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Mitcham Celebrates Reconciliation Week 2010



DAVID THORPE

The City of Mitcham is celebrating Reconciliation Week with an exhibition of Aboriginal art work until Monday 21 June.

An exhibition of Aboriginal paintings and carvings by Jacinta Dixon, David Thorpe and Max Mansell is being displayed at the City of Mitcham Foyer Gallery to celebrate Reconciliation 2010.

The exhibition includes a painted 90 year old dining table, a totem pole and beautifully detailed skate board.



JACINTA NUNGARRAYI DIXON

ARTISTS FEATURED

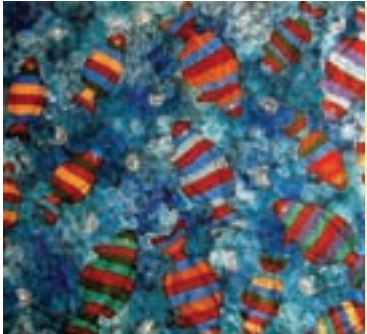


JACINTA NUNGARRAYI DIXON

Jacinta, inspired by her nana's stories, paints the stories of women and how her people hunt and gather off the land.

DAVID THORPE

David's carvings of boomerangs and warrior weapons (pictured above) are displayed with canvas paintings that are connected to Dreamtime stories inspired by his Gunnai ancestors.



MAX MANSELL

Max has a selection of bold and colourful canvases and detailed paintings on a table, skateboard, skim board, totem pole and chair. His work is featured in national galleries and private collections around the world.

The Foyer Gallery, located at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park, is open to the public from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. Most works on display can be purchased.

Parking on Nature Strips, Footpaths and Verges

Mitcham Council is serious about road safety.

Parking on nature strips, footpaths and verges is illegal and is policed regularly.

Nature strips and verges contain valuable essential

infrastructure, such as water and gas lines, stormwater and sewerage pipes as well as kerbing, shrubs and trees. When vehicles are parked on these areas this infrastructure can be damaged.

Vehicles parked on nature strips can also make it hard for drivers entering or leaving driveways to see approaching pedestrians, especially children.

The Australian Road Rules prohibit stopping a vehicle on

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Are you Enrolled to Vote in the November Council Elections?

Landlords, business owners, occupiers and non-citizens must be registered on Council's Voters Roll or the House of Assembly Roll to vote in November.

1. Do you own or run a business in the City of Mitcham, or live here as a non-Australian citizen?

Yes? You should have received in the post a letter advising that you are no longer on Council's voters roll, as a result of changes to the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999. The letter included an application form to use to re-enrol on the voters roll.

2. If you are a recent non-Australian resident in the City of Mitcham, or are a recent business owner and/or occupier



in the area, you may not have received this letter. If this is the case, please contact Neil Parker on 8372 8856 for an application form.

You must re-enrol if you want to:

- Stand as a candidate in the November Local Government elections and/or
- Vote in the November Local Government elections.

You must ensure your enrolment application is received by Council before 13 August 2010.

Nominate to Become an Elected Member for Council

Now is the time to start thinking about standing as a candidate to become an Elected Member for Council in the November Local Government elections.

Do any of the following apply to you?

1. Do you already have a support base in the community (this could be as a member of a local resident group, church congregation, local neighbourhood watch, business group, school council/community or sporting club)?
2. Are you passionate about your local area and want to have a say in the future directions of the City?
3. Do you want to give something back to your community?
4. Do you have particular skills, knowledge and expertise which could be put to good use in benefiting the community?
5. Are you prepared to represent and be an advocate for your local community?

Yes? Then consider seeing your Council in action during a formal meeting.

Full Council meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Engineering and Environmental Services Committee meets every second Tuesday of the month at 5.30 pm followed by the Corporate and Community Services Committee which meets at 8.30 pm.

All meetings are open to the public.

The only formal qualifications you need to be a candidate are:

- You must be an Australian citizen, and
- You must be an elector for the area (either on the House of Assembly roll or Council's voters roll).

Nominations will be open from the 7 to 21 September 2010.

For further information, contact Meredith Nunan on 8372 8837.

Council will be in a caretaker period from September in the lead up to the Election

For the first time there will be a formal caretaker period leading up to the Local Government elections.

Your Council has adopted a Caretaker Policy which allows for the caretaker period to commence from the opening of nominations on 7 September until the conclusion of the election following the close of voting on 12 November.

The caretaker period ensures that Council will not make any major decisions that will unfairly bind an incoming Council. It also places an onus on Council to ensure that all election candidates are treated fairly and equitably when it comes to the use of Council resources.

During the caretaker period you may notice:

- Less information to the community - especially regarding matters which have become election issues.
- No Gallery Question Time at Council meetings during September, October and November from the 7 September to the 12 November.
- No civic functions and public forums during this period.
- No community consultation processes, with the possible exception of basic notifications concerning infrastructure repair or replacement.

The Caretaker Policy is located on Council's website www.mitachamcouncil.sa.gov.au and can also be inspected at the Council's Customer Service Centre at 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

Are you thinking about becoming an Elected Member?

Local Government Elections will be held in November. If you are thinking about standing as a candidate, here is some essential information to consider.

Role of the Elected Member

Elected Members are expected to perform specific roles including:

- Representing the interests of ratepayers and residents.
- Providing leadership and guidance to the community.
- Acting as a conduit between the community and Council.
- Participating in Council's decision making.
- Participating in the civic activities of Council.
- Guiding Council's strategic directions.
- Overseeing the Council budget, including its resource allocation, expenditure and service delivery.

Time Commitment

When you take on the role of Elected Member you are committing yourself to a number of hours extra work each month. There are Council meetings and committee meetings to attend, agenda papers and other reports to read. To assist you in your role there will also be briefings and workshops conducted by staff and other professionals. Attendance at community events is also recommended as this is how you will get to know your community and find out what is important to it.

As an Elected Member you will be doing your bit to make your community a better place in which to live and work.

Allowances and Expenses

While the role of an Elected Member is not a paid position, an allowance is paid to cover some of your costs.

Elected Members currently receive an allowance depending on their role.

Mayor	\$47,040
Deputy Mayor and Chairs of Committees	\$14,700
Other Councillors	\$11,760

Elected Members are also entitled to claim for reimbursement of some expenses such as prescribed travel costs and dependent care.

The means of setting these allowances is about to change. For the first time, allowances will be determined prior to the elections by the State Remuneration Tribunal.

Advice for Potential Candidates

- Make sure you are on the State Electoral roll, or Council's Voters roll if you are not already on it.
- Do some research about Council and its functions and services.
- Come to a Council and/or a Committee meeting to see how meetings are conducted and the types of matters which are discussed.
- You can expect to be involved in an intensive induction program should you be elected to Council.

If you would like further information about becoming an Elected Member, please ring Meredith Nunan on 8372 8837.

What does the Proposed Cat By-law mean for Cat Owners

The proposed By-law No. 6 Cats was endorsed by Council in March and is now waiting final approval from the Legislative Review Committee, a parliamentary committee, before it is introduced throughout the Mitcham Council area.

What does it mean for Cat owners?

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

How will the Cat By-law be implemented?

During the first year Council will encourage responsible cat ownership through free registration and assist members of the community to work with their neighbours to resolve any cat wandering issues. In following years Council may undertake dog and cat door knocks to ensure all pets are registered.

Council will rely on members of the community to provide information about where cats are creating concern. Council's Compliance Officers will work with residents experiencing problems with straying cats to contact the cat owner to try and resolve issues. If this approach is not successful Council's Compliance Officers will undertake an investigation and determine appropriate action.

Registration Fees

The first year is free! Residents are encouraged, once the By-law is introduced, to register their cats for free.

Cat owners can then put those savings in the first year towards de-sexing their cat to receive further discounts on registering their cat in following years.

