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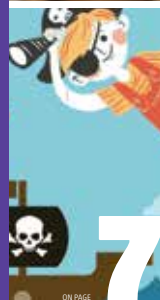
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Congratulations to our newly elected Mayor and Elected Members.

Along with our returning Mayor and seven returning Elected Members, City of Mitcham welcomes five new Elected Members to Council.

The declared results are available on the Electoral Commission SA at ecsa.sa.gov.au/elections and listed below.

Mayor

Dr Heather Holmes-Ross

Overton Ward

Kamal Bhagat

Jane Bange

Gault Ward

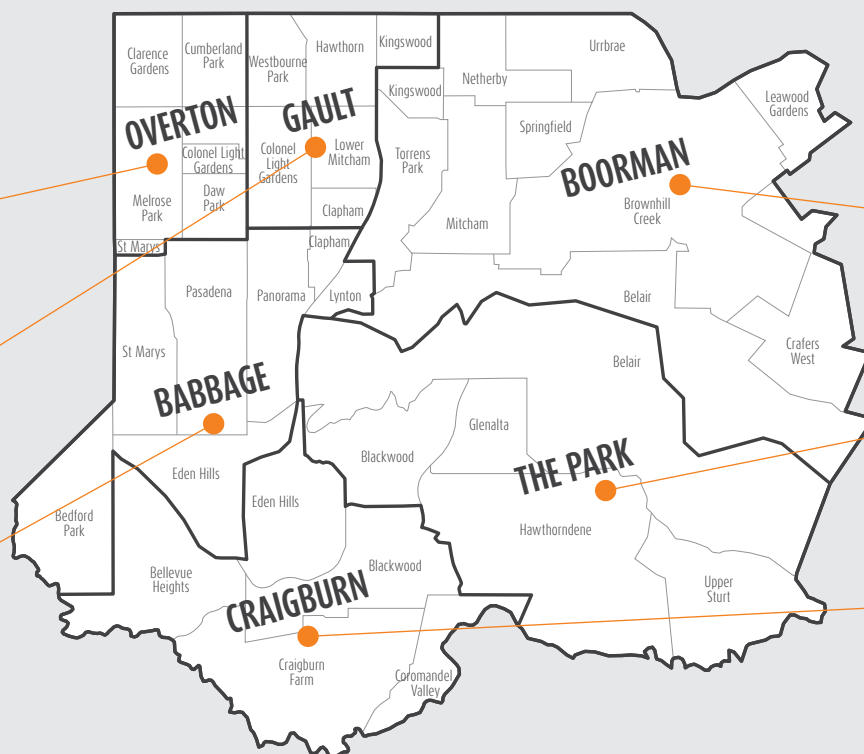
Rod Moss

Pia George

Babbage Ward

Yvonne Todd

Aidan Greenshields



Boorman Ward

Joanna Wells

Andrew Tilley

The Park Ward

Tom Morrison

Corin McCarthy

Craigburn Ward

Karen Hockley

Darren Kruse

Ocean waste used in new play space

Maritime waste including fishing nets and ropes, along with recycled plastic and textiles, has been used to create one of Mitcham's newest playgrounds.

The 'pocket park' on Waverley Street Reserve was used as an example of sustainable playground design at an industry forum and site tour co-hosted by City of Mitcham and Parks and Leisure Australia in September.

Along with post-consumer recycled material and ocean waste, the park features aluminium components created using low-carbon processes, and steel, rubber and concrete that include recycled content, and that are recyclable.

City of Mitcham's smallest park, Waverley Street Reserve now features a carousel, slide, swings, stepping logs and rocker, along with shade sails, new fencing and furniture.

In February 2021, City of Mitcham adopted a sustainable procurement policy to prioritise low emission products and services and incorporate zero emission design into all new Council buildings.

Under the policy, the total cost of purchasing must consider the cost to the environment, social impacts as well as economic impacts.

Sustainable procurement is in line with City of Mitcham's five emissions pledges under the City Power Partnership, a network of local councils committed to a clean economy and zero carbon future.

Photos: Courtesy of Kompan Australia.



Blackwood home base for new blends

Blackwood eco shop Ecolateral is producing its own essential oil blends to be sold across the company's four South Australian outlets.

New Blackwood shop manager Raven Eylander is drawing on her experience as former manager of an aromatherapy shop in Adelaide to create the products.

