

• Kensington 5068 •

SEPTEMBER 2022 | KENSINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is produced on the country of the Kurna people, the traditional owners of the Adelaide Plains and the original residents of Kensington.

Upcoming events

Pizza in the Park 🍕

Sunday 16th October
from 4pm
Including the opening of the
creek bank Nature Play Area
Borthwick Park

Wish for fair weather on the
16th of October!

Come along to our third annual
Pizza in the Park day with free wood
oven pizza for KRA members in
Borthwick Park. We're celebrating the
arrival of Spring, and opening the newly
constructed creek bank Nature Play Area.
Come along and get to know your fellow
Kensingtonians, see the great additions
to Borthwick Park and enjoy a few slices
of delicious pizza.



Please register your interest by emailing
contact@kra.org.au with the number
of residents that will attend, and any
dietary requirements. If you are not a
member, please fill in the form on the
back of this newsletter and drop it with
the membership fee to our Secretary at
42 Regent Street.

We look forward to seeing you there!

KRA AGM

Monday 21st November
7.30pm - followed by a free community supper
Bethany Centre, Mary MacKillop Precinct

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.

Why come to our AGM?

To elect our committee for 2023, share views
on life in Kensington, meet fellow residents,
and enjoy some supper and a glass of wine.

Guest Speakers: Joost den Hartog and Christie
Anthony share their story of establishing
The Pear, a neighbourhood coffee house and
meeting place in Alberton, western Adelaide.
Come and be inspired by this tremendously
successful example of community engagement.

Spring Plant Swap!



Sunday 13th November
9am - 11.30am
Borthwick Park

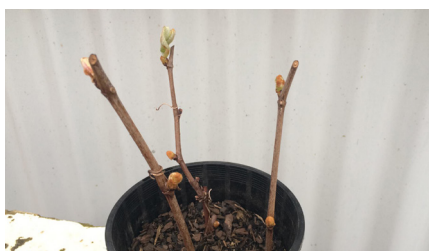
A Spring plant swap will be held in
Borthwick Park for residents to trade
seedlings, cuttings or saved seed.

Living in a unit? Renting? Container
gardening is for you! Many plants grow
well in containers, and you can take them
with you if you move. Jungle up your
bathroom! Turn your patio into a herb
patch! Learn some tips and tricks from
Kensington gardeners in Borthwick Park
on 13th November.

Register via **Trybooking** to give us an
idea how many plants and people we'll
be hosting. This is a free event with a few
basic "ground rules":

1. Plants and soil need to be
pest-free and healthy.
2. Bring 1-10 items to trade e.g. struck
cuttings potted in individual
containers, or collected dry seeds in
envelopes, or fresh cuttings in a
bucket of water (without water is
fine for succulents).
3. Ideally swap items should be labelled
with the name of the giver and simple
tips for success e.g. "succulent from
Liz, water sparingly". We'll have blank
labels and pens at the swap if you
need. Or skip the labelling and share
your growing tips whilst chatting.

Let's have a bit of fun with plants
and neighbours who enjoy growing
stuff or would like to give gardening
a go. Leftovers will be used to stock a
Kensington plant exchange. For further
info email contact@kra.org.au



Carolling in Kensington

Monday 12th December
6.45pm - 8.30pm
Thornton St opposite the Kensington Hotel

KRA's popular carolling in the streets of
Kensington will take place on Monday 12th
December. Meet at 6:45pm in the little park
opposite the Kensington Hotel. We will finish
at the Rising Sun Inn around 8:30pm.

Song sheets will be provided. Wear comfortable
walking shoes and bring a hat and water bottle
if the weather is warm.

Please join us with your family and friends for
a fun community event for all ages. Contact our
Secretary if you would like the group to sing
outside your home.



News from Borthwick Park



Creek Works

The creek works and development of the nature playscape are complete. A happy Saturday afternoon planting session in late July saw dozens of grasses, sedges, vines and shrubs planted by a cheerful crew of locals and a lovely visitor from Japan via Wellington Street. The O'Connell kids swept off the paths and rocks and all agreed it looked pretty fab.

The winter rain has settled the plants in nicely but the sodden lawns have been damaged by all the heavy vehicle movement. Council contractors will spread loam and seed in coming weeks. A different contractor is working on the difficult-to-access southern side of Second Creek clearing weeds, planting indigenous species and spreading kangaroo grass seed collected from mature tussocks in the park.

