

KRA Newsletter

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Join your neighbours. Become a member of KRA.

The fee is \$15 per person or household each year.

Two years \$30. 5 years \$75.

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

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KRA BSB 805 050 ACC 235 0031

PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Welcome to a new year in Kensington and a new look KRA! We've got a beautiful revision of our website www.kra.org.au live and populated with content. Your suggestions for handy or interesting website inclusions are welcome. We're excited to be heading into 2022 with the enthusiastic KRA committee voted in at the November AGM including a pair of Presidents! Job-sharing the President's responsibilities is a modern concept but Sara and I intend to continue the traditions of the KRA in building positive connections between residents and looking after our much-loved local spaces and places in our natural and built environment. With COVID-19 cases in Adelaide increasing dramatically in recent months, we're going to be working hard to find ways to keep our community connected, but safely. Please take care of yourself, look out for your neighbours and let the KRA know if you need assistance so we can activate the community network around you. Get in touch any time via contact@kra.org.au

Jane and Sara

2022 KRA COMMITTEE

Co-Presidents:

Sara White and Jane Godsmark

Vice President (Immediate Past President):

Peter Duffy

Secretary: Andrew Dyson

Treasurer: Karloskar Hall

Biodiversity Coordinator: John Legg

Committee Members: Roger Bryson, Nicholas Crouch, Melody Earl, Barbara Erichsdotter, Andrew Pascoe



Congratulations to Terry and Shirley – honorary life members of the Kensington Residents' Association – pictured here at the AGM with 2021 President, Peter Duffy

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY, MARCH 6TH

It's on again. The KRA is organising the annual clean-up of our lovely suburb by volunteers on Sunday 6th March.

The main effort will be conducted from Borthwick Park on Sunday and volunteers are asked to register their interest by returning the form (on the back page of this newsletter) or by texting details to Peter on ☎ 0409 001 989.

Bags will be available for collection from Friday night (March 4th) from 43 High Street for those who prefer to volunteer Saturday or Sunday morning. We'll wrap up the Sunday activities with a BBQ lunch in Borthwick Park.



DON'T RUBBISH KENSINGTON

Dumping unwanted items on verges, in gutters or parks, or on vacant land is illegal and there's no need to do it! Households in Kensington are entitled to two free hard waste collections per year. You can book collection of 2 cubic metres of hard rubbish (2m long x 1m high x 1m wide) online at www.eastwaste.com.au or EastWaste on ☎ 8347 5111.

Collection of mattresses or bed ensembles must be booked separately. You may need to book 3-4 weeks in advance for hard rubbish and 1-2 weeks in advance for mattress/bed collection so plan ahead if you know you'll be having a clean-up.

Our local council's website lists options (many free of charge) for disposing of electronic or e-waste, household chemicals, paint, just about anything you can think of (www.npsp.sa.gov.au)

If it's too good to waste, don't leave your cast offs on the footpath and hope someone takes a shine to it! Donate to charity – some charities will collect furniture and household items at no cost to you. Or advertise your goods for free collection with Facebook group: Buy Nothing Norwood/Payneham/Kensington/Dulwich, SA.

TREE PROTECTION LAWS - WORST IN AUSTRALIA

It has been said that “the world is run by those who show up”. This statement came to mind when I decided to run for Council, volunteer for committees and write this article. Tree protection featured in the media recently and is my topic today. Whilst media coverage is great, I get frustrated when reporting gets my energy flowing but fails to include information about what I can do to help.

Thanks to Tom Morrison, Mitcham’s Young Citizen of the Year and founder of the Facebook Group 20 Metre Trees, we have the data that proves greater Adelaide has the worst tree protection laws in Australia. Why? Back in 2011 the state government passed regulations that allowed more trees to be chopped down to get around protections for significant and regulated trees. Why? Because the world is run by those who show up – in this case probably the property developers who want more land for urban infill.

The regulations allow property owners to chop down most trees within 10 metres of a dwelling or inground pool and to prune up to 30% of protected tree canopy.

In his extensive research, Tom found that there is an astounding disparity between our tree protections and those of most other jurisdictions. South Australia only uses tree circumference as a measure to protect trees (those with a two metre circumference at one metre above the ground). This is very weak compared with other dry urban areas in Victoria and NSW, that protect much smaller trees and also include canopy and height as factors. We don’t protect trees based on canopy, even though the 30 year plan for greater Adelaide has tree canopy goals. Interestingly, stronger protection laws interstate are not preventing development, they encourage better development.

So now that your energy is sparked, here’s what you do. Write letters requesting change to our local MP Premier Marshall, plus the other candidates for our electorate of Dunstan. Pen a letter to the editor. Start a petition. Volunteer for the campaign at conservation.sa.org.au.

Help run the world by showing up.

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Premier Steve Marshall:
dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au

Greens candidate Kay Moncrieff:
saoffice@sa.greens.org.au

Labor candidate Cressida O’Hanlan:
Cressida.OHanlon@alpsa.org.au

BORTHWICK PARK

Thanks Sonia and Craig.

