

Waterside Residents Association (Inc.)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT May 2019 By Stephen Mawhinney

Your committee was been working diligently for six months now and being halfway through the membership year it is a good time to report on achievements that support our strategy and vision.

As stated in the special newsletter in December, the vision is for WRA to be viewed as a thriving, progressive Association that is highly valued by its members, and is a model that other residents associations aspire to. At the last AGM I committed to:

1.Developing a security strategy for Waterside that will see the most cost-effective security solution for the next 3 to 5 years, being implemented.

In this regard we have developed a three-tier security framework for Waterside residents, which includes:

- CCTV surveillance of the perimeter and access ways to the estate, including canal access.
- Securing the public areas of the estate by providing residents with smartphone app technology for rapid, electronic distribution of photographs and details of suspicious activities, vehicles, and individuals, taken within the estate, to any, or all of - Armsec, Mandurah police, immediate neighbours, those living in a particular street, island or zone; to boat owners in the case of a break in on a boat, to dog owners in the case of witnessing a dog attack, etc, etc.
- Assisting residents with advice, guidance, tips, SMS reminder notices, and more, on the most effective ways of securing their property. Including, the development of a preferred supplier program for security products and services, to save residents money and time in researching and purchasing security solutions by making use of the collective buying power of our community. For example, should some residents wish to also continue with a security patrol service, this could be provided at an additional cost.

The security strategy includes documenting all processes and procedures required for the effective implementation and on-going operation of the strategy as a project, known as e-Gate Security (an electronic gated community). The project will be packaged to be transferable to other communities and as such has gained the support and praise of David

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Templeman MLA, Zak Kirkup MP and Mayor Rhys Williams, when the project proposal was presented to each of them individually in recent weeks. We are seeking support of the Mandurah Council in funding what is proposed as a joint CoM - WRA project. The outcome in this regard should be known over the next few months. Port Mandurah Residents Association is also looking into the e- Gate security project initiative.

2. Enhancing the social fabric of Waterside.

To date, we have organised the annual Christmas Lights 'Thank You' Cruise and introduced two new Waterside experiences of the Raft-Up event and the Canal Concert, which were non-traditional, but most successful, judging by the accolades your committee has received from attendees. Next month will see the first of regular 'Meet and Greet' gatherings over coffee, where Members will have the opportunity to meet a few committee members, and socialise with Members, at a local café. There is also a plan to organise a coach trip and luncheon during the winter months, and further events in spring.

We also are seeking a WRA Member willing to take on the Community Services folio on the WRA committee. This role would include identifying social needs within our Waterside community that could be met with a little organization, such as starting up activity groups (e.g. cycling, kayaking, walking, dog walking etc), arranging outings for seniors aged 80 plus, providing assistance to new residents including organizing 'Meet and Greet' gatherings for new residents, and introducing an enoticeboard for residents wishing to sell, buy or loan items.

3. Enhancing the committee's efficiency and effectiveness, to get more done with less, whilst providing more tangible value to Members.

There is significant opportunity for reducing inefficiencies in several of the traditional committee activities, including collecting subscriptions, organizing the judging of Christmas lights, organizing the "Thank You" cruise, and communicating with Members and residents. Two thirds of our committee work full time, and most, if not all committee members are time poor!

Strategies under consideration for reducing or eliminating low level tasks and improving the committee's effectiveness in servicing Members include:

- Following the path taken by Port Mandurah Residents Association whereby all rate payers within their prescribed boundary are automatically association members, and City of Mandurah provides funds to PMRA for the cost of administering the association.
- Communicating with Members/residents solely electronically including by email, SMS, social media platforms, and an app to facilitate member voting and community surveys. Also, through greater use of the WRA website for information dissemination, including in conjunction with SMS notifications to Members/residents to refer to the website for community news items and updates to content.

