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The City of Mitcham will host a free 'An Evening About Trees' to engage with the community regarding the importance of trees to our local environment, homes and neighbourhood.

An Evening About Trees



FREE

Wednesday 13 April from 7 pm to 9 pm
 Mitcham Cultural Village, Mitcham Institute Hall, 103-105 Princes Road, Mitcham.



'An Evening About Trees', will provide an opportunity for residents to understand the benefits of trees, the way new street tree species are selected, Council's water sensitive urban design initiatives and how Council is working with other organisations to improve the management of our street trees. During this free community forum residents will have the opportunity to understand:

- Council's evolving practices in species selection and use
- Current initiatives to test the suitability of alternative species
- Insights into engineering solutions aimed at providing passive irrigation through stormwater harvesting

- Significant challenges Council is experiencing with planning for and managing our urban trees to ensure their preservation in the changing climatic, environmental and social conditions

Council's horticulturists will present the evening with acclaimed guest speakers including:

- The Director of Adelaide University's Waite Arboretum, Dr Jennifer Gardner, will speak on the Arboretum's contribution to maintaining a sustainable urban forest
- Mr David Lawry OAM, Director of TREENET, will discuss TREENET's role in supporting our urban forest and those who tend it

'An Evening About Trees'

Location: Mitcham Institute Hall, Mitcham Cultural Village, 103-105 Princes Road, Mitcham

Time: 7 pm to 9 pm

Date: Wednesday 13 April

Cost: Free

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided after the meeting and there will be opportunities to ask questions and to speak with presenters and guests following the sessions.

For more information or to reserve your seat please telephone Jessica on 8374 7722.



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Graziano and Donna keep an eye on the local area and report suspicious activities directly to the Police while they are working out in the community.

Mitcham Pride

Make Mitcham Council a better place to live and get involved in the 'Mitcham Pride' program.

The 'Mitcham Pride' program, part of 'Council Watch', encourages the community to report anything that needs Council's attention such as infrastructure failures, hazards, vandalism and graffiti to Council. 'Council Watch', part of the Police and communities 'Working Together' program, is a 'watch and report' program monitoring suspicious behaviour or criminal activity. Council staff working out in the community keep an eye on the local area and report suspicious activities directly to the Police.

By working together with the community and Police we can keep a look out for the

community and the community can keep a look out for us. Make our city a safe, healthy, tolerant and prosperous community, living and working in harmony with the environment by getting involved in the 'Mitcham Pride' program and report issues that need Council attention.

Be proud of Mitcham and get involved in 'Mitcham Pride' if you would like to report an issue that needs Council's attention call Council's Customer Service Centre on 8372 8888 or visit our website at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au and click on 'a request for service' on the front page under 'Online payments and services' or if after hours call our emergency after hours call centre on 8366 0588.

Improve Your Safety with a Personal Alarm



Personal alarms can be carried in a handbag, pocket or backpack to raise the alarm that something is wrong and assistance is required.

The Personal alarm, which is battery operated, is compact enough to carry with you whilst walking, doing the banking, coming home late at night or holidaying/ trekking in the bush. The alarm can also be used at home in case of a fall and activated to attract help.

Neighbourhood Watch are offering personal alarms for \$9.95. To obtain your personal alarm contact your local Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Safety Around the Home

Learn about 'Safety around the Home' at the Mitcham Library on Wednesday 4 May, commencing at 2 pm.

Gill Bartley, Program Manager for Falls Prevention with the Adelaide Health Service will be giving a talk on healthy, independent and active ageing. Families and carers are welcome.

This talk is also aimed towards professionals who may be interested in attending. Bookings are essential. Phone the Mitcham Library on 8372 8244 or Blackwood Library on 8372 8255.

Council's Positive Ageing and Community Care Receives Top Score

Council's Positive Ageing and Community Care achieved full marks in a recent appraisal conducted by Quality Management Services on behalf of the Disability, Ageing and Carers, Department of Families and Communities.

The City of Mitcham, through Positive Ageing and Community Care, has been providing services as part of the Home and Community Care program since 1989.

Council's Positive Ageing and Community Care formerly known as Home and Community Care was reviewed in 2010 to ensure current standards are met and services are holistic and delivered to those residents most in need.

The Positive Ageing and Community Care program includes a home care team and a community participation team. The Home Care team delivers domestic assistance and safety home maintenance, gardening and security. The Community Participation team, with the support of dedicated volunteers, delivers personal transport, community bus and social activities such as lunch clubs and community connections.

The external appraisal is required as part of Council's Home and Community Care funding and service agreement. The appraisal begins with a comprehensive self audit against the seven Home and Community Care national service standards with evidence of how



Congratulations to the Positive Ageing and Community Care Team

the service management and delivery meets 124 related criteria. This is followed by a two day site visit by an appraisal team to verify this information. The appraisal team conducts interviews of Council management, staff and volunteers as well as consumers, contractors and other stakeholders. The site visit also includes a thorough review of Positive Ageing and Community Care documentation and of evidence that other management and cross Council processes are in place in order to meet Home and Community Care national standards and the funding and service agreement.

A final report is prepared by the independent appraisal team and

a score out of 20 is allocated. An action plan for continuous quality improvement is then prepared in consultation with the funding body.

The City of Mitcham's Positive Ageing and Community Care Service achieved a 20/20 against Home and Community Care national standards and met all 124 criteria.

If you would like to know more about the Positive Ageing and Community Care Services available or inquire about volunteering please call 8372 8887 or visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

Home Security

Even when you are working in your garden don't forget to keep your doors and screen doors locked to keep your home safe.

Police are reminding property owners to secure their homes at all times especially during warmer weather. Offenders are breaking into homes through unlocked doors and screen doors while residents are at home working in their gardens.

To keep your home secure lock doors and screen doors at all times. Opportunist thieves take notice of people working in their gardens, and when a resident moves to their rear garden an offender can easily gain access and steal property.

Follow these simple home security tips even when you are at home:

- Close and lock all doors and have your keys with you
- Close and lock all windows
- Keep trees and bushes in front of doors and windows trimmed to avoid them being used as hiding places
- Engrave or mark your property with your drivers licence number prefixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia eg S123456

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Cat and Dog Discounted Microchipping and Registration Day

Have your Cat or Dog Microchipped for only \$30 on Saturday 14 May at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, Belair Road, Torrens Park from 10 am to 2 pm.

The City of Mitcham, in conjunction with Microchips Australia, is conducting a discounted microchipping day. For only \$30 you can get your cat and dog microchipped to ensure your pet can be returned to you if it is lost or stolen.

The microchip features a barcode that links your contact details on a nationally accredited database, Central Animal Records (www.car.com.au).

A microchip will be implanted by a local veterinarian and cause no pain or discomfort to your pet. You will also receive, in the post, an external tag and a Certificate of Identification.

Dog and cat owners also have the opportunity to register their pet/s with Council at the same

time; registration fees are greatly reduced for microchipped and desexed pets.

To ensure the safety of all animals, cats must be kept secured in a cage and dogs are to be kept on a leash.

For more information visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or phone 8372 8888.

The new Cat By-Law was introduced in August 2010.

The aim of the By-law is to limit the number of cats that can be kept on premises and to provide for the control and management of cats within the Council's area. This will be achieved by:

- A cat over the aged of 3 months must be registered at an address to an owner over the aged of 16

- Annual Registration fees will apply
- Each cat must have a microchip for identification purposes
- Only two cats may be kept at an address without Council approval unless conditions outlined in the By-law are met

Don't worry if you have more than two cats you will still be allowed to keep your pets, however you will need to ensure there are no insanitary conditions, your cats are not causing a nuisance and each cat is desexed.

A full copy of the By-law No. 6 Cats is available on the website www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Mitcham Heritage Research Centre Discovering and Protecting our History

Mitcham is proud of its heritage and the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre is devoted to developing a local history collection through workshops, working bees and research.

The Mitcham Heritage Research Centre, located at the Mitcham Cultural Village, is your first port of call for history and heritage enquiries relating to the City of Mitcham. The Centre can provide assistance with a wide range of local historical information, including bibliographic material, photographs, maps and other documentation. Brochures are available on a wide range of local history including suburbs, subjects and award winning walks in the Mitcham area and contacts for other heritage groups and agencies.

In this 175th anniversary year of the settlement of South Australia, the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre with the support of the Volunteer Heritage Support Team is continuing to preserve Mitcham's history through a number of projects.

Blackwood Railway Station Sign

The Blackwood Railway Station Sign, located on the south western corner of Station Road and Main Road, at the Fiveways intersection at Blackwood, has been restored to the original design.

Council restored the 1938 South Australian Railways Blackwood Railway Station Sign to its original condition. The sign is one of the few left standing in South Australia

and the only one remaining in its original location. After researching historical references an old photograph along with the original specifications from SA Railways for the sign was discovered, dated 1938.

This important landmark has been preserved thanks to the support of the South Australian History Trust, Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley, Blackwood South Neighbourhood Watch, the Harnett Family and Blackwood Primary School.

Municipal Tramways Trust Pole

Restoration of a Municipal Tramways Trust pole in Welbourne Street, Mitcham, dating back to when electric trams ran along this street between 1911 and 1958, is nearing completion.

