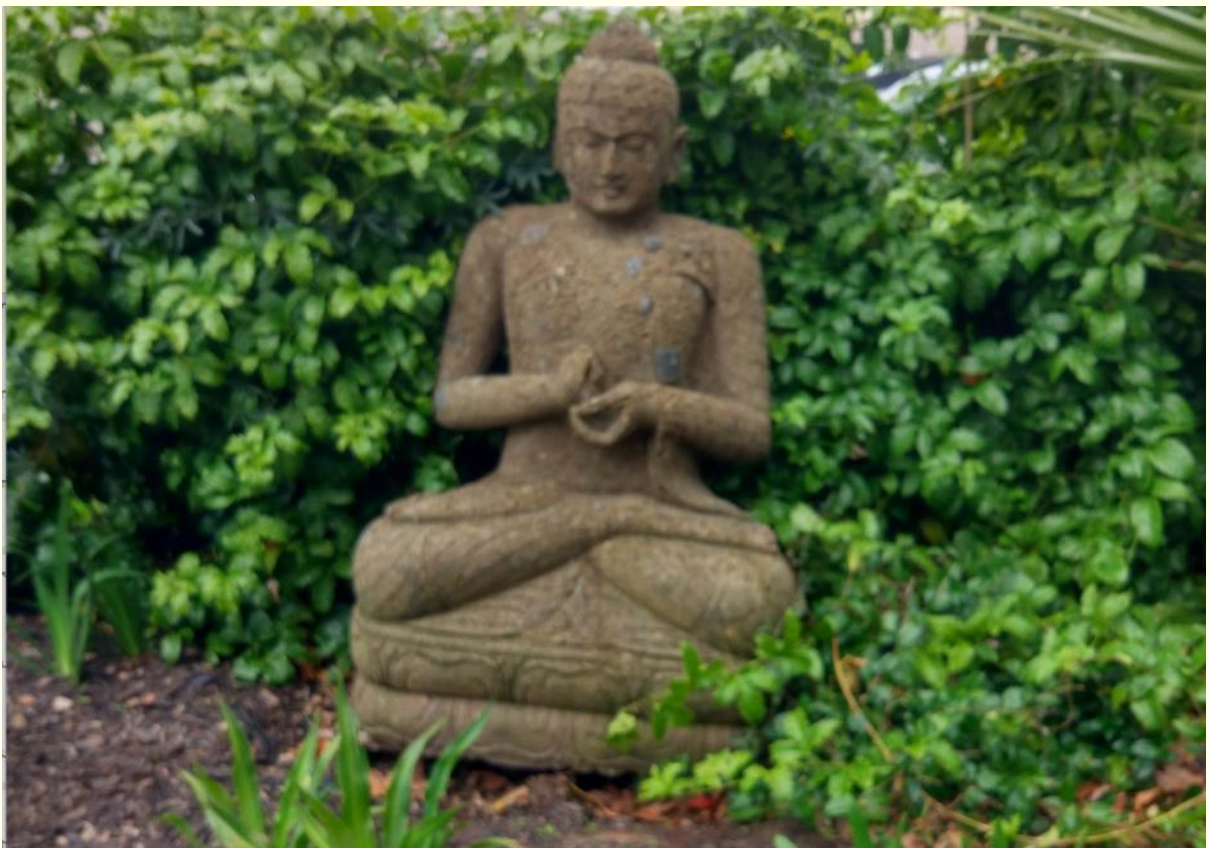


Norwood Matters



August 2020

Where in Norwood is this?



Last month's picture is from the heart of Norwood – the pedestrian crossing of The Parade. The picture of a life-sized Buddha above is also from near the centre of Norwood.

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July NRA meeting

Annual General Meeting

The Association's AGM was held 29 July. We now have a new President, Ian Radbone. Secretary Tom Smith and Treasurer Rowena Dunk are as before. You can read profiles of each of the office holders [on our website](#). Happily, our previous President Chris Francis is staying on as a committee member, as too is Alison Wood.

Thanks to Norwood ward Councillor Sue Whittington for acting as returning officer for the elections.

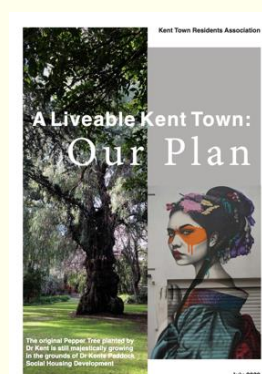
We still have vacancies on our committee, so if you are interested, please contact [Ian Radbone](#).

Managing our streetscapes

Those attending our July meeting also learned from a series of speakers on the topic of better management of our streetscapes.