From a small production facility behind the Blackwood shopfront, she has developed five oil blends and pulse point rollers using a range of oils including orange, lavender, eucalyptus and peppermint, to be used on the body and around the home.

"We wanted to make oils that could be used in many different ways; in a diffuser or in DIY cleaning products as a substitute for synthetic fragrances," Raven says. "The oils are ethically sourced from a reputable supplier."

As well as selling the products at Magill, Brighton and Adelaide outlets, Raven plans to offer refills from Blackwood to reduce plastic packaging.

Formerly Waste Not Want Not, the Blackwood shop opened 15 years ago and is well supported by City of Mitcham residents.

Along with refillable products including shampoo and conditioner, dishwashing liquid and cleaning products, the store is a collection point for a range of hard-to-recycle items including silicone, plastic bottle lids, bread tags, toothpaste tubes and makeup packaging.



Ecolateral Blackwood Store Manager Raven Eylander and Ecolateral Chief Executive Officer Jamie Stott.



Volunteers transform railway verge

When Josie Owen moved to Hawthorn from Queensland in 2016, she was unimpressed by the state of the verge beside the railway line at Egmont Terrace.

Six years on, with help from local residents, she has transformed the strip between Sussex Terrace and Grange Road by replacing rotting planks in one section, and through regular weeding, planting, mulching, and watering.

Along with ginkgos and bottle brushes planted by Council, the verge now features a colourful mix of geraniums, lavender, daisies and succulents, many struck from cuttings donated by local residents.

City of Mitcham has supported the project by donating wheelbarrows and vouchers to purchase native plants from State Flora

Nursery, and a regular delivery of mulch for the garden beds.

"When we moved here, it was all weeds; wheat, canola - you name it, and looked horrible," she said. "We started with a small area and we've just worked away at it. Now people stop and say thank you, they're very grateful for the work we've done."

Josie and her husband John are seeking more volunteers to join them, in particular to help when mulch is delivered, and to carry water.

If you are interested, contact Josie via email josieowen22@gmail.com.

To find out more or join City of Mitcham's volunteering program, call Lynne on 8372 8860 or visit mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/volunteering



• Carols Christmas Eve

6.00 - 9.30pm @ Hewett Sports Grd, Blackwood

6.00pm Bouncy Castle, Camel rides, food stalls etc

8.00pm Christmas Carols presented by local people for local people.

Commercial FREE / Celebrity FREE

• Christmas Day Service 9.30am

@ 72 Coromandel Pde, Blackwood



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CHRISTMAS HOURS

for Mitcham Council services

Council will provide essential services and respond to emergencies throughout the Christmas and New Year period. Please call 8372 8888.

On behalf of the Mayor, Elected Members and staff of the City of Mitcham, we wish you all the joys of the Festive Season and our very best wishes for a Happy New Year. We look forward to being of continued service to our local residents, businesses and community groups in 2023.

★ MERRY ★
Christmas
 &
HAPPY NEW YEAR
 ★★ ★

Council Civic Centre

Normal opening hours 9am to 5pm weekdays

Friday 23 December	9am to 2pm
Saturday 24 December	Closed
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day	Closed
Monday 26 December Boxing Day Christmas Day Public Holiday	Closed
Tuesday 27 December Boxing Day Public Holiday	Closed
Wednesday 28 December	Closed
Thursday 29 December	Closed
Friday 30 December	Closed
Saturday 31 December New Year's Eve	Closed
Sunday 1 January New Year's Day	Closed
Monday 2 January New Year's Day Public Holiday	Closed

Normal opening hours resume on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Council Depot

Normal opening hours 8am to 4pm weekdays.

Friday 23 December	8am to 2pm
Saturday 24 December	Closed
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day	Closed
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Thank you to our volunteers

The Mayor, Elected Members and staff would like to thank our dedicated volunteers for their work on Council programs and across our community through the year.

After another challenging year, our dedicated volunteers continued to support programs that support the community. Volunteers are involved in many different programs, from working in Council's libraries, community centres, the Community Bus, social programs, open spaces and trails as well as the Justice of Peace service.

If you would like to become a Council volunteer and join us in 2023, phone Lynne on 8372 8860.

