



Newsletter

August 2010

2010 Kensington Garage Sale Day – Saturday 28 August

Following the overwhelming success of last year's Garage Sale Day initiated by the KRA, a date has now been set for 2010, Saturday 28 August, the weekend before Council's hard-rubbish collection. Don't miss out on this fabulous event – see over for more information and registration details.

Borthwick Park Biodiversity Project

Next working bee – Sunday 5 September

July 4th saw the culmination of a year's planning with over 350 native plants and shrubs planted by over 30 keen volunteers in glorious winter sunshine. The purpose of the plantings is to improve the health of the majestic River Red Gums, to return some of the smaller birds currently absent from the park, to improve creek water quality and lower our dependence on watering in the park. Volunteers worked hard, enjoying a great barbeque afterwards. Thank you so much to the willing volunteers.

Council prepared the ground for us over the preceding months and this made our task easier - many thanks to the Council. We now have to prove that we can manage the weeds and health of the plants as the warmer weather approaches. The great community response to the initiative illustrates the energy around projects like these and we hope to undertake a second phase of plantings along the remainder of the creek line this time next year with wider cross-Kensington biodiversity initiatives in future years. You are invited to get involved with planning and planting. Call John Legg for more information 0422 909 710.

Our next working bee – to weed, water and replace tree guards as required – will be for an hour or so at 11 am on Sunday 5 September in Borthwick Park. It will be fabulous to see you involved, even for a short time. Don't forget that afterwards we'll be having our (now quarterly) **Sundays in the Park** – see below.

Sundays in the Park – Sunday 5 September

Sundays in the Park is now a quarterly, seasonal gathering in Borthwick Park. Held 12-3pm, residents gather for a barbecue, social ball games and a chat to celebrate the new season. On Sunday 5 September the KRA will provide hot soup and bread rolls but feel free to bring barbecue extras and a bottle or what you fancy. To assist us with catering, please let us know if you will be attending.

2010 Membership

To maintain credibility as the body representing the views of residents it is important that KRA maintains as large a membership base as possible. If you haven't already renewed your membership for 2010 or would like to become a member please contact us or simply send your name and contact details, together with the \$10 membership fee, to KRA Secretary, Andrew Dyson, 42 Regent Street. Ph: 8331 9654

KRA Email: contact@kra.org.au

KRA Website: www.kra.org.au

Bring the buyers to Kensington!

A Day of Garage Sales, 2010 - Saturday 28th August

How often do buyers get the chance to find 17 sales in one suburb! Our first effort in August 2009 was huge with over 600 buyers arriving in droves. Community spirit was high, neighbours greeting each other across tables laden with antique china, piercing jewellery and bric a brac – even walkers, drum kits and refrigerators changed hands! But what about 2010? Household items to sell? Of course you have! Let's do it again in 2010!

How does it work?

- Register as a KRA member (it's only \$10 a year) and pay a \$15 garage sale fee. That's \$25.00 in all.
- Organise goods for sale from your garage or driveway on the day.
- KRA does the rest – advertising in the press, on the main roads and our website. (In 2009 we got a fabulous Advertiser editorial too). You will receive a sign to display outside your property so buyers can find you.

What happens on the day?

- On the day, from 8am, purchasers collect maps and addresses from Pioneer Park, Maesbury Street.
- The map pinpoints your house and lists any particular goods you want people to know about. (The map is also published on our website on the day of the Garage Sales).
- Unwanted unsold items may be left out for Council's hard rubbish collection the following week. Brilliant.

But wait, there's more!

- Residents with physical difficulties can request assistance from our team. We'll do our best to help.
- If you only have a few items, why not team up with your neighbours and run a joint stall?
- We can have other events too. Who would like to organise a sausage sizzle or some music?
- Following the Garage Sales, at 5pm the **Kensington Hotel (Thornton Street) will host a happy hour** for us with half price beers and wine.

How do I register?

Complete the registration form below and return to our Secretary at 42 Regent Street, together with the appropriate payment by Friday 20th August 2010. We'll keep you up to date as plans progress. That easy!

Volunteers wanted: Events like this take some planning and effort on the day. If you can give some of your time we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Kensington Day of Garage Sales 2010 Registration Form

Name(s):	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:
1. 2010 KRA Membership:	\$10 membership fee enclosed: Yes or No (already a member)
2. Garage Sale Participation:	\$15 fee enclosed
Items you would like listed:	
Are you interested in organising a sausage sizzle or some music or other activity? Details please....	

Please complete and send to: Andrew Dyson, 42 Regent Street Ph 8331 9654 by 20 August 2010

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