To ensure cat registration is affordable for all cat owners discounts for de-sexed cats and pensioner concessions are available.



The Cat By-law, if approved by the Legislative Review Committee, will be introduced in August 2010.

What will happen if I breach the Cat By-law?

Council is committed to encouraging responsible cat ownership and working with cat owners and their neighbours to amicably resolve issues that may arise.

If issues are not able to be resolved penalties can be applied for non compliance. These include:

Cats must be registered

If a cat over three months in age is unregistered, any person who owns or is responsible for the control of the cat is guilty of an offence. Maximum penalty \$320, expiation fee \$80, continuing offence penalty for each 14 days that the offence continues \$50.

Limit on cat numbers

A person must not on any premises, without the Council's

permission, keep more than two cats over three months in age unless they meet all the conditions stated in By-law No. 6 Cats section 4.2 (there are no insanitary conditions, the cats are not causing a nuisance and each cat is desexed). Maximum penalty \$320, expiation fee \$80, continuing offence penalty for each 14 days that the offence continues \$50.

Non Compliance with requirements of a notice issued under By-law No. 6 Cats section 5 – Notice to Remedy

Any person to whom a notice is given pursuant to this By-law must comply with the requirements of the notice. Maximum penalty \$400, expiation fee \$100, continuing offence penalty for each 14 days that the offence continues \$50.

How will I know if the Cat By-law is Approved?

Keep an eye on your Mitcham Community News, your local Messenger or visit the Council's website www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

If you would like further information about the proposed By-law No. 6 Cats contact the Customer Service Centre on 8372 8888 or visit our Civic Centre at 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

By-law No. 6 Cats will only be introduced on 1 August 2010 if it is approved by the Legislative Review Committee.

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 on Council's website www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au, or at the City of Mitcham, Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

The deadline for all nominations is 5 pm Friday, 29 October 2010.

For further information please contact Community Services on 8372 8899 or email mitcham@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

Cat Registration Fees

	Year 1 2010/2011	Year 2 2011/2012	Year 3 2012/2013
Registration/micro-chipped	Free	\$55.00	\$60.00
De-sexed (33.3% discount on full registration)	Free	\$18.30	\$20.00
Pensioner concession			
De-sexed (50% discount)	Free	\$9.15	\$10.00
Not de-sexed (50% discount)	Free	\$27.50	\$30.00

Paul Weston, Fleet Specialist Joins Cornes Toyota

We have great pleasure welcoming Paul Weston, who joins our fleet team at Cornes Toyota. Paul has been with the Actrans Group for over 10 years. Paul will bring even further expertise to the sales and fleet team at Cornes Toyota. Should you have any questions for Paul in relation to your fleet requirements please contact him: paulweston@cornestoyota.com.au mobile: 0438 500 032

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Community Development Grants Working in the Community

Local community groups recently received more than \$27,000 funding from the Community Development Grants program to deliver projects, programs and activities for the local community.

Council's Community Development Grants, offered bi-annually, enables community groups and organisations, to apply for funding to contribute and participate in developing a strong, interactive and vibrant community.

During March, Council awarded grants to support 18 new projects to provide benefits to the local community. One such project included funding support for the Department of Archaeology at Flinders University to excavate the Mitcham Water Works.

The Mitcham Water Works which operated from 1879 to the 1930s is the only known example of 19th century water storage and reticulation technology in Australia. The Mitcham Tank, at the western end of the water works, is listed on the South Australian Register of Heritage Places. The City of Mitcham has recommended that the entire complex be heritage listed.



The excavation which was undertaken by Dr Pam Smith from Flinders University and 15 volunteers, in late May, exposed two of the major structures of the water works which had been buried by sediments eroding from a large upstream quarry. The condition of the exposed brick well and dam wall can now be assessed to determine a conservation strategy and whether

it will be feasible to restore the water works.

The Community Development Grants program provides funding for community projects in six categories - Community Development, Community Health, Cultural Development, Youth Development, Recreation and Environmental Improvement.

Is Your Child's Immunisation Up to Date?

Approximately 6,100 children in South Australia have not received their 4 year old immunisations. Is your child one of them?

It is important that your child's immunisations are up to date as they prepare to start kindy and primary school. Diseases can easily spread in these environments and receiving the recommended booster vaccines means your child can attend kindy and school with maximum protection against serious infectious diseases.

Infants receive vaccines at 2, 4, 6 and 12 months of age to protect them against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping cough, Polio, Hib, Hepatitis B, Rotavirus, Pneumococcal, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Meningococcal C disease.

To make sure your child has the best protection against vaccine preventable diseases, repeated doses of some vaccines are needed. Protection against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping cough and Polio can fade over time and a single dose of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine may not give enough protection.

If your child is over 4 years of age and has not received the recommended booster vaccines visit one of Council's regular public clinics:

	Mitcham Community Centre cnr Grange and Belair Roads, Lower Mitcham	Blackwood Hills Baptist Church 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood
July 7	12 noon to 1 pm	6.30 pm to 7.30 pm
July 21	6 pm to 7.30 pm	12 noon to 1 pm
August 4	12 noon to 1 pm	6.30 pm to 7.30 pm
August 18	6 pm to 7.30 pm	12 noon to 1 pm

For further information about the City of Mitcham's Immunisation Service please contact the Environmental Health Unit on 8372 8816 or visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

The next round of applications closes on 30 July 2010. Copies of the guidelines and application forms can be obtained from the Mitcham or Blackwood Libraries, www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au, or call 8372 8899.

St Joseph's Students Walking Mitcham's History

The Year 5 students at St Joseph's Kingswood have begun a new learning journey through a heritage walk which takes in historic sites around the Mitcham area.

As St Joseph's was originally formed by the Sisters of St Joseph's founded by Mary MacKillop they have named the walk MacKillop Heritage Walk. Students are visiting areas in Mitcham and discovering some of the well known pioneers and their involvement in our state's history.

The students' journey will build not only knowledge, skills and fitness but importantly a new respect for the pioneers - people who have dreamed dreams and contributed to the community we live in today.



Trees for Life Ordering Season Begins

Every year the Trees for Life ordering season allows farmers and landholders to order low-cost, local native seedlings.

Trees for Life seedlings help counter salinity, reduce wind and water erosion and provide shade for stock, act as vegetation buffers around patches of remnant vegetation providing vital protection.

The seedlings can be grown to order by a volunteer grower (maximum 500 seedlings) ready for planting in Autumn, or you can grow your own seedlings (maximum 1000). The Trees for Life ordering season is open from May 1 until July 31.

For more information or to inquire about order forms and species lists, phone Trees for Life on 8406 0500 or visit www.treesforlife.org.au.



School Holidays at the Library

The Blackwood and Mitcham Libraries have an entertaining July school holiday program for children.

Get crafty in the July school holidays and purchase your \$5 activity at either Mitcham or Blackwood Library. Crafts, which are recommended for school aged children, include creating calico people, bag tags and fridge magnets. Craft sets are available from the desk until sold out.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Come along and made a bear place mat and enjoy a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' with party food at the Mitcham Library on 8 July or the Blackwood Library on 13 July at 2 pm. Cost is \$5 per child.

Storytime at the Library

Preschoolers, with their parents, grandparents or caregivers, are entertained with stories, songs and craft. It is a great opportunity to meet other local families and enjoy quality time with your child. Storytime sessions are held at 10.30 am at the Mitcham Library on Monday and Thursday and at the Blackwood Library on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Youth Clothes Swap

Bring along clothes you no longer need or want and swap with other young people at the 'Youth Clothes Swap', at the Blackwood Library on Thursday 15 July at 6.30 pm. Clothes in good condition are welcome at this free event.

For more information call the Blackwood Library on 8372 8255 or the Mitcham Library on 8372 8244.

