



KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

# NEWSLETTER

## October 2009

### KRA AGM

#### **Come along and have your say!**

The Kensington Residents' Association (KRA) AGM is your opportunity to get involved with your community and have your say on the future of our suburb.

With 75 current members, our Association seeks to provide a voice for all Kensington residents and warmly welcomes new members and new ideas.

Over the last 12 months we have:

- hosted regular Sundays in Borthwick Park and Happy Hours at local hotels;
- organised a day of Kensington garage sales;
- communicated and consulted widely with our members on issues of local importance;
- advocated to Council on behalf of residents on specific issues;
- met with the Mayor and lobbied Council on your behalf on development issues, traffic, environmental and parks and gardens matters;
- produced a 2009 Kensington calendar for 1000 households; &
- obtained Council support for biodiversity plantings in Borthwick Park in 2010.

What would you like to see happen in our suburb in 2010? Come along to our AGM on **Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm at Marrayatville Primary School, Dankel Avenue, Kensington and make your voice heard!**

#### **Guest Speaker:**

**Award winning architect and local resident Sue Phillips will reflect on the changes in Kensington over the last twenty years and her vision for the future.**

There will also be a chance to hear about local initiatives and changes to planning legislation that will affect you. This is why Kensington needs a residents association.

The Kensington Residents' Association AGM is your opportunity to elect committee members and have your say on the future of our suburb. We warmly welcome new people and new ideas, so please consider joining the Association.

### Borthwick Park

#### **What do you think of the new play equipment?**

Go to [www.kra.org.au](http://www.kra.org.au) to have your say.

#### **Biodiversity Project underway**

Borthwick Park will benefit from a new collaboration between the KRA and Council. The General Manager of Urban Services, Mr Peter Perilli has given Council's approval, in principle, for 350 initial native plantings, pending further project scoping, obtaining insurance and the finalising of a management plan.

John Legg of the KRA says "This great community initiative is an opportunity to work with Council to bring small birds and native fauna back to Borthwick Park".

It is hoped that, if successful, this will be the start of a wider cross-Kensington biodiversity initiative.

Interested residents are invited to get involved with planning and planting. Call John for more information 0422 909 710.

#### **Changes to Planning Rules**

##### **KRA can help you**

Changes to State Government legislation mean that the KRA no longer receives notification of Category 2 development plans. Council was not able to consider our submission on the development of the old Spinelli factory site – a plan that included demolition of an historic bluestone house.

If you receive notification that a block of flats or large, inappropriate extension is to be made over your side fence, contact the KRA. We are happy to offer you our expertise to help challenge inappropriate development in our suburb.

Come to our AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> November to learn more.

#### **Kensington's day of garage sales**

What a day! 17 garage sales and hundreds of buyers around Kensington in our first year!

With advertising and an editorial feature in the Advertiser, and directed by the excellent map and list distributed at Pioneer Park, buyers soon found the treasures they'd been looking for. Starting at 8am, hundreds of visitors arrived. The rain did not deter the many buyers who found bargains galore, from wedgewood to drum kits and designer clothes.

At the end of the day there were half price drinks at the **Kensington Hotel** – thanks so much for your support!

This is set to become a KRA annual event. The weekend before hard rubbish collection 2010 – it's on.

## Rising Sun Happy Hour for Residents

The last Happy Hour at the **Rising Sun Inn** was a fabulous evening. So, again the **Rising Sun** is providing a Happy Hour for residents with cheap drinks and free nibbles from **5-7pm on Tuesday 20th October**. Drop in for a drink at this community event in Kensington's historic inn in Bridge Street.

## Sunday afternoon in Borthwick Park

Join us on Sunday 1st November for a relaxed gathering of residents in Borthwick Park. 12 noon to 3pm. BYO picnic. BBQ facilities available. Informal ball games may or may not be played. See you there.

## About KRA

The KRA warmly welcomes new members: renters and home owners alike.

## Why should I join?

- Get to know your Kensington community.
- Gain access to expertise in local issues of planning, development, the environment, open space and traffic.
- Get regular updates about proposed development and environmental initiatives in Kensington.
- Be better informed on Council policies, projects and activities and what is happening in Kensington.
- Get to know the Mayor, Ward Councillors and Council staff.
- Contribute to strength in numbers in communicating with Council and Government.
- Help preserve and promote the desirable historical, social and cultural features in Kensington.
- Be eligible to participate in our Day of Garage Sales.
- Be consulted on local issues.
- Get the opportunity to be involved with community projects.
- Gain password access to our website for surveys and specific information (in progress).

## What do I have to do?

As a member you get all these benefits without doing anything.

## How can I be more actively involved?

Stand for a committee position. Our voluntary committee meets once a month and does work behind the scenes. The committee actively seeks new committee members.

## Who can join?

Anyone over 15 years of age living in Kensington or on the other sides of the perimeter roads, namely Kensington Road, Portrush Road, The Parade and Shipsters Road.

## Contact details

President: Sara White  
Ph: 8331 7811 Email: sarawhite@live.com.au  
Secretary: Andrew Dyson  
Ph: 8331 9654 Email: contact@kra.org.au

## Email circulation list

Recently we compiled a list of email addresses so that we can keep members informed of coming events and matters of interest. If you would like to be included on our **confidential** mailing list, please send an email to **contact@kra.org.au**

## KRA website

News, events, information about the work of KRA and about life in Kensington: **www.kra.org.au**

## Membership application

Please fill in the Membership Application below, then detach and return to the Association.

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### KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Interests \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please forward together with \$10.00 annual membership fee to:** The Secretary, Mr Andrew Dyson, 42 Regent Street, Kensington. Ph. 8331 9654

## Mark your calendars

### KRA AGM – All residents (both renters & owners) welcome

Wednesday 11th November, 7.30pm at Marryatville Primary School, Dankel Avenue, Kensington.

**Guest speaker: Award winning architect and local resident Sue Phillips.**

Supper, wine, tea & coffee provided.

### Sundays in the Park

Sunday 1st November, 12 noon to 3pm, in Borthwick Park. BYO Picnic. BBQ facilities available.

First Sunday of the month so mark your diary now: 1st November, 6th December etc.

### Happy Hour for Kensington residents at the Rising Sun Inn, Bridge Street

Cheap drinks and free nibbles from 5-7pm on Tuesday 20th October. See you there.