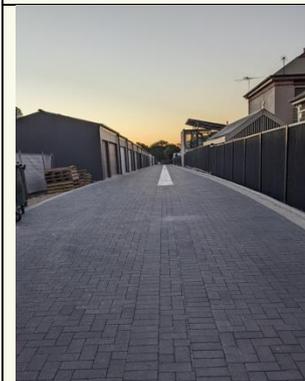


Norwood Matters



March, 2022

Where in Norwood is this?



An easy but sad one this month. We have posted the picture above on our [website](#), under “latest posts” Click on the link to tell us where it is, or to comment on any item featured in this newsletter.

Last month’s photo was of the street devoted to garage parking at the rear of the new development on Beulah Road between George and Queen Streets. It was quickly identified by reader Philip Copley.

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Your committee at work

As well as organising the “meet the candidates forum” for the Dunstan electorate (which included an [article on the event in the East Adelaide Herald](#) by Secretary Tom Smith, we were also busy on the media.,

President Ian Radbone:

- Provided commentary to ABC 891 (David Bevan) regarding the proposed development near the south east corner of The Parade and Osmond Terrace. He was also interviewed for an [article in the Eastern Herald](#) on this topic.
- Was interviewed by ABC 891 (Jules Schiller) on Norwood’s heritage.

Chris Francis and Ian Radbone attended a strategic planning session for the Community Alliance of SA.

Meet the Candidates forum

In the end we had only one candidate address the Meet the Candidates forum, held at the St Peters Town Hall on 9 March: our current MP Steven Marshall. The Family First Candidate could not be reached. The Green candidate could not attend for a personal reason. The Labor candidate was not allowed to “debate” with Steven Marshall under an apparent party policy that only the Leader of the Opposition could do so with the Premier.

Nevertheless, the event was quite successful, with about 50 residents able to question Steven Marshall on a variety of local issues, as well as hear statements presented on behalf of the Green and Labor candidates. [You can read these statements on our website.](#)

The event was also a welcome opportunity for members of the various resident associations to get together to discuss issues of common concern to those living in the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters.