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LIBRARIES

Mitcham Memorial Library and Toy Library

Friday 23 December	10am to 2pm
Saturday 24 December	Closed
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day	Closed
Monday 26 December Boxing Day Christmas Day Public Holiday	Closed
Tuesday 27 December Boxing Day Public Holiday	Closed
Wednesday 28 December	10am to 8pm
Thursday 29 December	10am to 5.30pm
Friday 30 December	10am to 2pm
Saturday 31 December New Year's Eve	10am to 4pm
Sunday 1 January New Year's Day	Closed
Monday 2 January New Year's Day Public Holiday	Closed

Normal opening hours resume on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Library items can be returned via the after-hours chutes. Overdue fees on Library items will not be applied during this time. Please do not leave items if the chutes are closed.

Storytime will take a longer break from 8 December 2022 to 30 January 2023.

No toys will be due for return during the closure period.

Blackwood Library

Friday 23 December	10am to 2pm
Saturday 24 December	Closed
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Community Services

The **Community Shed** closes from 5pm Monday 19 December 2022 and reopens on Monday 9 January 2023.

The **Local History Service** closes at 1.30pm Thursday 22 December 2022 and reopens on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

The **Mitcham Community Centre, Cumberland Park Community Centre, Hawthorn Community Centre, Pasadena Community Centre, Mitcham Cultural Village Institute and all other halls for hire** close at 10pm Thursday 22 December 2022 and reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

The **Community Bus Service** finishes at 4pm Friday 23 December 2022 and recommences on Tuesday 10 January 2023.

Domestic Waste Collections Christmas/New Year

Kerbside waste and recycling collections will not be impacted on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility

The Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility will be closed from Tuesday 13 December 2022 and will reopen Saturday 7 January 2023.

More Information

Council waste collection, Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility and Blackwood Library may be impacted on days of high heat and Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Risk Days and residents are encouraged to monitor social media on these days for any potential changes to normal services.

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Council's Immunisation Service Clinics

No clinics will be held on Wednesday 4 January 2023 at either the City of Mitcham Civic Centre or Blackwood Church of Christ.

Immunisation Service Clinics will be held on:

- **Wednesday 7 December 2022** at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre (11.30am to 1pm) and the Blackwood Church of Christ (5.30pm to 6.30pm).
- **Wednesday 21 December 2022** at the Blackwood Church of Christ (11.30am to 12.30pm).

Note: There will be no evening clinic at the Mitcham Civic Centre on Wednesday 21 December 2022

For more information on Council's public immunisation clinics at Mitcham and Blackwood, visit mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/immunisation or contact Council's Immunisation Coordinator on 8372 8816.

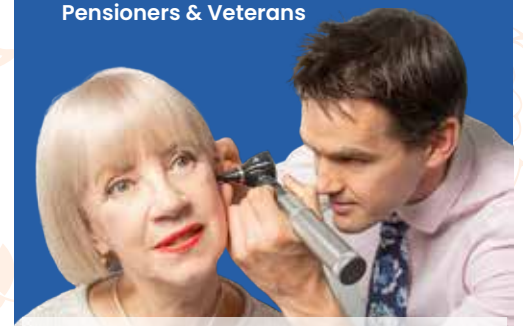
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Mural highlights importance of connection

Type-based abstract artist Tristan Kerr has created a mural that reflects the importance of being together at Donald Street Reserve, St Marys.

The mural, supported by a City of Mitcham public art grant, spells out the word 'Together' in an abstract and playful way.

Tristan says the work represents a moment in time where we need to stop and consider one another and reconnect in public spaces.

"This idea of 'togetherness' in the community feels relevant right now as we move through two and half years of the COVID-19 pandemic," he says. "I wanted the piece to feel uplifting yet represent natural elements

of form and colour that surround the water tank infrastructure."

The mural features warm, rich tones to reflect the natural elements of the reserve, along with cool blue colours and shapes to represent water.

Tristan works from a studio in Sturt Street, Adelaide. His work has featured in numerous exhibitions and public commissions in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia.

To apply for a City of Mitcham Public Art Grant visit [mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/public-art](https://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/public-art)

Halfway mark for Unley IBDP students

A group of Unley High School students has completed the first year of the school's inaugural International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

The Netherby high school is one of four State Government schools to introduce the two-year program including Norwood, Aberfoyle Park and Roma Mitchell Secondary College.

