



Welcome to this Special WRA Newsletter

This special edition of the WRA Newsletter is to let all Residents of the Waterside Precinct know the outcome of the Annual General Meeting of Waterside Residents Association Inc on 4 November 2018. It also supports the sending out of the Invoices for annual membership and we urge you all to respond quickly to this to maintain and improve the security services and enable some new benefits and projects to be commenced.

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Annual General Meeting Brief Report

The AGM on 4 November 2018 saw the resignation of a number of Committee members including the long term WRA President Jeff Marsh. A parting message from Past President Jeff Marsh is on page 4 of this Newsletter. His Annual Report for 2017-18, which was presented at the WRA AGM, will be in the next WRA Newsletter in early 2019, together with the talk by Mark Winsor of Armsec WA, our security service contractor.

Stephen Mawhinney was elected as the new President of WRA and he is supported by ongoing Committee members Bill Backshell and Robyn Dixon and two new elected members, Roseanne Oliveri and Colin Gilbert. Their roles and contact details are on the Committer list on Page 5. We need another four or five Committee members to bring it up to strength and an email was sent out by the President last week asking for support.

There was a record attendance of 74 at the AGM, plus proxy (email) voting of around 30 on the Security level and cost. There was strong support to continue and improve the Security Service now delivered by Armsec WA, with the consequent increase in subscription fee to cover the improved service. There was also some support for a second tier of membership with a lower fee for those not wanting the Security Service.

Please read our new President's introductory letter on Page 2 to learn about some new proposed directions for the WRA and a new Membership and subscription structure involving the opportunity for residents not participating in the Security Service to pay a much lower subscription for membership of WRA to access other community benefits.

Please see the Subscription Invoice attached. As we really need the funds to manage cash flow at the start of our year, we have a reward for prompt subscription payment. If you pay by 31 January 2019 you go in a draw for a first prize, available only to those paying the Level 2 Security Service Subscription, which is Mandurah Cruises Vouchers valued at \$398.

The second prize is a refund of the subscription fee you actually paid. There will be two separate draws for the Membership Subscription refund, one for each level of membership. See details and conditions on Page 4 of this Newsletter.

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Letter from new WRA President Stephen Mawhinney

Dear Members and Residents,

In just less than a month as your President I have come to learn some of the challenges that former President Jeff Marsh has had to preside over and appreciate more the qualities of Jeff who served our Waterside community as Association President for eight years, of the ten years as a committee member.

For the time and effort that Jeff gave to Waterside for so long, and in particular over the last eighteen months when he had to negotiate contracts with three different security patrol service providers, all of Waterside are indebted to Jeff and Di Marsh for their significant contribution to the betterment of our community. Thank you both for all that you have done for Waterside. Our community wishes you both good health and much happiness in your retirement.

A VISION FOR WRA

Looking to the future, my vision is for Waterside to be viewed as a thriving, progressive Association that is highly valued by its members, and is a model that other associations aspire to. To this end, as stated at the AGM, as a catalyst for change I committed to:

- Developing a security strategy for Waterside that will see the most cost-effective security solution for the next 3 to 5 years being implemented.
- Enhancing the social fabric of Waterside.
- Enhancing the committee's efficiency and effectiveness, to get more done with less, whilst providing more tangible value to Members.

NEW MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE

The first decision that your committee has taken to ensure the fragile financial viability of the Association is strengthened, and the Association can prosper in all its endeavors, is to introduce a Membership fee of \$25 which is devoid of security patrols, and a Security fee of \$184 which includes membership and security patrols.

To date, your Association has functioned on a shoe string budget, mainly funded by charging for advertisements that appear in the Associations quarterly newsletter, as membership fees have been used to pay for the security patrol service. The new Level 1 membership fee will enable your committee to:

- Evaluate and adopt programs and initiatives designed to provide cost savings or other benefits to Members.
- Foster greater community social interaction through the organization of a greater number and variety of events.
- Streamline administrative processes and enhance communication between your committee and Members, and between Members, through the adoption of a phone, tablet and internet based App.

SECURITY PATROLS TO BE INCREASED

In line with the "mandate" from the 2018 AGM, security patrols are aimed at being increased to 4 patrols per night (28 patrols per week), up from the current 2 patrols per night Monday to Thursday, and 3 patrols per night Friday to Sunday (17 patrols per week).

