that patrolled our streets 2-4 times a night to reduce crime and anti-social behavior.

This benefit of living in a secure area was carried on the shoulders of about 210 of our 350 residents who supported the Waterside Residents Association (WRA) with a \$100.00 annual fee.

But that security arrangement could be about to come to an end.

The history

Since inception the security firm MIG conducted patrols for about \$20,000.00pa. Early in 2016 they advised that they were losing money and could not continue to provide the service at that figure. The renewal figure quoted to continue was \$45000.00 3 x 25min patrols and \$60000 for 4 x 25min patrols. The committee set about finding a replacement at a price closer to the budget available and did so by appointing PSS in May 2016. In March 2018 PSS advised it was a loss making exercise and withdrew their services. Again the committee sought and found a replacement in CES Australia who commenced in March 2018 at an annual fee of \$22600.00. This did not last, and that operator advised that not only could he not continue at that figure, and he was closing his business.

Do you want a security service to patrol your street 3-4 time a night, 365 days a year?



Cost increases

At the time of writing a new operator has been appointed for a 6 months period at \$22600.00 with a patrol pattern of, Mon - Thu, twice a night, and Fri, Sat & Sun 3 times a night. This will continue cover while allowing time for the all members, to have a say and to decide if they wish to continue. A suitable service will cost in the region approaching \$45000.00 per annum (Invitations to quote will be sent to all companies soon and be available for the AGM). This increase will mean that membership fees must increase to \$200.00 if the same 210 people renew, it would only be \$150.00 if all residents were to pay. But life being as it is, there will always be some who will not pay, and ride free at the expense of others.



The dilemma hurdle Α is commitment. If an increase in fees results in members more their withdrawing support the whole



By Mark Wall

matter is mute. The committee is left with the dilemma that they cannot commit to a contract with the security service supplier without the confirmed financial support of at least 210 members at \$200.00pa.

It is up to you

The questions that will be put to you in Octobers AGM are very simple;

- Will you support the WRA with membership?
- Do you want a security service to patrol your street 3-4 time a night 365 days a year?
- Are you prepared to pay \$0.55c a day (\$200.00pa) to get that service?



I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters.

Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer?

Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

A loud TV or radio is a good additional deterrent.

The Security Report by Rosemary Ball

This summary highlights some of the work being done across our suburb every night of the week.

Residents are encouraged to close gates and remember to remove anything of interest from their cars.... We have had a big spate of car break-ins and thefts in the last few days around the other suburbs surrounding this area. Encourage all residents to close access gates and keep cars secured.

12/06/2018 11:32 PM 2329: White Holden Commodore - XXXXX loitering on Pallinup. One occupant in driver's seat - gender unknown, age unknown. Wearing a white beanie and white jumper top. On second patrol occupant had left vehicle and was parked on verge outside of Pallinup. When originally sighted, vehicle was parked on different verge in Pallinup.

17/06/2018 10:23 PM 2215: Whilst on standby in boat ramp carpark I observed a trail bike ride recklessly in the reserve opposite the ramp. The motor cycle was white and orange. Make or model was not obtained. I drove in the same direction of the bike in the hope of locating an address, but the bike continued through and across the bridge. Commenced patrols. Footage will be reviewed in attempt to gain identifying features that can be provided to WAPS.

17/06/2018 10:37 PM 2236: Internal light of vehicle parked in driveway in Donnelly. Occupant advised.

Sunday, 22/07/18: Rego XXXXX – Waterside Drive – fishing – left on next patrol.

Monday, 23/07/18: Rego XXXXX – Waterside boat ramp – hanging out side phone box – lit car up, occupant waved then went to phone box – gone by time came back 5mins later. Lots of debris from the severe winds the other night.

All boats kept their moorings on each canal section that I can see. Most people are now closing their gates and garages which is great to see!

Rego XXXXX – leaving waterside boat ramp at 0002hours. – 3 occupants – no damage or ill behaviour spotted in vicinity.

25/07/18 Donnelly Gardens- garage door open. Pontoon boat/trailer left on grassed area in Waterside Drive

28/07/18 Ashburton Ct garage door left unsecured, able to secure. Car parked at boat ramp (no occupants)

29/07/18 De Grey Cl garage door open, notified owner.

Mark Winsor. Director / Security Agent.<u>admin@armsecwa.com.au</u>



Water Matters by Bill Backshell

Official Height/Clearance in navigation channel under the new (Town) bridge.

After asking the question of DoT and some considerable time waiting, I have finally had a reply regarding the header subject.

According to DoT the official height/clearance at Highest Astronomical Tide is 4.4m. This is the lowest section which is on the town side of the navigable channel (portside when approaching from seaward). This measurement does not account for periods of "storm surge" which will reduce clearance further.

The Starboard side of the channel is marginally higher, but still less than the bridges over the Port Mandurah canal. However, I have had verbal information that the greatest height/clearance is immediately on the Western side of the pylons adjacent to the Starboard side of the marked channel, and that the water there has no obstructions. The reason given for the channel not being located in this area is because of the proximity of the swimming platform which is moored nearby and used by many kids during the swimming season.

The information given above is passed on for boat owners reference only and no responsibility for content or accuracy is taken by the Waterside Residents Association. All boat owners are reminded to do their own checks before transiting under this bridge.

Cray fishing

For those who may not have seen/heard the announcement, be advised that the Fisheries Department has advertised that there will be no closed season this year, so all those very keen fishers may still set and pull their pots throughout the winter months.

Crabbing

However, the closed season for crabbing still remains in force for our local area. This runs from 1st September to 31 October each year.

Canal Pollution

Unfortunately, reports have been received of resident(s) and contractors continuing to use the canal as a rubbish disposal unit. Reports include at least one resident sweeping general "small" rubbish into the canal, and others of contractors blowing lawn clippings into the water, and, a concreter washing down into the water. Apart from being very disappointing to hear this, it is also illegal to pollute the waterways, and hopefully those who are abusing our beautiful waters will desist from doing so in the future.



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