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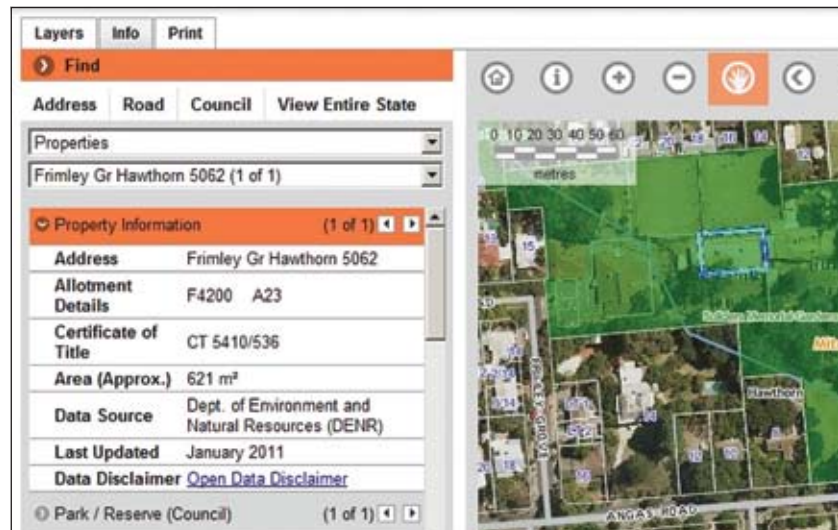
SA Council Maps

Local residents can now search for properties and locations of interest with a local government context on an online mapping service.

SA Council Maps which draws on the success of Google Maps is a website which allows the community to find services close to them as well as local Council information such as waste collection, zoning, local parks, schools and much more.

SA Council Maps gives residents constant access to up-to-date information on their local

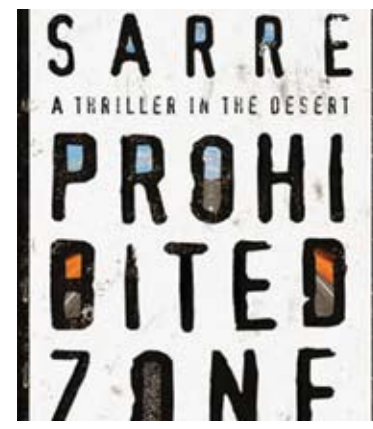
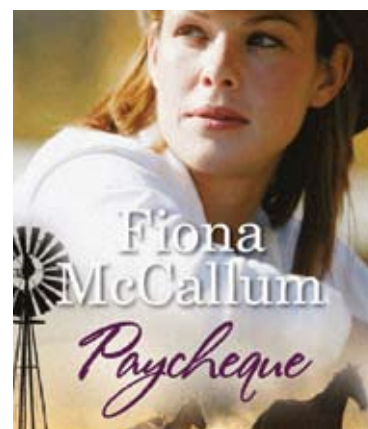
area and government services. The website brings together information from participating Councils, in one easy to access place. Previously, local residents had to rely on more traditional methods of accessing this information, such as telephone directories, street directories and direct mail.



Find Council information and services close to you with SA Council Maps

- When is your waste collected?
- Where are your nearest libraries, schools, parks and playgrounds?
- What planning regulations affect your neighbourhood?
- What Council Ward do you live in and who are your Elected Members?
- How can you get from one location to another via walking, car or public transport?

To explore your local community visit www.sacouncilmaps.sa.gov.au.



What's On at the Library

'PAYCHECK'
BY FIONA MCCALLUM
MONDAY 29 AUGUST

Meet SA author Fiona McCallum who will share insights about her book 'Paycheck' set in the Adelaide Hills on Monday 29 August at 2 pm at Mitcham Library. 'Paycheck' tells the story of Claire, a city girl, who has forgotten her country roots. After tragic news she heads back to her family's farm and rebuilds her life.

'PROHIBITED ZONE'
BY ALASTAIR SARRE
THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Alastair Sarre, author of political thriller 'Prohibited Zone', will be launching his book at the Blackwood Library on Thursday 8 September. 'Prohibited Zone' tells the story of Steve West, mining engineer and ex-footy star, who just wants a dirty weekend in town, but he can't stop people telling him their secrets.

'Paycheck' and 'Prohibited Zone' will be available for purchase. Enjoy afternoon tea at these free events. Booking are essential.

For more information call the Mitcham Library on 8372 8244 or the Blackwood Library on 8372 8255 email library@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Immunisation Clinics

The City of Mitcham provides a range of free immunisation services to children and adolescents to keep you and your family safe and prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Four regular public clinics are held each month within the Council area at two convenient locations:

	Mitcham Community Centre cnr Grange and Belair Roads Lower Mitcham	Blackwood Hills Baptist Church 72 Coromandel Parade Blackwood
August 17	6 pm to 7.30 pm	12 noon to 1 pm
September 7	12 noon to 1 pm	6.30 pm to 7.30 pm
September 21	6 pm to 7.30 pm	12 noon to 1 pm
October 5	12 noon to 1 pm	6.30 pm to 7.30 pm
October 19	6 pm to 7.30 pm	12 noon to 1 pm
November 2	12 noon to 1 pm	6.30 pm to 7.30 pm
November 16	6 pm to 7.30 pm	12 noon to 1 pm
December 7	12 noon to 1 pm	6.30 pm to 7.30 pm
December 21	No Evening Clinic	12 noon to 1 pm

Full details about Council's public immunisation service are available at www.mitichamcouncil.sa.gov.au or by contacting the Environmental Health Unit on 8372 8816.

Nominations are Now Open!

We all know of someone who has given up countless hours to our local community, helped our environment or organised an amazing community event? So why not nominate that someone, group or event that has contributed significantly to the local community.

The City of Mitcham is currently seeking nominations from the community for Council's Australia Day Awards and Awards for Excellence to acknowledge achievements by individuals and or groups who have made an outstanding contribution to our community. Nominations are accepted in the following categories:

Australia Day Citizen of the Year

Awarded to persons over 25 years who have given outstanding service to the local community.

Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year

Awarded to persons under 25 years who have given outstanding service to the local community.

Australia Day Event of the Year

Awarded to the community event which made a significant contribution to the local community.

City of Mitcham Awards for Excellence

Awards for Excellence recognise groups who have given

outstanding service to the Community (Community Service) or individuals or groups who have made a significant contribution through Design (innovations in building and renovation), Sport or Environmental Achievement.

Nomination forms and guidelines are available at www.mitichamcouncil.sa.gov.au, or the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

The deadline for all nominations is 5 pm Friday, 28 October 2011. For further information please call 8372 8899 or email miticham@mitichamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

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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

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Remember to Register your Dog and Cat!

Dog and cat registration notices for the coming financial year were issued during July with payment due by Wednesday 31 August.

While it is that time of year again for renewing your dog registration you now also need to register your cat!

Council's new Cat By-law requires all cats over the age of three months to be registered and microchipped. The new By-law limits the number of cats that can be kept and provides for the control and management of cats within the Council's area.

If you did not receive your renewal notice or you have a new dog or cat aged over three months contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 8372 8888 to ensure your pet is registered. Failure to register a dog or cat may result in a fine.

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH A CAT?

If you have a problem with your neighbour's cat, start by discussing your concerns with the neighbour. Talk about it in a friendly way. Many people don't realise that their cat is being a nuisance. Try to find a mutually acceptable solution and be prepared to be patient; it can take a while for someone to retrain their animal.

If talking to your neighbour doesn't work, there are a number of steps you can take to deter the cat from your property. There may not be an immediate solution, as it will take time to determine if the deterrents are working. If these methods are unsuccessful, try contacting your neighbour again. Inform them of the actions that you have taken and ask them

once again if they are willing to help solve the problem/s caused by their cat. If the answer is still no, inform them of your intention to contact the Council.

WHAT DO I DO IF I FIND A DOG?

If you find a dog wandering in the City contact Council on 8372 8888 (during normal business hours), or 8366 0588 (after hours).

If the dog has a registration disc, give the number on the disc to the Officer who will attempt to contact the owner to have them collect their dog. If the dog has no identification, Council will make arrangements to collect the dog and take it to an approved dog shelter.

Don't forget, if you lose your dog contact Council as we might be able to reunite you with your lost pet!

DOG FREE AND DOG ON LEASH AREAS

All dogs should be kept on a leash when outside your property and on public streets and roads, except for specified 'leash free' areas as dog free and dog on leash areas designated by Council. Dog owners should carry a leash at all times and ensure their dogs remain in sight and under effective voice control.