Works Program Update

Stormwater Drainage Construction

Drainage works in **Kalyra Road, Belair** have been completed and resurfacing of the road began in May.

Construction to extend the stormwater drainage system in **The Boulevard, Bellevue Heights** has been completed.

Construction of stormwater drainage has commenced in **Lyrice Place, Clarence Gardens**.

Stage two of the **Belair Road Stormwater Drainage Project** is expected to commence in late June early July following alterations to other major services within Belair Road. 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.

Bridge Construction

The work on restoring **Keystone Bridge**, located on Taylors Road in Mitcham Reserve is currently on hold and is expected to be completed mid 2010.

Replacement of the pedestrian bridge and footpaths in **Sunvalley Reserve, Glenalta** are now underway.

Sheoak Road Fire Break

Council has continued work to create a fire break along Sheoak Road.

Over 900 metres of road reserve along Sheoak Road underwent a prescribed burn in January this year to reduce ground fuels along Sheoak Road.

A total of 1.8 kilometres has now been cleared through prescribed burns, pruning and thinning of small trees and shrubs along Sheoak Road since March 2009.

A third prescribed burn is planned for later in the year along the eastern section of Sheoak Road.



[Above top] Sheoak Road (northern side) after the prescribed burn and [above bottom] thinning of vegetation in January.

Kerbing Construction

Replacement of the kerb and watertable in **Southern Avenue, Blackwood** from Miller Terrace to Main Road is complete.

Construction to replace the kerb, watertable and pavement in **Lyrice Place, Clarence Gardens** has begun.

Road Works

Council's Road Rehabilitation and Overlay program has been completed in the following streets:

- **Southern Avenue**, Miller Terrace to Main Road, Blackwood.
- **College Avenue**, The Boulevard (north) to The Boulevard (south), Bellevue Heights.
- **Jennifer Avenue**, The Boulevard (north) to The Boulevard (south), Bellevue Heights.
- **Baeckea Place**, Grove Street to cul-de-sac, Eden Hills.
- **Brenchley Grove**, Belair Road to Rugby Street, Kingswood.
- **Norris Court**, Belair Road to Rugby Street, Torrens Park.
- **Mackillop Court**, Blythwood Road to cul-de-sac, Torrens Park.
- **Waratah Close**, Gum Grove to end, Belair.
- **Koala Court**, Longview Avenue to Deane Avenue, Belair.
- **Elliott Avenue**, Price Avenue to Main Road, Belair.
- **Ashwood Place**, Waite Road to end, Urrbrae.
- **Waverley Street**, Haig Street to Princes Road, Mitcham.

Road Works Programmed for May/June:

- **Kalyra Road**, Belair Road to Gloucester Avenue, Belair.
- **Panorama Drive**, Panorama.
- **Jordan Court**, Alma Street to cul-de-sac, Panorama.
- **Eaton Street**, Cross Road to Avenue Road, Cumberland Park.
- **Heather Avenue**, Rentoul Avenue to Waite Road, Netherby.

Construction to extend the existing footpath from **Kalyra Road, Belair** to the existing bus stop in Belair Road including the upgrade of the bus bay will be undertaken in June.

Traffic Management

Traffic management improvements to better delineate and reduce speed including line marking and safety bar islands along **Eliza Place between Springbank Road and Panorama Drive** have been completed.

Council has completed minor traffic management upgrades including signage and line marking in the **Bellevue Heights** area and **Sergeant Parade**.

Footpaths Construction 2010

Paving works completed:

- **Albert Street**, Winston Avenue to South Road, Clarence Gardens (south side).
- **Arizona Terrace**, kindergarden to Sylvan Way (no 33 Arizona), Glenalta (east side).
- **Benchley Grove**, Belair Road to Rugby Street, Kingswood (south side).
- **Blythwood Road**, Glenburnie Avenue (opposite) to Old Belair Road, Torrens Park.
- **Cashel Street**, Adelaide Terrace to Day Drive, St Marys (east side).

▪ **Cassia Street**, Trevor Terrace to Johnson Parade, Blackwood (north side).

▪ **Coromandel Parade**, Johnson Parade to Simla Parade, Blackwood (west side).

▪ **Cunard Drive**, Glasgow Road to Suffolk Road, Hawthorndene (west side).

▪ **Dunbar Avenue**, Murray Street to The Grove, Lower Mitcham (west side).

▪ **East Terrace**, Acorn Avenue to Watahuna Avenue, Hawthorndene (east side).

▪ **Eaton Street**, Cross Road to Avenue Road, Cumberland Park (west side).

▪ **Frimley Grove**, Angas Road to Durdin Road, Hawthorn (east side).

▪ **Fullarton Road**, Delamere Avenue to Carrick Hill Drive, Springfield (east side).

▪ **Hewitt Avenue**, Watahuna Avenue to Main Road, Hawthorndene (east side).

▪ **Johnson Parade**, Cassia Street to Brighton Parade, Blackwood (north side).

▪ **Kinross Avenue**, Price Avenue to Catherine Street, Lower Mitcham (north side).

▪ **Main Road**, Station Road Reserve to railway, Blackwood (north side).

▪ **Merriton Avenue**, Dorene Street to Thurles Street, St Marys (north side).

▪ **Netherby Avenue**, Fullarton Road to Rentoul Avenue, Netherby (north side).

▪ **Old Belair Road**, Blythwood Road to Muggs Hill Road, Torrens Park (north side).

▪ **Ontario Avenue**, Boothby Street to O'Neill Street, Panorama (west side).

▪ **Ormond Avenue**, Goodwood Road to Winston Avenue, Daw Park (north side).

▪ **Price Avenue**, Kinross Avenue to Wattlebury Road, Lower Mitcham (west side).

▪ **Spiers Avenue**, Fitzgerald Road to Day Drive, Pasadena (west side).

▪ **Wattle Avenue**, Wattlebury Road to Grange Road, Lower Mitcham (west side).

▪ **Winston Avenue**, Morgan Avenue to Daws Road, Melrose Park (west side).

▪ **Watahuna Avenue**, Hewitt Avenue to Wattle Avenue, Hawthorndene (south side).

▪ **Winns Road**, Plymouth Avenue to floodway, Coromandel Valley (east side).

Paving works in progress:

▪ **Brighton Parade**, railway crossing to Johnson Parade, Blackwood (west side).

▪ **Belair Road**, Kalyra Road to Windy Point bus stop, Belair (south side).

▪ **Eliza Place**, O'Neil Street to Panorama Drive, Panorama (west side).

▪ **Fiveash Drive**, Goodwood Road to Grandview Drive, Pasadena (south side).

▪ **Plymouth Avenue**, Coromandel Parade to Winns Road, Coromandel Valley (north side).

Paving works programmed for June/July:

▪ **Sun Valley Reserve**, Bermuda Way to Rosella Avenue, Glenalta (west side).

▪ **Wattlebury Road**, East Parkway (No. 5) to laneway, Colonel Light Gardens (north side).



Haddington Reserve Playground

Mitcham Council has upgraded the Playground on Haddington Reserve in Clapham.

New play ground equipment has been installed to encourage healthy development in children through creative play including a wave slide with stair access, bead maze, sound panel, monkey bars, scramble net, rock wall, see saw, swings, pelican rocker and surfboard rocker.

The playground which is fully fenced with two new picnic tables is located on the corner of Price and Gort Avenues in Clapham.

Thank you to local residents who participated in the community consultation.



McElligotts Reserve Upgrade

The play equipment at McElligotts Reserve at the southern end of Carrick Hill Drive in Mitcham was recently upgraded.

McElligotts Reserve offers one of the best views of the city and the coastline and has ample parking.

A new swing and see saw have been installed for the children and a new shelter has been built over the picnic table in the BBQ area. Council will undertake tree planting during the winter months.

