



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 4th February 2019

A very Happy New Year to all Waterside residents! Our summer so far has been magnificent, bringing our pristine environment to life and giving Mandurah real vibrancy!

A big welcome to our 3 new Level 1 Members and the 12 new Level 2 Security new Members who joined this year.

Thank-you to all 2019 Members for collectively ensuring the financial viability of the Association, and to all security patrol Members for accepting a significant increase in the subscription fee.

In the last twelve weeks since the November AGM your new Committee hit the ground running, with much good news to report!

- There has been no incidence of crime reported in Waterside in the last 90 days!
- The Christmas Lights judging was a great success with 106 Waterside households displaying external Christmas lights! Thank you to Len and Jane Kernaghan for the loan of their pontoon boat that carried the judges. Thank you to Trevor Thomas for being skipper, and to Linley Thomas for being a judge, along with volunteer judges Barb and Dave, and two Committee member judges. A great night was had by all!
- Santa and his Elf brought much delight to residents on Christmas morning touring the canals on his pontoon sleigh, courtesy of the Kernaghan family once again.
- Our first 2019 WRA social event, the Raft-up, took place on Saturday afternoon 2nd February. Five boats rafted-up and two smaller boats also attended what was a great social event. The 35 Members, advertising sponsors and guests, had such a good time anchors weren't pulled up until almost 10pm! But for the strong winds five other boats with 20 residents onboard would have attended! New WRA sponsor, Mandurah Yacht Sales owned by Managing Director, Carl Segreto, provided a selection of refreshments for all attendees, which was greatly appreciated. This is the first such event of its type to be held on our canals!
- Further events under consideration include:
On the water Canal Concert, Foreshore Social BBQ, Ambrose Golf Day, Christmas in July, Coach Day Trip & a Seniors Luncheon.

Attention WRA Level 2 Security Members: If you paid and do not have a red sticker we must have missed you so please contact us via the new email address treasurer.wramandurah@gmail.com

• Those who have not paid for 2019 will now drop off the list sent to Armsec defining the membership and receive no further service. You can still pay your Subs and re-join, it is not too late. Go to www.watersidecanals.com.au/membership

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The WRA Committee

Your Committee has been a small dedicated team of only five members, three less than the Constitution minimum requirement. We have met monthly and have agreed to do so for at least the next three months, but, without at least another three, and preferably five additional Committee members, the level of service to Members will be greatly curtailed and projects that can provide significant benefits to Members will not see the light of day! Thus, the WE NEED YOU notice in this newsletter!

We have been most fortunate through the recent busy Membership subscription renewal period, to have long standing former Committee member Diane Gilbert, act as Treasurer and manage the labor-intensive member invoicing process so diligently. Diane's dedication and support has been exemplary. Thank you, Diane, for your tireless contribution and gallant, selfless support. We look forward to continuing to work with you on re-writing the WRA constitution over the next few months.

A summary of significant items and initiatives currently being addressed by your Committee:

- An informative meeting was held with the **Mandurah Canals Waterways Advisory Group** in November. WRA Committee to decide on need for re-introduction of Special Area Rate for dredging and maintenance of Waterside canals or draw down on current fund (established up until 2010 when the City of Mandurah stopped the SAR levy at the request of WRA). Refer to report on Canal Matters, by Bill Backshell.
- Following **two explosions that occurred in the Waterside canals** on December 14th, 2018, under a permit granted by the City of Mandurah, your Committee delivered a formal request to City of Mandurah to ban blasting in Waterside canals. A reply to this request is yet to be received.
- Three **Advertising Sponsors** from last year will be renewing their sponsorship for 2019 – Acton (John and Vicky Gardner), Seamac (Colin McDonnell) and Mandurah Oedema Clinic (Mel Horton). Please support these sponsors who are financially contributing to our Association.
- **Evaluation of the introduction of a rapid communications App** for use by Members, has commenced. The results so far have been positive. All App pages are dynamically duplicated on a website, so Members with an email address who do not want to download the App to their smart phone or tablet, will benefit from the tool also. A sponsor has been obtained to under-write the cost of the App, should it be introduced.
- **Peel Planning Authority** has been assisting your committee with providing clarity on the boundary of the Waterside Estate. A definitive statement on the boundary is expected by 31st March 2019.
- A new **Security Patrol Contract was signed with Armsec WA** for the period 1st January 2019 to 31st October 2019, with flexibility on the number of nightly patrols to be provided pending the Membership subscription renewals.
- **Development of a CCTV system strategy** to monitor all access points into the Waterside Estate has commenced. Meetings are being held with CCTV surveillance consulting companies. The objective is to provide Members with a higher level of security