The pole, which is the only type remaining on the route between Adelaide and Mitcham, is still being used by the Electricity Trust of South Australia as an electricity light pole.

Council, in recognition of its historic significance, has restored the pole and a wraparound plaque containing historic information and two standalone signs telling more of the tram story will be erected.

Mary MacKillop in Mitcham

In recognition of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's

first saint, Council, with assistance from the Catholic church and volunteers, is developing an information brochure and installing commemorative plaques to commemorate Mary MacKillop's involvement in the Mitcham community.

Mary MacKillop, who co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1866, had a significant presence though a 40 year friendship with Joanne Barr Smith of 'Torrens Park Estate'.

The cul de sac at the top of Muggs Hill Road was named MacKillop Court to celebrate the Women's Suffrage Centenary in 1994. This is the first thoroughfare named after Mary MacKillop in the Adelaide metropolitan area.

The Mitcham Heritage Research Centre home to the Community Historian and Mitcham Volunteer Heritage Support Team is located in the former Police Station/ SES Building at the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre, Mitcham Cultural Village, 103 – 105 Princes Road, Mitcham. The Centre is open on Tuesday 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, Wednesday 9 am to 6 pm and Thursday 9.30 am to 3.30 pm or by appointment.



Above: The restored Blackwood Railway Station sign. Inset: The old sign.

To discover more about local history drop into the centre or call 8372 8261.

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School Holidays at the Library

The Blackwood and Mitcham Libraries have an exciting April school holiday program for children.

Celebrate Easter with craft and stories. At the Blackwood Library come along and decorate a papier mache Easter chicken basket on Tuesday 19 April while at the Mitcham Library children can decorate a papier mache mask for their next fancy dress on Thursday 28 April. Cost is \$5 per school age child. All holiday activities begin at 2pm. Bookings and payment in person are essential. Book early to avoid disappointment.

EASTER STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

Share Easter stories and make Easter craft during Storytime for preschoolers at the Mitcham Library Service in April.

Preschoolers, with their parents, grandparents or caregivers, will be entertained with Easter stories and craft. It is a great opportunity

to meet other local families and enjoy quality time with your child.

Easter Storytime sessions are free and will be held at 10.30 am at the Mitcham Library on Monday 18 April and Thursday 21 April and at the Blackwood Library on Tuesday 19 April and Wednesday 20 April.

TODDLER TIME

Get your toddlers moving at the Mitcham Library on Tuesday 12 April from 10.30 am to 11.15 am.

Toddler Time will help your children develop and improve fine motor skills by moving to music and playing simple instruments.

Toddler Time is free and designed for children aged 18 months and older who are past the baby stage but not quite ready for Storytime for preschoolers.

Volunteer and Make a Life-Changing Difference

Volunteers contribute enormously to the City of Mitcham. Through their contributions they help the Council create a caring, cohesive, clean and green community.

Volunteering can be challenging and rewarding unpaid work that gets you involved in helping others in the community while using your talents and experiences to develop skills and meet new people.

Council needs volunteers for:

LIFELINKS

LifeLinks volunteers provide friendship and fun for men and women living in a Supported Residential Facility in the Mitcham area by assisting them to access local recreational and community activities which most of us take for granted.

If you genuinely have something to offer and are seeking experience working with socially isolated and marginalised people then this valued volunteer role could be for you.

People with some community service understanding or life experience are encouraged to apply. You will be well trained, supported and reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Community Connection volunteers are needed to accompany eligible residents to:

- assist with shopping

- transport and attend social activities
- transport to essential appointments
- drive and help on the Community Bus
- set up and assist at weekly lunch clubs

This program provides an opportunity for people to participate due to age, isolation or a disability. Volunteers will assist with transport or accompany someone to a regular activity or group and provide support until the person is comfortable to attend independently. Being connected to people and activities contributes to our enjoyment of life and our ability to contribute as a citizen to our community.

LIBRARY COMMUNITY BUS HELPER

The City of Mitcham provides a Community Bus service for frail or disabled residents who would otherwise be unable to visit the library and select their own books.

A volunteer is needed twice a month on a Monday morning from 9.45 am to 11.45 am at the Mitcham Library to help serve morning tea and assist the Community Bus passengers who require assistance around the library.



Mitcham Cultural Village Community Shed Opening

The Mitcham Cultural Village's Community Shed BBQ held in February was a great success attracting over 100 people.

Demonstrations were held by the South Oz Scrollers and Sculptors and Carvers with some of their pieces on display and various guest speakers including Mayor Michael Picton, Rev Rod Mann from the Uniting Church and Evan

Raey from the City of Burnside and Australian Men's Shed Association.

Many visitors have now registered to use the new facility and programs will begin once the

shed's set-up with tools and machinery is completed.

For more information contact the Mitcham Cultural Village on 8372 8262 or the City of Mitcham on 8372 8805.

Mitcham Library Service Annual Book Sale

Mitcham's Library Service is selling thousands of books at cheap prices to the general public on Saturday May 14 from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday May 15 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Come along and browse through an extensive range of ex-library, newly donated and second hand books including fiction, non-fiction and children's books at St Bernadette's Hall, corner South Road and Walsh Avenue, St Marys.

The book sale provides excellent value and offers something to suit all reading tastes with all proceeds going to the City of Mitcham Library Service. Early arrival is recommended to get the best pick from this sale.



For further information, telephone Mitcham Library on 8372 8244 or Blackwood Library on 8372 8255.

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 Craighburn/The Park Ward

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

7 pm, Wednesday 20 April

Blackwood Over 50s, 4 Young Street, Blackwood.

Community Forum for Overton Ward

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

7 pm, Monday 11 April

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

For more information contact Chris Bartlett on 8372 8805.

If you can volunteer in one or more of the above roles, call Gaye on 8372 8860.

Upcoming Work in Your Street

Stormwater Drainage Construction

Construction of stormwater drainage in **Norseman Avenue, Bedford Park** is now complete.

Stage two of the **Belair Road Stormwater Drainage Project** is progressing with alterations to other major services within Belair Road underway. A new stormwater drainage system will be constructed on the western side of Belair Road between the Mitcham Railway Station car park and Wattlebury Avenue. The project, which will reduce the flooding risk in Belair Road, includes two stormwater drainage systems across Belair Road into Ayr Avenue and Fife Avenue.

Drainage works will begin construction in **Pine Grove, Belair**.

Bridge Construction

The work on restoring **Keystone Bridge**, located on Taylors Road in Mitcham Reserve is progressing and is expected to be completed by 30 June 2011.

Kerbing Construction

Construction to replace the kerb and watertable in **Rugby Street, Kingswood** has begun.

Kerb and watertable replacement works will begin in **Maitland Street, Mitcham**.

Construction to replace the kerb, watertable and pavement in **Brolga Avenue, Glenalta** and in **Halsbury Avenue, Kingswood** is now complete.

Road Works

Council's road rehabilitation and overlay program has been completed in the following streets:

- Halsbury Avenue, Kingswood
- Seafield Avenue, Kingswood
- Lovell Court, Clarence Gardens
- Currawong Avenue, Glenalta
- Sheoak Road, Belair
- Footts Hill Road, Hawthorndene

Road rehabilitation and overlay works are to be completed in the following streets:

- Kalyra Road, Belair
 - Boothby Street, Panorama
 - Viaduct Road, Eden Hills
 - California Avenue, Glenalta
 - Cummings Street, Blackwood
 - Southern Avenue, St Marys
 - Brolga Avenue, Glenalta
- Bitumen rejuvenation work has been completed in the following streets:
- Gault Road, Belair
 - Longview, Belair
 - Bowman Avenue, Belair
 - Yorke Avenue, Belair
 - Athol Street, Belair
 - Gordon Avenue, Belair
 - Hillridge Drive, Belair
 - Lindsay Terrace, Belair
 - Linfield Avenue, Belair
 - Monalta Drive, Belair
 - Rokewood Avenue, Belair
 - Hillcrest Drive, Eden Hills
 - Park Street, Eden Hills
 - Kinedana Street, Eden Hills
 - Cooper Street, Eden Hills
 - Park Street, Eden Hills
 - Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills
 - Mill Terrace, Eden Hills
 - Springwood Close, Eden Hills
 - Glen Road, Eden Hills

- Lee Street, Eden Hills
- Mary Street, Eden Hills
- Viaduct Road, Eden Hills
- Jane Court, Blackwood
- Merton Road, Blackwood
- Murray Street, Blackwood
- Dorham Road, Blackwood
- Sandford Avenue, Blackwood
- Abbotshall Road, Hawthorn
- Crescent Avenue, Panorama
- Page Court, Panorama
- Kimba Grove, Pasadena
- Pasadena Court, Pasadena
- Pimbaacla Grove, Pasadena
- Cash Grove, Pasadena
- Scott Griffiths, Pasadena

2010/2011 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Traffic Management

Detailed design of traffic control devices are in progress at:

- **High Street/Maitland Street, Mitcham.** Intersection layout improvement
- **Newark Road/Ayr Avenue, Torrens Park.** Intersection layout improvement
- **Delamere Avenue, Springfield** near Mercedes College. Emu Crossing facility
- **Princes Road, Mitcham.** Two pedestrian refuge crossing facilities located along separate locations in Princes Road and Park Street junction improvements are also planned
- **Ormond Avenue, Daw Park.** Slow point

Council will be undertaking a community consultation process regarding the above projects within the next month.

