

# KRA Newsletter

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## JOIN US

**Join your neighbours.  
Become a member of KRA.**

The fee is \$10 per person or household each year. Join for one, two or five years.

To join, we need your details:

**Name, Address, Email, Phone and Number of people joining.**


Email, post or phone your details to:

KRA secretary, Andrew Dyson:

**42 Regent St,**

**Kensington SA 5068**

 **8331 9654**

 [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au)

**Payment can be made by cheque,  
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KRA BSB 805 050 ACC 235 0031**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I sat down to write this note I was reflecting on how lucky we (all of us) are to live in our beautiful suburb. Leafy streets, populated with some wonderful examples of early design and building techniques, are a part of the appeal, but the community spirit of our neighbours is also a big part of the picture.

Our own home in High Street was listed as a Contributory Item in the Historic Conservation Zone and this meant that it was saved from demolition back in 2004. It's worth noting that the Kensington Residents Association was instrumental in, not only lobbying for the street trees out the front, but in compiling the list of heritage properties. Without this KRA input, numbers 41 and 43 would have been gone forever.

Elsewhere in the newsletter we are launching the "Care for Kensington" initiative, which will provide a grant for a member or members of our community who submit a plan for an activity that will improve our collective quality of life. Please consider making a submission for the judging panel. There's a significant cash amount to be awarded.

Finally, I encourage you to read the community notice board which is a feature of the Garden Tools Storage shed in Borthwick Park. The shed was made possible by a grant from the Council and will make the watering roster, working bees and planting days a lot easier for all of us.

*Peter Duffy*  
KRA President



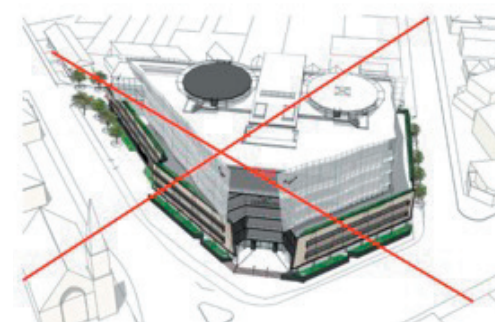
## KRA PUB NIGHT AT THE RISING SUN INN TUESDAY 22 JUNE AT 7.30PM



Mid-winter is just the time to enjoy a glass of red, good food, and a wood fire at the Rising Sun Inn. This Winter Solistice we are adding a few songs to the mix. Join us for community singing at the Rising Sun Inn (60 Bridge St, Kensington). Song sheets provided. Raise the endorphins this winter with wine, warmth and community on Tuesday 22 June from 7.30pm.

## HELIPAD REFUSED!

Thanks to all residents for contributing to the fight that stopped Peregrine from flying helicopters over our suburb for their VIPs to get to a racetrack. Common sense prevailed when the State Government refused their application in March after months of reports, public meetings and letter writing. We are all relieved that we won't have to put up with the horrendous safety risks and noise pollution.



**BORTHWICK PARK UPDATE**

**Our new shed!**

Our new shed was delivered in April and already looks like it's been here forever! Council is assisting us with new signage and we'll be storing hand tools and our new watering hand cart to make next summer's watering easy!

We'll be doing some screening planting around the shed in the coming months.



**TWO BORTHWICK PARK PLANTING DAYS!  
WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!**

Remember how our park used to look?



Since 2010 we have re-vegetated and nurtured our maturing native plants; creating a peaceful natural haven in the heart of Kensington. This has been done entirely by a dedicated group of local volunteers working with the support of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Council.



All hands on deck! With our new plants ready from Trees for Life we would really appreciate your help to get them in the ground! Please join us for an hour or three followed by a yummy lunch (provided).

**Dates: 13th June & 11th July from 9am.** You are most welcome on either/both mornings from 9am. Kids and friends welcome and full training given.

**Enquiries: John 0422 909 710.**

**NEW!! CARE FOR KENSINGTON GRANTS AVAILABLE NOW!**

Are you a KRA member? KRA Community Grants are open now for any project that benefits our fabulous suburb or the Kensington community! It may be cultural, artistic, social, environmental, or even virtual!

We have two grants available to be spent in 2021.

- Adults, aged 18 and over; up to \$750
- Children under 18, up to \$250

For full details and an application form email: [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au)

**Enquiries: John - 0422 909 710  
Christel - 0401 126 173  
Karloskar - 0418 800 305  
Barbara - 0419 348 222**

**LOWER SPEED LIMITS?**

Council is considering a 40 km/h speed limit in NPS residential streets. Norwood and Kent Town are currently under consideration.