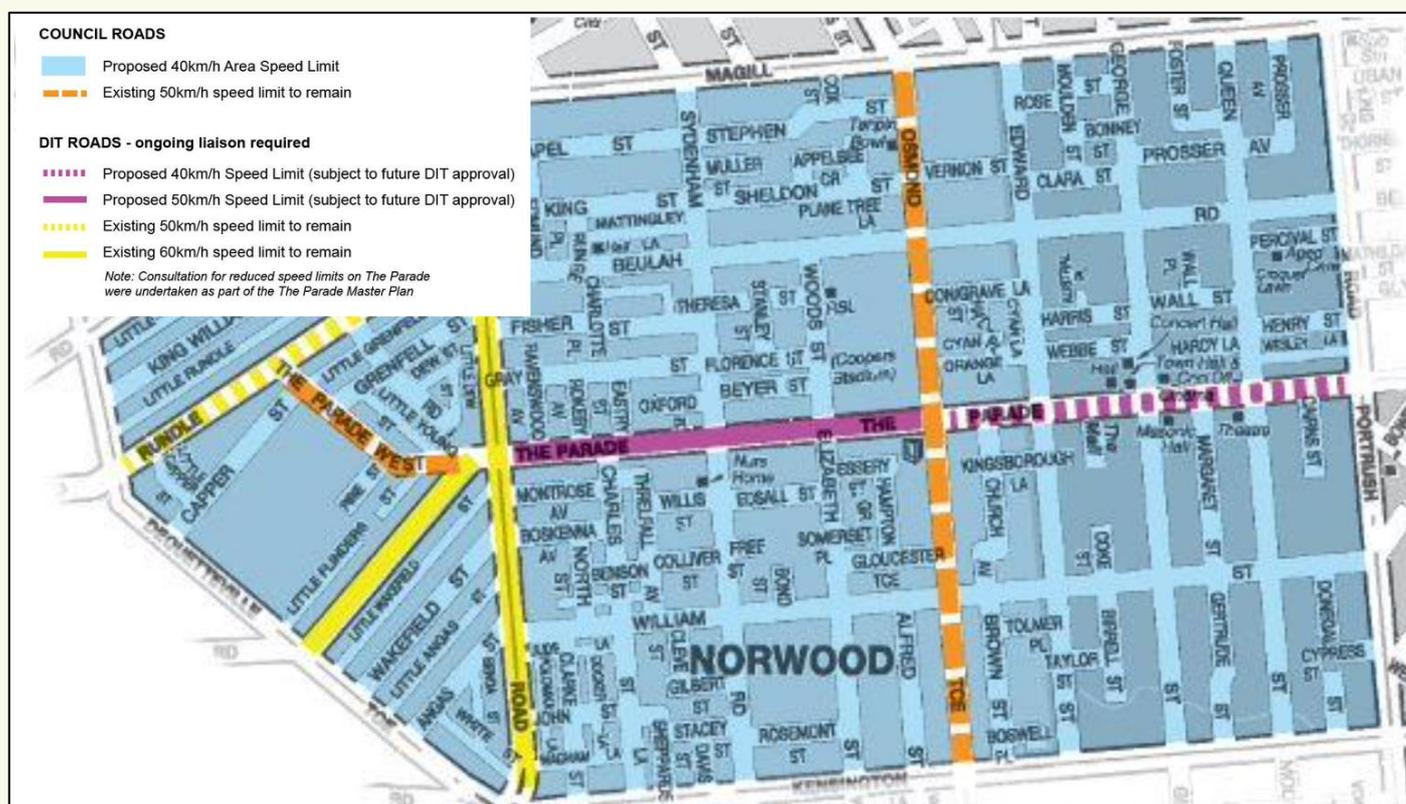


Part of the audience listening to Local MP and Premier, Steven Marshall

Council matters

Implementation of 40kmh speed limit in Norwood & Kent Town

The March meeting of Council unanimously endorsed the implementation of a 40kmh speed limit in Norwood and Kent Town, excluding Osmond Terrace and The Parade West. This follows the approval of the move by local MP Steven Marshall, which was received in January. State Government controlled roads, The Parade and Rundle Street, will not be affected by this decision. However The Parade Masterplan would have a 40kmh speed limit from Portrush Road to Osmond Terrace if and when it is implemented.



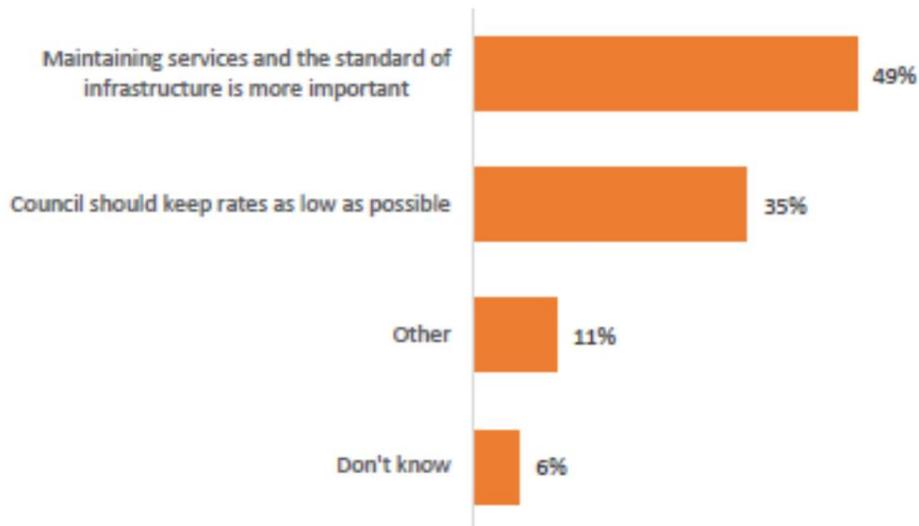
A variation to this year's budget has been sought to pay for the implementation, which suggests that we should be seeing the new speed limit signs before the end of June.

