

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2011

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KRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Kensington Residents' Association AGM is an important gathering of all residents; a night to have your say and help establish the working agenda of your residents association for 2012. It is a great night. Guest speaker Amanda Balmer will talk about gardens, community and public space. Amanda is a director of Wax Garden Design and lives locally. She has been a key driver in the exciting planting all are enjoying at Marryatville Primary School. Amanda is also active in the Kensington Arts group and she has an interesting vision for our community and public spaces.

KRA AGM will be held in the library at Marryatville Primary School on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm.
Supper provided.

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The Kensington gates project is a month long exhibition of peoples decorated gates, created by local residents during October 2011.

Supported by Zero Waste SA and the City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, the Kensington Gates Project aims to bring the community together in creative activity and encourage conversations about reducing waste and consumption. Join in the fun at anytime throughout October simply by decorating your gate.

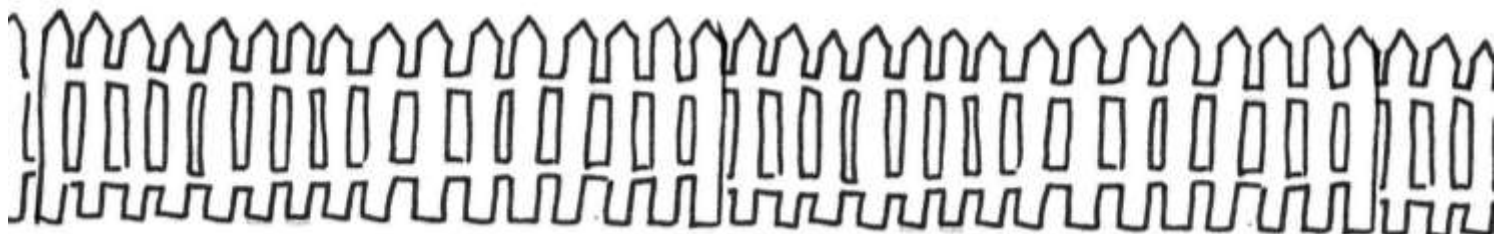
You are invited to celebrate the opening and closing of the gates project.



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See inside for more information on opening and closing events.....

BORTHWICK PARK: PLANT PROTECTION AND PREPARATION

A successful mega-planting day

A highly productive planting day was held on Sunday 31st July. As well as completing plantings towards Thornton Street with various species including wattles, sheoaks, banksia and tea-trees we also 'infilled' our first plantings with salt-bush, grasses and rushes. In all over 400 locally indigenous species were planted by 24 loyal volunteers in glorious winter sunshine, planting, plant guarding and watering. All enjoyed the morning tea and shared barbecue lunch provided by KRA.

A follow-up planting and weeding day was held on 28 August to plant some additional goodenias, clematis and red gums. Again KRA provided a substantial morning tea to keep everyone going.



Thanks to our patient plant-guard assemblers and energetic diggers and planters for your efforts at the two working bees!

We can never have enough volunteers, so please join us on our next Biodiversity working bee on 9th October for some more weeding and mulch spreading.

THE LIVING BAGS ARE TESTED

You will remember that on 5th June we filled bags with sand and loam mixture and then planted them with specific sedges and rushes. The bags were placed along the lower creek bed in an aim to minimise plant damage from flash-flooding. Well the rains came down in early August and as this photo shows, the living bags were tested. We are pleased to report that they did their job. Thanks to our many volunteers and to Melanie Spurling from the NRM Board.



ESSENTIAL EDIBLES IN KENSINGTON

On the first Sunday of each month, from 9-11am residents in Joslin meet to share and swap products from their gardens – fruit, vegetables, herbs, flowers, plants, seed, cuttings, seedlings, preserves, jams... No cash changes hands – it is all about sharing, connecting with community and generosity of spirit. The suggestion has been made that a similar group be established in Kensington. Would you be interested in taking part or helping to organise this initiative? If so, email us at contact@kra.org.au or ring 8331 9654.

