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Mitcham residents celebrated Australia Day with an 'Aussie BBQ', citizenship and awards presentation at the beautiful grounds of Carrick Hill.



Left: Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Maggy Ragless (centre) pictured with Mayor Michael Picton and Leigh McClusky. Centre: Georgia Button, Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year. Right top: Australia Day Community Event of the Year – Mitcham Schools. Right bottom: Australia Day Excellence in Environmental Achievement Award – Red Gum Gully Our Patch.

## Mitcham Celebrates Australia's Day at Carrick Hill



Crowds enjoyed a citizenship and awards ceremony as well as live music from Sitara.

This year, 84 people become Australian citizens during a citizenship ceremony officiated by Mayor, Michael Picton.

Council presented Australia Day Awards and Awards of Excellence to individuals who have made significant contributions to our local area.

### Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award

The Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award for 2012 was presented to Ms Maggy Ragless for her dedication to the preservation of heritage on behalf of the Mitcham Community.

Maggy has committed a lifetime of service to the Mitcham community. Although she has worked part time for over 25 years for the City of Mitcham in the role of Local History Officer, she has also, for more than 30 years, committed many hours of voluntary service as a community historian promoting the significance of heritage and making

the preservation of history her life's work.

Maggy's ongoing dedication as community historian and her role as Local History Officer ensures the community is aware and understands the importance of our heritage.

### Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year

Georgia Button was presented with the Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year Award. Georgia is a student of Scotch College and contributes to the school community and her community at Wandearah. Georgia is this year's College Captain and lives as a border at the college assisting students to settle in. She rows for the school team, helps at fundraising events and is a member of the SA Quilters Guild and the Pt Broughton Rainbow Quilters Guild.

In her home town at Wandearah she has been involved in the local netball community volunteering in the canteen, team organisation, umpiring and coaching the junior teams and fundraising for the Wandearah Hall.

### Australia Day Community Event of the Year

The Mitcham Schools Fete received the Australia Day Community Event of the Year Award. The fete involved students and staff from Mitcham Schools along with participants from the community. Over 3,000 people enjoyed a variety of stalls including food, produce, gifts, crafts, refreshments, information with displays from the SA Police, the SA Police Band and the SA and CFS Fire Services and entertainment including rides, raffles and lucky dips.

### Excellence in Environmental Achievement

The Excellence in Environmental Achievement Award was presented to two local groups – Red Gum Gully Our Patch and Friends of Sturt Gorge.

Red Gum Gully Our Patch has dedicated over 400 hours to rehabilitate Cedar Avenue Reserve, Grey box/ Red gum woodland, including handweeding, removing woody weeds, collecting seeds, propagating local native plants and planting local native plants. They also maintain paths, monitor water quality, keep a herbarium of the site and take photo points to monitor the sites development.

The Friends of Sturt Gorge have improved Sturt Gorge from South Road by Flinders University up to the hills by removing olives and weeds from the creek and surrounding area and reinstated natural indigenous plants. They have also built walking tracks and organised walking tours.

Nominations for Australia Day 2013 Awards are now open. For more information contact Chris Bartlett on 8372 8805 or visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au).

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# Try Volunteering Today

Have you ever thought about volunteering but just haven't been sure if it is for you?

Come and try volunteering in Council's Positive Ageing and Community Care programs and we will 'buddy' you with another volunteer so you can experience volunteering.

Council community participation and community transport programs are supported by volunteers to help people who are frail aged, younger people with a disability and those family or friends who care for them enabling them to remain living in their own homes and participate in the community.

Community Connections volunteers help people keep up social contact by transporting or initially accompanying them to a club or activity, so they feel valued, included and part of the community. Phyl, a Community Connections volunteer, remembers the first time she accompanied someone to a friendship group and she was surprised that such a group was working away in the community "doing a marvellous job of offering activities, friendship or just the chance to sit and be a part of it". She didn't realise how she could be of help by taking someone to a group but now says the experience for her has been both "illuminating and rewarding".



Community Bus volunteer Lloyd with resident Corienne.

Community Bus and Personal Transport volunteers take people shopping, to the library and to vital medical appointments. Lloyd first started volunteering on the Community Bus 11 years ago "I wasn't really looking to volunteer but thought I'd give it a go and here I am 11 years later,

still volunteering. I've met some wonderful characters and it is a two way street, people need a bit of help and I enjoy the good company and helping."

Volunteering is a positive experience that can add value to your life as well as the lives of others.

If you would like to 'come and try' volunteering phone Gaye on 8372 8860.

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## Mitcham Celebrates Australia's Day at Carrick Hill



### Excellence in Community Service

The Excellence in Community Service Award was presented to the Blackwood/Belair & District Community Association for their Bushfire Awareness Program. This program aimed to help people prepare in case of a Bushfire and how to take measures to minimise the risk around the home.



### Excellence in Design

The Excellence in Design was presented to Scotch College 'Rosevear Boarding Precinct' for its innovative design. The precinct houses sleeping areas, common rooms, leisure spaces, a sick bay, visitor sleepover room, library/reading room, laundry/locker room and includes environmental design elements such as insulation, air flow, solar energy and recycled water.



Top left: Australia Day Award for Excellence in Environmental Achievement – Friends of the Sturt Gorge. Top right: Australia Day Award for Excellence in Community Service – Blackwood/Belair & District Community Association. Bottom left: Australia Day Award for Excellence in Design – Scotch College. Bottom right: Australia Day Award for Excellence in Sport – Goodwood Indians Baseball Club.

### Excellence in Sport

The Goodwood Indians Baseball Club received the Excellence in Sport Award for their Junior Development Program. The Club runs a successful and innovative youth baseball program, teaching very young children the sport of baseball – including throwing, hitting and fielding.

### Australia Day Commendations

Australia Day Commendations were presented to Mr Graham Bagnell for his contribution to Legacy, St Vincent De Paul's, RSL, Catalina Club for WWII Veterans, the Flinders Medical Centre, the Catholic Church and the Bedford Park Residents Association and Mr Bruce Westley for his commitment to junior sport in particular football over the last 40 years. Bruce has coached, managed and held other various roles in junior sporting teams dating back to 1972.

## Code of Practice – Access to Meetings and Documents

### Have you ever wondered what Council documents are available to the public and what Council meetings you could attend?

Council has recently reviewed its Code of Practice – Access to Meetings and Documents.

The Code provides information on:

- Documents which are publicly available.
- How they can be obtained.
- Information on the rights of the community to attend meetings of Council and Committees.

All formal meetings of Council and its committees are open to the public. However at times Council discusses matters in confidence and/or keeps the results of those discussions confidential. Such occasions are clearly outlined in the Code.

Your elected representatives also attend many informal briefings, workshops and presentations. These are notified on Council's website, along with advice as to whether or not they are open to the public.

If you would like to find out more about Council's meetings and documents, the Code of Practice – Access to Meetings and Documents can be inspected at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park or on [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au)

### Council Meetings

#### Development Assessment Panel

First Thursday of the month at 6.30 pm

#### General Purpose Committee

Second Tuesday of the month at 6.30 pm

#### Full Council

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.00 pm

## Celebrate National Youth Week, April 13 to 22

Mitcham Council is celebrating Youth Week 'Imagine. Create. Inspire' by hosting a music and skate park event and free workshops in April.

National Youth Week is the largest celebration of young people in Australia, with thousands of young people aged 12-25 across Australia getting involved in a variety of events, showcasing their talents to the community.

To find out more details on the event or to enter the skate park competition call 8372 8869, email [youth@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:youth@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) or visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au).

### Karinya Music and Skate Park Event

The City of Mitcham is celebrating Youth Week at the City of Mitcham's drug, alcohol and smoke free music and skate park event at Karinya Reserve, Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills on Saturday 21 April from 2 to 9 pm.

This free event will showcase local young talent with over five bands live on the outdoor stage, DJ and a skate park competition including scooter and BMX.

There will be a variety of stalls including food vendors, retail and information, interesting workshops to get involved in along with amusements and free activities.

### Youth Workshops

The Mitcham Library Service invites you to celebrate National Youth Week with a range of free activities. The Blackwood Library will host an Anime Movie Screening and character dress up evening, on Wednesday 18 April from 6 pm to 8 pm while the Mitcham Library are holding an African Drumming workshop on Thursday 19 April, 6 pm to 7.30 pm.

This program is available to young people who live, work or study in the City of Mitcham, of high school age or up to 25 years.

With only limited spots available programs will fill fast contact the Blackwood Library 8372 8255 or the Mitcham Library 8372 8244.

For more information about Youth Week visit [www.youthweek.com](http://www.youthweek.com), Council's Youth Week events visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) or call 8372 8888.

