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## FEBRUARY 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

### 40kph coming soon!

At the Norwood Payneham & St Peters Council meeting on 3rd February, Cr Hugh Holfeld put forward a motion to implement a 40kph speed limit in two remaining NPSP suburbs, including Kensington, in the 2025-2026 budget year. The motion called for the limit to be implemented without the standard community consultation for safety reasons, as Kensington will be surrounded by suburbs with 40kph

limits. The motion was carried! Whilst we're waiting for the official 40km/hr signs to be installed, you can purchase KRA bin stickers to remind drivers to slow down on our streets, or receive a free sticker by paying for five years KRA membership (form on Page 4). Contact Andrew Dyson to purchase a sticker or to renew your KRA membership ✉ [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) or ☎ 8331 9654.

### Clean Up Day 2<sup>nd</sup> March



On Sunday 2nd March, Kensington residents will once again join thousands of people across the nation, all cleaning up their local area on Clean Up Australia Day. Meet Kensington's Clean Up Coordinator Peter Duffy in Borthwick Park, Thornton Street, at 9:30am. Wear shoes for comfortable walking, sun protection and clothing to suit the weather. Volunteers will be given gloves and sturdy bags for waste and recyclables, and assigned one suburban block to lap and collect items discarded on the footpath. In small groups we'll cover all of Kensington and regroup in Borthwick Park at about 11am for brunch provided by the KRA.

Join the Clean Up on 2nd March, but please do your bit for our environment every day of the year!

The photos below show just some of the unwanted items recently left on Kensington's footpaths.

Instead of leaving unsafe, unsightly piles on the footpath, please either:

🗑️ book a free hard rubbish collection from East Waste <https://www.eastwaste.com.au/our-services/hard-rubbish/hard-rubbish-npssp/>

🙏 drop your goods to a charity organisation [https://www.npss.sa.gov.au/culture\\_and\\_lifestyle/shopping\\_and\\_dining/npssp\\_op\\_shop\\_trail](https://www.npss.sa.gov.au/culture_and_lifestyle/shopping_and_dining/npssp_op_shop_trail)

👤 join the local Buy Nothing Facebook group and give your items directly to people who need them

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/buynothingnorwoodkensington/>

### Kindness is the very best solution!

Be respectful when discussing items left on footpaths with other residents.



### Reimagining Pioneer Park

For over 12 months the KRA Committee has been investigating how to make Pioneer Park more accessible and increase its amenity. As the Park in Maesbury Street is a Council-owned asset, at the suggestion of Cr Christel Mex, KRA President Roger Bryson made a verbal deputation at the February Council meeting, explaining the intent of proposed re-landscaping. The Councillors voted **unanimously** to allow the KRA to prepare an application for Green Adelaide funding to pay for the landscaping. A number of Councillors spoke in support of our Association and the positive role we play in the local community. The conceptual plan designed by WAX Design with KRA input is shown here and also online at <https://www.kra.org.au/reimagining-pioneer-park/>.

Key elements of the design include:

- Accessible entry pathway (DDA compliant) and all-weather perimeter path to allow Park access for wheelchairs, other mobility aids and prams;
- 'Light touch' landscaping without deep excavation to avoid disturbing existing trees and the cemetery plots remaining beneath the ground surface;
- Recognition and enhancement of existing historic elements, adding interpretative signage to honour both First Nations' people and the interred colonists; and
- Installation of paths, seating and plantings designed to encourage peaceful enjoyment of this precious green space.

Further community consultation will be sought in the near future but you can contact KRA now with any comments or questions ✉ [contact@kra.org.au](mailto:contact@kra.org.au) or ☎ 8331 9654.





# KENSINGTON COMMUNITY COLOUR

## 2024 AGM 2025 Committee

On 19th November the KRA AGM was remodelled into a happily memorable occasion by overlaying the AGM formalities with a Kensington Quiz. Never before has there been such a fun AGM! See photos at right.

Your KRA Committee for 2025 is Roger Bryson (President), Peter Duffy (Vice President), Andrew Dyson (Secretary), Mia Caldwell (Treasurer), Nicholas Crouch, Jane Godsmark, John Legg, Andrew Pascoe, Liz Russell, Sara White and welcome addition Jake Rowe. Jake is a physiotherapist specialising in shoulder care, recently returned from Sydney to settle in Kensington.



## Kensington Carolling

Christmas seems a long time ago now, but rest-assured the season was song-fully celebrated by 50 or so locals carolling from the Kensington Hotel to the Rising Sun Inn.

How festive the merry crowd looked! Thank you to our Choir Master Lew and Piper Carolyn for their efforts.



For the last few years photos from around Kensington have been included in the banner on Page 1 of the KRA newsletter.\* This time we've showcased the golden flourishes and wonderful beasts that embellish Benson's Fountain. The historic fountain was erected in memory of Dr John Benson in 1879 and is one of nine State Heritage Listed Items in this suburb. Council's Buildings & Special Projects team refurbished the fountain in 2024, carefully repainting the main structure, surrounding posts and rails in fresh colour matched to scrapings of the original paint. Visit this dazzling piece of Kensington history on the corner of High St and Portrush Rd.

\*Find past issues of the KRA newsletter on the Association's website [www.kra.org.au](http://www.kra.org.au).

## Have you been to the Kensington Pool recently?

Our lovely local pool in Phillips Street is open 6am-7.30pm weekdays, 8am-7pm weekends.