DEDICATED DOG PARK

- CC Hood Reserve, cnr Panorama Drive and Eliza Place Panorama. Fully enclosed area located at the northern portion of the reserve.

DOG-FREE AREAS (NO DOGS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME)

- Bailey Reserve children's playground area, Clarence Gardens.
- Portland Place Reserve, Colonel Light Gardens.
- Crozier Reserve, Crozier Avenue, Daw Park.
- Kingswood Oval, Belair Road, Kingswood.
- Barrons Reserve, Lower Mitcham.
- Denman Reserve, Lower Mitcham.

DOG ON LEASH AREAS

- Haddington Reserve, Clapham.
- Bailey Reserve, Clarence Gardens - at designated times.
- Hillview (Penang), Colonel Light Gardens.
- Avenue Road Reserve, Cumberland Park.
- Keith W Pearson Reserve, Hawthorn.
- CC Hood Reserve, Panorama; Leash Free, outside the dedicated dog park, daily as described below:
 - April to October 7 to 9 am and 5 to 8 pm.
 - November to March 7 to 9 am and 6.30 to 9.30 pm.
- Strathcona Reserve, Panorama.
- Naomi Reserve, Pasadena.
- Price Memorial Oval, Hawthorn (From 10 am to 6 pm daily and whilst sporting activities are being undertaken).



Discounted Microchipping Day

Saturday 27 August, 10 am to 2 pm

Microchip your cat or dog for only \$30 on Saturday 27 August 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.cat.com.au).

A microchip will be implanted by a local veterinarian and causes no pain or discomfort to your pet. You will also receive an external tag and a Certificate of Identification will be posted to you.

Registration fees are greatly reduced for microchipped and desexed pets. Don't forget to bring along a certificate from your veterinarian that your pet is desexed so you can register your pets on the day.

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 phone 8372 8888 or visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

Remember you must microchip and register your cat.



Alexander Ross Reserve Playground

Mitcham Council has upgraded the playground at Alexander Ross Reserve in Melrose Park.

New play ground equipment has been installed to encourage healthy development in children through creative play including swings, double wave slide, monkey bars, inclined timber bridge, steering panel, noughts and crosses panel, rock wall, stairs and kangaroo rocker.

The playground is located along Mead Crescent in Melrose Park.

A new shelter and picnic set has been provided adjacent the playground. Thank you to local residents who participated in the community consultation.

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\$450,000	\$11,250	\$6,950	\$850,000	\$21,250	\$6,950
\$500,000	\$12,500	\$6,950	\$900,000	\$22,500	\$6,950
\$550,000	\$13,750	\$6,950	\$1,000,000	\$25,000	\$6,950
\$600,000	\$15,000	\$6,950	\$1,100,000	\$27,500	\$6,950
\$650,000	\$16,250	\$6,950	\$1,200,000	\$30,000	\$6,950

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Mitcham Community Calendar

COMMUNITY GROUPS

WESTBOURNE PARK COMMUNITY CLUB

Come and join the fun at the **Westbourne Park Community Club**, formally the Westbourne Park Senior Citizens at 390 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park. Enjoy social indoor bowls every **Monday and Saturday** and social bingo each **Monday** with all activities starting at 1 pm. Bring a friend, form a group and meet new people in a relaxed and friendly environment. All welcome call 8271 3290.

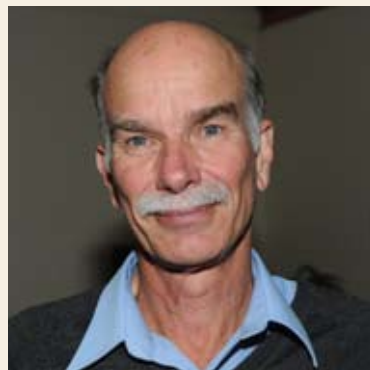
MITCHAM KIWANIS

Mitcham Kiwanis need members to participate in volunteer work to support the local community and international projects. The group meets on the **second and fourth Monday** of each month at Marion Sports Centre, Sturt Road, Marion. Call 8374 3694.

COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS, GOODWOOD AND KINGSWOOD CATHOLIC PARISHES

Sunday Mass has new times.

St Therese's Colonel Light Gardens on Saturday at 6 pm and Sunday at 8.30 am. Holy Cross Goodwood on Saturday at 6.30 pm and Sunday at 10 am. Our Lady of Dolours, Kingswood on Sunday at 9.30 am.



MITCHAM PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Come along on **Thursday 25 August at 7 pm** at the **Colonel Light Gardens RSL Club**, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens and listen to guest speaker Professor Neil Piller, Director Lymphoedema Assessment Clinic, Flinders Medical Centre. Professor Piller's will present on early recognition, treatment and management of lymphoedema of the legs and lower body. The Group offers support and provides a forum for members to discuss health issues. Visit www.psamitcham.org or call 8277 3424.

HAWTHORN CHURCH OF CHRIST COFFEE, CRAFT AND CHAT

Come and enjoy craft, laughter, friendship and a cuppa every **Thursday** during school term from 9.30 am to 11.30 am at 42 Angas Road, Hawthorn. Call 8272 5564.

ST FRANCIS COMMUNITY CENTRE

St Francis Community Centre, 835 South Road, Clarence Gardens invites you to join in a range of activities including **Ladies Probus, AA, Pilates for Seniors, Quilting and Sewing, Line Dancing, Aikido-Ka, Friends of Bushland, Mothers' Union and AFS Intercultural Program**. New people, who have limited access to others, are welcome to the monthly **Friendship Lunches** for lunch and entertainment. Call 8276 6057. If you are a new mum come and join the **playgroup**. The hall and supper room is available for hire. Email ganddpalmer@bigpond.com or call 8293 2203.

GET FIT/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

TAI CHI AND QIGONG

Tai Chi and Qigong classes are held at the Mitcham Cultural Village, Princes Road, Mitcham each **Monday and Tuesday mornings at 10 am to noon**. First class is free. Bookings are essential. Qualified teachers will help you relax and improve your health, especially for people with Arthritis. Call 8277 8605.

YOGA FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Parents of young children are welcome to stretch and strengthen on **Thursdays from 9.30 am to 10.15 am** during school term at the Blackwood Church of Christ, Waite Street, Blackwood. 0-4yr olds are also welcome to come along to make new friends or join in. Call 7220 4978.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

40 HOUR FAMINE IS BACK AGAIN!

Get involved in the 40 Hour Famine and make a huge difference in the lives of many children supported by World Vision. Blackwood Hills Baptist Church is doing it again on **August 19-21**. Call 8370 0333.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come and enjoy a **continental breakfast** followed by a presentation from Ben Price at the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church on **Saturday, 20 August at 7.30 am**. Ben is one of Australia's leading impersonators and comedians. His extensive repertoire of over 100 character voices will leave you in stitches. Cost \$8 or \$5 concession. To book call 0403 656 537 or email jodiemick@adam.com.au.

WHERE DID I LEAVE THE CAR?

A free forum for families, carers and aged care providers who have concerns about driving and ageing will be held on **Wednesday 21 September from 10 am to 2.30 pm** at the Marion Sports and Community Club, 262 Sturt Road, Marion. The forum will contain presentations by SAPOL, Life Without Driving, Alzheimer's SA, Department of Transport, Driver Assessment and Rehabilitation Clinic and a presentation on alternate transport options. Call 8384 0758 or email salwar@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

FRIENDS OF BELAIR NATIONAL PARK WALK

The Friends of Belair National Park, to commemorate the annual inspection tour undertaken by the then Commissioner of the Park, Sir John Cleland, invite you to take part in a **FREE** guided walk to be held at the Belair National Park at **10 am on Sunday October 9**. Please meet at the Volunteer Centre in Long Gully at 9.45 am and bring your own water, snacks, hat and sunscreen. Email jenke@slmember.on.net or call 8278 8986.

MITCHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

The Mitcham Historical Society will hold its **AGM on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30 pm** in the Drawing Room at Scotch College. Guest speaker Richard Heathcott will present on 'Gardens and Landscapes'. Call 0430 472 262. Enjoy a **bus trip to Willunga** and surrounding areas on **Sunday 16 October at 9 am**. Depart from the City of Mitcham's carpark. Call 0418 829 034.

