

# • Kensington 5068 •

## SEPTEMBER 2025 | 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

#### Pizza in the Park

**Borthwick Park, between Thornton and Bridge Streets  
Sunday 19th October from 4pm**

The KRA's most popular event is back for a fifth year! We'll be stoking the fire in the pizza oven yet again on 19th October, ready for you to descend on the park with chairs, drinks, good spirits, and a hearty appetite.

The usual team will be there, rolling, topping, baking, and slicing delicious pizzas for you as you mingle with fellow Kensingtonians, enjoying our beautiful Borthwick Park, and listening to live music performances by local musicians. Following a lively set by the Kensington & Norwood Brass Band, we'll open up the mic to anyone wanting to perform.

To assist catering please register for the event through Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DEVBU> or scan the QR code below or phone Andrew Dyson on ☎ 8331 9654. You need to be from a household with a current KRA membership to qualify for free pizza.

Non-members will be charged \$15 for pizza and get a free annual membership to the KRA thrown in!



#### Q&A with Tim Costello

**Rising Sun Inn, 60 Bridge St  
Sunday 12th October, 3pm start**

At the request of the KRA, Tim Costello will be speaking at a Q&A session at the Rising Sun Inn on the afternoon of 12th October. Tim is one of Australia's most respected community leaders, a former CEO of World Vision Australia, and a sought-after voice on social justice issues, politics, leadership and ethics. This is your opportunity to meet Tim and ask him questions on world affairs, national politics, social issues, sport and anything else you like! The KRA will be providing free finger food and you can purchase drinks from the bar. Numbers are limited, so book your FREE seat now at <https://www.trybooking.com/DEBHU> or scan the QR code below or phone Andrew Dyson on ☎ 8331 9654 to register.



#### Last Aid Course

**Saturday 20th September,  
11.15am – 3.15pm  
St Matthews Homes Hall, 67 Bridge St**

It's likely you will need basic first aid skills at some time to assist a sick or injured person. Each one of us will, at some stage, know someone who is seriously ill, dying, or grieving. Last Aid skills are as essential as First Aid skills. Last Aid is a 4-hour community education program which helps attendees to develop the resilience, understanding and capacity to help care for loved ones, families, friends and neighbours. A FREE Last Aid course is being run in September by Compassionate

#### Happy 180th birthday!

**Rising Sun Inn, 60 Bridge St  
Sunday 26th October**

The Rising Sun Inn will mark 180 years on 26th October by celebrating from 12 noon to 7pm with

- live music
- giveaways from Coopers Brewery & Paracombe Wines, and
- prizes for the best period costumes.

Outdoor dining will be available in the carpark (high tables & stools under umbrellas) with a duo performing live from 1pm. The Inn's restaurant is open for lunchtime a la carte dining - phone ☎ 83330721 to book a table. No dinner service in the evening, however the bar will remain open as live band Sound Factory plays music of the 60s, 70s and 80s from 4.30-6.30pm.

Special guest Mayor Robert Bria will be attending to 'cut the cake'!

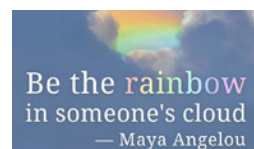


Kensington 5068. Anyone who lives or works in Kensington can register – there is no requirement for prior experience in health care or palliative care.

Topics covered

- Dying as a normal part of life;
- Planning ahead;
- Relieving suffering; and
- Final goodbyes.

Limited numbers. Register online at <https://events.humanitix.com/last-aid-compassionate-kensington-5068> or ✉ email [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) or phone Andrew Dyson on ☎ 8331 9654.





# KENSINGTON COMMUNITY COLOUR

## Food Secrets Bus Tour

Fourteen fortunate KRA members joined the Council's Food Secrets Bus Tour in June. First stop was Rio Coffee where the group enjoyed delicious coffee and heard about this 3rd generation business' roasting process. Next stop was Prove Patisserie to get an insight into their baking and sample some lovely croissants. Round the corner at Nourish'd Café the tourists were provided with a very tasty and generous lunch. The tour concluded by tasting gins distilled from local ingredients at Reform Distilling. We highly recommend booking a seat on a Food Secrets bus tour via the NPSP website.



## Bridge Street "blister"

In July, the Council pulled out the old rosemary plants on the 'traffic calming' infrastructure in Bridge St, locally referred to as 'the blister', amongst other things. The Australian native Eremophilas which the Council team planted should make a lovely display in time. Following the introduction of the 40kph speed limit in Kensington in 2026, Council will study the effectiveness of the 'blister' and its contentious design and position on the heritage-listed bridge.



