

• Kensington 5068 •

SEPTEMBER 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 8th September,
13th October,
10th November, 9am - 11am

Come & Try Bowls

Sunday 15th September, 1-5pm

KRA family day at the Tranmere Bowling Club at 1 Kings Grove, Tranmere

Join the KRA for a fun afternoon of lawn bowls just up the road in Tranmere.

Free sausage sizzle. Drinks available for purchase at very reasonable club prices.

Bring the kids, older family members, a friend or a neighbour. No previous lawn bowling skills needed. Some coaching available if required.

Comfortable casual dress is best. Wear shoes with flat soles for bowling or bowl barefoot.

This is a FREE EVENT but the club needs numbers for catering. Register online with link <https://www.trybooking.com/CUIYK> or scan the QR code or phone Andrew Dyson on ☎ 8331 9654 to register.



Community Carol Singing

Tuesday 17th December, 7pm start
Meet opposite The Kensi,
walk to the Rising Sun

Pizza in the Park

Sunday 20th October from 4pm,
Borthwick Park, Thornton Street

Our annual pizza party for Kensington residents is happening in October!

FREE wood-oven pizzas for all KRA members. Not a member yet? Join today using the membership form on page 4 of this newsletter.

Pizza in the Park is now in its 5th year. It's a wonderful family occasion and an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. Just bring your chairs and drinks, settle into the park and KRA volunteers will serve you fresh wood-oven pizza until you're happily full!

Help us with our pizza planning by contacting Andrew Dyson (✉ contact@kra.org.au or ☎ 8331 9654) to register the number of people in your group and alert us to any dietary needs.



Digital Reminiscing Project

Do you have old photo albums that you would like to revisit, preserve and share with your younger relatives?

KRA's Digital Reminiscing Project aims to help older residents retell your stories by creating your own digital photo albums at no cost.

Each precious old photo will be scanned and saved to a USB stick, so those photos can be viewed on a digital device and easily shared with your loved ones.

If you are interested in this FREE SERVICE, contact **Andrew Dyson** ✉ contact@kra.org.au or ☎ 8331 9654



Fruit & Veggie Co-op 🥕🍏

The KRA is keen to help local families establish a co-operative to buy WHOLESALE produce and distribute LOCALLY on a weekly basis. Cost saving, time saving... needs a minimum of 10 families who would like affordable, healthy, fresh seasonal veggies and fruit to be available in our neighbourhood on a regular basis.

Please register your interest by emailing **Andrew Dyson** ✉ contact@kra.org.au
Thanks to those who have already flagged their interest.

KENSINGTON COMMUNITY COLOUR

Winter Solstice

The coldest night of the year was a hot one for our annual Winter Solstice Concert at the Kensi Hotel! Around 50 music lovers enjoyed local musicians, poets and storytellers while the pub generously provided plenty of warm finger food and drinks at Happy Hour prices. Thanks to all who came and a big thanks to Emma and Chris from the Kensi!



Borthwick Park Planting Days

Fifty-four wonderful volunteers planted our latest crop of grasses, ground-covers, climbers and low shrubs into Borthwick Park on Saturday 29 June and Sunday 14 July 2024. Thanks to everyone who joined in to make these two important days such a success and to Trees for Life who provided the healthy young plants.

So why are we still planting in Borthwick Park? It seems to be already full of plants!

- 🌱 **Weed suppression** – More native ground covers = less weeds.
- 🌱 **Replacement** – Species like wattles are short-lived. Other species fail to thrive in soil heavily modified since colonisation. Plants are regularly damaged during park activity or storms or heat.
- 🌱 **Diversity** - Increasing the diversity of plant species maximises the health of the park. Every year we try out new species of shrubs, grasses and groundcovers to attract new butterflies and birds and benefit our ancient River Redgums.

If you'd like to **find out more** about the widely acclaimed biodiversity project which has transformed Borthwick Park since conception in 2009, find the 2022 project update on the KRA website <https://www.kra.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/BP-Project-Update-Dec-2022.pdf>



Photos from June Planting Working Bee



Central River Redgum 2009 before (above) and after (below)



Below photos from July's Working Bee




 Does anyone have a patch of dirt in Kensington we could turn into a Community Garden?
 Lettuce know! contact@kra.org.au

Street Library Update

We now have three Street Libraries in Kensington! Take a book, leave a book, share a book today.

The original Kensington street library has been fixed to the edge of Don's Deli's outdoor seating area within easy reach for local book swappers.

The newest branch of our little library network was recently installed between High Street Café and Mary MacKillop College. Local artist and childrens' book author Dorianio Lopresto painted a host of cute critters on the library.

Many thanks to the City of NP&SP for awarding community funding to purchase the library, granting permission to install in the council reserve and arranging for the Civil Maintenance team to concrete in the support post.



KENSINGTON COMMUNITY COLOUR

Care for Kensington Grant Announcement

The KRA Committee is pleased to announce that KRA members Shyla and Jason Mills are the successful applicants in our 2024 Care for Kensington awards. Here is their response to news of the award and a description of their Compassionate Community Project.

