

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

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Serving the community for over Forty years



FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is so much to fit into this newsletter, I'm keeping my introduction here very short and sweet. I would just like to reinforce our upcoming Public Lecture and AGM. It's a great opportunity to hear about what's going on in our neighbourhood, and there are nibbles and drinks as well. We hope to see you on the night, details are below.

FREE PUBLIC EVENT ON KENSINGTON

Susan Phillips: Kensington and its History – 10 years on

Susan is an award-winning architect and founding partner of Phillips Pilkington Architects. She is also recipient of the Sir James Irwin AIA (SA Chapter) President's Medal.

Come and hear this fantastic presentation and join us for our AGM with updates on Kensington from through the year plus nibbles and drinks. Details as follows.



KRA public lecture series and Annual General Meeting

When: Wednesday 27th November at 7:30pm.

Where: Mary MacKillop College. 10-14 High St, Kensington (follow the signs).

Why? to learn about your neighbourhood, help elect your local representatives, share views on life in Kensington, meet fellow residents, enjoy wine and supper.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Our annual Christmas Carol singing is on again. Join us at 6:45pm on Monday 16th December in the park opposite the Kensington Hotel. We will sing around the streets and the pipers will play as we walk.

All welcome, including families with children. If you would like us to sing outside your home, please contact our Secretary at contact@kra.org.au. We will finish at the Rising Sun for a drink or two.

ARE YOU A FRIEND OF THE KRA?

Friends of the KRA bring their expertise to all sorts of specialist projects, social media, government services, submissions, surveys, grants. Kensington is full of talent.

From time to time your expertise can be very useful to our community. Tell us about yourself and we'll put you on a register. You can work at a time and pace of your choosing. contact@kra.org.au.



Are you on Facebook? If so, why don't you "Like" the Kensington Residents' Association Facebook page to find out what's happening in the village and issues that affect us.

HOW THE NEW PLANNING CODE AFFECTS YOU

Saying goodbye to our heritage?

Changes to the State's planning laws already mean the loss of community appeal rights. Now with the release of the draft planning code, we have grave fears heritage protection will be further diminished. We have been trying to decipher recent proposed changes and here are our findings to date:

- Kensington will lose the listing of all its contributory items that, as a collection, make up the character and streetscape of our Historic Conservation Zone.
- The proposed controls around the protection of heritage and demolition controls are vague and poorly developed. As an example, demolition tests suggest that a building can be demolished if the 'facade does not contribute to the historic character of the streetscape'. A highly subjective assessment.
- Right now, lack of detail in the Code means it's impossible to know what type of new buildings will be allowed to be constructed.
- Some zones will have a new building height policy that allows for much taller buildings. This risks a loss of amenity and privacy for adjacent dwellings. And 'significant development sites' get a 30% height bonus!

If you care about the historic fabric of Kensington, write to our local MPs: Hon Vickie Chapman MP (bragg@parliament.sa.gov.au) and the Hon Steven Marshall MP (dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au).

More information at saplanningportal.sa.gov.au.



SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS WOMEN

You have the power to make life better for a woman or girl experiencing homelessness or poverty this Christmas. Provide personal hygiene products and everyday luxuries to homeless women, and women at risk or experiencing domestic violence.

How can I help?

Choose a handbag in good condition that you no longer use. Fill it with items that would make a woman feel special, pop in a thoughtful note or Christmas card and show her someone cares. #itsinthebag 2019 runs from Friday November 22 to Saturday December 7.

Donations can be left at the Kensi Hotel on Wednesday 6th or 20th November between 6pm and 8pm or leave at 43 High Street Kensington in the waterproof container between now and December 6th.

More at <https://sharethedignity.com.au/christmas-charity/>

THE DAILY MOVES PROGRAM

The Daily Moves is a new program Unley Council is running for the Eastern Adelaide region, including the City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters. It is a supportive physical activity program for over 65's.