Year 11 student Inuka Amaratunga chose to complete the IBDP because he wants to study overseas.

"I have enjoyed being part of the IB," he said. "It is a very rigorous process, and it promotes self-study and a really in-depth learning."

Students who undertake the IBDP must study a second language and take on six subjects.



Unley High students Anuj, AJ, Dorian and Amani have completed the first year of the school's inaugural International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.



Visit your local 'living laboratory'

City of Mitcham residents are invited to join volunteer guides for a guided walk through the Waite Arboretum.

Known as a 'living laboratory', the Arboretum houses a collection of 2,400 tree species from around the world at University of Adelaide's Waite Campus, Urrbrae.

Friends of the Waite Arboretum guides host free 90-minute walks on the first Sunday of the month. They explore the many trees planted on the 200-acre property donated to the people of South Australia by graziers Peter and Matilda Waite.

Friends President Dr Wayne Harvey said the Arboretum was established in 1928 to grow trees from around the world to find those best suited to Adelaide.

"We are now learning the trees that will survive and thrive in a changing climate,"

Dr Harvey said. "It is an important resource for councils, students and anyone seeking to find out more about suitable species for their gardens."

Guide Lynda Blake enjoys showing groups through the Arboretum, which she said changed with the seasons.

"It's a beautiful environment to walk through and it often surprises people who live nearby and have no idea of just what is on their doorstep," she said.

The Arboretum is open every day to the public from dawn to dusk. Download the new free Waite Conservation Reserve App in the App store to learn about plants as you go.



Find out more at www.adelaide.edu.au/waite-historic/waite-arboretum

Join a tour at 11am on Sunday 4 December or Sunday 8 January. Meet on the lawn west of Urrbrae House. The car park is located on Walter Young Avenue, off the corner of Cross Road and Fullarton Road.

School Holiday Fun

Join us at City of Mitcham's libraries and community centres for free family-friendly fun in the school holidays. For more information and updates visit mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/school-holidays

Christmas Craft at Pasadena

Drop in and join us to create some magical Christmas crafts! All ages welcome. No bookings necessary.

When: Thursday 22 December,
10am to 12pm

Where: Pasadena Community Centre,
47 Adelaide Terrace, Pasadena

Cost: Free



Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Get ready to put on your detective hat and explore the library to find some hidden treasures! Collect a map from the library. While you're here, create some Christmas craft with us.

When: December during opening hours,
all of January

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library,
154 Belair Road, Hawthorn

Cost: Free

Get Caught Reading Challenge

Take the challenge: read a book in an unusual place, take a photo and write a mini review to win one of three prizes.

When: Opens 3 January, closes 31 January

Where: City Wide

Cost: Free

Tree Trail

Enjoy the beautiful summer weather with a short walk through the Soldiers Memorial Gardens. Tree Trail activity sheets are available inside Mitcham Memorial Library or borrow an Explorer vest and look up close to discover something new.

When: December and January

Where: Soldiers Memorial Gardens

Cost: Free (No bookings)

Christmas Lolly Houses and Outdoor Games

Join SAYarts to get messy and make your own Christmas lolly house, then enjoy for some fun outdoor games on the lawns.

When: Wednesday 21 December

Session 1: 10am to 11am
Session 2: 11.30am to 12.30pm

Where: Cumberland Park Community Centre,
390 Goodwood Road,
Cumberland Park

Cost: Free

Bookings: lollyhouses.eventbrite.com.au

Story Board Walk

Explore and discover the natural world while reading '11 Words for Love' by Randa Abdel-Fattah and Maxine Beneba Clarke.

When: All of December

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library,
154 Belair Road, Hawthorn

Cost: Free



Library Craft

Enjoy some quiet creative time with in-house craft and activities.

When: from Tuesday 3 January

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library and
Blackwood Library



Letter to Santa

Write a letter to Santa and post it at the Mitcham Memorial Library, 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn or Blackwood Library, 215 Main Road, Blackwood, by 11 December to receive a reply from Santa.



Fred's Van Hawthorn volunteers Sandy Burns and Jude Davis at the Hawthorn Vinnies, the home base of the City Van.

Hawthorn revamp for Fred's Van

The new Fred's Van has room to move at Vinnies Hawthorn thanks to a My Mitcham Community Grant.