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Mitcham Community News audio tapes are available at both Mitcham and Blackwood Libraries or by arrangement from the Community Information Service. Telephone: 8372 8812.

### Council Meetings

Development Assessment Panel meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 6.30 pm, the General Purpose Council Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6.30 pm. Full Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

### Council Civic Centre

Open weekdays 9 am to 5 pm.  
131 Belair Road, Torrens Park or  
PO Box 21, Mitcham Shopping Centre,  
Torrens Park, South Australia 5062  
Telephone: 8372 8888

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The majority, 93%, of residents of Mitcham who responded to the survey are satisfied with their quality of life. Nearly 60% of respondents strongly feel they are part of the local community and over 75% of respondents feel safe in Mitcham.

84% of respondents said they would use the hard waste at-call collection and nearly 50% of respondents are aware of Council's Cat By-law.

53% of residents do not support the subdivision of larger housing blocks into smaller allotments and 81% of respondents supported protection from demolition of buildings with heritage value.

Support of Council's goal to reduce carbon emissions is strong with 58% of respondents supporting the installation of solar panels on Council buildings, 43% supporting increasing its use of green power to 50%, while 21% preferred that Council do nothing and keep rates low.

# Mitcham Continues to Strive for Excellence

The City of Mitcham's Annual Resident Survey highlighted that living in Mitcham is a very positive experience, with over 93% respondents satisfied with their quality of life.



### Residents rated important services in order as:

1. Household rubbish removal service (blue lid bin).
2. Recyclable collection service (yellow lid bin).
3. Sport and recreation areas and parks and gardens.
4. Green waste collection service (green lid bin).
5. Playgrounds.
6. Access to aged care services.
7. Roads.
8. Communication and consultation with residents/ratepayers.
9. Library service.
10. Stormwater drainage.
11. Street trees.
12. Footpaths.

The survey of 400 residents conducted in November gained valuable input on a range of Council's services and programs concerning their importance to residents, the level of satisfaction and where improvements can be made.

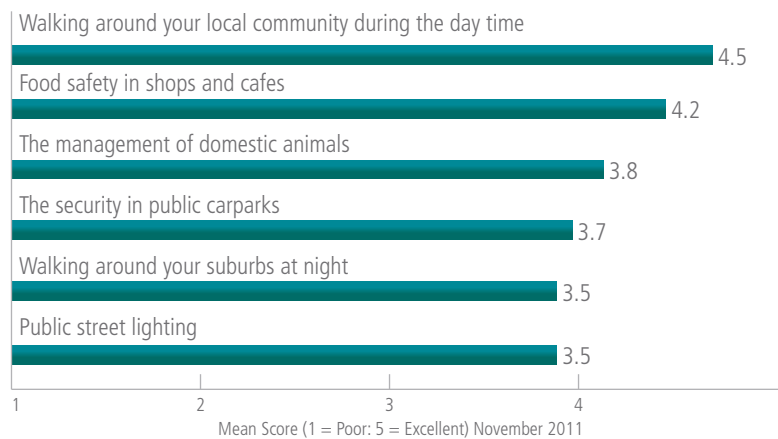
While all services surveyed produced satisfactory results, residents who participated in the survey believe Council performs extremely well in the area of waste collection however could improve the maintenance of roads and footpaths, as well as how Council communicates and consults with residents.

The survey also sought public opinion on issues facing Council including hard waste, development, heritage protection, Cat By-law and carbon emissions.

With Council's Strategic Plan under review during 2012, respondents were asked if they are interested in planning for the future. Almost 40% of respondents indicated that they

### Public Safety

#### Q14. How do you rate the following aspects of public safety?



are interested in being involved in future planning for the City.

Overall, Council's performance improved on 2010 with 68% of respondents rating Council as either excellent or good and two thirds of respondents rated the overall range

and quality of services as either excellent or good.

Council thanks all residents who were telephoned and were prepared to give their time to respond to the survey.

### The services with the highest satisfaction levels in order are:

1. Household rubbish removal service (blue lid bin).
2. Recyclable collection service (yellow lid bin).
3. Green waste collection service (green lid bin).
4. Library service.
5. Playgrounds.
6. Sport and recreation areas and parks and gardens.
7. Access to community services/activities/facilities.
8. Heritage preservation and conservation.

Results of the survey can be viewed at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, the Libraries and on Council's website at [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au). Further information can be obtained from Meredith Nunan on 8372 8837.

# In 2012 Council Wants to Hear from You!

Over the next 12 months Council would like to hear from the community over many important planning issues.

The key plan that sets the direction for Council decision making is the *City of Mitcham Strategic Plan 2008-2012*. The intention is to review this plan in 2012 to ensure our future planning stays on course with the *Vision for 2030*, previously determined in conjunction with the community back in 2004.

The key themes being the **Community**, the **Economy** and the **Environment** will be reviewed against influences such as the global economy, the changing nature of our resident population, changing tastes in housing, etc.

Planning for new developments will be reviewed, particularly in light of the state's *Greater Adelaide 30 Year Planning Strategy*.

Various proposed amendments to the Mitcham (City) Development Plan are also under way, including the impending release for consultation of a draft amendment to incorporate additional local heritage places and heritage conservation policy areas into the Plan.

Given the highly regarded library services offered around the City of Mitcham and an increasing awareness of how many great services are available, there is a need to plan for future demands as well as changing needs.

Our reserves, sporting fields and other facilities will also be assessed to determine how best they can meet changing needs of

our community. We are also keen to progress the next stage of our Mountain Bike Trail Plan and will be looking for feedback on the proposed extended trail.

Over the next 12 months you will see these issues presented for consideration, community feedback and then further discussed at Council meetings. Councillors and staff will be keen to hear from residents on any or all of these.

Also our Councillors will be running open Ward Forums as has been done in past years to hear from our residents over any issue that they may wish to bring to the Forum.

Council sincerely thanks the 400 residents who took time to answer

questions in our annual residents telephone survey. The results of this survey will be discussed with Council in February to ensure our services to the community are continually assessed and improved where possible.

Should you be keen to join an On-Line Engagement Forum on these planning proposals please visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) and register for e-news so we can keep you up-to-date.

We will then be in touch once each issue has been put out for consultation.



To join the On-Line Engagement Forum please visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) and register for e-news.

# What's On at the Mitcham Cultural Village

Come and enjoy new programs at the Mitcham Cultural Village Institute, Shed, Heritage Centre and Gallery One in 2012.



### Community Shed

- Bring your own project or work on a community project on the extensive range of woodworking machinery.
- Join a daytime session or register your interest for an evening session. Become a member of the South Oz Scrollers (scroll saw) or Sculptors and Carvers Group.

### Come and socialise or learn

- Bridge Club.
- Kumon Maths and English classes.

### Get fit at the Mitcham Cultural Village

- Ballet.
- Be Active (exercise for young adults with a disability).
- Tai Chi.
- Yoga.
- Pilates.
- Zumba.
- Body Sculpt.
- Perisai Diri Martial Arts.
- Sobukan Japanese Martial Arts.
- Meditation.

### Be creative, artistic and theatrical

- Seniors in Harmony (free monthly music concerts).
- Adelaide Sound Connection (Woman's choir).
- Rhythm and Tunes piano classes.
- Gallery One (painting, mosaics, quilting, felting, teddy bear making, bobbin lace, beading and much, much more).
- Kids Camera Action (filming classes for children).

### Mitcham Heritage Research Centre

Interested in History? Come and get involved in the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre (help document our extensive heritage, learn how to book bind and more). Contact the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre on 8372 8261.

The Mitcham Institute Hall, a beautiful, historical building, is available for hire for a variety of private functions.

The Mitcham Cultural Village is located at 103 Princes Road in Mitcham. For more information please contact Lindy Taeuber on 8372 8262 or email [ltaeuber@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:ltaeuber@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) or visit [www.mitthamcouncil.sa.gov.au/mcv](http://www.mitthamcouncil.sa.gov.au/mcv)

# What is Happening at Your Library?

## What Would You Like at the Library?

### The Mitcham Library Service would like to hear from you about what resources you would like at your Library.

To have your say please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BFP78YF> or fill out the survey below and either drop it into the library or send it, by 16 March, addressed to:

City of Mitcham  
Reply Paid 21  
MITCHAM SHOPPING CENTRE SA 5062

The Mitcham Library Service is seeking feedback on potential new formats to add to their collection for loan.

#### 1. Please select formats you would like to borrow:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wii Games           | <input type="checkbox"/> X-Box 360 Games              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playstation 3 Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Blu-ray Discs                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-Books             | <input type="checkbox"/> Digital music (mp3)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital audio books | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below) |

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#### 2. Is there any service you would like the Mitcham Library Service to offer that they currently do not?

