

Get along to the Kensington Association meeting this Monday evening, 2nd September, 7:30pm.

Two special reasons:

1. Meet our new Chairperson, Simon Harvey.
2. Catch up on what is being planned for the Kensington Recreation Centre from the Council team. Whether you had input into Stage 1 or not, Cathy Kiss, Facilities Development and Contract Coordinator, will value your response to her update to us on the Kensington Community Recreation Centre redevelopment. This will be the first item of the evening.

Recognising the effort it takes to drag oneself out on these cold evenings, we promise you a WARM WELCOME – 7:30, Conference Room Kensington Town Hall (it's heated).

Also note that the last business meeting of the Association for 2019 will be on **Monday 7 October**, will include a presentation from Council on **Urban forestry** and specifically, we hope, the plantings in Kensington. Yes, I wish, really strongly, that white cedars (Chinaberry) had NEVER EVER been planted, their seeds are so slippery. But also, why must we have to watch our step over roots from trees making the best of surviving in pavements, where they don't belong. I love nature, but let's get the balance right. Those with prams, and those with limited sight and limited mobility rely on a safe footpath. The constant challenge for us all is inappropriate or poorly managed planting.

Bring along your list of trees that are in happy coexistence and those that are not working well with humans in our streets.

What else is on:

Flemington-Kensington Rotary Art Show, Kensington Town Hall Friday 4th to Sunday 6th October. Come along and see (and buy) a great range of art works. The KRAFTY KIDS program will be packed with all kinds of arts and crafts activities for children of all ages, I hope that includes me!

Sunlight

Sunlight is vital to our wellbeing. As our urban environment changes, it's important to consider the way the shadowing effects of neighbourhood development can impact our experience of green spaces and sunlight. The City of Melbourne is currently exhibiting a proposed set of amendments to the Planning Scheme, which would limit the scale of buildings that cast shadow over parks--not just in the summer, but also in the winter, when the sun dips low and the shadows are long. Share your views about [this proposal online](#) by **5 September**.

A new project with a different model for 15 Thompson Street. Another collaborative project from Assemble will be delivered via the [Assemble Model](#) and will be designed by Hayball architects. They want to come and talk to us – what do you think? Give them time at the October meeting? Will we ever convince these guys that cars are a natural part of our lives? Investigate more [here](#)

Homelessness – have your say

Make an online submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria via this link <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/Isic-lc/article/4284> before the end of the year. I am mulling over some constructive suggestions to address this shameful problem.

Take care, and look out for one another

Regards

Rilke (yes, still me!)