Thank you to the local community members who participated in the community consultation.



Winter Planting of Hills Reserves

Council will plant more than 3,000 local native plants this winter at Brown Hill Reserve, Brown Hill Creek; Magpie Gully, Blackwood; Hawthorne Oval (along Minno Creek); Dunns Reserve, Glenalta; and Jackson Reserve, Coromandel Valley.

Over 31 species mainly understory plants including Native Buttercup, Native Lilac, Weeping Rice Grass and Running Postman will be planted to expand and add diversity to past revegetation sites.

Council would like to thank the SA Urban Forests-Million Trees Program for a \$10,000 grant.

For further information contact Jacob Kochergen on 8374 7762.

Volunteering in Mitcham – Volunteers Make a Difference



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE VITAL CONTRIBUTION YOU MAKE TO THE WELLBEING OF OUR COMMUNITY.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK, HELD IN MAY, CELEBRATED AND RECOGNISED THE WORK VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE IN THE COMMUNITY.

Council values the contribution that nearly 300 volunteers make across 22 Council programs, including providing transport and social support to frail aged residents and those with a disability, assisting at Mitcham and Blackwood Libraries, tending community gardens, leading fitness groups, documenting local heritage and providing

development opportunities for young people. Volunteers contribute their time, skills and energy to a diverse range of opportunities within the City of Mitcham ranging from Home and Community Care programs to horticulture activities, physical fitness programs and local heritage.

These programs provide a significant benefit to the community by assisting older people to stay in their own homes longer, keeping them active and connected to their community as well as reducing the devastating effects of social isolation. They also help to beautify our community and provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

URRBRAE WETLANDS

The Urrbrae Wetland is a teaching wetland and serves as a stormwater detention basin. The wetland has been landscaped and revegetated with plants indigenous to the area and grown from locally collected seed. The Friends of Urrbrae Wetland, a group of volunteers, play an important role in the enhancement and promotion of this valuable environmental asset.

Volunteers identify and document native plants; undertake mulching and planting; conduct tours of the site for interested groups; weed, prune and plant; hold open days for the general public and undertake minor repairs.



NELLIE'S GARDEN

Nellie's Garden at the Mitcham Railway Station was established in 1959 by Bob Ellis, the Station Master at Mitcham Station. Bob designed and built the garden for his wife Nellie who suffered from Agoraphobia. Mitcham Council purchased the Mitcham Railway station in 1990 along with the garden and with the help and support of volunteers, is restoring Nellie's Garden to its former glory. *Duties include weeding, pruning, watering/irrigating, hoeing, planting, path cleaning and litter control.*



GAMBLE GARDEN

Gamble House was a gift to the City of Mitcham in the early 1980s by the Gamble sisters. A volunteer group, Friends of Gamble Garden, was formed in the mid 1980s to restore and maintain the developed cottage garden area and expand where possible the cottage garden concept over the existing grounds.

Volunteers identify and propagate appropriate plants for the cottage garden area, undertake weeding, mulching, watering and planting as well as maintain path ways, prune, shape and remove plants.

PERSONAL TRANSPORT

Volunteer drivers provide transport, using their own vehicle, for frail aged residents or younger people with a disability to attend medical appointments, local shopping centres, to visit family in Nursing Homes and to attend social programs and community activities. This valuable service enables our older and frailer residents to continue to remain living independently in their own home and to participate in community life.

Volunteer drivers collect and deliver passengers to their destinations in a safe, comfortable and friendly manner. Assist passengers with their personal belongings or shopping bags and at times remain with passengers when at medical appointments and return them to their home.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

With the assistance of volunteers, Council provides Social Programs especially for the frail aged and younger people with a disability who are unable to participate in alternative activities for seniors. The programs aim to address the isolation and loneliness often felt by people who are living alone, as well as enhance their quality of life and encourage community interaction by providing support and friendship.

Duties include kitchen duties, setting tables and doing dishes and tidying up lunch areas; participating in activities such as art and craft, games including Scrabble, cards and Bingo, discussion topics, relaxation, fitness and guest speakers; sharing and discussing ideas for new activities and providing support on organised outings; supporting and assisting participants when required; helping with the serving of morning tea and lunch, and sharing lunch and conversation with participants and assisting setting up the room.



COMMUNITY BUS - DRIVERS AND HELPERS

Volunteer Community Bus Drivers and Helpers assist Council to provide a popular and well-utilised bus service for older residents. Volunteers with a LR or above Class Licence and Accreditation drive the Council's Community Bus on a rostered basis, taking passengers to the libraries, local shopping centres and on social outings. Helpers assist elderly passengers with shopping, boarding and disembarking and just 'having a chat'.

Duties include collecting and delivering passengers to their destinations in a safe, comfortable and friendly manner and assisting passengers with their personal belongings or shopping as well as getting on and off the bus. Volunteers also record the number of passengers carried and the kilometres travelled, and any mechanical problems or accidents and distribute information on Council services and special events.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

Volunteering is a fundamental building block of our society which encourages values of community and caring. It is also a way to make new friends, maintain and share existing skills, develop new abilities and make a difference in your community. Volunteers with the City of Mitcham receive ongoing support and training, insurance, reimbursement for out of pocket expenses and recognition for their work throughout the year.



If you would like to help others, and enrich your own life through volunteering further information can be obtained by contacting Gaye Andrews on 8372 8860, or on Council's website www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

If you have some free time and would like to develop new skills, give back to your community, and make new friends then volunteer today. Council is looking for volunteers as:

- Community Bus Drivers and Helpers.
- Personal Transport Drivers.
- Toy Library Helper (Saturday Mornings).
- WiseMove Instructor (Training provided).
- Program coordinators at the Mitcham Cultural Village for cake decoration, leading group/choral singing, lead-lighting or group discussion facilitation.



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICE

The City of Mitcham operates a Community Information Service that provides a comprehensive range of information on local activities and services. Volunteers play an important role in ensuring that a wide range of information is accessible to the public.

Duties include clerical tasks including typing, mailing and photocopying as required; assisting with special projects and editing and reading the Mitcham Community News onto audio tape for the visually impaired.

LOCAL HISTORY SERVICE - HERITAGE RESEARCH CENTRE

Volunteers working within the Local History Program work together and individually to collate both yesterday's and tomorrow's history. Through their work, the volunteers build up resources to enhance people's knowledge and appreciation of their district.

Duties include opening the Heritage Research Centre to the public; indexing local papers; researching local and state developments affecting the Mitcham district; collating community organisations' newsletters; researching and collating records; assisting with clerical working bees and bookbinding; transcribing oral history; assisting with mounting, filing and indexing ephemera and photos for the local history collection; preparing and provide information for community groups, including local schools and kindergartens and copying records onto Microform.



LIBRARY SERVICES

The volunteers assist the Mitcham and Blackwood Library staff with the provision of basic library services.

Volunteers undertake shelving and shelf tidying of library materials; assist with special projects such as shelf reading, labelling shelves and the Annual Book Sale; and assist with re-spacing and moving of library collections as necessary.

HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

The Home Library Service delivers library materials to residents who are housebound because of illness, disability or because they are caring full-time for others.

Volunteers select appropriate books, tapes, magazines etc for people who are housebound with the guidance of the Home Library Service Library Officer. Volunteers go in pairs, with one person using their own vehicle, delivering library materials to nursing homes and individuals who are unable to collect their own items. Six to eight visits are made which takes approximately two hours.

TOY LIBRARY

The Toy Lending Service loans toys to children aged 0 to 8 years, care providers, aged care groups and elderly citizens in the community.

Duties include checking and putting toys away; cleaning toys; numbering and covering items; tidying shelves; undertaking toy and box repairs; unpacking and assembling new toys; and help take toys to the car.