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### All About Books

Meet two-time Davitt Award-winning author Katherine Howell at the Blackwood Library on Tuesday 28 February at 2 pm. Meet and hear Katherine talk about her new fast-paced thriller, *Silent Fear*, starring Detective Ella Marconi. This free 'All About Books' program includes afternoon tea. Katherine's books will be available for purchase and signing thanks to Mindfield Books. Bookings essential.

### Is Your Child About to Start School?

The Library Service has launched a 'Starting School Kit' to introduce children to starting school. The kit, which can be borrowed from each Library, contains 14 books and a set of flash cards which are yours to keep when you borrow the kit. Ask at the service desk for more information or reserve it online.

### Do you Have an Overdue Library Book or Have Found a Lost Library Book, CD, DVD?

The Mitcham Library Service, including the Toy Library Service, is holding an amnesty-clean sweep program to allow all overdue library materials to be returned with no fees or questions asked during February.

The amnesty allows borrowers to return overdue items – no questions asked. Take this opportunity to look around your home for library materials that may have been overlooked and return them to the Library, no fees, no questions. The Library Service would love to see you come back to rejoin and enjoy the benefits of membership.

By returning these materials to the Library you will be giving other

patrons the chance to borrow these items as well as ensuring that Council does not have to purchase replacements for lost items.

Don't forget to bring your items inside to the check-in counter to ensure it is correctly returned.

### Join a Book Club at the Library

Are you a book lover that would love to share your opinions about books with others? The Mitcham Library Service has a few vacancies in their book groups. New members are welcome to join groups who meet monthly at the Libraries, at night or during the day. Sets of books are supplied and groups get together over coffee to discuss selected titles.

### Babytime

Babytime sessions of songs and rhymes for 0-2 years will also be held at 10.30 am fortnightly at Mitcham Library on Wednesday mornings and Blackwood Library on Thursday mornings.

### Mitcham Library Wednesday at 10.30 am

February 1 and 15  
March 14 and 28  
May 9 and 23  
June 6 and 20

### Blackwood Library Thursday at 10.30 am

February 2 and 16  
March 1, 15 and 29  
April 26  
May 10 and 24  
June 7 and 21

No need to book for Babytime just come along for stories, songs and craft.



### Preschool Storytime

Our free preschool story sessions are a fun way parents, grandparents, friends and child carers can share time with their children. Sessions are sometimes noisy, sometimes crazy, but guaranteed fun. Story times have weekly themes of stories, finger plays, rhymes and songs that are followed by a craft activity. No need to book.

### Mitcham Library

Monday 10.30 am  
Thursday 10.30 am  
Blackwood Library  
Tuesday 10.30 am  
Wednesday 10.30 am

### Scrabble

Come along and enjoy a social game or two of Scrabble monthly at the Mitcham Library on a Saturday afternoon at 2 pm. The next meeting will be on Saturday 3 March. All levels welcome and games supplied.

### Knitting and Crochet Group

If you enjoy knitting and crocheting come along and join this friendly group which meets monthly at the Mitcham Library on a Saturday afternoon at 1.30 pm. The next meeting will be held on Saturday 25 February.

For more information or to book a place please contact Blackwood Library on 8372 8255 or Mitcham Library on 8372 8244.

# Upcoming Work in Your Street



## Stormwater Drainage Construction

Stage two of the Belair Road Stormwater Drainage Project is now complete.

## Kerbing Construction

Construction of kerb, watertable and pavement in Park Road, St Marys is now completed.

Kerb and watertable replacement works in preparation for resurfacing works at the intersection of Eliza Place and O'Neil Street, Panorama and Hampton Street, Hawthorn has commenced.

Construction of kerb and watertable associated with a new footpath in Avenue Road, Cumberland Park will begin shortly.

## Road Works

**Council's road rehabilitation and overlay works are to be completed in the following streets:**

Adelaide Terrace, Benjamin Street to Denis Street, St Marys.

Adelaide Terrace, Denis Street to Dorene Street, St Marys.

Brighton Parade, Brigalow Avenue to Ashley Court, Blackwood.

Caulfield Avenue, South Road to Dairy Vale, Clarence Gardens.

Eliza Place, O'Neil Street roundabout, Panorama.

Hampton Street, Belair Road to Williams Street, Hawthorn.

Hampton Street, Williams Street to Hilda Terrace, Hawthorn.

Laura Avenue, Brookman Avenue to Auricchio Avenue, St Marys.

Laura Avenue, Quinlan Avenue to Brookman Avenue, St Marys.

Lee Street, Viaduct Road to Wilpena Street, Eden Hills.

Park Road (north and south), Styles Avenue to Thurles Street, St Marys.

Walsh Avenue, South Road to Dorene Street, St Marys.

**Council's bitumen rejuvenation works have been completed in the following streets:**

Acorn Road, Elm Street to Acacia Road, Hawthorndene.

Adey Road, Garnet Parade to Cumming Street, Blackwood.

Adey Road, Johnson Parade to Simla Parade, Blackwood.

Ashby Avenue, Johnson Parade to Brighton Parade, Blackwood.

Corunna Avenue, South Road to Stephen Street, Melrose Park.

Corunna Avenue, Stephen Street to Winston Avenue, Melrose Park.

Deneland Drive, Myrtle Road to culdesac, Hawthorndene.

Elder Street, Ayers Avenue to Morgan Avenue, Daw Park.

Elm Street, Cypress Avenue to culdesac, Hawthorndene.

Glen Avenue, Elm Street to Willow Avenue, Hawthorndene.

Greenwood Grove, Waite Road to Pitcairn Avenue, Urrbrae.

Gulfview Road, Hannaford Road to culdesac, Blackwood.

Gulfview Road, Main Road to Waite Street, Blackwood.

Gulfview Road, Waite Street to Hannaford Road, Blackwood.

Jervois Street, Cross Road to Hampton Street, Hawthorn.

Johnson Parade, Brighton Parade to Coromandel Parade, Blackwood.

Kindergarten Avenue, Meadow Avenue to Suffolk Road, Hawthorndene.

Kingston Avenue, Stephen Street to Winston Avenue, Melrose Park.

Landsdowne Avenue, Monalta Drive to Thorngate Drive, Belair.

Leslie Avenue, Samson Avenue to Sussex Terrace, Westbourne Park.

Light Place, Goodwood Road to Light Square, Colonel Light Gardens.

Light Place, Light Square (5 to 19 and 6 to 18), Colonel Light Gardens.

Milne Street, Ayers Avenue to Morgan Avenue, Daw Park.

Meadow Avenue, Deneland Drive to Rankeys Hill, Hawthorndene.

Menura Avenue, Californian Crescent to Corella Avenue, Glenalta.

Menura Avenue, Corella Avenue to Elizabeth Avenue, Glenalta.

Norman Walk, culdesac to Old Belair, Mitcham.

Oswald Avenue, Redgum Drive to Monalta Drive, Belair.

Price Avenue, Macpherson Street to Anson Avenue, Clapham.

Rapid Avenue, Rozells Avenue to Corunna Avenue, Colonel Light Gardens.

Redgum Drive, Landsdowne Avenue to Lindsay Terrace, Belair.

Simla Parade, Brighton Parade to Coromandel Parade, Blackwood.

Stephen Street, reserve to Corunna Avenue, Melrose Park.

Strathcona Avenue, Barretts Road to O'Neil Street, Clapham.

## Traffic Management

**Road safety projects are in progress at:**

Princes Road, Mitcham.

Construction of pedestrian safety facilities located along Princes Road will be completed in late February.

Mountain Road, Eden Hills. Council has commenced construction of a parking bay on Mountain Road.

Grand Boulevard, Craigburn Farm. Parking bays are under construction at 23 and 25 Grand Boulevard.

Wilpena Street, Eden Hills. Parking controls and an Emu Crossing have been constructed at Wilpena Street.

## Footpath Construction

**Paving works recently completed:**

Ridgehaven Drive, Highland Drive to Heathfield Road, Bellevue Heights (north).

Minnow Reserve, Minnow Drive to Bridge, Glenalta (east).

Sherwood Reserve, bridge to Sherwood Drive, Glenalta (east).

Hawthorndene Oval, Watahuna Avenue to Wattle Avenue, Hawthorndene (east).

Park Road, Styles Avenue to Thurles Street, St Marys (north and south).

Gloucester Avenue, Caroline Avenue to Christine Avenue, Belair (north).

Gloucester Avenue, Kalyra Road to Caroline Avenue, Belair (north).

Main Road, Sturt Avenue to Turners Avenue, Coromandel Valley (east).

Suffolk Road, Suffolk Reserve to Myrtle Road, Hawthorndene (north).

Coromandel Parade, Plymouth Avenue to Boronia Avenue, Coromandel Valley (east).

## Paving Works in Progress

Arnold Street, Princes Road to Baker Road, Kingswood (west).