Working bees

Join us for the last working bees of 2022 in Borthwick Park

9am - 11am on the following Sundays:
9th October (combined with NPSP Sustainable Gardening Tour)

13th November (combined with community plant swap)

11th December

Can't manage the physical work? Not to worry, just join us for a cuppa from 10.30am. We'd love to see you! Delicious morning tea, tea and coffee supplied by KRA for all attendees.



Sustainable Gardening

The Sustainable Garden Awards are held every two years by the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters to celebrate local gardens making a positive contribution to the environment and well-being of our community through sustainability principles, design and innovation.

Free workshops and tours start 4th October with various sustainable gardening topics covered, including a tour of our very own Borthwick Park Biodiversity Project, coinciding with our October working bee. Don't miss the native plant giveaway at Don Pyatt Hall, Norwood.

Details on the NPSP website, npsp.sa.gov.au

All hands to the hoses!

Summer will soon be here and we need volunteers willing to hand-water a section of Borthwick Park between December 2022 and March 2023. Training and equipment provided. All hoses are on mobile reels for easy movement through the park. You will be rostered onto a particular week and can complete your watering tasks on any day of that week - typically watering one section takes 1-3 hours. It's a very relaxing activity - neighbours come through and chat, dogs caper about, birds zip past, the water splashes from the hose... come and soak up the goodness in the green heart of Kensington whilst you soak the plants.

Contact our Secretary to register as a watering volunteer.

Borthwick Park - Kaurna Yerta

Since British colonisation over 185 years ago, most of the Indigenous place names in Australia have been replaced with European names. 'Borthwick Park' was the colonial name given to land that has been known as Kaurna Yerta for over 65,000 years. 'Yerta' meaning 'Country.'

Kaurna people are the traditional First Nations custodians of the Adelaide Plains extending north towards Crystal Brook, south along the coast to Cape Jervis and bounded by the Mount Lofty Ranges to the east.

Second Creek (which runs from the foothills to its outlet at Karrowirra Parri/ River Torrens) holds a special significance for the Kaurna people. There are many 19th Century historical accounts of 'ceremonies' and large gatherings taking place at the original bend in Second Creek, which is now part of Borthwick Park.

Over millennia Kaurna people developed unique sophisticated ways of being, knowing and learning to live sustainably in relationship with this landscape, sharing wisdom, knowledge and information across thousands of generations through dreaming stories and songlines.

In the coming months, the KRA with support of Foundation SA look forward to bringing the community together with Kaurna Elders to acknowledge, learn and celebrate the Kaurna cultural wisdom and heritage of our local Borthwick Park.

New Defibrillator

The new defibrillator purchased by KRA with Federal funding has been installed on the tool shed in Borthwick Park for use by park visitors, residents and the general public in case of a sudden cardiac arrest (heart attack). We hope no one ever needs it but if this device saves just one life we'll be over the moon.

- ♥ In an emergency phone 000, ask for an ambulance, and they will tell you the code to open the security cabinet. Unfortunately, the security is necessary as defibrillators get stolen, even though the units won't work away from their base station. Stolen defibrillators inevitably end up dumped.
- ♥ Defibrillation within the first few minutes of a cardiac arrest increases the chance of survival to over 70%.

Thanks to Peter Duffy and Andrew Pascoe for all their efforts in installation of the defibrillator, thanks Karloskar for handling the software updates, and a big shout out to our local MP the Hon James Stevens for awarding us funding for this life-saving device.

What's happening?

Spring is here – celebrate at the Nature Festival



The SA Nature Festival is on again **6th-16th October 2022** following a successful first year in 2021. The principal sponsor Green Adelaide – that also supports the KRA Biodiversity Project in Borthwick Park – is joined by many dozens of sponsors, organisations, artists and community members working together to present 300+ events across our great State, coinciding with the school holidays.

Why is a nature festival important? Many of us are disconnected from nature, we're busy, we live in an urbanised landscape ... but nature is all around us. We are fundamentally connected to nature as residents of planet Earth in a relationship that is essential to our personal wellbeing. Nature needs us to protect it and we feel good when we're in nature. That's a whole lot of upside!

Make a date with Nature at naturefestival.org.au browsing by location, theme or event date. See you out there.

KRA website

Upcoming KRA events are added to kra.org.au as details are confirmed. Check often to see what's happening. If you have a news item or an upcoming event in Kensington 5068 that you'd like advertised on our website or included in our weekly update email, send the details to our Secretary: contact@kra.org.au

Facebook f

Don't forget to 'like' our Facebook page to stay up to date between newsletter publications. Go to: facebook.com/kensingtonresidentsassociation

Council News

At the final Council meeting before 'caretaker' period a motion was passed calling for a report on how a Code Amendment could preserve the character of The Parade. If the State Government approves such an amendment, we might see more reasonable building heights and larger set-backs for this historic high street.