NRM ACHIEVERS GRANT FOR BIODIVERSITY SIGNS

The KRA has been successful in securing a grant from the NRM Board that will enable us to add small signs to identify the different species of biodiversity plants in Borthwick Park. Plant identification will allow residents to link with our KRA website to learn more about the plant and read information that will enable you to plant locally indigenous biodiversity species in your own gardens. This project is underway and should be completed early next year.



KENSINGTON DECORATE A GATE PROJECT

Need ideas or help to decorate your gate? A FREE community workshop will be held at Marryatville Primary School Hall (cnr Regent st and Shipsters Rd, adjacent to the school oval) on Saturday 24th September between 10am and 3pm. You can drop in any time. Artists will be there to help you transform ideas into an engaging display on your gate. You can bring your own recycled materials or use materials supplied. Bring neighbours and friends. It will be a great community day and the more decorated gates on display in October, the more splendid this visual arts festival will be.

Opening of the gates

Saturday 1st October at 12noon in Pioneer Park, Maesbury Street Kensington. Join us for a cup of tea and cake.

By Mayor Robert Bria – City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters.
Stephen Marshall MP, Member for Norwood

Closing of the gates

Saturday 29th October at 12noon at Marryatville Primary School during the school fete, where you can pick up a coffee, some cake or enjoy the sausage sizzle..

By Hon Paul Caica MP – Minister for the Environment.
Mayor Robert Bria – City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters.

OVERHANGING TREES

Residents have contacted KRA concerned about low hanging branches that cross over fences and obstruct the footpath. The concern is particularly for visually impaired pedestrians who do not get warning that a branch is ahead. It is a danger. Please consider cutting back to ensure that pedestrian footpaths are clear.

NEXT SUNDAYS IN THE PARK

Our quarterly Sunday gatherings in Borthwick Park are a relaxed informal occasion. On 4th September spring lamb and spring rolls were generously provided by KRA treasurer, Jo March, to celebrate, you guessed it, Spring. We will be meeting again on Sunday 4th December from 12 noon. Bring a picnic or something to barbecue to share. There may even be some cool live music to help us see in Summer. A toilet is available. Please join us.

POETRY AND WINE AT THE RISING SUN

In late July, acclaimed poet Mike Ladd spoke to a packed room at the Rising Sun Inn. Mike talked about the local in literature and read a poem rich in references to Norwood and another from his writing on the River Torrens. Mike is fully aware of the ways in which the familiar and the local can be used to encapsulate life's big issues. The event was organised by the Kensington Arts Group. Mike's talk was accompanied by wine and platters from the Rising Sun Inn. Thanks to Tom and all the staff at this local treasure. If you are interested in joining the Arts Group please email contact@kra.org.au or phone Trish 0412 070 020 or Sara 0416 042 947

DAY OF GARAGE SALES

Our Kensington Day of Garage Sales was held on Saturday 27th August just prior to hard rubbish collection. 17 Garage Sales were held and there were many visitors to Kensington. KRA promoted the event in the Advertiser (over two weeks), the Messenger and using bright orange signage on all roads into Kensington. It was a great day, quieter than in previous years but most seemed to enjoy the day and the Happy Hour at Kensington Hotel afterwards. We welcome feedback on the day so please feel free to email us contact@kra.org.au or send your comments to our secretary at 42 Regent St



EVENTS CALENDAR:

Kensington gates project community workshop: Marryatville Primary School Hall (cnr Regent and Shipsters Rds, adjacent to the school oval) on Saturday 24th September between 10am and 3pm – FREE EVENT

KRA AGM: KRA AGM will be held in the library at Marryatville Primary School on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm

Sundays in the Park: Borthwick Sunday 4th December from 12 noon.

Borthwick Park Working Bee: Borthwick Park Sunday 9th October 9am till 12 noon.

KRA MEMBERSHIP 2011

If you are not a member of KRA we would love you to join or renew your membership for 2011. If you are unsure if you are a financial member please contact our Secretary. Show your support for one of Adelaide's oldest and most active residents' groups and the issues and activities we are involved in. We will continue to liaise and lobby Council and State Government on issues of heritage, traffic management and other concerns of Kensington residents. Show your support.

MEMBERSHIP

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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