

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

MAY 2016

Serving the community for Forty years

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Have you ever thought of joining the KRA? While elections are typically held at the AGM we are always willing to talk to people interested in joining our committee. During any typical year plans change and people come and go. Just recently the committee has sadly had to farewell two members. While they will both be sorely missed it does leave an opportunity for another local member to step in and join our merry band. If this is of interest to you please contact us at contact@kra.org.au

Free event - The Making of 'Mann' – Dispensing with the Monarchy!

Tuesday, 24th May at 7.30pm - Rising Sun Inn, 60 Bridge Street

Good history, good company, good wine, good music

Republicans versus Monarchists...

Few South Australians know of Charles Mann (1799-1860) the first Advocate-General and Crown Solicitor to the young province. Mann became enmeshed in a bitter battle and constitutional crisis with Governor Hindmarsh over the separation of executive powers in the fledgling democracy and the need to maintain the 'purity' of the Wakefield Plan.



In its first year the colony was in turmoil and Charles Mann was described in official correspondence to England as a 'thorough going radical' and the leader of a 'republican clique'. But what happened to Charles Mann and what was his legacy...is he the forgotten 'mann'?

Local historian Denise Schumann will give the audience a brief but engaging talk on what is one of the most fascinating moments in South Australian history followed by readings of dispatches by the legal fraternity represented by Mark Nichols and Angas Redford and a bit of bawdy republican music thrown in for good measure.

This free event has been organised by the KRA with the generous support of Grant & Lisa Davies of the Rising Sun Inn and no bookings are required (seating is first-come, first-serve) and bar service will be available. For further information contact Christel Mex on 0401126173

Separate dinner bookings (prior to event) are available by booking direct with Rising Sun Inn on 8333 0721.



Are you on Facebook? If so, why don't you "Like" the Kensington Residents' Association Facebook page to find out what's happening in the village and issues that affect us

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

CREATING A WILDLIFE FRIENDLY GARDEN

Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges has recently released an updated version of their excellent publication "Creating a Wildlife Friendly Garden".

The booklet describes how you can attract native animals, such as birds, butterflies, frogs and lizards to your garden by creating a natural habitat garden. It includes information on design, planting and maintenance.

Copies may be obtained from our Secretary or online at:

http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/adelaide_and_mt_lofty_ranges/plants_and_animals/urban_biodiversity/creating-wildlife-friendly-garden.pdf

NORWOOD LADIES PROBUS



Enjoy the fellowship of active retirees in your local community. Obtain special rates for travel, and join in activity groups. If you are looking to make new friends please come and join our friendly group. New members will be made very welcome.

Meeting are held at the Norwood town hall, normally on the fourth Monday of the month. Meeting commence at 10am finishing at 12.

Interesting speakers each month, and many outings and gallery visits are organised throughout the year.

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UPDATE ON THE SWIMMING CENTRE REVIEW

Council unanimously voted that the long-term swimming centres strategy should continue to be based on our two centres in Kensington and Payneham. Community consultation will be undertaken to determine the details of the final Strategy. The options being considered are:

a) redevelopment of the Payneham Swimming Centre as a regional destination which incorporates a 50 metre Swimming Pool, Learners Pool and Wading Pool or splash pad and water play park to cater for the recreational leisure market and in particular the teenage market; and

b) (i) redevelopment of the Kensington & Norwood Swimming Centre with a new outdoor 25m pool plus a new Learner's Pool and Toddlers Pool or splash pad and new amenities building; or (ii) maintenance of the existing Swimming pool, together with a new Learner's Pool and the refurbishment of the existing facilities whilst respecting the Centre's traditional heritage.

Thankyou to Amanda and Trish who made excellent deputations in support of our pool. Details about the consultation process will be available in a few weeks.



SUBMISSIONS ON COUNCIL'S BUDGET

The City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters will be holding a meeting where members of the public can provide comment and suggestions on Council's draft budget and business (work) plan for 2016-17. The meeting will be held on Monday, 30th May from 7pm to 8pm in the Mayor's Parlour of the Town Hall. Entrance to the Mayor's Parlour is off George Street and is located on Level One – the same entrance as the Concert Hall. If you don't wish to attend, you can send your suggestions to the KRA at contact@kra.org.au and we may present them on your behalf. The draft budget will be posted on Council's website about a week prior at www.npsp.sa.gov.au - look for the council agenda page.

HAPPY HOUR AT THE RISING SUN

Come have a drink with your neighbours on Tuesday, 7th June from 6pm at the Rising Sun, located at 60 Bridge Street. \$6.00 pints will be on offer plus great value house wine. Members of the Kensington Residents' Association committee will be on hand to tell you more about what the association does for your community.

BORTHWICK PARK 2016 UPDATE

Thanks to our summer waterers: It's been a hot, dry summer in Borthwick. Fortunately we have native plants in our park and our volunteers have watered regularly to keep the new plantings alive over summer so we have had few losses.

