

# Norwood Matters



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Where in Norwood is this?



We have posted the above picture of this charming little street (with a charmless backdrop) 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 the bust of Antonio Giannoni, South Australia’s first Italian migrant. He arrived in 1839, became a well-known cabbie and fathered a future Mayor of Kensington and Norwood.

The bust is on the Osmond Terrace median, between the Norwood Hotel and Sfizio.

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## Next general meeting/AGM

Readers of last month's Norwood Matters would know about the big increase in rates facing residents next financial year. Where is the money going? The 2022-2023 budget will see the biggest infrastructure budget ever, with major projects including the redevelopment of the Payneham Swimming Centre and significant (and costly) drainage works. Council staff will address the meeting, explaining the projects and taking questions.



[The current plans](#) have \$24m spent on the “revamp” of the Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre.

The Council presentation will be followed by the AGM. All offices will be declared vacant, and we will be seeking new blood to run the Association. If you are interested, come along and put your hand up. If you are interested in finding out more, you can contact our [President, Ian Radbone](#) or [Secretary, Tom Smith](#). Any of our committee members (Chris Francis, Alison Wood or David Althorp) would be also be happy to chat about what is involved.

At the AGM we will also be proposing changes to update our Constitution. Details of the proposed changes will be sent to members, along with more detail about the Council presentation. In the meantime, put 7.30pm, Wednesday 27 July, at the Don Pyatt Hall in your diary.

## Planning Matters

Review of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act

We have received a reply to [our letter to the new SA Planning Minister Nick Champion](#) about the promised review of the implementation of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act. [Minister Champion's response](#) was quite promising, stating things that as well as encouraging a “more liveable, competitive and sustainable long-term growth strategy”,

*“This review will also seek to ensure that the planning system protects the character and heritage of our local communities, whilst ensuring greater tree canopy coverage and green open space, amongst other matters.”*

The Minister noted that he'd been contacted by the Labor candidate at the last State election, Cressida O'Hanlon, about the strong feelings expressed to her about the need to protect Norwood's heritage. He also noted that he had met with Mayor Bria and Council staff about proposed measures to do so.

The letter outlined a new Open Space and Trees Project, which “seeks to better understand” a range of issues and opportunities regarding our trees.

## 120 The Parade

The proposal for a huge new building proposed for 120 the Parade has been sent back for further work.



As usual with buildings of this scale, development approval rests with the State Commission Assessment Panel, not the Norwood Council. In fact the [Council submitted](#) that the proposal as it was should be refused, arguing that the size was excessive and would loom over the facades that would remain of the heritage-listed buildings in front. A similar view was expressed by the [SA Government Architect](#).

It seems SCAP agreed, [telling the developers](#) to provide some “visual relief from the proposed building’s mass and bulk”.

We think one way to provide such relief would be for the development to stick to the six-storey height limit provided by the Planning and Design Code, rather than pitch for eight storeys. But it seems that height limits are merely a base for bargaining, as the Code allows a number of get-out clauses to go above it.

We are pleased that SCAP also asked for shadow diagrams showing the impact of the building on the neighbours. Hopefully this will mean that SCAP will protect the neighbours’ access to sunlight, as well as privacy from overlooking.

## Federal election results for Sturt

We thought you might be interested in the way the Norwood booths voted, compared with the Sturt electorate as a whole. The figures below are from [poll bludger site](#).

	Two party		1st preference											Formal votes
	LIB	ALP	GRN	ALP	TNL	ON	AUP	UAPP	CYA	AJP	LDP	DPDA	LIB	
Norwood	45.4%	54.6%	26.3%	28.6%	0.1%	1.6%	0.5%	1.6%	0.4%	1.6%	0.6%	0.9%	37.6%	925
Norwood West	42.9%	57.1%	24.2%	32.1%	0.2%	1.7%	0.3%	2.2%	0.5%	1.1%	1.7%	0.5%	35.6%	1328
All Booths	48.7%	51.3%	18.0%	30.8%	0.2%	2.6%	0.4%	2.8%	0.8%	1.3%	1.0%	1.0%	41.1%	57165
TOTAL	50.5%	49.5%	16.1%	31.0%	0.2%	2.5%	0.4%	2.7%	0.7%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	43.4%	90304

Interesting features are just how much the vote was dominated by the Liberal, Labor and Greens parties, and the relatively high vote for the Greens and Labor (two party preferred) in the two Norwood booths.

