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Memorial commemorates Bangka tragedy

A memorial dedicated to women who lost their lives in war has been inaugurated at the SA Women's Memorial Playing Fields at St Marys.

The memorial was unveiled at a commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the Bangka Island Massacre in February.

On 14 February 1942, 22 Australian Army Nurses were killed by soldiers of the Imperial Japanese Army on Bangka Island's Radji Beach.

The memorial is dedicated to all women who lost their lives in Australia's wars and is the largest dedicated to women in the Southern Hemisphere.

It forms part of an 18-month redevelopment project that includes a memorial plaza

featuring commemorative posts for each nurse killed in the massacre, including the sole survivor Vivian Bullwinkel.

One of the new ovals under development at the site will be named the Vivian Bullwinkel Oval in her honour.

The inauguration included a service, a presentation by special guest speaker His Excellency, General the Honourable David Hurley and music by the Australian Army band and a catafalque party.

Guests included Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley, Her Excellency the Governor of South

Australia, Frances Adamson, South Australian Premier Steven Marshall, a number of state politicians, City of Mitcham Elected Members and Mayor, senior military, nursing and medical leaders and descendants of nurses who were massacred.

The Women's Memorial Playing Fields are operated by the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing. The Playing Fields are currently used by Cumberland United Women's Soccer Club and Sturt Lacrosse Club.

To read more about the Bangka tragedy, visit www.womensmemorial.org.au

Adopt a tree at Carrick Hill

City of Mitcham residents and businesses are invited to support Carrick Hill and leave a lasting legacy by adopting a tree along the newly established avenue of Celebration Trees named Queens Way.

Queens Way is the original entry drive created by Sir Edward and Lady Hayward for their home, Carrick Hill, which they gifted to the people of South Australia. It is also the route travelled by Queen Elizabeth II when she visited Carrick Hill for the public opening in 1986.

Carrick Hill Head of Development Samantha East said Celebration Trees captured the spirit of the moment and offered the opportunity to celebrate significant life moments, anniversaries, loved ones, family occasions, community groups or other organisations.

"Adopting a tree will connect you to Carrick Hill's continuing history as a place of beauty, calm and cultural enjoyment," she said.

A noble oak tree (*Quercus cerris*) has been selected for planting at the site. Commonly known as the Turkey oak, it is a hardy species that originates from the Mediterranean.

Planting has already commenced along the driveway in preparation to reinstate the new Queens Way entrance.

To find out more about adopting a Celebration Tree, reserving your trees or arranging a viewing of Queens Way please contact Samantha East on 0407 713 240 or email samantha.east@sa.gov.au



Carrick Hill gardener Jon Dittmar with one of the baby oaks to be planted along the Queen's Way at Carrick Hill.



Join the Friends of Urrbrae Wetland!

Are you passionate about biodiversity, and looking for a new challenge in 2022? The Friends of Urrbrae Wetland are looking for more volunteers to join them this year.

The group meets every Tuesday from 8.30am to 12pm to maintain the wetland, which was established on the grounds of Urrbrae Agricultural High School in the 1990s, and provides important habitat for a range of local flora and fauna. Along with planting, watering and weed removal, Friends are essential in helping run open days and guided tours for the community.

To find out more, call 8272 6010 or visit <http://ow.ly/rCia5010KYp>

Council supports 'Climate Action' campaign

Mitcham Council has thrown its support behind the Conservation SA 'Climate Action Now' campaign.

On Tuesday 22 February Councillors voted to support the organisation's push to promote action to prevent climate change.

Acting Mayor Cr Lindy Taeuber said the campaign was in line with Council's Climate Emergency Declaration, penned in October last year, as well as its 2020 pledges to achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

"This campaign aims to send a clear message that the community wants government and business to do what they can to take bold action on climate change," Cr Taeuber said.

"Founded on support from our community, we are keen to do what we can as a Council to reduce emissions and help create a sustainable future for our city."

To show your support for the campaign, visit www.conservation.sa.org.au to order a sign to be displayed at your home or business. Take a photo and share it on your social media with the tag #ClimateActionNow and @ConservationSA.

Read more about City of Mitcham's Climate Emergency Declaration at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/climate-change



Pasadena Biodiversity Corridor now open

A major project that aims to improve biodiversity across two reserves through 'green engineering' has been launched at Pasadena.

