

• Kensington 5068 •

FEBRUARY 2023 | KENSINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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

Upcoming events

Movie FUNdraiser: Sunday 5th February

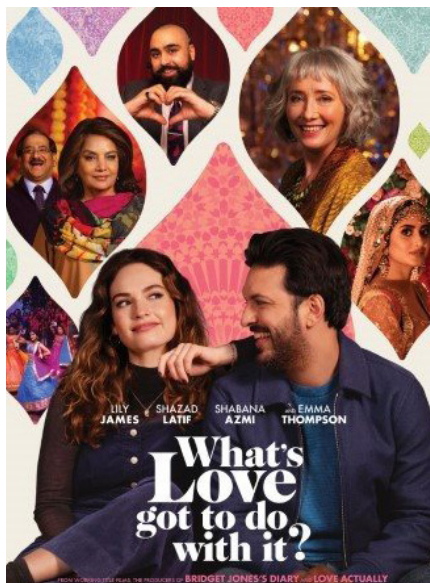
Please join us on Sunday, 5th February at 4pm for our first-ever movie FUNdraiser!

Tickets include a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles followed by a screening of *What's Love Got To Do With It?* with Emma Thompson from 5pm at the Regal Theatre. For a plot summary and a link to the film trailer, go to the [eventbrite website](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/473101478257).

All profits from the event will be used to fund KRA events and projects.

Buy your tickets now for \$22 online at [eventbrite.com.au/e/473101478257](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/473101478257) or for only \$20 from Andrew ☎ 8331 9654, Christel ☎ 0401 126 173 or Roger ☎ 0478 614 131.

Invite your friends, invite your neighbours, it will be fun!



Seeking your interest in...

Multicultural community lunch

With so many cultures represented in Kensington, we'd like to get everyone together for a shared multicultural community lunch in April/May 2023. Would you be interested in bringing food from your culture for others to try? Could you perform traditional songs or dances to entertain and educate our gathering? Would you like to be involved in organising the event? Please email your thoughts and ideas to Andrew at contact@kra.org.au or phone Roger on ☎ 0478 614 131 to discuss. We're looking forward to enjoying the sounds, sights and tastes of our multicultural community!



It's on again. KRA is organising the 26th annual clean-up of Kensington by volunteers on Sunday 5th 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.

For those who prefer to volunteer on Saturday, bags will be available for collection from Friday evening (March 3rd) from 43 High Street.

We'll wrap up the Sunday activities with a BBQ lunch at Noon in Borthwick Park – all welcome, but let us know if you are coming for catering purposes.

Kaurna connection with our community

In 2022 KRA was awarded a Foundation SA grant to support a community-driven project to engage with Kaurna Leaders, aiming to strengthen the local community's understanding of Kaurna culture, language, wisdom and knowledge of the local area. There are 19th Century historical accounts of large gatherings taking place at the original bend in Second Creek, which is now part of Borthwick Park. Discussions are ongoing with respected Kaurna leaders, a local historian and committed residents. Would you like to join the project committee to make the vision a reality? Do you have ideas as to how we might acknowledge and celebrate the ongoing Kaurna connection to Karra Yarta 'River Red Gum Country'? Get in touch by emailing contact@kra.org.au. Ngaityalya (thank you) for your support on this important project.

Local Legends



A MASSIVE congratulations to Kensington residents and KRA committee members Andrew and John on achieving Citizen of the Year Awards!

These legendary volunteers were presented their awards from the City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters this week. The awards recognise both their years of service and leadership in their community.

Secretary Andrew Dyson (front row left) was awarded Active Citizen of the Year for his long-term outstanding contribution to the Kensington community.

Biodiversity Project Coordinator John Legg (third from right on front row) has achieved Local Citizen of the Year for his outstanding contribution to the development and maintenance of Borthwick Park.

Thank you, Andrew and John. We all value the work you do for our community and love to see these moments of well-deserved recognition.

You can read about the Borthwick Park project on the KRA website: kra.org.au/borthwick-park-biodiversity.../.

Andrew Dyson - Active Citizen of the Year



Andrew Dyson has been an active torchbearer and trailblazer for the Kensington Residents' Association (KRA) since 1978. He has served as Secretary for the KRA virtually continuously since 1979.

Andrew's passion is undiminished after decades spent advocating for the protection of natural and built heritage, locally in Kensington and further afield in South Australia.

Locally, Andrew has actively campaigned for local character to be preserved and for local assets, such as the historic Kensington & Norwood Pool, to be maintained for community benefit.

Andrew carries out administrative tasks, formalises membership documentation, cooks barbeques, keeps a photo record of events, manages petitions and campaigns, coordinates the distribution of quarterly KRA newsletters to every letter box in Kensington, weeds and spreads mulch in Borthwick Park, and does it all with enthusiasm and a smile.



John Legg - Citizen of the Year



Moving to Kensington in 2005, John has been the driving force behind the Borthwick Park Biodiversity Project since its inception in 2009.

While some magnificent River Red gum trees still graced Second Creek at that time, they were the last remnants of pre-colonisation vegetation.

John proposed the establishment of a biodiversity ecology in the Park using native plants of local provenance and, with other community members, prepared a written proposal to formally engage with Council in a community-driven revegetation project. Plantings began in 2010 along the creek line and more plants have been added every winter since.

