

• Kensington 5068 •

SEPTEMBER 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.

Pizza in the Park

Borthwick Park (between Thornton and Bridge Streets)

Sunday 18th October from 4pm

The KRA's most popular event is back! We'll stoke up the pizza oven in Borthwick Park on 18th October, ready for you to arrive with chairs, drinks, good cheer and a hearty appetite.

The KRA crew will be there, rolling, topping, baking and slicing delicious wood-fired pizzas for you to munch as you mingle with fellow Kensingtonians. Team Tiramisu will have trays of delicious Italian dessert ready to serve once the hunger for pizza drops.

Free pizza and tiramisu for financial KRA members. Not a member yet? Join for \$15 with cash or card. To assist catering please register for the event through Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DPH WX> or scan the QR code below or phone Andrew Dyson on 83319654.



Introducing... Online KRA membership renewals

We're moving to an online system! Most of you will have joined the KRA by filling out a digital or paper form, then submitting it to our long-time wonderful Secretary, Andrew Dyson. At the end of 2026, we will be moving to a new system of managing our membership, so we can:

- Make it easier for you to renew KRA membership online
- Communicate with you about what you are particularly interested in.

You will still be able to renew or join via the paper form if you wish.

Updates about this project will be communicated to KRA members through weekly emails over the next couple of months.



Community Christmas Carols

The KRA carollers will be out and about in Kensington on Monday 21st December, 6.45pm to 8.45pm.

Join us! Song sheets are provided. Gather in Regent Garden (corner Regent & Thornton Streets) at 6.45pm ready for 7pm departure. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress with festive flair.

Planned singing stops include:

Kensi Hotel's Corner Bar for warm up carols
Lithuanian community units
Bethany function centre, 4 High St
Richmond St
Borthwick Park
Holden Court (Norwood Aged Cottage Homes)
Wilson Court (St Matthew's Homes)
Final carols in the Rising Sun Inn



Swimming season soon

Our much-loved Kensington & Norwood public pool will reopen for the 2026-2027 swimming season on Monday 12th October.

At 32 Phillips Street, Kensington, you'll find a 50-metre swimming pool and a shaded toddlers pool set in green lawns and shaded by majestic River Red Gums. Get in the swim this summer!

A dedicated website advertising opening times, facility information, programs, memberships, etc is under development. Check the landing page on the Council's website: https://www.npsa.gov.au/culture_and_lifestyle/swimming_centres.



Photo credit: City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters

Summer waterers wanted!

Can you spare some time to water young plants in Borthwick Park this summer? Volunteers will likely need to water twice over summer, but if we get more volunteers, everyone waters less often.

Watering for 1-2 hours total at any time during your allocated week is all that's required. Only small or stressed plants need a drink. Hoses and training provided.

To join the roster, simply email our Secretary at contact@kra.org.au to express your interest.

The KRA turns 50!

In 2027, your Association turns 50! From humble beginnings back in 1977, we are now one of the longest established residents' organisations in the country as we strive to make Kensington the best place to live!

Over the coming year we will be profiling some of our many achievements over the last half-century and also celebrating the milestone at community events. Send us your ideas too! We are always keen to hear from you. Email contact@kra.org.au any time.

Keep an eye on our website www.kra.org.au for the latest....and look out for our Merch!

KRA Redlegs event

In early June, young AFL fans enjoyed some footy fun at Norwood Oval with the KRA.

Simon Dennis from the Norwood Football Club (NFC) welcomed the kids and showed a fascinating video on the Oval's history. The group toured the NFC admin area and met some of the coaches before watching the players prepare for training. They were shown memorabilia collected since the Club was formed in 1878. Player Jack Heard gave the children a short training session in the Club gym.



Finally, the youngsters received some NFC merch, sang the Club song and refuelled with hot pies, pasties and fruit juice. Big thanks to the Norwood Football Club for collaborating with the KRA to create this happy opportunity for our primary school kids and their families.

Heritage lost

We recently witnessed the demolition of a significant building in our historic Kensington Village. The modest structure at 69 High Street stood for around 180 years, providing one of the focal points for the Kensington Community as a meeting place, a school room and, later, a residence. In a few short hours this local heritage building was knocked to the ground and carted away.

