

KRA Newsletter

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Find out what's happening in the village of Kensington.

 FACEBOOK  INSTAGRAM

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

Payment can be made by cheque, cash or direct deposit to:
KRA BSB 805 050 ACC 235 0031



KRA AGM

The Kensington Residents' Association has been promoting and celebrating life in Kensington for over 40 years. The KRA is your voice to local and state government on everything from heritage laws to traffic and park management. Being part of the group keeps you informed, connects people and promotes our community identity.

KRA achievements

- Establishment of Borthwick Park in 1985 and its revegetation over the last decade.
- The planting of street trees in High, Bridge and Wellington Streets.
- Annual coordination of Kensington's involvement in Clean-Up Australia Day.
- Protection of heritage buildings, historic bluestone kerbing and declaration of Kensington as an Historic Conservation Zone.
- Running community events—pizza in the park, carol singing, picnic gatherings and outdoor film screenings.
- Installation of Kensington's first street library at Eats on the Parade.

Is community important to you?

There are different ways and levels of involvement from *hardly at all* to *regular involvement*. For example:

- Just chat! Tell us what is important to you around Kensington: schools, trees, traffic, heritage, anything!
- Volunteer now and then: join our Borthwick Park team; suggest or support a one-off project; help distribute our newsletter.
- Contribute your expertise. *Friends of the KRA* bring expertise to all sorts of specialist projects, social media, submissions, surveys

and grant applications. Tell us about yourself and we'll put you on a register.

- Serve on the Committee. Attend monthly meetings and help shape our community.

Come to our Annual General Meeting

When: Tuesday 23rd November at 7:30pm.

Where: To be held at Bethany Conference Centre, Mary MacKillop Precinct.

Access is via the main driveway at 4 High Street or the side gate in Phillips Street.

Why: To elect our committee for 2022, share views on life in Kensington, meet fellow residents, and enjoy some wine and a supper.

Guest Speaker: Former MLC, Hon Mark Parnell

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the year end approaches, we hope to regain a 'normality' that will enable Christmas family reunions. At this time, I would like to thank residents who have gone the extra mile in looking out for and supporting neighbours. A recent extended stay in Sydney has given me hope that we can 'live with Covid' if all who can vaccinate at the earliest opportunity. For Kensington residents with family stranded interstate or overseas, I hope your Christmas will be complete with their presence at your table.

Borthwick Park looks fantastic this Spring. There are advanced plans for Council to upgrade the creek bank (Thornton Street end) early in 2022 to remedy fast flow/stagnant water issues. It will also include a small nature play area for children to enjoy.

Biodiversity Program Director John Legg has more plans in the pipeline for the park. New volunteers are more than welcome!

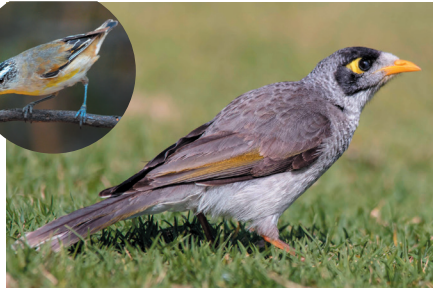
Please attend our AGM at the Mary MacKillop Precinct at 7:30 on Tuesday 23rd November. All are welcome to join us as we work to make Kensington the very best place to live.



Peter Duffy
KRA President

BORTHWICK PARK

Striated pardalote



Noisy miners

Although a native species, Noisy miners are one of the world’s most aggressive birds. Working as a gang of bully boys, they scan the park from vantage points, pestering small birds and even some larger ones as they defend their food resources.

This is why you won’t tend to see small birds or other honeyeaters in the park, although White-plumed and New Holland honeyeaters are found in the surrounding streets.

Despite this, the tiny Striated pardalote can be seen fluttering high up in the gums, seemingly immune from their attacks.

Creek works

After a lengthy planning process, works to modify the northern bank of Second Creek in Borthwick Park will commence early in 2022.

Following recurring issues with erosion and fast winter flows as well as the forming of stagnant pools over summer, these on-ground works will deliver improved water quality, enhanced safety and incorporate nature play.

Caring for Borthwick Park

We are proud of our lovely park and work hard to keep it looking great.

Want to help us give the park some love? Here’s how:

1. Join one of our regular working bees to mulch, prune, weed, water.

The last sessions for 2021 are Sunday 14th November and 12th December from 9am to 11am followed by morning tea.
2. Find an hour of your time to do some weeding. If you like getting your hands dirty with some quiet weeding we’d love to hear from you. We can even allocate you your own special patch to weed! E: contact@kra.org.au or John on ☎ 0422 909 710. Training provided.

