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Step back in time with SA's History Festival

A photographic exhibition celebrating Carrick Hill is one of many community events planned for South Australia's History Festival in May.

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'Cumby' Community Centre set to close during upgrade.

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Cumberland ARPA Orchestra brass players Ian, John and Bronwyn.

Cumberland Park Community Centre to close during upgrade

A range of programs and activities will relocate from the Cumberland Park Community Centre to nearby community centres during a planned upgrade.

The rear building at the Centre is set to close from 15 April to 1 July while renovation works are undertaken. The Westbourne Park Memorial Hall will remain open.

From 15 April, Wednesday morning's Community Days at Cumby, in partnership with ECH, including knitting and crocheting, cooking, art classes and workshops, will relocate to Mitcham Cultural Village at a new time of 11am to 1pm.

The Cumberland ARPA Orchestra will relocate to Mitcham Cultural Village on Thursdays from 11.30am to 2.30pm. The community is welcome to attend these sessions.

The Mitcham Orchestra will hold its Saturday rehearsals from 1pm to 5pm at the Richmond Road Memorial Hall.

The Tuesday Wellbeing Group will relocate fitness classes to the Colonel Light Gardens Institute Hall and other activities to the Hawthorn Community Centre.

As part of the upgrade, accessible toilets and a new accessible garden path will be installed to ensure the indoor and outdoor spaces are accessible to people of all abilities.

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Renewable Energy Program set to commence

City of Mitcham has taken another step towards its priority of creating a sustainable future with the Community Renewable Energy Program set to commence in June.

The program aims to enable more households to access renewable technology via new and upgraded solar and battery systems and is in line with Council's Climate Emergency Declaration as well as its 2020 pledges to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

All residents and businesses are invited to register for this unique 'bulk buy' renewables program managed by renewable energy

supplier ShineHub, which will offer exclusive discounts to City of Mitcham residents.

Each participant will enter an individual agreement with ShineHub which will provide a range of options, including residential and commercial solar, battery and virtual power plant packages that include the option of no up-front cost.

The program will be rolled out to maximise alignment with the benefits of the SA Power Networks Flexible Trial (www.sapowernetworks.com.au/industry/flexible-exports/fixed-v-flexible) introduced in September 2021.

Residents and businesses will also be invited to participate via an invitation in their fourth quarter rates notice.

For more information and updates, visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/community-renewable-energy-program

To register for the rollout visit shinehub.com.au/mitchamcouncil



Mitcham Community Renewables Program

Solar bulk buy for homes and businesses



Solar Panels



Solar Batteries



Virtual Power Plant

Exclusive bulk buy discounts for solar panel, battery, and virtual power plant solutions.

The City of Mitcham in collaboration with ShineHub, South Australia's number 1 solar battery provider to provide the Mitcham community with affordable solar solutions for local residents and businesses.

Register now to be the first to know when the bulk buy opens.

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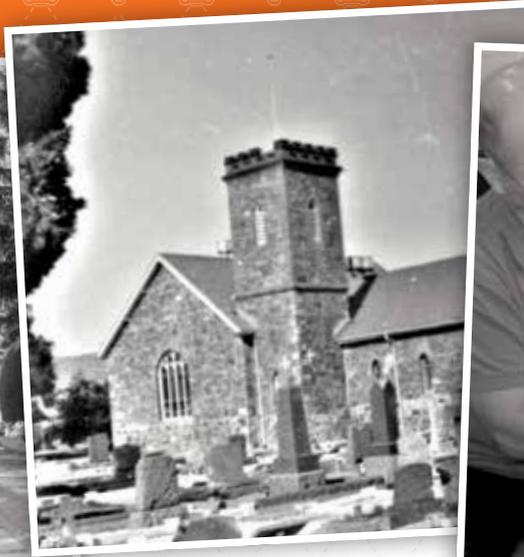
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Celebrating Mitcham's history

As part of South Australia's History Festival in May, join the Mitcham Local History Service on guided tours of Mitcham's historic buildings, cemeteries, churches and other places of interest. Explore a new online collection from home and learn to protect and present your own family history, and visit the Mitcham Memorial Library to see a display of photographs from Carrick Hill.

For more information about the City of Mitcham South Australian History Festival events call the Customer Communications Team on 8372 8888 or email sahistoryfestival@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



Who Lies There: Mitcham Cemeteries Tour

Take a guided walking tour through the State Heritage-listed Mitcham Anglican and General Cemeteries, both opened in 1854. Visit the resting places and see historic photos of many of Mitcham's and Adelaide's earliest pioneers and identities and hear stories for a glimpse into some very interesting lives.

