

KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED NEWSLETTER

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'In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.' Marianne Williamson.



Join us for Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 3rd March. See back page for more information

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a new year and there is heaps happening. KRA is lucky to have a large committee with diverse skills and expertise: law, architecture, urban design, planning and development, IT, catering, psychiatry, strategic planning, tree planting, biodiversity, arts officers and musicians. Please keep in touch. Come along to events and share your thoughts at www.kra.org.au. Also a reminder to all members its time to renew your membership for 2013, if you are interested in becoming a member the form is available on the back page.



GOOD NEWS FOR BORTHWICK PARK



NPSP Council has approved a KRA proposal for additional plantings in Borthwick Park along the northern fence line and around two significant redgums next winter.

Infill plantings of some of the rarer original species found in the area will be also be continued.

This approval is an endorsement from the Council of all the work undertaken in the park since 2010 and builds on the work of our fabulous volunteers.

HAVE YOU MET...



Andrew Dyson, Secretary KRA

Q: *How long have you lived in Kensington?*

A: 38 years

Q: *Why do you live in Kensington?*

A: I enjoy Kensington's historic character and sense of community.

Q: *How long have you been associated with the KRA?*

A: Nearly 35 years

Q: *What are you most proud of?*

A: Kensington's historic character and Borthwick Park

Q: *What's your favourite bit of Kensington?*

A: Borthwick Park

Q: *What's the strangest thing you have ever done?*

A: Spent three years in the Philippines with our young daughters and lived through events such as the coup attempt against Corazon Aquino, a major earthquake and the Mt Pinatubo eruption

Q: *Name three things close to your heart*

A: Family, Kensington, Australian bush

Q: *What do you look forward to in the future?*

A: Continued protection of our heritage and success of biodiversity plantings in Kensington.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Approval was recently granted to The Rising Sun Hotel to use the footpath adjacent for outdoor dining. As the Application was classified Category 1, there was no public notification.

What are your thoughts on outdoor dining? The KRA values your feedback. Visit the KRA website to have your say: www.kra.org.au.

Feedback is welcome via the KRA website: www.kra.org.au.

EVENTS AND FUN FOR ALL

Plenty has been happening around Kensington over the holiday season. The KRA and the Kensington Arts Group have been busy organising events and activities. Keep your eyes open for more upcoming events.



Christmas Carols: Some local choristers in full voice



What a way to celebrate Australia Day – good company, a picnic, a swim and watching 'Million Dollar Mermaid' at the Kensington and Norwood Pool. Congratulations to the Kensington Arts Group.

DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS

The NPSP Development Plan contains planning controls that guide and control what can and cannot be developed within the Council area.

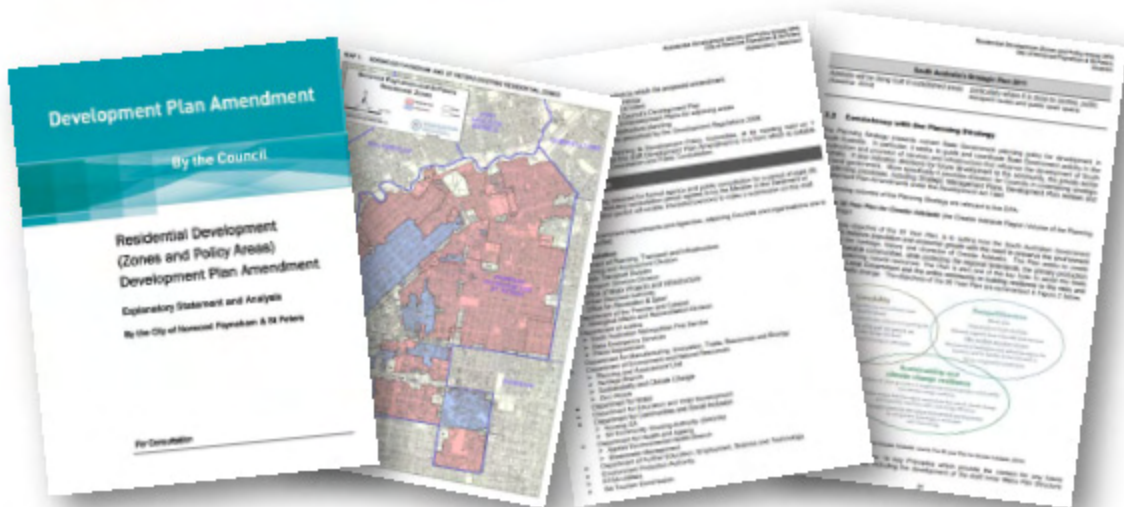
Recently two Development Plan Amendments (DPA) have been prepared by the NPSP Council:

