

Norwood Matters



October 2020

Where in Norwood is this?



Those who went on the heritage walk conducted by local historian Denise Schumann will recognise this.

Last month's picture was of Chimney Park, site of the East Torrens Destructor Trust's waste incinerator. You can find it in the delightful residential corner of Osmond Terrace and Beulah Road.



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General meeting, this week!



Norwood Residents Association
Public Meeting, Thursday 29 October, 7 pm
Norwood Oval, Woods Street



Norwood Oval upgrade

The Norwood Football Club has recently undertaken a major upgrade of the facilities at the Norwood Oval.

With the opening of the Wolf Blass Community Centre, the Norwood Oval is second only the Adelaide Oval in terms of the amenity on offer.



The upgrade has been funded by the club, supported by numerous donors, most notably Wolf Blass. But the Oval is formally owned by the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters, and the Council has also contributed a lot to the upgrade. Here is a chance to see how our money has been spent.

We will be provided a tour of the facilities, followed by a talk about how the facilities came about by Michael Pratt, former Marketing Director, board member and a current member of the committee that raised the funds.

There will be plenty of opportunity for questions.

Meet at the Wood Street entrance at 7pm.

Your Committee at work

The Committee put in a [submission to the mid-term review of the Council's strategic plan: City Plan 2030](#).

We also wrote a [letter to local member Steven Marshall](#), urging him to support the Council's proposal for the surplus land after Portrush Road is widened to be used for open space rather than commerce, as is planned by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

The Parade/George Street intersection update

You may remember that Council wants to turn this intersection into a "scramble crossing", that is, have a pedestrian-only phase when pedestrians can cross in any direction without fear of turning traffic. The Transport department would only allow this extra phase if right turns were banned in the peak hours. Council agreed to this, but the adoption of the scramble crossing has been held up because the two shopping centres took the Council to court, fearing that the banning of right turns would reduce customer access.

In a strange turn of events, Transport Minister Corey Wingard has issued a [media release](#) in which he says he has cut a deal under which "Government has committed \$330,000 towards the project, which will be delivered by local traders representing Norwood Place and the Parade Coles precinct upgrade". It seems that the traders will turn into road developers, cutting two right turn lanes into The Parade's medians either side of George Street.

The media release quotes our local member Steven Marshall as saying:

"At the election we committed to a scramble crossing which will improve safety and convenience for both pedestrians and drivers.

"By installing dedicated right hand turn lanes we ensure continuing accessibility for shoppers and residents. It's a win win solution."

As strange as it is having local traders delivering the project, even more strange is that it seems the Council knows no more about it than the media release. We asked the Council for more information about the agreement, and were told they haven't been told anything.

With Council planning the trees and other landscaping, we thought Council was responsible for the median. Yet the Council wasn't even mentioned in the press release.

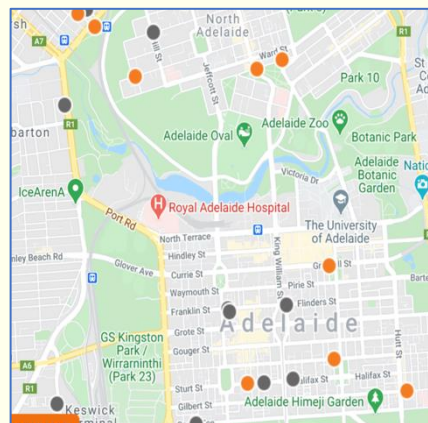
Council matters

Parking review update

Long-time members of the NRA will remember that we were promised a review of the Council's parking policies back in 2014. It's been "on the shelf" (in the CEO's words) for most of this time, but the Council elected in 2018 seems to have spurred some action. Apparently councillors have been recently briefed on the review, and we can expect consultation before Christmas.

Hopefully the review will include the encouragement of carshare schemes such as GoGet. Residents in the CBD are fortunate to be able to access these cars, which are scattered on city streets. Residents who are seniors can hire the car from \$6.50 an hour + 40c/km. Carshare enables residents to give up owning the second - or even first - car, with the result that the Adelaide City Council says that one parking space devoted to carshare reduces demand for seven car parking spaces from residents. The ACC encouraged GoGet to spread in Adelaide by providing three spaces near the Town Hall and encouraging staff to use it.

The image to the right shows where car share cars are available in the City.