Parking restrictions to assist the CFS have been installed at 14 nominated streets in Eden Hills, Craighurn Farm, Belair, Bellevue Heights, Glenalta, Blackwood and Hawthorndene.

Road pavement changes at a variety of intersections in the Overton area are scheduled to be completed by the end of March.

Construction by the Department of Energy and Infrastructure of a new activated pedestrian crossing located on Main Road, Blackwood adjacent the BP service station has been completed.

Footpaths Construction

Paving works recently completed:

- **Hampton Street,** Solitaire Motors entrance to Hilda Terrace, Hawthorn
- **Caulfield Avenue,** Winston Avenue to Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park
- **Corunna Avenue,** South Road to Winston Avenue, Melrose Park
- **Church Road,** Cuthbert Street to St Michaels Road, Mitcham
- **Waverley Street,** Princes Road to Haig Street, Mitcham
- **Jose Avenue,** Ayers Avenue to Rozelle Avenue, Melrose Park
- **Milne Street,** Morgan Avenue to Ayers Avenue, Daw Park
- **Quinlan Avenue,** South Road to Cashel Street, St Marys

For detailed information about the works program visit Council's website at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or contact Customer Service on 8372 8888.

Sun Valley Reserve - shared path, Bermuda Way to Rosella Avenue, Glenalta

Inverloch Avenue, Lochwinnoch Road to Leonard Terrace, Torrens Park

Leonard Terrace, Inverloch Avenue to Muggs Hill Road, Torrens Park

Sturt Avenue, Glenfield Court to Chancery Lane, Hawthorndene

Sturt Avenue, Main Road to Glenfield Court, Hawthorndene

Wattle Reserve - shared path, Wattle Avenue to Sturt Avenue, Hawthorndene

St Marys Street, Manse Terrace to Adelaide Terrace, St Marys

Seymour Street, Shepherds Hill Road to cul-de-sac, Eden Hills

Downer Avenue, Main Road to Downer Reserve, Belair

Watahuna Avenue, Wattle Avenue to pedestrian bridge, Hawthorndene

Coromandel Parade, Simla Parade to Cumming Street, Blackwood

Laurence Street, The Grove to Holme Avenue, Lower Mitcham

MacPherson Street, Price Avenue to Catherine Street, Clapham

Edward Street, Waite Street to Melton Street, Blackwood

Chasewater Street, Wattlebury Road to The Grove, Lower Mitcham

Sizer Street, Price Avenue to Yulinda Terrace, Lower Mitcham

Serpentine Road, Sheoak Road to Barryne entrance, Belair

Swift Avenue, Price Street to end, Melrose Park

Alfred Street, Walsh Avenue to Quinlan Avenue, St Marys

Paving Works in Progress

Leonard Street, Price Street to Swift Avenue, Melrose Park

Day Drive, Nevada Boulevard to Spiers Avenue, Pasadena

Suffolk Road, No 27 Suffolk Road to Reserve, Hawthorndene

Keys Road, Belmont Street to Wattle Avenue, Lower Mitcham

George Street, Blythewood Road to Kays Road, Torrens Park

Wattlebury Road, East Parkway to laneway, Colonel Light Gardens

Paving works programmed for April / May 2011

Main Road, Penno Parade North to Elliot Avenue, Blackwood

Main Road, Laffers Road to pedestrian crossing, Glenalta

Heathfield Road, Shepherds Hill Road to Highland Drive, Bellevue Heights

Dunn Avenue, Arizona Terrace to Dunn Reserve, Glenalta

Orchard Grove, Hawthorndene Drive to Meadows Avenue, Hawthorndene

South Road, Walsh Avenue to Quinlan Avenue, St Marys

Waite Road, Grandview Avenue to Hartley Grove, Urrbrae

Fraser Street, Grange Road to cul-de-sac, Lower Mitcham

Fitness at Flinders

celebrates its **2nd birthday**

Flinders University's \$3.3m fitness centre is celebrating its 2nd birthday on Friday 8 April and you are invited. There will be prizes and plenty of giveaways across the day.

The fitness centre with million dollar views of the coast boasts state-of-the-art equipment, air-conditioning, qualified staff and personal trainers.

As part of the celebrations, if you join up with Flinders ONEfitness on the 8 April during the hours of 7am – 8am or 7pm – 8pm, you can go in the draw to have your membership doubled for FREE. One in every ten memberships will win - so there has never been a better time to join.

Mention this ad and receive a 13 month membership for \$500 - a saving of \$80.

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LEARN ABOUT MITCHAM'S RICH AND DIVERSE HISTORY DURING THE 'ABOUT TIME' SA HISTORY FESTIVAL IN MAY.

MITCHAM HERITAGE DISPLAY

Along the walls of the atrium in the Mitcham Village Institute, photography representing the significant history of Mitcham is on display for the public to view. The display includes photographs, brochures and other information which may be of interest to the community.

Date: May
 Time: Mondays 9 am to 1 pm
 Tuesdays 12 pm to 6 pm
 Wednesday 9 am to 1 pm
 Thursdays 10 am to 4 pm
 Cost: Free
 Location: Mitcham Institute Hall, Mitcham Cultural Village 103-105 Princes Road, Mitcham

For more information call 8372 8262



Urrbrae House.

GUIDED TOURS OF URRBRAE HOUSE

Built in 1891, Urrbrae House is one of the most significant private houses built in South Australia and was the first house in the state to be lit by electricity. See this magnificent house, gifted to the University of Adelaide by pastoralist Peter Waite for the establishment of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute. Bookings required.

Date: Sunday 1 May
 Sunday 22 May
 Time: 2 pm to 3.15 pm
 Cost: Gold Coin Donation
 Location: Urrbrae House, University of Adelaide, Waite Campus, Urrbrae

For more information visit www.waite.adelaide.edu.au/urrbraehouse or call 8303 7497 or 8303 7425

BREEDING NEW CEREALS AND LEGUMES AT THE WAITE, 1955-2005

The 1950s saw the beginning of a 'grand renaissance' in cereal breeding at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute at the University of Adelaide. Learn about the work of Waite scientists in developing the new wheat, barley, triticale and faba bean varieties that have transformed South Australia's farming landscape in the last 50 years. Refreshments provided. Bookings required.

Date: Monday 2 May
 Time: 5 pm to 6.30 pm
 Cost: Free
 Location: Urrbrae House, University of Adelaide, Waite Campus, Urrbrae

For more information visit www.waite.adelaide.edu.au/urrbraehouse or call 8303 7497 or 8303 7425



Allison's Apothecary.

ALLISON'S APOTHECARY OPENING

Come and explore the historical collection of pharmacy and medical paraphernalia including bottles, bed pans and other memorabilia of the 1880s and 1890s in an authentic nineteenth-century chemist shop. Learn about Mr Allison, Joseph Parker and Lord Howard Florey, who lived close by in Mitcham. See the Great War Honour Roll, 1914-191, which includes registered chemists, apprentices and Military Medal recipient.

Date: Tuesday 3 May
 Wednesday 11 May
 Wednesday 18 May
 Time: 10 am to 4 pm
 Cost: \$2, Children Free
 Location: 21 Albert Street, Mitcham

For more information call 0418 829 034 or visit www.mitchamhistoricalsociety.org.au



Ochre Cliffs and Gull Rock looking south from Maslin Beach.

KATHLEEN SAUERBIER: A MODERN PURSUIT

Modern in her attitude to life and art, Kathleen Sauerbier (1903-1991) painted landscapes, portraits and still lifes. In her native South Australia she became one of the first artists to respond to the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula with a truly modernist approach. See this exhibition and Carrick Hill Historic House and Garden. Bookings required for groups only.

Date: Wednesday to Sunday in May
 Time: 10 am to 4.30 pm
 Cost: Family \$24, Adult \$10.50, Standard concession \$6.50
 Location: Carrick Hill Historic House and Garden, 46 Carrick Hill Drive, Springfield

For more information call Carrick Hill on 8433 1700 or visit www.carrickhill.sa.gov.au



Giving our Cemetery a future. Descendants working on the Hanns grave in Mitcham General Cemetery 1996. D Knott.

MITCHAM GENERAL CEMETERY TOUR

Be guided around the Old Section of the Mitcham General Cemetery visiting the resting place of some of Mitcham's and South Australia's early pioneers' and identities. Hear stories of War heroes, including one who fought in the battle of Waterloo, as well as the fireman killed in the line of duty, the doctor who owned the first car in Mitcham, the first Cemetery Trustees, Mitcham Quarrymen and the first South Australian Labor Premier. Bookings essential.

Date: Wednesday 4 May
 Time: 10.30 am to 11.30 am
 Cost: Gold Coin Donation
 Location: Meet at the gazebo at the Mitcham General Cemetery. Old Belair Road, Mitcham

For more information call 8372 8261

IN THE STEPS OF ELDER, BARR SMITH AND WAITE

Adventure into the nineteenth-century lifestyles of the grand families of the Adelaide Hills: the families of Sir Thomas Elder, Peter Waite and the Barr Smiths. Unearth their association with the Mitcham foothills precinct and the Mitcham Village. Discover their extraordinary way of life and legacy, their contribution to South Australia and its heritage. On and off street parking. Bookings required.