- Carlos Buzetti, the NPSP's General Manager, Urban Planning and Environment, gave us some background and discussed the sorts of issues that will frame a policy being developed to manage residents gardening their local verges.
- Norwood ward Councillor Fay Patterson talked about how we could keep more of the rain that falls on Norwood in Norwood, nourishing our street trees, rather than see it disappearing down drains and gutters.
- Kent Town Residents Association's Kate Eatts demonstrated an app that the Association has had developed by the University of SA to enable residents to map all the street trees in Kent Town – and where more are needed. This demonstration was framed by an introduction by president Dr David Baker to the plan that the Kent Town Residents Association has recently produced: [A Liveable Kent Town](#).

You can read more about the presentations [here](#).



Your committee at work

The committee wrote two submissions last month.

- [Submission to the Legislative Review Committee of State parliament](#) on the diversion of the Planning and Development Fund for administrative funding.
- [Submission to the Natural Resources Committee of State parliament](#) on green spaces.

Former President Chris Francis also wrote [a letter to the Premier and local member Steven Marshall](#) about the diversion of monies from the Planning and Development Fund.

Chris and Treasurer Rowena Dunk attended a Conservation Council forum to discuss the impacts of the new planning regime on the greening of our suburbs.

President Ian Radbone and committee member Alison Wood attended the inaugural meeting of representatives of the various NPSP resident groups: Kensington, Kent Town, Joslin, St Peters and of course Norwood. The NRA will be hosting the next meeting in November.

State government matters

Changes to the Dunstan electorate

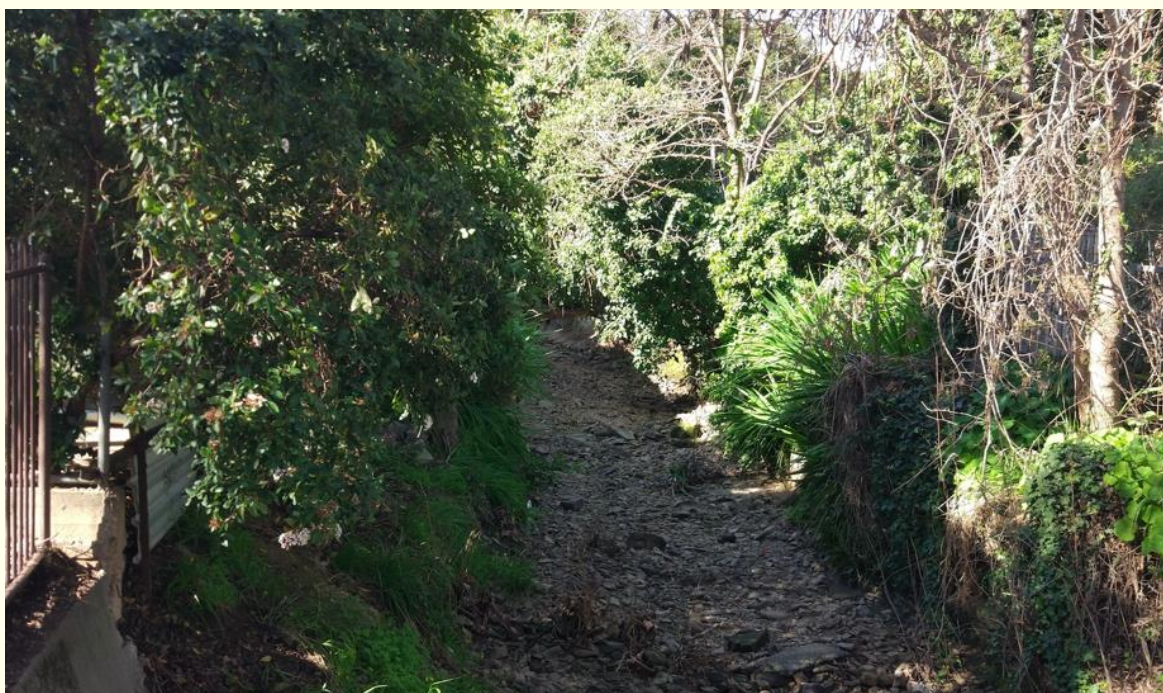
[The Draft Report of the Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission](#) has Kensington and Beulah Park back together with Norwood, this time in the seat of Dunstan. On the other hand, Dunstan would lose Dulwich and Rose Park (to Bragg) and Felixstow and Glynde (to Hartley).

The result would be a net gain of about a thousand voters, bringing Dunstan from slightly below the quota to slightly above.

