

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

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KENSINGTON – THE PLACE TO BE..... ?

Many local residents may have noted the recent article in the Advertiser which listed Kensington as one of the top 5 suburbs in South Australia for the last two years running. Of course this article wasn't discussing the importance of lifestyle, community and amenity, but focussed on the best places to 'invest' One could argue however that all these issues are intrinsically connected in the case of Kensington.

Most would agree that this suburb is one which presents a 'unique' lifestyle. Kensington is tagged as a 'Village' and its layout is physically at odds with the surrounding suburbs. For a small suburb there are more than 11 buildings listed on the state heritage register and its history is evident at almost every corner. These are just some of the factors which give Kensington its strong sense of identity within the city of Adelaide.

But this identity extends beyond its physical attributes. It is the people of Kensington that give this place its vitality and character. Without contributions from the community Kensington would not look and feel the way it does. My wife and I moved here just over 11 years ago and we still learn new things, meet new people and experience new events on a regular basis right here in this Village of ours. Just scanning over the number of events listed in this newsletter alone, I am constantly surprised by the amount of activity this community is able to generate. I often communicate stories of community planting bees, BBQ's, lunches and musical events all organised, run and executed by community volunteers. Friends return confused looks, raised eyebrows and statements like 'I wish that happened here'.

Obviously Kensington's proximity to the CBD and its close relationship to the Parade contribute to its property values, and makes it an attractive place to invest. But it's the character of its community which makes it a place people want to live.

Stewart Caldwell



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WHAT'S COMING UP IN KENSINGTON

The winter weather has not deterred activity in Kensington. The **Borthwick Park Biodiversity Project** continues with new plantings undertaken in mid-July. The occasion was used to unveil a new plaque in honour of Alby South, former councillor and KRA committee member. Thank you to invited guests who attended.

Interpretive signs about the plants are now well-established in Borthwick Park. The next phase is to complement the information about the native plants with educative material on the KRA website.

The next **Sundays in the Park** event is scheduled for 2nd September to coincide with a working bee in the park.

Your committee is also looking to **improve Pioneer Park** in Maesbury Street. A joint effort with council will see a planting day on the 19th August. There is a lot of history of the suburb tied up with this location and it is hoped to give the area a much-needed lift.

The Arts Group has been active with a music event in the Kensington Hotel and **Poetry in the Pub** at the Rising Sun featuring poet Geoff Goodfellow. A regular **open microphone music** event at the Kensington Hotel is due to hit the airwaves on Wednesday 1 August.

Your committee is planning for another **Day of Garage Sales** event on 25th August. Mark this date in your diary.

LIVE MUSIC AT THE KENSINGTON HOTEL

Bringing the heart and soul to Kensington

On the first Wednesday evening of every month there will be live music at the Kensington Hotel "to help bring the heart and soul back to the local".

The Kensington Hotel has been an important part of the local community since 1882 and with the support of the local Kensington Arts Group and Kensington Residents' Association, The Kensington Hotel will host a regular "Live at The Kensi" music session, on the first Wednesday of every month from 7.30pm, with an anchor band performance followed by a couple of hours of 'Open Mic'.

Musicians interested in playing during the Open Mic session are encouraged to register from 7pm at The Kensi on the night – first in, best dressed.

For further information contact The Kensington Hotel - phone: 83321300 <http://www.kensingtonhotel.com.au/>

PINOEER PARK BIODIVERSITY UPDATE

'Come and join KRA volunteers on Sunday 19th August, 9am, to plant a range of trees, shrubs and grasses in Pioneer Park. This lovely park - a former cemetery - is hungry for new plants. The NRM Board has donated plants and Council is supporting KRA volunteers in our latest biodiversity venture. All are welcome to join in.

MEET YOUR WARD COUNSILLOR

Kensington residents have not seen much of our Ward Councillors since they were elected and so we invited Geoff Rundle and Lucy Marcuccitti to write something about their vision and commitment to Kensington for this Newsletter. We appreciate Lucy's response (response edited due to space limitations):

As an Elected Member I have been involved in the preparation of the Council's Strategic Plan, CityPlan 2030 and I am committed to its Vision and its implementation.

In this respect I am committed to improving the well-being of all citizens as well as improving their quality of life. This City is rich in history and heritage and I hold it as a special place. It is unique and has a real sense of place.

