

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

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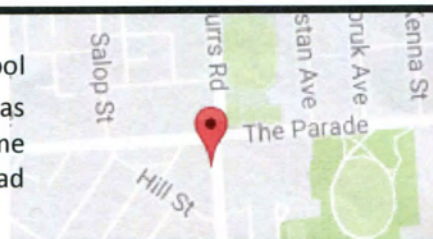
Well another three months has gone by in what feels like five minutes. But somehow we have managed to pack in a whole raft of things to do and talk about. This newsletter is filled with things going on which affect everybody living here in Kensington. There is actually a lot of opportunity for residents to easily get involved and make a real difference to the lives of everyone here. There is more information over the page but a summary of the hot topics is below.....

KRA DAY OF GARAGE SALES The Kensington day of garage sales is back for another year. This is a fantastic community event and we encourage as many people to get involved as they can. We get tons of visitors to the suburb from all over greater Adelaide and there are always plenty of bargains to be found. Find more information over the page.



LOCAL HERITAGE DISCUSSION PAPER The recently released discussion paper on proposed changes to the classification, assessment and preservation of historically significant buildings in Adelaide has been a hot topic of discussion. The KRA has been actively involved in representations and submissions to government over the last few years and was fortunate enough to be granted a meeting with heritage staff from DPTI to discuss the proposed changes. Read more over the page.

THE KENSINGTON CENTRE SITE Pembroke School is currently developing a proposal to redevelop the site. The school has recently met with the KRA to discuss this proposal and is proposing some public consultation sessions with more information on the project. Read over the page for more information.



THE KRA AGM If any of this is of interest, don't forget our AGM coming up on Wednesday the 23rd of November at 7:30pm in the **Mary MacKillop College's library conference room**. The AGM is a fantastic opportunity to come and meet the KRA committee, see a fascinating presentation from the University of South Australia's Chris Daniels, and eat wonderful food. Who knows, if you are really interested in making a difference to the community we all live in, you might even consider joining the committee.



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?

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL ARTIST



Congratulations to Kensington resident Clare Belfrage for winning the FUSE Glass Prize, the nation's richest prize for glass art! Clare was announced the winner in an award ceremony at the new SAHMRI building, and her work was selected for its "technical wizardry and ability to convey a sense of movement under water". The finalists' exhibit is on at the Seppeltsfield Jam Factory Gallery until 25th September— a good excuse to head to the Barossa. Well done Clare!

WILL THE DIVING BOARD RETURN??

At the 4th July Council meeting, Cr Paul Wormald moved a motion (seconded by our Ward Councillor Christel Mex) to investigate the possibility of reducing the height of the Kensington and Norwood Pool's diving board to see if it can comply with the Royal Lifesaving Society guidelines. The motion passed 8 to 3, and it means that the proposed obstacle course will be put on hold until after the completion of community consultation on the future of the pool. Design options for the renovated swimming centres will go to public consultation later in the year – we'll keep you posted!

PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR PEMBROKE SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT OF KENSINGTON CENTRE



Pembroke school has engaged with the Kensington Residents' Association on the proposed redevelopment of the former Kensington Centre site. The school is extending an invitation to residents to attend a community information session. The invitation and details on the session are as follows:

Pembroke School recently purchased the former Kensington Centre, at 3 Shipsters Road, Kensington from the State Government via an open tender process, with the objective of developing specialist educational facilities. These new facilities, which will form part of the King's campus (Middle School) will house educational areas to facilitate visual art, computer and practical technology, design, science laboratories, staff facilities and storage. No 'home' classrooms are proposed for the site, meaning that there will be no likely alteration to existing student drop-off or pick-up conditions from the site.

Pembroke School intends to develop facilities that are architecturally designed, make a positive contribution to the locality and are respectful to its neighbours. As part of its initial proposal, the School is considering the provision of a pedestrian bridge across Shipsters Road between the new facilities and the existing Middle School campus. The new facilities and the bridge will require planning approval, but at this stage Pembroke School has not lodged a development application.

Prior to lodging a development application, Pembroke School would like to engage with neighbouring residents of the Kensington Centre site and other interested community members to provide information, show initial concepts, answer questions and identify any issues or concerns. Pembroke School is also seeking ideas regarding any opportunities the project may present to improve the local area, for example through improvements to Maesbury Reserve. A community information session will be held:

Date: Thursday 1 September at 7pm

Venue: Pembroke School, Middle School Resource Centre Conference Rooms, 342 The Parade, Kensington Park. Please enter via the Breezeway Entrance on the western side of the car park at 344 The Parade.