When: **Thursday 12 and 26 May**
10am to 11.30am

Where: Meet at the Rotunda, Mitcham General Cemetery, Old Belair Road, Mitcham

Cost: Free

Bookings: Essential via www.mitachamcouncil.sa.gov.au/history-festival

Carrick Hill Photography Exhibition

Completed in 1939, Carrick Hill was filled with treasures both inside and in a garden lovingly established by Ursula Hayward. Together with her husband, Sir Edward (Bill) Hayward, they created a warm, inviting home in the City of Mitcham, entertaining artists, celebrities, and the British aristocracy. Featuring photographs by Adelaide contemporary photographer Mick Bradley, this exhibition reveals vignettes of a generous gift to the people of South Australia.

When: **1 to 31 May**

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required

History of St Marys: Church and Cemetery Tour

Take a look inside and learn about the historic St Mary's Anglican Church built in 1847, along with a tour of St Mary's Cemetery on the church grounds. Hear about St Marys' earliest pioneers and identities for a glimpse into the lives of those who helped shape the area. Includes historic photos.

When: **Wednesday 4 and 18 May**, 10.30am to 12pm

Where: Meet at St Mary's Church, 1167 South Road, St Marys

Cost: Free

Bookings: Essential via www.mitachamcouncil.sa.gov.au/history-festival

Paper Treasures: Important reminders of our past

Find out how to care for those precious family photos, letters, cards and books. Visit the Mitcham Local History Service and talk to an experienced bookbinder and paper conservator about how you can preserve, repair and keep your family treasures safe for future generations. Bring in your own book in for discussion.

When: **All Thursdays throughout May**, 10am to 12.30pm

Where: Mitcham Local History Service, Mitcham Cultural Village, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham

Cost: Free

Bookings: Essential. Phone 8372 8261

A Village Walk: Mitcham Village Historic Walk

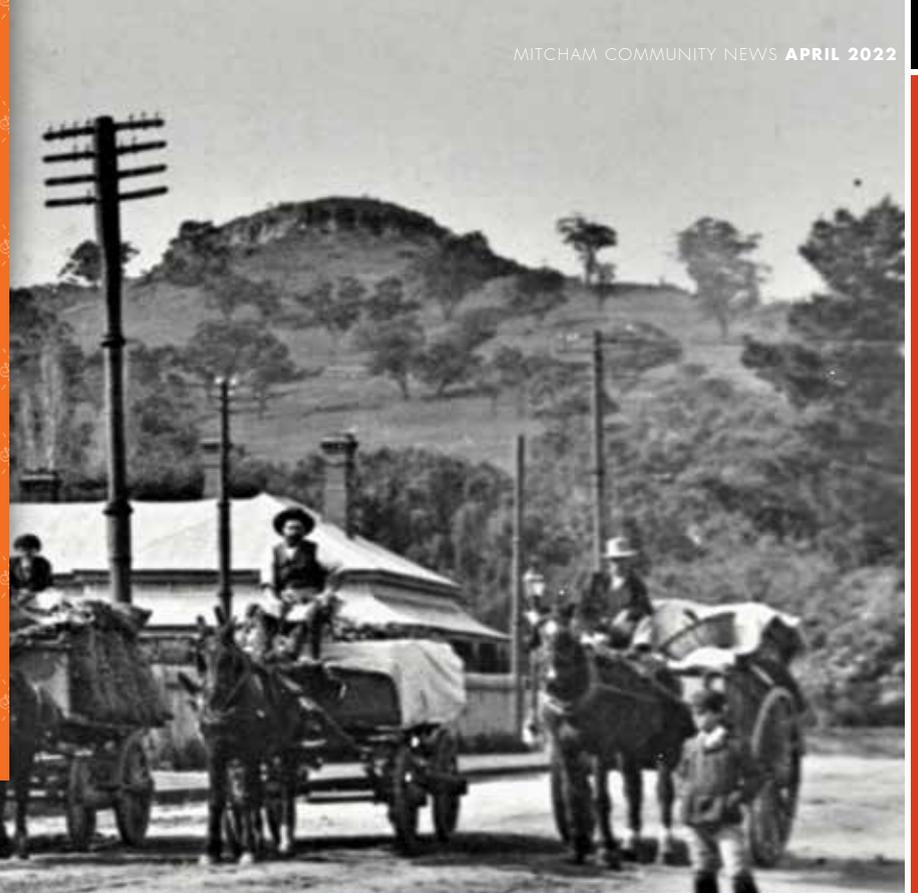
In 1840 a new village called Mitcham was born. See and hear how Mitcham Village has evolved over 179 years on a guided walk through the Mitcham Village Historic Conservation Area. Admire the heritage and architecture, see early photos and learn about the lives of the early and current residents of the Village.

