



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT August 2019

*By Stephen Mawhinney*

Some of you will be reading this far away from the Mandurah winter either caravanning up north, travelling the world, or visiting family or friends interstate, whilst others will still be here, working or enjoying the peacefulness of Waterside. No matter where you are, let me give you an update on WRA activities and the workings of your committee through this winter so far.

We have been working diligently on the eight priorities detailed in my last newsletter update, with mixed results:

- Drafting of the new WRA constitution has been completed and will be available for viewing by Members on-line by early August, giving a 6 to 8 week viewing period prior to endorsement by Members at the AGM to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- The Waterside Security Forum organised by Zak Kirkup MP on 15<sup>th</sup> June, was well attended with almost 60 residents present, all but one being WRA members. Sergeant Harry Russell from Mandurah Police gave an informative talk on the increase in crime in Mandurah and Dudley Park, including Waterside. He stressed the importance of residents providing police with details of any, and all, suspicious incidents or activities within our community, as all information provided is recorded and referenced as appropriate in tracking down criminals. The contact numbers for reporting suspicious activity/persons/vehicles etc. and actual crime, are available at the end of this report.

Zak Kirkup gave his endorsement of the WRA committee e-Gate security project proposal, that I presented to forum attendees.

Subsequent to the forum, Zak sent out a community email notice seeking support for a petition calling on the WA State Government to fund more police officers in Mandurah and a permanent 24-hour police presence in the Mandurah CBD. This is in response to publication of last financial year's crime statistics which show:

- Crime in the Mandurah District to be up 8%
  - Home burglaries in Herron to have increased 207%, and in Dudley Park to have increased 60%
  - Halls Head has seen an 87% increase in commercial burglaries
- To sign Zak's petition go to <https://www.kirkup.com.au/more-police>

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### Social Media Links

<https://www.facebook.com/watersidecanals>

NEW CONSTITUTION is:

<https://watersidecanals.com.au/documents/>

[www.watersidecanals.com.au](http://www.watersidecanals.com.au)

[Watersideresidentsmandurah@gmail.com](mailto:Watersideresidentsmandurah@gmail.com)

### WRA Next Social Event:

Sunday 25th August  
Coffee and Cake \$6  
10am at Seafood Nation  
Mandurah Marina  
Dolphin Quay

**AGM 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 10:30am**



- As of 11<sup>th</sup> July, the City of Mandurah advised that no funds would be available for the e-Gate security project CCTV cameras this financial year, so rather than wait for up to another two years to obtain City funding, with no certainty of success, your committee is considering alternative funding, including from Members. The e-Gate security strategy has also been expanded to include closure of all emergency access ways (EAWs) and increase lighting in public areas including street and path lighting. Discussions on funding of these enhancements to e-Gate are to be held with City CEO, Mark Newman, in August.
- Furthering our focus on improving the social fabric of our community, Sue Hoskin is organizing our second Meet and Greet, coffee and cake event, being held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, again at Seafood Nation, Dolphin Quay. Also, immediately after our AGM on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a WRA lunch for all Members to attend. Mark these events in your diaries and calendars right away!
- We have officially been advised that our grant request from St Johns Ambulance for a defibrillator has been approved, as we have successfully completed the major stages of the application process. The public area where the defibrillator will be located is being finalized. Potentially we may have two defibrillators with public access located within the Waterside estate, one on Waterside Drive, and the other along Blackwood Parade.
- Establishing a more formalized relationship with Mandurah police is progressing, including that Mandurah police have agreed in principle for WRA members to be able to communicate with them under the e-Gate project using the **Nextdoor App** (<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/nextdoor-neighborhood-app/id640360962>) to inform police of suspicious persons/vehicles/activities within the estate and include photographs where available.
- In your committee's quest to improve efficiency and productivity in the workings of the committee, including communication with, and the level of service to Members, the following steps are being taken:
  - Include in the proposed new constitution that all Waterside rate payers automatically become WRA members, thereby significantly reducing membership administration whilst maximizing Member numbers and removing the divide as to who are, and who are not, Members.
  - Encourage Members who have not provided us with an email address to do so, as we move our communication with Members at large to electronic communication only, by email, SMS notifications, the Nextdoor App and making greater use of information sharing via the WRA website. This could bring about a social interaction benefit by select Members who receive WRA information electronically agreeing to pass on relevant aspects of the information to Members who do not use communication technology, mainly the more elderly in our community. The main benefit however will be a reduction in time, effort and cost of printing, plus a reduction in stationery and postage costs in mailing WRA newsletters and notices to property owners who live outside Mandurah.
  - To get around the restriction imposed by internet service providers whereby bulk emails can only be sent out 20 at a time, your committee has invested in a bulk email management program that has no restrictions on the number of emails that can be emailed to Members in bulk, and has no ongoing charge at our current