“We’d like to introduce ourselves, as fellow residents living in the wonderful locale of Kensington. Our children go to one of the local schools and our dog loves going for his daily walk around the neighbourhood.

We both work in the field of palliative care - Shyla as CEO of Palliative Care SA and Jason as an Associate Professor with teaching and research roles at

Flinders University. We are keen to collaborate with our neighbours to build a local network of social support and care for our community members who are experiencing a serious illness, dying, grief or caregiving – a Compassionate Kensington.

We’re truly delighted to be awarded a Care for Kensington grant from the KRA, which will fund activities filled with meaningful learning opportunities and rich community conversations. We aim to commence these in November.

In the meantime, we would like to invite anyone living in Kensington already familiar with this space to reach out and join a small working group to help shape

a vision for Compassionate Kensington.” To find out more, come to one of the two information sessions to be held on:

Tuesday 12 November, 6.30 – 8pm

Thursday 14 November, 10.30am – 12pm



Digital Info Board activation

During the planting session on 29th June, the new digital information board in Borthwick Park was officially activated by James Stevens MP.

Grant funding from the Australian Government’s Stronger Communities Programme paid for the components and expertise needed to complete this community project. Locals with construction, information technology, copywriting and editing skills volunteered their time to the project as well. (Thank you!)

The info board is installed in the wall of the storage shed in Borthwick Park. The digital screen activates when one of the colourful buttons on the shed wall is pressed, darkening after several minutes of inactivity. Push the top/bottom buttons to browse

through several levels of information: KRA events, introduction to the KRA committee, reveg project history and plant ID lists. Push the left/right buttons for more pages. More information will be added as funds become available e.g. First Nations connection to the local area, Kensington’s heritage buildings, local bird species to spot ...what else? Email contact@kra.org.au with your suggestions.



Safer local streets

KRA and McKellar Stewart Kindergarten jointly raised community safety concerns with Mayor Bria and Gayle Buckby, Manager Traffic & Integrated Transport. Children attending McKellar Stewart kindy and students from Marryatville Primary, Marryatville High, Pembroke, Mary MacKillop, Loreto, St Joseph’s Memorial and St Ignatius Junior School use the crossing between the kindy and the Kensi Hotel daily to cross Thornton Street. Drivers often ignore the safety signage as they rush between The Parade and Portrush Road. The damaged SCHOOL safety sign on Regent Street opposite the Hotel needed replacing.

Ms Buckby quickly instigated pedes-

trian and traffic volume data collection, verifying that installation of a formalised pedestrian crossing at Thornton Street near the kindy and Hotel is warranted. Investigation of design options that meet Australian Standards with respect to lighting, road widths and the short sighting distance for drivers turning left out of Regent Street is underway.

KRA also requested improved visibility of the STOP sign facing southwest on Bridge Street at the Regent Street intersection. In May the old 600mm STOP sign (pictured) was replaced with a larger 750mm diameter sign repositioned alongside the Stop Line at the intersection.

A shrub on the northeast corner of the intersection of High and Thornton

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 or phone **Andrew Dyson** on **8331 9654**.



Streets was observed to be covering the 50 kph speed limit sign. Urgent trimming by Council has been requested.

Thanks to the City of NPSF for prioritising safety on Kensington’s streets.



Our Kensington

Neighbourhood Pets

Our committee has been contacted by locals expressing concern about the anti-social behaviour of dog-owners and dogs in Borthwick Park. If we all follow the rules of good dog ownership Borthwick Park will remain a safe place for all our community to enjoy.

their dog in a public place. Failure to do so is an offence under the Act. Carry dog poo bags at all times. Council supplies these bags in our parks. Bin the waste.

Your dog may be friendly, but you shouldn't let your dog approach another dog or person without first asking if it's ok to approach. This applies when your dog is off-leash or on-leash.

5pm to 10am any day.



Your dog must be in your sight at all times, and must immediately respond to voice commands when not on a leash.

These are laws - not guidelines or suggestions - legislated under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 and Council's By-Laws.

Dogs can only be off-leash in Borthwick Park between 5pm and 10am. Dog owners are required by law to watch their dog closely until the dog is back on-leash. To safely let your dog off-leash you need to be 100% confident that your dog will respond to your voice and return to your side when called, no matter what else is going on.



Also a law! People exercising their dogs are required to remove all waste left by


Your dog may be friendly, but...

Other dogs need space!

Do it for the Dogs!

People need space!

Do it for the People!

yoursay.sa.gov.au
Clarifying current cat management laws

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 also outlines the responsibilities of cat owners and powers for cat management undertaken by various tiers of government. Community consultation on possible changes to cat management laws in South Australia closes 4th September. You can have your say at <https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/cat-management>. A consultation report capturing all community feedback will be published by the State Government prior to a draft Bill considered by Parliament.

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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