

• Kensington 5068 •

FEBRUARY 2024 | 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 KRA events

Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 3rd March
10am start
Borthwick Park,
Thornton Street



Let's Clean Up Australia starting with Kensington! The KRA has organised local Clean Up Australia Day events for more than twenty years. Get involved in 2024.



Above: Year 2000 Clean Up Team in Borthwick Park. Below: Margaret Tilley & Winsome Jordan outside 50 High St, 2003.



Meet in Borthwick Park 3rd March 10am. We'll spread out across Kensington to collect rubbish then return to the park for a free barbeque brunch. Register to participate with our Secretary contact@kra.org.au or phone Peter Duffy ☎ 0409 001 989. Rubbish bags and gloves provided. Wear comfortable walking shoes and sun protection.

Borthwick Park Biodiversity Project

Working bee 9 - 11am,
second Sunday every month
Borthwick Park, Thornton Street

🌱 In 2009 the KRA initiated a community-led project aiming to re-create a biodiverse ecology to support remnant River Red Gums in Borthwick Park. With support from NPSP Council and Green Adelaide, plantings began in 2010 along the creek line and have been ongoing every winter since then. Haloes of shrubs have been established around the eucalypts to increase habitat and food sources for native birds and animals and improve soil health.



Community volunteers meet 9-11am on the second Sunday of every month and work together mulching, weeding and pruning to maintain the Project plantings. Come along and see what we get up to and meet a few new locals. All tools and training are provided. Wear closed-in footwear and clothing to suit the weather. Morning tea from 11am: free tea, coffee, and a delicious spread of morning tea treats provided by the KRA Committee.

Harmony Week & Neighbour Day

HARMONY WEEK

Everyone Belongs. ❤️

Harmony Week 18-24th March 2024 celebrates our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Host an event, attend a local celebration or simply wear something orange to show your support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Create Belonging. Share Belonging. ❤️

This year Neighbour Day is on Easter Sunday 31st March - the perfect opportunity to say "thanks for being a great neighbour".

But we're **Neighbours Every Day** in Kensington! The Australian N.E.D. campaign promotes the benefits of respectful social connection. A wave, smile or greeting might be enough to form an initial connection. Share a bunch of flowers, fruit or veg from your garden, bring in your neighbour's bin or sweep their footpath when you're tidying yours...little kindnesses, big belonging.



Neighbours Every Day

Coming KRA Events 📅

Clean Up Australia Day
10am-1pm Sunday 3rd March

Borthwick Park Working Bees
9-11am
Sunday 10th March
Sunday 14th April
Sunday 12th May

KENSINGTON COMMUNITY EVENTS

Carols in Kensington 🎄

A record number of Kensington carollers sang their way from the Kensi to the Rising Sun on 19th December 2023. Led by bagpipers and one recorder enthusiast (*love your work Fiona*) the festive troupe stopped frequently to sing favourite carols and spread Christmas cheer. Same again this December?



KRA Street Libraries 📖

Local children's book author-illustrator Doriano (<https://bit.ly/2B1967>) has beautifully decorated the third 'branch' of the Kensington Street Library network.

Dori's Library will be installed and ready for book swapping soon. Until then you can visit the original KRA Street Library in the garden at Surreal Hair, 324 The Parade or the new library in the Borthwick Park shelter.

A \$500 Community Funding Program Grant from our Council was used to purchase the new libraries in 2023. The program provides up to \$5,000 per financial year for community-led initiatives. The next round of grant applications is now open until Monday 8th April. To apply look for Community Funding Program Grants on the Council's website www.npsp.sa.gov.au under Our Community, Community Grants & Civic Awards.



KENSINGTON COMMUNITY EVENTS



Jack Buckskin and Steven Warrior in Borthwick Park, 9th July 2023



People gathered once again in this ancient place for a Kurna Cultural Ceremony, 9th July 2023



Marni ngadlu tampinhi, ngadlu Kurna Yartanga imparinhi. It's good to be here, on Kurna Country.

On 26th January, the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters awarded the Kensington Residents Association the 2024 Community Event of the Year Award for the Kurna Cultural Ceremony held in Borthwick Park last winter.

Acknowledging that Kurna People have lived as part of this place for many thousands of years, on 9th July 2023, during NAIDOC Week, over 100 people from the local community and beyond gathered in Borthwick Park alongside Second Creek to participate in a Kurna Cultural Ceremony provided by Kurna leaders Jack Buckskin and Steven Warrior from Kuma Kaaru.

