

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi all and welcome to our first newsletter of 2019. Is it February already? You may have seen us in the messenger lately promoting the upcoming cleanup Australia Day. It's a great community event and details of how to get involved are on the back of this Newsletter.

In other news, The KRA sadly said farewell to the Jozaei family who have found career opportunities 'over the ditch' in New Zealand. Hannah, Javad and Artin were frequent and regular contributors to the KRA with Hannah on the committee for a number of years. Hannah in particular made a significant impact by introducing children's and family activities to our public events, and was a key driver for the Cultures of Kensington lunch held last year which was honoured with the community event of the year award at this year's Australis Day celebrations. We will miss Hannah and the family and wish them the very best.

HELICOPTERS LANDING IN KENSINGTON

Peregrine have applied for permission to include a helicopter landing facility on the top of their high-rise development on the corner of Portrush Rd and The Parade in Kensington.

What do we know about commercial helipads on top of high-rise buildings? **Paris** doesn't have any. It has two helipads both in open fields. **London** doesn't have any. They have a helipad on the river Thames. **Sydney** doesn't have any. They currently have a proposal to put a floating helipad on the harbor waters. **Melbourne** - Ansett had a commercial helipad on their roof in Swanson street in the 1960's but were later stopped from using it because of noise and risk. It now has a floating helipad on the river. **New York** had a heliport on the Pan Am building in the 60's but after an horrific accident with loss of 5 lives was shut down. It now has helipads on the river.

Why don't the above cities have commercial helipads on top of high-rise buildings? Should Kensington have a helipad on top of the Peregrine high-rise development?

Further information about the proposed helipad can be read on page 2.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Make a difference to where we live. Details and registration form on the back page of this 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

KRA UPDATES

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

KENSINGTON DAY OF GARAGE SALES!

Coming 25th May 2019! This very popular Kensington day is back again for 2019. You organise your garage. We organise the signage, advertising and after-party. Keep the day free.

CULTURES OF KENSINGTON LONG LUNCH RECOGNISED

At the recent NP&SP Australia Day ceremony, the Long Lunch festival was announced as the Community Event of the Year. Yay! Go Kensington.



SCHOOLS IN KENSINGTON

Almost 70 million children across the world are prevented from going to school each day. So how lucky are we to have seven schools and a kindergarten in our immediate area.

KRA is looking forward to working closely with schools in 2019. They are an important and valued part of our community and many of the schools will once again support the Clean Up Australia campaign on Friday 1st March prior to the community day on Sunday 3rd March.

PEREGRINE HELIPAD PROPOSAL

Continued from cover....

In January the Peregrine Corporation applied for a variation to their office tower development in Kensington to include a Helicopter Landing Facility on the rooftop (on the corner of Portrush Road, The Parade and High Street, Kensington). The first step in this application process was the publication of 'Guidelines for the preparation of a Public Environment Report' by the State Planning Commission. This document sets the level of assessment and provides guidelines for the use of the helipad. The next step is for the proponent (Peregrine) to prepare an 'Assessment Document' for which there will be public consultation. Three types of helicopters are proposed to be used, including a BELL 206, EC130 and AW109/H109 for 6-7 passengers. If you want to have a look at the guidelines, they are available at the Council office. The KRA will keep you posted on the public consultation process. In the meantime, please let your local MPs know your views by writing to the Hon Vicki Chapman MP at bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au and the Hon Steven Marshall MP at dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au.

KREEPY KENSINGTON

Oily Rag Theatre is taking a walk on the dark side of Kensington in their Adelaide Fringe show, Kreepy Kensington. Written and created by Shannon Norfolk and performed by Heather Crawford, Kreepy Kensington is a historical guided tour with a frightful twist! Kreepy Kensington begins at dusk at Mary MacKillop Park and takes you deep in the heart of Kensington, where you will hear scandalous tales of sex, death and crime.

Your host is a mysterious woman, who last walked these tree-lined streets over a hundred years ago. She will tell stories of wicked entrepreneurs, murderers, showmen and more as you visit local sites and attractions. Kreepy Kensington will run from 16th February to 14th March. Tickets are now on sale through FringeTIX or call 1300 621 255.



STAND UP FOR OUR HERITAGE SYSTEM!

The State Government is continuing to implement the new planning system at a lightning pace, which may see the undermining of our heritage protection system. The most pressing issue is the fact that our Contributory Items in Kensington may be at risk of losing their demolition controls. Historic Conservations Zones, such as Kensington where Contributory Items are located, are also at risk.

The new planning system is silent on the protection of both of these, even though they underpin our heritage protection system. The only people who are likely to have been lobbying for the removal of Contributory Items from the planning system would be lobby groups who represent developers and volume home building companies whose 'modus operandi' is building new homes, not renovating old ones.

To demonstrate this, in its submission to the Parliamentary Committee Enquiry into Heritage in September 2018, the Urban Development Institute of Australia proposed that "the Planning and Design Code should remove all reference to Contributory Items (both existing and in the future)". Similarly, the Property Council proposed that "all existing listing to be reviewed".

Many of us acknowledged that the current system of heritage protection is not perfect – but we must not let Contributory Items be demolished before a better system is in place. If you want to protect the beautiful heritage of Kensington, write to our local Members of Parliament requesting that the protection of Contributory Items and Historic Conservation Zones be maintained in the new planning system. How? Email the Hon Vicki Chapman MP at bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au and the Hon Steven Marshall MP at dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au.

The Community Alliance has developed a letter writing guide and a letter writing workshop is being planned.

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BORTHWICK PARK BIODIVERSITY NEWS

Thanks to those who are continuing to water our new plants over this very hot summer. Please contact us if you would like to join other volunteers in keeping plants alive this summer.

Keep an eye out for any occupants of our nesting boxes for birds and bats.

And keep an eye out for our working bee dates. If you have never volunteered in Borthwick Park please consider giving it a go in 2019. Our next newsletter will have details of our annual winter planting in both Borthwick and Pioneer Parks. First, we need some rain.

FRIENDS OF THE KRA



Friends of KRA is for people who have ideas and enjoy community involvement but don't have the time to serve on the KRA Committee. As a Friend of KRA you might: suggest or help run a community event; help write a submission on a particular planning or other issue; contribute food to help cater for a working bee; help deliver the KRA Newsletter; support John's work in running the Borthwick Park biodiversity project. There are many ways in which you might choose to be involved and that involvement ensures that our association remains alive, vibrant and relevant. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact us.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY – SUNDAY 3RD MARCH

2019 marks the 22nd 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 3rd 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 below and returning by 27th February. (It isn't essential that you are a member to participate but we do encourage you to be a member)

KRA MEMBERSHIP AND CLEANUP PARTICIPATION

Have you renewed your membership for 2019? If not please complete the form below and return to our Secretary. If unsure of your membership status contact our Secretary.

Name(s):		Date:	
Address:			
Phone:		Email:	
2019 KRA Membership: New or Renewal	1 year membership fee (\$ 10)		\$
	2 year membership fee (\$ 20)		\$
	5 year membership fee (\$ 50)		\$
Clean Up Participation: (Return by 27th February)			
No of People:		Available from:	to:
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			
Office use:			
Received:		Membership Years:	
Receipt No:		Payment Details:	
Membership Register updated:		Email list updated:	

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