Date: Friday 6 May
 Time: 6 pm to 8 pm (The Shed)
 Date: Sunday 15 May
 Time: 2 pm to 5 pm (The Institute)
 Cost: Gold Coin Donation
 Location: Mitcham Cultural Village, 103-105 Princes Road, Mitcham

For more information call 8272 0643 or email pamraj@bigpond.com.au



Edwin Ashby in Maluka beds at Wittunga Botanic Garden in 1933.

WITTUNGA; THE ASHBY FAMILY, THEIR TRIUMPHS AND HARDSHIPS, THEIR ENDURING LEGACY TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Discover the 'forgotten' Botanic Garden, resulting from the philanthropic actions of the pioneering Ashby family. Enjoy a guided walk revealing the stories behind the unique collections of South African and Australian plants. Find out the family's connections to Parndana, the Waite Institute and to Hobart. Group bookings essential.

Date: Every day from Sunday 8 May to Saturday 14 May
 Time: 10.30 am to 12 noon
 Cost: Gold Coin Donation
 Location: Wittunga Botanic Garden, Shepherds Hill Road, Blackwood
 Meet at the car park

For more information call 8226 8803

HISTORY FESTIVAL

FOLLOW BROWN HILL CREEK BACK THROUGH MITCHAM'S HISTORY

Brown Hill Creek Chapel 1920.



Hidden Valley of Brown Hill Creek.

FOLLOW BROWN HILL CREEK BACK THROUGH MITCHAM'S HISTORY

Enjoy a walk along Brown Hill Creek to learn about the early settlement and usage of upper Brown Hill Creek and Ellison's Gully. The walk, which is approximately two hours, takes you over moderately rough terrain across the creek. Walkers will enjoy the beautiful scenery as well as animal and birdlife. Come prepared with good walking shoes, a hat, water supply, snacks and a camera.

Date: Saturday 14 May
Saturday 21 May
Saturday 28 May
Time: 1.30 pm to 4 pm
Cost: Free
Location: Meet at the manure pits on Brown Hill Creek Road, Mitcham just east of the ford on the left-hand side

For more information call 8272 9797 or email irvineth@ozemail.com.au

RECREATING THE GARDENS OF URRBRAE HOUSE

The gardens of Urrbrae House at the University of Adelaide's Waite Campus have been redeveloped in the last twenty years into one of Adelaide's most innovative, distinctive and beautiful gardens - while still reflecting the site's heritage. Discover these gardens and their history with a guided tour. Bookings required.

Date: Sunday 15 May
Time: 2 pm to 3.15 pm
Cost: Gold Coin Donation
Location: Tour departs front steps of Urrbrae House, University of Adelaide, Waite Campus, Urrbrae

For more information visit www.waite.adelaide.edu.au/urrbraehouse or call 8303 7497 or 8303 7425

MITCHAM'S HISTORY BY CAR

Find out how much you know about Mitcham's early history during a two hour tour by car. A set of travel instructions together with a series of questions will be provided to guide your quest. The journey concludes with a sausage sizzle at the Mitcham Reserve, corner Norman Walk and Taylors Road, Mitcham. Bookings required.

Date: Sunday 22 May
Time: 11 am to 1 pm
Cost: \$10 per family/car
Location: At the car park Mitcham Cultural Village, Princes Road, Mitcham

For more information contact Brian Angus on 8299 9003

TREES FOR THE FUTURE FROM SUCCESSES OF THE PAST

The University of Adelaide's Waite Arboretum experimental collection of over 2,000 trees from around the world have been growing on rainfall alone for over 50 years. Join a guided tour and find out more. Bookings required for groups only.

Date: Sunday 22 May
Wednesday 25 May
Sunday 29 May
Time: 11 am to 12.30 pm
Cost: Free
Location: Tour departs front steps of Urrbrae House, University of Adelaide, Waite Campus, Urrbrae

For more information visit www.waite.adelaide.edu.au/arboretum or call 8313 7405 or 8303 7497

TECHNOHISTORY MUSEUM - DISPLAY OF HISTORIC INVENTIONS AND INNOVATIONS

Senior secondary students research inventions and innovations from the past and create a museum display. Around 30 different displays are presented and may cover a range of historical periods. Technical, social and economic impacts are included.

Date: Tuesday 24 May
Thursday 26 May
Time: 11.45 am to 12.45 pm
Cost: Free
Location: Australian Science and Maths School, Flinders University, Car Park 18, Sturt Road, Bedford Park

For more information visit www.asms.sa.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx or call 8201 5686 or 8201 5686

HISTORY AT THE MOVIES: AUSTRALIAN MOTORING HISTORY ON FILM

This year's offering in the popular History at the Movies series features a selection of 16mm documentaries on Australian motoring from the 50s to the 70s, with Flinders academics providing expert commentary and leading a lively discussion. Relive pre-video days with reel-to-reel projectors, popcorn and fantaes.

Date: Friday 27 May
Time: 3 pm to 5 pm
Cost: Free
Location: Noel Stockdale Room, Level 1, Central Library, Flinders University, Sturt Road, Bedford Park

For more information call 8201 5238 or email gillian.dooley@flinders.edu.au



Matilda Waite, the Mistress of Urrbrae House.

AFTERNOON TEA WITH MR AND MRS WAITE IN 1892

As guests of Peter and Matilda Waite in 1892 you will be shown around their beautiful bluestone mansion, Urrbrae House, before joining them for afternoon tea in the Dining Room. During this interactive tour learn about the Waite family, the life of the household and see inside of one of the most significant houses built in South Australia. Not suitable for children under seven. Bookings required.

Date: Sunday 29 May
Time: 2.30 pm to 4 pm
Cost: \$11 per person
Location: Urrbrae House, University of Adelaide - Waite Campus, Urrbrae

For more information visit www.waite.adelaide.edu.au/urrbraehouse or call 8303 7497 or 8303 7425

MOTORWORKS AT FLINDERS MEDICAL CENTRE

National Motor Museum staff will present the Museum's popular 'Motorworks' program at Flinders Medical Centre for staff, patients and visitors. Working on a simulated production line, participants will have the chance to make small cardboard replica Model T Fords and learn about how car manufacture changed with the introduction of the Model T in 1908. Group bookings essential.

Date: Tuesday 10 May
Time: 12 noon to 1 pm
Cost: Free
Location: Flinders Medical Centre Courtyard, Flinders Drive, Bedford Park

For more information call 8568 4000 or 8204 3096 or visit www.history.sa.gov.au

'HISTORY OF AGRICULTURE' WEBSITE LAUNCH

The History of Agriculture website captures key events in the development of South Australia's agriculture. Five thousand photographs have been catalogued and are online, as well as oral histories with key ministers and senior officials. Bookings required.

Date: Thursday 12 May
Time: 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: Free
Location: Urrbrae House, Waite Campus, Walter Young Avenue, Urrbrae

For more information visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/aghistory or call 8226 0204 or 8226 0310

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SA HISTORY FESTIVAL VISIT THE 'ABOUT TIME' WEBSITE AT WWW.HISTORYWEEK.SA.GOV.AU, EMAIL ABOUTTIME@HISTORY.SA.GOV.AU OR CALL 8203 9888.

From your Elected Members

I would like to thank you for your support shown to me during the November Local Government Council elections.

I am very proud and honoured to have been elected as your Mayor of the City of Mitcham. It is certainly a great privilege and responsibility and I will endeavour to serve everyone as best I can over the next four years.

I thank my predecessor, Ivan Brooks for his great support and guidance shown to me personally and to the community during his two terms as Mayor. He has done a wonderful job representing Mitcham and has served the community with great distinction. Thank you Ivan from everyone.

I would also like to thank past members of Council, Zane Young, Heather Chennell, Ian Perry, Diana Gibbs-Ludbrook, Richard Warren and Grant Hudson. Your input and dedication to the community has been very much appreciated.

This article has given me time to reflect on what we have achieved during the first 120 days of this new Council. It certainly has been a hectic and exciting time.

I believe we have a very intelligent, dedicated and hardworking team of Councillors. They are a team that are prepared to listen and

consider your opinions when voting on issues at Council. One of our most important decisions to date has been to appoint Mr Matthew Pears to the position of Chief Executive Officer of Council. Matt has a wealth of experience and knowledge behind him and will be a great addition to our team. Matt takes over from our Acting Chief Executive Officer, Judith Jones who has done a wonderful job over the last five and a half months in leading the administrative side of Council though a period of change.

The formation of a new storm water management plan for the Brown Hill and Keswick Creek catchment is progressing. The catchment Councils and the Storm Water Management Authority have contracted WorleyParsons to review elements of the old plan in preparation for a new plan to be considered. Preliminary investigations have uncovered a serious flaw in the old plan. It has now been found that even with the two eight story high concrete dams being built in the upper reaches of Brown Hill Creek, 3,500 properties would still have

been flooded down stream. The wisdom of spending \$150 million and leaving 3,500 properties flooded is being questioned very seriously. Mitcham Council is, and will, demand that full community consultation occurs before any decision is made on an appropriate way to mitigate flooding in the region.