More trees for Kent Town

Congratulations to the Kent Town Residents Association. Those who attended our last general meeting would have heard the Association's David Baker and Kate Eatts talk about their mapping of the suburb's trees, identifying where more trees should be planted.

Council has received \$60,000 from the State government's Greener Neighbourhoods Grants Program funding for additional street tree planting on The Parade West, Rundle Street and College Road. This is in addition to already planned tree plantings on The Parade West and around the Kent Town hotel.

The Kent Town Residents Association has focused on demanding more street trees since it re-formed in 2018, arguing that it has less tree cover than any other suburb in the NPSP area. The campaign is certainly paying off.

Kent Town community verge garden?

Still in Kent Town, the Association presented a petition to Council's October meeting seeking permission and help to establish a verge garden along Grenfell Street. This would be an innovation, in that the garden would be the responsibility of the Association, not the individual residents. [Download the meeting agenda](#) (55 MB) to read the petition and background information.

The petitioners were told that the matter would be considered (including possible removal of dolomite by Council) as part of the new verge policy that Council will soon debate.

Smart City Plan



Following initial consultation at the beginning of the year, the NPSP Council has released its draft [Smart City Plan](#) for comment.

Skip to page 21 to read what the Council actually intends to do. While many of the activities are of the "investigate" and "explore options" variety, there are some worthy-sounding plans, such as "develop a digital transformation 'cheat-sheet' for business" and "improve real-time monitoring and management of local traffic". We're not quite sure what most of activities mean, but they sound interesting.

If you can think of ways that Council can actually *deliver* on the proposed objectives, you can have your say using the Council's [community consultation survey](#), or make a submission.

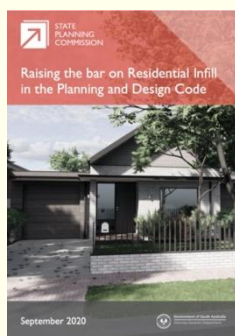
Comments close 5 November.

TIP: Like many other websites and newsletters, the NPSP council website uses grey-on-white for text. If you find this hard to read, you can change your computer's screen to increase the contrast and darken the text. Just google "increase contrast Mac OS" or "increase contrast Windows" to find out how.

It will probably distort the colours of photos and other images, but until the fashion for grey-on-white subsides, it's probably the best we can do.

Planning matters

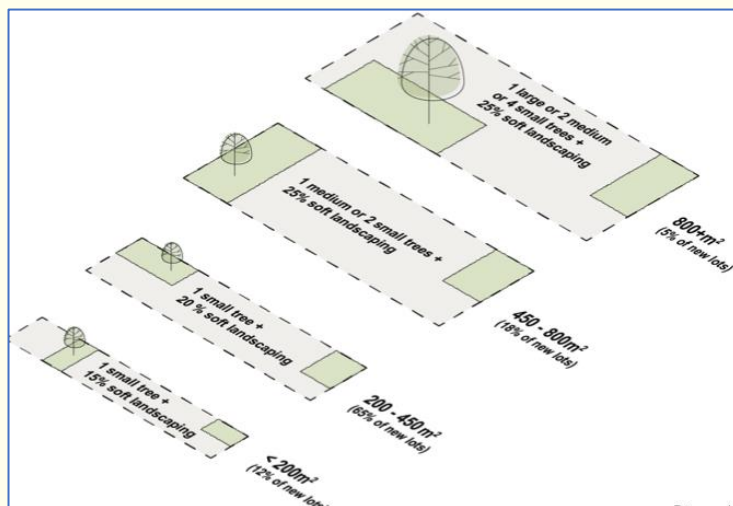
Planning and Design Code update



NPSP Mayor Robert Bria told Council that he and CEO Mario Baron have met with the new planning minister Vickie Chapman about the Planning and Design Code. They came away quite encouraged by the sympathetic hearing they received. There will be further public consultation on the Code before it is adopted.

Meanwhile, the State Planning Commission has issued a booklet on what it expects from residential infill development. Called [Raising the bar on Residential Infill in the Planning and Design Code](#), the document deals with what is practically all residential development in Norwood: redevelopment of existing sites at greater density. It says what a developer needs to do to be “deemed to satisfy” and have the approval waved through within five days.

Here’s an example when it comes to tree planting and “soft landscaping”.



What the image doesn’t show is the option for “payment into an offset fund instead of planting trees on-site.” It is a long way from the old 50% maximum site cover that used to apply!

