

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

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Serving the community for over thirty years

"no one need wait a single moment to improve the world." — Anne Frank



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month saw the celebration of National Volunteer Week, and witnessing the extensive work undertaken by volunteers around the country has made me reflect on the importance of groups like the KRA. After just over 6 months on the job as President I am constantly amazed at how much time and effort is given by so many people from in and around the city with the aim of enriching our neighbourhoods. Every person can make a real difference to the city in which they live, even with the smallest contributions.



SAVE OUR KENSINGTON POOL...

Residents may have recently received correspondence or a phone call from the city of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters regarding usage of the Kensington and Norwood Pool. People may be aware that the council is currently undertaking a review of the pool, its use and its long term viability. We at the KRA have concerns over the nature of this review and the city's opinion on the worth of this wonderful public facility. Over the page you can read about our efforts regarding an application to recognise the pools historic significance.



LOVE GARDENING? WE WANT YOUR GREEN THUMBS...

The next big planting and gardening day at Borthwick Park is just around the corner. If you love gardening and want to contribute to the beautification of your neighbourhood why not come along and spend the morning with a bunch of likeminded people. And there is a free lunch. Read more over the page.

HIGH RISE DEVELOPMENTS IN KENSINGTON?

Have you seen the state government's latest proposal for high rise development in Kensington? See over for more information on the recent planning review.

Are you a KRA Member? If so remember to renew your membership or if not why not become a member?

THE KENSINGTON DAY OF GARAGE SALES



The 2015 Kensington Day of Garage Sales will be held on Saturday, 19 September. This is a great opportunity to sell unwanted household items to hundreds of bargain hunters from all over Adelaide, without the hassle of early morning buyers on your doorstep from 6:00am. Registrations will be called for in August at a cost of \$15 for KRA members. Non-members are also welcome to register, but must also pay KRA membership fee (\$10). The KRA will advertise the event in the press and on main roads and provide you with a sign. From 8:00am on the day, interested purchasers collect maps and addresses from Pioneer Park in Maesbury Street or download the information from our website. The map pinpoints all the participating houses and lists any particular goods of interest. Any unsold items that are no longer wanted may be left out for the Council's hard rubbish collection from 21st–25th September. For those with only a few items to sell we will offer the option of setting up a table in Pioneer Park. Registration forms will be included in the August newsletter.



KENSINGTON POOL NOMINATED FOR STATE HERITAGE LISTING

KRA recently submitted a nomination for State Heritage Listing for our much loved local swimming pool. This follows the Association's unsuccessful nomination of the pool for National Heritage listing in 2013.

The recent State submission focuses more on the significance of this early outdoor public pool, the first chlorinated freshwater pool in the Adelaide metropolitan area, to South Australia's heritage. Being the first of its kind and built in 1957 it still has lap lengths in yards! There is also a 'retro' look and feel about it as you enter the beautiful grounds of sloping grass and old growth River Red Gums. You will find no 'noisy' large plastic conglomerates of slides and water spouts, now prevalent in most if not all outdoor swimming pools. Our pool is a small and more intimate space where families gather in the summer evenings for BBQ's and picnics. It is a special and much loved place and is one of the 'jewels of Kensington'.

If you are interested in reading the submission please contact the KRA.

THREATS TO OUR HERITAGE



As an outcome of the Planning Review, the government intends getting rid of Historic Conservation Zones and Contributory Items as part of new planning legislation to be introduced in the near future.

Despite promises that the rezoning of parts of Norwood and Kent Town, including The Parade, to permit multi-storey development would protect heritage and character areas from infill development, the government has now indicated that there will be a second stage inner metropolitan growth project. The May media release also promised the protection of character areas but the proposals include rezoning of Kensington's Mixed Use Historic Conservation Zone along The Parade to enable multi-storey development.

KRA will be monitoring developments closely and opposing any attempts to water down protection for our Historic Conservation Zones

DENISE SCHUMANN OAM

KRA congratulates Denise, NP&SP Cultural Heritage Adviser on her recent award under the Queen's Birthday honours. Denise was awarded her Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community through cultural heritage preservation. Denise has been a heritage adviser for 30 years and the NPSP cultural heritage adviser for over 20 years.

COME AND VOLUNTEER AT THE UPCOMING WORKING BEE AND PLANTING DAY ON THE 5TH OF July.



Love Borthwick Park? Please help us plant another 500 small plants and shrubs.

On Sunday JULY 5th we have our annual major planting day and we would love you to join us. Bring the kids or bring a friend and meet some new ones as we dig, plant, fertilise and water-in over 500 new plants; filling in the gaps and increasing the diversity. We are planting many plants that will do well in your garden; come and see what they look like: native wisteria, saltbush, lilies, sweet appleberry and wallaby grasses.

Borthwick Park is a hidden jewel in Kensington's crown. With our fabulous redgums and play areas for children it is a place to wind down, to wander and wonder at nature in the heart of Kensington, just behind Bridge Street.

Since 2010 our volunteers have contributed over 2000 hours to transform our park. We have planted some native grasses, shrubs and small trees and slowly we are noticing the biodiversity return. Native plants are self-seeding and we even have some orchids appearing after recent rains.

Lunch provided. Please make a diary note! You will be most welcome.

SA organically grown, extra virgin olive oil for sale!

Silver Sands Olive Farm. Organically grown, cold pressed, from Mediterranean and Koronaki olives.

Cost: \$7 a litre

Where Borthwick Park, Kensington

When From 8.30 to 12.00 noon Sunday 5th July.

Bring? Bring your own containers. (Exact change preferred)

What if I can't make it on the day?

Call Carol Williams Mob: 0499 464 727

Support local SA produce!



CAN YOU HELP YOUR FELLOW NEIGHBOUR?

Do you like to volunteer? Are you able to help those in need? At times we hear of residents who need a helping hand. If you are willing and able we would love to hear from you. We are looking to put together a database of local residents who may be able to help a neighbour. If this sounds like you please email Andrew Dyson at contact@kra.org.au

More immediately, a very special and dear resident needs help with cleaning out a shed. We are looking for volunteers with either brawn or creativity, to lend a hand on a Saturday or Sunday in the near future. If you can help, please contact Andrew Dyson at contact@kra.org.au



DIARY DATES

Thursday 25th June, 7:30pm: Save Our Suburbs Meeting, Guest Speaker Professor Norm Etherington, President of the National Trust – “Threats to Our Heritage”, Don Pyatt Hall, Town Hall, George Street, Norwood. – All welcome.

Sunday 5th July in the morning: Borthwick Park annual big planting day and working bee. Lunch provided. See article in this newsletter for more information

Wednesday 29th July, 7:30pm: Norwood Residents Association Meeting, Guest Speaker Steven Marshall, local MP and Leader of the Opposition talking about his role as our local Member of Parliament, with informal Q & A., Don Pyatt Hall, Town Hall, George Street, Norwood. – All welcome, light supper.

For further details visit www.kra.org.au

RENEW YOUR KRA MEMBERSHIP OR BECOME A MEMBER

Name(s):		Date
Address:		
Phone:	Email:	
2015 KRA Membership: New or Renewal	1 year membership fee (\$ 10)	\$
	2 year membership fee (\$ 20)	\$
	5 year membership fee (\$ 50)	\$
Payment may be made by cheque, cash or direct deposit. Note If paying by direct deposit you must provide us with full details as above and full details of your deposit so that we can process your membership		
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