Our High Street in Kensington will see a facelift this financial year, with an upgrade to the roundabouts, plus a new one installed at the Bridge Street intersection.

The Borthwick Park creek works project has been completed, which included major engineering improvements to the creek channel and addition of nature play features on the bank. Kensington locals led by KRA recently planted the landscaping and it should be looking great in a few months.

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Council Elections – Meet the Candidates

Ballot papers for the Council elections will arrive in your letterboxes from 14th October. There are three candidates for Mayor this year: Tracy Marsh, Susan Litchfield and Robert Bria (ballot draw order). There are also three candidates for Ward Councillor, for two vacancies. Candidates are Robert Seals, Christel Mex and John Callisto.

Meet the candidates on **Thursday, 6th October at 7pm** at the **Bethany Centre, Mary MacKillop Precinct, 4 High Street Kensington.**

This event is co-hosted by the KRA and the Norwood Residents' Association. No registration is necessary. Ian Radbone ☎ 0402 965 929 for more information.

Ballots must be returned to Council by 9th November. Don't forget to mail your postal ballot early to meet the deadline, otherwise the Council will have a ballot box at the Town Hall for hand delivery. For more information go to ecsa.sa.gov.au.

Looking back to the Winter Solstice

Thanks to Kensington Hotel for hosting our music and quiz evening on 21st June. The hotel kindly offered drinks at special prices and delicious hot finger food for all who attended.

We were entertained by local musicians and humorous recitations. Perhaps we should record our Biodiversity Coordinator John's quirky stories for posterity? Committee Member and Quiz Master Roger entertained us with a Kensington quiz. Residents who correctly answered the questions were able to take a lucky dip prize from the prize basket.

What an enjoyable evening with friends and a fun way to celebrate our shortest day of the year!



Not OK

A group of local kids were seen threatening a mother and her toddler in a public space in Kensington on Sunday afternoon, 11th September. The lady – a visitor to our suburb – was very distressed. The incident has been reported to SA Police.

Anyone observing antisocial behaviour anywhere in South Australia should phone **SAPOL immediately** on ☎ **131444** so a patrol can be sent out to speak to those involved.

Our Kensington

Heritage Kensington

Kensington Hotel - 23 Regent St

Henry Scott opened the Kensington Arms Inn in 1840. It was described as being near a track formed by teamsters bringing stringy bark to Adelaide from the forests on The Tiers. Scott offered wines, spirits and malt liquors of the very best quality as well as operating a general provision store adjacent to the inn. In 1849, it was rebuilt and named the Globe Hotel. The present bluestone hotel with brick quoins and splayed corners was designed by architects Thomas English and George Soward and dates from 1882.



Text and image from Council's Kensington Village Historical Walk Brochure

Treasures

Do you recognise this treasure?

Send us photos of your favourite things in Kensington.



Kensington Business Personalities



For 32 years **Tony Neighbour** has been conducting his appropriately named business, **Neighbour's Workshop**, at 5 Salter Street, Kensington.

While Tony is a master craftsman in woodcarving and woodturning, he has a special interest in bespoke furniture and heritage work. Whatever your woodwork needs are, Tony is your man!

When he closes his busy and well-stocked workshop for the week, he enjoys bushwalking, yoga and tinkering with old cars.

What does Tony like about Kensington? *'The sense of community always appeals to me and none better than in Salter Street, the 'Heart of Kensington.'*

Call for your stories

This page is for your Kensington stories. Send your stories, photos, Kensington news or upcoming event details to: contact@kra.org.au if you'd like to spread the word to other locals online.



Tony's neighbour in Salter Street for the last 30 years is **David Booth**, who operates **Comstock Signs** at 9 Salter Street. Sign producing is in his genes, with his great-grandfather Ernest starting the family sign writing business around 1910.

David produces signs for various real estate companies, but also enjoys designing and printing school banners, birthday signs and house signs. If you need a sign for any purpose, David is your man!

Having swapped his running shoes for hiking boots, David, like his neighbour Tony, enjoys walking in the Adelaide hills and working on his cars.

And what is David's comment on working in Kensington? *'It is great to work in a friendly neighbourhood, with people willing to help and support each other.'*

If you would like to profile your business in future KRA Newsletters, contact KRA Committee member Roger Bryson on ☎ 0478 614 131.

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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**

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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