## Local government elections

You’re probably sick of elections this year, but at least the local government elections scheduled for October are handled by a postal vote. Norwood is represented (along with Kensington, Kent Town and Hackney) by four councillors in two wards. There are plans for this representation to be reduced to three, but not in the next term.

We hope that there will be lots of interest in running for one of our two wards and will happily talk to anybody interested about what is involved. [Contact our Secretary](#).

## Upcoming entertainment

- 25/6 + 9/7 ARBA Memphis Blues Challenge, Norwood Hotel
- 26/6 From Darkness to Light - Norwood Symphony Orchestra, Norwood Concert Hall
- 26/6 In Praise of Sainy Cecilia - Adelaide Harmony Choir, Wesley Uniting Church
- 27/6 Adelaide Symphony Orchestra plays Kent Town, SA Country Women's Association
- 30/6 Jazz SA Superband concert, Norwood Hotel
- 8/7 Paulini sings the American divas, Regal Theatre
- 9/7 Bobby Fox Sings..., Regal Theatre
- 13/7 Deborah Frances-White - The Guilty Feminist Live Podcast, Norwood Concert Hall
- 16/7 Bloom sings the Adele & Amy Songbook, Norwood Hotel
- 22/7-24/7 Suor Angelica, Wesley Uniting Church
- 23/7 Renee Geyer Live, Regal Theatre

Plus many bands at the Norwood Hotel, Cue Bar, Robin Hood, Kensi, Little Bang Brewery etc, including some for the upcoming Umbrella Festival.

For full details go to the Showbook website (<https://showbook.com.au>) or use the app.

## Ideas from elsewhere

- [Holdfast Bay is swapping its weekly red bin services for a weekly green bin service.](#) This follows an 18-month trial of over 1,000 households. Residents can ask for a weekly red bin service (e.g. for nappies), and for a larger red bin. The council is hoping that the residents will now put more of their food waste and garden clippings into the green bins. (Up to 30% of what goes to landfill is food scraps.)
- An article in the 17 June edition of the revived *Adelaide East Herald* (unfortunately not online, but available at Foodland) covers the City of Unley's use of financial incentives to encourage more trees – or at least discourage paving over areas that could have trees. Claiming the lowest level of open space in greater Adelaide, Unley is trialling requiring new developments to have 15% tree cover, with a 10% increase on rates until they achieve this. The money would go into a fund to provide more trees on public land.

The article notes that the Norwood Council is “supporting” the trial, whatever that means.

## Past matters

The [Agenda for the 4 April meeting of the Norwood Council](#) (36mb) includes the concept plans for the redevelopment of the Dunstan Adventure Playground, on the banks of the Torrens.

Although 2km from Norwood, we are sure that many readers would have experienced the Playground, as a parent, grandparent or as a child. So you might be interested in Denise Schumann's history of the Playground's establishment in 1976, which appears as an attachment to the item.

It speaks of another world. The Playground was built on a rubbish tip. The original cost of the Playground was about \$50,000 in 1976. By comparison, \$100,000 was recently spent on a concept plan for its redevelopment. The detailed design and construction of the redevelopment is expected to cost some \$1,000,000.

Perhaps money was saved on safety measures, as a newspaper report on the project stated that, “Heavy duty rope and tyre swings should provide a lot of fun, particularly as some will be set in collision groupings so that children can bounce off one another.”



### Swinger!

THEY were swinging at Don's party Friday night... and the guest-of-honour was still swinging yesterday morning — with hundreds of onlookers shouting encouragement! The S.A. Premier, Mr. Dunstan, was taking the first ride on the flying fox in a children's adventure playground.

## Domestic matters

Dear Editor,

Last year I said that the mice were coming but they didn't. Yesterday I saw our first mouse in the cold wet weather, so how many more mice are around now? They say where there is one there is always another.

Our favourite bait for the little blighters is peanut butter on a fresh bit of bread (not very large). Others may have another favourite lure.

Some people also say to block any holes that may be there with steel wool that will actually be chewed up & hopefully they then go away and die.

Also make sure your cat is inside at night to catch them if you have one.

Any more hints? Best of luck to all in this cold, wet weather.

Rowena Dunk

(Ed: I have a hint. Ratsak produce a pet and wildlife friendly rat bait. It eliminates a rodent's sense of thirst and doesn't affect non-rodents. Our resident blue tongue became quite fat and sleek eating dead mice – or maybe bait!)

## From our Facebook page

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



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'Excessive': Concerns over eight-storey Parade apartment block - InDaily

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