Working bees in Borthwick: Our working bee on May 1st was well attended and we spent a productive morning pruning, weeding and doing other small maintenance tasks. The children were well occupied under Saideh's supervision and Christel did a great job with the catering. Thanks to everyone.

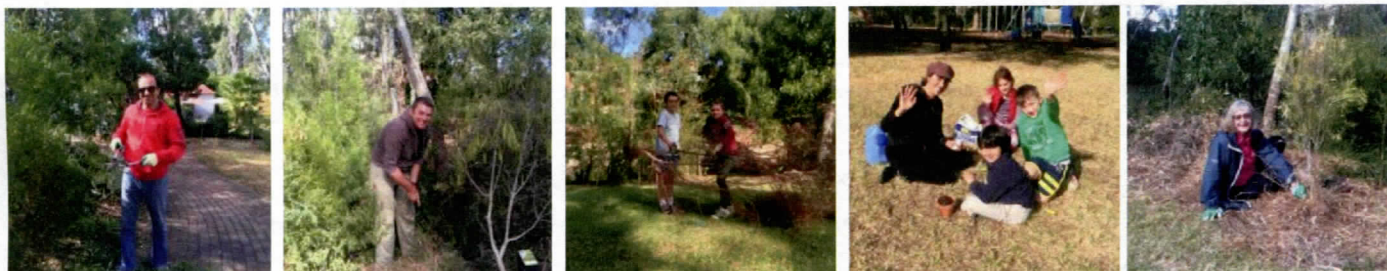
Our next one will be on 5th June when we will hopefully be spreading mulch in preparation for our big planting on July 3rd.

We'd love to see you along to one of our working bees. They are great fun and only go for a couple of hours. Some other future dates are: 21st Aug, 11th Sept and 23rd Oct

Starting times vary so please watch out for email notices.

New plantings in the park: We still await Council's formal acceptance of our proposals for new plantings in the park. These include the establishment of three new areas. We hope to announce the pending planting of these areas soon.

In April this year we applied to Council for a community grant to enable the installation of more interpretive signage in the park. We await Council's response.



Creek works: Occasional heavy downpours over the years have pushed large rocks downstream where they have piled up against each other. This bottleneck has caused sediment to accumulate, limiting the effectiveness of the trash rack at the Thornton St bridge. NPSP Council has inspected the creek bed with the KRA and work to clear the build-up of rocks and to clear the channel is likely to take place later this year. We are all mindful of the attraction of the 'beach' area in the park to young children and all efforts will be made to retain and enhance this natural area for their enjoyment.

PIONEER PARK PLANTING DAY: SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

Over the last few years, KRA volunteers have transformed Pioneer Park in Maesbury Street with the planting of locally indigenous species throughout the perimeter garden beds.

We will be doing some infill planting this year. If you live near Pioneer Park or are a user of this little park, please join our volunteers on Sunday 26th June at 9:00am for a couple of hours of weeding and planting. It will be followed by morning tea in the park or if the weather is inclement it might be held in Sara & Ray's old church adjacent to the park.

If you are not on our email listing but would like to be advised of activities in Pioneer Park, please contact our Secretary.

KENSINGTON DAY OF GARAGE SALES

It is on again this year, on Saturday 24th September, just prior to the Kensington Hard Rubbish Collection.

As in previous years, you can have a garage sale at your home or set up a table in Pioneer Park. We make it easy for you to dispose of unwanted goods. Register with KRA and pay the small fee then we do the rest. We provide the advertising, provide you with signs and protect you from anyone that might wish to disturb you before 8:00am.

More details will follow in the August newsletter, including a registration form. Start saving your items to sell on the day. If you have any questions please contact our Secretary (details below)

DIARY DATES

The Making of Mann	Tuesday, 24 th May at 7.30pm - Rising Sun Hotel
Borthwick Park Working Bee	Sunday 5 th June
Pioneer Park Working Bee	Sunday 26 th June
Public submissions on council's budget	Monday 30 th May 7:00PM

POSITIONS VACANT!

The following volunteer positions are available in the KRA. If you have a few hours to spare, it's a great way to learn new things, contribute to your neighbourhood and meet some great people!

Newsletter distribution: About four times a year we 'letterbox' our newsletters - it's a great opportunity for exercise and discovering new areas of Kensington.

Newsletter articles: If you have a flair for writing, why not draft an article for our newsletter?

Tree planting, weeding or watering: if you don't mind getting your hands dirty, this might be for you! A few times a year we organise working bees in Borthwick and Pioneer Parks. Meeting new friends over a delicious morning tea is just one of the fringe benefits of this job! There is also a watering roster in the summer months that you can join as a solo or family activity.

Catering help: If baking or food shopping is your thing, we are always in need of catering help at the working bees in the parks.

Event coordination: Have an idea for a local event or just want to help coordinating events? Let us know. Past events have included concerts in the local pubs, literary events and the "Kensington Gates" Arts Festival.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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*