One proposed change is to replace NPSP's seven residential zones with three, identifying areas of the city where a significant increase in housing density will be encouraged.

The DPA does not make any policy changes to the Kensington Historic Conservation Zones but it will have considerable impact on large areas of NPSP. However the DPA does propose removing Local Heritage status from the two storey Edwardian red brick building at 296 The Parade. This building is regarded as a contributor to the historic character of Kensington.

Another proposed change allows for multi-storey residential development in Kent Town, parts of College Park, north-west Norwood, and a portion of The Parade between Osmond Terrace and Portrush Road and the areas immediately behind.

KRA have reviewed both DPAs and we are preparing submissions. These will be posted on the website www.kra.org.au



A copy of the proposed Development Plan Amendments is available on the Norwood Payneham and St Peters Council website: www.npsp.sa.gov.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Local Government Association (LGA) launched an "Excellence Program in 2011" and created a "Local Excellence Expert Panel " to consider the future of Local Government.

Chaired by former Member for Norwood and Govt Minister Hon Greg Crafter the Expert Panel sought submissions on the Council of the Future. KRA's submission addressed: council amalgamations; compulsory voting; political involvement in local government; postal voting; the ward system, conflict of interest and planning.

The submission may be viewed on the KRA website: www.kra.org.au

FOOTPATH HAZARDS

We are fortunate in Kensington to have so many trees and vegetation. At times some of this vegetation becomes a little enthusiastic and impedes footpaths and driveways. Please be mindful of pruning over hanging branches and hedges to ensure the safe progress of pedestrians particularly those who may have visual impairments

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY SUNDAY 3RD OF MARCH

Help to make Kensington a cleaner place to live.

- Sunday 3rd March
- 9am – 12noon
- Clean Up followed by a Community BBQ, the regular 'Sundays in the park'
- BBQ provided – just come or BYO salad and drinks to share
- BBQ at Borthwick Park

Register by completing the form below, and return to KRA, 42 Regent St, Kensington, or email contact@kra.org by Friday 22nd Feb. We will send everyone details on collecting bags, instructions and maps of allocated areas. Come and lend a hand, if only for an hour and help keep Kensington a beautiful place to live.

DIARY DATES

Clean Up Australia Day and Sundays in the Park - Sunday 3rd March

Open mic nights at the Kensington Hotel the first Wednesday of every month – next date 6th March

Borthwick Park Working Bee – Sunday 24th March, 9:00am – noon

HAVE YOU SEEN KENNY?

'Have you seen Kenny the Koala?' Spotted early in January eating the trees in the driveway of 46 High Street. Let us know – email contact@kra.org.au

JUMP INTO THE POOL!

The Kensington and Norwood Pool is open until late March and is located on Phillips St Kensington. For more information phone 8431 1327 or go to www.npsp.sa.gov.au.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY AND 2013 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s):	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:
1. 2013 KRA Membership: New or Renewal	\$10 membership fee enclosed: Yes or No
2. Clean Up Participation: (Return by 22 nd February)	
No of people:	Available from: to:
3. Participate in the Borthwick Biodiversity Project:	

Remember to renew your membership for 2013. Please complete, detach and send to: The Secretary, Andrew Dyson, 42 Regent Street, Kensington. Ph: 8331 9654 Email: contact@kra.org.au Website: www.kra.org.au