GALLERY ONE

'Andamento', a creative exhibition of exuberant colour and unique tactile works during the SALA Festival 2011. The exhibition includes stunning works of mosaics, glass and ceramic sculpture as well as abstract and contemporary paintings to delight the eye and capture the imagination. Open to the public between the **6 and 28 August from Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 4.30 pm and Sunday 12 noon to 4.30 pm** at 1 Torrens Street, Mitcham. Call 8272 4504 or email info@galleryone.org.au.



Mini Field of Women in Blackwood

More than a hundred Pink Lady silhouettes will be on display at the Blackwood roundabout in front of the Uniting Church on Saturday 15 October to show support for women and families affected by breast cancer.

Mitcham's community is invited to leave a personal message of support to help raise money for the Breast Cancer Network Australia and the Cancer Council.

A 'girls afternoon' hosted by the Blackwood Uniting Church and Blackwood Curves, will feature guest speakers, afternoon tea, Corowood Choir, belly dancing, come and try services from local businesses, raffles and door prize.

For more information about Mini Field of Women in Blackwood call 0432 940 298.

If you or someone you love has been recently diagnosed with breast cancer, please call Breast Cancer Network Australia on 1800 500 258 or visit www.bcna.org.au to obtain a free *My Journey Kit*.

Living with Dementia

Are you caring for a relative with dementia? Understand the changes at the Living with Dementia workshop on Monday 22 August at the Blackwood Over 50s Club Rooms, 4 Young Street, Blackwood from 1 pm to 3.30 pm.

A free workshop for family members caring for a relative with dementia living in the community. Topics to be discussed in the workshop include:

- What is dementia?
- Understanding the brain.
- Effective communication.
- Responding to changed behaviours.
- Services and supports available to you.

Registration is essential as numbers are limited.

For further information or to register call 1800 100 500 by Monday 15 August.

If you have a disability MALSSA can help

MALSSA helps people who have a disability, their families and carers to speak up when they need help.

People with a disability, their families and carers can receive assistance for:

- Centrelink payments, accommodation and residential care.
- Gaining access to needed services and equipment.
- Making informed decisions about educational, career and lifestyle choices.
- Lodging complaints about service quality, unfair treatment or discrimination.
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Upcoming Work in Your Street

Bridge Construction

The work on restoring **Keystone Bridge and overflow culvert**, located on Taylors Road in Mitcham Reserve is expected to be completed by late August 2011.

Kerbing Construction

Construction to replace the kerb, watertable and pavement in **Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens** has begun.

Kerb, watertable and pavement replacement works are programmed in **Caulfield Avenue, Clarence Gardens**.

Kerb and watertable replacement works in preparation for resurfacing works have begun in Torrens Park in **Glenburnie Avenue**, Blythewood Road to Anderson Avenue; **Ford Avenue**, Glenburnie Avenue to Eli Street; **Chalk Place**, Ford Avenue to the end and **Eli Street**, Ford Avenue to Braemar Road.

Road Works

Council's road rehabilitation and overlay program are planned in the following streets:

- **Adelaide Terrace**, St Marys.
- **Caulfield Avenue**, Clarence Gardens.
- **Colton Road**, Blackwood.
- **Maitland Street**, Mitcham.
- **Prince George Parade**, Colonel Light Gardens.
- **Southern Avenue**, St Marys.
- **Stirling Road**, Blackwood.

Traffic Management

Road safety projects are in progress or have been completed at:

- **Main Road/Gloucester Avenue, Belair** - intersection widening. Construction of this project has been completed.
- **High Street/Maitland Street, Mitcham** - intersection layout improvement. Traffic line marking has been completed to improve the safety of the road.
- **Delamere Avenue, Springfield** - emu crossing facility near Mercedes College. Council completed consultation and preparation of the concept design in April. This project has been deferred until the SA Water's pipeline project is completed in Delamere Avenue.
- **Princes Road, Mitcham** - two pedestrian refuge crossing facilities located along separate locations in Princes Road and Park Street. A concept design and community consultation was undertaken in April. This project has been included in the traffic management works program for the 2011/2012 financial year.
- **Ormond Avenue, Daw Park** - Traffic control devices. A concept design and community consultation was completed in April. Further work will be undertaken by Council with the residents to develop a traffic management strategy for Ormond Avenue during the 2011/2012 financial year.

Footpath Construction in 2011/2012

Replacement Footpaths

Adelaide Terrace, Cashel Street to no 54 Adelaide Terrace, Pasadena (south).

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

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

Barrelder Road, Carruth Road to Lochwinnoch Road, Torrens Park (north).

Barretts Road, Cole Street to railway line, Clapham (north).

Belmont Street, Grange Road to Wattlebury Avenue, Lower Mitcham (east).

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

Caulfield Avenue, South Road to Lee Street, Clarence Gardens (south).

Claire Street, Fraser Street to Belmont Street, Lower Mitcham (north).

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

Coolidge Avenue, Belmont Street to Wattle Avenue, Lower Mitcham (south).

Crozier Avenue, Goodwood Road to Winston Avenue, Daw Park (south).

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

Dinwoodie Avenue, Ackland Avenue to Clovelly Avenue, Clarence Gardens (south).

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

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

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

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

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

Hawthorndene Oval, Watahuna Avenue to Wattle Avenue, Hawthorndene.

Hay Street, Mitcham Avenue to Catherine Street, Lower Mitcham (north).

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

Kent Street, Cross Road to Devonshire Street, Hawthorn (west).

Kyre Avenue, Harrow Terrace to culdesac, Kingswood (south).

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

Lochwinnoch Road, Fife Avenue to Barrelder Avenue, Torrens Park (west).

Main Road, church hall to railway crossing, Blackwood (south).

Main Road, pedestrian crossing to Downer Avenue, Belair (west).

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

Minnow Reserve, Minnow Drive to Bridge, Glenalta.

North Parade, Princes Road to East Parade, Kingswood (north).

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

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

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

Rothesay Avenue, Dorene Street to reserve, St Marys (north).

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

Rozells Avenue, Winston Avenue to Light Place, Colonel Light Gardens (south).

Rugby Street, Seafield Avenue to Eynesbury Avenue, Kingswood (west).

Sherwood Reserve, bridge to Sherwood Drive, Glenalta.

Southern Avenue, South Road to Pinn Street, St Marys (south).

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

Truro Avenue, Smith Dorrien Street to East Parade, Kingswood (south).

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

Winston Avenue, Morgan Avenue to Daws Road, Daw Park (east).

Yulinda Terrace, The Grove to Wattlebury Road, Lower Mitcham (west).

New Footpaths

Brighton Parade, Johnson Parade to Simla Parade, Blackwood (east).

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

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

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

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

Shepherds Hill Road, Donnybrook Road to Sturt Road, Bellevue Heights (south).

Shepherds Hill Road, Sturt Road Bridge to Sturt Road connector, Bedford Park (west).

Sturt Road, Shepherds Hill Road to University Drive, Bedford Park (south).

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

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

Paving works programmed for August/September

Crozier Avenue, Goodwood Road to Winston Avenue, Daw Park (south).

Winston Avenue, Morgan Avenue to Daws Road, Daw Park (east).

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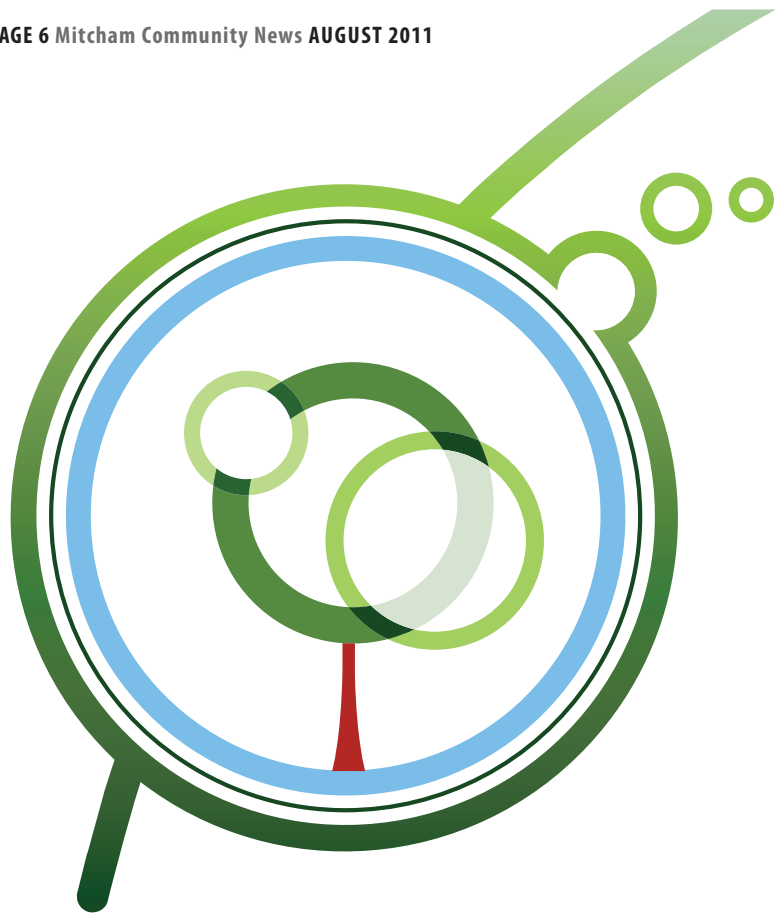
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WOMAD EARTHSTATION

BELAIR NATIONAL PARK 21-23 OCTOBER 2011

IN TUNE WITH THE PLANET

Exploring new ideas for a sustainable relationship

Womad Earth Station, a festival centred on the message, discussion and discovery of environmental sustainability, will be held at Long Gully in Belair National Park from the 21-23 of October.