Council matters

More of our creeks to be covered

Both First and Second Creeks flow through Norwood – or, more usually – under it. Only about 200 metres of the creeks are open to the sky. A bit more is to go as part of the Council's \$45m long term drainage program adopted by Council in March 2019. This includes placing First Creek between Sydenham Road and Charles Street into a culvert.



This is to protect three units from flooding. Council voted for this despite [the report they were given](#) (170MB!) saying that the costs would be more than three times the tangible benefits – which isn't hard to believe, given that the \$2.1m that the culvert is expected to cost could pay for the units and turning the land into public park alongside the creek. But as Council doesn't like compulsory acquisition, this hasn't been considered as an option.



There are quite a few more projects where the benefits are vastly outweighed by the costs. The report was part of an agenda that was 1,203 pages long. If you think these proposals should be looked at more carefully, [please tell your local councillor](#).

Food waste

An interesting item from a [recent staff report to Council](#) (21MB) is that 38% of the contents of red bins consists of food waste and other items that should be in the green bin. Council is charged about three quarters of a million dollars a year to dump waste from red bins. This suggests that ratepayers could save \$285,000 a year if everybody did the right thing.

Of course we would be more likely to do so if the green bin, which is meant to take food waste, were picked up every week. This could replace the weekly red bin pickup once we have biodegradable nappies.

The images below are available as bin stickers that you can pick up at Town Hall.



Both the [Council](#) and the [State Government](#) have more detailed information about what you can put in which bin. The Local Government Association's app for mobiles, *My Local Services*, also has this information – and a lot more beside.

And speaking of composting, this is on the [NPSP website](#):

“As a thank you for placing food scraps, compostable and garden materials in the green bin, Jeffries is providing a ‘Buy one, get one FREE’ offer for Jeffries compost, soil and mulch supplies, just in time for Spring.

So get your free bag and get gardening today!

[Order online](#) using the discount code: FREEBAGOFFER or download the voucher below to redeem at your local stockist.

Planning matters

Planning and Development Code update

With the replacement of Stephan Knoll as Minister for Planning by Vickie Chapman, the Deputy Premier, it appears that the State Government is no longer in such a rush to implement the new Planning and Development Code. The former schedule of implementation by 30 September (with errors corrected by later amendment) has now been changed to implementation until next year.

Norwood councillor Christel Mex met the new minister in Christel's capacity as President of Community Alliance SA, along with Elizabeth Vines, a heritage architect. We have uploaded [the document](#) they presented to Minister Chapman arguing the case for heritage contributory items to be incorporated into the Planning and Development Code.



The blue dots indicate Local Heritage items; pink, State Heritage. Norwood does not have contributory items.

Planning Alerts

If you're interested in finding out what developments are happening around you there is a great (free) website you can subscribe to in order to receive emails listing all new planning applications within a 2km distance from your address. If any of these trouble you, it allows you to submit a comment to council with your concerns. The website is at: <https://www.planningalerts.org.au/>

Most are mundane items like fences and sheds but any demolition and new build applications are included.

Life matters

Interested in contributing to the community?

The NPSP Council has loads of opportunities for people who would like to volunteer their time and expertise. In fact it prides itself on attracting many volunteers from beyond its boundaries. Whether your interest is in the environment, helping people, or administration there are opportunities available.

Currently there are vacancies in the following programs:

- *Stepping Out*: volunteers dedicated to sharing their own skills and interests chat with frail aged or younger disabled members of our community living in their own home (one hour a fortnight)
- *Story Time Program at St Peters Library*: reading and nursery rhymes with young children (one morning a week during term time). There is also a similar program called *Baby Bounce and Rhyme*.
- *Community Visitors Scheme*: visiting a socially or culturally isolated resident in an aged care home.

- *Knit and Stitch Mentor*: teaching beginners to knit, crochet and hand stitch tapestry, long stitch, embroidery and hand quilting. (2 hours on a Saturday afternoon)
- *Graffiti Removal*
- *Community bus driver*

Read more about the volunteering in the community on the [NPSP website](#).

A gap on The Parade is being filled

The Parade's shopping precinct was developed before the car became common, and because of this, it doesn't have car park entrances between the shops.

Well, that's at least the case east of Osmond Terrace. There are a few of these car park entrances on the city side of Osmond Terrace. But with a new development next to Subway one of these entrances has now disappeared. If you want to use the car park behind Sfizio, you will need to access it off Osmond Terrace.



Past matters

Frick's boot and shoe factory, 8 Sydenham Road



Norwood has changed, is still changing and will keep on changing

When the 1995 heritage survey was prepared John Frith & Sons Ltd, a shoe and bootmaker stood at 10 Sydenham Road. Friths, among other things, had supplied boots to the Australian Army. They did this in a solid red brick two-storied building with a gable roof (NOT louvres as may have been expected for a factory). It was built between 1910 & 1920 and contributed to the nature of commercial development along Sydenham Road. These businesses have now largely disappeared.