Jointly funded by City of Mitcham (\$700,000), the Green Adelaide Board (\$340,000), the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (\$200,000) and State Government's Open Space Grant Program (\$100,000), the Pasadena Biodiversity Corridor has transformed two reserves into green open spaces.

Years in the making, the project will reinstate a creek line by diverting some of the stormwater piped beneath the Sierra Nevada and Grant Jacob reserves to the surface.

The reserve will be passively irrigated by feeding stormwater through a surface swale and soakage trenches to promote the growth of existing and new trees and vegetation.

A new playground has also been installed, featuring nature play elements and durable and sustainable materials including Australian sourced recycled plastic panels, and extensive pathways for bikes and prams.

Green Adelaide Board Presiding Member Professor Chris Daniels said the project was an example of recovery and regeneration of the natural environment that would create a vital pocket of biodiversity in metropolitan Adelaide.

"These places become really important for our sense of place, for our interaction with each other and for developing a sense of community," he said.

Pasadena Kindergarten Acting Director Heather Heading welcomed the project which would help educators teach students about biodiversity in the area.

"I think it's wonderful to have this right on our doorstep, providing an educational focus for our children, teaching them that water doesn't need to be washed out to sea," she said. "It will be a lovely place for families to come – more than just a playground, but a place where kids can play in the water and mud and be outside in nature."

Trinity Place Retirement Village resident Val Schirmer was looking forward to bringing her grandkids to the new playground.

"I'm absolutely delighted; I think it's going to create an environmentally beautiful area, with extra trees and water in the basin," she said. "I've been impressed with the work done here – they've worked really hard to get it done and the playground is beautiful."

Next steps include mulching around trees and bare areas in Sierra Nevada Reserve and seeding of rye and danthonia grasses in April.

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Little library opens its doors

A 'little library' has been installed at Mitcham Cultural Village where up to 50 books a week are exchanged by the community.

Volunteer David Bowey built the library at the Mitcham Community Shed, also located at the Mitcham Cultural Village, where he is a regular.

"I built it from one hundred per cent recycled material – even the hinges," he said. "The idea was to build something that resembled the Church in the background."

Books are donated by the community and the op shop at the Mitcham Village Uniting Church.

David says he has been thrilled by the response from the community to the library.

"It's fantastic to see little kids stop by here, finding a book they like and leaving with a big smile on their face."



Clockwise from top right: Mark Hall, Dieter Engler and David Bowey at the Mitcham Village Uniting Church community garden. Op Shop volunteers Barbara, Jill and Jim. David Bowey at the community library.

Garden creates community connections

A community garden and op shop are creating community connections at the Mitcham Cultural Village.

Supported by two My Mitcham Community Grants, the garden was established 18 months ago by volunteers from the Mitcham Village Uniting Church.

Grants covered the installation of rainwater tanks and catchment system and garden tools, as well as a bench seat at the garden.

Volunteers meet twice a week to tend the garden, harvest and compost using manure from the Morphettville Racecourse.

They donate produce to the Mitcham Village Uniting Church Op Shop on Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

Volunteer gardener Mark Hall helped establish the garden in a disused, sheltered area behind the Church.

The group installed eight raised beds, including two wicking beds designed to conserve water, and have set up netting to protect the beds from pests.

"Our vegetables are just beautiful because they're grown without herbicides or insecticides and with our own compost," he said. "We have some regular customers who like to come and grab them."

The Mitcham Village Uniting Church aims to continue to develop the unused area for the community to participate in the garden.

The Op Shop, established 11 years ago, is also run by volunteers who accept donations from the community and raise money for local charities including Foodbank SA and the Hutt Street Centre.

Mitcham Village Uniting Church welcomes volunteers at the Op Shop and garden. Volunteers meet from 8.30am to midday. Morning tea is provided on Tuesday mornings.

To find out more about My Mitcham Community Grants, visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/grants

What's On at Mitcham Cultural Village Uniting Church

Men @ the Centre on the **third Tuesday** of the month. A monthly support group for men **6.30pm** for pizza (\$8). Contact ashleighlower@gmail.com

Bible Study and Prayer Group on every **Tuesday 2pm to 3pm** during school terms. Contact Rae Edwards 8271 1251 or Jenny 0438 717 392.