I have been able to meet many wonderful people since becoming Mayor. One of my first official duties was to meet the children, parents and staff at the opening of the brand new Tipi at the Eden Hills Kindergarten. It was a truly delightful experience and a great beginning to my official duties as Mayor. The Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, held in the grounds of the magnificent Carrick Hill Estate, where 50 people became Australian Citizens, was very special. I have met with groups passionate about Sustainable Communities and learnt how we as a community can make a difference to our environment. I have been to Pasadena High School, St John's Grammar and Mitcham Primary to see and hear of the great achievements of their students. I

hosted a group from Urrbrae High School at Council and am about to host a group of younger children from Scotch College. I had the privilege of meeting members of the St Michael's Church at Mitcham and the St Maroun's Church at Westbourne Park and learning about the great work they are doing in the community. I attended a presentation of certificates to the hard working graduates from Bedford Industries and on behalf of the City of Mitcham, laid a wreath at the Banka Day Memorial Service at the Women's Memorial Playing Fields at St Marys. This was a moving ceremony that remembers the tragic slaughter of nurses who were evacuating Singapore during WWII.

I have endeavoured to promote the charms and benefits of Mitcham to many Mayors from other Councils, to Ministers of Governments, with State and Federal Members of Parliament and even to the Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard.

Meeting with people who have an interest in Mitcham and hearing about our successes, and at times our failures, has been



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very helpful. We are as a Council always trying to improve our methods and outcomes. I have had the privilege to meet locals who have come from different cultures and backgrounds. We can learn a lot from our friends from India, Asia, Europe and Africa and other parts of the world.

It has been a privilege to meet so many members of our community and I look forward to meeting many more people over the coming months and years. Please contact me via the Council if you would like me or one of our new team of Councillors to meet with you or your group. It will be a privilege for us as your Council representatives.

Firstly a big thank you to all of you who voted me in.

Since being voted in I have been on one of the biggest learning curves of my life over the past four months. I have survived induction, becoming a board member of Centennial Park Cemetery, Christmas period festivities, Australia Day celebrations and of course numerous briefings and meetings. After four months and although I don't have as much experiences as the other Elected Members I am starting to find my feet in the Council and what to do at Council meetings. Just getting your head around the terminology used in meetings is a challenge.

Since being elected I have received queries from residents of the

Babbage Ward looking for support when dealing with Council. This is my favourite part of the role of being Councillor, helping people when they need it. I ask you all in the Babbage Ward if you need a hand with a Council matter then let me know and I will happily follow it up for you. Council have an obligation to respond to your questions within 10 business days and I have always found the best way to ensure it is actioned is to forward it to mitcham@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au. If it is a concern to you then it is a concern to me so let me know and I will help you out.

Before becoming an Elected Member I had been to Council meetings to try and resolve some matters as a ratepayer. I know how difficult, frustrating and intimidating it can be sometimes to attend a meeting and make a deputation and present your issues within three minutes. I am here to offer you my support if you would like to make a deputation or to be listened to and heard. So if you want your voice to be heard then feel free to give me a call and we can have a chat and work out how to get something done.

By now I hope you are beginning to understand why I became a Councillor and what I can do for

you. I am here to do a job and keep rattling the cages at 'City Hall', challenge the process and break down the barriers so that we can all get our concerns heard and addressed accordingly.

Sure I could have written an article about the number of footpaths, how the trees were watered in our parks, or how the upcoming hard rubbish collection works but for me this is my first opportunity to launch my profile as the Elected Member for the Babbage Ward and I am a person who will give you the support you need when dealing with the Council's administration department.



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Your Council has been working to ensure that the most cost effective and environmentally sustainable public works are designed and installed to minimise potential flooding from Brown Hill Creek during a 1 in 100 year rainfall event.

All should read the web article written by two eminent Mitcham retired engineers, who were concerned that the 2006 Master Plan was poorly justified. Visit www.mitachamcouncil.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Brown_Hill_Creek_-_Collins_Wilson_Report.pdf. The 2006 Master Plan is currently being re-checked, see further details www.mitachamcouncil.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?c=10635.

SA Government's 30 Year Plan to increase Adelaide's population by over 500,000 people.

The 6 March 2011 Sunday Mail detailed a 162 page State Government 'Inner Metro Rim Structure Plan Final Report', prepared by architectural design firm Hassell, which proposes up to 10-storey high-rise units surrounding Adelaide's Parklands, as well as 3-6 storey units above shop fronts all along Unley, Goodwood, Glen Osmond, Fullarton, Richmond, Henley Beach and Main North Roads, Leader Street and Walkerville Terrace amongst others. Visit my website at www.kdfisher.com.au/steve-fisher-for-gault-ward/index.html and select file 'Sunday Mail Report 6Mar11.pdf' to view.

These proposals over-ride all previous planning rules, to assist the growth-crazy '30 Year Plan'. The Property Council of Australia, a self interested 'Development Lobby', is, not surprisingly, urging the Government to rush these proposals through Parliament. I believe that the Parliamentarians who support this 'vision' are guilty of accepting antiquated 'consolidation' concepts which will be detrimental to every citizen of Adelaide, but massively beneficial to the Development Interests who are the largest donors to the major political parties. Where is an ICAC (Independent Commission Against Corruption) when it is most needed!

These proposals seem to concentrate the worst changes to main roads, but anyone living within 800 metres of a main road will be affected by the State Government's 'trashing of the Planning Rules', with their introduction of the simplistic 'Planning Code' in 2009/10. Visit my website www.kdfisher.com.au/steve-fisher-for-gault-ward/index.html and read: '30 Year Plan' and pages 7-12 of 'SOS-A Submission to Productivity...'

Every State Parliamentarian should ask themselves *when they last met anyone who wanted more cars driving down their streets, more cars parked in their street, or more people on already crowded public transport during their daily peak hour commuting.* A bigger population may provide extra profits to the development industry and big retailers, but it reduces everyone's quality-of-life. *If we wanted to live in traffic 'hell', we would move to Sydney.*

Residents in fully developed suburbs *should be* protected by the Planning Rules. Housing re-developments in their streets should compliment the existing character. Increasingly, residents fear ugly new multi-unit/multi-storey infill developments being crammed on to neighbouring blocks and backyards.

Leading academic geographers and demographers have presented papers at planning conferences in Adelaide proving that over 80% of the population in Adelaide continue to desire to live in detached dwellings.

35 years of the developers telling us that 'you want to live in a

3-6 storey unit with inadequate parking, to be able to enjoy the lifestyle of meeting at the local coffee shop', has not altered Adelaideans' desired housing choice. *We like our suburban lives. Coffee under the back verandah, or around our kitchen table, is not only cheaper, but we can actually hear each other's conversation.*

The economic and planning 'urban consolidation' protagonists seek denser, high-rise forms of building, in the belief that this will improve the economics of public transport, and a concept of everyone walking, cycling or taking public transport for 90% of their required journeys. *The 'Save Our Suburbs-Adelaide' group believes that these theorists should build a 'trial city' of this type, and see how many people want to live there. These theorists want to 'fit the population to the city', rather than fit the city to the desires of the population.*

Developers continue claiming that smaller allotments reduce the cost of dwellings, despite 30 years of contrary evidence. Comparison of housing costs in 227 world-wide 'developed western cities', published by Demographia, visit www.kdfisher.com.au/steve-fisher-



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for-gault-ward/index.html proves that pursuing 'urban consolidation' actually pushes prices up. Too many parliamentarians, of all political parties, have accepted as gospel the outdated and falsified* 1980s urban consolidation arguments of this sector of 'experts', who see their role as facilitating the interests of the development lobby.

*Professor Patrick Troy, Emeritus professor of ANU Fenner School of Environment and Society. Author of *The Perils of Urban Consolidation*, published in 1996.

'An Evening about Trees' facilitated by Council for the Mitcham Electorate will be held on April 13 from 7 to 9 pm in the Mitcham Village Institute Hall at the Mitcham Cultural Village on Princes Road, Mitcham.

This is an excellent opportunity for the community to come along and listen to some guest speakers talking about various topics including the history of the different varieties of trees in Mitcham, appropriate street tree plantings, water sensitive urban design and arid plantings. Council staff will be on hand for community questions. Please join us.

Traffic management and safety issues for users of our roads remain a high priority. Design studies have been undertaken for two safety refuges in Princes Road

east of the roundabout at East Parade and west of Welbourne Street. I will be advocating that the implementation of these is undertaken this school year.

A school crossing point is required in Delamere Avenue for students crossing to and from Mercedes College. This will be achieved next financial year.

Improvements to the entrance of Park Street / Princes Road and Newark Road / Ayr Avenue will be undertaken soon.

Footpath improvement design studies to improve pedestrian safety are being undertaken for

the north/ western entrances to the Mitcham Shopping Centre.

Design studies are also currently being undertaken for improvements to North Parade entrance to Princes Road and when these are finalised community consultation will be undertaken.

Open Space/ Reserves remain precious and well used particularly as house blocks become smaller but often with a larger building footprint and less open space in which to play and relax.