volume rate. The main benefit of this initiative is that the committee member tasked with sending an email to Members can do so in a single step instead of up to eighteen steps, as has been the situation for years!

As well as the above-mentioned actions being taken, committee members have been documenting processes and procedures as time allows, to assist future committees minimize their learning curve, unlike our new committee this year! This leads into my final point.....

▪ **Recruitment of an official WRA secretary.**

Not through lack of a concerted effort by the committee to obtain a Member willing to take on the full official secretary role on the committee, we have since the formation of the committee last November, been unsuccessful in securing a secretary willing and able to perform the committee secretary role in its entirety. After six months of having no secretary on the committee, Mel Horton, at my request, kindly agreed to take the minutes at our committee meeting in early May. At that meeting seeing how desperate we were for a secretary, Mel offered to continue taking minutes as an appointed member of the committee. The committee duly appointed Mel as Secretary, but for minute taking only, as she did not have the time for other aspects of the role, which I continued to perform. Mel has however, subsequently taken on the Systems and Webmaster Member position, following the resignation of Colin Gilbert, as well as run her new business!

Unfortunately, fulfilling the role as President, Security Member, and partial Secretary, is consuming considerably more time and effort than I would like. I ask therefore, if you are able to assist as Secretary, with or without the minute taking, for the remaining three months of this membership year, will you please contact me at [President@Watersideresidents.asn.au](mailto:President@Watersideresidents.asn.au). The tasks to be performed include:

- preparing the notices required for meetings and for the business to be conducted at each committee meeting
- coordinating the committee calendar and actions list
- dealing with the Association's correspondence,
- filing minutes of the committee and general meetings
- carrying out AGM secretarial activities
- taking custody of all books, documents, records and registers not retained by the Treasurer
- carrying out requests under the constitutions rules as required by the committee

Lastly, Mayor Rhys Williams attended our committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May, providing us with the opportunity over two hours to discuss the issues facing our community including increased crime, and aging canal infrastructure including canal walls, barge boards and jetties. Mayor Williams in turn outlined his view for the City of Mandurah including that the City is moving to work with the community, rather than work for the community. Much of what he raised has been reported in the local press recently but having open dialogue with the Mayor is of significant value to our Waterside community as together we endeavor to build an even better, safer, vibrant Mandurah.

**NOTICE: Annual General Meeting**

**WHERE: Mandurah Offshore Fishing and  
Sailing Club**

**WHEN: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September @ 10:30am**

## Canal Matters by Bill Backshell

Well, it seems winter has set in properly with the usual strong winds and rain and keeping most of us off the water so there is not a lot to write about just now.

A lot of us Waterside residents (and those from other areas) will be aware of the “homeless” man living aboard his homemade little houseboat. Over the past few months he has moored up opposite the public toilets in the waterside park adjacent to the bridge, up at the Leslie Street boat ramp embankment, and I believe, also over near the Mariners Cove boat ramp.

Quite a few concerned residents have been in contact with us (WRA), and with the Mandurah City Council. WRA have had discussions with Council/Rangers and the Department of Transport (DoT), and both organisations have advised that they are dealing with the situation as best they can within the Legislation/Bylaws.



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A few weeks back one of our residents (who shall remain nameless) had a bit of bad luck following one of the very heavy overnight downpours when upon waking the following morning, he discovered his runabout very down by the stern alongside his berth. Fortunately, strong ropes held the

boat up to some degree, so the motor was not fully submerged. He's since reported that all is back in working order without too much of a hit to the back pocket. An automatic bilge pump may be on the agenda!!