Op Shop open **Tuesday** and **Saturday** mornings and special occasions. Contact Dieter 0426 813 538 or Jenny 0438 717 392.

Drop in for coffee every **Tuesday morning**.

Friendship coffee morning on the **first Wednesday** of each month **10am** at Café Buongiorno.

Local band ready to rock music fest

Hawthorndene three-piece Sycamore is set to perform alongside some of Australia's best live musicians at the Caltowie Chilled Out 'N Fired Up Music Festival this month.

The festival, which raises funds for mental health initiatives in regional Australia, will be headlined by Melbourne bands Kingswood and The Delta Riggs.

Brothers Ryan and Chris Williams started the band in 2019 and say they're looking forward to hitting the stage after a difficult couple of years on the local scene.

"It's been really hard," Ryan says. "A lot of bands are doing it tough at the moment, so it's really important that people keep going to gigs to support local music."

Caltowie Chilled Out 'N Fired Up, Saturday 26 March, 12pm to 12am, Memorial Oval, Caltowie. Find out more and book: <https://linktr.ee/caltowiecofu>



Exhibition showcases hidden talents

An exhibition that showcases the hidden creative talents of City of Mitcham staff is on display at Mitcham Memorial Library this month.

'The Secret Life of Staff' features a range of artwork, from painting and woodwork to embroidery and jewellery.

Community Engagement Officer Izzy Abuleela exhibited four striking landscape photographs taken at dawn at Lake Bonney in the Riverland, captured as dawn breaks without a filter, using an eight-minute exposure technique.

Formerly based in Melbourne, the award-winning photographer says his photography is a creative outlet that contributes to his overall wellbeing.

"Because I am up at dawn, it's like a spiritual reset, you see and feel the sun come up, and it makes you feel good," he says.

Along with her work as a Facilities Support Officer for City of Mitcham, Bronwyn Bean is a qualified Scientific Botanical Illustrator.

Bronwyn has exhibited a range of works in gouache, pencil, pastel and pen and says she is passionate about her craft.

"I'm recovering from an injury so I'm not as prolific as I was, but I love creating," Bronwyn says.

"It's like meditation, you sit for six hours and you don't know where the time went."

The Secret Life of Staff is on display at Mitcham Memorial Library until the end of March.

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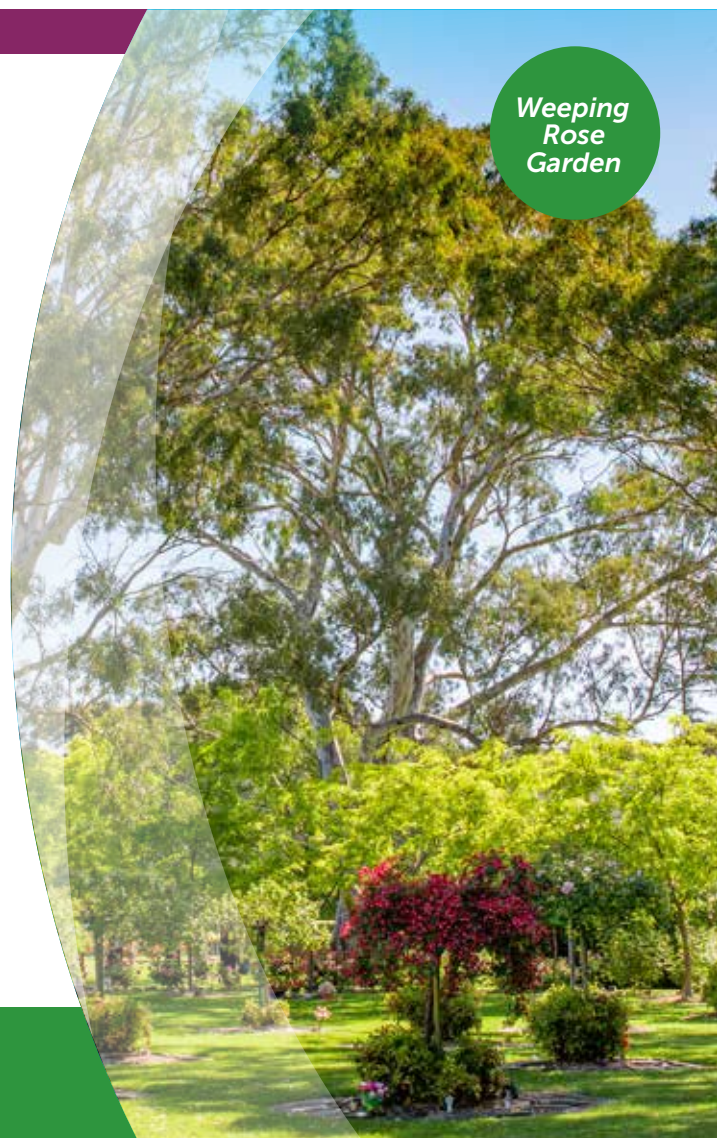
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Thank you to all for your best wishes on my appointment as the Acting Mayor of the City of Mitcham. I am honoured and energised by this opportunity, and it is my intention to lead the business of Council in a warm, efficient and seamless fashion.