I am hopeful that an improved management plan will be developed in the near future for Netherby Reserve. Consultation will be required to include local residents and users of this area.

I look forward to working with your co Councillor Leanne Moriarty for our term. Our agreed policy is to share ideas and work load and represent our community in the best way we can.

Please feel free to contact me on 8357 7522 with any queries.



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I believe that some realistic clarification needs to be brought to the subject of the Blackwood Activity Centre.

It is common knowledge that Council bought the old Skinner's Nursery site with a possible view to expanding the Blackwood Library. Changing needs and increasing population have put new demands on Mitcham Council's most used facility. Council had been watching for some years for an appropriate site, with no luck. When this site became available Council made the difficult but, I believe, responsible decision to purchase in order to be able to realistically consider the possibility of expanding/improving the library facility, but also knowing that if the idea did not come to fruition, the land could easily be on-sold.

There was no specific budget allocated for either purchase or development of the site. Hence most councillors recognised that

it would be a considerable time before anything happened there.

The term 'Activity Centre' purposely avoided the term 'library' because we wanted to start with a truly clean slate and allow residents serious input into what they wanted at (or if they even wanted) a community centre, and what their priorities were. Accordingly Council surveyed the residents, with quite broad and often open-ended questions. The response was impressive and guided Council well regarding what the majority would like.

The next logical step for Council was to engage a consultant to prepare *concept plan options* with a broad estimate of costs. No decisions can be made on anything nor any applications for available grants be made without starting with a base *concept*

plan to begin discussion. The consultant recently presented these options to councillors and senior staff. Sadly, as the reporter acknowledged, despite 'CONFIDENTIAL' being stamped in bold red letters across the top of the paper, some irresponsible person privy to these papers mailed them to the Messenger Press.

Council was not trying to be secretive but no individual or body releases plans which are only at the embryonic, inquiry stage, with no definite form. At the time of writing, except informally to get further information, Council has not considered nor made any decisions what-so-ever. Certainly no-one is seriously intending to spend \$11 million, as reported.

As for the later Messenger Press article about the current nursery

operator of the site, Council has been unfairly portrayed as a harsh landlord. I can understand that he would like some certainty about his future but if he wanted to buy, he had the same opportunity as Council in 2008 as the property sat vacant for some time. It would also be fool-hardy of Council to sell any part of the land *at this point in time*, when it has very little idea of what it wants to do there. It was also made very clear to the lessee that it was a short-term arrangement (2 years) and as a consequence he was given a very favourable rent.

The Hills and Valley (23/2/11 page 3) requested readers to respond to its question on the web, 'Should the nursery be allowed to stay regardless of what else happens on the site?' I think ratepayers of Mitcham would and should be very concerned if they thought



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that this was the way that Council conducted its business.

Please feel free to phone me if you have any concerns about any Council-related issues.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you at Mitcham Council.

My commiserations to the candidates across Council who were not elected, many of whom I thought campaigned exceedingly well.

I believe that the Mitcham Hills are the best place in Australia to live, work and raise a family. We have comparatively good public transport, some of the lowest crimes rates in Adelaide, access to excellent shopping at Blackwood, and we are surrounded by some incredible ecology. I hope my actions while on Council can continue to improve our wonderful Hills' suburbs.

As an independent Councillor, I continue to fight waste and

red-tape with a view to keeping Council rates as low as possible.

I am also keen to ensure that Blackwood and the surrounding suburbs are never forgotten in Council decisions. I will continue to fight for better services and infrastructure in the area, and in particular:

- We continue to have the worst footpaths and roads in Council. There are over 30 streets in Blackwood and Eden Hills that have no footpaths whatsoever. This needs to be addressed
- Road access to high-fire risk areas in the Hills, including parts of Belair and Craighburn Farm, needs to be improved

and it is important that multiple exit-ways are provided to residents in these areas

- Parking and traffic along Main Road in Blackwood requires urgent improvement
- The need for a freight rail bypass continues and I have supported moves to reinstate a task-force on this issue
- Lastly, Blackwood itself is in need of major revitalisation which is why I support the construction of a new Blackwood Library complex (or 'Activity Centre')

As a dedicated environmentalist and former Greenpeace employee,

I will continue working to improve our cat control regulations by connecting with cat sterilisation groups and will continue to work towards fixing our currently broken and unworkable significant tree laws.

I am enjoying working with Mayor Michael Picton, who is very receptive to Hills' issues. I am also proud to be working with a strong team of Hills' Councillors in a united Council that is working together very professionally. I certainly undertake to represent Craighburn Ward to the very best of my ability, and look forward to meeting or speaking with many of you in the years ahead.



CRAIGHURN WARD

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Once again I thank the residents of Overton Ward for their continued faith returning me to office as their local Ward Councillor.

I have lived in Overton Ward for over 40 years and as an Elected Member of this Ward for 21 years, I know the area quite well, so if you have a Council problem or question at anytime, please don't hesitate to contact me on 8277 1884 or email jsanderson@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au and I will be happy to assist you.

The recent completion of the commercial development known as Melrose Plaza on the old Bridgestone carpark site traffic flows have been monitored on a regular six monthly basis and this would indicate minor traffic increases. Traffic will

continue to be monitored while the development is being fully tenanted. There may need to be some traffic restrictions initiated when the Council traffic staff have finalised their traffic report to Council.

Residents would be aware that Domestic Hard Rubbish Collection will be happening shortly the areas of Cumberland Park and Clarence Gardens will commence on Monday 11 April and Melrose Park and Daw Park on Monday 18 April. Please do not place items on the kerb before the weekend before your due date for collection. Let's keep our area

tidy this year. We hope that this collection continues on a regular basis.

I have mentioned over many years that I have and will continue to work for youth and the elderly within the City and over the past 12 months plan for western Mitcham. A committee was formed to consider development of a community facility in the west of the City to specifically provide council services to the area. Council has faced a number of serious difficulties to get such a project off the ground. The Committee discussed amongst other things a trial project of

Council services to allow access to Library services, administration functions such as paying rates, dog registrations etc. To establish these facilities was beyond budget and at this time Council is suggesting a development at St Marys Park may be an alternative site. A feasibility study for proposed preliminary plans is being processed in the hope that Federal funding becomes available in the future.

If you have any ideas please contact me.



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Mitcham Community Calendar

COMMUNITY GROUPS

SPROUTS

Pre-schoolers are invited to come along from **10 am to 11.15 am** on **alternate Fridays** at **St Columba's, 101 Cross Road, Hawthorn**. Enjoy songs, prayers, stories, craft and fun! Morning tea provided. Call 8272 7266.

AGEDCARE ALTERNATIVES

A **free information centre** to assist people in finding out how the aged care system works is now available at 1/445 Fullarton Road, Highgate. Agedcare Alternatives provides face-to-face information and support to help you understand options and assist in contacting programs and services. Email info@agedcarealternatives.net.au, call 8271 3888 or visit www.agedcarealternatives.net.au.

COLONEL LIGHT KINDERGYM

Enjoy active play for children aged 6 months to 5 years of age at the Westbourne Park Memorial Hall, 388 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park. Each term has a theme which guides your child to try new activities to help develop their gross motor skills. **Term 2 commences Monday 2 May**. First session free for new members. Sessions are held for 6 to 18 months on Thursday at 11.30 am and 18 months to 3 years and 3 years to 5 years on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Call 8271 8912.

MITCHAM KIWANIS

A member of Kiwanis International, invite you to help continue work in the community. They meet the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at Marion Sports Centre, Sturt Road, Marion. Call 8374 3694.

ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKWOOD

The Rotary Club of Blackwood is holding a Second Hand Book sale on **Saturday 9 April from 9 am to 3 pm at 344 Shepherds Hill Road**. Come along and join the Rotarians at work in your community. Meetings are held at the Belair Country Club, Upper Sturt Road, Belair every **Tuesday from 6 pm to 8 pm**. Email jpchunter16@bigpond.com.

GET FIT/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

YOUTH MASS

A Cluster Youth Mass is held at St Therese's Catholic Church, 3 Oxford Circus, Colonel Light Gardens on the **first Saturday of the month February to December at 6 pm**. Youth prepare the Liturgy and provide the music. If you play an instrument, sing or would like to be a reader call 8276 1131 or email secretary@clgparish.com.

TAI CHI AND QIGONG

Tai Chi and Qigong classes are held at the Mitcham Cultural Village, Princes Road, Mitcham each **Monday and Tuesday mornings**. Beginners can enjoy an obligation free first lesson. Bookings are essential. Qualified teachers will help you relax and improve your health. Call 8277 8605.

VILLAGE CHURCH

Meets at **10.30 am every Sunday** at Edwardstown Primary School, Edwards Street, Melrose Park.

BLACKWOOD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Meets every **Sunday at 10 am and 7 pm** at 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood.

COME AND TRY LAWN BOWLS

Come and try lawn bowls at the Hawthorn Bowling Club, 86A Monmouth Road, Hawthorn in a relaxed environment on **Sunday 3, 10 or 17 April from 1 pm to 4 pm**. Bowls and instruction provided. Enjoy a free sausage sizzle. Flat soled shoes required. To book a place call 0416 250 549 or 0439 851 569 or visit www.hawthornbowlingclub.com.au.