Bakers Road, East Parade to Elphyn Road, Kingswood (south).

Denis Street, Rothersay Avenue to Adelaide Terrace, St Marys (east).

Godden Street, Hampton Street to Devonshire Street, Hawthorn (east).

John Street, Princes Road to Hill Street, Kingswood (west).

Main Road, Railway Station Reserve to Railway Crossing, Blackwood (east).

Park Street, Princes Road to North Parade, Kingswood (east).

Princes Road, East Parade to John Street, Torrens Park (north).

Rothersay Avenue, Dorene Street to Reserve, St Marys (north).

Rothersay Avenue, South Road to Dorene Street, St Marys (south).

Upper Sturt Road, Rankeys Hill Road to Fairway Drive, Hawthorndene (south).

Vernon Avenue, East Parade to Park Street, Kingswood (north).

## Paving works programmed for February/March

Lawn Street, O'Neil Street to end, Panorama (west).

Stella Street, O'Neil Street to no 1, Panorama (east).

Brighton Parade, Johnson Parade to Ashby Avenue, Blackwood (west).

Goodwood Road, Edward Street to Dudley Avenue, Daw Park (west).

Barretts Road, Cole Street to Railway Line, Clapham (north).

Cole Street, Columbia Avenue to Barretts Road, Clapham (east).

Flinders Avenue, Bedford Square to Salisbury Crescent, Colonel Light Gardens (east).

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# City of Mitcham Annual Report 2010/2011



Council has matched its activities against the Key Result Areas of our Strategic Management Plan to form the 2010/2011 Annual Report.

## ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

TO ENSURE THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF ASSETS AND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESS MEETS CRITICAL ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AND PROVIDES FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT.



Council achieved its financial sustainability objectives keeping within its targets of:

- Operating Surplus of \$1,879,000
- Net Financial Liability ratio of 10%
- Interest Cover ratio of 0%
- Asset Sustainability ratio of 85%
- Asset Consumption ratio of 42%

Council approved the Budget, Annual Business Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and the Statutory Financial Statements.

148,000 m<sup>2</sup> of road rehabilitation works, including asphalt resealing and bitumen rejuvenation were completed at a cost of \$2.8 m.

5.7 km of kerb and watertable were constructed at a cost of \$1.7 m.

12.5 km of new and replacement block paved footpaths were constructed at a cost of \$2.1 m.

A new clay brick paved footpath was constructed on the north side of Main Road between the Belair Hotel entrances.

A vehicle access bridge was installed over the Sturt River in Coromandel Valley.

Two new replacement pedestrian bridges were installed in Sunvalley Reserve, Glenalta and along the Sturt River Linear Park, Coromandel Valley.

Options for the new Blackwood Activity Centre were evaluated.

An activity centre in Mitcham West continued to be explored.

A new ramp and handrail was installed to the front entrance at the Mitcham RSL.

New automatic doors were installed to the main entrance of the Hawthorn Bowling Club.

New access ramps, handrails and accessible carparking spaces were installed at the Mitcham Cultural Village.

The Inner Southern Business Enterprise Centre provided 155 businesses with ongoing service or emergency support.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

TO ENSURE THE NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENTS ARE PROTECTED, ENHANCED AND TO CONSERVE RESOURCES, PREVENT WASTE AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.

A draft Residential Development Plan Amendment continued to be prepared for consultation to better recognise and respect local character.

Work continued on a Heritage Development Plan Amendment to incorporate additional Local Heritage Places in Mitcham's Development Plan and to investigate potential additional Historic Conservation Zones/Policy Areas.

A Watercourse Development Plan Amendment continued to be prepared to protect riparian character, property and life from flooding events associated with the Brown Hill Creek and Sturt River and their tributaries.

Council, in partnership with the Cities of Adelaide, Burnside, Unley and West Torrens, continued to work on producing a revised Draft Stormwater Management Plan for the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks that has an improved focus on solutions that are sustainable, environmentally acceptable and meet industry standard cost benefit requirements.

Traffic management improvements were made by installing distinctive paving at intersections along Winston Avenue and locations within the Overton East area.

Safety bar islands were installed at Main Road and Gloucester Avenue, Belair; and the intersections at High Street and Maitland Street, Mitcham and Newark Road and Ayr Avenue, Torrens Park to improve road safety.

The Black Spot funded road safety improvements at the High Street, Albert Street and Taylors Road intersection were completed.

Concept designs for road safety improvements were completed for Delamere Avenue, Urrbrae and pedestrian refuge areas along Princes Road, Mitcham.

Over 1,200 trees were planted in local streets to replace trees lost to drought, age and other causes.

Council continued to explore alternative street tree species and looked to develop a range of both exotic and native trees suitable for street planting that have a life span greater than 25 years.

Stormwater was captured from roads and directed into the verge and reserve areas to provide passive irrigation for trees.

New playground equipment was installed at Alexander Ross Reserve.

Improvements to the Mitcham General Cemetery were undertaken.

Council received a grant of \$83,332 to develop a Strategic Fire Break along Sheoak Road.

Native species continued to be planted in existing revegetation sites at Magpie Gully, Blackwood; Hawthorndene Oval and Dunns Reserve, Glenalta; Jackson Reserve, Coromandel Valley; and Brown Hill Reserve.

Work continued to restore Brown Hill Reserve, Stage 2.

\$38,850 in grants was approved for 17 landholders in the Mitcham hills to assist in the control of weeds and revegetation of land.

450 European Wasp nests were destroyed.

A report on using stormwater from wetland for irrigation was presented to the Urrbrae Wetland Committee.

Water sensitive urban design projects have been constructed at Styles Avenue and St Marys Street, St Marys; Mitcham Reserve Car Park; Maitland Street, Mitcham; and Adam Street, Torrens Park.

A total of 12,213 tonnes of domestic waste was removed, 7,282 tonnes of recyclables were processed and 8,935 tonnes of greens were recovered for mulch and composting.

The annual domestic hard waste collection recovered 1,370 tonnes of material from 13,162 residential properties.

Council commenced development of an Environmental Management System.



## AT A GLANCE

Population of the City of Mitcham	64,717
Council Size	75.7 m <sup>2</sup>
Properties	26,500
Parks and Gardens	230
Street Trees Planted	1,200
Immunisations Administered	6,372
European Wasp Nets Destroyed	450
Dogs Registered	9,114
Mitcham Library Service Borrowers	29,841
Mitcham Library Service Loans	434,463
Toy Library Borrowers	1,286
Toy Library Loans	20,315
Community Bus Trips	17,348
Hours contributed by Volunteers	22,423
Community Grants Allocated	\$29,350
Road Rehabilitation	148,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Paved Footpaths Constructed	12.5 km
Kerb and Watertable Renewed	5.7 km
Domestic Waste to Landfill (tonnes)	12,213
Recyclable Collected (tonnes)	7,282
Green Recyclables Collected (tonnes)	8,935
Domestic Hard Refuse Collected (tonnes)	1,370

To inspect a full copy of the 2010/2011 Annual Report, visit the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, Blackwood or Mitcham Library or [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au). Copies can be purchased from the Customer Service Centre at 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park for \$10.



## COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

TO IMPROVE WELL-BEING AND CREATE A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS LEARNING, PARTICIPATION, INCLUSIVENESS AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES.

The Library Service received 434,463 visits with 29,841 members borrowing 912,960 items. 21,371 people participated in activities.

7,500 children and carers attended preschool storytelling sessions.

2,600 children and their carers attended baby story-time and 290 people attended night time story-time.

The Toy Libraries had 1,286 registered borrowers. 20,315 educational toys and games were borrowed and 31,224 visits made.

A sign was installed on the last Mitcham Tram Pole in the Mitcham Village Conservation Area to recognise its historic importance.

A seat was constructed on Blackwood Hill Reserve near the site of the old farmhouse.

The refurbishment of the Blackwood Railway sign at Fiveways was completed.

\$29,350 of Community Development Grants was allocated to 35 organisations.

301 volunteers contributed 22,423 hours of volunteer service to the community across 24 programs.

Programs and activities operating at the Mitcham Cultural Village at Princes Road in Mitcham continued to grow.

Additional solar panels were installed at the Mitcham Cultural Village.

Acoustic panels and curtains were installed in the Mitcham Village Institute Hall. Work has begun to install air conditioning in the Community Shed and refurbish the kitchen in the Mitcham Village Institute.

Construction of the Lynton Belair Urban Trail was completed and officially opened.

The planning and implementation of shared use trail network continued with Zones 3 and 4 of the Mountain Bike Strategy adopted by Council.

Council received a grant from the Department of Planning and Local Government for planning the Zone 1 Trail Network.