When: Tuesday 3 and 17 May,
10am to 12pm

Where: Meet at Mitcham Local History Centre,
Mitcham Cultural Village,
103 Princes Road, Mitcham

Cost: Free

Bookings: Essential via
[www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/
history-festival](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/history-festival)



Tap and Go: Download the Visit Mitcham App

Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of some of Mitcham's historic places using the new Visit Mitcham App. Download the free app for access to an interactive map, suggested tours, photos, links and the top 20 heritage places across four areas. The app is free to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Find out more at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/visit-mitcham-app



Me 'n' Me Mates: What's Your Story?

Audiences will be invited to share their stories with members of the band Me 'N' Me Mates in a series of performances. Stories, yarns and local history will be collected and recorded to form the basis of a performance or exhibition later in the year. Join them on **Monday 2 May**, 2pm to 3pm, Hewett Sports Ground, Coromandel Parade, Blackwood; **Tuesday 3 May**, 2pm to 3.30pm or **Friday 6 May** 11am to 12pm, Hawthorn Community Centre, 5 Frimley Grove, Hawthorn; **Wednesday 4 May**, 11am to 12pm, Mitcham Institute, Mitcham Cultural Village, 103C Princes Road, Mitcham.

Cost: Free

Bookings: Essential via [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/
history-festival](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/history-festival) or phone 8372 8888

Gallery One Exhibition: Colours of Country

Gallery One, in collaboration with Glenelg Art Gallery, presents an exhibition of Indigenous art and culture. The opening night on Friday 6 May will begin with a smoking ceremony performed by Kaurna elder Uncle Tamaru. Proudly supported by City of Mitcham's Grants Program.

When: Saturday 6 May to
Friday 3 June,
9am to 3pm

Where: Gallery One,
1 Torrens Street, Mitcham

Cost: Free

Bookings: Essential for opening night on 8272 4504.

Gallery One Workshops: Colours of Country

Supported by City of Mitcham's Grants Program, Gallery One will host a series of Art, Craft and Cultural workshops.

When: Sunday 7 and 21 May,
1.30pm to 3.30pm (Art and Cultural Experience Workshops with Aunties);
Saturday 14 and 28 May,
1.30pm to 3.30pm (Indigenous Weaving and Cultural Experience Workshops with Elaine Magias)

Where: Gallery One,
1 Torrens Street, Mitcham

Cost: \$15, all materials supplied

Bookings: Link via [@galleryonemitcham](https://www.facebook.com/galleryonemitcham) Facebook page, or call 8272 4504.

History From Home: Explore our online collection

Browse 3,165 scanned historic photos from the Mitcham Local History Service photo collection from the comfort of your own home using the e-hive website. This new online portal includes dates, descriptions and fascinating information about each photograph. Visit <https://ehive.com/collections/200697/mitcham-local-history-photographic-collection>

Story Walk: Mitcham's History

Enjoy an exhibition of historic photos of Mitcham and surrounding areas as you stroll along the Story Walk, a series of boards set out along Brown Hill Creek outside the Mitcham Memorial Library.

When: 1 to 31 May

Where: Mitcham Memorial Library, 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required

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Oh my golly gosh! I seriously can't wipe the smile off my face. I'm so proud of our Council's recently announced Mitcham Community Renewables Program for residents and businesses. It has been a passion of mine, to allow members of our community access to solar power, since becoming Mayor in 2018. Now this vision has come to fruition in a more fantastic way than I had ever hoped. All homes and businesses in the City of Mitcham can now register to join our scheme which is an Australian first collaboration between Council and energy provider, ShineHub.