Jack and Steven ceremonially cleansed the place, provided a heartfelt Welcome to Country in Kurna language and English, and invited the community to participate in a cleansing smoking ceremony. Jack also played the yidaki (didgeridoo). The community presented Jack and Steven with an enormous bouquet of foliage from their many gardens, then shared bush tea and food featuring native bush tucker ingredients.

Many of those who participated have reflected how the Kurna Cultural Ceremony has helped them feel a deeper connection to place, and reinforced that they are part of a compassionate

community in an ancient, special and for some a sacred, spiritual place.

Some of our community felt concerned about receiving the award on Australia Day. For many Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people January 26th is a Day of Mourning, reflecting the ongoing impacts of colonialism and attempted genocide on First Nation's people across Australia.

However, we value the recognition by Council of the significance of the Kurna Ceremony held in Kensington and hope that, in some small way, it encourages other neighbourhood communities to honour and acknowledge Kurna Culture in their local places.



(image far left) Trish Hansen accepting the award on behalf of the Kensington community



(image left) Mayor Robert Bria and Kensington residents (L-R) Jean Macintyre, Trish Hansen, Karloskar Hall, Andrew & Elaine Dyson, Clare Belfrage



Pioneer Park Project

In mid-January KRA Committee members met with local landscape architect Amanda Balmer (waxdesign.com.au) and cultural heritage and historical consultant Denise Schumann to discuss the idea of re-landscaping Pioneer Park in Maesbury Street. Initial informal community feedback suggests that reflecting the site's indigenous history and past use as a European cemetery is as important as designing a recreational space that meets the modern community's need for peaceful activity and connection with nature. Formal consultation with Kensington residents, Kurna elders and the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters will be undertaken in coming months.

If you would like to share your thoughts now on a possible re-imagining of the park, contact our Secretary contact@kra.org.au or **8331 9654**



Our Kensington

Meet your Neighbours



Surreal Hair

Having been a hairdresser throughout her working life, Toni Fusco opened Surreal Hair in Kensington 6 years ago. She says, 'My business incorporates family and customer service, with some of my customers having been with me for over 30 years.'

Incorporated in the present renovation of the salon will be Don's Café, to be run by Lune Bar from across the road. So drop in to see Toni in her beautiful new salon and enjoy coffee and eats, while checking out the nearby KRA street library!



KensiFit

We all know that exercise makes us feel better, but not all gyms appeal. So if you want a small, quiet and personalised fitness centre, then KensiFit will fit!

Located at 11 Salter Street, Annie McCallum has been helping people improve their well-being in this lovely setting for the last 6 years.

'I love that everything is close in Kensity and most of my clients walk here from home. And I love supporting the KRA.'

Film FUNdraiser Event 🎬

A very successful KRA fundraising event was held on 10th February at the Regal Theatre. Tickets were sold to 134 people who came from near and far (Kensington to Azerbaijan) to enjoy the food, drinks, raffles, live auction and the screening of new release Aussie thriller 'The Force of Nature'. Just over \$3,000 was raised to be spent on implementing the numerous Kensington community projects and programs we have in store for 2024.

Thank you!

to the following businesses A-Z for donating auction and raffle items. Support the businesses which support your community!

- Dulwich Bakery
- Rising Sun Inn
- Hula Hoop
- Robin Hood Hotel
- Kensi Fit
- Surreal Hair
- Kensi Hotel
- Taste of Nepal
- Marryatville Hotel
- The Physio Clinic
- Marryatville Pizza
- TimeSupply
- PC Computers
- Tusmore Trader
- Regal Theatre
- and many wine donors

FREE Tree! 🌳

Trees shade, cool and beautify our suburb. Council is offering property owners an \$80 voucher towards an established tree to plant on their land. To apply find the Tree Incentive Program on the Council's website www.npsp.sa.gov.au under Our Services, Trees - Private and Council Owned. **Vouchers expire 9th June 2024.**

Eastside Business Awards 🏆

Voting for the 2024 Eastside Business Awards is open until 5pm on 14th March.

Go to <https://solsticemedia.com.au/2024-eastside-business-awards/> to nominate and vote for your favourite local businesses across 11 categories.



Arriving at the KRA FUNdraiser

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KRA MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL

Name[s]: _____ Date _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2024 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