The first stage of the Sturt Linear Park Trail upgrade in Coromandel Valley including construction of two new bridges for pedestrian and community access was completed.

Mitcham's 'Clean Site' development at Craighburn Farm - stage two continued.

Commenced stage two of the Sheoak Road Vegetation Management Plan.

Council conducted 48 community immunisation clinics with a total of 1,634 vaccines administered. 27 visits, for the School Based Immunisation Program, delivering 4,738 vaccines were undertaken across nine secondary schools within Mitcham.

9,114 dogs were registered with 423 expiations issued for breaches of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.

101 inspections were carried out to ensure compliance with the Food Safety Standards and the Food Act.

A total of 6,642 expiation notices were issued.

Council introduced a Cat By-law and appointed a Cat Management Officer to implement the By-Law and responsible cat ownership.

A formal Home and Community Care appraisal of the services resulted in full marks demonstrating that quality service standards are being met to a high level.

1,646 people were provided with a total of 55,912 hours of support services.

421 residents received domestic assistance short term, for a longer term or a much needed spring clean. 5,498 hours of cleaning was provided.

1,022 residents received assistance from Council's home maintenance team.

Lunch clubs provided 1,473 meals to residents along with transport, entertainment and interesting speakers.

Council's Personal Transport Service provided 289 residents with 10,844 hours of social support and transport.

The Mitcham Community Bus service transported 272 residents on 17,348 trips.

480 local students attended seminars which focussed on youth issues.

National Youth Week was celebrated with a range of workshops for comic art, henna and music with 24 young people attending.

Council held an Avenue Road Skate Park Competition with 50 competitors and over 100 spectators.

## ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE

TO ENSURE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE THAT IMPROVES PERFORMANCE, VALUES STAFF AND PROMOTES THE EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE.



Local Government elections were held in November 2010. Elections were held in every Ward and for the position of Mayor. The election resulted in a change of membership of 50% of the Council.

Council's standard contract documents were updated to include standard clauses provided by the Local Government Association and Mutual Liability Scheme.

Council registered 48,047 items and created 1,691 files.

21 Freedom of Information applications were received. Of these, seven were granted full release, 12 partial release, one was refused, one was withdrawn and one was unfinished.

A total of 29 confidential items were tabled at meetings of Council.

An extensive Business Process Review for the Electronic Document Records Management System was undertaken across the organisation.

The Customer Service Centre handled an average of 341 calls per day, received an average 139 face to face transactions per day, an additional 49 postal transactions per day, processed 3,079 dog renewals and registered 1,177 cats.

Council employed a total of 289 people; 208 full-time employees, 43 part-time employees and 38 casual employees.

A risk management review placed Mitcham above the metropolitan Council average in five of the eight categories. Council received a bonus for its performance.

16 workers compensation claims were lodged with a total of 49 working days lost.

The Local Government Association Workers Compensation Scheme awarded Council a rebate of 45.7% (from a maximum rebate of 55%).

# From your Elected Members



## DEPUTY MAYOR

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Delightedly, I have recently been appointed Deputy Mayor of Council until November 2012. As Mayor Picton is currently on leave, I am taking this opportunity to contribute to our news in this role.

I wish all our residents and their families good health and happiness and a prosperous 2012. A sincere welcome also to new residents and their families who may have moved to our City to make a new home.

The Civic Centre at Mitcham has extensive resources to assist you with any queries. Mitcham City Council was established in 1853 and was the first District Council to be formed outside of the City of Adelaide. As such we have a long history of building and serving our community. Of course we strive always to improve.

There are many complex issues and challenges currently facing us. As your representatives, we are reliant on obtaining accurate information and guidance in our decision making. This has to come from robust discussion and debate and accurate information provided to us by Administration. Importantly though, Local Government is the platform for your voice for our community and I encourage you to use it. We value your view. Councillors are always available should you have concerns related to Council matters.



## BOORMAN WARD

CR LEEANNE MORIARTY

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- Our Valuable Volunteers
- Australia Day Celebrations

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My email 'in box' gets filled weekly with emails from a wide range of people. Many wish to communicate their thoughts on a range of issues going on in the City of Mitcham or often just in Boorman Ward. There have been many issues to write about - the proposed dam in Brownhill Creek, the Sturt Baseball Club at Norman Reserve, public consultation about Netherby

Reserve, road works on Belair Road, road works on Fullarton Road, planning issues, heritage issues and hard waste removal issues - just to name a few. Sadly, a lot of this communication dwells on negative aspects. I quite understand this and empathise with my fellow residents of Mitcham. But as it is the season of festivities and forgiveness, the coming together of families, and of summer holidays, I thought I would look at some positive things going on around Mitcham. How lucky I was to find so many to write about - I actually had to edit out many!

Firstly, there were so many lovely Christmas celebrations happening in our area - many of which were free. For the children, both our Libraries at Blackwood and Hawthorn hosted wonderful free Christmas Shows with 'Giggly Kids'. For the family, there was the 'Carols by the Creek'

event which gave a true sense of community, as well as providing musical enjoyment and much entertainment - all for free!

Another positive to be found in Mitcham are our volunteers. Did you know the City of Mitcham has 300 of them? 300 people willing to give up some of their time to help residents of Mitcham, whether they drive the Mitcham Community Bus, or act as a JP at the Civic Centre or assist at the Mitcham Toy Library, for example. That is to be celebrated!

Talking of celebrations, there was also the Australia Day festivity at Carrick Hill which celebrated 84 new Australian citizens receiving their citizenship. This event also included a free BBQ and musical entertainment. More free things going on in Mitcham!

Other positives to be counted are a Community Garden being planned for Mitcham, 400 households being given an opportunity to give feedback when called up in November to do the Annual Survey, the fact we have wonderful men and women who volunteer and help us as Fire Fighters during this high risk fire season, and even the simple fact that this publication is available as an Audio tape at the Blackwood and Mitcham Libraries, should a resident wish to listen rather than read the Mitcham Community News. All positives!

It is easy to dwell on the frustrating and negative aspects of our lives, but once in a while it is quite an eye opener to look for positives around us and I certainly enjoyed - and learnt a lot- when trying to find positives in the City of Mitcham.



## THE PARK WARD

CR MARK WARD

- Rail Freight Bypass
- Master Plan
- Library - Long Overdue

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Happy new year to you all. 2012 presents some exciting challenges on Council and I am looking forward to being at the forefront of many of them on behalf of the community. It also presents some challenges for the other tiers of Government. Councils do not operate in isolated vacuums from State and Federal Government, and many of the challenges will involve some lobbying, collaboration and cooperation of all tiers.

### Rail Freight Bypass

The regional development boards have picked up the issue of a freight train bypass and are making it one of their priorities, following our four years of work. Many community members have asked that I reform a committee to continue our valuable role in progressing building of a

necessary bypass. I am pleased to say that a committee is in the process of being formed and will begin hopefully early in 2012. I read recently in The Advertiser that South Australia will need to cope with four times the number of heavy trucks on the road due to the pending resource boom. Can you imagine that? The infrastructure needed is a rail and road bypass, removing many trucks from the already congested roads and allowing safer and more efficient transport of goods and resources - including more dangerous chemicals and fuels. A bypass needs to be built - it is a no brainer. We need a future thinking government that is prepared to invest in a bypass for South Australia. I urge you to make it a Federal election issue.

### Master Plan

Living in the Mitcham hills is wonderful. We have a great community and wonderful surroundings. However the infrastructure is now in need of a major overhaul. Traffic flows are increasing, bringing more delays and more time travel. Parking in some car parks is dangerous. I have seen many cars clash side mirrors in passing each other in narrow car park strips. Pedestrians in car

parks and along the main arterial roads into and out of Blackwood continue to experience close shaves. Freight trains will increase in length by 20% and will double in frequency bringing even more road delays. Major shops in the area will need to expand and modernise their tired appearances due to the growth in the area, as well as the increasing pressure from more modern and easier access shopping developments close by. There is little doubt that this area needs a master plan. Not just a Council plan but a plan that brings all players to the discussion, planning and decision table. The need for a coordinated response, and the once in a lifetime opportunity to co-develop a plan for Blackwood with all other parties is presently before us. A master plan will provide opportunity to remove the uncoordinated development that we all witness every day, and allow us to build a better Blackwood for current and future generations. Your Councillors need to know your thoughts as it is the Councillors who vote on and decide such issues.