MITCHAM TRAILS

Council, guided by the Mountain Bike Strategy, is developing trails for riding, walking and horse riding through the Mitcham hills while minimising environmental or social impacts upon the reserves, other users of the reserves and nearby residents.

Volunteers assist by digging holes and installing posts for signage; controlling weeds, pruning, moving and burning vegetative matter; digging and excavation of rocky ground; developing corners and obstacles using dirt and rocks; moving clean fill and rocks to other locations; collecting rocks for stone walling, trail armoring and finishing; trail finishing and moving logs and closing old trails.



MITCHAM CULTURAL VILLAGE

The Mitcham Cultural Village provides a centre where the community can participate in a range of cultural, social, educational and craft activities in an environment of learning and sharing. Volunteers play an important role in assisting staff with the provision of these opportunities.

Duties include clerical tasks; accompanying potential hirers of Mitcham Cultural Village facilities on familiarisation tours and informing visitors about the conditions of hire assisting with special projects, planning and leading programs.



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The City of Mitcham provides a Justice of the Peace service at the Council Chambers and the Mitcham and Blackwood Libraries for residents.

Volunteers provide a JP service to customers, signed and notated; record all JP transactions and ensure customers understand the nature of their documents prior to signing.



From your Elected Members



MAYOR IVAN BROOKS

- Volunteer Week
- Budget 2010/2011
- Brown Hill Creek
- History Week

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Council is committed to moving forward and has agreed to develop a new plan working collaboratively with Unley, Burnside, Adelaide and West Torrens that addresses water reuse and stormwater mitigation for all urban areas that are threaten by flooding.

Volunteer Week

During Volunteer Week in May Council thanked many of its 320 volunteers for their valuable work in the community with a morning tea and a film, 'Letters to Juliet' at the Wallis Cinema in Mitcham Square.

Our volunteer numbers are down at the moment and if you are interested in becoming a volunteer please call our Volunteer Services Coordinator Gaye on 8372 8860. Council requires helpers on our two community buses, volunteer drivers to transport aged, frail disabled to appointments and shops and activity leaders at the Mitcham Cultural Village in the art of toy making, wood work, metal work or basket weaving. If you think you have any of these skills give Gaye a call.

Budget 2010/2011

Council in June will adopt the budget for 2010/2011. Heavy emphasis has been put on our infrastructure \$440,000 for new

footpaths and \$1.9m on renewing existing footpaths. This is the highest amount of money we have spent on footpaths in my 15 years on Council. Yes! We still have a long way to go to bring our footpaths up to an acceptable level.

In 2010/2011 a total of \$7.1m will be spent on infrastructure including roads, kerb and water table, bridges and of course the footpaths. This said we still have a \$40m backlog of infrastructure that we need to address over the next few years. To not do so would put an enormous burden on future generations of Mitcham residents.

Brown Hill Creek

Council has always been committed to a regional approach to stormwater management however your Council did not consider the original stormwater plan proposed for the upper reaches of Brown Hill Creek along with other aspects of the plan

acceptable and have recently been advised that the plan is invalid.

Council has long raised concerns about the lack of environmental and heritage considerations in the Plan including the location and size of large concrete dams as well as the lack of storing and the reuse of water. Water reuse must be considered as we now realise our State has become far too reliant on the Murray Darling system. For the past few years the Murray Darling system has also been drought stricken and over allocated when there was water available.

Council is committed to moving forward and has agreed to develop a new plan working collaboratively with Unley, Burnside, Adelaide and West Torrens that addresses water reuse and stormwater mitigation for all urban areas that are threaten by flooding. Reuse of stormwater gives us all an opportunity to access Federal funding as well

as State funding for the various projects.

History Week

Another commemorative table was unveiled at the Belair Railway Station on Saturday 22 May during History Week. When you get a moment the tiled table is on the southern platform of Belair Station and is well worth a look. Also have a look at the very ornate signal box (restored after the fire) and the very old and ornate platform shelter shed (badly in need of some TLC).

This table is in memory of the railway workers that were killed after a very wet afternoon in January 1928.

Congratulations must go to Council's Local History Officer, Maggy Ragless and her team of dedicated volunteers who design and research these wonderful commemorative tables.



CRAIGBURN WARD

CR ELAINE GRIMM

- Caretaker Policy
- Footpaths
- Draft Budget

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This may be the last Community News article I ever write. Ward councillors take turns and as the paper is published bi-monthly, my next turn would be in October, but by then Council will be in 'Caretaker' mode.

This Caretaker Policy has been introduced by the State Government in part to ensure that sitting members have no advantage over new nominees. To be equitable Council has resolved, amongst other uses of potential incumbent advantages, that there will be no Councillor items in the Community News (and there will be no Gallery Question time at meetings).

The other purpose of the Policy is to ensure that no major new policy changes occur, including contracts over \$100,000, during the election campaign period which spans ten weeks, beginning 7 September 2010, until Council elections in early November. Council will continue with its normal and budgeted business.

My previous article was about new footpaths, something which I take most seriously, and so I would like to take this

last opportunity to tell you of the most recent developments. Based on my last article and questions asked of administration by Councillor Ward (where we learned that the amount Mitcham spends on maintenance of the footpaths, kerbs and gutters on State Government roads is about one third of its current expenditure on new footpaths), I moved that Mitcham put a motion at the Local Government Association (LGA) General Meeting. It was that the LGA lobby the State Government to re-assume its rightful duty of providing and maintaining footpaths and kerbs on its metropolitan roads. The motion received massive support from councils across the state, with country councils removing the word 'metropolitan' so that it also applied to them.

Council has almost completed putting together its Budget for 2010/2011. Part of the process provides Elected Members the opportunity to submit 'Budget Bids'. This means councillors are able to suggest new projects which they consider important. These bids are then prioritised with those of other councillors as well as staff. I alone put in a bid for new footpaths, for \$250,000 additional dollars as well as a bid for \$150,000 to clear some verges where there are obstructions but no footpaths.

In May, Council's Draft Business Plan, which is based on the Draft Budget, went out to public consultation for comment. A public meeting was also held on 18 May to allow residents to make comment and/or ask questions about its content. Within that Plan, based on a proposed 5.5 percent rate increase, an

additional \$100,000 has been added from my bid, taking the total projected to be spent on new footpaths in 2010/2011 to \$440,500. Even though new footpaths are constructed by contractors, administration have said they do not have sufficient in-house resources to design a further \$250,000 worth of additional new footpaths.

Unfortunately my bid for verge clearance was given a lower priority and would only get in with a 7.3 percent rate rise, which *no-one* is contemplating. These figures are, at the time of writing, only proposals and may change as a result of the public consultation process.

Bushfire Relief Project

Rotary volunteers from the Brown Hill Creek Club visited Victoria's Kinglake and Traralgon districts to restore rural property fences burnt down by the fires of February 2009.

Nearly 3,000 metres of fencing in Traralgon and Kinglake have been installed to help survivors rebuild. Jake a property owner who lost everything said "you have no idea how much hope it has given us and how happy it makes us just to see the posts of our fences going up".

Rotary is all about providing support in the community and delivering services that addresses many of today's most critical issues.

Left: Rotary volunteers restoring fences in Kinglake.



For information about becoming a volunteer for the Brown Hill Creek Rotary Club visit www.brownhillcreek.rotaryaust.org.

Council is currently responsible for approximately 502km of footpaths with an estimated current replacement cost of \$50 million.

The annual depreciation expense for the existing footpath network is \$1.5 million, which is about equivalent to the annual budget for footpath construction. After construction footpaths also have a maintenance cost. In 2008/2009 Council spent \$449,200 on footpath maintenance (including sweeping).

