



NEWSLETTER

October 2007

30 years of KRA

The Kensington Residents' Association was founded in March 1977 because there was a feeling amongst some residents that Kensington was neglected and run down. There were serious problems with traffic including quarry trucks using Kensington streets as a short cut. Residents wanted more trees and open spaces and both the recognition and preservation of its historical features.

KRA represents all residents of the historic Kensington village, the small suburb with an unusual diagonal street pattern.

KRA achievements

KRA has achieved much over the last 30 years and Kensington is no longer viewed as a neglected suburb. Our achievements include:

- Declaration of Kensington as an Historic Conservation Zone in 1994.
- Preservation of historic buildings and bluestone kerbing.
- Placement of plaques recognising buildings of historical significance with some assistance from Council's community grants.
- Establishment of Borthwick Park in 1985 and the upgrading of 1998 and 2000.
- Implementation of traffic controls.
- Securing improved street tree planting programmes.
- Participation with Council in the Centenary of Federation Signposts Project.
- Securing the repair and reinstallation of the Heanes' family tombstone in Pioneer Park in 2000.
- Organising, with assistance from Council, the restoration of historic gas lamp posts that are progressively being installed in Kensington.
- Securing the repair, restoration and landscaping of the National Heritage listed Benson Fountain and surrounds on the corner of High Street, as part of the Portrush Road upgrade.
- Coordination of Clean Up Australia Day activities in Kensington each year since 1998, removing rubbish from all streets and parks with some assistance from local schools.

- Successfully lobbying and negotiating to control some anti-social activities associated with local hotels and opposing longer trading hours.
- Regularly viewing and commenting on development applications.
- Successful involvement with Council in some planning appeals opposing inappropriate development.

KRA AGM

One Day You'll Need Us so come along to join and support KRA at our AGM. This is your opportunity to elect committee members and have your say on the future of our suburb. We warmly welcome new people and new ideas, so please consider joining the KRA committee. The AGM will be held at **Marryatville Primary School** on **Wednesday 21 November at 7.45pm**.

NEWS UPDATES

Bridge Street blister

On 6 August Council voted to leave the blister on Bridge Street. Council was presented with 60 letters from residents and a recent petition, with 119 signatures, seeking the blister's removal.

A dozen residents attended the Council meeting. Our Ward Councillors Mike Stock and Barbara Erichsdotter spoke up, pointing out how dangerous it is, how nearby residents have to drive around it the wrong way and how it is an accident waiting to happen. Thanks to our councillors for their support.

Borthwick Park trees

Council has proposed the removal of two significant trees in Borthwick Park. The matter is to be considered by the DAP. The trees are close to play equipment and there are safety and liability concerns. KRA believes that the two red gums are important to the integrity of the park and are reluctant to see them go. It seems quicker and simpler to move play equipment than to replace the shade and beauty of established trees.

Animal Management

The council have put up new Animal Management notices in Borthwick Park. Off-leash times are from 6pm to 10am; on-leash at all other times. If you have concerns, let us know.

President's corner

Attending events at the recent Council Cultural Heritage Festival made me stop and think about what we have recently lost and gained in Kensington. Despite our best efforts, the inconvenient 'Blister' is still in place. Perhaps our next move should be an approach to Transport SA, given that the Council's view is that it should stay.

We have seen more infill that we 'have to have', and one very interesting speaker, Professor Stetten Lehmann, thought Adelaide should have more still. But he did stress the need for more open space (as in pocket parks) and much less dependence on cars, with better public transport – particularly light rail. Will we ever see the return of trams in Kensington?

At the Heritage and Building Development evening the Council's Heritage Advisor showed some interesting and impressive examples of new architecturally designed homes in the Council area. These buildings complimented their heritage neighbours. Unfortunately, Kensington has seen little of this quality development. We would hope to see an improvement in both the quality and design of future developments and an increase in public open space for our local birdlife and residents to enjoy.

Ros Haq

Mark your calendars

KRA AGM – All residents welcome

Wednesday 21 November, 7.30pm at Marryatville Primary School. Guest speaker: Mayor Robert Bria. KRA supper to follow.

KRA 30 year celebration

This event (planned for Sunday 28 October) has been postponed. Date to be announced.

Kensington & Norwood Historical Society Meeting,

Wednesday 7 November, Don Pyatt Hall, Norwood Town Hall at 7.30pm

Recycling in Kensington

We've discovered a great website:

www.recyclingnearyou.com.au

This site gives recycling information for our area. Many services are listed with live links: Council kerbside recycling services; who to contact to donate or sell; drop-off recycling facilities; hazardous materials and so on. Reduce waste.

The site will suggest ways to recycle larger rubbish items. Please don't dump them in the street.

Save Our Street Trees

Remember to water the street trees near your property.

About KRA: our aims and objectives

The Association was founded in March 1977, because residents felt that Kensington was neglected and run down. KRA represents all residents of the historic Kensington village, the small suburb with an unusual diagonal street pattern. This is a legacy of its establishment in 1838 as one of Adelaide's first villages with the streets laid out parallel to Second Creek.

The aims of the KRA are to:

- encourage preservation of buildings of historic interest;
- promote community feeling;
- improve the appearance of Kensington;
- seek solutions to Kensington's traffic problems; and to
- promote closer communication between Council and residents.

Membership is open to all residents of Kensington – **Please encourage your friends and neighbours to become members.**

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Email circulation list

Recently we compiled a list of email addresses so that we can keep members informed of coming events and matters of interest. If you would like to be included on our **confidential** mailing list, please send an email to gps.ap@senet.com.au

KRA website

Coming soon.

Membership application

Please fill in the Membership Application below, detach and return to the Association.

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KENSINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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Address _____

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Email _____

Concerns _____

Please forward together with \$10.00 annual membership fee to: The Secretary, Mr Andrew Dyson,
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