## Winter Solstice

On the night of the Winter Solstice, 21st June, more than 50 locals gathered at The Kensi Hotel to be entertained by music, poetry and some incidental comedy. Endorphins were raised by the Kensi Frenzy group sing-along assisted by karaoke tech. Grateful thanks to the Kensi Hotel team for providing discounted drinks and a huge amount of delicious finger food to refuel the revellers.



## So strange!

Every year we offer Care for Kensington Grants to fund residents' projects that would benefit our suburb; they may be environmental, cultural, artistic, social, virtual or something completely different! This year we have increased the adult grant to \$1000 (still \$250 available to child applicants)...

And guess how many applications we've had this year?

None. That's correct, NONE! Nobody wants our money!

The KRA Committee has decided to extend our application process until 30th September to allow for your late inspiration and grant application.

Go to <https://www.kra.org.au/2025-care-for-kensington-grants-open/> for some brainstormed ideas to get your creativity flowing, and download the grant information and an application form whilst you're there. We can help you GROW YOUR KENSINGTON PROJECT.



## The KRA is turning 50 in 2027!

We are seeking someone interested in local history and/or archiving to help us preserve the written history of the Association. This will mean digging deep into our boxes of historical treasures with guidance from our long-standing Secretary Andrew Dyson. Please email [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) to express your interest in assisting with this project.

## Borthwick Park Biodiversity Project Update

Every year, Green Adelaide supplies us with seedlings from Trees for Life for our biodiversity project in Borthwick Park. We replace aging shrubs and trees, plant understorey plants for the birds, and add grasses and groundcovers to keep the weeds at bay. In July our fabulous volunteers turned out in force at not two but three planting days, digging, planting, fertilising and watering-in hundreds of new plants. Thanks to our volunteer gardeners, to those who provided much-needed food and drinks, and to Council for mulch and other assistance.



On the steep Southern Bank of the creek you will also notice new plantings, thanks to Steve and crew at Back2Bush, funded by Council.



Two of the bird boxes in the park fell down recently, both were badly weathered and damaged when they fell. Local legend Lawrence took the boxes home to his workshop and renovated them beautifully (pictured). In the last week of August, Council's Tree Services team brought their crane-truck with an extendable work platform to Borthwick Park and reinstalled the bird boxes.

Borthwick Park is a gem and a fabulous example of our Kensington community, Council and Green Adelaide working together.



# KENSINGTON COMMUNITY COLOUR

## Regent Gardens Update

Have you been to Regent Gardens next to McKellar Stewart Kindy recently? Lots has happened!

- KRA volunteers Peter and Andrew and MSK director Ellie Jones painted additional activity zones on the pavers.
- The NPSP Parks & Gardens team created 2 lovely nature play areas in the park's corners.
- KRA volunteers John, Andrew and Jane helped the kindy staff and a keen bunch of youngsters to plant a host of native plants supplied by NPSP Council and a local volunteer grower.
- The NPSP Parks & Gardens team delivered mulch for the new plantings and extended the irrigation system to water all the beds.
- Keep an eye out for a new mural on the southern fence – coming soon!



## Unsuccessful Grassroots Grant Application

Unfortunately, the KRA's application for a 2025 Green Adelaide Grassroots Grant to fund the following items for Pioneer Park was unsuccessful:

- Installation of a 1:20 ramp into the Park to allow access for all;
- Purchase of 500 native seedlings to replenish the existing garden beds;
- Irrigation system upgrade; and
- Consultation with the community and Kaurna representatives regarding future enhancements of the park.

## Thornton St zebra crossing

Since 2024 the KRA and McKellar Stewart Kindy have been pushing for Council to improve crossing safety on Thornton Street near the kindy. NPSP traffic engineers have devised changes and recently sent consultation letters to property owners directly impacted by:

- New pedestrian-priority zebra crossing installation on Thornton St;
- Installation of road narrowing infrastructure at the Thornton-Regent Streets intersection;
- Street lighting upgrade to improve 24 hour crossing visibility;
- Kindy 10-minute parking zone to be extended by one car space;
- Removal of six on-street car parks to create clear sight lines for pedestrian safety.



## 2025 KRA AGM

The KRA's 47th AGM was well attended. NPSP staff Carlos Buzzetti and Jordan Ward gave informative presentations about heritage, traffic management and parking, fielding lots of questions from attendees.