This unique festival will explore new ideas for a sustainable relationship with our planet. The world's finest scientists, thinkers, musicians, artists and technology innovators will gather to enlighten, inspire, share and formulate new ideas for a more sustainable relationship with our planet.

This innovative event melds the intellectual and cultural energies of leading minds with a performance program featuring some of the world's most accomplished and diverse musicians. The festival audience will be inspired by a refreshing and rare combination of discussion and music during a weekend of forums, displays and performances.

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THE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

The festival will include performances from more than a dozen musicians and ensembles.

ARTISTS



KRONOS QUARTET

For more than 30 years the Kronos Quartet from the United States of America have redefined the contemporary incarnation of a string quartet. They will perform their pivotal work Sun Rings, a piece commissioned by NASA and incorporating sound recordings from deep space. This extraordinary work by Terry Riley, featuring a recorded libretto for the planet read by Alice Walker, is a majestic amalgam of chamber music, hypnotic visuals and the ethereal sounds from deep space transmitted by the Voyager spacecraft.



MISTA SAVONA

Melbourne producer/musician Jake Savona will bring together an incredible eight-piece band, channelling the true rhythmic pulse and raw excitement of Jamaican roots music with a love of contemporary dancehall and hip-hop styles.



TOUMANI DIABATÉ

Two time Grammy award winner Toumani Diabaté stands tall at the crossroads of African music. He is Mali's iconic kora player and with his band, they conjure joyous cross-cultural collaborations who embrace everything from flamenco, blues, jazz and pop to the irrepressible pulse of West Africa. Toumani will give a rare solo performance of his award winning recording of 'The Mande Variations' and subsequently perform with his accompanying musicians.

For further information about the Womad Earth Sta



with our planet

THE SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

Developed in collaboration with the Environment Institute and the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, the Sustainability Program features speakers from different countries, backgrounds and professions. Discussions will incorporate the many and diverse issues concerning the planet and the range of possible, and sometimes opposing, solutions, including climate change, solar power, food security, sustainability in the home and much more.

SPEAKERS



CATE BLANCHETT AND ANDREW UPTON

Cate and Andrew have been Artistic Directors of Sydney Theatre Company since January 2008. Under their leadership, Sydney Theatre Company's 'Greening The Wharf' project has involved transforming Sydney Theatre Company's home-base on Sydney Harbour into a demonstration of how buildings - even heritage listed ones - can be made more sustainable. 'Greening The Wharf' has also seen the incorporation of sustainability principles into theatre design, set construction and lighting.



GISELLE WEYBRECHT

After working with the United Nations/UNESCO in sustainable development, Giselle Weybrecht completed an MBA at London Business School before writing 'The Sustainable MBA: The Manager's Guide to Green Business'. Through business schools and businesses, she is committed to ensuring that the next generation of business leaders fully understand sustainability and put this knowledge into practise.



ROD QUANTOCK

The strength of satire is its ability to identify and mock stupidity - and this is Rod Quantock's exquisite craft. A staple of the Melbourne comedy scene since 1973, his bone-dry observations on society's shortcomings are deliciously accurate, with keen intelligence underlining his wit. He's cheeky and doggedly political, voicing his concerns loudly and deliberately to expectant audiences. Crucially, after more than 30 years working in cabaret, theatre, television, radio, advertising and the corporate sector, he remains contemporary, evolving and staying at the forefront of comedy.

THE MARKET

The Market is an area within the festival with stalls, environmental displays, educational stands and ethical retail traders. The Market will be accompanied by a host of South Australia food stalls.

GETTING TO AND FROM THE EVENT

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Adelaide Metro buses and trains run from Adelaide City to Belair at regular intervals. Timetables and links will be made available on the website www.earthstationfestival.com.au closer to the event date.

SHUTTLE SERVICES

An event shuttle bus will take patrons from the Belair train station into the event site at Long Gully free of charge.

DRIVING

While there will be a limited number of car parks near the site available (at an extra cost), you are strongly encouraged to leave your car home and to use the public transport services. In allocating car parks, preference will be given to holders of camping passes. Full transport details will be available on the website www.earthstationfestival.com.au closer to the event.

CYCLING

Free bike parking will be available for those cycling to the event.

CAMPING

Womad Earth Station offers onsite camping. Campsites are limited and must be booked in advance.

For more information and terms and conditions visit www.earthstationfestival.com.au

CITY OF MITCHAM BUDGET 2011/2012

The City of Mitcham has set its 2011/2012 budget to implement key strategies, identified by the community, in the 2008-2012 Strategic Management Plan, available on Council's website at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/goto/tomorrow. This Strategic Plan sets out a series of objectives and strategies to better facilitate the achievement of Mitcham's long term vision. It is a means of ensuring day to day activities are consistently focused on the issues of most importance for Council and the community, while ensuring that sustainability is a guiding principle of the plan.

The Plan, which was developed through extensive consultation with the community, organisations, Council staff and Elected Members, sets a framework for Council and the community to work together. Through its Strategic Plan, Council will maintain its focus on areas covering Economic, Environmental and Community Sustainability as well as Organisational Excellence with priority on key services such as infrastructure (road network, drainage systems and footpaths), waste management and street trees.

To ensure the success of the plan and the continual development and maintenance of our City and services, homeowners will pay an average of **4.92%** more in rates this financial year. This means that a home, which was valued at **\$462,600** last year and would most likely be valued at **\$499,600** this year, will pay rates of **\$1,289.20, an increase of \$65 or \$1.25 per week.**

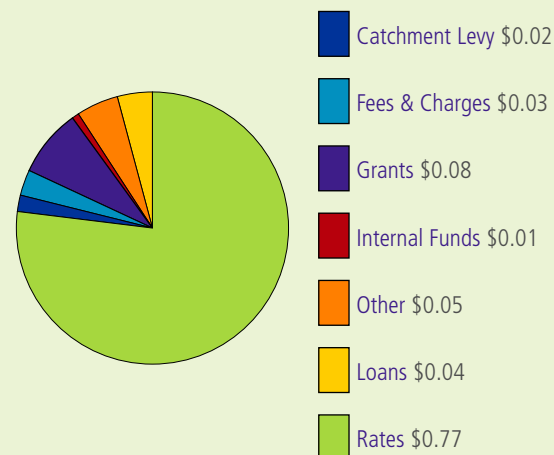


Key Initiatives for 2011/2012

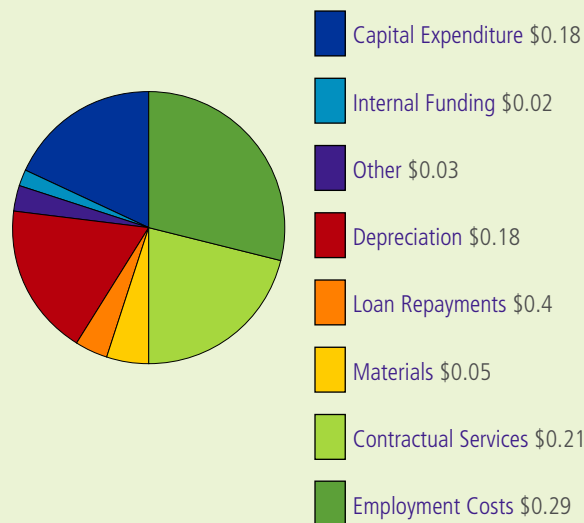
Additional road and footpath works (year 6 of 10 year program)	\$1,410,000
Additional new footpath construction (year 6 of 10 year program)	\$482,500
Belair Road Stage two drainage works	\$431,300
Implementation of an Electronic Document and Records Management System	\$285,300
Library Management System replacement	\$250,000
Additional water and electricity costs	\$239,700
Additional stormwater works (year 6 of 10 year program)	\$159,100
Kingswood Oval irrigation upgrade	\$125,000
Additional waste management fees	\$120,000
Bus stops upgrade to comply with Disability Discrimination Act	\$101,100
Mitcham Cemetery restoration works	\$86,000
CC Hood Reserve development	\$85,000
Natural Disaster Resilience Program	\$83,300
Brown Hill Creek Sustainable Flood and Water Management	\$80,000
JWS Morris Reserve landscaping	\$60,000
Safety refuges on Princes Road	\$60,000
Playground upgrades	\$59,000
Park furniture replacements	\$40,000
Womad Earth Station community event	\$26,000
Reserve signage renewal	\$25,000

How Your Rates are Spent?