(24 x 7), all year round, at a lower cost over the medium to long term. Initially, CCTV surveillance may be used along with a security patrol service.

Membership update

As at the end of January, subscriptions received for Level 2 Security Membership is close to sufficient to increase the number of security patrols to 3 per night. We are expecting that by March we will be in a position to formalise the increase in patrols with Armsec.

It is clear from an analysis of the subscriptions by street, received so far, and from discussions with proactive Members within those streets with a high percentage of Security Members, that it is as the result of direct contact and discussion by these proactive Members that their neighbours renew their subscriptions. One comment received was "so and so never reads their emails", but when approached by their neighbor with a friendly reminder, the householder renewed their subscription! If every current Security Member was to talk to at least one neighbor who doesn't have a 2019 Membership sticker on their mail box or garage door, and remind them to pay their subscription, we could yet increase the number of nightly patrols not just to 3, but to 4 patrols per night which Members really want. Go on, approach someone in your street who has not so far renewed their Membership and remind them to do so!

Congratulations to the 2019 Membership Draw Winners!!

*First Prize: Mr and Mrs Newcombe
Mandurah Cruise Voucher (\$398)*

*Level 1 Subscription Rebate \$25.00 Rob
and Josie Jennings*

*Level 2 Subscription Rebate \$184.00
Barb Neumair and Dave Rosenthal*



Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Newcombe!

In the last 90 days, your hard-working committee has made progress in numerous areas that support our objectives of:

- Developing a security strategy 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.

If, in reading this, you would like to be part of this team, and help shape a more secure, more engaged, more vibrant Waterside community, please contact us.

Stephen Mawhinney *WRA President*

Canal Matters by Bill Backshell

Waterside Canals Waterways Advisory Group (WCWAG) Meeting – November 2018

In addition to the item in our President's Report regarding the Special Area Rate (SAR) the following may be of interest to our members/residents.

Dredging of the Port Mandurah canals Northern entrance was completed mid-December and City of Mandurah (CoM) was asked who pays for such works to be carried out. In this case it was advised that Port Mandurah pay 41% and CoM pay 59%.

To date the Waterside Canals have not required any remedial dredging so we have been protected from outlaying any of our SAR's money which is held by CoM. However, this could change, and your committee will be looking at the best way forward regarding the remaining funds still held in our SAR account.

Water depth surveys within the canal estates are undertaken by CoM at varying intervals, but not exceeding two years.

Sea level studies are still ongoing with Nick Wright, the CoM Coastal Engineering Research Assistant doing a good job at it.

For those of us who refer to the Tide Times in our local community newspapers, the section Mandurah – Fisherman's Wharf is most relevant to our canal area.

Repair/replacement of canal wall barge boards was again discussed at WCWAG and as written in previous WRA newsletters this is and will remain the responsibility of the property title holders. It was indicated that CoM has the capacity to issue a work order on any public or private structure that is deemed a safety risk. CoM have advised they will commit to having a Coastal Engineer review the



Waterside Canal Wall Fascia Boards – Member Discount

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role that the barge boards play in the integrity of the canal walls. As very few of us have done anything about this issue, may I suggest that those who have done nothing so far, seriously consider at least getting the condition of their boards and bolts assessed by an experienced contractor so as to avoid a formal work order or be a cause of a boating

accident from broken away/drifted barge boards. I'm sure that Colin from Seamac (a WRA sponsor) would be pleased to assist you. Contact him on 0402 788 908 or email colinm@seamacmarine.com

In November 2018, Natalie Lees from CoM sent out an excellent letter to canal property owners about keeping our waterways clean. I hope everyone had a good read of it and will continue to make every endeavour to keep rubbish, lawn clippings, etc out of the water to prevent pollution.

