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NOVEMBER 2023 | KENSINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming KRA events

### KRA AGM

**Tuesday 21st November,  
7:15 for 7:30pm start  
Mary MacKillop Bethany Centre,  
4 High Street, Kensington.**

🏠 Come along to the 2023 Kensington Residents Association Annual General Meeting:

- President's report including slide show of photos from the year's activities
- Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members
- 15 minute presentation by Guest Speaker
- Social supper including tea, coffee or wine after meeting closes

🏠 We are delighted Amanda Balmer, Kensington resident, landscape architect and director of WAX Design (see [waxdesign.com.au](http://waxdesign.com.au)) has agreed to be Guest Speaker at the AGM. Amanda believes in creating landscapes that bring joy to people and generate opportunities for connecting with nature. She will speak about several of her recent projects which may provide inspiration for a possible re-figuring of Pioneer Park to create a more appealing outdoor space for our community.



### Kensington Carol Singing

**Tuesday 19th December  
7pm start opposite Kensi Hotel**



🎵 Join our annual tradition of community carolling through Kensington. Meet at Regent Garden opposite the Kensi Hotel for a 7pm start on Tuesday 19th December.

🎵 Led by bagpipers, we make our way down Thornton St pausing to sing at the Lithuanian community units, turning right into High St to sing with the Sisters of St Joseph at the Bethany Centre. We then head along High St to Richmond St and through Borthwick Park to the Thornton St entrance of the Norwood Aged Cottage Homes. We walk through NACH to Bridge St and finish with a carol inside the Rising Sun Inn around 8.30pm

🎵 The carollers stop frequently to sing and spread Christmas cheer through our suburb. Side-tracks and minor route variations are possible, so if you would like the Kensington carollers to sing outside your home, contact our Secretary ☎ **8331 9654** or ✉ [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) and we'll do our best to make it happen!

🎵 Song sheets are provided by KRA. Dress with some Christmassy flair and wear comfortable walking shoes.

### Book club? Crafternoons?

📖 Should we get a local book club up and running? How often would you want to meet? And where? Any ideas on choosing and sourcing books to read?

🍷 What about a regular "crafternoon" to gather together and get creative? Would you be prepared to teach a keen group to crochet granny squares or knit beanies or draw or paint or...??

😊 The KRA committee is starting to plan events and programs for 2024. Contact our Secretary ☎ **8331 9654** or ✉ [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) with your ideas and expressions of interest in a book club, creative group or whatever sparks joy in you.

👋 All projects and events need a champion. If you're prepared to start something new in Kensington, the committee will support you, guide you towards resources you might need to succeed and promote the event to residents. Have a go at getting something going and we'll give you a hand.



### Coming KRA Events

**KRA Annual General Meeting**  
Bethany Centre, 4 High Street  
7:30pm Tuesday 21st November

**Borthwick Park Working Bee**  
9-11am. Sunday 10th December

**Community Carol Singing**  
Start opposite The Kensi, Thornton St  
Finish at the Rising Sun Inn, Bridge St,  
7pm Tuesday 19th December

**Community Movie Afternoon**  
Regal Theatre, Kensington Park  
January/February 2024 more details  
coming soon on:  
[www.kra.org.au/news-and-events](http://www.kra.org.au/news-and-events)

# KENSINGTON COMMUNITY

## Coming to a park near you!

Welcome to the Kensington Residents' Association [KRA] Digital Notice Board

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**Borthwick Park Diversity Project >**  
**Borthwick Park Native plants >**  
**Borthwick Park History >**  
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Look out for the KRA Digital Community Information Board, coming to Borthwick Park early in 2024. Park users will be able to catch up on forthcoming events, find information on our native plants and learn about the history of the park and our community.

This initiative has been made possible thanks to a grant from the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme Round 8.


For more details contact our Secretary : [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au)


## Summer waterers wanted

Could you spare a few hours to water young plants in Borthwick Park over summer? You'll be rostered on to water one section of the park beds during one week between December and the end of March. Email our Secretary today [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) to add your name to the roster. Instruction and equipment provided.



## Look for a booBOOK

 BOOBOOKS can be found in Borthwick Park. Have you heard these small owls (also known as mopokes) calling on a still night?

 Soon BOOKS will also be found in Borthwick Park. A Street Library purchased with Community Grant funding from our Council will be installed shortly and you'll be able to swap a pre-loved book for a new read when you visit the park.

A third branch of the Kensington little library network will be installed close to High Street Café and you'll find the original KRA library in the garden at Surreal Hair.



## Stories of Second Creek



Did you know? Second Creek (Hallett's Rivulet) rises just north of Summertown above Greenhill Road. From there it descends swiftly into Slapes Gully, through the Boral Quarry to emerge at Michael Perry Reserve in Stonyfell and then through Burnside to Kensington.

The creek, which passes through Borthwick Park on its way to the Torrens, has a rich First Nations and European settler history. More in future editions of the KRA newsletter!

Have you done the Second Creek Walk? It is possible to walk from the bridge at Glynburn Road to the Michael Perry Reserve, passing sections of the creek unaltered since colonisation.

## Beautiful bush food

*Billardiera cymosa* or Sweet Appleberry occurs naturally along our coastal areas. The sprawling scrambler will grow to a low groundcover shrub in an open spot or climb nearby vegetation, 1 to 2 m. It has pretty flowers and small, sweet edible fruits, which can be eaten raw or cooked. Some say they have a sweet aniseed taste; others think that they taste more like kiwi fruit. Kaurna people ate the fresh fruit and traded the dried fruit.

