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NORWOOD MATTERS

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DID YOU KNOW...



that Norwood had one of the earliest and most successful cricket clubs?

In 1865, the Norwood Cricket Club was formed, boasting an impressive 32-year run with only 64 losses. During this period, the club dominated the Cricket Association's challenge cups and trophies, winning all six presented. Norwood played a pivotal role in establishing the South Australian Cricket Association. On May 9, 1871, a meeting was held where Mr. W.O. Whitridge proposed communicating with prominent clubs to discuss forming a cricket association. This led to the inaugural meeting at the Prince Alfred Hotel, with Mr. J. Pickering as the first secretary. Mr. Whitridge chaired the association for three years, driving the movement forward.

Two notable members of the club - George Giffen and J.J. Lyons, went on to achieve international fame. Local cricket legend J.E. Gooden captained the team for 16 years and led a 'Colonial 18' against Lord Harris's English Eleven.

In the 1880s, East and West Norwood teams emerged, with West Norwood achieving a remarkable victory by dismissing Parkside for just five runs. The club eventually disbanded in 1897 with the introduction of the electorate system, paving the way for East Torrens to rise in its place.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

- We are actively looking at a potential replacement for the community noticeboard in Norwood Mall which was removed during the redevelopment.
 - Our AGM date will shortly be announced. We hope as many as possible will attend.
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COUNCIL MATTERS

From the recent Council meetings:

- At the April meeting Council voted to change the rules for visitor and resident parking permits. The main points are:
 - Visitor permits stay, but cars must be moved every 6 hours
 - Residents cars need to move at least every 7 days (and 4 car parks away)
 - An amendment was made and carried to retain two visitor permits per household
- Starting from the 2026 tree planting season, all trees to be planted in Council owned or managed open space should be native species or locally (Adelaide Plains) native species.
- An extension of the e-scooter permits be granted to Beam and Neuron until 31 December 2025 if they wish to continue but only if the City of Adelaide extends the current permits operating in the city.
- That the application of a commercial rate on residential properties that are used as short-term accommodation (e.g. Airbnb), be reconsidered when a mandatory registration system for short-term rental accommodations is implemented in South Australia.
- Council to proceed with the finalisation of the outstanding matters in relation to the conversion of Church Avenue and Kingsborough Lane, Norwood into Public Roads.
- A rate revenue increase of 8.5% and an average residential rate increase of 9.49% was endorsed 'in principle'.
- Council endorsed 'in principle' Loan Borrowings for the 2025-2026 Financial Year up to a maximum of \$9.171 million in addition to the existing borrowings.

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

COUNCIL FINANCES PUBLIC MEETING 26th MAY – Report by Mackie Eaton

The council arranged a meeting to provide an opportunity for the community to discuss and ask questions about the status of council finances and rate projections. The Norwood Residents Association, along with the St Peters and Kensington associations made strong representations to the councillors. I would like to thank our committee members for their attendance and input.

The general tenor of the meeting was one of great concern about the proposed rate rises, especially the residential rate rise of 9.49% for 2025/6. The impact of the Payneham Pool construction cost was seen as the main driver of this rate increase.

Our concerns focussed upon the lack of ongoing consultation with us about the constant and rising costs of the pool since 2017 when the anticipated cost was around \$24 million. Since then that cost increased to approximately \$34 million post- covid, to the current cost expected to be around \$60 million.

Obviously, this cost has to be met, and it seems to have fallen upon the ratepayers.

Construction of the pool seems to be a fait accompli, so there isn't much to be gained by complaining, except to point out that in future we feel that Council must be much more consultative with stakeholders, about significant spending.

The rate shock has been most concerning for residents on low incomes, pensioners and high mortgage holders. Rate increases are likely to reflect in higher rental costs.

While the pool will ultimately be an asset for the community, we found out that the extra costs of it are partly due to the shift to 10 lanes from the original 8 plus the inclusion of a gym and improved facilities for the Learn to Swim campaign.

Fees for the use of the pool and related facilities have not yet been determined. One of our concerns is that the pool may not turn a profit, so that there may be further ongoing rate implications.

Suggestions such as reduced fees for use by Council residents were submitted. We wish to thank Council for the opportunity to listen to our concerns and look forward to much closer involvement with the decision making processes. This may obviate such drastic rate rises in future.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

Of interest within the Norwood suburb:

- 80 Fullarton Road – Planning application lodged for a four storey mixed-use building comprising a medical centre (including café, shops, gym and consulting rooms), and 12 dwellings.
- 68 Sydenham Road - Planning application lodged for construction of a two-storey group dwelling, with change of use from a detached dwelling to a group dwelling and two-storey dwelling addition to a Local Heritage Place.
- Application to remove yet another significant tree – an SA Blue Gum at 90 Queen St.
- Application to subdivide and create two extra allotments at 52 Sydenham Road.
- 81 Osmond Tce - Application for the construction of a two-storey dwelling addition to a Local Heritage Place including partial demolition and restoration work, together with demolition of ancillary structures, and fencing.
- Just over the border in Kent Town at the old Chloe's Restaurant there is an application in to build a four-storey mixed use building comprising 2 ground-floor office tenancies and 14 dwellings, together with associated basement car parking and landscaping.

