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NORWOOD MATTERS

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DID YOU KNOW...



That the mosaics in the footpaths near and leading to the Norwood Primary School were part of a project instigated by the school, the Council and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (through their Way2Go program) to encourage students to walk or ride to school, perhaps by a circuitous route. A local artist, Helen Crawford, was engaged to guide the students who made the leaf mosaics themselves. They were then laid around the streets by the Council (around 6-7 years ago). You can watch a video of the whole process at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3w4gtiZKj8>

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

- The NRA made a submission regarding the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan. You can read this on our website: <https://norwoodresidentsassociation.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/nra-submission-to-the-greater-adelaide-regional-plan.pdf>
- A members social gathering has been organised for Wednesday 4/12 at the Norwood Hotel at 5pm. If you are already a member please come along and catch up with the committee and the others. If you're not a member you are welcome to come along and join up on the night.

COUNCIL MATTERS

From the recent Council meetings:

- A report commissioned by the Council for a review of library services was presented and, except for a recommendation to investigate a 'library of the future' by an amalgamation of the three existing libraries, all the recommendations were endorsed 'in principle'. Of note was one to 'Increase the range of digital offerings available for gaming, design and digital enterprise, with a core focus on supporting the Norwood Library to be realised as a site that underpins economic and education

outcomes through digital literacy, creativity and enterprise’.

There is to be an external assessment of future programming, with a catalogue to be ready for consideration with respect to the 2025/2026 Budget. The reason for the assessment to be undertaken is to advise of Budgetary and Capital Costs, acknowledging the “Tight Council Finances” with a pressing need for a clearer understanding of costs.

- The permit for two companies to operate e-scooters within the NP&SP area was extended to 30/4/25. This aligns it with the City of Adelaide.
- The Council’s submission for the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan was approved. This can be found in the meeting minutes.
- The Final Draft Asset Management Plans were presented and accepted. Interestingly there were NO community submissions.
- A decision to provide direct debit facilities for rate payments was approved. The estimated cost of this is \$49900 per year.
- Cr Grant Piggott asked a Question With Notice regarding Council processes with respect to Builders proposing multi-storey developments within the Council area, keeping the issue alive.
- The Local Government Financial Authority (LGFA) has approved an advance to the Council of 41.2 million dollars by letter to the Council dated 21 October 24. There are specific terms and condition attached to the Grant with adherence to Loan Covenants. The Council’s debt level must not exceed 110 million dollars.

You can find all the agendas and minutes on the Council website [here](#).

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

Of interest within the Norwood suburb:

- You may have noticed some work in the entrance to Norwood Place (Foodland). We enquired with the management with the response ‘We are undertaking a refresh of the outdoor space, including the watertight canopy with heating, painting, new lighting, new pavers and new outdoor furniture’.
 - A recent Advertiser article commented on the Orta building reaching its maximum height. It also noted that the same developers were already working on a \$100 million mixed use project for the old Beaumont Tiles site on The Parade. Orta is expected to be finished by October 2025.
 - Aldi have lodged an application to install boom gates on their car parking area at Norwood Green.
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SAMELA MUSES

by Samela Harris, NRA member

Oh, it is good to come home.

Going overseas elicits such excitement and anticipation. "Change of scene", a “holiday”, a “rest” and so forth... One’s friends mask their envy with platitudinous good wishes. In the case of this last trip, friends were genuinely enthusiastic for us because our trip to the USA was not a holiday at all. It was a “mission”. With 16-year-old granddaughter, Ruby, we were returning to our stamping ground of New Hampshire in New England. I'd volunteered on a 2008 Hillary Clinton nomination campaign there and was inspired with hopes that the time may have come for a woman president in the USA, that the smart Vice President with my sound-alike name, Kamala Harris, might be better fated. She was not.

But, in the process of trying, we set up a proper little “home”. We rented an apartment in Merrimack and slipped into a domestic routine. Shopping, cooking, washing, working...

Um, fresh air and exercise? Well, there we were amidst the famous New England “fall colours” of vivid deciduous trees. And they really are lovely. “Peepers” come from all over the US to delight in them. With a bit of a drive and some local knowledge, one could make a trip from our apartment to a very nice state park and walk glorious trails through them. What one could not do was to walk out the front door and go for a walk...let alone a walk in “the colour.” Sing praise to the blooming trees of our own eastern suburbs. OK, so they’re mainly just the one colour. There are no drenchings in bright autumnal yellows, wild reds and orange and green and brown. But, oh, what a pleasure is it to be surrounded by the purple haze of Adelaide Spring. Amethyst,

purple blue, violet...whatever your preferred name. This is the hue to which we returned. Jacaranda season in its full glory. Welcome home.

Bless our vigilant and perceptive council for its years of plantings of this non-native. What a joyful urban treescape it has made. Vivid and deeply gratifying, complete with bees still foraging as the blooms fall. Proudly we drive cars festooned in fallen blossom. Only a few very OCD locals express irritation at the bluescape of detritus. And, again, a tick to the Council for its swift sweep. And I blow loud raspberries to the few residents who have sought approval for alternative trees. Spoilsports. And to residents who spray pebble verges with toxins.