### Library - Long Overdue

There is an ongoing renaissance in learning. New and emerging technologies are changing the way

people learn and interact, and being the community's most important cultural and social institutions our public libraries in Mitcham are 'long overdue' for modernising. I support the redevelopment of the libraries in Mitcham, starting with the Blackwood Library/Community Centre. Contemporary libraries play a vital role in lifelong learning and we have the opportunity to invest in current and future generations by building a new library/community centre. However this requires the support of rate payers. Council staff have presented reports on how a new resource centre could be funded in a number of different ways. Yet other tiers of Government could play a greater role in investing in lifelong learning in our community. A great supplement to the Government's recent BER investment in school buildings would be additional funding for a new Blackwood Library/Community Centre. This would complement and extend the excellent learning for our students, as well as providing modern and relevant learning and gathering spaces for the entire community.

Please contact me via email with your comments and ideas.

## Community Ward Forums

Community Ward Forums provide an opportunity for residents to meet with Elected Members, find out more about your ward, ask questions and talk about local issues. Residents are invited to attend their local forum on:

### Community Forum for Gault Ward

(Clapham, Colonel Light Gardens [part], Hawthorn, Lower Mitcham and Westbourne Park)

**7 pm, Monday 20 February**

City of Mitcham, Mayor's Parlour, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

### Community Forum for Overton Ward

(Clarence Gardens, Melrose Park, Cumberland Park, Daw Park, Colonel Light Gardens [part])

**7 pm, Monday 5 March**

City of Mitcham Works Depot, Winston Court, Melrose Park.

### Community Forum for Babbage Ward

(Bedford Park, Panorama, Pasadena and St Marys)

**7 pm, Thursday 8 March**

City of Mitcham, Mayor's Parlour, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

### Community Forum for Boorman Ward

(Kingswood, Torrens Park, Lynton, Mitcham, Netherby, Brown Hill Creek, Springfield, Urrbrae, Leawood Gardens)

**7 pm, Thursday 15 March**

City of Mitcham, Mayor's Parlour, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

### Community Forum for Craighburn/The Park Ward

(Blackwood, Belair, Bellevue Heights, Coromandel Valley, Craighburn Farm, Eden Hills, Glenalta, Hawthorndene and Upper Sturt)

**7 pm, Wednesday 28 March**

Blackwood Over 50s, 4 Young Street, Blackwood.

For more information call 8372 8888.

**GAULT WARD****CR CHRIS ADCOCK**

- Dogs Off Leash
- Rat Runners

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**Happy New Year**

To all residents of Mitcham and beyond, I wish you a very happy and healthy new year. Someone once said; "your Merry Christmas may depend on what others do for you, but your Happy New Year depends on what you do for others." May this year be one in which we all strive to build a wonderful caring and giving community.

**Dogs Off Leash**

Before the election I was approached by a dog loving resident to attempt to change the rules regarding the requirement to have dogs on a leash between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm on Price Memorial Oval (Hawthorn) Oval. If you drive past the oval during most days of the week, there are no signs of life, dog or otherwise. To that end, I moved that Council report on the community feelings about the possibility of change. The community was evenly divided about the possibility of extending the existing times although I suspect that a number of survey forms were handed out to members of the clubs which use the oval and who were disinclined to share. As a part of the process, it had been found that there are many more visits by dogs and dog lovers, than those who use the oval as a sporting facility.

There were strong comments during the debate, including some from those who were dog owners,

as opposed to dog lovers, who did not understand that dogs must be exercised and socialised. Unfortunately the motion to have all restrictions removed was defeated. Other motions were put, including one which removed all access to the oval by dogs unless they were on a leash. Eventually a motion was put to reduce the hours when the requirement to have dogs on leash by three hours. The new rules are that dogs must be on a leash between the hours of 11 am and 4 pm unless there is organised sporting activity or practise. Better than previously but it still is difficult to understand why a wonderful community owned facility such as the Price Memorial Oval is not accessible to the community at all times.

**Rat Runners**

I have been approached on a number of occasions by residents whose lifestyle has been compromised by drivers who find it difficult to stick to the main traffic

routes and mistakenly think that dashing around the back streets will save them a few seconds in their busy day. In one case the resident's driveway is very close to the corner of Cross Road and cars exit that road at speed, causing the resident much concern when trying to back out of their driveway. Council has attempted to calm the traffic with lines etc, but it still has not had the desired effect. Another concern has been exiting Grange Road in Hawthorn and dashing down Abbotshall Road and Wemyss Avenue which is prohibited between the hours of 4 pm and 6 pm.

There have been some complaints, including one from a local MP but if the signs are there, they must be obeyed. The main roads are designed for a heavy traffic use including traffic lights which control the traffic flow.

I believe that more should be done to stop the rat runners who often do not live in the area and spoil the amenity of those who do.

**BABBAGE WARD****CR CHRISTOPHER GELLIE**

- Pot Pourri a Plenty
- Heritage Forever
- Welcome Expansion

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**Pot Pourri a Plenty**

This issue we will brew up a steaming kettle containing a pot pourri of Council items which should interest you.

We will start with the most important item - the proposed Mitcham West Community Centre. As you may know this potentially wonderful site is on Daws Road, St Marys. It can be made into a Pandora's box of many community delights for all our citizens, particularly those throughout Babbage Ward and the adjoining Overton Ward. However there is a problem.

The placement of sufficient parking spaces in and near the property would seem to have been solved. However, at the time of going to press another problem remains. The

zone is general industry although it contains a goodly number of retail and other establishments. However this future pearl that could mean so much to all of us is classified as non-complying. However offsetting this is the fact that our site (formerly the Melrose Park School) and another school (operated by the State Government) have sat next to each other for donkey's years, both being so-called non-complying. My understanding is that it is not that unusual to have so-called non-complying properties within various zones. And, as well I know, Mitcham Council has brought its best brains to the fore towards solving this problem. It is a bit much to ask for divine intervention. However hopefully earthly common sense will mean this wonderful Mitcham West Community Centre will blossom into full reality.

**Heritage Forever**

I have been elected to the Council's Heritage Committee which pleases me greatly. Saving worthy old buildings from the jaws of the bulldozer is to me of utmost importance. ABC programs show how keenly the English have regard for this pursuit. Our planning people have done sterling work regarding upholding heritage needs.

I am proud to have once had a part interest in a small still-standing building erected not that long after HMS Buffalo graced our shores in 1836.

The annual Tidy Streets competition, which I initiated, will take place in the cooler months that are so much kinder to our flowers and vegetation. Would it not be wonderful if we also had a Flower Day annually throughout Mitcham? An impossible dream! As I recall we once had annual Flower Days in the City of Adelaide with exciting floral displays along North Terrace. What alas happened to them? Canberra has its Floriade and for sheer beauty no city excels Victoria on Vancouver Island Canada. It is adorned by multitudes of flower boxes brimming with glorious blooms.

**Welcome Expansion**

How nice to see the major expansion of the Pasadena Shopping Centre, and the new Stratco premises spilling off South Road, St Marys. Isn't local shopping so much better than to have so many people scampering across to Marion, Unley or Burnside! There is nothing wrong in being parochial is there? Still more importantly the two major developments have meant hundreds more jobs, tens of millions of dollars

in local investment and enhanced customer facilities. But above all that, two main thoroughfares from the south - South Road and Fiveash Drive (the continuation of Goodwood Road) will bring shoppers from outside our area. In other words as the devotees of economic geography would have it - two significantly enlarged markets have been opened up.

We are blessed in the City of Mitcham in having wonderful reserves and the delights of mainly low-density living. Each has its many advantages. It was put to me that if an Englishman's home is his castle then in many cases an Australian's home, in the City of Mitcham, should be his quarter-acre piece of paradise. In saying this I never cease to be enthralled by how many are the multitudes of homeowners who take such pride in their homes and in their gardens.

Coming back to an earlier thought. A Flower Day throughout our City! Will we ever become lucky enough to have this become reality?

## One Step Closer to Developing a Community Garden in Mitcham

### A working group has been established to develop a business plan for a community garden in Mitcham.

In December a group of residents, who had identified their interest in being involved in setting up a community garden, meet and agreed

to form a working group. The group, lead by a community volunteer, will develop a business plan for a community garden (or gardens).

The plan, which will be developed over the next three months, will consider the needs of both Council and all stakeholders including

residents in the Mitcham hills and plains, community groups, residents' associations and local businesses.

The business plan will then be presented to Council for consideration on possible sites, funding considerations and potential further commitment.



Residents who were not able to attend the meetings but who are keen to be involved in the working group can obtain further information by contacting Anne Jenner on 8372 8830 or by email at [ajenner@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:ajenner@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au).

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# Mitcham Community Calendar



## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### ADELAIDE HILLS ZONTA CLUB

Meets on the **fourth Wednesday** of every month at the Belair Country Club for dinner at **7 pm**. New members and visitors welcome. Call 8278 2676.