Kensington is very much part of this rich history and heritage and I am committed to its proper management from an infrastructure perspective through to its urban form. In this respect the Council has in place an excellent whole-of-life asset management program to manage the City's infrastructure in respect to planning policy. Kensington is located in an Historic (Conservation) Zone and as such development is assessed on how it meets the various heritage based controls.

I am also passionate about community building and am keen to ensure that our events and festivals are accessible to our citizens and provide a venue for citizens to meet and participate in community life.

THE KENSINGTON GATES PROJECT 2012

Decorate your gate during October 2012

In October 2011 over 50 Kensington residents, businesses, schools and the kindergarten decorated their gates and created a month long exhibition, throughout the neighbourhood, as part of the Kensington Gates Project.

This year the theme for the project is **PLACE**: What makes Kensington a great place?

The Kensington Gates Project is an initiative of the Kensington Arts Group, supported by the Kensington Residents' Association and the City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters.

How to participate?

1. Register if you would like your gate to be included on the site map (popup/ guerrilla gates welcome)
2. Create your gate throughout October, the earlier the better
3. Take a photo and upload it on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/KensingtonArtsGroup>

Reduce, reuse and recycle

To avoid creating waste, use items that would be easily recyclable via the Council kerbside collections (such as: cardboard and paper product that have become water or weather damaged could be 'recycled' via the green lidded organics wheelie bin, cartons - milk, juice and other cartons, glass jars and bottles, steel lids, aerosol cans - for your paint, steel and aluminium cans, paint tins if empty and dry, hard plastic containers including pot plant containers - as long as they are clean).

Ideas for decorating your gate

Have a conversation with your family, friends or neighbours about: What makes Kensington a great place? , to inspire you. You might use origami , create a face, ask a philosophical question, create a family flag, apply children's art, history of your house, paper mache, etc . There are some images on <http://www.facebook.com/KensingtonArtsGroup>.

THE KENSINGTON GATES PROJECT REGISTRATION FORM



Complete the registration form if you would like your gate to be included on the 2012 Kensington Gates Project site map (popup/guerrilla gates also welcome) and either:

- drop it in to Kensington Residents Association Secretary, 42 Regent Street, Kensington 5068
- or online www.kra.org.au
- or email contact@kra.com.au
- or contact: ph Trish 0412017020 - Amanda 0403951845

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

KENSINGTON DAY OF GARAGE SALES 2012

Kensington Neighbours Unite for a Suburb-Wide Garage Sale!

How often are buyers able to find over 20 garage sales in one suburb? Kensington residents can have access to hundreds of garage sale customers from throughout the metro area, on the morning of Saturday 25th August. As a selling participant, all you have to do is register before 17th August and the Kensington Residents' Association will do the rest – advertising in press, on the main roads and signage for your property. As a customer, just show up and enjoy the day! From 8.00 am, interested purchasers collect maps from Pioneer Park in Maesbury Street, Kensington or download the information from our website. The map pinpoints all the participating houses and lists any particular goods of interest.

What about unsold items? Unsold items may be left for Council's hard rubbish collection the following week. Brilliant.

Swap your unwanted goods If you don't have enough items to sell at the sale, simply bring along any unwanted goods (of good quality) and 'swap' them for something else. The swap table will be in Pioneer Park during the morning and all leftover goods will be donated to charity. Alternatively, you could team up with neighbours and hold a combined garage sale or you may donate unwanted items to Norwood Girl Guides who will set up their stall in Pioneer Park.

Join us for a happy hour! Get to know your fellow neighbours by coming to our Happy Hour at the Kensington Hotel from 4pm – an assortment of drinks will be available to participants at reduced prices.

How to register. You can register as a seller on the Kensington Residents' Association website at www.kra.org.au or complete the registration form below, together with the appropriate payment. The cost is only \$15 for the garage sale and \$10 for KRA membership if you are not already a member.

For further information contact: The secretary (details on form below).

KENSINGTON DAY OF GARAGE SALES 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s):		Date:
Address:		
Phone:	Email:	
1. 2012 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:		
If teaming up with a neighbour/friend we only require one registration fee but we do ask that each participant is a KRA Member. Please indicate names of those that are teaming up with you:		

Please complete, detach and send to: The Secretary, Andrew Dyson, 42 Regent Street, Kensington. Ph: 8331 9654
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