

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

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Serving the community for Forty years



FROM THE PRESIDENT

First an apology for our tardiness. This is the first newsletter you would have received from the KRA in a number of months. Well its just been one of those years I guess when too many other things have got in the way. This hasn't stopped us working in the background however. Over the winter months we have lodged a number of representations to local and state government on issues to do with heritage and recent announcements on the potential restructuring of the NRM board. We also organised the recent 'meet the candidates' event in conjunction with the Norwood Residents Association which was well attended and produced some robust discussion. Our thanks to the NRA and contributions from Rotary for producing a wonderful evening. On that issue, remember to vote in the upcoming elections, its your chance to make your voice heard. Polls close on November 9th.

Inside this issue:

Details on our AGM; We farewell long time resident Jo March; Our new website; Borthwick Park updates...



THE KRA AGM IS COMING!

The Annual General Meeting of the Kensington Residents Association is just around the corner:

7.30pm on the 21st November.

at Mary McKillop College

Come and see a presentation by **James Fantasia**, the General Manager of the **Norwood Football Club**.

More information in the newsletter.



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

Do you know of an ordinary Kensington Resident living an extraordinary life? Tell us about them - contact@kra.org.au

Ph: 8331 9654 Email: contact@kra.org.au Website: www.kra.org.au

KRA UPDATES

Updates on what the KRA are up to and issues affecting your village.



Looking for the nearest bee hotel!



This is a pardalote!



Can you help water your plants...



Our new website is (almost) coming!

BEE AWARE!

Did you know that residents are allowed to keep bees? NPSP Council advises that there are no by-laws or rules around having bee hives in Kensington.

While honey bees are good for our plants and for making real (not fake!) honey it makes sense to advise neighbours who may be allergic to bee stings and to locate any hives thoughtfully. It's also a great idea to encourage our gorgeous native bees! You can find out about making simple bee hotels by visiting the ABC's Gardening Australia website.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BORTHWICK

Spring has sprung and lots of our shrubs and flowers are flowering.

In July our volunteers planted a new crop of plants native to Kensington to increase diversity and to attract more wildlife to the park. In September our young willing volunteers assembled twelve boxes for birds and micro-bats. (photo) at our bird and bat workshop. The boxes are now installed in various locations around the park. We are hoping to attract species such as rosellas, pardalotes, owls and long-eared bats. Thanks to the Adelaide and Mt Lofty NRM Board and to NPSP Council.

Have you thought about volunteering? Our friendly band of volunteers helps around the park throughout the year, usually on a Sunday morning to plant, mulch, water and weed. If you'd like to join us sometimes please drop an email to contact@kra.org.au or call John on 0422 909 710. We have jobs big and small for everyone. And the morning teas are legendary!

DO YOU LIKE TO WATER?

Our new plants in Borthwick Park need some help over the dry weather.

Can you water once a month? Watering is a lovely evening or early morning activity. Watering takes up to 1.5hrs and requires two long hoses joined together. We'll show you what's required. Please volunteer by emailing us at: contact@kra.org.au Or: mail@johnlegg.id.au

WEBSITE

After many months of planning the KRA finally (almost) has a new website. We hope to be launching this soon so look out for an email from us. The new site will centralise all our information and hopefully provide a location to promote and celebrate our unique and wonderful village.

FAREWELL TO JO MARCH



Thornton Street, and indeed the Kensington community, lost a remarkable neighbour with the sudden passing of Jo March on June 21st.

Jo loved Borthwick Park and was the informal convener of the dog owners group, the unofficial custodian of the electric BBQs, which she ensured were spotlessly clean at all times. She spent many hours entertaining park users with her stories and with Kenny the Schnauzer, was always on hand meet and greet dogs (and humans) new to the neighbourhood.

She joined the KRA and was elected President in 2003 and after serving a two year term, remained on the committee and took responsibility as Treasurer from 2010 to 2015, when she resigned from the committee but maintained her support for the Association. She had many friends from her time on the committee.

Jo was a sportswoman, in her early years she played state-level hockey and cricket. In her middle years she took up running. She was very focused - one year, she achieved her goal and won the City to Bay.

She was an adventurer and she loved music, her extensive CD collection included John Lennon, the Moody Blues, Jim Morrison and the Doors and Rod Stewart. She also loved parties and dancing and the odd game of pool.

Jo loved women and she became involved in feminist music and theatre, providing technical support for the Shameless Hussies women's band and several feminist theatre shows. In the early 1970s Jo lived in women's collective households, pioneering different roles and relationships for women in personal and public life.

Her career spanned many years at UniSA as a systems analyst, until her retirement a few years ago.

Since moving to Thornton Street she was an adornment, a strong, independent and generous woman who made so many lifetime friends. Whilst she will be missed, there will always be "Li'l Jo's BBQ and Grill" in the Park, where she was farewelled on Sunday October 28th.

THE KRA AGM IS COMING



The Annual General Meeting of the Kensington Residents Association is scheduled for 7.30pm on the 21st November. As in previous years the meeting will be held at Mary McKillop College, who have generously provided the room.

The AGM is one of the most important events of the year for the KRA. It is the best opportunity for residents to get an understanding of the work done during the year and meet the committee, perhaps even join or register as a volunteer.

There will be an election for all office bearers and a presentation by James Fantasia, the General Manager of the Norwood Football Club. There is a lot happening at the Parade in terms of development of the Wolf Blass community Centre and he will share some insights into the impact of Australian rules to the broader community. Supper will be provided and feel free to bring wine to share.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS IN THE NEWS

The eastern courier recently contacted the KRA asking us to list our issues and concerns, following is an exhort from our submission:

The new Government seems unable or unwilling to review, modify or even delay the roll out of the Planning & Design Code under the Planning Act, despite the community expressing concern about the process and the likely outcomes. The process was set in train by the previous government and should not be rushed through without proper consideration of its impact on all South Australians.

An example is the proposed Peregrine building approved for a site that was zoned for two storeys. Those living opposite will be faced with a nine storey building towering above them. Decisions on developments like these are made virtually devoid of any real consultation and have real impacts on the quality of life of people who live near them.

The protection afforded to Kensington's heritage through its Historic Conservation Zone status is under serious threat as the draft State Planning Policies ignore the existence of such zones and Contributory Items.

The adoption of the new Code will see the adoption of state wide controls and the demise of our local Development Plans. Local development controls were developed at great expense in consultation with the local community and embody years of local knowledge and directly reflect the community they affect. We don't see a one size fits all approach providing any benefit to the future of our state.

We ask the government to consider its current approach and do its duty and review the whole process before it is too late.

KRA MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL

Name(s):		Date
Address:		
Phone:	Email:	
2018 KRA Membership: New or Renewal	1 year membership fee (\$ 10)	\$
	2 year membership fee (\$ 20)	\$
	5 year membership fee (\$ 50)	\$
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Bank details: BSB 805 050 Account No: 2350031 Account Name: Kensington Residents		
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