

Norwood Matters



June 2021

Where in Norwood is this?



Did you know that there is an electricity substation in Norwood? This one is hidden (well, sort of) in a back street.

We have [posted the picture above on our website](#). Click on the link to tell us where it is, or to comment on any item featured in this newsletter.

May's photo was of Hutchinson Park, a lovely normally secluded park between Elizabeth Street and Sydenham Road. We say "normally" because it is currently unusually exposed due to building works on Elizabeth St. It seems from our responses that nobody guessed it.

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Your committee at work

We [wrote to our local member Stephen Marshall](#), urging him to support the private member's bill that would require a decision of both houses of parliament to demolish or significantly alter an item on the State Heritage list.

We made [comment in support of the proposed 40kmh speed limit](#) for Norwood and Kent Town.

President Ian Radbone attended the June meeting of the Community Alliance of South Australia, which discussed the early record of the new Planning and Design Code.

Next general meeting

Our next general meeting will be held Wednesday, 21 July at 7.30pm. As usual, it will be at the Don Pyatt Hall. Our guest speaker will be heritage consultant (and NRA member) Sandy Wilkinson.

Sandy will be talking on the topic of redeveloping older properties, rather than bulldozing them. (Our secretary, Tom Smith has written of a [recent example of this](#).)

Sandy has a passion for our built heritage, and will show how buildings can be brought up to modern standards while retaining and often enhancing the character that we so appreciate living in our historic suburb. He will also discuss just how little of our built heritage is actually protected by local or state heritage listing.



Image: An Osmond Terrace building that didn't escape the bulldozer. Detail from E Graeme Robertson, Adelaide Lace

The July meeting will also be our AGM. All positions will be declared vacant and we welcome nominations for President, Secretary or Treasurer, as well as nominations to join our committee. (We'd also welcome help even if you don't want to go on the committee, for example, with our Facebook page.)

The AGM will be held after Sandy's presentation and we welcome anyone interested Adelaide's built heritage to attend, whether an NRA member or not.

Council budget

It seems that the Mayor does not like residents associations putting "pressure" on Councillors.

The Council is still in the process of firming up its budget. The Audit Committee expressed concern that with a projected operating surplus of only \$425,000, any additional spending could result in Council going into debt. It recommended that "Council give serious consideration to the identification of Capital Projects that could be deferred to future years in order to improve the cash flow position for the 2021-2022 financial year." ([The Committee's minutes](#) provide a good summary of the budget, as at May.)

Mayor Robert Bria responded with a motion to reduce expenditure on the Operating Budget instead, mainly by cutting funding for trees and footpaths, as well as funding on public art and converting private laneways to Council ownership. The Kent Town Residents Association and Greening Joslin both spoke, urging Councillors not to go along with the Mayor's proposal. According to an article in *The Advertiser*, 10 June, both groups were encouraged to do so by Councillor Sims. The article quotes the Mayor as being "disgusted" that Councillor Sims would resort to "pressure tactics".

"What I object to is Cr Sims actively encouraging third parties to come to council meetings to pressure other councillors into voting according to what he wants rather than what is in the public interest."

Council agreed to cut the public art, laneway conversion and extension of water recycling but did not consider cuts to additional trees and footpaths.

Two points to note:

- The projected rate increase of 4.35%, the highest of any metropolitan council, was not affected by the cut. To be fair, this comes after a series of low increases, including a rate freeze last year.
- If history is any guide, there is no danger of the administration spending more than is budgeted. Vacant positions and delayed projects typically (always?) result in underspending.

40kmh speed limit proposal

Voting for the proposed 40kmh speed limit for residential streets closes soon, on Monday 21 June. [You can vote on the Norwood Council website](#). (Or click on the image to the right.)

We understand that the vote will be close and that NRA members are likely to be divided on the issue. Even the committee is not all of the same view. However most of us are, and buoyed by a mostly positive response following our request for your views, we have written to the Council expressing our support. [Our reasons for support have been posted in brief on our website](#).

Kent Town Residents Association President Dr David Baker has written an article in the [10 June edition of the Adelaide East Herald](#) urging a vote for the proposed change.

Proposed speed limit feedback form
Proposed 40km/h speed limit in Norwood and Kent Town

Do you support a 40km/h speed limit in the residential streets of Norwood and Kent Town, excluding:

- State Government Roads: Fullarton Road, Flinders Street, Rundle Street & The Parade, and
- Council Roads: The Parade West & Osmond Terrace.

Refer to map on the webpage (www.npsp.sa.gov.au/consultation) for detail of affected roads.

I support a 40km/h speed limit in the residential streets of Norwood and Kent Town (excluding the above listed roads) *

Yes
 No
 Unsure

I live or work in Norwood or Kent Town *

Yes
 No

If no, do you visit or commute through Norwood and/or Kent Town

Yes
 No

Any comments

In brief

Foiled murder on The Parade

(For those who've been living under a rock.) If you'd like to read more about the most spectacular thing that's never happened in Norwood, the [Adelaide East Herald has an extended account](#) about the planned machine-gunning of a former Comanchero gang member on The Parade. There is a similar account on the [ABC website](#).

New vibes radio

The Norwood Council is offering [young people the chance to get involved in radio production](#), getting trained and taking part in the delivery of a weekly program on ThreeD radio. Contact Jenah Bambrick on jbambrick@npsp.sa.gov.au or 8366 4622 ASAP: the course start 24 July and [online applications](#) close 21 June.

Cressida O'Hanlon to be Labor candidate for Dunstan

O'Hanlon should be familiar to Norwood voters, having run for the federal seat of Sturt in 2019. Dunstan has been a Labor seat in the past. Dunstan of course was a Labor member, as was long-time representative Greg Crafter. And Steven Marshall came close to losing the seat in the 2015 election, when he was Opposition Leader. However a strong showing in the 2018 election, plus electoral boundary review, has given him a 6% buffer for next year's election.



Beyond the Kerb: Waste and Recycling Tour

East Waste and KESAB are running tours of waste and recycling facilities. During the tour you will see where your landfill material goes, how your recycling materials are sorted, how your food scraps become valuable compost and what happens to e-waste and metal. Bookings essential (places are limited). Contact KESAB on 8234 7255 or admin@kesab.asn.com

Six-storey building for Magill Road?

At this month's council meeting, the Administration was asked about a proposed six storey building on the site owned by the Republic Hotel, corner of Magill Road and Osmond Terrace. The response was that no submission has been made and the administration was not in a position to confirm or deny the proposal.

Domestic matters

Methylated spirits in the kitchen

BEWARE: KEEP OUT OF REACH of CHILDREN at ALL TIMES

STAINLESS STEEL CLEANER

Methylated Spirits is absolutely the best for streak free cleaning of the sink and stove top. Burnt food on the stove top will require a bit more elbow grease and a non-scratch cleanser but metho is best for daily use. No spots, no streaks, just pour a little on a cloth.

WINDOW CLEANER

When the sun is not shining, add ½ a cup of methylated spirits to a bucket of warm water. Using a large sponge, wring it out in the water, then wipe down window panes. Repeat over all panes. Dry with a lint-free cloth.

From our Facebook page

Click on the image to be taken to a recent post on the Norwood Residents Association Facebook page.



If you are reading this as a paper copy (for example, from the library) you can thank the Dunstan Electorate Office for the printing.

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