How Council Raises each Revenue Dollar



How Council Spends each Revenue Dollar



How each Revenue Dollar is Spent

Sport & Leisure Activities	\$0.02
Street Lighting	\$0.02
Food & Health Control	\$0.02
Animal & Parking Control	\$0.02
Water Catchment Levy	\$0.02
Stormwater Drainage	\$0.02
Pest Plant & Weed Control	\$0.03
Corporate Activities	\$0.04
Planning & Building	\$0.04
Governance	\$0.04
Loan Repayments	\$0.04
Aged & Youth Services	\$0.05
Parks Gardens & Reserves	\$0.05
Street Trees & Cleaning	\$0.05
Land Buildings & Equipment	\$0.06
Libraries	\$0.06
Waste Management	\$0.11
Roads, Footpaths & Traffic	\$0.31

WORKS PROGRAM FOR 2011/2012

LEGEND

- Road Rehabilitation, Overlays and Reconstruction
- Bitumen Rejuvenation and Crack Sealing
- Kerb and Watertable
- Traffic Management
- Footpaths
- Creek Restoration

BEDFORD PARK

- Shepherds Hill Road
- Sturt Road

BELAIR

- Gloucester Avenue
- Gum Grove
- Horsell Road
- Landsdowne Avenue
- Main Road
- Oswald Avenue
- Redgum Drive

BELLEVUE HEIGHTS

- Heathfield Road
- Ridgehaven Drive
- Shepherds Hill Road
- The Boulevard

BLACKWOOD

- Adey Road

BEDFORD PARK

- Ashby Avenue
- Brighton Parade
- Colton Road
- Grevillea Way
- Gulfview Road
- Johnson Parade
- Main Road
- Reynolds Street
- Simla Parade
- Stirling Road
- Uralla Court

CLAPHAM

- Barretts Road
- Cole Street
- Murray Street
- Price Avenue
- Strathcona Avenue

CLARENCE GARDENS

- Caulfield Avenue
- Dinwoodie Avenue
- Pearson Street
- Flinders Avenue
- Light Place
- Pembroke Place
- Prince George Parade
- Rapid Avenue
- Rozells Avenue
- The Grove
- Winchester Avenue

COROMANDEL VALLEY

- Coromandel Parade
- Main Road

DAW PARK

- Crozier Avenue

BEDFORD PARK

- Elder Street
- Goodwood Road
- Milne Street
- Winston Avenue

EDEN HILLS

- Baldina Street
- Chowilla Street
- Lee Street
- Parham Road

GLENALTA

- Menura Avenue
- Minnow Reserve
- Sherwood Reserve

HAWTHORN

- Brown Hill Creek (JWS Morris Park)
- Godden Street
- Hampton Street
- Jervis Street



Maximum Rate Increase for Residential Ratepayers

Council will continue to apply rate capping to assist residential ratepayers who would otherwise have incurred a rate increase greater than 12.5%. A rebate will be granted upon application for eligible ratepayers. For details of eligibility contact our Customer Service Centre on 8372 8888, or visit Council's website at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au. Rates revenue is used to provide a range of essential everyday services such as road rehabilitation, footpath repairs and maintenance, stormwater drainage, the collection of rubbish and recyclable materials, ongoing maintenance of parks, gardens and buildings, street lighting and street cleaning, libraries, animal control, planning and enforcement of local laws. The increase in rates revenue will be used to implement key strategies including maintaining the City's ageing infrastructure, which includes our roads, footpaths and stormwater drainage systems, new footpaths, additional street tree planting and the continuation of Council's footpath replacement program and bushfire prevention.

How Rates are Calculated

Rates are a tax levied on a property according to its capital value. The capital value of a property is determined by the Valuer General. The rates which a property owner pays are calculated by multiplying the property valuation by a rate in the dollar. To determine the rate in the dollar Council must determine, through its strategic planning and budget deliberations, what services will be provided and what works need to be carried out. Then Council must calculate the cost of those works and services. Next Council estimates the revenue it will receive from sources such as fees and charges, grants and loans. Council is then able to calculate the rate in the dollar which would be required to collect sufficient revenue, which together with the revenue from the other sources allows Council to provide all the services and works required.



Property Values

All properties within the City are valued by the Office of the Valuer General each year. In 2011 residential properties in the City have increased in value by an average of 8% (excluding development) while commercial and industrial properties (excluding development) have increased in value by an average of 4.3%.

Council formally adopts the valuation as part of their rate declaration process.

If you believe the valuation for your property is incorrect, you should write to the Valuer General within 60 days of receiving notification, stating the grounds for your objection. Check your rates notice for details.

Many people believe that during times of high increases in property valuations, rate increases are inevitable due to the upward movement in property values. **THIS IS INCORRECT.** Council determines the amount of revenue it requires to maintain the level of service expected of it from the community and then calculates a rate in the dollar based on the total of all rateable property. **This is demonstrated by Council adopting a reduced rate in the dollar for six consecutive years.**

Why Do Our Rates Continue to Increase?

- As grants from Federal and State Governments continue to fall in real terms.
- The costs of road construction are increasing at a rate exceeding CPI movements.
- As responsibilities for delivering various services to the community are being transferred from Federal and State Governments to Local Government with little or no funding.
- To maintain and improve the Council's infrastructure including roads, kerbing and watertabling, footpaths, bridges and stormwater.
- Increasing costs of managing weed control to protect our unique native bushland areas from infestation and bushfire.
- The community prefers Council to maintain, rather than reduce the existing service standards.



What Arrangements are Available in Cases of Financial Hardship?

Council has a Flexible Rate Payment Scheme where any ratepayer who is experiencing financial difficulty can contact Council, as soon as possible after receipt of the rate notice, to make alternative arrangements to pay their Council rates. To further assist ratepayers Council has a Rate Deferral Scheme to assist those who meet certain criteria to defer payment of rates.

Postponement of Rates – Seniors

Ratepayers who hold a State Seniors Card (or who are eligible to hold a State Seniors Card and have applied for one) are able to apply to Council to postpone payment of rates on their principal place of residence. Postponed rates remain as a charge on the land and are not required to be repaid until the property is sold or disposed of.

How You Can Pay Your Rates

Rates may be paid by quarterly installments or in full. Rates paid in full by 15 September 2011 will attract a 1% discount. Council has provided several payment options which are shown on the rate notice.

Further Information

Detailed information on these initiatives is available in our Rating Policy, on Council's web site www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or from the Customer Service Centre on 8372 8888. If you would like to confidentially discuss payment arrangements please contact the Senior Officer, Rating Services on 8372 8856.