SAMELA MUSES

by Samela Harris, NRA member

No one keeps chooks anymore. Oh, how I miss them.

We live in an era of stringent rules. I wouldn't call it "nanny state" since nannies love chooks and are absolutely ready and able to take responsibility for them.

Our zealous regulations are a product of the culture of complaint.

And our councils are stuck with the bottom line of health and safety. They are the brunt of complaint. And how.

So they have to be the enforcers. No blame. But it is all such a shame.

I had an octogenarian friend with an old-school quarter acre block with flourishing fruit trees. I still miss his fresh apricots. He'd lived there for decades, raised his children, tinkered in his shed and nurtured his generations of chooks. Just four at a time and one rooster. The rooster's morning call was part of the character of the area, a character which sang of backyard productivity. Chooks were normal. They recycled food scraps into lovely fresh eggs. Allowed to roam the vegetable patch, they turned insect pests into more fresh eggs.

While the rooster, proud and handsome fellow, would announce his territory, the hens would quietly cluck among themselves, except when they squawked the arrival of a new egg. Hens are very satisfying creatures and wonderful listeners.

My old friend had to euthanise Mr rooster.

The house behind had changed hands and the new owner, happy enough with his own barking dogs, did not like the noisy rooster. Official complaints were made.

The boy had to go. The girls were allowed to stay.

I kept chooks for many years and often would lament to them about this and that, and they would tilt their heads attentively and utter a comforting “awwww”.

I had to relinquish them when we downsized. Sigh.

Yes. They were work. Fresh water at all times. Hen houses must be highly specific and religiously cleaned. Laying boxes must be safe. Shell grit and dried bracken are on the provisions list. And grain and pellets.

It is a labour of love.

But chooks are clever creatures, never to be underestimated. They are very fine pets, really.

But fewer and fewer children will know the pleasure of them since fewer and fewer homes have earthy back yards with fruit trees and vegetables.

Every inch of arable soil is demanded by developers for beautiful concreting. Why have garden and clothes line when you can have a patio with a potted fern? Why relish rich petrichor when you can shunt dust with a leaf blower?

Every time I walk our area, it is to see more and more of this lessness.

It is years since I saw a chook let alone a rooster in the burbs.

What I have been seeing is apologies - signs on the empty egg shelves of supermarkets.

SOAPBOX

From Ian Radbone, NRA member and former President:

It's that time of the year when Council is busy clearing our streets and paths of fallen leaves. While we should appreciate this, do you have trouble with leaf blowers blowing leaves under your gate?

Staff are told that they should take reasonable care to avoid this, and the problem has hopefully lessened in recent years. If it hasn't in your case, please complain to Council!

SNIPPETS

- Our Mayor, Robert Bria, recently wrote a piece for InDaily about the appeal of The Parade to young people and their economic impact. Read it [here](#).
 - The SA Transport Department have resurfaced the Western section of The Parade which has somewhat improved the previously bumpy ride.
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WHAT'S NEW IN NORWOOD

New openings in Norwood:

- Tomatoes Cuisine at 254 The Parade – a new Indian offering.
- The Foodie Asian Grocery at 219 The Parade is to be replaced by a Save Mart & Butcher.

Not an opening but a closure as we say goodbye to Cibo after over 20 years at the entrance to Norwood Place.

UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

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

5,6/6	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	Theatre	Prince Phillip Theatre
6/6	Blues, Brews & BBQ June Edition	Music	Little Bang Brewing Co
7/6	From Harbour to Harbour 2 - LIAN Band in Adelaide	Music	Norwood Concert Hall
8/6	Battle of the Bands!	Music	Osmond Tce Func Ctr
13/6	Farhad Darya Live in Concert	Music	Norwood Concert Hall
14,15/6	Play School Live in Concert - Once Upon a Time	Children	Norwood Concert Hall
20/6	Ray O'Leary - Laughter? I Hardley Know Her!	Comedy	Norwood Concert Hall
28/6	The 2025 ARBA MEMPHIS BLUES CHALLENGE!	Music	Norwood Hotel
29/6	Kalinka Russian Ensemble - Russian Folk Dance	Music	Russian Comm Centre
5/7	THE GREAT PIANO MAN	Music	Regal Theatre
6/7	VOCAL HUB Mid-year Showcase	Music	Osmond Tce Func Ctr
6/7	The Romantic Forest Norwood Symphony Orchestra	Classical	Norwood Concert Hall
9/7	Emma Memma: Dance Island Party	Children	Norwood Concert Hall
11/7	Thank you for the Music - A Symphonic Tribute to ABBA	Music	Norwood Concert Hall
12/7	Rockaria The ELO Experience	Music	Norwood Concert Hall
18/7	Comedy Cartel	Comedy	Regal Theatre
19/7	Baggy Trousers - The Sound of Madness	Music	Norwood Hotel
2/8	Mark Normand Ya Don't Say	Comedy	Norwood Concert Hall
2/8	DIAMOND - HOT AUGUST NIGHT	Music	Regal Theatre
9/8	Jeremy Piven live	Comedy	Norwood Concert Hall

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.

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