St Vincent de Paul Society applied for the grant to raise the height of the garage aperture to allow access for its new City Van, which hit the streets in June this year.

A second My Mitcham Community Grant funded the purchase of a 'trolley dolly' to store bread trays which come in and out of the Hawthorn kitchen.

Fred's Van has operated from its Hawthorn base for 30 years, providing mobile food service to Adelaide's homeless population six nights a week.

The Van is supported by 200 volunteers who coordinate donations from local bakeries and food charities, manage pantry stock, meal preparation and deliveries of food, toiletries, blankets and warm clothing.

Volunteer Jude Davis, who has volunteered for eight years, says she enjoys contributing to her local 'Vinnies'. "It's chicken feed for the soul," she says. "An important aspect of the Van is the social benefit - for some people, it might be the only interaction they have all day."

To find out more or apply for a My Mitcham Community Grant, visit mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/grants

Storm sparks Council-wide response

City of Mitcham is set to continue its response to a wild November storm that left many without power, toppled trees and damaged homes and infrastructure.

In the hours and days after the storm, Council worked alongside the SES and SA Power Networks in worst affected areas to help clear roads, restore power and close playgrounds and unsafe areas to keep the community safe.

As the extent of the damage became clear, outdoor field staff were diverted to work on the response. Council hired specialist tree crews, contractors and extra trucks and purchased extra equipment including chainsaws for the task ahead.

When it became clear the Lynton Green Waste Depot would reach capacity, temporary stockpile sites for bulk green waste were established at Eden Hills and the Women's Memorial Playing Fields.

Within a week, 142 tonnes of debris and green waste from Council verges, parks and reserves had been collected. In addition, a huge amount of green waste has been mulched and placed on Council reserves and stockpiled. Council's waste trucks collected an extra 10 tonnes of general waste attributed to the extended blackout.

To help residents affected by blackouts, Council extended opening hours at Mitcham Memorial Library and invited the community to take advantage of free wi-fi and charging ports.

The community response was immediate. Council received 1,600 calls reporting damage and 1,200 requests via its Click and Connect website portal in the space of a week.

To help the community cope with the sheer volume of debris, Council opened the Lynton Green Waste Depot for an extra week and organised a second kerbside green collection for worst hit suburbs.

City of Port Adelaide Enfield, City of Playford and City of Burnside tree crews were set to join Council crews and contractors to clear the hardest-hit streets and reserves. Indoor workers formed light vegetation clean-up crews to help clean up parks and reserves.

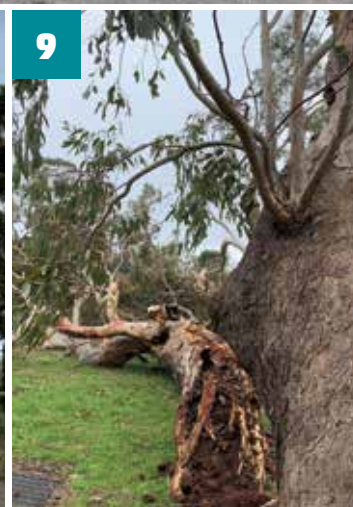
Council has welcomed support from Department of Infrastructure and Transport contractors in helping clear main roads.

Next steps include further planning to respond and allocate resources to all affected areas. The clean-up is expected to take at least three months and will impact some of our regular operations. We thank the community for its support and continued patience.

We encourage you to report any fallen or damaged trees to

mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/click-and-connect

For regular updates on Council's storm response and more information, follow our Facebook page @CityofMitcham and sign up for e-news at mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



1: A tree snapped at its base in a Blackwood reserve, reflecting the strength of the wind. **2:** Council purchased new chainsaws for the clear up task ahead. **3:** Pat at the depot was kept busy repairing broken equipment after a few days of heavy work. **4:** Craigburn Farm was one of the worst hit areas. **5:** Council crews worked alongside SES and SA Power Networks to clear roads and keep the community safe. **6:** Within a few days of the storm, tonnes of debris were stockpiled at Eden Hills as the Lynton Depot reached capacity. **7 and 8:** Council tree crews and specialist arboriculture contractors worked to assess the damage and remove hazards. **9 and 10:** Roads flooded and trees and limbs came down in the wild storm. **11:** Residents affected by black-out took advantage of free wi-fi and charging ports and extended hours at Mitcham Memorial Library.