The footpath network is located within a combination of roads types (km of roads): arterial roads (68); council roads (422); reserves (8); walkways or laneways (4); total 502km with area 878,000 square metres. The network of footpaths within the city can also be categorised according to the number of roads with and without footpaths (km of footpaths): roads with two footpaths, 410 (41.2); roads with one footpath, 220 (78); roads with no footpaths, 445 (0); total of 1,075 roads with total road length 459km. The arterial roads are the responsibility of the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) but the footpaths on the DTEI roads are the responsibility of Council.

Council defines new footpaths as those constructed where there has not previously been a made footpath, and replacement footpaths as those constructed where there has previously been a made footpath. The cost (km) of new footpaths constructed by Council over the last ten years has

been:

2001/2002 \$294,120 (4.3);
2002/2003 \$300,000 (4.2);
2003/2004 \$252,500 (2.5);
2004/2005 \$125,000 (1.4);
2005/2006 \$125,000 (0.8);
2006/2007 \$250,000 (2.1);
2007/2008 \$320,000 (2.1);
2008/2009 \$328,000 (1.9);
2009/2010 \$336,200 (1.7);
total \$2,330,820 (21).

The cost (km) of replacement footpaths constructed by Council over the last ten years has been:

2001/2002 \$1,036,159 (14.7);
2002/2003 \$1,056,700 (14.1);
2003/2004 \$1,078,300 (10.0);
2004/2005 \$1,080,000 (11.7);
2005/2006 \$1,080,000 (9.2);
2006/2007 \$1,080,000 (9.2);
2007/2008 \$1,250,000 (9.0);
2008/2009 \$2,019,650 (13.5);
2009/2010 \$1,525,000 (10.7);
total \$11,205,809 (102).

The total cost of new plus replacement footpaths during the last ten years was \$13,536,629 for 123km constructed. At current property values and rate settings one percent of rates represents about \$338,265.

A draft list of new footpaths, determined using the footpath assessment criteria, has been completed for consideration. The estimated cost to build the draft list of new footpaths is \$4.1 million. At annual funding of \$336,200 as allocated this financial year for new footpaths,

about twelve years would be required to complete the draft list of works. Council has a policy that there should be one good footpath on each street, however at a cost of \$21 million to complete this policy objective it would not be realised until 2071 at the annual funding level of \$336,200 for new footpaths.

Footpaths are selected for consideration and inclusion in the footpath construction programs based on the following criteria: 1) overall condition of the footpath segment where a footpath exist; 2) condition of the footpath on the opposite side of the road where a footpath exist; 3) hierarchy of the road network (ie arterial, distributor, collector or local roads); 4) annual average daily traffic within the street; 5) network significance with subheadings bus route, safe route to school, preferred walking route study, shared paths, pedestrian link and pedestrian catchment; 6) proximity to facilities with subheadings shopping precincts, schools, reserves/sports facilities, community centres, aged care facilities and train stations; 7) associated road works such as kerbing works and/or stormwater drainage works.

Through the Local Government Act Councils have powers, functions and responsibilities to manage roads and footpaths.

Authorisation by Council is required for any alteration to a road or footpath. Any addition of infrastructure under, on or over a road remains the property of the owner of the authorisation (eg a resident). There are limitations on what the law will hold Council responsible for because of the wide network of roads and footpaths. Council undertakes all reasonable measures to maintain the network within its available resources and against competing priorities. Whilst Council endeavours to address differentials in ground surface of the footpath network, it is expected that people using a footpath will exercise sufficient care by observing and avoiding obvious risks. The law recognises that minor differentials in roads and footpaths are very common occurrences in an urban environment. If a footpath is not constructed then the responsibility of Council is more limited. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance or replacement of existing driveways if they are in a state of disrepair.



BABBAGE WARD

CR RICHARD WARREN

- Footpaths

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The provision of an adequate number of quality footpaths remains a significant issue in the annual resident survey conducted by the Council, and a point of dissatisfaction for residents.

Brown Hill Creek – Stormwater Management Plan

The term of this Council is nearing the end and it is time to reflect on some of the issues which have dominated the last four years. The most significant, and yet to be resolved, is the Storm Water Management Plan (SMP) for Keswick and Brown Hill Creeks. The SMP involves Mitcham, Unley, Burnside, Adelaide and West Torrens Councils and the Storm Water Management Authority (SMA). The current plan, which this Council has never endorsed, aims to reduce potential flooding if a 1 in 100 year rainfall event were to occur across the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks catchment area. For Mitcham this would mean the installation of two retention dams, with approximately 24m high walls and associated infrastructure, in the upper reaches of Brown Hill Creek with no consideration being given to water reuse or environmental concerns/benefits.

This Council is committed to flood mitigation but seeks a review of the SMP with the aim of creating a more environmentally friendly solution than two dams. Our position remains opposed by the other Councils involved, in particular West Torrens who have been very vocal and critical of Mitcham's position in the media. The SMA has now directed the constituent Councils to formulate a new SMP before the caretaker provisions of the Local Government Act come into force in September this year. More information on this issue can

be viewed on Council's website (www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au).

Freight Trains

In response to growing concerns raised by residents about the noise, vibration, safety and health aspects of the increasing number and size of the freight trains using the Adelaide Hills line, Council created a Rail Freight Task Force (RFTF) in mid 2006. The RFTF now the Rail Freight Committee (RFC) was established with both Councillors and Community members, a number of whom have railway expertise. A report recommending that the only feasible solution to the issues was to move the freight line east of the Adelaide hills was produced prior to the last election. The report can be viewed on the Council web site. The RFC along with concerned residents successfully lobbied both major parties before the last election to invest \$3million into an investigation of the issue. This investigation (by GHD, an Engineering Consulting company) has now been completed and we are waiting on the Federal Minister of Transport's response to the final report. Council and the Committee are disappointed in the draft report's suggestion that upgrading the existing track is the preferred option based solely on the economics of the options and appears to completely ignore the social consequences of the existing alignment. This is particularly important as rail track bypasses are currently being built to allow an increase to 1800m long freight trains to use the line. Coupled with this the projected number of trains

per week is expected to increase over the next ten to fifteen years. Again it is a Federal election year and time for concerned residents to lobby aspiring politicians of all persuasions for a commitment to move the freight line east of the ranges.

Cats

The Cat By-law has finally been passed by Council with an absolute majority. An absolute majority of Council members is required to meet the legislative requirements. The By-law is now being reviewed by the Legislative Review Committee (LRC) of State Parliament. If endorsed by the LRC the By-law will come into effect on 1 August 2010. Council surveys showed overwhelming support for the By-law (greater than 80% of residents surveyed) but was vigorously opposed by cat lobby groups outside of Mitcham.

Footpaths

The provision of an adequate number of quality footpaths remains a significant issue in the annual resident survey conducted by the Council, and a point of

dissatisfaction for residents. In response Council has spent many millions of dollars replacing old and unsafe footpaths and providing new ones in the time I have been on Council. The emphasis remains on replacing damaged footpaths due to legal liability reasons whereas Council has no liability for injury where no footpath has been provided. Over the last four years Council has spent \$6.295m on footpath replacement and \$946K on new. In 2009/2010 the budget for new footpaths was \$336.2K which will provide 1.7km when completed. During budget consideration this year it has been proposed to increase this amount significantly but as the money comes directly from rates it is a balancing act between other demands, rate increase and more money for new footpaths.



THE PARK WARD

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- Brown Hill Creek – Stormwater Management Plan
- Freight Trains
- Cats
- Footpaths

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Freight Train Survey

Does the noise from freight trains disturb you?

A survey is available on Council's website to allow residents to report noise from freight trains. By completing the survey, each time you hear noise from a freight train, you will assist in the process of identifying noise and attempts to reduce its severity and frequency. To complete a survey visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

Mitcham Community Calendar

COMMUNITY GROUPS

BLACKWOOD HILLS VIEW CLUB

Invites women to join members for fun and friendship at their monthly luncheon meetings at **Belair Country Club**, Upper Sturt Road, Belair on the third Monday of each month from **10.30 am**. Call 8278 7542.