The Program will inspire other councils across the state, and indeed the nation, as a way that local government can be involved in significantly reducing the cost of living for ratepayers, while greatly reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Mitcham Community Renewables Program addresses all the major barriers to solar uptake. Through the bulk purchase arrangement with ShineHub residents will be able to access solar PV panels and batteries at no up-front cost. This is an amazing proposition which removes the financial barrier to solar for the majority of our residents and was the outcome which I promised to support in my mayoral campaign. The mechanism by which this has been achieved is the result of a series of Council decisions and some fabulous work by Council staff. It is different to the revolving fund which I suggested, however the result is so much better, because through the bulk purchase arrangement, many, many people will be able to quickly access solar hardware, with the cost and risk to Council being minimal.

Additional to the installation of panels and batteries, our community will have the option to join a Virtual Power Plant (VPP) which will provide the opportunity for additional savings to residents and businesses, and the potential for Mitcham to become self-sufficient in terms of its power generation. Through this arrangement, resulting from the truly innovative thinking of our staff in collaboration with the expert team at ShineHub, Mitcham could indeed become a 100% solar powered city, which would be the ultimate realisation of my campaign vision. Also, in the future, peer-to-peer trading will be allowed so that, for example, residents with homes and buildings that are not well situated for solar can purchase cheap power from their neighbours and store that power in batteries.

Council, through a series of decisions over the past three years, has run an extensive and exhaustive process to determine how best to reduce community emissions while decreasing the cost of living for our residents. We subsequently went to tender to decide on a suitable program model and business partner. A panel of staff and industry experts, including our lawyers and our insurers, interrogated 14 expressions of interest. ShineHub stood out as the applicant that could best deliver a suitable program. As such, we are very proud to announce our Australian-first Community Renewables Program and are looking forward to getting batteries on walls and panels on roofs!

Overton Ward

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

I hope you are all keeping well and have had your Covid vaccinations now to keep you protected. For those who qualify I encourage you to book in to have your 'winter Covid booster' and include a flu shot with that too.

State Election Funding - Overton Ward

Council was successful in securing funding support from the state election for the following:

- AA Bailey Reserve for drainage and car parking renewal (\$300k). Council will need to match funds to compete this work.
- Colonel Light West Tennis Club (\$120k) clubroom upgrade and courts.
- Rozelle Reserve in Melrose Park upgrade (150k). This is likely to be a gradual upgrade and may require additional Council funding. This has been a long process to receive funds for any upgrade and will be open for feedback as part of the upcoming 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget community consultation.
- State funding will take some time to eventuate.

Water Main

The large 600mm SA Water trunk water main has been slowly replaced from South Road along Jose Street (now complete) turning into Rozelle Avenue heading west to South Road. When writing this article, they are now west of Wheaton Road heading for South Road. This replacement will be nice to have completed - no more dust and vibrations.

Budget

The 2022/2023 Budget and Long-term Financial Plan has been prepared by staff and Elected Members and will shortly be available for the community to have their say and comment on, together with a suggested rate rise for the coming year.

Footpaths

Council is continuing their footpath renewal program as there are many older bitumen paved footpaths that have passed their 'used by' date.

The northern side of Penang Avenue is being repaved as I write this article.

COVID-19

Like many organisations across Adelaide COVID-19 continues to impact Council. However, we have risen to the challenge and adapted our workforce to ensure our services continue without interruption. While this has been challenging, I would like to recognise the hard work of staff, especially our outside staff, who have adapted to the new norms.

Summer does not appear to be over, so please keep watering your new street trees.

Volunteers

Council is always thankful to the many volunteers for their generous time assisting Council to operate in many, many areas like libraries, Community Shed, transport, history, gardening. Thank you very much.

If you have a Council issue, I would be happy to speak to you or if you wish, email me so I may be of assistance.

The Park Ward

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

As I write, the federal election has just been called. Our Council area lies within South Australia's most marginal federal seat and so, just as in the recent state election, candidates will be on the lookout for projects to finance. It can become quite a bidding war at times, as we saw in Elder and Waite.

Over the six years I've been an Elected Member, Council has carefully developed, before every election, a priority funding list to present to all candidates, identifying significant projects known to be well supported by our community. The new Blackwood Library and Community Centre (The Blackwood Community Hub) was one such project which ended up receiving a \$5m funding commitment from both the ALP and Liberal candidates in Boothby before the last federal election. It makes sense for Council to develop these priority project lists, given our Council area is located within marginal seats.