Currently, we are undertaking a review of our electronic and communication systems and practices and evaluating various electronic programs with a view to providing committee members with the means to carry out their role more efficiently. The Next Door app is one program being evaluated.

4. Committee Membership

As a direct result of the Canal Concert, 2 Members and 2 new Waterside residents expressed interest in joining our committee. Two of the individuals are to officially join the committee on 29th May.

Regrettably, Colin Gilbert has resigned from the committee this month for health reasons. Colin made a strong contribution since being elected as a member last November. He was the voice of experience and wisdom, whose clear thinking, attention to detail, and considerable knowledge, will be missed. His role as webmaster has been taken on by Mel Horton.

5. Committee Priorities for the balance of this membership year

- Gain the support of City of Mandurah to implement the e-Gate Security Project.
- Assist Members with keeping a heightened awareness of security measures they should be taking to improve property and neighbourhood security. Including, supporting and promoting the Waterside Security Forum to be held at 10am on Saturday 15th June, at the Halls Head Bowling Club, 3 Sticks Boulevard, Erskine. This important meeting is being organised by Zak Kirkup MP, with a speaker from Mandurah police, to address the rise in crime in Waterside and Dudley Park this year. The proposed security e-Gate security project will also be presented.
- Have WRA members adopt a new constitution based on government sanctioned Model Rules, to be presented at the AGM to be held on Sunday 29th September 2019.
- Identify remaining areas of committee activities that require efficiency gains and implement changes in all priority areas by year end, to streamline systems and processes to enhance committee operations, responsiveness and effectiveness.
- Establish a formalised relationship with Mandurah police to address local crime, including seeking the deployment of vehicle number plate recognition cameras at the two road entries into the estate.
- Recruitment of an official WRA Secretary. Mel Horton is our committee minute taker, with the balance of Secretary responsibilities being shared amongst other committee members, which is not a satisfactory situation!
- Organise quality social activities and events on a regular basis, including supporting R Marine Mandurah in the staging of a second canal concert and BBQ in spring.
- Secure a grant to purchase a defibrillator to be installed in a public area within the Waterside estate.

With winter approaching and numerous residents being away to escape the colder months, homes are more vulnerable to burglaries and break-ins. I would encourage all residents to make a special effort to attend the Waterside Security Forum on Saturday 15th June, at 10am, at the Halls Head Bowling Club, to discuss Waterside security needs today and over the long term. Please register at red <a h

I look forward, along with Sue Hoskin and other committee members, to meeting Members at Seafood Nation, Dolphin Quay, for coffee and cake from social committee funds, on Sunday 16th June at 10am. This is an opportunity for Members to get to know, and ask questions of committee members, and for committee members to understand what is on the minds of Members, in an informal environment. Your input and feedback are always valued.

Canal Matters by Bill Backshell

Over the past couple of years there have been numerous questions asked by Waterside residents and within our Association committee regarding the wooden "barge boards" which are bolted along the top outer face of our canal walls. I have over the time tried to answer them and have written several articles in this newsletter about them.

Some of the questions mainly asked are:

- Whose responsibility is it to maintain them? (and the walls?)
- Does the City of Mandurah (CoM)carry out inspections of our walls/barge boards, and if so, how often?
- Do the "barge boards" form part of the structural integrity of the walls?



Waterside Canal Wall Fascia Boards - Member Discount

The fascia board on your canal walls are becoming unstable due to rusting steel bolts and rotting timber, indeed some have fallen off completely and are hazards to marine traffic. The canal wall and jetties are the responsibility of the home owner. We permanently fix your fascia boards by installing 316 marine grade stainless Steel bolts fixed with Hilti Chemical Anchor.

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As part of our Waterside Canals Waterways Advisory Group (WCWAG), myself and other WRA committee members, meet on a regular basis with CoM Marina & Waterways management and the above questions have been raised with them. I am pleased to say that we now have some information to answer them.