For those that don't know me. Over several decades I have lived in Eden Hills, Mitcham, Colonel Light Gardens and Glenalta and am very familiar with the entire City. Further, having been an Elected Member since 2014 and worked for City of Mitcham, I have developed broad community connections and professional working relationships with staff and other tiers of government.

On a personal level I am married with my extended family also living in the City of Mitcham. I have university qualifications and experience across government, community, education, small business and Murdoch media. My hobbies include reading, historical research and writing, bush walking, gardening, dance and theatre. Not so good at cooking but enjoy dining!

To the residents of Craigburn Ward who elected me to represent you - I will continue to be closely involved in Ward projects and liaise with my co-ward Councillors to ensure that your issues are responded to.

Having never been a member of a political party I see my non-political alignment as making me well placed to advocate for City of Mitcham projects with all candidates during this intense election campaign period. Council has an agreed list of projects across the State and Federal electorates which the community has clearly said are important to them. Council seeks to partner with other tiers of government on such projects as the upgrade of Waite Street Reserve, Blackwood, the Pasadena Community Centre, Brownhill/Keswick Creek Stormwater Plan, reform around trees, the Eden Hills Scout Hall and enhancements to AA Bailey Reserve, Clarence Gardens. All funding pledges are a great support for our community projects with the next step being for Council to incorporate maintenance costs into the budget.

As I write this column contracts are being finalised for the exciting Community Solar Scheme with the key messages being to mitigate against climate change and provide free solar panels to residents with zero cost to Council.

We are so fortunate to live in a beautiful and safe environment. The worry of Covid seems to be abating but we are now watching with anxiety the situation in the Ukraine and the devastation of the floods in eastern Australia. My special thoughts are with all those being impacted. All these situations make opportunities for us to support each other even more important. Council services that provide care and bring people together such as our libraries, community centres, sporting clubs, the community bus, aged support, playgrounds and more are vitally important. As the lovely autumn weather begins you may wish to bring your neighbours together and enjoy a barbecue and each other's company. Council can help you with this through its Quick Response Grant scheme with all details on the Council website.

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Hawthorn, Westbourne Park, Lower Mitcham and part of Colonel Light Gardens and Clapham.

Firstly, to Ukrainian residents who live in our wonderful city and have family overseas, my heart goes out to you and your loved ones who are amid such horrific warfare. To think that some 80 years after WW2 there are those who are still trying to reclaim land and cause countries such devastation is unimaginable. Here we are fighting for climate change yet the threat of nuclear war looms over our world.

On the more local issue of climate change, recently my husband and I have been investigating solar and battery systems which is a complex minefield of pushy salespeople, hundreds of companies who don't tell you all the facts, huge variances in return and overall costs, and a lot of research and questions required. We did find an independent company (ITP Renewables) who have been testing battery performance and how they rate since 2016, but salesmen from solar companies do not show you this information! And the government itself is improving renewables with some \$2.4 billion into the Project Energy Connect which aims to further reduce energy costs, provide grid stability, reduce emissions and move to renewables. This aims to have around 80% of electricity produced by renewables by 2025 - just 3 years away. This means things will change dramatically in the next few years and costs for solar will change dramatically, as will rebates, and if the government has the option to cut off solar from your homes to the grid to stop overload, then is it going to be worth it?