After repeated attempts over the last two years to find a lost watering outlet, Sonia and Craig responded to our cry for help through Facebook.

Bringing their metal detector, Sonia and Craig Brocklehurst soon found the lost outlet buried under mulch and soil, making our summer watering task that much easier!



Concert in the park

The students of Voicestyle Studio turned Christmas Covid rules to their advantage, holding their annual singing event in Borthwick Park. What a fabulous setting for a community event in Kensington! A great night was enjoyed by performers and audience members alike.



Caring for Borthwick Park

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

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

The next sessions are Sunday 13th February and 13th March from 9am, followed by morning tea. Bring shears or pruners along if you have some.



Weeding is good for the soul!

Why not find an hour of your time to do some weeding? Being in nature, getting your hands dirty and weeding is great therapy! If you’d like to try some quiet weeding, we’d love to hear from you. We can even allocate you your own special patch to weed! Email us at contact@kra.org.au or call John on **0422 909 710**. Training provided.



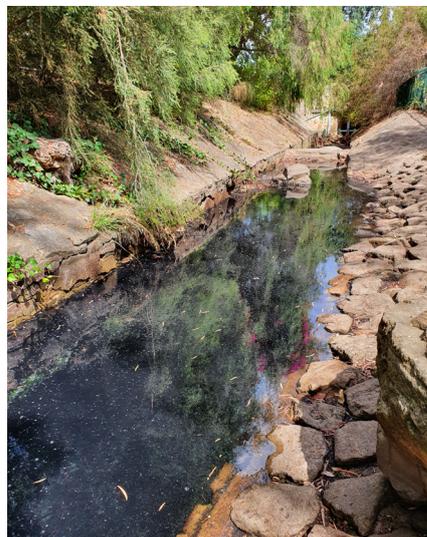
Drilling for native bees

Our native bees are solitary and can’t sting. And they need homes! If you have a cordless drill and a bit of time please come along and drill for bees! We’ll show you where to drill. Holes between 3mm and 10mm are best.



Creek works

A reminder that works to Second Creek are scheduled to commence in the park in February following recurring issues with erosion, fast winter flows and stagnant pools.



HISTORIC KENSINGTON

Rising Sun Inn – 60 Bridge Street



The State Heritage listed Rising Sun Inn was built in 1848 as an ale house with a 'tap room' run by William Beck. Beck had been in the 'service' (part of the African slave trade) of a Dr Edward Irving in America and had travelled to England with him. He married an Irish girl named Sarah Cullen. Known in the village as 'Black Beck' in 1849 he pioneered the first means of public transport between Kensington and Adelaide. Beck's spring cart made a round trip charging six pence each way. In 1868, brewer Sir Edwin Smith bought the inn and added a handsome bluestone façade and parapet. The inn closed its doors in 1883 when Smith transferred the license to his new establishment at the corner of High & Bridge St. The old inn became a private residence. In 1951, R.P. Tilbrook manufactured the only locally made South Australian motor cycles from here. In 1983, the building was restored and traded once more as an historic inn.

Legend has it that there was a murder in the cellar and that to this day there is an eerie presence near the cellar. The original line of the inn and wall can be viewed from the side of the building.

Text credit: NP&SP Kensington Historic Walk brochure, compiled by Denise Schumann.

Photo credit: Andrew Dyson



The Kensington Pool has to be the coolest pool in Adelaide. Especially now that the new heating unit keeps the pool at a constant pleasant temperature. All the more reason to celebrate the extended season. This vintage gem will be open until Sunday 17th April.

In addition, the inflatable obstacle course is in action on **Sunday 20th February 12.30-3.30pm**. There are so many good reasons to visit this very cool treasure of Kensington.

RECENT GRANT SUCCESS

KRA committee members have successfully secured some welcome funding from several sources recently.

James Stevens MP, Federal Member for Sturt advised that KRA have received funding under the 2021/2022 Volunteer Grants Program, which will be spent on gardening tools and a defibrillator to be installed in Borthwick Park for park users to access during heart attack emergencies.

Green Adelaide Core Needs funding will be used to purchase a battery-operated blower for volunteers to keep Borthwick Park tidy.

Funding from the Norwood Payneham and St Peters Council Community Grants Scheme will be used to stage a Community Movie Night on April 9th outdoors in the park between Phillips St and High St, adjacent to High Street Café and the Kensington Pool. It'll be a great night, put it in your diary!

In addition, the Council have agreed to connect electricity to the tool shed in Borthwick Park to power the defibrillator and charge battery operated tools.

*Do you need help applying for a grant for your community project in Kensington?
Let us know at contact@kra.org.au.*

SAVE OUR TREES

Adelaide is losing its mature trees at an alarming rate. According to a recent analysis, as many as 75,000 trees are being lost each year across metropolitan Adelaide. Recent changes to our planning rules are escalating the losses.