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This is on the basis that all current 220 Members pay the new Level 2 - Security Membership fee of \$184. Should insufficient Members renew their subscription fee the planned number of security patrols per week will be reduced accordingly.

The cost of the patrol service to WRA Members is the cheapest in Mandurah. An equivalent service from Armsec for a single household would cost \$895. Armsec WA is also offering WRA Members an alarm alert call out service for a special rate of \$40+GST, normally \$55+GST. Note also, that a copy of the presentation that Mark Winsor, Director of Armsec WA, gave at the AGM will be in the next WRA Newsletter early in 2019.

CANAL MATTERS

Bill Backshell and I met with the Waterside Canals Waterside Advisory Group this week. Numerous items regarding our canals were discussed, including an update on sea level studies, removal of silt from the entrance to Waterside, funding of dredging operations, life expectancy of our concrete canal walls and how to maintain the walls, and a study that is to be undertaken into the impact on the integrity of the canal walls from decaying barge boards and the potential associated safety issues. Details of this meeting will be in the Association Newsletter to be published in early 2019.

COMMITTEE PRIORITIES MOVING INTO 2019

Your hard working, diligent Committee, will have met twice and exchanged scores of emails by the time you receive this letter. The Committee's priority items include:

- Recruitment of five additional Committee members
- Setting clear, measurable objectives for 2019
- Renewal of the Security Patrol contract
- Development of a security strategy for the next five years
- Prioritisation of potential projects/initiatives to provide Members with a tangible return on their membership fee
- How best to fund canal testing and maintenance in the medium to long term
- Evaluation of a Waterside Members App
- Development of an events calendar for 2019
- Organising judging of the Christmas lights and ensuring Santa arrives on time from the North Pole to deliver gifts to Waterside residents on Christmas morning!

On behalf of your Committee, Bill, Roseanne, Robyn, Colin and me, we wish all residents of Waterside a very Happy, Healthy, Safe Christmas, and we look forward to serving you in 2019.

Stephen Mawhinney
President

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Letter from WRA Past President Jeff Marsh

A SPECIAL THANKS ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY COMMITTEE, AND WATERSIDE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS .

I have served on the Waterside Committee for the past 10 years and been your elected President of the Association for the past 8 years.

And I have now moved on to other challenges. And so to each of the Committee members, current and past, I thank you on behalf of myself and Waterside Residents for your support and commitment during that time. I will certainly miss the Committee's Fellowship and productive discussion and their generous hospitality enjoyed at our regular meetings. The Waterside Residents Association is worthy of the highest praise for its work, and is the envy of a number of similar organisations.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all continuing success in the future.

kindest Regards



JEFF MARSH

Pay Your Subs On Time and Win

The WRA Committee needs to have confirmed numbers of subscribers as soon as possible so the security service contract can be renegotiated. To encourage prompt payment the Committee will run a draw with fantastic prizes. Just pay your annual subscription to the WRA Treasurer by **5pm on 31 January 2019** to be eligible. The First prize is vouchers valued at \$398.00 to be used on any **Mandurah Cruises** event including scenic and adventure dolphin cruises, wild seafood experience, and a floating restaurant. Only those taking Level 2 Membership, which includes Security Patrols, are eligible for the Mandurah Cruises first prize. The winner of this prize will not be in the subscription refund draw.

There will also be two separate draws for the two Levels of Membership for the refund of subscriptions actually paid, \$25 or \$184 as appropriate.

The draw will take place on Thursday 7 February 2019, with results announced shortly after.



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Christmas Events on the Canals

22 December - Judging of Christmas lights

Your Committee and some helpers will tour the Waterside Canals to judge the Christmas lights on Members houses. The best lights will be rewarded by a catered cruise provided by Mandurah Cruises in April 2019. Make sure you switch on your lights on 22 December.

25 December - Santa on the Canals

We have arranged for Santa to distribute bags of lollies to the kids by boat on the canals, starting around 10:30 am Christmas Day, so watch out for his boat and listen out for his bell and get down to your jetty or wharf to greet him and make him feel welcome!

Useful Numbers:

Speeding Boats	9431 1000
Water Police	9442 8606
Maritime Rescue	1800 641 792
Mandurah Police	9581 0222
Police Assistance	131444
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
City of Mandurah Rangers	9550 3777
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