

• Kensington 5068 •

JUNE 2022 | KENSINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events

Winter Solstice ❄️

Celebrate the astronomical start of Winter with neighbours and friends.

Come to the Kensington Hotel Kings room to enjoy

- Discounted drinks
- Free nibbles
- Live music | Open Mic opportunity
- Kensington Quiz with prizes.

**Tuesday 21st June,
Kensington Hotel,
from 7.30pm**

Dog's Breakfast

**A Dog's Breakfast is on again!
Borthwick Park, from 8am,
Sunday 26th June.**

BBQ'd sausages will be provided for dogs, around 9am. Humans can bring a plate of breakfast goodies to share.

Call or SMS Karloskar: **☎ 0418 800 305** for more information if required.



Borthwick Annual Plantathon!

**Two planting Sundays:
3rd and 10th of July
9am - 12.30pm**

Followed by a free community lunch (barbecue and salads with vego and vegan options)

We have:

- 500 plants to get in the ground - grasses, groundcovers, climbers, shrubs...
- Activities for kids
- Tasks for all ages and stages
- Toilets available.

This is a wonderful community family day.

Please join us.



Spring Plant Swap



A neighbourhood plant swap is planned for Spring - date and location to be finalised. Plenty of time to get a batch of plants or seeds ready to trade with neighbours and new friends when the weather starts to warm up again.

A plant swap is the perfect way to share favourites from your garden and take home some new plants to enjoy. Best of all, you'll be able to talk gardening with the other swappers.

We'll be swapping:

- struck cuttings potted in individual containers (recycled plant pots, containers from butter, yoghurt or other food items, plastic cups, takeaway coffee cups, etc),
- collected dry seeds in envelopes, or
- fresh cuttings in a bucket of water (without water is fine for succulents - they like to dry out on the break before potting).

Each container should be labelled with the name of the plant, the name of the giver and simple care directions.



News from Borthwick Park

Working bees

Green thumbs getting itchy?

Join us at one of our monthly working bees in Borthwick Park on the second Sunday morning of each month.

On Jun 12th we'll be doing more mulching. Vital to keep those winter weeds under control and enrich the soil.



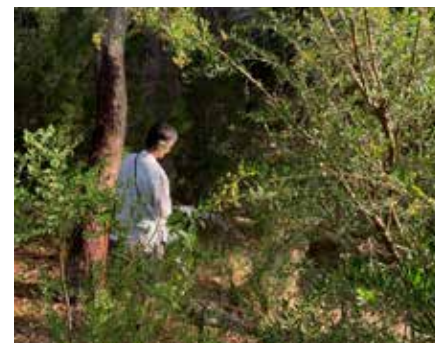
Creek works

Work continues in the creek bed of Second Creek as stonemasons repair the stone walls. Removal of most of the large rocks at the edge of the creek bed involved heavy lifting equipment and a crane. Works are likely to continue until July dependent on weather. Once works are complete, access to the creek will be safer and summer standing water reduced. We will be looking to plant native species to restore the banks and landscape the affected areas.



Thank you

Summer waterers...



Meet John Legg

*Borthwick Park
Biodiversity Project Coordinator*

How long have you lived in Kensington?

I've lived in Kensington since 2005.

What motivated your involvement in the Borthwick Biodiversity project?

I was disturbed to see virtually no understorey below the ancient redgums but rather a sea of kikuyu grass extending down the eroded banks of Second Creek.

I was inspired by an early account of the original vegetation, describing the creek full of fish and yabbies and with kangaroo grass so high it was barely possible to see where you were going. Supported by the KRA and with fabulous community support, I drew up a proposal to council to revegetate the park with local native plant species.

What are the challenges?

Steering the project, from its inception in 2009 to the present has involved many stakeholders including the Council and (now) Green Adelaide. Not being the most tactful of people, this has been challenging for me!



What has been most satisfying?

It's most satisfying to witness the enjoyment of visitors to the park, which now has a diverse and maturing collection of native plants, attracting birds, bats and insects enhancing the health of the redgums above.

What aspects of the park's history engage you?

It is humbling to realise that some of the old gums in the park are up to 450 years old, young saplings when the Taj Mahal was being built in 1632. What stories they could tell, of the animals and birds they supported, of the indigenous ceremonies they would have witnessed, of the coming of Europeans.

Tell us about the volunteers.

I continue to be inspired by the dedication of our volunteers who continue to plant, weed, mulch and nurture the native plants that would have thrived in the area prior to settlement. Volunteering at our monthly working bees helps build and sustain our community. Give it a go, meet your neighbours and enjoy our legendary morning teas!

Tell us about life beyond Borthwick Park

A few years ago, I wrote and performed my own Fringe show in Adelaide and Edinburgh singing politically incorrect songs with the double bass. Over the last three years I have been swing dancing to the music of the 1920's and 30's and have now just finished a ten-day season of Hello Dolly with Met Musicals, dancing, acting and singing.



What's happening?

