

# KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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We want to know what you consider to be important so that we can do our best for you. Included with this newsletter is a questionnaire and we would really appreciate your opinion. Please take a minute to respond to the questions attached.

Thank you for your time. Peter.

## PROPOSED HELIPAD NOW ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Peregrine's Development Application for the construction of a helipad on its proposed new building in the North West corner of Kensington was advertised for public comment in The Messenger of 29th January 2020.

The required Public Environment Report (PER) is now available for perusal. A hard copy of the PER may be viewed at the Norwood Town Hall or may be viewed on-line or downloaded from the following website:

[https://www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/public\\_notices](https://www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/public_notices)

Public consultation closes at 5pm on 13th March 2020.

The Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure will convene two public information sessions at the Norwood Concert Hall on Tuesday 18th February (1pm – 3pm and 5pm - 7pm).

If you oppose this application, we urge you to make a submission. Please provide the Association with a copy of any submission you make.

### Public Notices



Government of South Australia  
Department of Planning,  
Transport and Infrastructure

#### DEVELOPMENT ACT 1993

##### PEREGRINE MIXED USE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT VARIATION 2

##### RELEASE OF A PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

On 16 May 2017 the Governor granted Development Authorisation for the Peregrine Mixed Use Major Development at 270 The Parade, Kensington, comprising the demolition all existing structures on site and construction of a new seven storey mixed use building.

On 27 September 2018 the Minister for Planning varied the Major Development declaration to capture activities and works associated with a Helicopter Landing Facility (Variation 2) pursuant to Section 46 of the Development Act 1993.

The proponent (Shahin Enterprises Pty Ltd trading as Peregrine Corporation) lodged an application for Variation 2 on 15 October 2018 with amended plans provided on 23 November 2018.

On 14 December 2018 the State Planning Commission (SPC) determined that the proponent must prepare a Public Environmental Report (PER) in respect of the proposal and issued assessment guidelines outlining the key issues which the PER must address.

The proponent has now prepared a PER in response to the Guidelines.

The delegate for the Minister advises, by way of this notice, that the PER is released on public consultation from 29 January 2020 until 13 March 2020.

#### Obtaining a copy of the PER

The PER document is available online, without cost, from the SA Planning Portal [www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/public\\_notices](http://www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/public_notices)

The PER will be available for viewing from 29 January 2020 at the following locations (where normal business hours apply):

Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure  
Level 5, 50 Flinders Street, Adelaide

City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters  
175 The Parade, Norwood

#### Public Information Sessions

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) will be convening public information sessions on the PER as follows:

Norwood Concert Hall  
175 The Parade, Norwood  
Tuesday 18 February 2020

- Afternoon session: 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Evening session: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Each session will be split into the following components



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.

# ACT NOW TO PROTECT KENSINGTON'S HERITAGE!

The State Government has released the draft Planning and Design Code that will make our local development plan redundant and replaced with an online portal. Our Historic Conservation Zone is being replaced with a heritage overlay which has eliminated the protection of Contribution Items. As a collection, these dwellings are crucial to the historic streetscapes of Kensington and its unique character. In our opinion, the new code will reduce heritage protection with very vague demolition control wording. The risk is that these buildings could gradually be demolished and in 20 years our neighbourhood would be unrecognisable. The KRA has worked hard over many years to maintain our heritage and unfortunately, we have to work hard once again to convince our Government to make sure the new Code includes 'like for like' demolition controls as was promised.

The new code may also diminish the protection of trees. The provisions for regulated trees seem to also cover what we now call significant trees. The Conservation Council of SA confirms this view (go to <https://www.conservation.sa.gov.au/trees>).

Some of us have tried to 'crack the code', but the draft is very difficult to navigate and has many errors, inconsistencies, ambiguities and omissions such as the lack of current flood mapping and missing historic area statements that are meant to define local criteria and demolition provisions.

To play your part, let our Parliamentarians know your views and urge them to delay the code until it is fit for purpose! It is important to download and sign the hard-copy petition to parliament (go to <https://protectourheritage.nationbuilder.com/petition1>). Also, write to our local MP, Vicki Chapman ([bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au)), the Planning Minister ([ministerknoll@sa.gov.au](mailto:ministerknoll@sa.gov.au)) and the Premier ([dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au)). For more info on the draft code and to make a formal submission, go to [www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au](http://www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au).



*Streetscapes such as Richmond Street above are under serious threat.*

## **Borthwick Park**

Borthwick Park was established in 1985 as a result of strong lobbying by KRA and the support of the late Cr Alby South.

Since 2010, KRA volunteers have worked to re-vegetate parts of Borthwick and Pioneer Parks with suitable locally indigenous species to increase biodiversity and to provide habitat to attract small birds and animals back to the area

## **Kensington's Street Trees**

Kensington's shady, tree-lined streets weren't always like this, in fact High Street was almost desert like in summer until the 1990s.

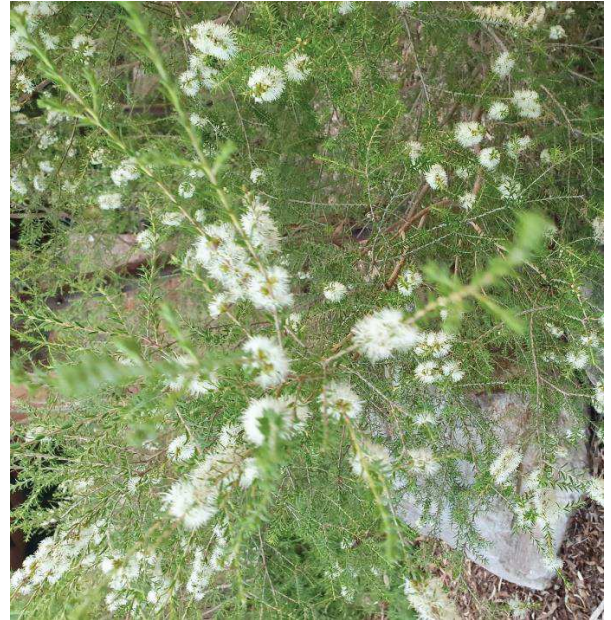
In the early to mid-1990s, KRA lobbied Council to undertake a replacement of many trees and the establishment of many more trees in High, Bridge and Wellington Streets.