A recent report conducted by Advisian Structural Engineers conclude that the barge boards do not provide structural stability to the tops of the wall panels, but from my personal experience as a qualified Marine Engineer and Surveyor of ships and many other types of floating and fixed marine structures, I firmly believe that they do indeed provide some assistance to prevent or at least reduce movement of the wall panels.

Some owners have removed the boards entirely, some have replaced the boards and rebolted them, and several others, including myself and four of my neighbours have had the existing boards professionally refastened. Refastening is a relatively cheap and effective method of retaining the barge boards. (Check Seamac's Ad above)

Apart from the safety aspect where boards have fallen off the walls and drifted out into the navigable areas of our canals, those property owners that have broken boards, boards missing, or boards just in really bad condition, and/or jetties that are in poor condition are making the Waterside waterways areas look very neglected, and I would urge all owners to have a look at these items and see what they can do to help lift the visual image of our surrounds.

The pages that follow show correspondence that highlights important and relevant Waterside information.

- 1. A letter from the Manager for Marina & Waterways titled "Canal Wall Responsibility"
- 2. Text of an email from Manager for Marina & Waterways outlining CoM's involvement with regards to wall/boards inspections.
- 3. A copy of a report carried out by Advisian who were contracted by CoM to investigate whether the barge boards form part of the structural integrity of the walls.

Dear Owners

Canal Wall Responsibility – the following is provided for your information only and does not require a response.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind canal lot owners that any maintenance and/or insurance obligations for canal walls are the responsibility of the property owner. All canal walls are enclosed within the cadastral boundary for each individual lot title.

Clause 6.1 of the Jetties, Waterways and Marina Local Law 2019 states:

Maintenance of waterway-edge walls

(1) an owner of property shall maintain any waterway-edge wall within their property to the satisfaction of the local government. Where the canal abuts public open space, the City of Mandurah has responsibility for canal wall maintenance.

This notification is not formal and has been requested by a number of Waterways Advisory Groups who represent canal lot owners in a formal capacity to facilitate waterways management issues pertaining specifically to canal estates and with specific emphasis on management issues covered under the Specified Area Rate – SAR.

We would recommend, at the very least, visual inspection of canal walls on an annual basis. Such inspections may look for the following features:

- Subsidence or settling of pavement or earthworks on the land-backed side of the wall
- · Vertical alignment of the wall to ensure that the wall is not slumping
- Visual inspection of the integrity of the mortar between blocks
- · Visual signs on the face of the wall for any cracking or displacement of blocks
- Visual signs of any vegetation adjacent to the wall where root structures may impose a load on the wall

We acknowledge that some of these features may be present and confer no risk at all to the overall stability and integrity of the wall. If an inspection identifies any of the above features or other features not mentioned here that you feel may put the wall at risk then an inspection by a suitably qualified engineer may be warranted.

It would also be of benefit to check with your property insurer regarding coverage of the canal wall and also under what conditions, environmental or otherwise, that damage or failure of the wall may not be covered by the relevant insurance policy.

We have no reason to believe that this notification has any urgency at all but is merely delivered to you as a courtesy for your information.

Kindest regards

Dr Neil Carroll Pho Manager Marina & Waterways

Dear Bill

Generally speaking, we do not perform a formal inspection of private canal walls. You could describe our approach as a passive approach given how often we are out on the water in our work boat. In such circumstances, we make observations from the water and on a few occasions, we have been concerned enough to contact the lot owner asking them to take a closer look. Canal walls that abut public open spaces should be inspected annually by our asset management team and this had been the norm until a few staff changes impacted on this approach. Our aim is to retrain one of the new asset management officers when time allows.

The City has had a working group (planners, engineers, building compliance/survey and environmental health officers) reviewing canal walls in general with an emphasis on replacement of walls (height, construction methodology and materials). We have reviewed a number of policies from other local governments that have canal estates, particularly in Queensland. While these policies have provided a valuable insight into different management approaches to seek structural compliance, none of them have addressed accommodating potential sea level rise in design aspects relating to replacement.