GET FIT/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

SHARING THE FUN

Young people with a disability or movement difficulty are invited to join **Sharing the Fun**, a YMCA skill development program to have fun while developing the necessary movement and social skills for successful involvement in recreational activities. The program held **weeknights after school** costs \$77 per term. Call Penny on 8200 2519.

MITCHAM PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Come along on **Thursday 24 June at 7 pm** at the **Colonel Light Gardens RSL Club**, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens. The Group offers support and provides a forum for members to discuss health issues. All welcome including partners and friends. Visit www.psamitcham.org or call 8277 3424.

BLACKWOOD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

The Church at 72 Coromandel Parade in Blackwood invites you to enjoy a variety of **youth groups and children's programs** as well as informal services every Sunday at 10 am and 7 pm. Call 8370 0333 or Visit www.bhbc.org.au.

MUMS N BUBS AND KIDS' CLUB

Trinity Baptist Church, Colonel Light Gardens, has fortnightly groups for carers of preschoolers and for primary students in years 3 to 7. Bring your preschooler to **Mums N Bubs** (open to grandparents and dads too) every **Friday** during term time from **10 am to 11.30 am** for play, singing and stories. If you have a student in years 3 to 7 bring them along to the **Kids' Club** every **Friday** from **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm** at a cost of \$2 per student. For more information call 0412 996 519 or visit www.lightcircle.org.au.

ST COLUMBA SPROUTS

If you have a pre-schooler come along to Sprouts from **10 am to 11.15 am** on alternate **Fridays** to enjoy songs, prayer, stories, craft and fun! Call 8272 7266.

ESCAPE DROP-IN CENTRE

The Escape Drop-In Centre is held every **Friday** from **4 pm to 7 pm**. It is a place where high school aged students are able to relax and unwind from a week at school by playing some basketball, pool, xbox, volleyball etc! Find us at the Youth Centre, Dorene Street, St Marys.

EVENTS

ANNESLEY COLLEGE SCHOOL REUNION

Were you a Year 12 student at Annesley College in 1980? Yes! Then come along to the 30 year reunion at the Edinburgh Hotel, High Street, Mitcham from **7 pm on Saturday 2 October**. Call 8422 2288 for details.

MITCHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Come along on **Monday 28 June** at 10 am for a tour including both historical and current day perspective

of **Scotch College**. Cost \$5 including morning tea. Call 0402 781 601. Have your treasures valued by an experienced antiques dealer during the **antique road show** on **Wednesday 14 July at 7.30 pm** in the Drawing Room of Scotch College. Call 0438 290 607.

ADELAIDE BAROQUE CONCERT

Enjoy a concert on **Sunday 29 August** at St Johns Church, Halifax Street, Adelaide at **3 pm**. Be our guest after the concert and meet the stars. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call 0438 290 607.

TIM COSTELLO SPEAKS

Come and listen to World Vision CEO Tim Costello speak at the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood at **7 pm 4 July**.



SIMEON: ACOUSTIC ROCK BAND

Listen to acclaimed Melbourne Acoustic Rock artists, Simeon Shinkfield and Pete Whalley at the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood on **Sunday 25 July at 7 pm**.

ANNUAL CAMELLIA SHOW

Countless blooms are on display and plants are for sale at the Camellias South Australia Inc annual **Camellia Show at Carrick Hill, 46 Carrick Hill Drive, Springfield** on **Saturday August 14** from **noon to 4.30 pm** and **Sunday 15 August** from **10 am to 4.30 pm**. Free admission to the Camellia Show and Carrick Hill grounds. Call 8295 6563.

RAIL TO ROCKET TAG ALONG TOUR

Join the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley from the **14 to 20 August** on a 4WD tag along tour from **Port Augusta to Oodnadatta and back to Woomera**, following the Old Ghan Railway raising money for The Newell Foundation in support of Prostate Cancer Research. Call 0400 887166 and email spraggs@picknowl.com.au.

LOVIN' THAT TOUR

Join the Blackwood Player's 'Lovin' That Tour' for a night of Wacky Musical Comedy. The Blackwood Players Inc presents 'Lovin' That Tour' every **Friday and Saturday night from 9 July to 31 July** at the Blackwood 21 (Memorial Hall), Coromandel Parade, Blackwood. Cost is Adult \$22, \$18 concession, \$15 for ten or more, \$15 for members. To book call 1300 658 522.



Get Active with Lifeball

Come and try Lifeball at the Blackwood Recreation Centre.

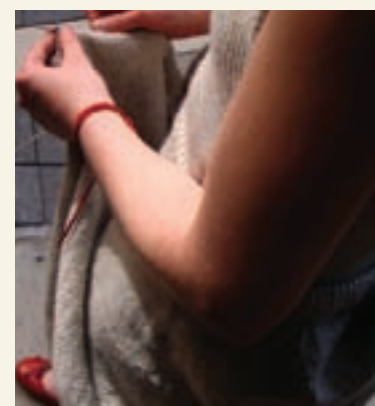
Lifeball is a team game designed for mature aged men and women and caters for all fitness and ability levels.

It is a game of strategy which is easy to learn and is played at a walking pace with rules that protect players from injury.

Teams are determined on the day based on who is available and constant substituting is allowed. So you don't have to commit to a team just come along when you can and join in. The emphasis is on participation and socialisation, not winning and all equipment is supplied.

Lifeball is held every Tuesday at 11 am at the Blackwood Recreation Centre, 1 Northcote Road, Eden Hills for \$5 per game.

For more information visit www.lifeball.com.au or call the Blackwood Recreation Centre on 8278 8833.



IDLE HANDS EXHIBITION

Deborah Prior's Idle Hands exhibition is a display of uneasy vessels, slipped anatomy, and multi-limbed creatures pooling across the floor. The exhibition will be on display from June 5 to 20 each **Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm** at the Seedling Art Space on the corner of Main Road and Turners Avenue, Hawthorndene. For more information visit www.seedlingartspace.asn.au.



New Minister for the Mitcham Village Uniting Church

The Mitcham Village Uniting Church has a new sign and a new Minister, the Reverend Rod Mann.

Rod who began his training in Mitcham has returned after working in the Murray Plains, Hills communities and more recently in the city.

He is looking forward to reconnecting with the Mitcham community.



New Rector at St Marys Anglican Church

The Reverend Nick Wallace has arrived from the Isle of Wight, England to join the St Marys Anglican Church on South Road at St Marys.

After visiting Australia and the parish at St Marys Reverend Nick and his wife Mandy became so enthusiastic about the programs, developed by the church to support the community, they made the decision to move.

Outreach programs for the community include: the Project Centre where people can drop-in to make and repair items in the woodworking or metal shops; the Picket Fence where lunches can be enjoyed with companionship; a Food Co-operative where those in need can obtain a bag of food for minimal cost; an Op Shop; and other activities such as art and computer classes.

For information about the outreach programs call 8374 2522.

Water Sensitive Streetscapes

Council in response to climate change has introduced water sensitive urban design initiatives into recently planted reserves and street areas.

In Wattlebury Avenue at Colonel Light Gardens new trees have been planted to replace the English elm trees (*Ulmus* sp.) which died from disease and drought. The hybrid Sapporo Autumn Gold elm (*Ulmus* "Sapporo Autumn Gold") has a beautiful autumn colour and is more resistant to disease.

Soakage systems were installed in the verge along Wattlebury Avenue to harvest stormwater. Stormwater flows through holes drilled into the kerb into agricultural drainage pipes to soak into the surrounding soil to irrigate the new trees.

