

# • Kensington 5068 •

## JUNE 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

### What's on in Kensington?

**Borthwick Park Working Bees**  
Sundays 9th June, 11th August,  
8th September, 9am - 11am

**Winter Solstice Open Mic @ The Kensi**  
Saturday 22nd June, 7pm onwards

If you sing, play an instrument, do stand-up comedy or recite poetry please join in for the open mic!



**Borthwick Park Plant-a-thon Part 1**  
Saturday 29th June, 2pm - 5.30pm

**Borthwick Park Plant-a-thon Part 2**  
Sunday 14th July, 9am - 12.30pm

**Pizza in the Park**  
Sunday 20th October, 4pm onwards



### Annual Borthwick Park Plant-a-thon

It's planting time again in Borthwick Park and we have lots of baby groundcovers, grasses and low plants ready to add colour and diversity to our mature plantings. Our community comes out in large numbers for our planting days so it will help us to plan ahead if you can register at our TryBooking pages. Don't worry if this is not possible though, we'd love to see you anyway!

**Saturday afternoon 29th June, 2pm to 5.30pm**  
followed by drinks & nibbles (provided by the KRA)  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CRZTD>



**Sunday morning 14th July, 9am to 12.30pm**  
followed by lunch (provided by the KRA)  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CRZTH>



We'll be planting, fertilising, staking and guarding our new plants. Jobs for everyone plus supervised kids' activities on offer. Bring the family or bring a friend, come on the Saturday or the Sunday or both and get your hands dirty! Look forward to seeing you then.

## WINTER SOLSTICE OPEN MIC



DADDY CROW WILL GO WHERE FEW DARE TO TREAD.  
POTTY TRAINING AND LEATHER, SAD LONELY TOWNS AND GRIEF.  
TESTOSTERONE AND SOLAR POWER.  
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR GENRE AT THE DOOR.  
COME FLY WITH DADDY CROW

**SATURDAY  
22 JUNE  
7.00PM**

**FREE ENTRY &  
FREE NIBBLES**

**FEATURING  
LOCAL ACOUSTIC TRIO  
DADDY CROW  
& AMAZING LOCAL TALENT!**

**WHERE:  
KENSINGTON HOTEL  
[REGENT ROOM]  
23 REGENT STREET,  
KENSINGTON**

**NIBBLES & DRINKS FROM 7PM  
OPEN MIC FROM 7.30PM**

**DISCOUNT DRINKS FOR  
KRA MEMBERS  
[JOIN ON THE NIGHT!]**

**PERFORMERS CAN  
REGISTER AT  
[contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au)  
OR TEXT 0401 126 173**

BROUGHT TO YOU  
BY THE KENSINGTON  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
AND THE KENSI HOTEL  
**THE KENSI**



KENSINGTON RESIDENTS  
ASSOCIATION INC  
Serving the community since 1977



# KENSINGTON COMMUNITY COLOUR

## Clean Up Australia Day

On Sunday 3rd March locals participated in Clean Up Australia Day focussed on the verges and parks of Kensington. Thanks everyone, many hands made light work!



## KRA kids visit to Norwood Oval

On 2nd May, 35 primary school children, accompanied by 27 parents, were hosted by the Norwood Football Club at Norwood Oval.

Richard Kelly, the Football Manager for the NFC, gave the children a run on the Oval, an inspection of the western grandstand, a look at a changeroom, a walk along the NFC champions' photo gallery, before reaching the members' bar. There the children were given hot food and drink, while they listened to two present Norwood players, brothers Jack and Finn Heard, who encouraged the children to enjoy sport by regular training and being part of a team.

Before the children left, they were each given a small football and a Norwood 2024 team photo. Thanks to the NFC for this great partnership with the KRA.





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## High Street Café, Simply Supporting Abilities

Every Monday, Simply Supporting Abilities supports their clients in running the High Street Café. The trainees have developed their own menu and are gaining valuable customer service, food prep, teamwork and barista skills. Pop down for a coffee or a meal next Monday. If you know someone who would be interested in this work experience program, have a look at: [www.ssabilities.com/ourprograms](http://www.ssabilities.com/ourprograms).



## Love live music?

Some of the best live music can be found right here in Kensington.

Kensington Hotel Sunday Sessions  
1 - 3pm in the Corner Bar

Rising Sun Inn "The Sound Factory" on the last Sunday of each month,  
4:30 - 6:30pm

High Street Café every Saturday  
11am - 1:30pm, acoustic solo performers, duos or trios, outside in sunshine and inside if rainy.

## Fruit & vegie co-op

The KRA is interested in facilitating local families to buy WHOLESALE produce and distribute LOCALLY on a weekly basis. Cost saving, time saving...would need minimum of 10 interested families who would like affordable, healthy, fresh seasonal veggies and fruit to be available in their neighbourhood on a regular basis. Please contact us by email: [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) if you are interested.



## Care for Kensington Grants

We think Kensington is the best place to live and we hope you do too! What are your ideas for a project that benefits our fabulous suburb?

Applications are now open for our annual Care for Kensington grants! Your Residents' Association offers two grants: one for adults (\$750) and one for children (\$250).

Past grant funding has been awarded for the development of a Fairy Garden on Bridge Street and the installation of a Childrens' Activity outside the McKellar Stewart Kindergarten. What about a Visitation Program or a Shopping Scheme for older residents? Or a Walk the Kids to School program? How about setting up a Buy/Swap/Sell group, a Forum for folks to share tools, an Adult Art Group, or a Scheme to help residents save on their power bills? All ideas considered - environmental, cultural, artistic, social, even virtual!