Our resident black swans are still gracing our canals. If they come up to your property, please do not feed them bread as it is not good for them. If you want to feed them give them some lettuce or similar vegetable matter. They do love fresh water and we will put the hose out with just a trickle for them to hang around and drink for a while.

Still on birds, please, please DO NOT feed the seagulls as doing so encourages them to hang around and nest during the season, not to mention the mess they make on our boats and jetties. I have had a report of one "holiday house" having so many nests on their property that over 80 eggs were counted.

As we know, the maximum speed limit in the canals is 5 knots, but there is also a NO WASH requirement. So, if at 5 knots your boat is creating a large wash just slow down a bit – it will only add another minute to the trip up to the top end of the canals. As I live close to the canal/estuary entrance I have all boats from the visitor's boat ramp and residents' properties pass by my place and I've noticed that it is not always the visitors who speed/create a big wash.

I understand that DoT have been checking registration numbers on vessels, so all boaties please make sure yours are current, visible and in good condition.

Crabbing from our jetties has picked up well with some good-sized crabs being caught mainly early morning or evening times. Remember, from the jetty it is 10 crabs per fisher per day and if out in your boat the maximum is 20 crabs only if there are two or more license holders onboard (10 if by yourself). Minimum size across the carapace is 127mm so hit Tuckey's Tackle or BCF and get yourself proper gauge if you don't already own one.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

It is with regret that we inform Members and Residents of the passing of Lance Crocker.

Longer term members of our Waterside Residents Association will remember Lance as a Committee Member and President who was responsible for the design and build of the entry statement of Waterside precinct on the corner of Leslie Street and Waterside Drive, and the Pelican statue at the entrance of Blackwood Parade.

Lance's funeral was attended by many Waterside residents, including past and present Committee members.

The condolences of the Waterside community are extended to Lance's wife Toni and to their family."



People of Waterside

WE NEED YOU

The committee needs to increase in numbers.

Come join us to help keep the WRA alive, relevant and vibrant!

Contact any committee member for further details..(see last page)

The Security Report (1st OCTOBER to 31st DECEMBER 2018)

There were no significant security issues reported by ARMSEC during the fourth quarter of 2018. Your committee is also not aware of any burglaries having taken place during this period.

RECURRING INSTANCES OF GARAGE DOORS LEFT OPEN - Causing Concern

Over the last three months, ARMSEC has provided on average 18% more patrol time than the 20 minute patrols WRA is paying for. This is largely due to the time patrol personnel spent servicing and recording garage doors left open, the lack of funding by members for 25 minute, much less 30 minute patrols, and ARMSEC endeavoring to do the right thing by WRA in providing a quality service. However, it is unfair for those Members who leave their garage door open repeatedly, to have other Members in effect pay for their tardiness, much less expect ARMSEC not to be paid in full for the service they provide in ensuring garage doors found open are then closed.

In the last three months one Member left their garage door open on 4 occasions, another Member on 3 occasions and 6 Members on two occasions. Only one of these Members had a faulty door. Rather than WRA pay ARMSEC more for an increase in the duration of patrols to cover the open garage door issue, or charge the Member for each time a security patrol vehicle stops to close their garage door, your committee is asking all Members to:

1. Form the good habit of checking every evening by 9.30pm that your garage door is closed. It's a good habit like cleaning your teeth before going to bed!
2. Install a small garage door open alarm/alert device to warn you that your garage door is open. There are numerous devices available on-line, most are inexpensive.
3. Some garage door automatic openers can be set to close a selected period after the door opened ie be set to automatically close, say, 5 or 10 minutes after it opened. Check your garage door operator's manual to see if your door has this feature, or check on-line, or phone your service agent to check if your door has this feature and how to set the timer.

