

# KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

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*Serving the community for Forty years*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome back to 2017, although it's hard to believe we are almost in March already! The KRA is already back up and running with a new Committee and lots on our agenda. Once again the newsletter is packed with news on what's happening in the Village. Lately we seem to be having to leave things out as there simply isn't enough room on these pages. I think this is a good thing.

Some updates on smaller matters. The KRA website is currently undergoing an overhaul. The new site will incorporate a news feed which we will contribute to regularly and link to our social networks.

On Social Networks, our Facebook site is growing and becoming a good source of local information. Like the 'Kensington Residents Association' facebook page and feel free to contribute to the discussion.

And its our birthday! That's right the KRA is turning 40 and we have plans for a big celebration later in the year.

Lastly, for those who are interested, our hectic year of renovation at our house has come to an end. Look to a future issue for an article on renovating heritage houses!

## LOOK WHAT'S INSIDE

### KIDS TOY SWAP

After clean up we will be conducting a toy swap for kids in Borthwick Park. See the back page for more information.

### CLEAN UP KENSINGTON

Once again the KRA has signed up for Cleanup Australia Day. Schools are getting involved and you can too. Sign up form on the back and more info over the page.

### NEW BOOK CLUB

Like reading? Look inside for info.

### HELP SAVE THE TREES

A local group is looking for volunteers to help catalogue local trees. Can you help? Look inside for more information.

### CLEANING OUT THE WEEDS

Do you have Fountain grass in your yard? It may be a big problem. Turn over for information on what you can do to help.



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?*



## THE KENSINGTON VILLAGE BOOK CLUB



The Kensington Village Book Club is commencing in March 2017. If you are interested in catching up with a friendly, informal group to discuss books, chosen from the Burnside Library Book Club Reading list:

(<http://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/Community-Recreation/Community-Venues/Burnside-Library/Library-Services/Book-Clubs>)

Contact Stacey on 0402 132 728, or [staceygeorge9@gmail.com](mailto:staceygeorge9@gmail.com) for details

## KIDS CORNER

Now it is time to say a big thank you to our youngest volunteers who dedicated their time and positive energy towards building a prosperous and flourishing community last year. The ones who helped us in Clean Up Australia, working bee activities, delivering our newsletters and many other things. You are a valuable asset for our little community and promise a brighter future for the broader human society. So a big thanks to:

Josh, Hamish and Charlie, Billy and Olivia, Artin and Edward.

## ITS OUR BIRTHDAY: SAVE THE DATE

The KRA are turning 40 and we are planning a party. Save the date of Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Details to come!

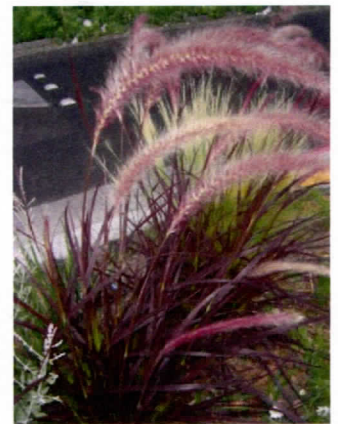
## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

2017 marks the 20th year that KRA has coordinated an annual clean-up of all streets and parks in Kensington. It only takes an hour or so and makes a big difference to where we live.

- Sunday 5th March.
- Anytime between 9:00am – 12 noon.
- Clean Up followed by a Community BBQ in Borthwick Park.
- BBQ provided – just come along or bring a salad to share.
- BYO drinks to share.

We would love you and your children to be involved (children must be accompanied by an adult). Children will receive a certificate recognising their participation. Register by completing the form on the back page.

## FOUNTAIN GRASS IN KENSINGTON



Fountain Grass is a declared plant under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004. As such, its sale and transport is prohibited and control of the plant may be enforced. Fountain grass produces prolific amounts of light and dispersible seed and can quickly establish itself into weedy populations. It is a significant threat to biodiversity as it out-competes and suppresses native vegetation.