### PROBUS CLUB OF BLACKWOOD

Retired or Semi-Retired? Looking for a social outing with a friendly group? Come and try the **Probus Club of Blackwood!** The club provides opportunities for retired and semi-retired men to meet on the **first Thursday of every month at 9.30 am** in the rear hall of the Masonic Lodge, Main Road, Blackwood. Meetings include guest speakers, member contributions and discussions with friends old and new over a cup of tea or coffee. Call 8278 2096 or 8278 2607, or write to PO Box 504 Blackwood 5051.

## GET FIT/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### TAI CHI AND QIGONG

Classes are held at the Mitcham Cultural Village, Princes Road, Mitcham on **Monday and Tuesday mornings**. Tai Chi is easy to learn and helps improve your health. Make new friends and enjoy the music and relaxation of this calming exercise. Come along and try. The first lesson is obligation free. Call 8277 8605.

### BLACKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Come along to the Family Service each **Sunday at 10 am or the 7 pm** night service at 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood. Oasis Youth Group meets every Friday night during term time from **7 to 10.30 pm**. Call 8370 0333 or visit [www.bhbc.org.au](http://www.bhbc.org.au)

### MITCHAM PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Come along on **Thursday 23 February at 7 pm** at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL Club, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens to raise questions and discuss concerns with other members. The group offers support and provides a forum for members to discuss health issues. Visit [www.psamitcham.org](http://www.psamitcham.org) or call 8277 3424.

### BROADBAND FOR SENIORS KIOSK

Free access for seniors to computers, printers and fast broadband Internet at the **Blackwood Hills Baptist Church Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm**. Tutors by appointment. To book a tutor call Laurie on 0408 278 826.

### GREY BOX COMMUNITY GROUP

The Group works to protect, vegetate and restore grey box in the hills. Come along to a meeting held monthly on the **third Tuesday at 7.30 pm**. For more information visit [www.greyboxcommunity.org](http://www.greyboxcommunity.org)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### URRBRÆ WETLAND OPEN DAY

Come and tour the Urrbrae Wetland on **Sunday 15 April from 2 to 4 pm**. The Friends of Urrbrae Wetland will provide short, illustrated talks on the hour, followed by guided walking tours. Entrance to the open day is \$2 for adults and school-age children are free. Car parking is available by entering off Cross Road. For more information visit [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urrbrae\\_Wetland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urrbrae_Wetland)

## Food Safety Training Program

The City of Mitcham is conducting free food safety training sessions for staff working in food businesses in the City of Mitcham.

Council's Environmental Health Services Unit undertakes routine inspections of over 300 food businesses such as restaurants, supermarkets, hospitals and bakeries each year as well as providing educational material on the importance of food safety.

A food safety training program has recently been introduced by Council to educate local food businesses on the latest food safety principles and highlight the responsibilities of food handlers to provide safe and suitable food for sale.

The food safety training program is a three hour session and is free for staff working in food businesses located in the City of Mitcham.

### Food Safety Training Program

**Wednesday 14 March**  
1.30 pm to 4.30 pm

**Wednesday 20 June**  
5.30 pm to 8.30 pm

**Wednesday 17 October**  
9.30 am to 12.30 pm

**Location:** Mayor's Parlour, City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park

**To book or obtain further information please contact the Environmental Health Services Unit on 8372 8816.**



## Wittunga Under the Stars

Enjoy a musical evening at Wittunga Under the Stars on **Friday 17 February from 6 pm** at the Wittunga Botanical Gardens, Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills.

The Lions Club of Blackwood invites you to the beautiful surrounds of Wittunga Botanical Gardens to enjoy performances from The Bearded Gypsy Band, New Orleans Ramblers, Limited Edition, BEC JM and Ellington Heirs and St Johns Grammar School Band.

Get together with a group of friends and enjoy a great night's entertainment on the lawn in the natural amphitheatre over looking the lake. Don't forget to bring a rug or cushion to sit on, your own picnic or purchase food on the night from the Blackwood Lions Club BBQ as well as drinks, ice cream, tea and coffee.

The evening is to support the Blackwood After Hours Clinic at the Blackwood Hospital.

**Tickets are only \$15, concession \$12.50, \$5 per child or \$35 per family (two adults, two children) and are available at the gate, by phoning 8278 2655 or 8278 1230 or from the offices of Iain Evans, Blackwood Pharmacy or Alexandrou Estates.**

## Mitcham Rotary Community Grants

Mitcham Rotary is celebrating 50 years of community involvement by offering Mitcham community groups the opportunity to apply for a community grant of up to \$5,000.

If you are a community group in the Mitcham area and have plans for a project that will assist the Mitcham community but lack the funding or physical resources to make it happen then apply for a community grant from the Mitcham Rotary Club.

The Club is inviting community groups in the Mitcham Council area to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 for a project which they consider will enhance the local community.

To apply, email a completed application (available from [www.rotarynews.info/Club3763](http://www.rotarynews.info/Club3763)) to [mitcham.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:mitcham.rotary@gmail.com) by 5 pm on 9 March.

**For more information call 0407 717 313.**

## Learn How to Protect Mitcham's Bushland

Bush For Life programs involves the community in saving South Australia's rapidly disappearing bushland.

Bush For Life, Trees For Life's bush management program, is hosting bush regeneration workshops to provide information on how to restore and protect our State's native vegetation.

Participants will learn why the bush needs your help; the best strategies for restoring ecological processes; minimal disturbance techniques; how to work safely in the bush; and how you can get involved as a Bush For Life volunteer.

**If you want to find out more call 8406 0500.**

## Basketry Exhibition at Urrbrae House

Enjoy a beautiful display of basketry during the 2012 Adelaide Fringe Festival at Urrbrae House until March 4.

The Friends of the Waite Arboretum and Basketry South Australia, with funding support by the City of Mitcham, will stage a Basketry exhibition, 'Morphing Nature' an exhibition of contemporary basketry in Urrbrae House during the Adelaide Fringe Festival.

The exhibition will be open between 11 am and 4 pm daily until March 4.

Urrbrae House is located off Fullarton Road in Urrbrae.



## Red Bows Raise Money

For the past nine years Blackwood South Neighbourhood Watch has been providing red bow material to the Blackwood community to tie on their fences, carports and trees during the festive season.

Each year profits from the sale of the red bow material go towards the Neighbourhood Watch's annual free community barbecue and other worthwhile Community projects.

**Thank you to residents and businesses for their stunning red bow displays to celebrate the festive season.**





## Domestic 'At Call' Hard Waste Collection

Don't Miss Out! Book your FREE hard waste collection service today.

### 1 Book

Please book before placing your hard waste out for collection either by phoning 8295 5077, online at [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) or by visiting Council's Customer Service Centre. Pickup will be within four weeks of booking the service, with residents advised in writing two weeks prior to their pick up date.

### 2 Sort Your Waste

#### Items accepted for collection

- ✓ Furniture.
- ✓ Mattresses.
- ✓ Refrigerators and freezers (for safety reasons – please remove doors).
- ✓ White goods.
- ✓ Floor coverings (up to 1.5 metre lengths).
- ✓ Sheets of iron and guttering (up to 1.5 metre lengths).
- ✓ Timber off cuts (up to 1.5 metre lengths).
- ✓ Dismantled clothes lines.
- ✓ Blinds and window coverings.
- ✓ Bikes and toys.
- ✓ Air conditioners.
- ✓ Small items of scrap metal.
- ✓ Hot water services.
- ✓ Lawn mowers.

- ✓ Tree and shrub prunings cut into two metre lengths and tied in bundles (max of 30 cm diameter).
- ✓ Rainwater tanks (segments no larger than 1.5 metre).

#### How much can I put out?

A maximum of two cubic metres will be collected from each household.

#### Items not accepted for collection

- ✗ No bricks, rocks, dirt, pavers, concrete and building materials.
- ✗ No wooden pallets.
- ✗ No electronic waste (TV's, Computers, printers, phones DVD and VCR players, stereos, iPods etc).

- ✗ No motor vehicle tyres.
- ✗ No items too heavy for two people to lift (e.g. water softeners).
- ✗ No batteries.
- ✗ No paints.
- ✗ No ammunition, explosives or flares.
- ✗ No asbestos.
- ✗ No fire extinguishers.
- ✗ No motor oil.
- ✗ No gas bottles.
- ✗ No liquids.
- ✗ No chemicals.
- ✗ No panels of sheet glass.
- ✗ No car parts - e.g. gear boxes, engine blocks and panels.
- ✗ No business or industrial waste.

### 3 Place Your Waste out for Collection

Place accepted waste items out in a neat pile 24 hours before it is due for collection.

Remember it is your responsibility to ensure that the hard waste outside your property is placed and maintained safely until collected - even if it is moved by other people.

- **Put your waste out** 24 hours before it is due for collection. Residents will be asked to remove

their material if placed out earlier than their scheduled collection.