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SPEEDING SECURITY PATROL VEHICLES

An issue raised by members over the years, and which is not restricted to any one of the four security patrol companies WRA has contracted in the last three years, is that of patrol vehicles speeding through the Waterside estate. To limit the potential for this to occur, the Contract signed with ARMSEC this month, includes a speed limit for patrols of no more than 40kph. ARMSEC's patrols are typically carried out at less than 20kph, and they have GPS trackers installed in their vehicles that record the speed that patrols are carried out at. The over-riding fact is however, we are paying for patrols to be completed in 20 minutes, so patrols vehicles travelling at 10 to 15kph for the duration of the patrol is

not practical, unless the duration of patrols is increased with a corresponding increase in cost to Members.

On the evening of Sunday 13th January, I accompanied Mark Winsor on his first patrol for the evening, to see first-hand how a patrol was conducted. Mark used his bright torch extensively although I felt the patrol was carried out in a speedy manner overall. The patrol took a full 30 minutes with no stops as no garage doors were found to be open. So, completing the patrol in 20 minutes, as per the Contract, would have been even more rushed, providing less time to be fully observant at all Member properties.

Your committee is continually looking at initiatives to provide Members with an overall acceptable level of affordable security.

GOOD SECURITY HABITS

Whilst it is pleasing to report that no known burglaries or theft occurred on Member properties over the Christmas and New Year period, security is everyone's responsibility, and now is a good time to review all aspects of security around your home. Make an action list of all areas requiring a security upgrade, and all the additional good habits you will form to enhance your family's security and the security of your neighbours. Read Mark Winsor's presentation to the AGM last November, a copy of which is available from our website or request a copy from one of our committee members.

Stephen Mawhinney *Security*

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Christmas Lights at Waterside by Robyn Dixon

With 45% of all waterfront homes putting on a light display this year; the festive spirit was alive and bright for those travelling by boat at night.

Committee members once again took to the waters in December to view and judge the array of lights that so many residents had spent time setting up for others to enjoy during the Christmas Season.

It was a difficult task sorting out the overall the winners due to the sheer number of displays and matching house numbers in the dark of night.

Congratulations to all those with a light display and we look forward to continuing this great community event next Christmas.

For WRA members who made it onto the winners list, look out for an invitation to join in the WINNERS CRUISE (includes free nibbles and soft drinks with the option to purchase alcohol from the on-board bar) to be held on the Sunday afternoon of 28/04/2019 courtesy of Mandurah Cruises.



The Top Two Light Displays 2018

Sue & Winston of Waterside Canals
Gillian & Neels of De Grey Close

Highly Commended

49 Blackwood Parade
19 Donnelly Gardens
10 De Grey Close
11A Waterside Drive
Unit 6/10 Waterside Drive
Unit 5/10 Waterside Drive
37 Waterside Drive
16 Fortescue Court
121 Leslie Street
2, 17, 20, 24 Donnelly Gardens
17 Warren Place
53 Waterside Drive
11 De Grey Close
10 Fortescue Court
15 Waterside Drive
23 Donnelly Gardens
40 Warren Place
U2/10, U5/1, 39, 92, 93 Waterside Dr
27, 43 Blackwood Parade
3, 7, 13, 18 Ashburton Court



Christmas Day at Waterside by Robyn Dixon

Once again children and adults alike awoke to the sound of Santa and his assistant elf travelling around our canals ringing that familiar Christmas bell and offering bags of lollies to those who were out and about. Many thanks to the efforts of committee members and other local volunteers for supplying and bagging up 100 lolly bags, the local heroes for supplying Santa with the trusty **MV G&T pontoon** and the Christmas elf who assisted on the day!! To all those who gave up their time to help create a wonderful Christmas morning we say **THANK YOU!!**



Australia Day Flotilla Fun



WRA First Raft Up 2nd Feb 2019



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- Water Police** **9442 8606**
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