Community survey results

Every two years Council commissions a sample survey of 600 residents and 200 businesses, to find out what we think of Council performance as well as general community well-being.

There are too many findings to summarize here, but the overall pattern has been slight improvements on most measures, with "Protection of heritage buildings and character areas" one of the exceptions. Also, the most recent survey expressed a priority for maintaining the standard of services and infrastructure over keeping rates as low as possible. (See the figure below.) This is a turnaround from previous surveys. You can read the full report by downloading the [agenda for the meeting](#). (25MB)

FIGURE 5: PREFERENCE BETWEEN RATES AND SERVICES/INFRASTRUCTURE



Life matters

Nextdoor site for Norwood

[Nextdoor](#) is an app specifically designed to put neighbours in touch with each other. It's a bit like Facebook, but without all the politics and fighting. It has been spreading around the world, and there is now a Nextdoor site for Norwood. In the words of one user, "we use the site to find trusted tradies, reunite with a lost pet, sell an outgrown bike, organise a virtual book club, and so much more". Here's a current post, with a response giving the telephone numbers of someone looking for a similar cat.



Novels set in Norwood

Given our suburb's venerable history, perhaps it is not surprising that there are historical novels that feature Norwood. Here are two recently-published examples of this.

- KJ Thomson *To the Edge*

Kay Thomson lived in Norwood as a child during World War Two. Her family made stretcher beds for Australia's armed forces. She incorporates her memories of Norwood in an historical novel. The "edge" refers to both Australia's position on the edge of the Asian theatre of war, as well as family on the edge of change. The book is available [in print](#) for \$29.95 or as an [e-book on Amazon](#).

- Margaret Viscigileo *Only Two Letters in Orroroo* (Ginninderra Press)

Despite the title (which refers to a facetious comment by Sir Charles Todd as to why Orroroo would not need a postal service), this novel opens in Norwood, spends quite a lot of time here and once again the story draws on the author's war time experiences. Just Google the author and title to find this book as hardcopy or as an e-book.

And while we are talking about books of Norwood's past, the collection [Now and Then](#) which was published by The Kensington and Norwood Historical Society and edited by Koula Valiotis, Lyn Arden and Margaret Herron, will tell you a lot about Norwood landmarks, providing a walking tour that will leave you far more informed about our past. You can use the link above to find it.

What's on in Norwood

The Fringe and Adelaide Arts Festivals are coming to a close but you can still catch plenty of shows this weekend. Beyond that there are still some great events happening:

- "March to the Scaffold" concert by the Norwood Symphony Orchestra - Norwood Concert Hall 23/3
- Sound Factory "Soul Injection" - Norwood Hotel 25/3
- Casey Barnes "Light It Up Tour" - Norwood Hotel 26/3
- Jimmy Rees 'Meanwhile in Australia' Tour - Norwood Concert Hall 27 & 28/3
- Creedence Clearwater Revival performed by Green River - Norwood Hotel 1/4
- Symphony in the Park - Richards Park 10/4
- Dancing in the Shadows of Motown - Regal Theatre 15/4

There is also the annual St Peters Fair on at Linde Reserve on Saturday 26/3 with great family entertainment.

Find out more details on the Showbook website (www.showbook.com.au) and app.

Strengthening our community – can you help?

The Norwood Residents Association has always been known for providing a voice for the community in local and state political matters. But we could do so much more, if only we had people willing to take up the tasks.

While not as active in terms of public meetings as we are, our neighbours in Kensington and Kent Town demonstrate how communities can be strengthened by neighbours getting together, for example to maintain Borthwick Park, or to plant out a verge.

There are many possible ways to strengthen our community through shared action: putting on events, helping those who need help etc. If you have some good ideas, and are willing to take the running on them, [we'd love to hear from you](#).

And there are many tasks that the NRA committee could do with more help on, such as maintaining our Facebook page, helping with the newsletter, providing useful information on our website and so on. If you or someone you know has skills that could be contributed, [please contact us](#).

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.

Thinking of joining the Norwood Residents Association? Click [here](#) to find out how. Then you will have the newsletter emailed to you every month!

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