Although we couldn't save 69 High Street, our strong representations to the Premier and Minister for Planning, assisted by the Member for Dunstan, drove change in legislation to disallow 'demolition by neglect'.



Kensi's got talent

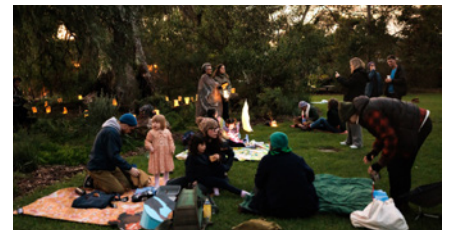
The KRA got in a day early and held the Winter Solstice Open Mic at the Kensi Hotel on June 20th. Locals piled into a newly refurbished room off the Corner Bar and were treated to delicious snacks - courtesy of the Kensi - while being entertained by local acts. A convivial night, meeting new people, laughing with friends, and enjoying a delicious red or two. Can't wait for Winter Solstice '27!



Solstice gathering under the Story Tree

A remarkable gathering happened in Borthwick Park on Sunday 21st June. Locals arrived dressed as birds, possums, fungi, plants, creek creatures, bats and other beings of nature. The troop paraded around the block then gathered beneath the ancient Story Tree to celebrate the longest night of the year with laughter, stories, food and warming winter treats. The park twinkled with fairy lights, handmade lanterns and torchlight.

Thank you to everyone who imagined, created, made music, provided sustenance, shared stories and helped bring the magic. Special thanks to Trish Hansen, Sally & Charlotte Bolton (fabulous event planning + delivery), Marryatville HS recorder ensemble (ethereal music), City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters (grant funding). *Photography by Bri Hammond.*



KRA Film FUNdraiser

What an evening we had at the Regal Theatre on 23rd August! The stalls section was well-filled, the atmosphere was wonderful, our auction of donated goods was expertly managed by Roger Bryson, the finger food and drinks were plentiful and served with style!

Ticket sales, raffle sales, donation of auction items and auction purchases on the day raised funds for the KRA's vibrant program of activities during the next 12 months.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support community building in Kensington!

Please support the businesses that support your community:

Historic hotels: Rising Sun Inn, The Kensi, Marryatville Hotel, Crafers Hotel, Robin Hood Hotel

Food providers: 30 Acres, Taste of Nepal, House of Health Norwood, Cinnamon Club, Always 3 Providore, Foodland Norwood, Dulwich Bakery

Self-care & sporty stuff: Priceline Norwood, Kensi Fit, Zink Salon, Norwood Football Club, Dulwich Physio

Curators & creators of beautiful things: By Bespoke audio-visual solutions, Clare Belfrage glass artist, James Thredgold Jewellers, Saxmade artisanal furniture, Slatters Shoes (now in Norwood), Tusmore Trader, Minimax

70 Years of Swimming

The Kensington & Norwood Pool will celebrate its 70th anniversary during the 2026-2027 swimming season.

The Council is launching a series of activities to ensure 70 Years of Swimming in Kensington is properly celebrated. Do you value our public pool? What features do you most enjoy?

- the atmosphere and nostalgic laid-back vibe?
- the convenience of being able to walk to the pool from home?
- local opportunity for healthy physical activity or a quick cool-down in summer?
- getting social? The pool IS a great place to hang out with friends and family!

Council grants of up to \$4,000 are available for community-led activities aimed at boosting use of the pool during the 26-week 2026/2027 swimming season. If you've got an idea to help promote our local pool, contact the KRA and our Committee will help you prepare and lodge an application.

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the KRA Annual General Meeting on 11th August. We enjoyed a full evening of stimulating presentations including a fun quiz and a thoughtful talk from Mayor Robert Bria, followed by drinks and a yummy supper!

Our retiring President, Roger Bryson, highlighted many of the events and programs your hard-working Committee has delivered over the last year. On your behalf, we also advocate to government on everything from heritage protection and speed limits in Kensington to our local pool and environmental issues.

