

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - KENSINGTON

KRA is again organising a clean up of all streets and parks in Kensington on Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 6th March, 9am - 12 noon, followed by Sundays in the Park, byo barbecue and drinks etc. Come along and help to make Kensington a cleaner place to live. Usually it only takes an hour or two for each person - many hands make light work! For those that may not be available on the day, it is possible to arrange to do your clean up on the Saturday. Register by completing the form over the page, providing name/s of those attending, phone, address, email and return to KRA, 42 Regent St Kensington, or email contact@kra.org by Friday 25th Feb. We will then contact everyone with further details on how they can collect bags, instructions and a map of their allocated area

Andrew Dyson

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BORTHWICK PARK BIODIVERSITY UPDATE:

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Thanks to the dozen or so volunteers who weeded and spread mulch (again!) last Sunday and who continue to water regularly..

We are in the final stage of agreeing on a planting plan for the rest of the creekline in the park. This has an exciting planting plan that will take us up to Thornton Street. Unfortunately it does involve the removal of some exotic ash trees near the Thornton Street end. The plan is to replace these with mid storey eucalypts and thus help restore the health of the creek and the park.

At the same time we plan to begin to infill what we've already planted with native grasses and ground covers to restore the biodiversity to this area.

The southern side of the creek will be rejuvenated by Council over time. This is a more difficult sloping site and involves negotiations with residents over exotic species and plantings. The Kensington Residents' Association has suggested a planting list for this area.

If you would like to know more or help occasionally please contact me. This is a true community project impossible without the help of many and as you can see, it's one where we can really make a difference.

John Legg, Project Coordinator, 0422 909 710 or mail@johnlegg.id.au

John Legg

FAREWELL ALBY, AND THANKS



It is with great sadness that residents of Kensington farewell Alby South, our esteemed Honorary Life Member, who passed away on 31st December 2010. Alby had been a resident of Kensington since the late 1960s and a member of our Association since 1978. He was a familiar figure around Kensington until late 2007 when he moved to a nearby nursing home.

Alby was a kind, generous and gentle person, a true gentleman, always willing to help others in the community, promoting Kensington at every opportunity and striving to make it a better place. Alby served on our Committee from 1978 - 2007. He also served as a Kensington Ward Councillor for the former City of Kensington & Norwood between 1979-89. Alby was a strong advocate for Kensington and our Association during this time. He strongly supported the establishment of Kensington's Historic Conservation Zones to preserve our heritage. Alby was instrumental in lobbying for the establishment of Borthwick Park in 1985. Without his vision and strong support it is unlikely that Borthwick Park, Kensington's jewel, would have eventuated.

It is therefore appropriate that a farewell gathering was held in Borthwick Park on Sunday 23rd January. It was held near the River Red Gum that Alby planted at a ceremony in 2000 to mark his 80th Birthday. The tree is within the area that we planted with locally indigenous species last year, a project that would have had Alby's strong support. It was a beautiful day, and a wonderful gathering of Alby's many friends and admirers. KRA served refreshments including wine with a commemorative label in his honour.

Our Association acknowledges the unselfish and untiring efforts of Alby from 1978 to 2007. Kensington is a poorer place without him. We extend our sympathy and support to Alby's wife, Trixie

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KENSINGTON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

Street-art comes to Kensington.... Kensington is a delightful place to live and a sense of community enhances our opportunities to enjoy our chosen locale and to get to know our neighbours. A project to build our sense of community, celebrate the artistic energy of Kensington residents, and impress visitors to our fantastic heritage suburb is gaining speed fast. The aim is to have as many residents as possible create a collage of 'artgates', or for those without gates – 'artfences' or 'artfrontdoors', so we can all admire them on our local walks over October 2011. Schools in the neighbourhood will also be encouraged to participate and explore their creative classroom potential for the October 2011 display. An on line image catalogue of all the creative results will be compiled as a record of community achievement via the KRA website.

Discover the artist within you... You do not need to be a practising artist to participate and your contribution can be as simple or as complicated as you choose. All sorts of media/materials may be applied, from photographs, to ceramics, to textiles. The intention is to help you create your street-art through the following:

- Preparatory workshops with practising artists to help you decide how to go about decorating your gate/door/fence in an interesting and novel way;
- Advice on using recycled materials to create your artwork , from plastic to string to metals ;
- Creative examples from other successes such as the Alexandrina Council Farmgate project;
- Heritage information about our fascinating local area to inspire history through art enthusiasts.

What's in a Name? Well, in this case we definitely need one and we are looking for a catchy name. KensiGate, Create-a - Gate, Gate Gala, Kensington Fronts Up, Kensington's Carnival of Gates, Open up to Kensington, Gate Fiesta, and KensiART, are among the ideas that have been thrown into the ring.

But do you have a better idea? Or do you want to support one of these suggestions? The Kensi Arts Group would love to hear from you by 31 March. Send your proposed name along with your name and email/address/phone number to KRA, 42 Regent St, Kensington, 5068 or email us at contact@kra.org. The Kensi Arts Group will act as the judging panel and the decision will be final. We will inform everyone of the project name decision in the May Newsletter and the next steps

Liz Ho

FAREWELL DELMA VIRGO

KRA notes the recent passing of long standing Kensington resident and member Delma Virgo. Delma served on the Committee from 1983-1989 and was passionate about the preservation of Kensington's heritage

Andrew Dyson

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY REGISTRATION

If you wish to help with clean up Australia day complete this form and return it by Friday the 25th of February.

Name(s):	Date:
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

Please complete, detach and send to: The Secretary, Andrew Dyson, 42 Regent Street. Ph: 8331 9654
Email: contact@kra.org.au Website: www.kra.org.au

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF:

Footpaths: A number of residents have expressed concern about the state of some footpaths. Do you agree? Please feel free to send comments and/or photographs or comment on our website www.kra.org

Garage Sales 2011: A day of garage sales will be held in Kensington again this year – just prior to hard rubbish collection. So start planning now, perhaps team up with a neighbour. It's a great day.

Pioneer Park planting: The KRA has been concerned for some time about the neglected state of historic Pioneer Park – the former cemetery next to Pioneer Church on Maesbury Street. Following lobbying from KRA, the Council recently commenced planting. Great to see.

Website: The KRA website has been down due to flooding of our website host. This has now been sorted and the website is now back to keep you informed of all that is happening in Kensington and to enable you to have your say. Please visit us at www.kra.org.au

EVENTS CALENDAR:

Clean Up Australia Day and Sundays in the Park: Sunday the 6th of March

KRA MEMBERSHIP 2011

We would love you to join KRA or renew your membership for 2011. We are looking forward to an exciting year as we extend our biodiversity plantings in Borthwick Park and nurture the plantings of last year that are thriving.

We will continue to liaise and lobby Council and State Government on issues of heritage, traffic management and other concerns of Kensington residents. We will again organise a day of garage sales and hope to take on some of the suggestions from last year's participants to make it bigger and better. We have started a Kensington Arts Group that is planning some exciting arts related projects. We will be running our annual Cleanup of all Kensington streets and parks as our contribution to Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6th March. We will organise more Happy hours and continue our seasonal Sundays in the Park on the first Sunday of each season. Show your support in 2011 by completing the form below and becoming a member.

MEMBERSHIP

KRA now has the largest membership list on record. Please join us or renew your membership for 2011.

Name(s):		Date:	
Address:			
Phone:		Email:	
2011 KRA Membership: New or Renewal		\$10 Membership fee to be attached (1 year)	
		\$20 Membership fee to be attached (2 year)	

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