RSVP: Sally Fleet at sfleet@pembroke.sa.edu.au by 31 August 2016

BORTHWICK PARK 2016 UPDATE

Following recent work by contractors in Second Creek to move the large boulders from the channel and remove the build up of silt, Council has advised on future requirements for access to the creek. A 2.5m corridor is required for bobcat access to the creek on an ongoing basis for monitoring and maintenance. Council will place some large logs to define the corridor and protect the plantings and will spread mulch over the access corridor.

Accordingly on 31st July, we were able to move some damaged plants from the access corridor and to replant in the areas damaged by the recent activities.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who participated in our two recent planting working bees in Borthwick Park. What an effort to plant over 400 new plants! In keeping with KRA's reputation for great catering, we had lovely morning teas at both events and a selection of beautiful home made soups for lunch on 3rd July. Thank you to those that provided and organised the food.

As mentioned in the May newsletter, KRA is aware that the "beach area" is very popular with children and we are determined to retain, enhance and maintain access to it. We are looking at developing a plan to both protect the area from erosion and ensure long term access. .

LOCAL HERITAGE DISCUSSION PAPER

Recently, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure sent the Association its Local Heritage Discussion Paper and invited representatives to attend a meeting to discuss ideas. A copy may be downloaded from: https://dpti.sa.gov.au/planning/planning_reform or obtained from KRA.

KRA and other groups with an interest in protecting and preserving our built heritage are very concerned that this is part of the government's continued attack on heritage in order to facilitate "development".

Submissions in response to the discussion paper are required by 23rd September. We are very concerned that such a short time frame has been provided for feedback and consider that the community is being treated with contempt by the government when it comes to consultation.

If you are concerned about the protection of our heritage and in particular Kensington's heritage, we urge you to read the discussion paper and send in a submission.

BLUEPRINT FOR PRESERVING AND ENHANCING ADELAIDE'S TRADITIONAL HIGH STREETS

With the assistance of planning expert Kevin O'Leary, the Community Alliance SA has produced a blueprint for preserving and enhancing Adelaide's traditional high streets. A copy may be downloaded from the Alliance's website: <http://communityalliancesa.org.au/> or may be obtained from KRA.

Adelaide has many traditional high streets providing focal points across the metropolitan area, such as The Parade; Prospect Road; Unley Road; Henley Beach Road; Jetty Road, Glenelg; and many others. Traditionally these streets are well connected to their neighbourhoods and have characteristics that make them pedestrian friendly. They provide a wide range of shops, businesses, cafes and other services fronting the high street. Many of these streets have a significant heritage component adding to the creation of a special place that people want to live in or visit.

These features are used as a selling point in attracting people to live in or near our high streets. The blueprint has been prepared to assist the wider community in having a greater say in preserving and enhancing Adelaide's traditional high streets as many of them undergo rapid growth and development through planning rule changes. It has a focus on what the Alliance believes is acceptable or unacceptable in our high streets.

KRA has endorsed the blueprint and will be actively promoting it to the media, local and state government.

If you feel strongly about the preservation of our traditional high streets, please lend your support to the campaign.

DIARY DATES

Pembroke Public Consultation	Thursday the 1 st of September at 7:00pm
Borthwick Park Working Bee	Sunday the 18 th of September from 9:30am
Kensington day of garage sales	Saturday the 24 th of September
KRA AGM	Wednesday the 23rd of November at 7:30pm

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. The day of garage sales is now a well-known event and we get buyers coming in from all over greater Adelaide. The Registration form is below (registration by 12th of September). Please get involved and help keep this year's day a great community event.

If you don't want to hold a stall but still want to remove some things of value, why not donate your collection to the girl guides stall located in Pioneer Park. Email us if you have things to give.

The Kensi is also hosting a happy hour from 5 till 6:00pm after the garage sale with free nibbles. Thanks to the Kensi for hosting.

And don't forget open Uke Nights and Uke 'n' Play at the Kensi. Wednesday Nights 7-9:00pm, gold coin donation, (some Ukés available to borrow)

THE KENSI

GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION AND KRA MEMBERSHIP

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)	\$
Yes I would like to have a garage sale at my place for \$15.		\$
Yes I would like to setup a table at Pioneer Park for \$5		\$
TOTAL		\$
Items you would like listed for the garage sale:		
If teaming up with a friend or neighbour we only require one registration fee but we do ask that both parties are KRA members. Please indicate if you will be teaming up with someone else:		
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 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*