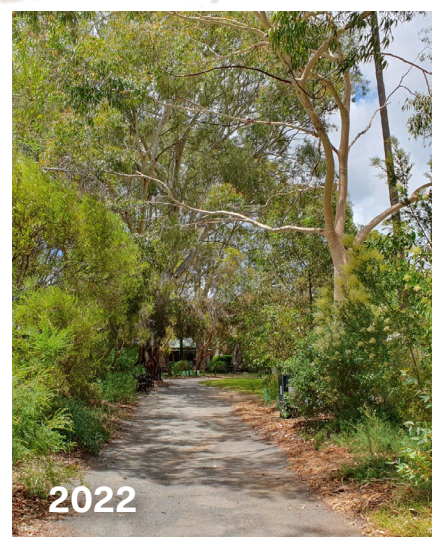
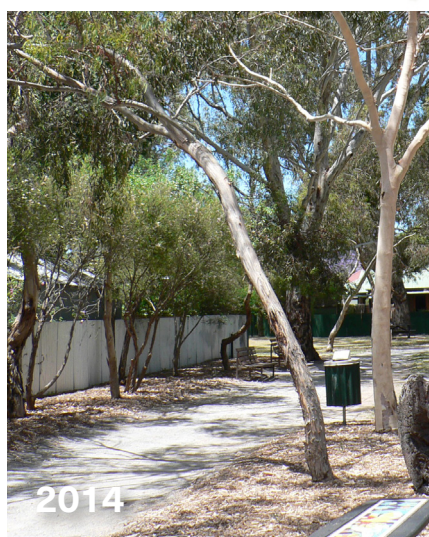
New planted areas have been established to improve the amenity of the park, increase soil and plant health, and provide habitat for native animals including birds and insects, frogs and lizards, bats, possums and other mammals.

John continues to lead a dedicated group of local volunteers who come together monthly to plant, weed, mulch, trim and otherwise nurture the native plants that would have thrived in the area prior to European settlement.

News from Borthwick Park

Borthwick Park biodiversity project

The Borthwick Park biodiversity plantings began in 2010. We have every reason to feel proud of this community-driven revegetation project. Thanks to John Legg and Kensington Residents' Association volunteers. Thanks to our Summer watering volunteers. See the difference that you make for all to enjoy - the plants, birds, small animals, dogs, children and other visitors. And did we mention the planet? Think global, act local. Borthwick Park revegetation is an example for others to follow.



Join us in Borthwick Park

The first working bee for the year will be **9am till 11am on Sunday 12 February**. We will be spreading mulch as well as the usual tidying up and boundary patrol.

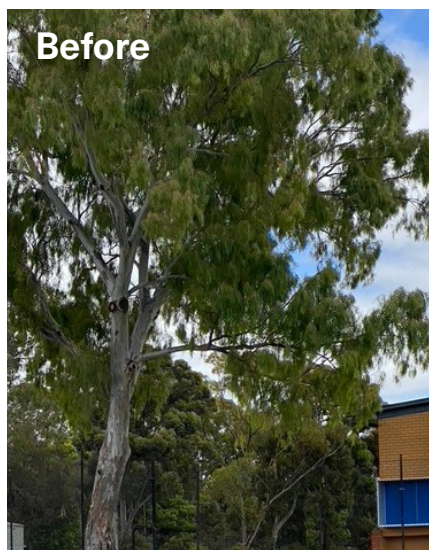
Borthwick Park working bees are held on the second Sunday of the month. We are looking forward to seeing old and new faces. Morning tea provided.



Vale significant tree

Under current state planning laws, a significant tree was lost to a development that has been approved by the State Government for a property adjacent to High Street.

South Australia has the weakest tree protection laws in the country. The State Government is currently reviewing the planning system to give more protection to trees, and the KRA made a detailed submission late last year to advocate for more tree protection. It is too late for this tree, but you can play your part by writing to our local MP and the Planning Minister. The Conservation Council has an excellent fact sheet on what needs to change: conservation.sa.org.au



Honorary Life Membership

At the 2022 AGM the KRA committee awarded Honorary Life Membership to Sara White and Ray O'Farrell of Maesbury Street. Sara and Ray have shared their gentle wisdom, quiet strength and wonderful humour in active leadership and support roles within the KRA over many years.



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

Our Kensington

And what do they love about Kensington?



PC Computers

Do you ever need a computer doctor, have printer challenges, require laptop spare parts or just some expert advice? Worry not, as all is at hand in Kensington where PC Computers have been operating for 37 years!

With combined computer expertise of almost 60 years, Michael Myles and Craig Sturrock are the guys to see on anything to do with your network connections, new computer solutions or virus and spam removing. Just drop in to **36 Regent Street** or phone them on ☎ **8332 6513**.

While Michael and Craig cater for both commercial and personal clients, they always have some time to discuss other favourite topics like motor bikes, classic cars, taekwondo or retro arcade games!

And what do they say about Kensington? *'It is a quiet area, with people daily walking their dogs past our shop. The mixture of businesses and homes provides an interesting lifestyle.'*



Kensington School of Yoga

If you need to relax after a stressful day at work or spending too many hours on screens, then a session of yoga might be just what you need.

The long-established School of Yoga at **38 Regent Street** offers classes to suit all levels of students; newcomers, those more experienced and for people needing individual attention.

You can expect to practise yoga in a spacious and quiet room that provides the ideal environment to improve your lifestyle in this age-old traditional way.

The School of Yoga's Director and principal teacher, Darrin McNally, would be pleased to meet you personally and discuss what his School can do for your well-being.

And what does Darrin love most about Kensington? *'I love the trees in Kensington, the neighbouring gardens in Regent Street and the serenity of Borthwick Park.'*

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KRA MEMBERSHIP & Clean Up participation

Name[s]:

Date

Address:

Phone:

Email:

2023 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 2023)

No of people:



Available from : AM/PM

to : AM/PM

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