Other matters covered are parking required, stormwater management and how the building presents to the street.

Airbnb not a “change of use”

You’ve probably heard of complaints about houses that are rented out on Airbnb: generating additional parking that spills out onto the street or perhaps becoming a party venue. Complaints in St. Peters have led local ward councillor Kester Moorhouse to ask Council staff what can be done about it. (See Item 7.1 of the [Agenda for October meeting](#), 55MB.)

Apparently, not much. Council can’t use its planning powers to control such developments because letting out a room, or even a whole house for short term stays is apparently not regarded as development by the State government and so not subject to the Planning and Development Act. On 7 June 2016, the former Planning Minister, the Hon. John Rau MP, issued a media release stating:

“The South Australian Government has clarified this position in South Australia for people using their residential property for short term stays, by making it clear that a person's period of stay in a residential property should not constitute a 'change in use' under the Development Act.”

The staff response continues:

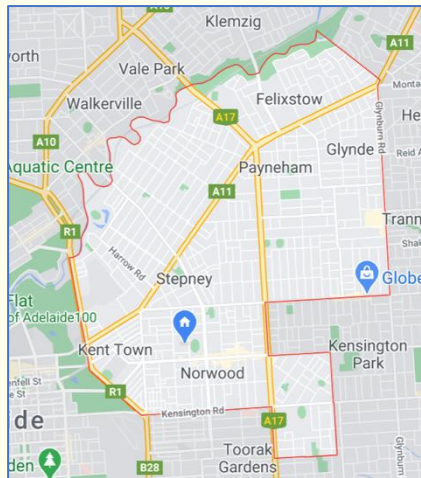
“The emission of noise principally consisting of music or voices, or both, resulting from an activity at domestic premises does not constitute a local nuisance under the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016. As such, noise complaints of this nature are not regulated by Local Government. Rather, these complaints are regulated and managed by SAPOL.”

Nominations for the NPSP Council’s [Sustainable Garden Awards](#) close 30 October. The residential category can include gardens ranging from large backyards to balconies.

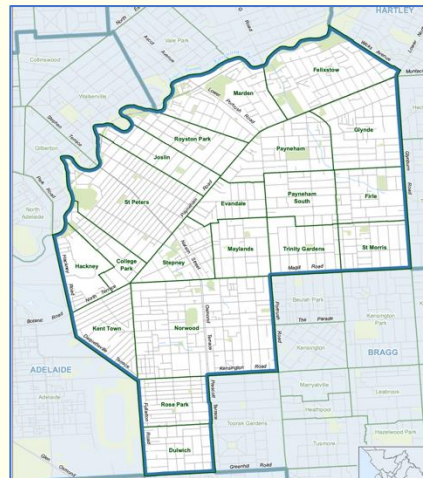
Did you know?

Did you know that the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters is the longest name of any local authority in Australia? [Check it out for yourself](#). How embarrassing.

Plenty of councils in South Australia and other states are named after their oldest/ most prominent suburb (Unley, Burnside, Walkerville etc.). What about the City of Norwood? Or if that's not acceptable to Payneham and St Peters residents, if a working class council centred on Elizabeth can call itself after a Liberal Premier, don't you think we could call ourselves Dunstan?