Council is currently looking at exploring options for Mitcham residents who do not have solar. Interestingly, there are some 46% of residents who do - so battery options for those residents. This would be in the form of no upfront costs but a payback option for your power usage and install of the equipment. I am not a supporter of just one company providing this to residents and feel further investigation and education is needed with a choice of companies who have been duly researched by Council. You will hear more about this soon, but if you have a view on this topic, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Of course, at the moment we have a State election looming and there are many grant requests in for both State and Federal money for projects at Council. In most cases both Liberal and Labor candidates have promised equally to fund key projects that will assist our budget. On that front Elected Members are working with staff presently on the budget for 22/23 and how we can complete projects and utilise ratepayers' money most efficiently. Whilst we won't know the outcome of the election just yet, we do anticipate that rates will rise in the vicinity of 3.5-4.5% which is higher than initially anticipated. This does include some great projects that are in the pipeline and will benefit the community.

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Glenalta, Hawthorndene, Belair (part), Coromandel Valley (part), Upper Sturt (part), Crafers West (part).

News Update

On Tuesday 8 March 2022 (three days from when I'm writing this) Council will be asked to make a decision to start the Blackwood Community Hub, with final scope being finalised in the debate.

I can promise my Park Ward residents that the Hub is top of my list and is a once in a generation opportunity to get it right and for it to start as soon as possible. The Park Ward requires and expects the full scope of the project to be supported and for the best project to be delivered.

I look forward to the build phase starting on the \$12 million plus project, the largest Mitcham Council infrastructure project in my time on Council. Truly transformational for Blackwood and surrounding suburbs.

State and Federal Elections

As an independent Councillor I'd like to wish all the candidates in the election season my best wishes. Campaigning was a joy for me, meeting residents, and I hope that the candidates enjoy it too.

It is also a chance for Mitcham Council to have core priorities recognised, such as park upgrades, community centre improvements and public realm. For my area, the big opportunity sits with Waite Street Reserve being upgraded alongside the Hub.

Budget Considerations

One of the issues as Mitcham Council frames the budget is inflation, currently running at above 3 per cent. The level of inflation makes it harder for Council to deliver its services without rates increasing.

I've made this request of Council staff, that to offset these cost pressures, the Council staff look harder at their budgets for efficiencies. In previous years the staff have identified larger cost savings, so again Council Elected Members should be pushing them for more.

Virtual Power Plant for Mitcham

Following lengthy debates over the past few months, Mitcham Council has run a successful Expression of Interest for delivering access to a Virtual Power Plant, which will allow residents to purchase power from a provider that provides solar cells and batteries. The approach will deliver hundreds of dollars off power bills, as well as creating more stored renewable power, ensuring local grid stability. I hope to be able to say more soon on the winner and how residents can save and access the service.

SES and CFS staff in Mitcham

I'd like to pay tribute to all our SES and CFS staff in the hills and (as I write this) feel relief that there hasn't been a catastrophic bushfire this year. I am however conscious that many emergency services will be travelling to New South Wales and Queensland to help with the floods there. I wish them all the best.

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Recently Council has dealt with a case of residents planting trees on verges in front of their houses. While Council administration appreciates the intent and understands residents' desire to increase tree planting in the local area, please make an application to Council in writing for authorisation before doing so. There are different regulations and principles we should conform to.

South Australian Power Networks does undertake routine audits of Council tree planting activities and issue non-compliance notices where deemed applicable and may direct Council to remove illegally planted trees at cost to Council.

The Exemption Office of the Technical Regulator in South Australia would likely require that any exemption, if granted, includes conditions that a council must manage and maintain the vegetation and clearances around powerlines, and the council would be liable for future clearance pruning costs associated with these trees.

Do you have the impression that there are now more dogs around us than, for example, five years ago? If yes, your feeling is right: we do have a few hundred 'new' furry friends in Mitcham. I went back to the financial year 2014/2015 and found 9,663 dog registrations. There was a small increase in 2019/2020, and in 2021/2022 suddenly there were registered 10,442 four-legged friends. Why this increase? Most probably as a result of the pandemic, which took many possibilities from us and caused a lot of anxiety and other mental issues. We all know pets help calm us down and give us lots of joy, so important especially for the elderly, for kids, for vulnerable people – and for all stressed people in any category. Not to mention that dogs are a perfect reason to get us out of the house and move. There is a lot of truth in the saying that it is the dog taking its owners for a walk and not vice versa. Do we have enough possibilities and space for that?