Autumn in Kensington



Our street trees aren't the only locals with an updated look for the new season: check out the new look KRA website www.kra.org.au. Our multi-tasking IT savvy Treasurer Karloskar has set up a Links page where you can access all the information linked in this newsletter. News and upcoming events are right up front, but Kensington history and the association backstory are there to meander through as well. It's interesting to look through the past newsletters and the KRA constitution and ponder this organisation set up in 1977 to represent the residents of our suburb. Are the needs of our suburb different or largely the same 45 years on? What do you think? What can we do to make Kensington the best place to live?



Don't forget to 'like' our Facebook page to stay up to date between newsletter publications. Go to: [facebook.com/kensingtonresidentsassociation](https://www.facebook.com/kensingtonresidentsassociation)

PS Want some free stuff or give away your stuff? There is a local Facebook group that you can join to de-clutter or re-clutter your home: [buynothing Norwood | Payneham | Kensington | Dulwich | SA](#)

Circus fun, music and Indi SA films

Kensington residents gathered in Mary MacKillop Reserve on 9th April for a happy night of music, circus fun, good food and short films, all thanks to Lolly Jar Circus, the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters sponsorship, a generous donation from the Kensington Hotel and support from High Street Café.



Council news

Grants of up to \$100 are now available to young people living in low-income households, who want to participate in sport. For more info, search for the "Sports Buddy Program" on Council's website at npsp.sa.gov.au

Green Adelaide Celebration

Green Adelaide is coordinating a month of activities in June 2022 to celebrate the declaration of **Adelaide as the second National Park City in the world!** Peruse the lineup and book at adelaidenationalparkcity.org/events. More events will be added as details are finalised up so keep checking.

Get fit in Kensington

Stay energised this winter right here at home!

Try these offerings:

General Fitness:

Energy PT on Salter Street (and Kensington Oval)
 ✉ anniemccallum@adam.com.au

Kensington School of Yoga
 38 Regent Street
 ✉ kensingtonschoolofyoga.com
 or phone ☎ 8331 0255

Nature Festival

Nature Festival invites you to apply to join their 6-16th October 2022 event program ...

Do you have an idea for a creative, emotional, participatory, unusual or remarkable nature based event or experience? Download the prospective host info pack at: naturefestival.org.au.

If you need KRA support to arrange an event in Kensington get in touch
 ✉ contact@kra.org.au

Our Kensington

The bag on the fence - what we like about Kensington

In June of last year we moved into our new place in Maesbury Street. A couple of days later, we were somewhat surprised to see above our back fence a man perched high on a ladder tending his fruit trees. Having greeted him, he was keen to know if we were short term occupants or long-term owners. Hearing that we were in the latter category, he gave us a hearty welcome.

A few hours later, we observed a white plastic bag on a wire hook on our back fence. The donation was fresh produce from our good neighbours' expansive back garden, persimmons, lemons and parsley. We reciprocated the unexpected kindness with a note of thanks, duly attached to the same hook.



A few days later another plastic bag appeared, this time containing spinach, cucumbers, tomatoes and more ripe persimmons. The following weekend we responded with some bakery goods purchased from the Marden market.

But the joy was not just for us, as our next door neighbours reported that they had also been recipients of our elderly neighbours' generosity.

Small acts of kindness can create new friends and good neighbours. It certainly has in our case. We are loving living in Kensington!

Mary + Roger Bryson

Call for your stories

This page is ready for your Kensington stories and photographs.

Send your stories, photos, Kensington news or upcoming event details to:

✉ contact@kra.org.au

for inclusion in this Newsletter or to spread the word to other locals online.

North Kensington?

Karloskar from Regent Street came upon this historic gem – an old Gregory's street directory page showing Beulah Park as North Kensington.

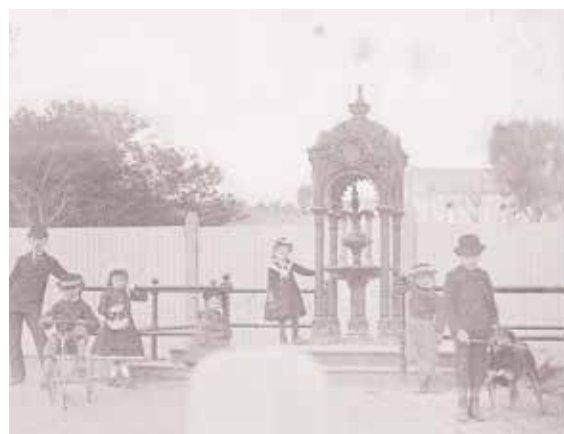


Heritage Kensington

Councillor Christel Mex provided KRA with an update on the long-awaited reinstatement of the Benson fountain located at the corner of High Street and Portrush Road. Key components of the fountain are with a specialist metalworker for repair.

The council has completed all necessary plumbing works at the site and expect to install the refurbished fountain in May.

Watch this space!.



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KRA MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL

Name[s]: _____ Date _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2022 KRA Membership: New or Renewal (please tick). 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**

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