Services we provide

ENVIRONMENT

- City West Project
- Development Control
- Dog and Cat Management
- Environmental Health Control
- Bushfire Protection
- Food Inspection
- Green Organic Depot
- Domestic Hard Waste Collection
- Heritage Management and Advice
- Immunisation Services
- Kerbside Recycling
- Land Acquisition for Open Space
- Mitcham Cemetery

Natural Heritage Projects

- Parking Control
- Parks and Gardens
- Pest Control eg European Wasps
- Pest Plant and Weed Control
- Public and Environmental Health Management
- Review and Development of Planning Policy
- Street Cleaning
- Street Lighting
- Street Trees
- Waste Management
- Waste Management Education

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Community Bus
- Community Development
- Community Development Grants and General Donations
- Community Facilities
- Community Information Service
- Cultural Development
- Positive Ageing and Community Care
- Home Assistance
- Home Maintenance
- Improving Accessibility for the Disabled
- Library Service

- Local History Service
- Personal Transport
- Social Programs
- Sporting Facilities
- Toy Library Service
- Volunteer Support and Development
- Youth Development

- Footpaths
- Stormwater Management, Construction and Maintenance
- Technical Services
- Traffic Management and Control
- Urrbrae Wetlands

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Bus Shelters and Street Furniture
- Cycleways
- Ratepayers' Crossovers
- Roads and Bridges

GOVERNANCE

- Asset Management
- Communications
- Elections
- Events
- Publications

	Kent Street
HAWTHORNDENE	
	Acorn Road
	Deneland Drive
	Elm Street
	Glen Avenue
	Hawthorndene Oval
	Kindergarten Avenue
	Meadow Avenue
	Suffolk Road
	Turners Avenue
	Upper Sturt Road
KINGSWOOD	
	Arnold Street
	Bakers Road
	John Street
	Kyre Avenue
	North Parade

	Park Street
	Rugby Street
	Truro Avenue
	Vernon Avenue
LOWER MITCHAM	
	Belmont Street
	Claire Street
	Coolidge Avenue
	Denman Avenue
	Hay Street
	Price Avenue
	The Grove
	Wattlebury Road
	Yulinda Terrace
MELROSE PARK	
	Corunna Avenue
	Kegworth Street
	Kingston Avenue

	Regent Street
	Stephen Street
	Swift Avenue
	Winston Avenue
	Wheaton Road
MITCHAM	
	Maitland Street
	Norman Walk
	Princes Road
PANORAMA	
	Daniels Road
	Eliza Place
	Frontenac Avenue
	Lawn Street
	Morshed Street
	Seaview Court
	Stella Street
	Warren Court

PASADENA	
	Adelaide Terrace
	Naomi Terrace
	Quinlan Avenue
	Spiers Avenue
ST MARYS	
	Adelaide Terrace
	Brookman Avenue
	Denis Street
	Laura Avenue
	Park Road
	Paul Street
	Southern Avenue
	Rothesay Avenue
	Walsh Avenue
TORRENS PARK	
	Adam Street
	Barrelder Road

	Chalk Place
	Eli Street
	Ford Avenue
	Glenburnie Avenue
	Lochwinnoch Road
	Princes Road
URRBRAE	
	Greenwood Grove
WESTBOURNE PARK	
	Leslie Avenue

From your Elected Members



MAYOR MICHAEL PICTON

- Budget 2011/2012
- Reconciliation Week
- Order of Australia Medal Recipients
- National General Assembly of Local Government
- Elected Council

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It has been a very busy time for everyone at Council. Unfortunately space in the Mitcham Community News only permits Councillors and Staff the opportunity to briefly discuss what Council has been doing in Mitcham over the last few months.

While others and I have written about some of the issues Council has been involved with, the Mitcham Council web site at www.mitachamcouncil.sa.gov.au will give you a wealth of information and detail about the 'business' of Council and what has been happening in our area.

Council's 2011/2012 Budget

Council formally adopted this year's budget on 28 June 2011. The first budget of this new Council is based on a residential rate increase of 4.92%. For some of our bigger items this year, we will be spending \$2.2 million on our footpath program, \$4.3 million on our roads program, \$1.7 million on street trees, \$3 million on our general parks and gardens program and \$5.3 million on our waste management program. While no one likes to impose higher rates it is envisaged that this rate rise will enable the Council to maintain its existing assets while undertaking a range of improvements and additions that will add to the area and benefit residents. Out of interest, as a comparison with some of our surrounding Councils, Unley has announced a residential rate rise of 5.15%, Marion 4.75% and Onkaparinga Council a rise of 5.2% for the 2011/2012 year.

Reconciliation Week

In May Council celebrated the rich culture and history of the first Australians with a formal flag raising ceremony and the opening of a special Foyer Gallery Exhibition, highlighting works

from Indigenous Australians. The theme of Reconciliation Week was recognition, recognition of the important contribution Indigenous Australians are making to our community. We were privileged to hear some of the stories of the paintings that assisted us with unlocking the meanings of the images.

Order of Australia Medal Recipients

In 1975, Gough Whitlam introduced a distinctive honour system to recognise service to the nation or humanity – the Order of Australia. Recently I was honoured to be able to publicly acknowledge, on behalf of the Mitcham community, eight Mitcham recipients of the Australia Day Honours and the Queen's Birthday Honours awards. Mr Warren Hicks received the Emergency Services Medal. Mr Everard Leske received the Medal of the Order of Australia posthumously. Professor Alexander McFarlane received the Officer of the Order of Australia medal. Mrs Elaine Atwood received the Member of the Order of Australia medal. Dr David Davidson, Mrs Gretel Dabovich and Mrs Marion McCall each received the Medal of the Order of Australia. Mr Leigh Miller received the Australian Fire Service Medal. Mitcham will now proudly display each recipient's name, along with the other 243 recipients from Mitcham, on an honour board in the Mayor's Parlour at the Council Chambers. Their stories, while different, were similar in

part. Each had contributed to society in their chosen field over a long period. Their hard work and dedication to their field of endeavour is outstanding. They are role models for everyone in our community.

National General Assembly of Local Government

I was recently in Canberra with Councillor Christopher Gellie and Mitcham's Chief Executive Officer Matt Pears, to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government. This was a meeting of over 800 Council representatives from across Australia. While the concerns of Councils from the far corners of Australia and New Zealand were reviewed and debated, the main focus of the conference was to discuss and learn about the campaign to achieve Constitutional Recognition for Local Government at the upcoming National Referendum planned to coincide with the scheduled Federal Government election. Essentially the referendum is about recognising Council's role in Australia's system of Government and about securing funding sources directly from the Federal Government so that Councils can deliver the services our local communities need. Interestingly, at this stage, all Federal parties are in favour of Local Government being recognised in the Constitution.

Elected Council

The Council has been working hard over the last few months considering a large range of issues. These issues have been diverse, from ratifying the 2011/2012 budget, to the implications of dams in Brownhill Creek, to the rebuilding of the Library in Blackwood, changing planning delegations to our Development Assessment Panel, the installation of traffic calming devices and the opening or closing of roads to name a few. Members have taken to their roles with a commitment and drive to keep abreast of not only issues in their local Ward, but far ranging issues across the City that they may not have encountered before.

Having made the decision to be a full-time Mayor, I've had the opportunity to maximise my engagement with our local community and spend the time the role needs to get things done. Over the last few months I have been able to meet with countless individuals and groups in the community and hear first-hand what matters to you. My goal is not only to be the voice of the Council, but to bring the voice of the community directly to the Council.

If you would like to have a chat or meet with me to discuss any issue you or your community may have, please phone me at Council on 8372 8888. If you have an idea on how we can improve Mitcham in any way I would love to hear it. My door is always open.



GAULT WARD

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I am concerned about a proposal for Council to borrow \$10-\$18 million for a new library at Blackwood.

It is important to note that Council's current 2011/2012 Annual Business Plan on p.5 states 'Asset management plans...identified a backlog' (of needed works) totalling \$39.3 million'. Council currently has a borrowing program (\$2 million this year, taking total debt to \$11 million) for infrastructure upgrade programs. The current Global Financial Crisis aftermath of possible debt default by Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, and now even the USA, where President Obama is seeking Congress's approval to increase their Government's borrowing above the current US\$14 trillion limit, to be able to pay pensions, and salaries of government employees, is severe.

I believe now is not a good time for Council to go into an additional debt of \$11-\$18 million (Hills and Valley Messenger 01/6/2011) to build a grandiose 'Taj Mahal', unless the supporters of this expensive, significantly larger plan (at 1400m2 compared with the Library Review's recommended 750-850m2) will accept a 'special rate' increase for the beneficiaries, the Hills Wards' ratepayers.

The 2004 Mitcham Council Library Review, (p.31) determined that based on an equitable distribution of facilities, the Mitcham Library at Hawthorn,

currently 556m2 should be enlarged to 1,000-1,050m2, that the Blackwood Library on Main Road, currently 661m2, should be 750-850m2, and that City West, (Babbage and Overton Wards) should gain a new library of 425-850m2, the larger size being a possible shared facility with Marion Council's residents who live near Main South Road.