Last year Council enhanced Hannaford Reserve in the hills and I certainly would like to add extra 'dog-space' to Overton too. Council asked administration to give a report about the current situation (as yet not all of the pet owners have paid the registration fees for this financial year) and to propose where and how we could increase the services for dogs and their companions.

On 22 February we had the second review of budget for 2022/2023. We continued the conversation on 1 March talking about how COVID impacted our plans with regard to footpaths, bus shelters, stormwater management, open space structures, fleet etc. In the current industry climate there are big market pressures, the procurement of some materials is disrupted and prices are growing. There is increased pressure in Council staffing too. The decreased availability of industry resources, like contractors and consultants, and the supply chain restrictions causes longer project delivery time scales. We need to change some plans, adapt to conditions. The Council staff will continue to monitor the situation and we will need to reconsider our original wishes.

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As I write, the state election is our major interest. There have been many promises of money by candidates for projects in Babbage Ward, but not all initiated by Council. Pasadena Community Centre upgrade and CC Hood Reserve enhancements are two of the four Council election priorities which have funding promised by candidates. The other two priorities are enhancement of Brookman Avenue in the St Marys precinct, and a toilet at Shepherds Hill Reserve car park. I am keen to see funding for a toilet in Shepherds Hill Reserve, because the reserve is always busy with walkers, bike riders and families visiting, and there are no facilities nearby.

In my experience, often organisations speak to election candidates and advocate for projects they value. When money is offered there is always a funding shortfall. Organisations then ask Council to make up the shortfall which is a challenge for Council if we were oblivious of the project and have not included it in the budget.

Pasadena Community Centre

On 4 March the Pasadena Community Centre held an open day for people to visit and provide comments about their vision for the centre. It was an opportunity for everyone to engage with Council and provide ideas to the consultation process. I was there to say hello and I was uplifted by the large number of people who came along to voice their opinion. It is reassuring to me and the residents who helped make the purchase of the building happen, that now we know that the local community strongly wanted a centre. The interest in the open day was so big that there was a queue outside, before staff were ready to open up.

Budget 2022-2023

Discussions are under way about the budget. With a current inflation rate of 3.5% every project Council has planned to deliver has had a price hike. The budget sets what the rate increase will be, and it seems that with high inflation, the choice will be between a rate increase of about 3.5% or a reduction in proposed new projects. For me, new footpaths and footpath replacements are a high priority, but I will struggle to get them approved with low rates. Also, the election funding promises do not cover the full cost of any project so will cause pressure on the rates if Council accepts the money.

CC Hood Masterplan

I successfully moved a motion that Council prepare a draft community Land Management Plan and Masterplan for CC Hood Reserve, Panorama and that the draft be approved for community consultation. This is important because CC Hood Reserve is the largest reserve in Mitcham and is loved by local residents. It also is Mitcham's biggest daily visitor attraction (after the hospital and university) because of its open space and dog park. It is time that we have a plan for how it will grow and change in the future years.

Please call or email me if you have Council issues to discuss.

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Craigburn Farm, Eden Hills, Bellevue Heights, Blackwood (part), Coromandel Valley (part) and Belair (part).

The big news this month is that Council has voted to enter into a unique collaboration agreement with renewable energy provider **ShineHub** to accelerate the transition of our community to renewables. Residents can now obtain high quality solar panels, batteries, installation, monitoring and aftercare at no upfront cost repaid over a few years by a fixed charge – lower than your existing power bill, as will be calculated and disclosed during your sign-up/onboarding process with ShineHub.

For some residents, due roof shading etc the offer *may* not make financial sense, every application will be carefully assessed on its own merits before starting.

Residents will also gain access to a Virtual Power Plant that will pay residents 45c per kW/h for energy sent into the grid at dusk from a battery. With feed-in tariffs now either minimal or soon expiring, adding a battery to existing panels for nil upfront will be a no-brainer for many of our residents and commercials.