Boundaries of the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters

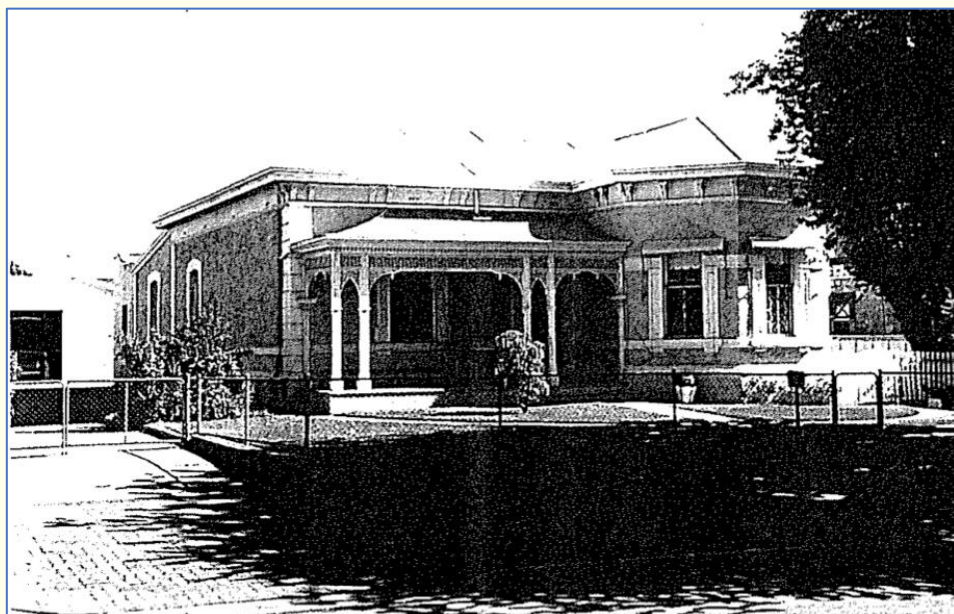


Boundaries of the electorate of Dunstan

Failing that, anyone for the City of St Norham? We'll put this item on Facebook. We'd like to hear your suggestions.

Past matters

26 The Parade



As you go up The Parade from Fullarton Road there are a number of buildings on the right and left that have survived time, whether by dint of long-term ownership, the fact that it is a particularly good example of built heritage for its day, the fact that it is in a prominent position or perhaps another reason. The fact that there are a number of older buildings at the lower end of The Parade help to give Norwood its sense of place, its sense that at times, we are in another time.

For a single-storey dwelling, Number 26 is imposing. It is built of sandstone with a hipped roof. The roofing on the veranda is concave. The imposing bay window, with its good aspect over the original garden, was one thing that gives it its sense of style.

As with so many houses along The Parade, it has found another life and been converted to retail premises, thus ensuring a longer life span under its Local Heritage provisions.

In the 1995 survey carried out by Mark Butcher, the heritage Architect for the City of Norwood and Kensington, it was found to be 'a relatively intact example of a substantial Victorian residence'. It had common features with other residences that showed life as it was lived at that time, such as the formal reception room at the front, central hallway with bedrooms and bathroom off each side and the kitchen at the back under a skillion roof. The washing facilities were in a more lowly position again than the kitchen, being under another skillion roof with a fuel copper. The toilet would have been in a building completely separated from the house at the end of the yard and accessed from the rear lane (Threlfall Ave), unless it was accessed immediately from the front street.

Fortunately this building has protected heritage status in regard to its original form and the original building fabric as viewed from the road.

It is currently occupied by MARDAW Interiors, and the adjoining building by a lighting shop, both of which have helped many residents as they sought to reinvigorate their Victorian home.

Facts from Heritage Survey: Kensington & Norwood, 1994, Mark Butcher.



26 The Parade now

New free community newspaper



The Adelaide East Herald is now being published.

As we predicted last month, there is a lot of "advertorial" material provided by businesses and Councils. Still it's good to read about innovations being adopted by other councils, be informed on events in our locality and read about services on offer.

You can read the paper online by clicking this link: <https://adelaideeastherald.partica.online/>. However the first edition also includes a long list of businesses where you can pick up a copy, including the following Norwood businesses: Buongiorno, Café Bravo, Cibo Express, Coles Norwood, Danny's Bistro, Enjoy Café Bakery, Norwood Green Display, Republic Hotel and Uncle Alberts.

Domestic matters

Ideas from the Green Housewife's notebook

- Lettuce - Is it a bit limp? Revive those leaves by soaking in 1 litre of water with 2 teaspoons of sugar OR add the juice of half a lemon to the water
- Flour – have you ever been unsure which flour you have in which container? The easy way to find out is to add a teaspoonful of the queried flour to a glassful of water. Did it bubble? If it bubbles, it is self-raising flour – if it didn't, it is plain flour. Now make sure you store them in containers with different coloured lids. I store self-raising flour in a container with a red lid and plain flour with a blue but only because that is how the manufacturer's packs are colour-coded.
- Are you unlucky enough to have milk stains on non-washable fabric? The trick is to sponge it with methylated spirits, then when this dries, clean it further with warm water.
- Possums – now I don't know if this works yet as we haven't a resident possum troubling but it's worth a try. Mix one and a half capfuls of eucalyptus disinfectant with one litre of water & spray over the plants that are being made a meal of. Hope it keeps them away.

'The Green Housewife'

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.



If you are reading this from a copy you've picked up in the library or elsewhere, thank the Dunstan electorate office for the printing.

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

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