3. Put your name down to water over summer. We’ll show you what’s involved. Email us your availability at: E: contact@kra.org.au

4. Run your own project. What activities would you like to see? Bird counts? Children’s activities? Solitary native bee hotels? Plant propagation? What about establishing some homes for lizards? E: contact@kra.org.au or John on ☎ 0422 909 710.



Our magnificent Red Gum!

This tree, dominating Borthwick Park, has been assessed as being up to 450 years old!

This Red Gum:

- may have been a sapling during the building of the Taj Mahal;
- was already mature when the steam engine was invented;
- was already over 100 years old during the French Revolution;
- saw the end of slavery, the construction of the Eiffel Tower and lived through two world wars.

Over its life it has witnessed ceremonies and gatherings on Second Creek by the local Kaurna people as well as the arrival of the first colonial settlers.

And (multi-tasking!) it has sequestered valuable carbon from the atmosphere and supported a myriad of bird, insect and animal populations.

Thanks, big tree!

HERITAGE

Discover Historic Kensington



The Rising Sun Hotel

This beautiful Victorian sandstone building is Kensington’s most prominent building. Situated at the intersection of High and Bridge Streets, the Rising Sun Hotel is State Heritage listed. It was built in 1882 as a showy new hotel by Kent Town Brewery magnate Sir E T Smith. It was designed by architect William McMinn as a 34-room hotel incorporating three shops. In 1893 the publican, Louis Rothenberg, hanged himself at the foot of the stairs when his race horse ‘Dust Storm’ died during the Tattersalls Cup.

For some reason the hotel never proved to be popular and in the local option poll of 1909 the Rising Sun Hotel lost its licence and became a boarding house. On 27th November 1982, KRA organized a ‘one day licence’ to celebrate the centenary of the hotel.

Text and historic photo from the Kensington Village Historical Walk brochure, compiled by Denise Schumann.

CAROLS IN KENSINGTON



It is that time of year! KRA’s popular carolling in the streets of Kensington will take place on Monday 20th December. At 6.45pm, we meet in the park opposite the Kensington Hotel and finish at the Rising Sun Inn (by 8.30pm). Song sheets will be provided. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water bottle if the weather is warm. It is a fun community event for people of all ages.

Please contact KRA if you would like the carolling group to sing outside your residence.

PIZZA IN THE PARK



Eighty or so Kensington residents gathered for Pizza in the Park on the afternoon of Sunday 24th October. Our pizza maestros Karloskar, Nick and Vic produced a magnificent feast in the wood-fired oven kindly lent by PGH Bricks & Pavers. Old friends caught up and new friendships began as a huge tub of dough was shaped, topped, cooked, and eaten with gusto. As the sunlight faded the crowd dispersed with full bellies and full hearts.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



On 26th September, a beautiful Sunday morning, St Ignatius Parish Norwood held a Blessing of Animals at Borthwick Park. Kensington resident Angela Hazebroek arranged the service, at which some 15 animals, nearly all dogs, were blessed in a simple ceremony. The animals were well behaved and their human owners enjoyed the event. The blessing of pets and animals is often conducted on 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, or on a Sunday near that date, as many of the stories that surround the life of St Francis record his great love for animals and the environment.

Photo credit: St Ignatius Parish weekend newsletter 9-10 October 2021

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FUNDRAISER

The Community Alliance SA intends to launch a major planning reform campaign ahead of the State election. Help CASA raise funds and have a great evening out at the **Capri Cinema, Goodwood on Saturday 13th November from 6.30pm**. The famous disappearing organ will play before the latest James Bond film "No Time to Die". Complimentary nibbles. Eftpos available for drinks. **Tickets \$25 from the KRA Secretary** or at the door or online www.eventbrite.com.au/e/james-bond-no-time-to-die-movie-fundraiser-for-community-alliance-tickets-171720369247

RIDE TO WORK DAY – 10TH NOVEMBER



Organised nationally by Bicycle Network, Ride2Work Day is the largest celebration of commuter bike riding in Australia.

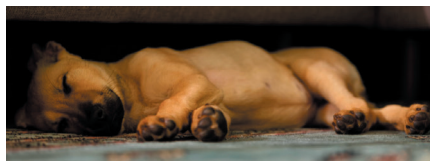
The main objective of the day is to normalise the idea of riding to work. It encourages people who have never ridden to work before to give it a go, and it allows regular riders to stay motivated and encourage their work mates to get involved.

By either riding your own bike (or a friend's), or riding a share e-bike or e-scooter on the day you can receive:

- a free coffee from selected local coffee shops
- a free 10 minute bike tune-up from 7-10am on the day at Treadly Bike Shop
- discount services at Whippets Workshop, Stepney

www.npsp.sa.gov.au/form/view/129

DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT SURVEY



The Council's 2019-2024 Dog and Cat Management Plan guides how the Council approaches the management of dogs and cats in the City. One of the objectives of the plan is to educate the community about responsible pet ownership and the broad range of dog and cat ownership requirements.