MITCHAM PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Come along on **Thursday 28 April at 7 pm** at the **Colonel Light Gardens RSL Club**, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens and listen to guest speaker Dr Peter Sutherland (pictured above), Head of Urology at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Dr Sutherland's presentation will include an update on current prostate cancer treatments available in South Australia including robotic surgery. The Group offers support and provides a forum for members to discuss health issues. Visit www.psamitcham.org or call 8277 3424.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SWINGING THRU WWII

Enjoy a concert featuring 'Ellington's Heirs' and popular Jazz singer 'BeJM' singing well known songs from the World War II on **Sunday 17 April** at the **Blackwood Memorial Hall**. All proceeds will be donated to Legacy. Tickets \$15 from the Blackwood RSL, Brighton Parade, Blackwood on Mondays between 3.30 pm to 8 pm, all other days between 12 noon to 8 pm. Call 0407 722 041.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come and enjoy a continental breakfast, followed by the inspiring Jason Hoet at the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood on **Saturday 9 April at 7.30 am**. Jason is an active and passionate Christian youth ministry worker, husband and father of three. Cost \$6 or \$3 concession. To book your place, email jodiemick@adam.com.au or call 7220 2836.

HISTORICAL PORT ADELAIDE TRIP

The Mitcham Historical Society invites you to tour an area steeped in history, lunch at one of Ports historic hotels and visit the Aviation Museum on **Sunday 19 June**. Bus departs **9.30 am and returns 4.30 pm** from the City of Mitcham Civic Centre car park. Cost \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. Limited seats so book early call 0402 781 601 or 0430 472 262.

HILLS CHORAL SOCIETY

Invites you to a concert 'Songs of Glory and Farewell' on **Sunday May 29 at 2.30 pm** at the Anglican Church of St Columba, corner Cross Road and Rosevear Street, Hawthorn. The program features the ever popular Gloria by Vivaldi and other famous anthems including Elgar's Land of Hope and Glory. Cost \$18, concession \$15, children \$5. Afternoon tea included. Tickets purchased at the door or call 8278 6151.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

ST COLUMBA'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CORNER CROSS ROAD AND ROSEVEAR STREET, HAWTHORN

Maundy Thursday – 21 April
7 pm Agape Meal in Parish Centre, followed by Vigil
Good Friday – 22 April
9.30 am Prayers and Litany
12 noon to 3 pm Bishop David McCall will lead Devotions
Easter Day – 24 April
6 am Lighting of the New Fire and first Eucharist of Easter, followed by breakfast
9.30 am Easter Eucharist

BLACKWOOD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, 72 COROMANDEL PARADE, BLACKWOOD

Easter Services
Good Friday 22 April 10 am
Easter Sunday 24 April 10 am and 7 pm

VILLAGE CHURCH, EDWARDSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL, EDWARDS STREET, MELROSE PARK

Easter Services
Easter Sunday 24 April 10.30 am



Visit the Urrbrae Wetland

Come and tour the Urrbrae Wetland on Sunday 10 April and celebrate the Urrbrae Wetland's 14th Birthday.

Urrbrae Wetland was originally designed as a flood mitigation dam to capture and release stormwater in a controlled way to alleviate flooding along Cross Road near Duthy Street.

Over the past 14 years the Wetland has not only prevented flooding it has also been planted with indigenous Grey Box Woodland flora, attracting birds and other bush wildlife.

The Wetland will be holding an Open Day on Sunday 10 April from 2 to 4 pm. The Friends of the Urrbrae Wetland will provide illustrated talks on the function of the Wetland and conduct guided walking tours identifying some of the local native flora and fauna, flood retention function, water purification process and the education program.

Entrance to the open day is \$2 for adults and school-age children are free. Car parking is available by entering off Cross Road at Urrbrae.

New members welcome

New members can join at any time and are invited to participate in working bees as volunteers. If you wish to join simply drop by any Tuesday morning between 9 am and 11.30 am or contact Don Buick on 8272 4161 or email dbuick@adam.com.au.

Blackwood Backwards Historical Bus Tour

The Blackwood Backwards Historical Bus is touring historical sites throughout Blackwood on Saturday 16 April.

Learn about the local history of the district and visit the 10 oldest homes in Blackwood, Gamble Cottage, Wittunga Botanic Gardens and Commemorative Table sites.

Enjoy a hot chicken lunch, sweets and tea and coffee provided by Blackwood South Neighbourhood Watch volunteers. Cost is \$25 all-inclusive.

The tour begins at the Coromandel Station northern car park at 9.30 am and returns at 3.30 pm.

For further details and bookings please contact Geoff on 8370 3006 or 0408 117 003.



CrafTART Market at the Mitcham Cultural Village

Gallery One is holding a free CraftTART Market at the Mitcham Cultural Village on Sunday 10 April from 11 am to 4 pm.

Packed with exciting art and craft for sale, made and designed exclusively in South Australia. This market is a unique, fresh and stylish experience in a relaxed environment. As well as a Devonshire cafe, juice bar, gourmet sausage sizzle there is music and fun activities for all the family including the chalk graffiti wall and face painting.

The CraftTART Market will be held on Sunday 10 April at 11 am to 4 pm at the Mitcham Cultural Village, 103 – 105 Princes Road and 1 Torrens Street, Mitcham.

Gallery One is located at 1 Torrens Street, Mitcham and is open Tuesday to Friday 10 am to 4.30 pm and during exhibitions 12 noon to 4.30 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Domestic Hard Waste Collection

Council's annual hard waste clean-up campaign began in March.

All residential areas will be covered over a twelve-week period with each household being notified in advance of the week of their collection.

Collections have already occurred in Urrbrae, Springfield, Netherby and Kingswood, Mitcham,

Torrens Park, Lynton and Brown Hill Creek including Brown Hill Creek Road and Tilley's Hill Road, Hawthorn, Lower Mitcham and Clapham, Westbourne Park and Colonel Light Gardens.

It is important that you place your hard rubbish out for collection

Hazardous articles such as old medical prescriptions, garden and pest sprays, fertilisers, cleaners and paints can be disposed of by contacting the ZeroWaste on 8204 1947 or visit www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au.



Save Money with Solar Councils Community Program



The City of Mitcham has joined Solar Councils Community Program to help residents to install solar energy, including Solar Home Energy and Solar Hot Water Systems.

Solar Councils Community program aims to help residents and businesses save money on their electricity bills and reduce their carbon footprint by using renewable energy technology. As part of the program, Councils will also have the opportunity to undertake energy audits on council facilities and investigate the installation of solar systems.

The program, developed by the Local Government Association in conjunction with ZEN Home Energy Systems, will help build the community's understanding of solar energy and help residents 'live free' from electricity bills with the installation of appropriately sized systems.

Residents and businesses are invited to attend upcoming information sessions to learn more about solar systems and how to access significant savings on the purchase of solar panels as part of the LGA Solar Councils Community Program.

Free Information sessions will help residents understand their

power needs, what government incentives are available and how solar energy can work for them.

Information sessions for the Solar Councils Community Program will be held at the Mitcham Cultural Village, 103-105 Princes Road, Mitcham at the following times:

- Thursday 7 April, 2 pm to 7 pm
- Thursday 21 April, 2 pm to 7 pm

An information session for businesses will be held at the Mitcham Cultural Village on:

- Thursday 7 April, 12 noon to 1 pm

If you are unable to attend a session, register for a free home inspection by calling 1300 936 466, visit www.solarcouncils.com.au, or drop into a ZEN's retail store at:

Shop 1028A, 297 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park
33 King Street, Norwood
Shop 27, 750 Main North Road, Gepps Cross

NO EARLIER than the Saturday or Sunday immediately prior to the actual collection.

All material will be collected on the same day. However, you may wish to place your scrap metal items in a separate pile from your general rubbish materials as some sorting may occur on the collection day. A final separation of material will happen at the transfer station. Green organics, scrap metal and other recyclables will all be salvaged.

Watch your letterbox for notification of your collection week, your local Messenger or visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au. Notices will include details of how to present hard refuse for pickup.

WE WILL remove general household type rubbish generated by normal household activities on your own property including:

- ✓ scrap iron
- ✓ metal
- ✓ timber
- ✓ old white goods
- ✓ including refrigerators (please remove the doors for safety)
- ✓ mattresses
- ✓ old furniture
- ✓ tree and shrub prunings cut into 2 metre lengths and tied in bundles (max of 30cm diameter).

DO NOT include the following:

- ✗ No tyres
- ✗ No asbestos
- ✗ No engine blocks
- ✗ No gear boxes
- ✗ No car batteries
- ✗ No concrete
- ✗ No rocks
- ✗ No bricks or rubble
- ✗ No explosives or ammunition
- ✗ No gas cylinders
- ✗ No plate glass
- ✗ No loose vegetation or tree prunings
- ✗ No timber pallets
- ✗ No liquid waste ie paint, oils, etc
- ✗ No computers or monitors
- ✗ No televisions

Domestic Hard Waste Collection dates

Collections will take place in your suburb on the following dates:

Cumberland Park and Clarence Gardens your rubbish will be collected during the **week commencing Monday 11 April**.

Melrose Park and Daw Park your rubbish will be collected during the **week commencing Monday 18 April**.