- **Leave plenty of room** on the footpath for people to walk past and keep items tidy and secure on the nature strip, not on the footpath or the roadway.
- **Don't leave anything sharp** or hazardous on the footpath.
- **Remove all doors** from fridges and freezers.

- **Don't stack** your waste too high.
- **Lay taller items down** (e.g. wardrobes).
- **Break larger items up** if possible.

All items to be collected are to be placed on the kerbside no earlier than the day before your collection and no later than 7 am the day of your collection.

Remember - littering is an offence and expiations may be issued under Council's by-laws for littering should materials be placed on the nature strip too early.

For e-waste disposal visit: E-Cycle Recovery [www.ecyclerecovery.com.au](http://www.ecyclerecovery.com.au); Australian Computer Society (SA) [www.acs.org.au/sa](http://www.acs.org.au/sa); or Planet Ark [www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au)

*The Domestic 'At Call' Hard Waste Collection Service is being conducted on behalf of the City of Mitcham by Solo Resource Recovery.*

For further information please contact the City of Mitcham's Customer Service Centre on 8372 8888. For collection enquiries and bookings call 8295 5077 or visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au)

## Friends of Gamble Garden Celebrate 25 Years



The Friends of Gamble Garden recently celebrated 25 years of service to the community during an afternoon tea in the beautiful cottage gardens.

Gamble Garden, located on the corner of Main and Dorham Roads at Blackwood, was bequeathed in 1982 by owners Clara and Edith Gamble to the City of Mitcham to ensure the garden would continue to be enjoyed by the community.

The Friends of the Gamble Garden were formed in 1985 to assist in the restoration and ongoing maintenance of the garden.

The garden was officially opened on Saturday 1 November 1986 thanks to the hard work of the Friends of the Gamble Garden volunteers with support from the City of Mitcham to restore the cottage garden. At the opening Clara and Edith Gamble planted a Queen Adelaide Rose to mark the occasion.

To commemorate 25 years of service to the community by the Friends of Gamble Garden over 50 guests including, Bob Such Independent Member for Fisher, Ian Evans Member for Davenport, Mayor Michael Picton, descendants of the Gamble family, past and present Friends of Gamble Garden and members of the National Trust gathered.

To mark 25 years a Queen Adelaide Rose was planted by Gwen Gardener, one of the original Friends in 1986 and still to this day helps in the garden.

Congratulations to the Friends of Gamble Garden for a beautiful cottage garden.



## Captured Memories at Centennial Park Photographic Exhibition

**Over 300 photographs illustrating unique moments in time are on show at Centennial Park's annual photographic exhibition and competition.**

The exhibition features works from professional photographers from the South Australian Photographic Federation, students from local secondary schools, as well as a number of Centennial Park staff and funeral industry members.

This year Centennial Park is also calling on budding photographers and members of the public to enter the cemetery's first ever online Photo Exhibition Competition.

From now until Friday 16 March, people can submit their own photos via Centennial Park's new Facebook page.

A variety of prizes including an iPad 2, iPod and iPod Nano will be on offer for the winning online entries.

To enter the competition, and for full details and terms and conditions, please visit Centennial Park's Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/centennialparkcemetery](http://www.facebook.com/centennialparkcemetery)

**The exhibition, held in the main foyer of Centennial Park's Jubilee Chapels Complex, is open to the community from Monday February 13 to Thursday 22 March.**

**Centennial Park's Jubilee Chapel's complex is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm for public entry.**

# Protecting Mitcham's Heritage

The City of Mitcham is reviewing its Development Plan to protect historically important buildings in the Council area.



Above (l-r): Mitcham Police Station and Institute, 1897-1900 (C A Petts Collection); Houses in the City of Mitcham today.

The vision for the City of Mitcham is not just about future development. It is about protecting our heritage and cultural assets.

Mitcham is one of the oldest Councils in South Australia and it is important that our history, including historically important buildings, is recognised and preserved for the enjoyment of future generations.

Council has been undertaking a review of the many heritage assets within its area aware of the pressure to subdivide properties and demolish older buildings.

Whilst Council is supportive of subdivision in appropriate areas, it has a responsibility to protect the history that can often be seen in a building that stands as a proud reflection of the City of Mitcham at a particular time in its history.

## Protecting Heritage through our Development Plan

Council's Development Plan is the key legal document that identifies these important local heritage places.

The way to include historic or unique properties in the Development Plan is to assess them against heritage classification criteria. Places are first provisionally entered in the Development Plan and after a period of public consultation, the provisional entries are either confirmed or removed.

The Minister for Planning will place an interim protection order on the property whilst the owner is consulted as to whether the details on the survey are correct and the property is worthy of protection. This is needed to protect against inappropriate demolition and unsuitable new development.

Even if your property is listed, it is likely it can still be modernised to meet today's standards, while preserving the external fabric of the building.

## Some Advantages Worth Considering

For those considering renovations or additions to a heritage listed property there are some benefits of listing:

- Free Heritage Advice  
Council has a specialist heritage architect who can provide limited free architectural advice in relation to local heritage places.
- Cash Grant  
Council has set up a Heritage Fund to provide a cash grant incentive for heritage conservation work. Details can be obtained from Council's website.

## How will you be Notified?

Once the Minister has agreed to the process, the changes to the Development Plan will be released for community consultation. Consultation is likely to commence in the first quarter of 2012. Directly affected property owners will be notified by letter and public notices will be placed in local newspapers.

The Heritage Development Plan Amendment, as it is known, will be available for inspection at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre and Blackwood and Mitcham Libraries. A copy of the Heritage Development Plan Amendment will be also available on Council's website at [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au)

## Where to from Here?

Council will undertake an eight week consultation period, during which time written representations will be welcomed. This will be followed by a public hearing.

Council will consider all representations made and review submissions before finalising the Heritage Development Plan Amendment including refining the list of the proposed local heritage places.

For more information on the Heritage Development Plan Amendment or consultation process please contact Ben Hignett, Senior Planner on 8372 8888.

# Coromandel Valley Celebrating 175 Years

175 years young and Coromandel Valley was jumping on Sunday 15 January for the launch of Coro Alive! 175 celebrations.



The celebration included a 'Sailors Walk', a BBQ lunch, a formal launch with guest speakers including Mitcham Deputy Mayor Cr Judith Weaver, Onkaparinga Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg and Keith Conlon and a cricket match on Frank Smith Oval.

To commemorate the occasion, three stunning flowering gums

were planted in Frank Smith Park. Relatives of the late Frank Smith and pioneer baker Walter Winn planted two of the trees. The third was planted by Jeanette and



## Heritage Heroscapes in Mitcham

In April watch out for Mitcham Heritage Research Centre's Heritage Heroscapes which will be erected on poles along roads leading to the Mitcham Cultural Village and Coromandel Valley to celebrate the 'About Time History Festival' and 175th Anniversary of Coromandel Valley settlement.

The Heritage Heroscapes will celebrate the life of a person who has lived in or contributed to the community in the City of Mitcham illustrating their life and highlighting key events.

If you would like to be part of this community project, register your 'hero' at the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre, 103b Princes Road, Mitcham, with a 100 word description about your hero or you may even like to do one of yourself!

**For further information please contact Mark Winders at the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre on 8372 8261 or 0408 022 748.**

Left: Dawn Gill and Virginia Manson with their Heroscape of Benjamin H Baggage created for the 2001 Peoplescape 'Centenary of Federation' project.

Marylyn Bell who are great-great-granddaughters of James Marshall, one of the sailors who absconded from HMS Coromandel and 'headed for the hills' in January 1837.

## Up Coming Events

**Outdoor Cinema** comes to Weymouth Oval with a screening of the G-rated animated movie, Rio on

Saturday 18 February: entertainment 6 pm, movie from 8 pm.

**Discovery Weekend** Friday 16 to Sunday 18 March from 10 am to 4 pm, hosted by the National Trust with open days at the Winn Bakehouse, Gamble Cottage, Blackwood Forest, Coromandel CFS, St John's Church and more.

For details visit [www.coroalive.org.au](http://www.coroalive.org.au)

# what's on this summer

at a church near you?

## Fun for every age

**Blackwood Hills Baptist Church**  
10am/7pm Sundays @ 72 Coromandel Pde, Blackwood

You'll find a relaxed and friendly atmosphere at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church. There are people of all ages, relevant messages, great music and fun activities for the kids. Come visit us!

For more information, call 8370 0333 or visit the website [bhbc.org.au](http://bhbc.org.au).

## A brand new church

**Village Church - Melrose Park**  
10:30am Sundays @ Edwardstown Primary School

Village Church celebrated its First Anniversary at Edwardstown Primary School on Feb 5th. We're a new and growing family-friendly church. We would love to have you join us!

For more information, call 8370 3256 or visit the website [thevillage.org.au](http://thevillage.org.au).