This free program encourages participants to move their bodies daily for 30 minutes. Daily movements can go a long way to managing independence, preventing frailty, managing chronic pain, keeping us socially connected, and lifting our moods, along with many other benefits. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Daily Moves team:

Ph: 8372 5177

Email: dailymoves@unley.sa.gov.au

Web: <https://www.unley.sa.gov.au/daily-moves>

PEREGRINE DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The development has been a divisive issue and the introduction of the proposed helipad has raised this project back into the public arena. We have received a number of concerns from residents including; worries about excessive noise; concerns over safety and helicopters operating in residential areas; the potential for damage to adjacent buildings; compromises to amenity and the risk that increased usage beyond the proposed 10 days will be sought in the future.

We have been undertaking our own research and here is what we know:

- The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) does not give approval for helipads.
- Peregrine is required to prepare a Public Environmental Report (PER) in accordance with a set of Guidelines, established by the State Planning Commission.
- Once the PER has been prepared, the next step is consultation with government agencies, local Council, as well as a period of public notification.

We have also met with Peregrine themselves to discuss the proposal and this is what we have been told:

- Peregrine remains “committed to maintaining open lines of communication with our neighbours in Kensington to ensure everyone is kept well-informed.”
- They expect that the PER will soon be released by the Minister for public consultation for a period of 30 business days.
- Once the PER is released for public consultation, they will hold a public forum to respond to any questions or concerns.
- Peregrine does not wish to use the proposed helipad for more than 10 days a year and would require special licencing to do so (similar to a commercial airport).

It feels as though there will be a great deal more information available in the near future, so stay posted.

BORTHWICK PARK BIODIVERSITY NEWS

Second Creek in focus

Changes to the ‘beach’ section of Borthwick Park, much loved by children, are being considered following a study by NPSP Council and engineers. Fast flows in winter and stagnant water in summer have prompted the study which we hope will result in improved amenity and play space. More to follow.



More accolades for Borthwick Park

With climate change biting and ever hotter summers ahead, how lovely it is to sit in the shade of the ancient gums in the heart of our suburb. The park is a local example of how a few enthusiastic volunteers can take climate action. Our native plantings help clean the air and provide shade and respite from the heat.

Our conservation work over the last decade was recognised recently by the SA Government’s Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management Board with the presentation of a certificate to the Association.

Join team Borthwick!

Have you considered lending a hand to keep the park flourishing? Help is always needed at our regular team events or in your own time. Please contact John if you have a spare hour or two to weed, to water over summer, or to help in other ways. I am always happy to show you around and what needs doing.

contact@kra.org.au

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ...YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION!

We represent the residents of Kensington, one of SA's oldest suburbs. The KRA is your voice to local and state government on everything from heritage laws to traffic or the proposed Peregrine helipad. Just as importantly, being part of the group keeps you informed, reduces isolation and helps create and foster our community identity.

Is community important to you?

Here are 5 ways you can be involved. From hardly at all, to regularly.

1. Just chat! Tell us what is important to you around Kensington; schools, trees, traffic, heritage, anything! Send us news of upcoming events, historic articles, photos...anything you think is of interest to others.
2. Volunteer now and then. Join our Borthwick Park or Pioneer Park teams, join our catering group or help distribute our newsletter.
3. Start up a one-off project that's important to you. In the past we've had art displays and coordinated garage sales as well as petitions to Council. What about helping older people with shopping, organising a street party or happy hour, whatever floats your boat!
4. Contribute your expertise. Friends of the KRA bring expertise to all sorts of specialist projects, social media, submissions, surveys, grants. Tell us about yourself and we'll put you on a register.
5. Serve on the Committee. Attend monthly meetings and help shape our community.

Now is the time to renew your membership for 2020 or if not already a member, please join now. Please complete the form below and return to our Secretary. If unsure of your membership status, contact us.

KRA MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL

Name(s):		Date	
Address:			
Phone:		Email:	
2020 KRA Membership: New or Renewal	1 year membership fee (\$ 10)		\$
	2 year membership fee (\$ 20)		\$
	5 year membership fee (\$ 50)		\$
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:	

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