# BORTHWICK PARK UPDATES

The park is looking good as we move through summer, although some areas are very dry. Our volunteer waterers are doing their best to keep last year's plantings alive and our losses have been low.

In December, NPSP Council approved the next step for on-ground works to improve water quality and flows through the park and improving the natureplay 'beach' area. You have until Monday 17th February to have your say <https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/article/view/1366>



## Borthwick Park Creek – draft concept plan

Council has prepared a Draft Concept Plan for creek improvements to address community concerns about erosion and both stagnant and fast flowing water at the 'beach' area in Second Creek, Borthwick Park.

The Draft Concept Plan proposes to:

- create safe access on the northern bank utilising rocks and logs to create natural steps down to the creek
- stabilise the northern bank with rocks set in mortar to prevent erosion
- place large rocks as stepping stones near the creek's edge for nature play
- plant new native trees and shrubs on the northern bank above the high-water mark to revegetate the disturbed slope and provide habitat and amenity
- remove the existing weir and infill the deep section of the creek bed adjacent to the "beach area" to eliminate stagnant water during the drier months
- undertake minor work to repair damaged or missing stones in the facing wall on the existing southern bank.

For further details and to view the draft plan check Council's website:

<https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/article/view/1366>.

Council is seeking your comments on the Draft Concept Plan and the Association is also preparing a response. Should you wish to discuss this proposal with our Association please call John Legg on 0422 909 710.

We would appreciate a copy of your comments.

Consultation closes 5.00pm, Monday 17th February 2020

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY – SUNDAY 1ST MARCH

2020 marks the 23rd 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 1st 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 23rd 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 2020? 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:	
2020 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February)</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		
<b>Office use:</b>		
Received: .....	Membership Years: .....	
Receipt No: .....	Payment Details: .....	
Membership Register updated: .....	Email list updated: .....	

Please complete, detach and send to: *The Secretary, Andrew Dyson: 42 Regent Street Ph 8331 9654*  
 Email: [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au)

## **A message from KRA's newly elected President**

At our AGM in November I was elected President, a position that I am very pleased and flattered to accept. I have a real passion for our Community and the very special suburb that we occupy.

We had a good attendance at the meeting but I would like to throw it open to all residents – KRA members and non-members alike - to give me some guidance about where we should prioritise the Committee's efforts.

Since the KRA was founded several improvements in our way of life have been influenced by the Association, including the greening of our streets, the retention of the bluestone kerbing, the installation of some original gas lights (upgraded to electricity, of course), over 20 consecutive years of participation with Clean up Australia, any number of community events and over the last ten years our work on the biodiversity projects in Borthwick and Pioneer Parks.

Thinking ahead, we want to know what you consider to be important so that we can do our best for you.

Please take a minute to respond to the questions below.

- take a photo of the page and forward it to me on 0409 001 989 or
- scan and send to [contact@kra.com.au](mailto:contact@kra.com.au) or
- drop a hard copy in my letterbox at 43 High Street.

Thanks for helping to steer the KRA on its future path.

Regards,

Peter Duffy

## **What is most important to you?**

### **1. Biodiversity program at Borthwick Park**

Over ten years and thousands of volunteer hours we have been a most active partner in revegetating the park closer to its natural setting; a wonderful example of community working together. To continue our involvement, together with Council, may mean closer working arrangements as registered volunteers of the Council. In this capacity we may expand our role to include not only our annual planting and maintenance but such activities as:

- native bee hotels, bee garden, school activities, activities for younger kids, tours.
- a history tour to include both indigenous and colonial aspects.

*Should we proceed? YES / NO*

*Will you help? YES / NO*

*Any comments: \_\_\_\_\_*

### **2. Engaging with Peregrine Corporation**

We unsuccessfully opposed the development of the multi-story development at the corner of Portrush Road and The Parade. We have only recently sought to open a line of communication about the Helicopter Landing Area on the roof. Another area of common interest is access and parking when the redevelopment commences.

*Should we pursue an open line of communication? YES / NO*

*Any comments:* \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. Working with Council over (a) parking issues and (b) reduction in speed limit**

Car parks for visitors and extended family members with cars are getting harder to find....it will be worse when the trades people, working on the new Peregrine Headquarters, are looking for all day parking within walking distance of the project.

*Does this impact you? YES / NO*

*Should we pursue an open line of communication? YES / NO*

*Any comments:* \_\_\_\_\_

### **4. Working with the 'Protect our Heritage Committee' to bring some common sense to the proposed State Planning and Development Law?**

Our membership of the Community Alliance and the Protect our Heritage Group is a means of working with a larger group, trying to bring some common sense to the Planning and Development Code that the State Government plans to implement from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

Despite assurances from the State Planning Commission and Minister Knoll, we are very concerned that, with the loss of protection for Contributory Items our Historic Conservation Zone will be meaningless and will lead to the demolition of properties that are currently protected and their replacement with unsuitable higher density developments.

*Important to you? YES / NO*

*Any comments:* \_\_\_\_\_

### **5. Community activities**

We have conducted events in the Park, Christmas carol singing, Pub nights, long lunches, etc.

*Are these a good idea and something you'd like to be involved in? YES / NO*

*Any comments:* \_\_\_\_\_

### **6. Other thoughts or comments**

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