Around late 2007, on my seconding, Council resolved to negotiate the acquisition of the garden centre land immediately north of the current Blackwood Library. The purchase was authorised by Council on 27/5/08, at \$2 million (plus \$144,000 stamp duty). This purchase was viewed as a long term strategic decision to provide space for a possible future enlargement of the library and its carpark. Contiguous (adjacent) land only becomes available once every 25-30 years. I understood that the 'future expansion' might occur up to 10 years later, when Council had successfully renewed already identified failing road, footpath and bridge infrastructure, and *if, and only if, a large proportion of the cost was available from Federal or State Government Grants.*

As a Councillor who believes in providing the best possible facilities (within the constraints of Council's finances), *I believe that Council should consider much*

more modest proposals at the two existing libraries, and a new, low cost facility in City West, as and when ratepayers indicate that they are keen to pay additional rates, for such improvements. In 20 years as a Councillor, I have not been approached by a single resident at Gault Ward Forums, Council Meetings, or by direct contact, to 'spend up' on larger library facilities. Council's annual Resident Surveys have all verified high enthusiasm regarding our libraries, so it is doubtful that the community regards our libraries as 'inadequate'.

Council's two libraries already have much higher visitation and loan rates than most other Council libraries, (see p.28, Appendix VIII of the 2008-2009 Local Government Grants Commission Annual Report), so arguments put to Council by the Blackwood 'high-cost-proposal-supporters' that it will vastly increase user numbers are unlikely to result, so the benefit to cost ratio of a completely new building is low.

I believe that a significant proportion of retirees, pensioners and other fixed income residents are not easily able to afford continuously rising Council rates, in addition to recent large increases in water and sewerage, and gas and electricity fees, and none are clamouring for higher Council rates.

I will recommend to Councillors to consider spending \$1 million to enlarge and remodel the existing Blackwood Library by the recommended extra 150-200m2, and enlarge the carpark, using part of the adjoining land, \$2 million to increase the size of the present Mitcham Library by 500m2, and \$1.6-\$2 million for a new City West Library, for a total outlay of under \$5 million, equitably distributed throughout the City. These proposals would still be subject to Council receiving applicable grants from the Federal and/or State Governments.

Draft Stormwater Management Plan for Brownhill and Keswick Creek Catchment

It is intended that this draft plan be presented to Council for consideration, sometime in July. The Consultant Engineering Group WorleyParsons will provide a preferred option for the City of Mitcham, to assist flood mitigation in a 1:100 rainfall event. Formal public consultation for our community is intended to be conducted in September and October.

This will provide a critically important opportunity for all of our community (not just those residents who live near Brownhill Creek) to consider and comment on this proposal, particularly in assessing the cost/benefit and concerns of any environmental impact.

Restoration of the historic Keystone Bridge and Overflow Tunnel in Mitcham Reserve

The painstaking work of removing dark mortar between existing bluestone and replacing this with a light colour continues. Single blocks of sandstone have

been delicately replaced in the vault and the existing sandstone above on the bridge removed of dark pencil lines. Work is progressing under the supervision of a heritage architect. Soil has been dug away on each wing on both sides of the bank and the visual impression of the bridge appears now as it was originally. It will soon be completed in time for keen artists and wedding photographers!

Sutton Gardens/High Street/Taylor's Road, Mitcham

Road work has now been completed in this area and traffic follows the re-configuration of Albert Street. Early comments are favourable regarding traffic management. Articulated buses, although few, will now travel past the Edinburgh Hotel in High Street and travel north/east up Maitland onto Fullarton Road. There are now two safety refuges on Taylor's Road.

A new bus shelter has been erected which in the main is a historic replica of an original Mitcham tram shelter. This was proudly built by Year 12 design studies students at Urrbrae High

School as an assessable project, with supervision and support from the Engineering Department at Mitcham Council. A name plaque will record their fine work. The part of High Street which was closed is now incorporated into Sutton Gardens and will be planted with seeded grass until a final landscape design is agreed to.

Maitland Street/High Street

New footpath and kerb treatments with improvements to the verges for tree health and line markings for traffic have improved safety in these streets. New tree plantings will be in place before spring outside the western side of the Scout Hall in High Street.

Pedestrian Safety Refuges Princes Road, Mitcham/Kingswood

Funds have now been allocated. Pedestrians including the elderly and school children require safe passage over this wide and busy street. The designs are now to consider further the safety of cyclists who also use this road.

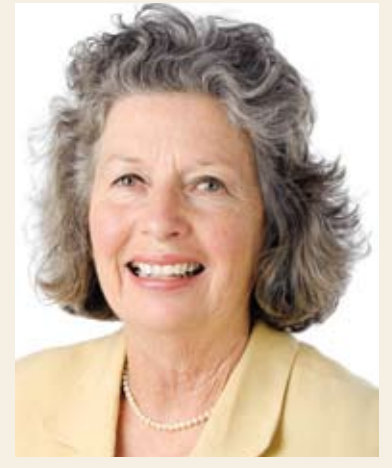
Netherby Reserve

A plan for community consultation will be prepared and costed to further consider ideas for the residents and families who use the Reserve and those who belong to the Tennis Club which also operates at this site. The purpose of this is to bring both groups together to exchange ideas rather than to consider two areas separately as has been done previously.

On going considerations:

- Planning for cyclists.
- Pedestrian and traffic safety specifically at:
 - Mitcham Square Shopping Centre Princes Road and North Parade, Belair Road from Blythwood Road to John Fisher Drive.
 - Hill Street and Tutt Avenue, Kingswood.
- Smoking in community owned spaces.

Please contact me if you have any queries or have concerns about issues.



BOORMAN WARD

CR JUDITH WEAVER

- Draft Stormwater Management Plan
- Keystone Bridge
- Sutton Gardens/High Street/Taylor's Road
- Maitland Street/High Street
- Pedestrian Safety Refuges Princes Road
- Netherby Reserve
- On Going Considerations

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As this is my first article for the Mitcham Community News since the elections, I would very much like to thank the electors of The Park Ward for re-electing me again to Council.

Of the thirteen Councillors, five have been elected to Mitcham for the first time, while two newly Elected Members have been on Council before. The last six months have been the busiest on Council that I can remember with many changes e.g. a new Mayor, CEO and Senior Management team and, a number of significant issues such as the proposed Library Activity Centres in Blackwood and Mitcham West, Grevillea Way fire track, Hayman Retreat, Craighburn Farm, Cat By-law, 2011/2012 budget with the impacts of rapidly increasing cost of water and electricity etc.

During the public meetings (meet the candidates) a view was expressed by a number of candidates for both wards and a few residents that Council was

neglecting the Hills wards. This is patently not true. Council has limited resources and must spend its money wisely and where it is most urgently needed for the benefit of all the residents of the City. During the life of the last Council \$1,443,900 was spent on new footpaths (approximately, 80% in the Hills wards) and much more on the replacement of old paths which have reached the end of their useful life. The 2011/2012 budget provides for \$482,000 to be spent on new footpaths again predominately in the Hills.

Council has spent \$2 million on land for a new Blackwood Library Activity Centre, provided car parking in the Blackwood District Centre and purchased a number of properties along the Sturt Linear Park to expand the

open space along the creek line. Resurfaced a number of roads such as Sheoak and Kalyra as well as supplying a rejuvenating treatment to the surface of many more roads to extend their useful life as well a number of major drainage projects. There are many more projects that I could list such as creek line rejuvenation, Skate Park, bicycle tracks etc.

When I was first elected to Council in 2000 one of the burning issues for The Park Ward was the state of Sheoak Road. The most easterly end was dirt which Council was under pressure from residents who lived on this section to have the road upgraded and equally opposed by those who lived on the western end because they feared that it would become a short cut from

Stirling to the city. A compromise was reached with residents to have the road upgraded but with traffic calming devices (driveway links) to reduce the attractiveness of it as a short cut. These have worked very well. The final stage of this project was completed this year with the western end being resurfaced with hot pave at a cost of \$250,000. Council will replace the solar powered lights, at the driveway links, with mains lighting during the 2011/2012 year, as the existing lights have never performed satisfactorily and have been a constant target for vandals.



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Do you see what I see?

Could I be seeing things or can I really see things are changing in Mitcham's 'City Hall', whilst it may not be highly visible yet I can see a new direction in Mitcham. Here is what I can see...

The CEO has focused on the structure at Council and I like the direction of the new recommended structure. I've worked in finance for a while and I know from experience that every new manager likes to make their mark and the quickest way to do so is to roll out a restructure. To me, this is well overdue and a flatter structure ensures that we don't fall into the trap of having too many chiefs and not enough Indians. It endorses what all commercial businesses tend to aim for and we need to look at our Council as commercial operation primarily.

