

Regional Park is spick and span

THE Canning River Regional Park Volunteers thank the 50 or more people who helped to clean up the Regional Park on Clean-up Sunday.

More than 60 bags of rubbish were collected, while some members also cleaned the Canning River in canoes.

Also, thank you to the Stocklands shopping centre that provided a great coffee and muffin break, and bottles of water.

*Dick Stone,
chairman,
Ferndale.*

Cost burden will be huge

I WOULD like to reiterate and support the views of Stuart Buss (Underground power a burden, *Canning Times*, February 24).

My elderly mother is also a single pensioner and resident of Wilson. As with Stuart Buss' mother, the \$4250 (minimum) charge will represent a huge financial burden.

As mentioned in the letter, the survey was not presented as a vote on whether to proceed and that non-returnees would be counted as in-favour votes.

I would like to challenge the council to put the survey in reverse, i.e. see if the 75 per cent that did not reply will now reply in favour of underground power (as the council is assuming they are in agreement with the scheme).

Considering the economic environment and the

forthcoming increase in power charges you would hope the council would not impose such a financial burden on its residents and ratepayers.

*Max Jamieson,
East Cannington.*

Pensioner's wish dogs Kevin

THE poor old struggling pensioners

*Left out in the cold,
Their crime against society*

*The act of growing old.
If I could have one wish
I know what it would be,
I'd wish I were a dog
And Kevin Rudd a tree.*

*Bob Webb,
Belmont.*

Leaking pipe wastes water

WHY is Canning council still allowed to water its parks and gardens during the middle of the day when you and I are not?

The State Government has water restrictions making it illegal to use sprinklers during the day and yet the council has on numerous occasions watered its parks and gardens with sprinklers in the middle of the day.

Adding insult to injury, the council has not fixed a burst water pipe that has been pumping water across a cycle path near the Kent Street weir in Wilson.

This pipe started leaking back in September. The council was notified but didn't act; so the Water Corporation was notified and yet nothing was done.

A month later the council was notified again and still it did nothing. A month later someone erected a couple of sign near this algae and bacteria-covered cycle path warning pedestrians.

I gather the council did that but it still has not fixed the leak.

There is hazardous blue green algae amongst other things growing in the slimy goo on the path and the leaking water pipe continues to feed this.

*R. Laurie,
Riverton.*

Canning people badly served

IT appears that the Mayor of Canning and some of his councillors have finally lost the plot.

The decision by council to walk away from the resource recovery centre that it helped establish and develop is incomprehensible.

To most reasonable people the way to make sure that this centre operates in accordance with established conditions is to be represented on the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council.

With Cr Bruce Mason deciding to resign and Canning council not providing a replacement representative, that has effectively left the City of Canning without a voice on the regional council.

As the regional council was set up under an Act of Parliament, Canning has a legal responsibility to elect a member to this council.

This is a matter that needs to be investigated by the Minister for Local Government.

Furthermore, Canning council has placed in jeopardy an investment by the ratepayers of many millions of dollars.

The regional waste management facility has been built on land leased by Canning to the regional council until 2050 and it will continue to use the site to process waste from the other member councils.

Canning is legally required to continue to pay its contribution to the council even if it does not use it. In addition it will now have to find alternative sites for our rubbish.

It can try to see if councils beyond Perth are willing to become the dumping ground or it may try to get a new site.

The fact that the Department of Environmental Protection has not given a single new landfill licence for a number of years might prove to be a problem.

Any way you look at it, the people of Canning have been badly served by the group of councillors that now have control at Canning.

*Norm Snell,
Shelley.*