Over the last two years, community organisations have begun to document the extent of the problem and to propose a range of solutions. Now, Save Our Trees is inviting people across our community to help document the trees we love, those at risk and those that have been lost. Further information:

www.conservation.org.au/trees2020

HERITAGE AND PLANNING UPDATE

In April 2020, a 14,000 signature Petition was presented to the Legislative Council by Hon Mark Parnell MLC on behalf of the Protect our Heritage Alliance. The Petition raised concerns about the content and implementation of the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act (PDI Act) and the Planning and Design Code (Code) and requested independent reviews of their impacts, public accountability, risk assessment and governance.

The Legislative Review Committee (LRC) released its report in November 2021. It was critical of almost every aspect of the Code and made 14 strong recommendations for regulatory and legislative change.

The major recommendations were:

- Improved public engagement processes in proposed revisions and changes in the Code.
- Amendments to the PDI Act to require an annual independent risk assessment to be monitored by the Environment, Resources and Development Committee (ERDC).
- An independent review by an Expert Panel or the ERDC of the impacts on planning policies, community rights, sustainability and the environment of the PDI Act and the Code.
- A parliamentary committee to enquire into the anomalous use of the Planning and Development (Open Space) Fund to support the implementation of the Code and its ePlanning system.
- Further, that the PDI Act be amended to restrict the use of the Planning and Development Fund and the Urban Tree Canopy Off-set Fund to creating and developing open and green space.
- Prioritised implementation of each of the recommendations of the ERDC Inquiry into Heritage Reform (2019).
- That the current Heritage Reform Advisory Panel: increase local Council input; review and advise on the impact of the Code on demolition controls for heritage assets; and examine whether the Code affords adequate protection for 'Representative Buildings' and neighbourhood character.
- That the Statutory Authorities Review Committee enquire into the governance of the State Planning Commission and the State Commission Assessment Panel.

There was a minority report by SA Best recommending that donations from property developers to political parties be banned, as they are in Queensland and New South Wales. This issue must be addressed despite the failure of our two main political parties to support a ban!

The Government and the Parliament must now respond to the substantive findings of the LRC and correct the many damaging flaws and anomalies in the new planning processes.

What can I do?

In the lead up to the March State Election, residents are urged to contact our politicians urging and seeking their support for real reform including banning developer donations. The Association can provide you with contact details for our MPs.

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MY KENSINGTON

I moved to Kensington in 2002, when I purchased my house from my late uncle's estate. However, my family has been part of Kensington for over one-hundred years.

My great grandparents, together with their two small children, Godfrey and Bertha, moved to Bishops Place in 1919. Some years later Bertha married in St Matthews church and moved to Kensington Gardens.

During the Second World War, Bertha's husband served in Papua New Guinea. At this time, Bertha and her two young children, moved back to her grandparents' home in Kensington. My mother, the younger of the two children, loved living with her grandparents and has told me many stories of life growing up in Kensington.

After my grandparents passed away, my uncle (who never married) inherited their house. Shortly after, the property was acquired and became part of the Marryatville Primary School grounds - where the tennis courts are now. My uncle then purchased a home on Shipsters Road and this is where I live now.

My deep family connection to Kensington is through my grandmother Bertha who never lived far from where I live today.

For me, living in Kensington connects me to memories of time spent with my grandmother and the stories she would tell of her childhood home, the people, the things that happened - the local history of Kensington. My grandmother loved telling these stories. Kensington is where she started her life and where she lived out her days.

My family has a rich connection to Kensington. One that continues today.

Nicholas



Nicholas & Bertha

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

Coming Events - 2022

Borthwick Park Working Bees

Sunday 13th February, 9am - 11am

Working Bees are held regularly on the second Sunday of each month. Dates for 2022: Feb 13th, Mar 13th, Apr 10th, May 8th, Jun 12th, Jul 3rd and 10th, Aug 14th, Sep 11th, Oct 9th, Nov 13th, Dec 11th
Note: two winter planting days 3rd and 10th July

Kensington Norwood Splash

Sunday 20th February, 12.30-3.30pm

NPSP Council event

Bounce into fun this summer at the Kensington Pool! Challenge yourself on the pool inflatable obstacle course - the fastest time will win a prize!

Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 6th March from 9am

Meet in Borthwick Park. Refreshments will be provided by KRA at lunchtime.

KRA outdoor film evening

Saturday 9th April

supported by NPSP Council

Mary McKillop park adjacent to High Street Café. Free entry to Kensington residents. BYO picnic dinner. Popcorn provided by KRA. Food and drinks for sale on site. Open mic opportunity and performances by local musicians from 5pm. Film screening after dark.

KRA MEMBERSHIP & CLEANUP PARTICIPATION

Name[s]:	Date	
Address:		
Phone:	Email:	
2022 KRA Membership: New or Renewal (If unsure of your membership status contact our Secretary.)	1 year membership fee (\$ 15)	\$
	2 year membership fee (\$ 30)	\$
	5 year membership fee (\$ 75)	\$

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**

Clean Up Participation: (Return by 1st March 2022)

No of people:	Available from : AM/PM	to : AM/PM
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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