The chambers are certainly changing, democracy is a beautiful thing and I like how the chamber is developing. All councillors are now sufficiently experienced to understand

how meetings are run and are comfortable in the chamber. So now I am seeing a chamber that is having healthy debate and making decisions on having sufficient knowledge of the situation. We have a number of briefings (that are generally open to the public) to provide an environment to enable councillors to find out all of the impacts and ask questions. I encourage you to keep an eye on the Council website (www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) to see what is coming up in our briefing session.

Financially speaking (and I know this is probably where you glaze over) this is changing. There is a lot of analysis being done on how our finances are being reported. This is what we need, as some of the reports that are provided to Council require even further analysis which can be very time consuming and counterproductive. I am confident that as time goes by our actual financial costs associated with projects and other expenses throughout the Council will reflect the true cost.

What was I thinking about Blackwood Activity Centre?

I am not afraid to admit but I did not support the Blackwood Activity Centre in its current form because Blackwood is not ready, Council is not ready and the community is not ready. We need to have a clear direction on what we are wanting for all of our community and when we are ready to build a library then I am happy to support it, BUT it needs to be right. I'm not going to approve Council spending many millions of dollars just so we have a new library. The questions I need answered are why do we need a new library? What is the best location? What size should it be? Most importantly to me, I feel that the Council's preliminary work was never completed. I want to see a group of people from all different backgrounds do some analysis on this. I'm not talking about paying some consulting firm to tell us we should build a library, I'm talking about having Mitcham people coming together with all different backgrounds

along with Councillors, forming a group to come up with a great concept that Mitcham gets a really great asset for the community. Sure it is a bit of work but nothing comes easily and isn't it worth it?

Am I enjoying being a Councillor?

Well when the agenda arrives on Thursday night that is thicker than the Adelaide white pages and I don't get home until after midnight from meetings I have to wonder why. But when you get an opportunity to be part of a new Council that is dynamic and well informed decisions, it is worth it. I'm a straight shooter and I won't dance around the topic, I will say it as I see it and to me that is the simplest way to deal with it. My next challenge is to make our meetings more productive and a chamber that is prepared to make decisions.

As always if you need a hand with anything in regard to Council then feel free to drop me a line at dmunro@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or call me on 0403 161 462.



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Open Day at Urrbrae Wetland

Visit the Urrbrae Wetland on Sunday 11 September from 2 pm to 4 pm.



Above left: A water bird, the White-Faced Heron, waiting patiently for lunch. Above right: View of the Wetlands classroom and cabin across the main pond.

The wetland is flourishing following the mild summer and regular rains with many plants beginning to flower attracting bird life to the wetland.

The Friends of the Urrbrae Wetland have been busy establishing small plants and ground covers that are typical of the natural Adelaide Plains

vegetation. The Friends will provide illustrated talks and conduct guided walking tours to share the wetland's healthy ecosystem which attracts some fascinating creeping, crawling, swimming and flying creatures.

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 are always welcome. If you wish to join simply drop by any Tuesday morning between 9 am and 11.30 am or call Don Buick on 8272 4161 or email dbuick@adam.com.au.

Do you need Development Approval for your Solar Panels?

Mitcham Council has seen an increase in the installation and use of solar panels (solar photovoltaic panels). So do you need development consent for the installation of solar panels on your property?

When do they require Development Approval?

Solar panels do not require development approval by Council if they meet the following requirements and are not in a State Heritage place. These requirements include:

- Total weight not exceeding 100 kg or if exceeding 100 kg – weight load is distributed so one point of attachment to roof does not exceed 100 kg.
- Panels (and associated components) do not overhang any part of the roof.
- Panels are fitted parallel to the roof with a maximum clearance 100 mm above surface of roof.
- Panels being installed by accredited person recognised by the Minister.
- If in a Local Heritage place - cannot be seen from a public street.

When do they require Building Rules Consent?

Solar panels that require building rules consent only, after taking

into account the above criteria and are not in a State Heritage or a Local Heritage place include:

- Panels (and any associated components) that do not overhang the roof; and
- Panels that are fitted parallel to the roof with the underside surface of the panels being not more than 100 mm above the surface of the roof; and
- If the building is in a Historic Conservation Zone area and no part of the installed system can be seen by a person standing at ground level and in a public street.

Solar panels in Colonel Light Gardens

ALL solar panels within the State Heritage Area of Colonel Light Gardens require development approval. The location of solar panels needs to be visually unobtrusive and not prominent when viewed from the street.

So Remember

You will require Development Approval to install solar panels on the roof of your property if the

panels are heavier than 100 kg and the:

- Weight load exceeds 100 kg at any point of attachment to the building, or
- Panels overhang the roof, or
- They are not fitted parallel with the roof so that they sit more than 100 mm above the roof surface, or
- They are not to be installed by a person accredited by the Minister, or
- If you live in Colonel Light Gardens.

Approval will be required where panels are to be installed on a State Heritage Place or Local Heritage Place (unless installed where they are not visible from a street).

Contact the City of Mitcham's Planning Services Department on 8372 8888.

Are you Building a Sustainable Home?

Visit an energy efficient home in Blackwood during Sustainable House Day on Sunday 11 September.

The architectural designed house at Station Avenue, Blackwood was built in 2004 to create an energy efficient home.

The home's open plan kitchen/living area, overlooking the garden and pool, is heated by the winter sun through the north facing windows and sliding doors which, in summer, are shaded by a verandah. Additional heating is supplied by an under floor, gas powered, system with thermostat set at 16C in winter.

Rooms are cooled by ceiling fans with the assistance of flow through ventilation by a cool breeze over the solar heated pool.

The external walls are iron clad with reflective foil, R 3.5 insulation then 19 mm ply and further R 3.5 insulation. The iron roof is clad with reflective foil and R 3.5 insulation and the floors are polished concrete. Thermal mass is added with a rammed earth wall down the spine of the house.

A tour of the home, conducted by the owners, will share features of the home, describe the design process and how they found suitable builders and other trades to turn the sustainable vision into reality.



Sustainable House Day will be held on Sunday 11 September. Visit www.sustainablehouseday.com for more details.

At Call Domestic Hard Rubbish

Mitcham Council will begin an 'At Call Domestic Hard Rubbish Collection Service' trial in September.

Council will undertake a one year trial of an 'At Call' service to replace the annual hard waste collection during 2011/2012.

Many metropolitan councils have successfully introduced an 'At Call' collection service, which involves residents booking requests directly with the collection contractor. The contractor will schedule a collection time and provide a reminder prior to the collection confirming the collection date, details about what can be placed out for collection and how to present items for collection.

Council is currently finalising the tender process and it is anticipated that the trial service will commence in September.

For more information visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or watch out for future editions of the Mitcham Community News.

Clean up now and be prepared for the Fire Danger Season

Bushfire prevention is a year round responsibility and necessity. It is far more than a weekend cleanup just prior to the Fire Danger Season.

The fire danger season is fast approaching and it is essential that you **Clean Up Now**.

Now is the time to ensure that your property is cleared prior to the commencement of the fire danger season. This is one of the most important preparations you can make.

At this time of year vegetation can become overgrown, creating fire hazards. To prepare your home remove undergrowth, clear out wood piles, remove flammable material and get your property ready for what could be a long and hot summer season. It is essential that you prepare your home and property as your safe refuge as you may have no option but to stay and defend.

Following these simple rules:

- If the land is a vacant block under one hectare in area, all undergrowth should be

maintained at or below 10 cm in height.

- If the land is a vacant block over one hectare in area, establish and maintain a fuel break as near as possible to the perimeter. The fuel break should be at least a 5 metre wide strip on which all grass, pest plants and undergrowth is reduced to a maximum of 10 cm in height.

Council's Bushfire Prevention Officers will be inspecting properties in the lead up to and during the bushfire season. Council, under the Fire and

Emergency Service Act 2005, can issue a notice requiring land to be cleared of fire hazards or if the land has the potential to become a fire hazard. Residents who do not clear their properties prior to and during the fire danger season may receive a \$315 fine.

Thank you to our residents who have begun clearing undergrowth around their homes and on their properties. Don't forget to continue to maintain your property throughout the fire danger season as additional clearance may be required.

For more information about preparing your home for the bushfire season, hazard reduction information or to book a property inspection contact the Bushfire Prevention Officer, John Zybek on 8372 8894.