There are a few different colour forms, from white to pink to the blue flowers we have in Borthwick Park. These can be cultivated from cuttings taken mid-Winter. Propagation is also possible from seed.

Sweet Appleberry can flower profusely once it is advanced. It should be planted in full sun or dappled shade with medium to light well drained soils. Try it in your garden.



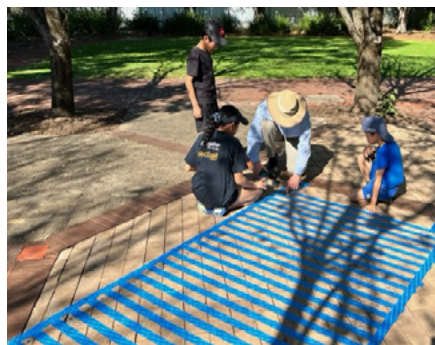
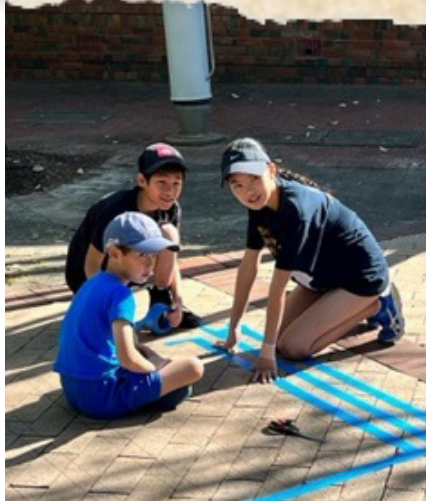
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## Jump for Joy

In the October school holidays Ethan, Sarah and helpers got busy on their Jump for Joy project in Regent Garden adjacent to McKellar Stewart kindy. These keen kids were awarded a KRA Care for Kensington grant of \$250 to spend on their carefully planned community project.

Bruno Elias from Superior High Pressure Cleaning Services ☎0404 051 007 cleaned the pavers ready for painting. Thanks Bruno! Then the creative team marked out the plan and laid on some paint. Check it out soon. You'll be jumping for joy in no time!



## EV events

On 17th September Kensington residents spent a couple of hours at Mary MacKillop Reserve sharing and absorbing lots of information about electric vehicles. Thanks to Andrew Pascoe for meticulously planning the event and to David, Christel, Stacey, David and Chris who brought EVs along and shared their EV learnings. Ieva Daenke, Senior Sustainability Officer with Campbelltown City Council joined the discussion and invited our community to the Electric Vehicle Expo being held at **Campbelltown Memorial Oval on Sunday 19th November 10am-1pm**. Visit [www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au](http://www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au) for more information.



## Pizza in the Park

What a happy gathering we enjoyed at Pizza in the Park on Sunday 22nd October! **Thanks to PGH Bricks & Pavers for loaning us their wonderful mobile pizza oven and towing it to and from Kensington.** Community support for a community event – love it!



# Our Kensington



## The pool is OPEN!

Our public pool in Phillips St Kensington re-opened for the summer swimming season on 4th November. So exciting!! This much loved 1950's swimming centre is a classic Australian local pool surrounded by green lawns and beautiful old river redgum trees. There's plenty of space for the whole neighbourhood to cool down and relax – or check out the lap swimming times and boost your fitness!

Facilities include:

- 50 metre main pool
- shaded toddler pool
- inflatable obstacle course (every Sunday 12.30pm-3.30pm December-February)
- change rooms, showers and toilets
- BBQs and kiosk

The pool is open 7 days a week (excluding Christmas Day, Good Friday). Visit [www.npsp.sa.gov.au](http://www.npsp.sa.gov.au) for more info.

### Looking for a group to do laps with?

Try Swim 4Life from 7am to 8am, Mon, Wed, Fri, [www.swim4life.info](http://www.swim4life.info)

Swimming lessons are also available, including VACSWIM holiday classes. Phone the pool on ☎ 8431 1327

Bounce into **Norwood Splash** on **Sunday 26th November, 12:30-3:30pm**. Bring the kids and come with your friends to the pool. Just \$5 entry all day! Try out the inflatable obstacle course or have a go on the water slide.

Council will host two **movie nights** at the pool this summer! Bring the family for a swim, snacks and open-air cinema for only \$5 entry. The kiosk will be open and some lights snacks will be available for purchase. **Doors open at 7:30pm.**

**Saturday 9th December:** (120 minutes)  
Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) PG

**Saturday 13th January:** (92 minutes)  
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (2023) PG



## Stobie Pole Art Project



Mia from the KRA committee is planning a community art project to beautify our streets one stobie pole at a time! Have you seen the beautiful stobie poles in Maesbury Street? Or the extension of the Gurrs Road Street Art Project onto Shipsters Road? Let's decorate more stobie poles in Kensington together!

Can you think of artwork ideas along the theme **"History – the heartbeat of Kensington"** exploring the places, spaces, stories and ideas that make this suburb what it is and where it has come from over the years?

If you would like to nominate your local stobie pole for decoration, have artwork ideas, or want to be involved in painting during 2024, contact our Secretary and share your thoughts  
✉ [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au)

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## KRA MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL

Name[s]: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2023 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](mailto:contact@kra.org.au)