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MAY 2026 | 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.

COME VISIT NORWOOD OVAL

CHILDREN AGED 5-12 ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT

THURSDAY 4TH JUNE | 4.30 - 6PM | TICKETS - TRYBOOKING.COM/DLXPC

Coaching session on Oval

Meet some players

See inside clubroom

Watch a footy video

Food and drinks

Watch Norwood players train



FREE!



Proudly organised by:
KENSINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOC.
& NORWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB



McKELLAR STEWART KINDERGARTEN

Mural Reveal & Bake Sale

Friday 12th June, 3.15pm, Regent Garden, cnr Thornton & Regent St
A beautiful new mural, funded by a City of NPSP community grant, will be unveiled in Regent Garden soon and everyone's invited to the party!

Artist David Booth will be there to talk about the mural, which he created with McKellar Stewart Kindergarten children and staff in 2025. Home-baked treats and warm drinks available for purchase - the Kindy's holding a bake sale fundraiser and will have a coffee cart on-site. See you there!



Kensi's Got Talent! Our Annual Winter Solstice Concert at The Kensi

Saturday 20th June from 7pm

The coldest night of the year will be a hot one for our annual Winter Solstice Concert at the Kensi Hotel! Come and listen to local musicians, poets and story-tellers while enjoying warm savoury snacks and happy hour drink prices generously provided by The Kensi.

If you've got talent that you'd like to share, sign up now for your open mic spot! Beginners more than welcome, we are a very supportive audience.

Register to attend and/or book your open mic spot here: <https://events.humanitix.com/kensi-s-got-talent-winter-solstice-concert>

Winter Solstice Gathering & Workshop

A celebration of our changing seasons and our local creatures

Calling all creatures! Join us this winter for a joyful, family-friendly celebration of nature, creativity and the turning of the seasons - a magical Winter Solstice Gathering.

A free creative workshop will be held on Saturday 13th June 12-3pm in St Matthew's Homes hall, 67 Bridge St (bookings essential). Artist Laura Wills will support participants to create masks, costumes and wearable artworks inspired by local creatures and the magic of winter. Come together, meet neighbours, spark imagination and prepare for the celebration.

On Sunday 21st June 4-7pm, join us as we gather in Borthwick Park beside the creek and ancient Story Tree for a procession around the neighbourhood, music, story-telling and seasonal refreshments. You might come as a moth, bird, frog, possum, plant or other being of nature - or simply come as yourself, rugged up for a winter outing. All are welcome.

Free to attend, registrations essential! Find details and booking links on the KRA website Events page.

WINTER SOLSTICE GATHERING
STORY TELLING TWILIGHT PROCESSION WINTER TREATS
SUNDAY 21 JUNE 4-7PM
MUSIC

BORTHWICK PARK, KENSINGTON
BY THE CREEK UNDER THE ANCIENT STORY TREE

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WWW.KRA.ORG
PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY CITY OF NORWOOD PAYNEHAM & ST PETERS

Annual General Meeting

Bethany Centre, Mary MacKillop Precinct, 4 High St
Tuesday 11th August, 7pm start

Are you a home-owner or renting in Kensington? Do you run a business in Kensington? You're invited to the Kensington Residents Association AGM! We'd love to see you there.

Join your neighbours for an evening of community, conversation and connection!

- Lively presentations.
- A generous supper of sweet and savoury snacks, tea, coffee and wine.
- Plenty of time for you to meet the other people who make Kensington such a special place to live.

Interested in nominating for our vibrant committee? If you'd like to help steer Kensington's future community events and projects, email our Secretary contact@kra.org.au

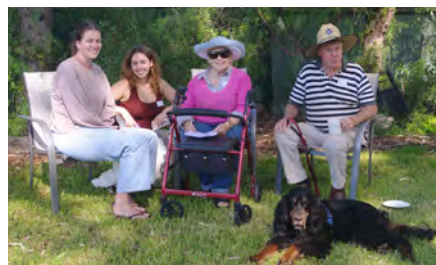
Save the Date for... the KRA Film FUNdraiser!