During the last decade Fountain Grass has become a very popular domestic plant. Its ability to rapidly spread and infest other areas is very apparent in Kensington. The Association is concerned about the spread along footpaths and verges but an even greater concern is that it will eventually spread to our biodiversity plantings in Borthwick and Pioneer Parks.

If you have Fountain Grass in your garden or on the verge, you are urged to take action to remove it to prevent further spread. A copy of the Declared Plant Policy Notice for Fountain Grass and a Natural Resources Fact Sheet are available from the Association or the NRM website.

There are a number of locally indigenous grasses and tussock plants that gardeners should consider as suitable alternatives that will help to improve our biodiversity. They are attractive to native birds and butterflies. Contact KRA for details of suitable local species

Natural Resources Adelaide & My Lofty Ranges has published Native Grasses – A Regional Guide, primarily for rural landholders, but also useful for gardeners and anyone interested in identifying and growing native grasses. The brochure may be obtained from the KRA or downloaded from:

<http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adalaidemloftyranges/home>.



## YOU CAN HELP SAVE ADELAIDE'S HERITAGE TREES



When European settlers arrived great River Red Gums grew along the watercourses on the Adelaide Plains and other gums spread across the plains. Smaller tree species and understory flourished. Urban settlement led to removal of most of this, but after nearly 200 years we still have some precious remnants of pre-European vegetation, especially in the eastern suburbs.

A group of volunteers plans to locate, map, and measure the legally significant and historic trees and put that information on a website so anyone can look up the information. This will be a community process. You can help and could become a Tree Guardian, learning about your local trees and keeping an eye on their health and welfare.

The first pilot program will cover the area bounded by Magill, Penfold, Greenhill & Fullarton Roads, commencing in April 2017.

We are looking for trees greater than 3m circumference at a height of 1m from the ground (Significant Tree status).

Our project will

- Locate the trees
- Record the GPS location
- Measure the tree circumference at 1m height
- Gather verbal history related by aboriginal descendants or European families
- Appoint volunteer Tree Guardians for individual trees
- Raise the profile of these treasured trees so the community can protect them
- Record information and photographs on a website for all to see and treasure
- Initiate sub-projects with local schools or community groups where interested

Initially we are looking for the great native trees which were most likely growing here before European settlement. We are also interested in trees planted by early Colonials in community parks, on early developed estates and in avenues along Colonial Roads.

If you are interested in helping with the first pilot project please email [judith.grimmett@bigpond.com](mailto:judith.grimmett@bigpond.com)



## KENSINGTON TOY SWAP

Attention Kids?

Have you ever heard about the magic 3Rs? Do you want a clue? It's a prescription for a healthy environment. You are right. 3Rs stand for: "Reuse, Recycle and Reduce". Well, now we have an opportunity to apply this prescription: How?

If you are bored with your preloved toys or you think you are too big for them, on 5th March you have a chance to swap your toys and help the earth by reusing the toys. We will get together after the Clean Up on 5th of March in Borthwick Park from 11:30am.

If you like you can join the Clean Up first and then come to the park or just come along with your toys and swap them with others. It will be fun and also sustainable. You have a chance to meet your friends there or can make new friends out of your deal. Then you can enjoy playing in our park. Here are the Rules:

- You don't need to bring money, you just need to bring your toys and possibly your negotiation skills.
- You can put your toys out in the exchange area and take something that you like or you can keep them and negotiate to exchange for something that you like. You must bring a responsible adult with you.

At the end if nobody takes your toys, you can take it home or leave it for us to donate it to the Salvation Army.

Looking forward to seeing you..



## KRA MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL AND CLEAN UP REGISTRATION

Name(s):		Date
Address:		
Phone:	Email:	
2017 KRA Membership: New or Renewal	1 year membership fee (\$ 10)	\$
	2 year membership fee (\$ 20)	\$
	5 year membership fee (\$ 50)	\$
<b>Clean Up Participation: (Return by 2<sup>nd</sup> March)</b>		
<b>No of People:</b>	<b>Available from:</b>	<b>to:</b>
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		

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