The thing is that we can indulge in these grumbles because we walk our footpaths. We can walk out the front door and stroll the streets. On footpaths meant for foot traffic. We can get our steps up without having to drive off somewhere walk-friendly. It is all walk-friendly round here. Paths well trodden by generations. Not only but also, we can enjoy the wonderful verge gardens some of our residents gift us.

Chances are, we'll also even exchange smiles and greetings with fellow walkers off to the shops or just a stretch. Maybe we'll even pause en passant for a gossip. That's not so easy in much of the USA where suburban streets don't have footpaths at all. It is a car culture. Where we were renting our darling little Merrimack apartment, it was a fast car culture with big whizzy four-lane roads.

Even out in the pretty country towns of New England where we went doorknocking, the roads are just for driving and domestic lawns stretch down to the asphalt with no purpose walking paths. Or fences for that matter.

Nice gardens, Lots of lawn. But being a pedestrian there is to take one's life in one's hands. That's why so many Americans get their steps up by walking their massive and magnificent malls.

It is not only our accents that are different.

Ah, yes, it is good to be home amongst the walkers.

TIDBITS

- Interesting article on [ABC Online](#) headlined '**Redevelopment of North Sydney Olympic Pool leaves council with 'cash flow problem', eyes steep rate hike**'. Perhaps a portent for us with the Payneham Pool redevelopment now rumoured to cost \$65 million – 'North Sydney Council is considering lifting the rates paid by its landowners by 65 to 111 per cent over three years, as the \$90 million redevelopment of its Olympic pool tied up cash flow needed to maintain other facilities'.
- It appears the Council is having trouble retaining senior staff with several recent high-level departures. As at 1/11/24 there were vacancies for Manager - City Services, Corporate Planner, Organisational Development Specialist, Manager – Traffic & Integrated Transport, Economic Development Officer + numerous others at various levels – some being filled by temporary labour hire.
- The Santos Tour Down Under is returning to Norwood with Stage 3 – Norwood to Uraidla – on Thursday, 23rd January.
- Norwood Oval to host AFL Gather Round in 2025 - The 2025 AFL Gather Round will take place at Norwood Oval on April 12 and 13, with games featuring the Brisbane Broncos and Western Bulldogs, and GWS and St Kilda.

WHAT'S NEW IN NORWOOD

New openings in Norwood:

- Mensa Italian restaurant has finally opened next to, and part of, Messina Gelato – just over 'the border' in Kent Town. You can read Glam Adelaide's article at: <https://glamadelaide.com.au/first-look-gelato-messina-expands-in-kent-town-with-mensa-a-fresh-italian-dining-concept>
 - 88 Pocha has opened in the Hoyts Complex serving up Korean food plus Soju
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UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

Upcoming entertainment events in and around Norwood (provided by [SHOWBOOK](#)):

6/12	The War on 2024: Annual Comedy Gala	Comedy	Norwood Concert Hall
6/12	JOE AVATI - WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE	Comedy	Regal Cinema
13/12 + 15/12	Corinthian Singers: Joy to the World	Music	St John's Anglican Church
13/12	MARINA PRIOR & MICHAEL CORMICK Centre Stage	Cabaret	Norwood Concert Hall
15/12	Passionate Puccini	Music	Norwood Concert Hall
18/12	Tis the Season! ~ Aurora 2024	Music	St John's Anglican Church
17/1	Andy and the Odd Socks	Children	Norwood Concert Hall
18/1	Sina Bathaie "Shade of Memory" World Tour	Music	Norwood Concert Hall
19/1	Adelaide Summer Orchestra	Music	Norwood Concert Hall
1/2	ELVIS by Anthony Petrucci	Music	Regal Cinema
1/2	ROCKARIA - THE ELO EXPERIENCE	Music	Norwood Concert Hall
4/2	An Evening with David Sedaris	Comedy	Norwood Concert Hall

31/12 New Year's Eve gigs/parties at Ern Malley, Cue Bar & Norwood Hotel

Plus, various bands at the Norwood Hotel, Cue Bar, Robin Hood etc. For full details go to the Showbook website (<https://showbook.com.au>) or download/use the app.

Don't forget the Council sponsored movie showings:

7/12 7:30pm	Movie at the Pool: The Grinch	Norwood Pool	\$5
11/12 1:45pm	Movie at the Library: The Man Who Invented Christmas	Payneham Library	Free
19/12 2:00pm	Movie at the library: Elf	Payneham Library	Free

Twilight Carols – 7/12 4:00pm-8:00pm Linde Reserve, Stepney. Hosted by Stacey Lee.

- 4.00pm - Cool for Kids
- 4.45pm - Visit from Santa (if we are on the nice list)
- 5.15pm - Tricky Joe's Magic Show
- 6.00pm - Australian Girls' Choir
- 7.00pm - Jazz It Up Music

There will be food trucks on site, or you can bring your own picnic and drinks (BYO allowed).



Wishing a happy festive season to our members, followers and all residents of this great suburb!

Want to have your say about something relating to Norwood? You can do this via our 'SOAPBOX' on this newsletter. Simply post your contribution to our email address listed below...

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