St Marys and Pasadena your rubbish will be collected during the **week commencing Monday 25 April**. (Easter and ANZAC Day Public Holidays)

Panorama and Eden Hills your rubbish will be collected during the **week commencing Monday 2 May**.

Bedford Park, Bellevue Heights, Craighorn Farm and Coromandel Valley your rubbish will be collected during the **week commencing Monday 9 May**.

Blackwood your rubbish will be collected during the **week commencing Monday 16 May**.

Glenalta, Belair, Crafers West and Leawood Gardens including Sheoak Road, Charlick Road, Emmett Road, Eagle Road, Old Mt Barker Road, Mount Barker Road and Pony Ridge Road your rubbish will be collected during the **week commencing Monday 23 May**.

Hawthorndene and Upper Sturt including Footts Hill Road, Suffolk Road, Olave Hill Road, Pole Road and Hilltop Road your rubbish will be collected during the **week commencing Monday 30 May**.

For further information please contact the City of Mitcham's Customer Service Centre on 8372 8888 or for collection enquiries call Cleanaway on 8444 1770.

Groundwater contamination in Edwardstown and South Plympton

Council is monitoring the Environment Protection Authority's announcement which advised residents of Edwardstown and South Plympton to stop using bore water for any purpose until further notice.

Residents in Edwardstown and South Plympton are being notified by the Environment Protection Authority that hazardous chemicals from the former Hills Industries site may exist in domestic bores in the area. Rainwater and mains water are not affected.

The Environment Protection Authority has advised the City of Mitcham that no ground water contamination has been identified in Clarence Gardens or Melrose Park. The bore water flows in a north to north westerly direction from the Hills Industries site. Council has requested the Environment Protection Authority

and Marion Council provide any available information in relation to the contamination.

The chemicals which have been found are fuels and industrial solvents which were widely used in the past as a metal cleaner and degreaser. These chemicals have been found at levels above the Australian Drinking Water Guideline values.

The Environment Protection Authority is undertaking further testing to determine the full nature and extent of the contamination including testing soil and air inside a small number of homes to rule out any spread of the contamination to soil or air.

The area under investigation is South Plympton bounded by Marion Road to the west, Oval Terrace and Nelson Street to the south and Edwardstown bounded by Railway Terrace to the east and Maxwell Avenue and Melville Street to the north.

Council will advise the community if there is any change to the current advice provided by the Environment Protection Authority. Further information is available from the Environment Protection Authority's website at www.epa.sa.gov.au.

Stormwater Harvesting at Urrbrae Wetland

Council and the Urrbrae Agricultural High School have undertaken a study to explore the use of stormwater for irrigation from Urrbrae Wetland.



Water reuse studies and trials at the Urrbrae Wetland have been undertaken since the development of the wetland to explore opportunities to store and recover stormwater from the aquifer for irrigation.

In 2008, Urrbrae Agricultural High School applied for a Federal Government grant to reduce

mains water use across its site. A component of the project was to filter stormwater from Urrbrae Wetland for irrigation of crops and pastures.

Council on behalf of the Urrbrae Wetland Management Committee engaged Walbridge and Gilbert to prepare a report on the use

of wetland water for irrigation, including:

- Available volumes for irrigation
- Inflow and outflows volumes
- Water quality
- Maintaining the wetland's clay liner (minimum water levels must be maintained to prevent cracking and potential seepage)

(Left to right) Urrbrae Wetland Farm Dam; Urrbrae Wetland Filtration System; Early Urrbrae Wetland; Urrbrae Wetland Today

The report titled 'Urrbrae Wetland Water Cycle Assessment (March 2010)' addressed three key questions:

- How much water is available?

- How do we store irrigation water?
 - Is the water quality suitable?
- A brief summary of the report is provided below.*

Urrbrae Wetland Water Cycle Assessment (March 2010)

Water Availability

Between 167-182 million litres of stormwater can be extracted from Urrbrae Wetland each year for irrigation. Approximately 64 million litres can be used to irrigate the grounds of Urrbrae Agricultural High School and the adjacent Balham Reserve. This would leave a surplus of between 103-118 ML for other potential users.

Storing Irrigation Water

Storage options at the Urrbrae Wetland include:

- Expanding the farm dam to a capacity of 7 million litres (\$100,000 to \$150,000 as well as the cost of fencing and landscaping)
- Constructing a 33 million litres storage dam covering 10,000m² (\$700,000 to \$900,000) plus option 1 (expanding the farm dam)
- Aquifer storage and recovery. Trials so far have been unsuccessful and wetland

water quality must be improved

- Combination of farm dam and aquifer

Cost estimates are indicative only.

Water Treatment in Urrbrae Wetland

Urrbrae Wetland was designed as a 'flood detention pond' to reduce downstream flooding.

Limitations of the wetland in regards to water quality treatment are its small size in comparison to the catchment, short detention time and possibility of pollutants that have 'settled out' being stirred up in larger storms.

Without further treatment, wetland water is not suitable for aquifer storage and recovery in the fine sand aquifer at Urrbrae Wetland.

Wetland Improvements

Simple and cost effective improvements to the wetland

that would improve water quality include:

- Outfall structure (\$7,000 to \$10,000) - modify or install a new outfall to slow down water leaving the wetland and increase treatment time
- Kitchener Street sedimentation pond (\$60,000 to \$75,000) - lengthen the flow path
- Floating boom - install a small boom near the outlet to trap leaf litter

Other options to improve water quality include installing blocks of floating aquatic plants or a mechanical filtration and disinfection system (\$50,000 to \$150,000). The later will treat stormwater to the national guidelines for stormwater reuse, and reduce turbidity and nutrient loads for aquifer storage and recovery. *Note: these cost estimates are indicative only.*

Aquifer Storage and Recovery

The following recommendations which require further

investigations and trials are based on the CSIROs investigations into aquifer storage and recovery at Urrbrae Wetland:

- Pilot treatment plant - establish to determine if water quality can be improved before injecting into the well and to reduce clogging
- Establish a new well - next to the existing well which would serve as an 'observation well.' Further investigations and monitoring is needed
- Groundwater model - developed to assess the likelihood of a large scale, long term aquifer storage and recovery scheme
- Investigate - impacts of the above studies on the potential need and operation of a balancing storage
- Cost benefit analysis of aquifer storage and recovery at Urrbrae Wetland - based on current and projected values of water

Conclusion

Answers to the key questions on the use of stormwater from Urrbrae Wetland:

How much water is available?

An estimated 167-182 million litres per year are available for irrigation.

How do we store irrigation water?

Further treatment of the stormwater is needed which requires modifications to the wetland, a filtration plant and disinfection system.

Is the water quality suitable?

Storage options for treated stormwater have been identified and initial cost estimates provided. Further aquifer storage and recovery investigations and trials are needed.

To harvest for use 167-182 million litres of water each year from Urrbrae Wetland water quality must be improved and a suitable aquifer for storage must be found.

Draft Brown Hill Creek Landscape Character Guiding Principles



The City of Mitcham has developed draft Brown Hill Creek Landscape Character Guiding Principles to shape the future decisions regarding landscape function, design and appearance of the parks and reserves along Brown Hill Creek.

These guiding principles will shape future decisions regarding design, function and appearance of Council's parks and reserves along Brown Hill Creek.

The principles will apply to parks and reserves along Brown Hill Creek including:

- Godden Reserve
- Delwood Reserve
- JW Morris Reserve
- Soldier's Memorial Gardens
- Betty Long Reserve
- Mitcham Reserve
- Sutton Gardens
- Norman Reserve

The draft Brown Hill Creek Landscape Character Guiding Principles have been developed with input from the community following consultation in 2010 and are to be considered in addition to the provisions of the Local Government Act and Community Land Management Plans that apply to the reserves. The reserves

are categorised based on their current use and maintenance regimes including irrigated gardens, un-irrigated natural areas and built form. Information about reserves categories is available on www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

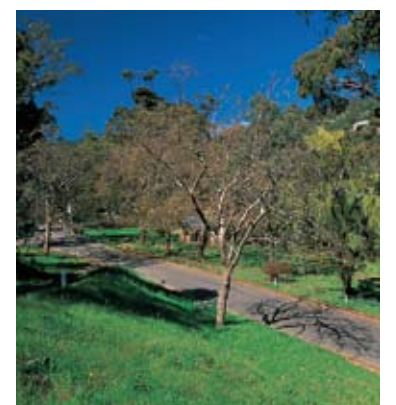
These draft principles aim to ensure the community has access to reserves for a range of active and passive recreation and sport activities as well as community and cultural events. A key feature of the draft principles is to ensure that the community has safe access to the waterways as well as have an opportunity to appreciate the unique biodiversity on offer.

A copy of the draft Guiding Principles is available from the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park; Blackwood Library, 215 Main Road, Blackwood; Mitcham Library, 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn or on Council's website www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

Written submissions on the draft Guiding Principles quoting FF.11.143 are invited by 5 pm Friday 15 April addressed to:

Draft Brown Hill Creek Landscape Character Guiding Principles
City of Mitcham
PO Box 21
Mitcham Shopping Centre
TORRENS PARK SA 5062

For more information contact Jacob Kochergen on 8374 7793.



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