The building was recommended for preservation in the Local Heritage Survey but with the passing of the Frith business, this did not occur. That substantial brick building is no more and has been replaced ultimately by the Dutch barn townhouses of new residences on the Caroma site (Norwood Green).

It will be a matter of interest to see which type of residence has the greater favour amongst buyers – re-imagined older buildings or new buildings, completely built with modern man and woman in mind.



Housing being built at 8 Sydenham Road

Domestic matters

DO YOU REMEMBER or IS IT ONLY GRANDPA?

Here's a selection of drugs from Squire's Companion to the British Pharmacopoeia, 1916. You'd probably have to be a great, great grandsomething to remember these as medicines!

GLYCYRRHIZAE (LIQUORICE) in the cough medicine, which helped to disguise its taste but also acted as a soothing agent – provided one likes the taste of liquorice. (French Liquorice was considered to be the best quality whereas root from Eastern Europe was considered more bitter.)

ZINGIBER (GINGER) taken for flatulence etc in a tonic and also as an additive in strong laxative medicines. The best Ginger came from Jamaica but since then production has moved worldwide with products from various areas having their own distinctive flavour. However you can still take it as Dry Ginger Ale if you cannot find any mixtures with Ginger in them for that gurgling tum.

RHEI RHIZOMA (RHUBARB) again in a mixture and always with Soda, which was taken for diarrhoea, and also as a 'stomach tonic' in small doses. Rhubarb is non-irritant and so suits 'delicate constitutions'. The best rhubarb was considered to come from China and Tibet. The manner of drying makes a difference & it depended on where it was grown, how it was dried. The best rhubarb is from Shensi. Drying Rhubarb artificially tends to make it go rotten in the centre. English Rhubarb is less gritty and so is less active biologically.

ACIDUM BORICUM (BORIC ACID) widely used as a non-irritating, local antiseptic and drying agent in powder form or diluted with Zinc Oxide. It was used as a dressing where the skin had been broken and also for weeping surfaces. It was also used as dusting powder mixed with Zinc Oxide in cases of recalcitrant perspiration. Boric Acid was withdrawn from general sale due to the untoward effect it had when applied to the skin of babies and then being absorbed to the brain, where it did neurological damage.

PHENOLPHTHALEINUM (PHENOLPHTHALEIN) was in a certain brand of laxative tablets widely taken by many. However, it was discovered that apart from doing its work, the active drug kept on recirculating through the body, so that there was an ever-increasing amount of the active drug. The formula was completely changed and the popular name remains on the market, with customers loyal to the brand name.

Contributed by our "Retired Apothecary"

From our Facebook page

Here are some recent posts on the Norwood Residents Association Facebook page. Click on the image to be taken to the item.



Councils pay for new code

RENATO CASTELLO

SOUTH Australian councils will have to pay an annual levy of up to \$58,000 each to the State Government and forgo potentially tens of thousands of dollars in fees to help pay for a new planning system. The minimum cost of lodging plans with councils will almost triple from \$68 to \$177 but councils will have to hand the money to the government under the new planning act. West Torrens Council and Burnside Council said they can't \$25,579 and \$77,076 in lodgement fees last financial year.

'Triple-dip' claim over planning

Councils must also pay a new online planning levy, which will be calculated according to the value of developments lodged with councils. Councils that annually receive more than \$100m of development applications which is most metropolitan councils - will pay a maximum \$58,000 a year. The fees come on top of the government seeking to use money set aside in a so-called planning and development fund - which finances new council open space - to finance its reforms. SA Local Government Association president Sam Teller said the government was "triple-dipping" into council resources. "The new planning system has been built and delivered by the State Government and the State Planning Commission and they are ultimately responsible for its ongoing operation and success," he said. "However, it appears that everyone but the State Government is paying for this new system."

In a submission to the Environment Resources and Development Committee, the LGA has called for a review of the planning levy. The government is rolling out a new planning and design code, which will replace all council development planning with a single statewide planning document. All applications will also need to be lodged online for the first time in what the government says will streamline planning applications. But the LGA in its submission said councils had been given limited time to test the new code, and there was a "strong feeling of anxiety" among members ahead of using the new system. "Local government should not be held responsible for system failures or delays as a result of the State Government's new system," it said. "Despite great effort on their part, several councils are concerned that their planning staff and support staff will not feel ready to implement the system on July 31."

Thinking of joining the Norwood Residents Association? Click [here](#) to found out how.

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