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While the winter months can be cold and blustery there are also some great days weatherwise for a spot of fishing. However, for those venturing out into the ocean to partake in the joys of fishing, please still take extreme care – check the weather reports, log-on/log-off with Sea Rescue and wear your lifejackets (particularly if alone onboard). The inflatable type is very comfortable to wear while fishing and are very reasonably priced – a great investment for all fisherpersons/boaters.

## The Security Report by Stephen Mawhinney

The number of garage doors that have been found open by Armsec Security Patrol officers since October 2018 has averaged almost 10 per month, with a total of 85 for the nine-month period. Three households together, out of 172 security Member households, have contributed to 21% of garage doors being left open. It is pleasing to note that after discussing the issue with two of the three said households, no further reports of their garage doors being found open have been logged.

The number of doors left open during the wet months of May and June, since my last security patrol report, has been below the average for both months.

On 25<sup>th</sup> June, a shopping trolley full of bags and backpacks was reported on the verge close to 26 Donnelly Gardens. The trolley was reported to the City of Mandurah ranger who placed a 24-hour removal notice on the trolley, but days later the trolley remained. During this time a stolen vehicle was lifted by crane out of the adjacent canal between Leslie Street and Donnelly Gardens island, making the headlines of some TV news reports!

The number of security Members has increased by three in the last few months, but the total number of WRA security Members still remains 46 less than last year, such that security membership this year continues to be by a minority of households whereas last year a majority of Waterside households were WRA security members.

At the recent Waterside Crime Forum organised by Zak Kirkup MP, the local Police reinforced with attendees how important it is that residents try to report every incident of crime. Here are numbers and links below for reporting crime and requesting police attendance:

- *Emergencies/urgent Police attendance call 000*
- *For non-urgent Police attendance call 131 444*
- *Crime stoppers 1800 333 000*

*Information relating to how to report crime can be found using the link <https://www.police.wa.gov.au/Crime/Report-a-crime>*

*Speeding and hoon behaviour can be reported using the link <https://www.police.wa.gov.au/Your-Safety/Antisocial-behaviour/Reporting-hoon-behaviour> or by ringing 131 444.*

The reporting of this information provides evidence and statistics to Police which highlights the problem areas to target.

This link explains how you can reduce your risk of being a victim of crime

<https://www.police.wa.gov.au/Crime/Victims-of-crime/How-to-reduce-your-risk>



If you have any other local Police enquiries that are not life threatening please contact the Mandurah local Police at [MandurahPoliceStation@police.wa.gov.au](mailto:MandurahPoliceStation@police.wa.gov.au) or ring 9581 0222.

## WRA Important Dates to Remember

### WRA 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 @\$6.00 per person

WHEN: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 10am

RSVP: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to Sue Hoskin or Stephen Mawhinney (see last page for contact details)



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**Waterside Residents Annual General Meeting**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019 @10:30am-12noon

WHERE: Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club

Breakwater Parade Mandurah

Your committee invite you to join us for this important meeting and then stay for lunch afterwards

MOSFC serve a tasty Sunday Roast Lunch for \$17 per head

All Waterside Residents are invited to attend the AGM.

Voting: Members eligible to vote are current financial WRA Members. Positions vacant are:

President, Vice President. Secretary, Treasurer

Canal Matters, Webmaster & Systems

Events Coordinator, Estate Matters

Security Patrols and Newsletter

**RSVP INFORMATION**

**Please RSVP to Events Coordinator Sue Hoskin [Events@watersideresidents.asn.au](mailto:Events@watersideresidents.asn.au)**

0409 882 746

Please advise of

- a) *Meeting attendance Names*
- b) *Lunch attendance Roast of the Day or A la Carte Menu*
- c) *If you are a MOFSC Member (membership number) or non-member*

*Note: MOFSC membership is not required to attend the WRA AGM or dine at the restaurant, it is a requirement for the guest list formalities....*

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### Useful Numbers:

**Speeding Boats**            **9431 1000**  
**Water Police**                **9442 8606**  
**Maritime Rescue**        **1800 641 792**  
**Mandurah Police**        **9581 0222**



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