The choice and complexity of renewable providers is overwhelming – so your Council has done all the hard work. Council has done months of exhaustive due diligence – narrowing 14 tender responders to one via assessment by an expert panel of procurement, solar and legal experts, a review by the independent audit committee, input from SAPN, direct questioning of the ShineHub principals by the Councillors and then further legal advice after the CEO was empowered to write the agreement. Unlike residents, we have had access to ShineHub's principals, financials and technology roadmap. It all stacks up, no catches. The agreements are in plain English.

By removing all up-front cost barriers, and by assuring residents, commercials and landlords that they can choose ShineHub with confidence, this innovative collaboration will reduce our carbon emissions and reduce the cost of living for ratepayers. All without exposing ratepayers to any financial risk and without increasing Council's debt.

How? Because Council is not buying or financing equipment, we are putting Council's credibility on the line to advocate for ShineHub as the best renewable provider for residents. This will help us become the solar-city envisaged back in 2018. I'm so proud that we didn't listen to chicken-little critics forecasting financial doom.

In other news we also:

- Signed a new 3-year contract with Trees for Life to deliver the Bush for Life Program from July 2022 to June 2025 with increased funding of ~\$54,000pa in 2022/2023 (an increase of \$8,598 from 2021/22);
- Approved in-principle support for Forestville Hockey Club's development of a world-class synthetic hockey pitch and clubrooms at Unley High School, with a funding contribution of \$140,000 towards this \$2.4M project;
- Voted to promote Conservation SA's CLIMATE ACTION NOW posters in our public spaces and online.

Council is seeking ideas for a name for the Blackwood Community Hub. The centre, due for completion in 2023, will provide us with a new library and community facilities including a community kitchen, maker space, outdoor seating, gallery spaces and toy library. Kaurua Elders have suggested 'Kumangka' which means "coming together".

Have your say here:

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Easter School Holidays

Join us in the April school holidays at the Mitcham Memorial Library and community centres for some hands-on Easter fun. Learn to play Dungeons and Dragons, pick up tips on Twitch streaming or make Easter crafts.

Easter Craft

Come along and get the kids egg-cited about Easter! Get messy making Easter bonnets and baskets, then head outdoors and fill them up with an Easter egg hunt. Presented in partnership with South Australian Youth Arts.

When: Saturday 9 April

Time: 10am to 11.15am

Where: Cumberland Park Community Centre

Cost: \$5

Bookings:

cumberland-park-easter-craft.eventbrite.com.au

When: Wednesday 13 April

Time: 4pm to 5.15pm

Where: Mitcham Cultural Village

Cost: \$5

Bookings:

mitcham-cultural-village-easter-craft.eventbrite.com.au



Build A Play Theatre Workshop with Cool Beans Theatre

Unleash your creativity and develop your very own play! As a team we will develop, construct and perform a play YOU helped develop. Participants will learn the process of developing a story-line, plot, creating a character, costuming and more! We will then perform it for parents and guardians. A fantastic opportunity to develop your creative process, build confidence, make friends and of course.. have fun! Each child will receive a "Certificate of Participation" and a goodie bag. Bring your notebook, pencil and water bottle.

When: Wednesday 20 April

Time: 2pm to 5pm

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library

Cost: \$5

Ages: 12 to 17 years

Bookings:

build-a-play-cool-beans-theatre-workshop-tickets.eventbrite.com.au



Dungeons and Dragons

All are welcome to come along and play 'D&D' at Mitcham Memorial Library. Make new friends and have fun at this welcoming session facilitated by South Australian Youth Arts. Sessions will be run in groups aged 8 to 13 and 13 to 17 years.

When: Thursday 21 April

Time: 11.20am to 3.30pm

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library

Cost: \$5

Bookings ages 8 to 13:

mitcham-library-dungeons-and-dragons-8-13.eventbrite.com.au

Bookings ages 13 to 17:

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When: Saturday 23 April

Time: 1pm to 5pm

Where: Hawthorn Community Centre

Bookings ages 8 to 13:

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How to become a streamer and grow an audience on Twitch.tv

Join us at Mitcham Memorial Library for a session about how to become a successful Twitch streamer. Come and hear Twitch partner Lyce give advice on how to become a content creator, cultivate an audience, and monetise gaming. This talk will run for 30 minutes with plenty of time for questions to follow. Bring along your questions and learn the ins and outs of Twitch.tv.

When: Friday 22 April

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library

Cost: Free

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