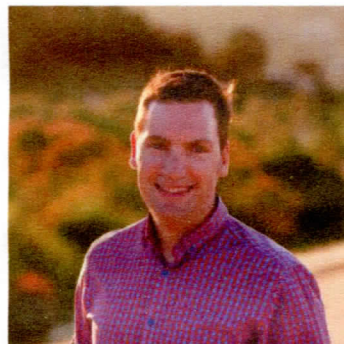


KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015

Serving the community for over thirty five years

"Dream big and travel far. The bigger the dream the longer the trip" - Anon



FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is so much to report in this issue that we almost couldn't fit it all in. If this issue feels a bit text rich don't let that scare you off, it just means there is so much we have to tell you. I strongly encourage anyone who is interested to take special notice of our upcoming AGM. This event is a chance to come and meet fellow residents, see a fantastic presentation and sample great wine and food. There is even a chance to join the committee and be involved in your local community. Please come and support the event.

THE KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM IS COMING ON 16th NOVEMBER. ALL INVITED.

For the uninitiated the Kensington Residents Association (KRA) is a volunteer group running for nearly 40 years to actively promote, support and work to protect the unique character of the village of Kensington.

The Kensington Residents AGM is one of our flagship events and a great opportunity to meet other residents, get in touch with the KRA committee and express your views about this great village in which we live. We invite all interested residents to come along and enjoy the evening.

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM

NOVEMBER 16TH. St MATTHEWS HALL. 67 BRIDGE ST. 7:30PM.

FOOD, WINE, PRESENTATIONS AND A GREAT EVENT

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION FROM VIESTURS CIELENS

THE POSSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC SPACE

Viesturs interprets gardens as a means of personal expression and 'placemaking'. Embodied in his own fine work, this approach reflects a keen appreciation for the harsh climate and mysterious light around his home state of South Australia. And for recognition of the potential for art in garden design, and the contribution that community volunteers can make.

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

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY AT THE KENSI

Did you know that your local Rotary and Lions clubs meet regularly at the Kensington Hotel? Both clubs raise funds and organise events in aid of local and international projects. They organise plenty of social activities in the local area too.

Rotary meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm. The next speaker is Gill Hicks, the journalist who lost both her legs in the London bombing and has since set up a peace organisation. Rotary is also having an information evening on 21st October at 6pm with complementary drinks and nibbles. If you want to promote native rosellas in Kensington, Rotary is giving away home-made bird boxes! For more info contact Euan at euana@gdaysa.com.au or phone 0401 124 387.



The Norwood Lions Club meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 7pm. Their fundraising and service activities are focused on disability, homelessness, youth and people at risk. Activities include BBQs, quiz nights, winery cruises, wine sales and of course fundraising with delicious Christmas cakes and mints. The club welcomes interest and enquiries from anyone who is keen to make a difference in our local community and beyond. For more information visit www.facebook.com/LionsClubOfNorwood or www.norwood.sa.lions.org.au Alternatively, contact Membership Director John Wescombe on 0487 317 177 or norwoodlions@hotmail.com.au

THE KENSINGTON AND NORWOOD SWIMMING POOL (IN KENSINGTON!)

The one place I want to spend my weekends this summer!



Hi, my name is Hayley Moore and I am 12 years old and I absolutely adore the Kensington Pool for its vintage-like beauty. My favourite things to do there are meeting up with friends, splashing about and having a day out in the beautiful sunshine. My family love having picnic dinners in the evenings at the pool! My top 3 highlights of the Kensington pool are the diving board, the fact that the deepest part is 3m and the revolving exit gate. The diving board is so much fun and I can't think of any other outdoor pools that have one! Having a pool which is 3m deep means that you can jump high on the diving board and dive down as deep as you like. The revolving exit gate is something I never knew was there until one of my friends pointed it out. It's so cool! Although I never want to leave the pool, the gate is a fun way of doing it!