Complete the survey online or in person at the Norwood Town Hall or one of our libraries for your chance to win a \$100 voucher from Pet Barn Norwood.

Survey closes **5:00pm, 9th November 2021**. To have your say, visit:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/FZM66GQ

ON THE VERGE OF GREATNESS



Verges - nature strips - that piece of council owned land which is used by many but typically loved by none. These neglected spaces can be transformed... by you!

A well-designed and maintained verge garden can improve your property's kerb appeal, increase local biodiversity, absorb rainwater, and, best of all, get you out onto the footpath and meeting other locals. Grow your community whilst you grow a verge garden!

Prior to starting any landscaping works on a verge, please visit www.npsp.sa.gov.au/our_services/roads_footpaths_and_verges/verge_gardens for:

- an Authorisation to Landscape a Verge application form;
- Verge Policy & Guidelines;
- maintenance and insurance requirements; and
- answers to frequently asked questions.

Consider safety as you plan your verge planting. Remember vehicles need to have clear sight lines, and pedestrians and people alighting from vehicles need to be able to move safely through the verge. Determine the location of services, such as water, gas and electricity, above and below ground, before you plan or plant anything. Dial Before You Dig www.1100.com.au/ is an excellent resource.

For more inspiration check out ABC's Gardening Australia **Series 23/Episode 1:** www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/starting-your-own-verge-garden/9433520 or **Series 32/Episode 23:** www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/valley-of-the-verges/13515442.

A Bridge Street resident has suggested that KRA could run a "Best Nature Strip in Kensington" competition in 2022... we're seeking a resident or residents who would like to run this competition because we think it's a great idea! Contact KRA Secretary, E: contact@kra.org.au

OPEN MIC AT THE KENSINGTON HOTEL

The Spring Equinox 'Open Mic' Evening at the Kensington Hotel was a brilliant night. Diverse music was performed - blues, original songs, songs by the Decemberists and a lively rollicking ballad. The hotel generously provided an abundance of finger food. Thank you to the Kensington Hotel for supporting this community event and the hospitality extended to residents. We'll do it again next year, don't miss out!

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Is anyone interested in creating and updating a register of skilled locals able to assist other residents with home maintenance jobs? Would a tool register for rarely used tools that residents are willing to share be a useful resource? Contact the KRA Secretary if you can assist.

TREASURE HUNT

Can you find these treasures of Kensington as you walk our streets? Please send photos of your favourite treasures in Kensington for our next KRA Newsletter.



WHAT I LIKE ABOUT KENSINGTON

From Iran, Hani chose to live in Kensington when she moved to Adelaide. I asked Hani what she likes about Kensington.

'The friendly neighbourhood. I like my neighbours. I also like living on a heritage street. You feel the history and culture. I see the old church, the chemist, the boot shop, the old buildings and I sometimes imagine what was happening in the neighbourhood in the past - what it was like.'

Sara moved to Kensington from St Kilda in Melbourne.

'I love the quirk of our diagonal streets. I also love the diversity of Kensington. There is a mix of heritage and new buildings. Some houses are large family homes, but there is also aged-care and public housing, apartments and town-houses. Some people own their homes, others are renting. There is cultural diversity and there are old people living beside young families. We all meet in our beautiful local parks. We all get on. We all safely walk the tree-lined streets, and I love the chaos at the end of each school day. How lucky are we to have streets filled with children and excellent schools!'

What do you like about Kensington? Please send us your thoughts for future KRA Newsletters.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations are open until Wednesday 24th November for the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Award for Active Citizenship. Nominate a person or organisation making a real difference in our community at www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/nominate/. For further information contact the council Events Unit on:

☎ 8366 4555 or E: events@npsp.sa.gov.au

Coming Events - 2021/2022	
Borthwick Park working bees	9-11am on Sunday November 14th and Sunday December 12th
Community Alliance Movie fundraiser	James Bond - No Time to Die, 6.30pm on Saturday 13th November, Capri Cinema
KRA Annual General Meeting	7.30pm on Tuesday, 23rd November 2021. Bethany Centre, Mary McKillop Precinct, High Street. <i>Speaker: Hon. Mark Parnell</i>
Carolling in Kensington	6.45pm on Monday 20th December, meet in the park opposite the Kensington Hotel and walk through Kensington, finishing at the Rising Sun Inn at approximately 8.30pm.
Outdoor film evening	Late January 2022. Mary McKillop Park between High Street Café and Phillips St pool. Details to come.

KRA MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL

Name[s]: _____

Date _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2022 KRA Membership: New or Renewal

If unsure whether you have already paid for 2022, send an email to the Secretary. For new members, payment for one year will cover you for the remainder of 2021 and all of 2022.

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:

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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