To apply you must be a member of the KRA and submit a grant application by 30th June 2024.

Forms and full guidelines are available from [www.kra.org.au/care-for-kensington-grants-available/](http://www.kra.org.au/care-for-kensington-grants-available/) or by emailing [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) or by calling Andrew Dyson ☎ 8331 9654



2023 grant winners working on their Jump For Joy project



## Seeking space for craft!

We're looking for a place to host a community craft co-operative - somewhere to set up tables, chairs and sewing machines, with electricity and a toilet for participants' use. Do you have an empty granny flat, shed, or spare front room we could use for regular craft sessions? Get in touch via email to [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) or Andrew Dyson ☎ 8331 9654



## Pizza in the Park Musos

Are you a musician or part of a musical group potentially interested in performing at KRA's 2024 Pizza in the Park community gathering? 20th October from 4pm, outside function, power available for sound equipment. Payment in pizza and drinks. Get in touch via email: [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au)



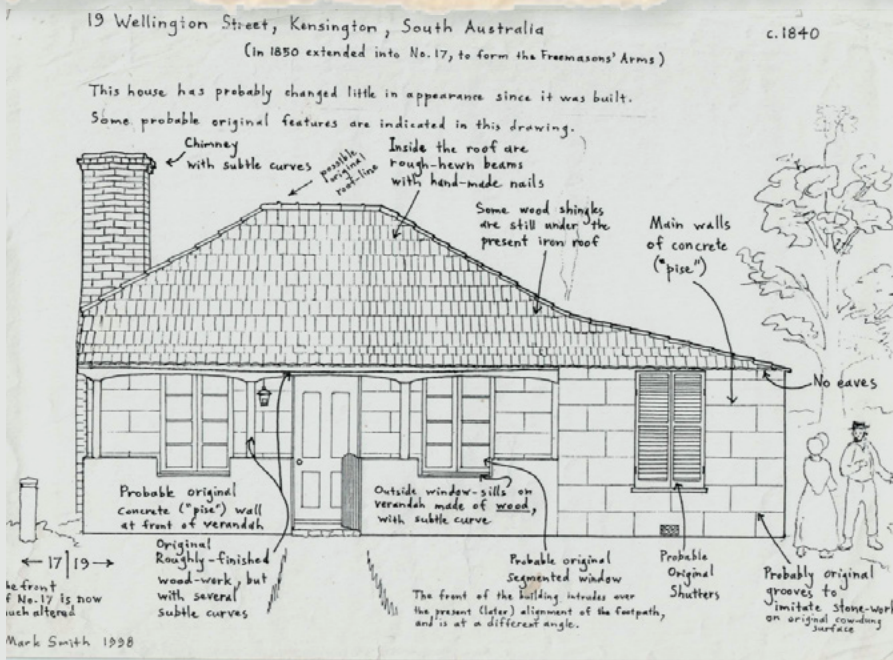
## Creeping Boobiella Crew

This year six Kensington households have been growing *Myoporum parvifolium* or Creeping Boobiella for Borthwick Park. These creepers grow readily from cuttings and once in the ground will spread quickly, providing refuge and food for insects, lizards and other small critters. The covering mat of growth keeps the soil cooler and outcompetes weeds.

Here's a happy snap of Nadia, Otis and Arlo with their baby plants. Looking good, green thumbs!



# Our Kensington



Mortimer Burman took ownership of number 19 as a residence in 1853.

Renowned colonial artist James Shaw resided at the property from 1859 for a time. His most famous work 'The Admella wrecked, 1859' was painted - likely within his rooms at number 19 - after visiting the site of the shipwreck with his landlord Mortimer Burman. The painting was given to Mr Burman in lieu of rent by Mr Shaw. It hung in number 19 until Burman descendants



## 19 Wellington St – The Freemason’s Arms

by Seth Piszczuk, 19 Wellington Street

Wellington Street was the first street in Kensington to be built upon (at the time known as Church Row). Number 19 is positioned slightly diagonal to the road, indicating that the building existed prior to formal survey of Wellington Street in 1838. Compare the orientation of the building to its 1850 extension (now number 17) next time you walk past.

When the Kensington Hotel was first licensed in 1840 reference was made to a

local grog shanty. It seems likely number 19 was the unlicensed venue, perfectly positioned to face both the major roads that existed at the time (now Kensington and Portrush Roads). Records of the building can be accurately traced from 1840, with three different publicans holding ownership prior to 1850.

In 1850 the venue was granted a liquor licence to formally operate as the Freemason’s Arms. It gained the licence by public vote outcompeting the newly built Robin Hood Hotel, but the victory was short-lived. The Robin Hood Hotel won a subsequent vote in 1851 and

sold the property in 1967 and gifted the artwork to the Art Gallery of South Australia (currently on display, Gallery 3).

Much of this history was collated by former resident Dr. Mark Smith through library research, archaeological digs on the site and interviews with the last Burman descendants to reside at number 19. Mark is a wealth of information and it has been a privilege to spend time with him to compare notes on the history of this site. I would sincerely enjoy any further history long term Kensington residents could provide to:

✉ sethpiszczuk@hotmail.com

Image 1: Reconstruction drawn by Dr. Mark Smith  
Image 2: The Admella wrecked, 1859

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