Water collected during winter will recharge soil moisture before



the elms come into their spring flush when the trees are in full leaf and need additional water. Summer showers will also top up the moisture of the soil to provide valuable water for the trees.

In East Parkway a soakage trench was constructed and connected to a new side entry pit. The pit collects water which would otherwise flow into the drainage system, eventually making its way to the sea. The soakage trench holds up to six kilolitres of water which quickly soaks into the surrounding soil.

A similar soakage trench was installed recently on the reserve near the intersection of Winchester Avenue and West Parkway. Two new trees planted as part of the Colonel Light Gardens Conservation Management Plan works will use the additional water provided by the trench.

These stormwater collection systems have been installed as part of Council's ongoing research into stormwater management, streetscaping and climate change adaptation. Ongoing trials will enable Council to assess the ongoing effectiveness and maintenance requirements of the systems.



Maintaining Mitcham's Heritage Fig Trees

Council is working to sustain the landmark Moreton Bay fig trees on Mitcham Common where Albert Street meets Taylors Road.

Council recently installed a stormwater infrastructure system which captures stormwater runoff from Cuthbert Avenue to water, by passive irrigation, the root zones of the Moreton Bay fig trees.

Similar systems are being trialled in other locations to address subsoil drying which is impacting on tree health across the council area due to climate change.

At the beginning of the drought the old Moreton Bay fig trees began to show signs of stress, shedding their leaves in response

to the slow drying of the soil. A drip system was installed to irrigate the trees and organic mulch was provided around their bases to improve the soil and increase rainfall infiltration.

As the drought progressed water restrictions saw the remaining grass areas around the trees die off. To improve the trees health and encourage canopy growth the area was mulched to eliminate grass regrowth and competition, minimise evaporation and further improve the soils to support increased tree root growth.

As strict water restrictions continue Council has had to limit the use of the drip system. To ensure the heritage trees survive long term an alternative water supply was needed.

A side entry pit has been built to capture stormwater runoff. The pit feeds into twenty metres of slotted pipe installed in coarse sand along the length of the soakage trench. Each time it rains additional water will soak into the soil of Mitcham Common and be redrawn by the trees as needed.



Trees for Colonel Light Gardens

The Colonel Light Gardens Conservation Management Plan is guiding Council in the development and maintenance of public areas including tree planting throughout Colonel Light Gardens.

Tree Planting Facts

- 36 trees were removed.
- 69 were planted.
- 750 metres of in-line dripper system and 500 metres of high density polythene pipe were installed.
- 35 tonnes of soil removed to create mulching dishes.
- 360 square metres of mulch was used for planted trees.
- 36 tonnes of soil was removed to create planting holes, mixed with soil conditioner and used to plant the new trees.

Australia's best example of a garden suburb, Colonel Light Gardens is steeped in history with tree-lined streets, rounded street corners, wide grassed verges and open space.

Many road intersections in Colonel Light Gardens are surrounded by reserves on which trees are planted. Intersection reserves have been planted recently with trees including:

- Rochester Avenue at the intersection of Kandahar Crescent.
- East Parkway at the intersection Lincoln Avenue.
- Goodwood Road at the intersection Chester Street.
- Lincoln Avenue at the intersection Wattlebury Avenue.
- West Parkway at the intersection Lancaster Avenue.

- West Parkway at the intersection Winchester Avenue.

In addition to these intersection reserves, tree planting has been undertaken on reserves including:

- Ludgate Crescent Reserve.
- Oxford Crescent Reserve.
- The Strand Reserve.

Before planting trees that were in poor condition or small saplings which had died were removed. To ensure the newly planted trees establish and grow quickly drip irrigation systems were installed.

Trees planted at these reserves will over time develop into beautiful garden features reflecting the garden suburb principles of Colonel Light Gardens.

Planting Street Trees for Mitcham's Future

Yellow bloodwood is being trialled to assess its suitability to the changing climate to maintain Mitcham's green environment.

An early trial of Yellow bloodwood (*Corymbia eximia*), a medium to large tree, indicates this species to be hardy. Council, during the 2010 planting program, will plant the smaller form of the species (*Corymbia eximia* 'Nana') to assess its suitability as a street tree. The 'Nana' form of Yellow bloodwood grows to about eight metres in height and is similar in structure and appearance to the popular Western Australian red-flowering gum (*Corymbia ficifolia*) to which it is closely related. In summer the trees are covered in large white blooms

providing food, nectar and pollen, for insects, birds and mammals.

Yellow bloodwood occurs near the central coast areas of New South Wales. While it grows naturally on sandy soils with higher rainfall initial trials have proven that it is suitable for Mitcham's clay, loam and skeletal soils.

While closely related to eucalypts the Yellow bloodwood will not cross pollinate with them and present no concerns when planted in close proximity to indigenous vegetation on reserves and conservation areas.



Dogs in the Community

The responsibility of dog ownership includes understanding that ensuring your pet is well behaved and manageable, in public environments and at home, is up to you.



Dogs that are responsibly cared for will be appreciated by dog lovers and also by people who choose not to own dogs. It does take some time and commitment on your part to ensure everyone's interests, including the dog's, are respected.

Confining Dogs

All dogs should be confined to the backyard of a fenced property and not be able to wander the streets.

The majority of problems with dog bites actually occur on the owners' properties or at the property boundary lines. Dogs view their territory as their domain and naturally seek to protect it. Keep this in mind and don't leave gates open while washing the car or working in the garden.

People have a legal right to access your front door. This means you are responsible if your dog bites someone who, having entered your property, is going to or coming from the front door. Gas, electricity and water meters must be positioned to allow the readers safe access.

It is an offence if your dog is not confined to the yard and leaves the property. You are also liable if your dog attacks a person,

another dog or other animal, damages property or causes a traffic accident outside your property.

The solution is to ensure that your gate is closed at all times. Wandering dogs cannot only become lost or stolen, but may be severely injured or killed by motor vehicles. If your dog is reported out, you may be liable for an \$80 fine.

Barking

Some people think it is normal for dogs to bark constantly. It isn't. Barking dogs are a nuisance and not conducive to good neighbourly relations. Excessive barking usually means the dog is bored, lonely or frustrated.

Ensure your dog gets plenty of exercise and companionship, and has a comfortable, safe, enclosed place to sleep.

Obedience training may help stop dogs barking. If this is unsuccessful, there are established services providing professional advice on overcoming behavioural problems.

Complaints due to excessive barking are amongst the most frequent received by Council.

If a dog is barking persistently and interfering with the peace

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 am to 9 am and 5 pm to 8 pm.
 - November to March 7 am to 9 am and 6.30 pm 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).

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.

Dog Faeces

Dog faeces are unsightly and unpleasant, particularly in environments such as footpaths and parks. They are also a major Ecoli polluter when washed into the stormwater system.

When dogs are exercising in public places, owners are required to clean up after them. This can easily be done using a scooper and a plastic or paper bag to remove and dispose of the faeces. The fine for failing to clean up after your dog is \$55.

Training

Dogs that have learnt some simple rules will be well adjusted and well behaved family pets. Puppies should be taught basic manners and the rules of the household as soon as they arrive in a new home.

Consider taking your dog to a local obedience club for training with the help of qualified dog trainers. This also lets your dog socialise with other dogs.

and comfort of the neighbourhood Council's experienced animal management officers can provide assistance to resolve the problem.

Council will request the complainant to complete a 7 day diary to record the details of the barking, followed by a further 7 days to establish if the problem

is continuing after Council intervention and mediation.

If the dog continues to create a noise which persistently occurs or it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of a person, the owner may be fined or have a Control (Barking Dog) Order placed on the dog.

Pet ownership starts with you.

In addition to information, Council provides animal control services, handles complaints about animals, picks up stray dogs and handles registrations. To find out more, call 8372 8888.

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