So come on all you kids, take advantage of the fact that the pool is nearby and have a day of fun! The pool is opening soon! (The 24th of October)

THE KENSINGTON DAY OF GARAGE SALES



The Kensington Day of Garage Sales was held on Saturday, 19th September 2015 and offered residents the opportunity to co-ordinate their garage sales to increase the number of potential buyers. On a beautiful Spring morning eight households took the opportunity to set up garage sales across Kensington with a further five stalls in Pioneer Park. The garage sales and stalls benefited from the advertising provided by the Kensington Residents' Association to attract buyers to the area. The day was a great success and expressions of interest will be sought in the new year as to whether the event should be held in 2016.

UPDATE ON THE URBAN CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

Recent newsletters have mentioned plans to rezone parts of Kensington along The Parade to allow up to five storey development. The government has consulted with Council on an initial draft Urban Corridor Development Plan Amendment (DPA). The DPA would not rezone areas but would permit five storeys for the Peregrine site and three or four storeys for the Mixed Use Historic Conservation Zone (HCZ) sites depending upon site area (<1500m² – 3 storeys, >1500m² – 4 storeys).

At Council's recent Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee meeting, there was unanimous and very strong opposition to the proposed DPA and the approach taken by the Minister.

Some of the concerns were:

- Developments would be too high and too dense and would not interface well with adjoining areas.
- Government is intent on ignoring good planning principles, development will be at any cost, "trashing" existing residential areas.
- Strategic deficiency to have linear development along roads and bus routes and not in-line with the 30 Year Plan that suggests development around hubs and services.
- No proper community consultation by Government proposed, being left to councils to notify its constituents although not Council's DPA.
- There has been no opportunity to gauge the effect of earlier planning reforms and the Stage 1 uplift DPAs.
- The Minister of Planning has failed to keep his promise that character and historic conservation zones would be protected after adoption of the recent DPAs.
- New policy will water down the requirement to restrict development to a 30 degree envelope from the boundary of adjacent properties, causing overshadowing and overlooking, and blocking solar access.
- Proposed developments adjacent to, and in historic conservation zones, are against all that Council has been trying to achieve. They will destroy character areas and the entries to character areas.

Council resolved to advise the Minister and Department that it does not support the preliminary draft DPA in its current form and requests additional investigations and policy amendments be undertaken, before the draft DPA is released for public and Agency consultation. It also resolved to undertake its own notification of residents and ratepayers concerning the DPA.

It is anticipated that the draft DPA will be released for public consultation in November. It is imperative that residents oppose the DPA as strongly as possible and that opposition is expressed at the political level.

KRA will keep residents informed on developments and any action that is to be taken to oppose the DPA. If you aren't currently on the Association's email list please let us know and your email address will be added to our confidential list.

DID YOU KNOW?

High, Bridge & Wellington Streets are shady tree lined avenues today as a result of years of lobbying by KRA for the replacement of inappropriate species during the early-mid 1990's.

This year the Manchurian Pears in Wellington St had a magnificent display of blossom.



DIARY DATES

Borthwick Park Working Bee	9:30am – Noon, Sunday 15th Nov – (morning tea provided)
Annual General Meeting	7:30pm Monday 16th Nov – St Matthews Hall, 67 Bridge St.
Community Carol Singing	7:00pm Wednesday 16th Dec- meeting in the park opposite the Kensington Hotel from 6:45pm. If you would like the choir to sing outside your home, please contact our Secretary (details below).

WHAT'S GOING ON IN KENSINGTON...

Did you receive your movie voucher?

Thanks to the Regal Cinema on Kensington Road, members have been receiving 2-for-1 movie vouchers when they join or re-new membership to the KRA (while stocks last). Don't miss the Regal's Halloween midnight screening of the Rocky Horror Picture Show on 31st October! Wear an outrageous costume and rice, newspaper and toast are welcome. Details: www.theregaltheatre.com.au

Open Uke sessions at the Kensi!

Listen or learn to play the ukulele at the Kensington Hotel every Wednesday night from 7 – 9 pm. If you don't have a uke, they'll supply one! (gold coin donation)

Interested in joining a book club?

A few members are thinking about forming a village book club, perhaps meeting monthly or bi-monthly, to discuss great reads over great reds. If you're interested email staceygeorge9@gmail.com

KRA MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL

Name(s):		Date
Address:		
Phone:	Email:	
2016 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 so that we can process your membership and/or registration		
Bank details: BSB 805 050 Account No: 2350031 Account Name: Kensington Residents		

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