There has certainly not been any consensus on the way to move forward and at this stage, our planning department will accept any applications for wall modification on a case by case basis until such time that a more rigorous or prescriptive policy has been developed to guide such applications.

I hope this helps a little in understanding our current position.

Kindest regards

Dr Neil Carroll PhD Manager Marina & Waterways, Mandurah Ocean Marina



Figure 1 Timber Boards Attached to the Top of Wall



Background

The canal walls in the Waterside Canal Estate have a timber barge board affixed to the top of the panels. In some instances, due to the deterioration of the timber and/or fixings the boards have fallen away from the panels. Some residents have elected to re-install the boards whilst others have not.

Advisian was engaged by City of Mandurah to investigate whether timber barge boards affixed to canal wall panels form part of the structural integrity of the walls, and if they are required to be reinstalled.

Site Visit and Document Review

On 08 March 2019, a site visit was carried out by Reza Lotfi, Lead Marine Structural Engineer from Advision, in attendance with Chris Abbiss and Nick Wright from City of Mandurah. A section of the canal wall was inspected during the site visit.

The following documents, provided by City of Mandurah, were also reviewed:

- Ewing Consulting Wall Report 1994
- Waterside Mandurah Canal Subdivision Mooring Envelopes Sections and Details Drawing
- Waterside Mandurah Boat Ramp Precast Elements Drawings

Observations and Comments

Observations from the site visit and document review are as follow:

- The walls are 3500mm max high by 2400mm wide pre-stressed, pre-cast concrete panels.
- Major structural function of the panels is as a retaining wall with a nominal 1100mm retaining height.
- The timber barge boards are affixed to the top of the panels with bolt fixings at 1500mm centres approximately. See Figure 1 showing the typical arrangement.
- Top of the timber board is flush with (or slightly below) top of the wall and the timber is attached to
 the canal side of the walls.
- The fixings and the joints along the length of the timber board do not appear to structurally match the wall arrangement and wall joints.

Conclusions

Based on above observations and comments, it can be concluded that the existing timber board does not form part of structural integrity of the canal wall panels.

WATERSIDE SECURITY REPORT - CONCERNING STATISTICS!

The increase in Armsec security patrols from 17 to 19 patrols per week effective 1st April 2019, with the extra patrols being carried out during higher crime times of weekends, is minimal in combating the significant increase in dwelling burglaries that Dudley Park has experienced and Waterside seems to have experienced in the last nine months.

Crime statistics are only available from the WA Police website for Dudley Park, not specifically Waterside, and currently stand at 82 dwelling burglaries in Dudley for the nine months up to 31st March 2019, compared with 51 in total last financial year, and 88 in total the previous financial year. With one more quarter of statistics to be recorded for this financial year Dudley Park on a straight line prediction basis is on track to have the highest number of dwelling burglaries in the last ten years, which would be 17% higher than the next highest year of 2012-13 when 93 dwelling burglaries were recorded. It would also be a 114% increase on the 51 dwelling burglaries recorded for last year, 2017-18. The population of the Waterside estate is approximately 11% of the population of Dudley Park, although the social demographics of the estate would make it, along with Mariners Cove, a prime target for theft and break-ins.

In Waterside this financial year criminal activity that your committee is aware of includes:

- Multiple break-ins, burglaries and attempted break-ins in Ashburton Court in the September quarter last year.
- Theft of a Yamaha 2200v generator from a locked box on the rear of a caravan parked on a driveway at Ashburton Court, six weeks before the break-ins in Ashburton Court mentioned above.
- 5 cars had their windows smashed at the foreshore end of Waterside Drive on the Australia Day long weekend in January.
- Guns were stolen from a property in Blackwood Parade in March.
- Multiple break-ins and burglaries took place along Waterside Drive and in Fortescue Court two months ago.
- A 35 year old bonsai in a large pot was stolen from beside the front door of a property in Donnelly Gardens. The front of the property is not visible from the road.
- Altercations and interactions with suspicious individuals have also been made known to committee members.

