

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello to all and thank you for taking the time to read our regular communique. I'll be keeping my section short due to the jam packed nature of this issue. I would simply like to reflect on the passing of two people very close to the KRA family, Mark Nicholas and Dr John Govan. You can read more about their lives and contributions to Kensington over the page. They will be sorely missed and our thoughts go out to their friends and family.

BORTHWICK PARK BIODIVERSITY NEWS

Borthwick Park update:

After the fall of a major limb from our huge central gum tree last summer, Council cordoned off the area below it for safety reasons. In July, volunteers planted out this 'halo' beneath the tree and it's going to look fabulous!

Borthwick Park old and new:

Remember how the park used to look? This is what has been achieved with your help and with the involvement of Council and the NRM Board! The KRA has now been actively involved in the re-vegetation of the park since 2010 and it's the jewel in the crown of all the parks in Norwood, Payneham & St Peters!

Bird/bat nesting season:

Have you found all 12 nesting boxes in trees around the park? With nesting season approaching try your hand at citizen science! Look out for any nesting activity around the boxes and let us know who is out there! Is it a rosella, a pardalote or a yet another lorikeet? You'll find more details on the two large signs at the entrances to the park.

Stop Press! Eastern Rosellas have been spotted around and in Box No.2! Please let us know of any new activity

PIONEER PARK

A big shout out to David Adams for his time and expertise in overseeing the new plantings in Pioneer Park. David is a former resident of Kensington but he returns to give his time and expertise to enhance our small but historically significant Pioneer Park. Thanks to all the volunteers who joined in the recent planting. Soon we will be mulching. Look out for notices and join us for an hour – good exercise, good fun and good for the park.



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.

GOOD FRIENDS WE MISS

John Govan

Dr John George Govan passed away on 8th July 2019 at the age of 87. John was a highly regarded member of KRA. He served on the Committee from 2006 – 2016 and was our Vice President in 2015. John participated in most of the Association's activities during this time, from working bees in the parks to Clean Up, arts events and gatherings in Borthwick Park, John's favourite part of Kensington.

John had a 57-year career as a GP and Psychiatrist. John started his medical career in Scotland and had various postings in Europe with the RAAF before moving to Tasmania with his young family. Later he moved to South Australia and became a Child Psychiatrist. The Association extends its condolences to John's good friend Sue Heysen and his large family. He will be missed by his Kensington friends.

Mark Nicholas

Vale Mark Nicholas, a valued and loved resident of Kensington. Overcoming a challenging childhood, Mark qualified as a nurse at a time of few male nurses. Later, while working and raising a young family, Mark studied law and became a highly respected Crown Barrister working for the DPP and Attorney-General's Dept. South Australia. Throughout his life Mark provided care and service to people and community groups throughout Adelaide. Mark was at his best in the company of others, both quick with a joke and a song. He was a strong character and voice at the annual Kensington Christmas Carols. Mark will be sadly missed by his many friends in Kensington. Our sincere condolences go to his wife, Councillor Christel Mex and family.

Removal of Jo's memorial

Jo's many friends in Kensington felt very sad when she died last year. A long-time resident, a colourful character, Jo March cared for and served her community. She was an active participant in a range of community organisations. She hosted 'Dog's Breakfast' gatherings for the dogs and their owners who regularly visited Borthwick Park. She participated in Clean Up and biodiversity plantings in the park and regularly cleaned the barbecues for all to use and enjoy. After she died, a group of Jo's friends met and attached a simple sign to the barbecues in her honour. The sign was removed by Council. Why? What harm was it doing? To what purpose? Jo's friends, and indeed all of us, feel very sad that Council cannot differentiate between mindless graffiti and a heartfelt gesture of remembrance. Borthwick Park is full of signs and now the one that mattered most to the residents of Kensington is gone.



John, Jo and Mark

PROTECT OUR HERITAGE CAMPAIGN

Our Association is working with the National Trust of South Australia, the Community Alliance and other residents' groups on a campaign to Protect our Heritage. In the transition to the State's new planning system, hard won protections for our heritage places are at serious risk of being diminished or even lost.

The State Planning Commission and the Minister for Planning seem intent on introducing reforms that will undermine protection of our highly valued heritage buildings. Contributory Items within our Historic Conservation Zones are at most risk but the watering down of protection against demolition for Local Heritage and State Heritage Places is also proposed and a serious concern.

The only ones to benefit from reduced heritage protection will be the developers who seek to destroy our heritage buildings and replace them with inappropriate, ugly, modern structures.

The State Planning Commission is ignoring the overwhelming public feedback from the DPTI consultation on local heritage conducted in 2016 and the Parliamentary Inquiry into Heritage conducted in 2018 which strongly supported strengthening of heritage protections and the need for heritage protection to be managed independently of the planning system.

Our Council (NP&SP) has joined with other councils and the Local Government Association in opposing the Commission's proposed reforms.

What can you do to support Kensington's heritage?

- Sign the National Trust Petition: <http://heritagewatch.net.au/category/protect-our-heritage/>
- Write to our local MP Vickie Chapman (Member for Bragg & Deputy Premier), the Premier, Planning Minister and State Planning Commission and don't forget to encourage your neighbours and friends to write to their local MPs too. For guidance, see the Letter-writing guide & campaign kit: <https://communityalliancesa.org.au/resources-2/community-alliance-documents/>
- MP contact details: <https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/Members/Pages/Members.aspx>
- Sign up to be included on KRA's confidential email list to be kept informed by sending an email to: contact@kra.org.au



VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Shirley Rowe has been volunteering in Borthwick Park since 2010. Why is she so committed?

I enjoy the sense of community that comes from working collaboratively with like-minded people. South Australia has lost so much native vegetation. With Borthwick Park I feel that I have been able to help address this. We can make a difference. Oh! And the morning teas!

Have you tried volunteering yet? It's lots of fun and a great way to catch up with neighbours, friends and all the Kensington gossip. And did we mention the morning teas? Legendary!

Look out for our emails and Facebook posts about our next Mulching Party!

For more information call John 0422 909 710 or email us: contact@kra.org.au.

KRA DIARY DATES

Mark Nicholas' Unlikely Story Night - A Community Pub Event

Mark Nicholas loved an 'unlikely story' and as a tribute to him, the first of our KRA Pub Nights will be held on Tuesday 17th September, from 6:30pm at the Kensington Hotel. You are invited to attend, with or without a story to contribute!

Chris, the publican and a long-term supporter of the KRA, will provide finger food and special drinks prices.

Our second pub night will be at the Rising Sun on Tuesday October 15th, from 6:30 pm, where Grant will prepare some damper snacks.

Please add these dates to your diary.

KRA AGM

Tuesday 19th November, 7.30pm at Mary Mackillop College, High St, Kensington. Come along to elect your local representative and share views on life in Kensington. More detail in the next newsletter.

Mulching in Borthwick and Pioneer Parks

Join us for the next Mulching Party in Borthwick Park on Sunday 25th August from 9am. It's fun, sociable and we finish at 11am with the best morning tea! Pioneer Park mulching in the near future - to be announced.

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

KRA MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL

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)		\$
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