Conversations and catchups continued over supper. The KRA Committee elected for 2025-2026 includes Roger Bryson (President) • Jane Godsmark (Vice President) • Andrew Dyson (Secretary) • Mia Caldwell (Treasurer) • Kristina Chong- Tenn • Moira Coffey • Brigitte Connery • Nicholas Crouch • Peter Duffy • John Legg • Andrew Pascoe • Jake Rowe • Liz Russell • Sara White.



## Saving Septimus' Schoolhouse

In mid-August KRA Committee representatives met with Minister Nick Champion and Member for Dunstan, Cressida O'Hanlon, outside 69 High Street (pictured at right). Minister Champion's advice and support is being sought to help save this important local heritage item from demolition. In the 1850s, 69 High Street was the Kensington Elementary School, leased by teacher Septimus Webster, making it one of the earliest schools established in South Australia. The building was once owned by early colonist John Roberts, who was a leader of the local Congregationalist movement and built the Village Church on Maesbury Street.

At the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) meeting in May, the current owners of the property were granted extra time to source further information to support their demolition application. As a local heritage item, 69 High Street may only be demolished if the building is "irredeemably beyond repair", according to the State Government Planning and Design Code. Heritage consultant Sandy Wilkinson and Trent Kuchel from Urathane Solutions contend that the damage to 69 High

St is readily repairable. We will let KRA members know when the CAP will reassess the demolition application. Members of the public can observe CAP meetings at the Norwood Town Hall: a packed gallery will show the assessors how important heritage preservation is to Kensington residents.



# Nods to neighbours

## Vale Shirley Rowe

It is with much sadness that we advise that longtime Kensington resident, Shirley Rowe, died recently. Founding Members Shirley and husband Terry attended the Association's first meeting in March 1977. The Rows served on the Committee for a number of years, maintaining their involvement with the Association thereafter, and were made Honorary Life Members of the KRA at the 2021 AGM. Shirley was one of our regular volunteers at Borthwick Park working bees. The KRA is currently negotiating with the Council to install a bench plaque in Borthwick Park in Shirley Rowe's honour. Shirley is greatly missed by her Kensington friends.



The KRA has developed a Welcome Pack for new Kensington residents. Packs will include information about Kensington, details of upcoming community events, and suggestions from locals on places to eat, socialise, exercise, etc, plus information on Council services. If you have a new neighbour, please let us know ☎ 8331 9654 or ✉ [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) and we'll deliver a welcome pack to them.

## Congratulations Mary Ryan

Josephite Sister Mary Ryan received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours. Mary plays an active role in the Catholic community and the broader Kensington community. She steered the Mary MacKillop Museum in High Street through a major redevelopment several years ago, which included the construction of the High Street Café, a cherished meeting spot for many locals.

Mary has always been a strong supporter of the KRA, regularly attending events, always supporting our annual Christmas Carols, and graciously arranging the Association's use of the Bethany Centre for our AGMs. We were delighted to award Sister Mary Ryan Honorary Life Membership of the KRA at our AGM as an acknowledgement of her service to the Kensington community.



**Mary MacKillop Reserve, adjacent High Street Café, 4 High St  
Sunday 5th October, 10am-8pm**

Join the fun at the one-day music & food festival celebrating High Street Café's 5th birthday.

## What's on in Kensington?

### Last Aid Training

St Matt's Hall, 67 Bridge St  
Saturday 20th September,  
11:15am - 3:15pm

### Borthwick Park Working Bees

Borthwick Park, between Thornton,  
Bridge & Richmond Sts

Sundays 14th September, 12th October,  
9th November, 9am - 11am

### 5 Years on the Green

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### Pizza in the Park

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### Rising Sun Inn 180th Anniversary Celebration

Rising Sun Inn, 60 Bridge St  
Sunday 26th October, 12noon-6pm

Early bird tickets \$20 adults, \$10 children 5 to 15 years. Under 5 years free entry. Buy tickets online at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1450788>

Family fun 10am-1pm with a magic show, face painting, balloon art, and more. Live acoustic music over lunch by local artists.

Full evening of live bands: Mr Buzzy, Eric 'Tooch' Santucci, McKenzie Band from the Gold Coast. DJ between sets to keep the energy up! Bring your friends, enjoy the vibe, and celebrate High Street Café's 5 Years on the Green!

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## KRA MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL

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

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

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

**2025 KRA Membership:** ☐ New or ☐ Renewal (please tick). If unsure whether your membership is current contact our Secretary Andrew Dyson ✉ [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) or ☎ 8331 9654

☐ 1 year membership fee (\$15) ☐ 2 year membership fee (\$30) ☐ 5 year membership fee + bonus bin sticker (\$75)

Payment may be made by 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.

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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)