Armsec have alerted me to a few of these instances, two instances I directly experienced, and the other instances were heard third hand. It would be appreciated if Members would advise me, or any committee member, of criminal activity in Waterside as and when it occurs, after contacting the police of course. Mandurah police do not inform your committee as to crime reported in Waterside, something which we are working on rectifying.

Ironically, in contrast to the record year for dwelling burglaries that Dudley Park is experiencing, Halls Head which includes the Port Mandurah canals, is on track to have its lowest number of dwelling burglaries in the last ten years. The president of Port Mandurah Residents Association (PMRA), who I discussed these statistics with yesterday, considers that this is due to the high number of canal properties with CCTV camera installations. PRMA do not provide any form of security service to their Members, however, the PMRA committee support the WRA e-Gate security project proposal and will look at implementing the e-Gate approach once the City of Mandurah formalises the project with your committee.

Garage Doors Open

It was pleasing to note that after my request to Members in the February edition of the WRA newsletter, to be mindful of checking on their garage roller door every evening to ensure it is securely closed, in March Armsec only reported finding one garage door open, the lowest monthly number of garage doors left open in the last six months! Compare this with the 19 garage doors Armsec had to secure in October!

Unfortunately, in April 14 garage doors had to be secured by Armsec, so again, will those security Members with roller doors please set the alarm on their mobile phone to remind themselves to check their garage door is secure before they retire each evening. Given that Armsec patrols are limited to twenty minutes per patrol, every time a patrol officer stops to tend to an open garage door, the faster they have to drive to complete the patrol round, the less effective the round is, and the more complaints we receive from Members! Consideration is being given to withdrawing the garage door closing service from those Members whose garage roller doors are found to be open the most, in fairness to all other Members.

ARMSEC WA

Making it easy for thieves!

Mark Winsor who owns Armsec, has advised that Members should not leave garden tools sitting out for would be thieves to use. This includes axes, spades, forks, and small hand tools that he and his patrol officers regularly see around the front of homes. All tools should be locked away, out of sight when not being used.

Armsec can provide Waterside residents with the following services, in addition to the nightly security patrol service provided to WRA Members:

Power resets – For alarm systems, CCTV systems, internet and general household electrical appliances, including any tripped RCD switches due to power surges.

Holiday homes – Checking of home inside and out, ensuring reticulation, power and general items are still in good order.

- Flushing toilets to ensure they do not get a build-up of rust.
- Collecting mail and removing all junk mail and papers from site to give appearance of someone still living there full time.
- Ensuring pools are in working order and clean, notifying noted pool technicians if maintenance is required.
- Cleaning any alarm devices of cobwebs etc.
- Whilst onsite, airing out home to ensure does not get musty or stale.
- Starting of any vehicles or checking of battery chargers to maintain vehicle efficiency.
- Costs are based on physical onsite requirements.

CCTV Monitoring - Mobile CCTV monitoring from our 24/7 vehicles.

Alarm Responses - \$45.00 + GST for the first 20 minutes onsite, then \$22.50 per 15 min block thereafter – this can include a full check of home and reset of alarm system.

Duress Responses – Billed the same as alarm responses – If a resident thinks there is someone in their yard or home, or require assistance for genuine emergencies.

Security assessments – Advising residents of any possible weak spots around their premises and ways to minimise likely theft or damages. This may include CCTV and alarm installation advice.

Call Mark Winsor today on 0430 339 500 for an obligation free quote on any security requirement you may have, or email me at admin@armsecwa.com.au

Mark has requested that all Members ensure they remove all loose items from the inside of their cars when parked outside, and not in a locked garage. Such items are enticing to thieves and too often trigger car break-ins.