It's not too late for you to get involved in our diverse and engaging community program. You don't have to be on our committee in order to



contribute and bring your ideas to life! Contact our Secretary at any time via email contact@kra.org.au or speak to any of the 2026-2027 committee:

President: **Position vacant**

Vice President: John Legg

Secretary: Andrew Dyson

Treasurer: Nicholas Crouch

Committee Members: Roger Bryson, Peter Duffy, Barbara Erichsdotter, Ian McBryde, Liz Russell & Lucy Wood

Council activity update

The implementation of 40km/h speed limits in Kensington and Felixstow will be delivered as a combined project. Council is now finalising communications material and contractor engagement, with implementation expected to be complete by the end of 2026.



Detailed designs for the Thornton Street Zebra Crossing (near the kindergarten) and Regent Street Emu Crossing (near 63 Regent St) will be finalised mid-September.

Subject to contractor availability, construction of the Regent Street Crossing is prioritised to occur during the Spring school holidays (26 Sept – 11 Oct 2026). Construction of the Thornton Street Zebra Crossing should occur soon afterwards. This has a longer construction period and potentially a longer lead time for materials as it includes an upgrade to street lighting.

On-street parking changes in Kensington have been temporarily paused following the commencement of legal proceedings against the Council by an affected party.

Playground renewal in Borthwick Park is due to occur in the 2027/2028 financial year. The design stage, which includes community engagement, is likely to commence in December 2026.

Installation of a handrail alongside the steps in Pioneer Park and entry paving at the northern end of the park is expected to be completed in late 2026/early 2027.

Get your bike fixed locally

Do you have a bike that could use a bit of love? David Cox from the Adelaide Community Bicycle Workshop is willing to help Kensington residents with bicycle repairs and servicing in a friendly local workshop space.

The Adelaide Community Bike Workshop supports local communities to stay active and resourceful. By sharing skills and knowledge of bike repair and

maintenance, the group helps families learn new skills, lowers the cost and time involved in bike repairs, and makes it easier for more people to enjoy cycling for leisure and transport. All Kensington residents are welcome.

By appointment, email :

davidcox271058@gmail.com

2 The Crescent, Marryatville (behind St Matthew's Church, Kensington Rd)



Borthwick Park News

What a great turnout to Winter Planting Days in Borthwick Park! A big thank you to everyone who came along and carefully settled hundreds of native seedlings into the ground. Did you know approximately 8,500 native seedlings have been planted in Borthwick Park by volunteers since 2010? A wonderful community effort!



Council is about to start the process of re-imagining our play equipment in Borthwick Park with both sets coming towards the end of their life.

The two playgrounds and the nature play space are positioned in three separate areas of the park. Some parents have pointed to the difficulty of watching over kids of different ages who want to explore these different play areas.

It may make sense to install new adventure equipment closer to Thornton Street where a toilet has also been proposed and close to parking. Whatever happens, we will be making sure that the total lawn area for ball games is not reduced. What are your thoughts? A simple survey will be posted on www.kra.org.au soon to gather your feedback on the layout of key items in Borthwick Park. Keep an eye out and have your say!



There are fairies in Borthwick Park at the moment - pink fairy orchids. See if you can spot them.

Diary dates

Borthwick Park working bees

Thornton St, Kensington
Sundays 11th October, 8th November, 13th December, 9am-10.45am

Community morning teas

Borthwick Park, Thornton St, Kensington
Sundays 11th October, 8th November, 13th December, 10.45am

70 Years of Swimming

Pool reopens on Monday 12th October
Celebrate all summer long at the Kensington & Norwood Pool, Phillips St, Kensington
Look out for special events advertised during the season!

Pizza in the Park

Borthwick Park
Sunday 18th October, 4pm start

Summer Watering Roster

December 2026 to March 2027

Community Christmas carolling

Meet in Regent Garden, walk to Rising Sun Inn via Mary MacKillop Precinct.
Song sheets provided.
Monday 21st December
6.45pm for 7pm departure

Regent Garden party

Kindy families and Kensington residents gathered mid-June to celebrate the unveiling of two new murals in Regent Garden.

Mural artist David Booth entertained everyone with his stories, music and humorous charm.

Almost \$600 was raised at the bake sale for the kindy's new oven.



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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:

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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