Kensington is not on the radar yet, but there is an opportunity for us to show our enthusiasm for traffic calming and a lower speed limit is a component of that.

We have printed a sample quantity of stickers for rubbish bins as shown.

They are available to residents ("first in, first served") at \$9 each to recoup part of the cost. If any resident has a printing source or contact and would like to be involved please let us know.

We'll keep a list of those wanting one (or more) and if we can build the quantity to reduce the price then they'll be sold at a lower price.

Contact Andrew or Peter



**OPEN MIC**

COVID, politics, and hedonism after closing time at Officeworks were only some of the subjects that were covered in the Open Mic session hosted by the Kensington Hotel. The sounds of double bass, banjo, accordion, guitars, ukuleles, and voices filled the Kings Room and a wonderful time was had by all.



## PIZZA IN THE PARK

It's on again!

Please save the date for our second annual Wood fired Pizza in the Park:

**Sunday 10th October, 2021 from 4 pm**

PGH Bricks and Pavers have again kindly donated the mobile Pizza Oven for the event.

Pizza Chef Extraordinaire, Karloskar Hall, is raring to go so all is in place for another fun evening in the beautiful surroundings of Borthwick Park.

*More info as it gets closer!*



## COUNCIL BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN OUT FOR CONSULTATION

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters' annual business plan sets out proposed projects, services and programs for the 2021–22 financial year. The draft includes a number of large-scale infrastructure projects including \$100,000 earmarked for Borthwick Park, upgrades to Burchell Reserve, the Payneham Swimming Centre, St Peters Street and the Parade Masterplan. For more information on the budget and how you can have your say, go to:

**[https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/our\\_community/community\\_consultation](https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/our_community/community_consultation)** Consultation closes on 2nd June. **Remember that this is only a draft, so we urge you to complete the online form to indicate your support for the investment in Borthwick Park!**

## HERITAGE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN & PLANNING MATTERS

In our February newsletter we reported that the new planning and development system would become operational in March and also on moves to prevent demolition of the State Heritage listed Waite Gatehouse at the intersection of Cross & Fullarton Roads.

We are pleased to report that the widespread public outrage at the proposed demolition led to a backdown by the State Government. The house will be dismantled and rebuilt at another location on the Urrbrae property. Heritage activists would have preferred it to be left where it is but at least the building will be preserved.

The Planning & Design Code for urban areas was implemented in March. Our Association lodged a comprehensive submission expressing our concerns about a number of features of the draft Code. As stated in the Protect Our Heritage Alliance's media release:

*"The whole 'consultation' process has been an abrogation of community trust and the democratic process. It has ignored the dictates of the statutory Community Engagement Charter, and has been a disgraceful and deceitful failed exercise in the promulgation of public policy."*

The former Chair of the State Planning Commission was quoted in the Planning Department's newsletter as follows:

*"Earlier this month I gave an important briefing to South Australia's Cabinet members on the draft Planning and Design Code. The main point I wanted our parliamentary representatives to take away was that this first generation of the Planning and Design Code is largely about transitioning and consolidating existing contemporary policy from individual council development plans into the Code."*

Quite clearly Cabinet was being misled as the Code does not transition and consolidate the existing Council Development Plans.

We are particularly concerned that Kensington's seventy (70) or so Local Heritage Items and its 200 Contributory Items will have a lesser degree of protection from demolition and inappropriate development than under the former NP&SP Development Plan.

Under the weight of objections from both Local Government and the community regarding the department's and former Minister's refusal to include Contributory Items in the Code, the department backed down to some extent but insisted on changing the designation to Representative Buildings and has refused to identify them by a written list and they only appear on a map overlay.

We are seeking a briefing from Council's planning staff on their understanding of the implications of the Planning & Design Code for Kensington's heritage.

The Association continues its long term involvement with the Community Alliance, National Trust and Protect Our Heritage Alliance to lobby for better protection of our built heritage.

## HON MARK PARNELL RETIRES FROM PARLIAMENT

Mark Parnell recently retired after fifteen years dedicated service to the people of South Australia as a Member of the Legislative Council.

We acknowledge Mark's support for residents' groups, the Community Alliance and the National Trust in our combined opposition to changes to planning laws and controls that will negatively impact upon our built heritage and further reduce the opportunity for residents to be notified and comment on nearby development applications.