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Late afternoon film screening at the Regal Theatre preceded by fundraising auctions and raffles. Put it in your diary now! Tell your friends! Tickets on sale soon.

Neighbour Day

Locals of all ages from many different backgrounds came together in Borthwick Park on Neighbour Day 29th March for friendly chats, table tennis, cricket and other ball games with plenty of scones, cake and savoury treats, cuppas and cool drinks to share. Did you meet someone new at Neighbour Day?



Merch survey

The KRA is getting into merch! Why? To celebrate our fab diagonal village and its history, plus add a bit of colour and fun to the KRA's gifts and prizes selection. What would you buy, wear or use to show others how much you love Kensington? Let us know by taking our online survey ranking the suggested merch items from 1 (most liked) to 14 (least liked). The survey results are anonymous.

Go to: <https://www.kra.org.au/merch-survey/>

Pioneer Park access

Council will soon be providing a couple of safer access points to Pioneer Park - a handrail on the steps and a paved entry area near the old chapel.



Thanks Summer Waterers!

During the hot, dry summer we feared for the well-being of the 900+ seedlings planted in Winter 2025 in Borthwick Park. But along came the Summer waterers who kept the plants alive and growing! Huge thanks to the KRA volunteers for their early morning and late-afternoon efforts with the hoses, and a big sing out to the City of NPSP for vastly improving water flow for the Park.

A great team effort!



Wobbly Lines

Artist Deborah Smalley introduced 7 keen locals to 'wobbly line' drawing on 11th April, capturing 3 iconic Kensington buildings with pen, paper and a few water-colour splashes: Chehade's Drycleaners flatiron building (built early 1900s), The Kensi, Kensington's first inn (established 1840) and the Chapel of the Sisters of St Joseph (built 1875-1876). Get the feel from our Instagram reel: https://www.instagram.com/p/DW_DZbNkYYP/



Stay up to date!

On Facebook more than 600 followers enjoy regular Kensi-centric posts on the Kensington Residents' Association page.

Do we have your email address? Kensington Residents' Association (KRA) members receive weekly e-updates on items of local interest. Only \$15/household/year to join- find a membership form on Page 4.



Friendly Kensi

It's Steph Kubank here again for an update 😊 Since the Friendly Kensi initiative was 'launched' less than two months ago, there have been some great responses from locals.

- On Neighbour Day, someone posed the idea of a 'choir for non-singers'.
- Another local was inspired by a Stirling park's community box containing shared stories, poetry, drawings and more! This could be an option for Borthwick or Pioneer Park.
- A local retired woman who enjoys chatting about current affairs, books and gardening would like to meet other older women at the High Street Cafe for coffee and a chat on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

The Scavenger Hunt held 4th - 10th May saw locals exploring our suburb on-foot and on bikes to answer questions, solve clues and collect tokens to exchange for chocolates! The winner received a dining voucher.

It would be great to have more people to include in the Friendly Kensi Directory, as a way for us Kensi locals to better know each other. Only people in the Directory and Kensington residents who request a copy will have access to it, so it's certainly less public than social media! Being included in the Directory does not mean you've signed up to do something - you can choose whether or not to connect with others 😊

Please get in contact with me at ✉️ stephkubank11@gmail.com or ☎️ 0422138807 with your details for inclusion in the directory (i.e., name, interest or skill, contact number or email). Anyone who likes the great ideas from other locals (choir for non-singers, community box or ladies'

coffee & chat) can get in touch with me too. I welcome your ideas, big or small! There is no judgement, so please don't hesitate.



Park Planting Days & Working Bees

Planting days Saturday 4th July 1-5pm & Sunday 12th July, 9am-12.30pm

Help nurture our local environment by planting native seedlings in Borthwick Park, Thornton St.