**Inflatable obstacle course** in the main pool Sundays 12.30-3.30pm until the end of February.

**Movie night at the Pool**, Saturday 15th February – more detail at [www.nps.sa.gov.au/events/](http://www.nps.sa.gov.au/events/).

**Join Swim4Life** at the pool Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7.15-8.15am. The friendly squad ranges from beginners to former Aussie Masters, all enjoying varied sessions run by top coaches.

See [www.swim4life.info](http://www.swim4life.info) for details.



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## Film FUNdraiser at the Regal Theatre



Another KRA Film FUNdraiser has come and gone. A record 277 filmgoers, great variety of valuable donations for auction and the generosity of the bidding crowd made for a very successful fundraising event. The bountiful finger food, bar well-stocked with perfectly chilled drinks, the absorbing, tragic portrayal of Maria Callas by Angelina Jolie in new release "Maria", and the welcome air-conditioning of the lovely Regal Theatre on a 40°C day meant the \$20 entry tickets were great value! All profits will be spent on Kensington community activities and projects to benefit our beautiful suburb in the coming year.

Our great thanks to all the Kensington residents and friends of the KRA who personally donated items to auction and raffle. Local business sponsors are listed below - we encourage you to support the businesses which support our Kensington community.

### Thank you to these major fundraising supporters:



- OSX Outdoor Training
- By Bespoke
- Stone & Harmony
- Clare Belfrage Glass
- Delmix Engineering
- Tasmin Jade Couture

- June Jolley Jewellery
- Crafers Hotel
- Kensi Hotel
- Rising Sun Inn
- Priceline Norwood
- Tusmore Trader
- Kensi Fit
- Angels of Beauty
- Marryatville Hotel
- Foodland Norwood
- Taste of Nepal
- Dillons Bookshop
- Kensington School of Yoga
- Regal Theatre
- She Throws

### Generous donations were also made by:

- Cinnamon Club
- Waite & Son
- House of Health
- 30 Acres
- Dulwich Bakery
- Dulwich Physio
- Minimax
- Marryatville Pizza Pan
- Always Three Providore
- GGs Cupcakery
- Robin Hood Hotel
- Heynes Garden Centre

Thank you for supporting our community

## Biodiversity Project Update

Volunteers have been keeping the Borthwick Park biodiversity project ticking along over summer.

💧 The summer watering roster is active from December until the end of March. If you see someone hose-watering thirsty plants in the park, don't be shy, say g'day and thank them for their effort!

👍 Pictured right is the Caldwell family enjoying a barbecue dinner after watering in Borthwick Park

🌱 Most of the seedlings purchased for winter planting in the Park are ready-to-plant tubestock (photo right), but this summer 300 plants are being grown from seed in a local backyard (photo far right). Several residents are propagating groundcovers such as creeping boobialla and karkalla (pigface) from cuttings. Volunteer-grown plants cost the KRA less than \$1 each, meaning we get lots more plants from the project budget.





# Visit your neighbours

## By Bespoke

One of the newest businesses in Kensington is By Bespoke, located at 23 High Street. Director Daniel Porter says, 'We're a dedicated team of experts passionate about bringing sophisticated audio visual solutions to your home. We specialise in supplying you with audio and visual products, smart home automation, electrical services, interior design, small home renovations, or bespoke cabinetry design and installation. Our unique approach combines cutting-edge technology with timeless design to ensure that every audio visual project we undertake not only meets your expectations, but exceeds them.'



Daniel Porter from By Bespoke, ready to help with your audio visual needs

## Gathering Light

Local glass artists are currently displaying their incredible work in the 'Gathering Light' exhibition at JamFactory.

The group exhibition includes pieces by Clare Belfrage, Kristel Britcher, Tim Edwards, Liam Fleming, Nick Mount and Jessica Murtagh and is well worth a visit.

**Gathering Light is showing until 30th March at JamFactory Gallery One 19 Morphett Street, Adelaide**

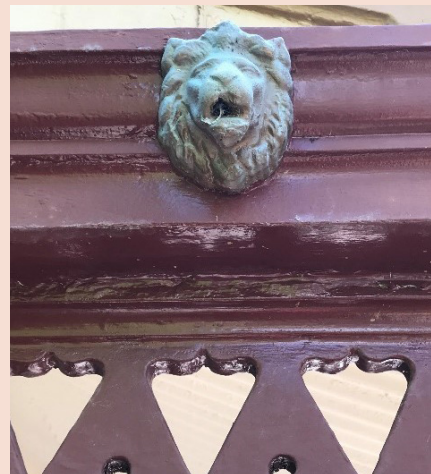
For more information visit [www.jamfactory.com.au](http://www.jamfactory.com.au)



## Where in Kensington?

### What is this lion guarding?

Email us your photos of Kensington character & quirk for future newsletters



## What's on in Kensington?

### Movie night at the Kensington Pool

Saturday 15th February, 7.30-10.30pm  
32 Phillips St, Kensington, \$5 entry

### Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 2nd March, 9.30am-12noon

Meet in Borthwick Park, Thornton St, at 9:30am, clean-up a section of Kensington in a small group, regroup at 11am for free brunch provided by KRA.

### Borthwick Park Working Bees

Sundays 9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June, 9am - 11am

### Borthwick Park Summer Watering

Ongoing until end of March 2025

Volunteers rostered to water a section of the Park over their allocated week.

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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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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)