Over winter, we ask all WR Members to support each other in ensuring nothing is left to chance where good security practices around the home are concerned. Help keep Waterside secure.

You are invited to a

WATERSIDE SECURITY FORUM Hosted by

Zak Kirkup MP

Your Liberal Member for the District of Dawesville

As your Member for Dawesville I understand that local residents are concerned about crime in our community and I would like to hear about your experience and views.

During the forum strategies to address the rise in crime in our local community will be discussed including the proposed Waterside Residents Association e-Gate Security Project initiative.

Special guests

Mandurah Police, Sergeant Harry Russell

Waterside Residents Association President,
Stephen Mawhinney

Date

Saturday, 15 June 2019

Time

10am

Location

Halls Head Bowling Club, 3 Sticks Blvd, Erskine

RSVP

Please register your attendance by: email to zk@kirkup.com.au or call 9534 3200



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WATERSIDE WRAP UP- Things you should know about...

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Canal Management Advisory Group - Port Mandurah Canals

Canal Management Advisory Group - Waterside Canals

FROM:

Allan Claydon

Director Works and Services

DATE:

5 February 2004

FILE NO:

A00120 (ACtc:4511)

SUBJECT:

Canal Management Advisory Groups

Information that can be made available to the Waterside and Port Mandurah groups is as follows:

Subject: Artificial Canal Waterways – Mussel Ownership

Advice from the City's Corporate Lawyer confirms that the act of taking mussels from canal walls and jetties without the property owner's consent to enter the property and remove the mussels is illegal trespass.

The granting of exclusivity for the jetty and mooring envelope by way of a seabed lease and jetty license combine to allow for the exclusion of unauthorised persons. To enter and/or utilise the facilities within the leased area without permission by the owner would constitute an action which is pursuable via civil action as trespassing.

The actual removal of the mussels is not clear as there is no direct definition available in the Criminal Code (1913) which would relate to stealing. Wild animals in the enjoyment of their natural liberty are not capable of being stolen.

The only practical recourse the owner of a canal property would have to prevent mussels being removed from the property would be for the owner of the private property to assert rights with respect to the act of trespass.

Public Liability in Relation to Jetties on Waterside Canals

Some years ago, a discussion paper on the legal obligations Waterside jetty owners have, but may not be aware of, was made available to residents. Given that there are numerous new owners of waterfront properties with jetties, since the discussion paper was first published, the WRA committee has recently made the paper available on the WRA website for all residents to refer to at

www.watersideresidents.asn.au/documents/ then click on link below photo.

It may be that not all standard home insurance policies include Public Liability coverage, consequently some Waterside jetty owners may not be covered for Personal Injury insurance claims, or loss or damage to property claims related to their jetties. Owners of jetties without appropriate insurance cover should be aware of the design, approval and administration process risks that the Department of Transport is transferring to jetty licensees through the indemnities afforded by the Jetty License Deed terms and conditions.



WATERSIDE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COFFEE MORNING

Come and meet some of your hardworking COMMITTEE members including Sue Hoskin and Stephen Mawhinney,

WHERE: Seafood Nation, Dolphin Quay

WHY: For coffee and cake (paid for from committee funds)

WHEN: Sunday 16th June at 10am

RSVP: 12th June to Sue Hoskin or Stephen Mawhinney (see last page for

contact details)

Waterside Residents Association Slogan Challenge!!

Calling all creative minds to the task of forwarding suitable slogans for the possibility of refreshing our logo for letterheads/publications and other future marketing ideas.

Bring them along to the coffee morning or simply forward your ideas to one of your friendly committee members to be presented at our committee meetings.

Keep on the lookout for any updates in the next newsletter!!



Christmas Lights Thank You Celebration Cruise



A great night was had by many WRA residents who contributed to the beautification of our canals during the festive season of 2018/2019.

A big thanks to Mandurah Cruises our sponsor for providing this relaxed and very enjoyable evening for many of our residents.











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