Learn more about native plants. Jobs for all ages and abilities. Family friendly activity. Full training provided. Wear clothing and footwear suitable for gardening. Free food and drinks provided for all volunteers. Enquiries John ☎️ 0422 909 710 or ✉️ contact@kra.org.au



Working bees Sundays 14th June, 9th August, 13th September 9-11am
Free community morning tea from 11am, all welcome. Come for a chat!



Joke time

What do you call a sparrow with wheels? ... A wheelsparrow!

Loads more where that came from 😊



This beautiful botanical drawing of Silver Daisy Bush (*Olearia pannosa*) is the work of Kensington resident, Glenn McDonald. There are several growing in Borthwick Park. With pretty silver foliage and cheery white and yellow daisy flowers in winter-spring, these SA natives are a hit with insects, birds and people!



We are seeking someone interested in local history or archiving to help us preserve the written history of the Kensington Residents' Association. Dig deep into our boxes of historical treasures collected by Andrew Dyson during his 46 years' service as KRA Secretary. Sort through, arrange digitising, perhaps collate a collection of stories from the archives for the broader community to enjoy. If you can assist or know someone we can approach, please contact our Secretary ✉️ contact@kra.org.au ☎️ 8331 9654



Our Association has a Welcome Pack for new residents. The Pack includes information about our suburb, upcoming events, Council services and much more. If you have a new neighbour, please let us know by emailing ✉️ contact@kra.org.au and we'll deliver a welcome pack to them.



Left: Peter Skellon (left) with Alby South during Cypress House renovations, December 1987.
Above: Peter weeding in Borthwick Park

Peter Skellon's legacy

In 1984, when Peter Skellon bought Cypress House at 50 High Street, the former doctor's residence/surgery was in a very dilapidated state. Peter faithfully restored the house and re-established a beautiful garden. Cypress House was listed as a National Trust Recorded Item in 1985 and added to the State Heritage Register in 1990. Peter wrote an article on the history of the property and discoveries made during his renovations, which can be found on the KRA website. As a member of the KRA Committee and during the periods he served as the Association's President and Vice-President, Peter made an enormous contribution to the protection of Kensington's heritage. Although he left Kensington in 2004, Peter maintained a keen interest in local goings-on and volunteered regularly in Borthwick and Pioneer Parks until recently.



Peter's contribution to Kensington was recognised by awarding him Honorary Life Membership of the KRA at the 2019 AGM. Thank you, Peter, for your infectious enthusiasm for Kensington's heritage and community.

What's on?

KRA Kids Redlegs Event

Norwood Oval, cnr The Parade & Woods St
Thursday 4th June, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Kindy Mural Unveiling & Bake Sale

Regent Garden, opposite The Kensi Hotel
Friday 12th June, 3.15pm

Winter Solstice Creative Workshop

St Matthew's Homes Hall, cnr Bridge & Wellington St, Saturday 13th June, 12 - 3pm

June Working Bee

Borthwick Park, Thornton St, Sunday 14th June, 9-11am gardening, 11am morning tea

Winter Solstice open mic at the Kensi

The Kensi Hotel, cnr Thornton & Regent St
Find us in the Regent Room-Alfresco Area
Saturday 20th June, 7pm onwards

Winter Solstice Gathering

Borthwick Park, Thornton St
Meet beside the creek and the ancient Story Tree, Sunday 21st June, 4- 7pm

Winter Planting Days

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August Working Bee

Borthwick Park, Thornton St, Sunday 9th August, 9-11am gardening, 11am morning tea

KRA AGM

Bethany Centre, Mary MacKillop Precinct, 4 High St, Tuesday 11th August, 6.45pm for 7pm start

Film FUNdraiser

Regal Theatre, 275 Kensington Rd
Sunday 23rd August, time to be confirmed

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KRA MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL

Name[s]: _____ Date _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2026 KRA Membership: New or Renewal (please tick). If unsure whether your membership is current, contact our Secretary Andrew Dyson 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 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: _____

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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