We respect Mark for his honesty and commitment to our heritage and environment and his willingness to stand up for the community as virtually a lone voice in Parliament apart from his colleague Hon Tammy Franks.

We note from the responses to Mark's valedictory speech that he was highly respected and well liked by his fellow MLCs, quite an achievement given their varied political ideologies.

## NORWOOD LIBRARY EXPANDS ITS HOME DELIVERY SERVICES

Book lovers will reap the rewards of home delivery following the relaxation of eligibility requirements for the Council's Library Home Delivery Service which will now be available to many more residents in the Council area. The intent of the expanded service is to facilitate equal access to materials regardless of age, capability, or access to transport services. For more information visit:

**[www.npsp.sa.gov.au/culture\\_and\\_lifestyle/libraries/activities\\_and\\_programs/home\\_library\\_services](https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/culture_and_lifestyle/libraries/activities_and_programs/home_library_services)**

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## DISCOVER HISTORIC KENSINGTON - BENSON FOUNTAIN Cnr High St & Portrush Rd

Dr John Benson served the Kensington and Norwood community for ten years and in that time gained the loyalty and admiration of a large number of people. Tragically he died of pneumonia on the 8th July, 1877 aged 39 years.

On the day of his funeral shops were closed and flags were flown at half mast. The mile-long funeral procession of many carriages and hundreds of mourners from all sections of the community followed the hearse from his home at 50 High Street, Kensington to St Bartholomew's Church, Norwood and then to West Terrace Cemetery.

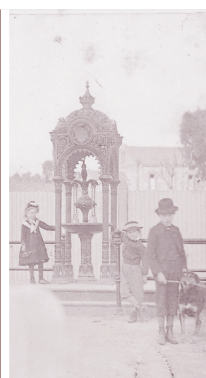
The fountain was erected by public subscription in 1879 on land given by the Sisters of St Joseph who respected the much loved Dr Benson. The memorial fountain was unveiled by Lady Elizabeth Smith, wife of Sir Edwin T Smith then Mayor of Adelaide (formerly Mayor of Kensington & Norwood).

Note the early Australian coat-of-arms long before the advent of Federation.

*Text courtesy: Kensington Heritage Walk Brochure, City of NP&SP.*

The Association successfully initiated and lobbied for the repair, restoration and landscaping of the fountain and surrounds, as part of the Portrush Road widening in 2004. Local architect Michael Pilkington prepared the landscaping plans.

### Benson Fountain is one of Kensington's Nine State Heritage Listed items.



*Archival photo: Adelaide School of photography*

## LOCAL & LIVE GIG GUIDE

**High Street Café** - Acoustic soloists every Saturday morning from 11am. Located adjacent to Mary Mackillop Museum. (4 High Street, Free entry)

**Kensington Hotel** - Sunday sessions with live music in the Corner Bar from 3pm to 6pm every Sunday. (23 Regent St, Free entry)

**Rising Sun Inn** - Sunday Sessions featuring live acoustic music on the last Sunday of each month from 4pm. Lunch bookings T 8333 0721 (60 Bridge St, Free entry)

**PLUS the KRA's Winter Solstice gathering** on Tuesday, 22nd June from 7.30pm!

### Regal Theatre -upcoming events:

**Rachael Beck:** 4th - 5th June  
**Erin Jae singing Adele:** 4th June  
**Rhonda Burchmore & Lara Mulcahy doing ABBA:** 17th & 18th July  
**Carlotta:** 4th September  
Address: 275 Kensington Rd.  
Bookings: [theregaltheatre.com.au](http://theregaltheatre.com.au)

**Hope's Café at the Clayton Church** - Great occasional music & Asian street food evenings. Enter via The Parade entrance, parking available off Union Street.

**Cue Bar** - Great live music in nearby Norwood! Don't miss amazing Cuban music every Sunday, Free entry from 4pm. Located upstairs, 140-144 The Parade.

## KRA MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL

Name[s]: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2021 KRA Membership: New or Renewal	1 year membership fee (\$ 10)	\$
	2 year membership fee (\$ 20)	\$
	5 year membership fee (\$ 50)	\$

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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tear off the completed slip for our secretary: *Andrew Dyson, 42 Regent Street, Kensington SA 5068.*  
Slips can also be photographed or scanned and emailed to [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au)