While I am very grateful for these funding commitments, there is an aspect - a bit of a downside - that I had failed to appreciate at first and which I consider needs highlighting. Every time a candidate makes a pledge to fund a new project, it means Council now has an additional item of infrastructure to manage, maintain and replace when necessary. Our finance department often remind us at budget time that the initial 'one-off' cost of a project (such as the construction) is not of such prime concern as the recurring, year-in, year-out operational costs which last well into the future, probably forever. These operating costs are borne by Council and, if we can't secure grants to fund them, then it falls to our ratepayers.

I ponder whether a more comprehensive and sophisticated method of election pledges could be developed in future that also locks in a commitment to assist Council with these ongoing costs for an initial, defined period. What happens now is that these costs must be added to annual rates as they are not covered by the election pledges. In our current planning for the 2022/23 budget, these new projects will add over 1% to our base level of rates and this rise will be even higher if our area receives significant federal funding pledges before May 21.

In addition, candidate pledges often come out of the blue, unsolicited. This happened at CC Hood Reserve which received a \$1m pledge, with no strings attached (in that Council didn't have to contribute any matched funding) but with no overall masterplan yet in place for this reserve. This now needs to be developed, go out for consultation, possibly modified in response, and then be adopted, before Council can best utilise this money. The challenge of achieving good outcomes with this money can too easily become a race against time to comply with the terms of the election pledge.

Election funding announcements are certainly appreciated but, unfortunately, there are also ongoing costs borne by Council long after the election has been fought and won.

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

As I write this article, Good Friday is just a week away so may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter (without too many chocolate treats).

As the state election results subside and we gear up for the federal round in May, I would like to remind everyone that this is the trifecta voting year with local government elections due in November. The importance of voting in local council elections cannot be understated and I encourage everyone to have a say in who you would like to represent you as your local Ward Councillor and as Mayor of the City of Mitcham.

Whilst on the subject of having a say, Colonel Light Gardens residents have the opportunity during April to express their points of view on the proposed draft Heritage Standards for the Public Realm and amendments to the Community Land Management Plans for Reade Park and Mortlock Park which are currently out for public consultation. The draft Heritage Standards for the Public Realm have been developed as part of the Community Land Management review to replace the CLG Conservation Management Plan and will apply to all public realm work in Colonel Light Gardens. The importance of input from the broader community about the management of the key features of CLG such as streetscapes, trees, roads, paths, reserves and parks etc is essential to ensure that the guidelines and measures in place are consistent with the established Heritage Values and meet the needs of the community.

Relevant links are:

Draft Heritage Standards visit
yoursay.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/hspr

CLMP Mortlock Park visit
yoursay.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/mortlock-park

CLMP Reade Park visit
yoursay.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/rea-de-park

Community input is due by 5pm Sunday April 24. Further information if required is available from Ismail Abuleela, Community Engagement Officer on 8372 8888.

Councillors recently had the opportunity to meet the new Member for Elder Nadia Clancy and the new Member for Waite Catherine Hutchesson. Both Members affirmed their financial commitments to major projects announced during their campaigns, those relevant to Gault Ward being:

Mortlock Park upgrade facilities: \$2,100,000

Reade Park upgrade tennis facilities: \$490,000

Reade Park upgrade bowls facilities: \$35,000

Ludgate Circus heritage arch: \$150,000.

During discussions, the issue of traffic flow through and around Gault and adjacent wards was raised and the Member for Elder undertook to take the matter up with the new Transport Minister. In particular, safer pedestrian access across Springbank Road was highlighted as a major issue, particularly for children attending adjacent schools and childcare facilities. It was pleasing to assist the residents of Surrey Crescent, Lower Mitcham recently to resolve their footpath issue but there remain other local footpath, tree safety, tree removal and tree replacement matters yet to be resolved.

On a more social note, it was a pleasure to represent Council at the recent presentation evening of the Hawthorn Bowling Club. The Club enjoyed a very successful year with 12 of 15 teams in finals, 9 of 12 reaching the Grand Final resulting in 5 Premierships.

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

As I write this, the starter's gun has just fired on the federal election campaign. Candidates across the country have already been in full campaign mode and they will be working hard over the next six weeks to secure our votes.

They will be fostering close engagement with organised groups who can help to spread their message, including sporting and social clubs, as well as local government. Organisations will have a wish list of projects, for which they hope to secure a funding commitment.

Mitcham Council has been lucky over the last few election cycles, and we have been the recipient of many, highly valuable funding pledges, including for the redevelopment of the Hewett Oval Clubrooms, the Blackwood Football Club changerooms and the Blackwood Library Hub.

Unfortunately, some funded projects are more difficult to deliver than others. There are a few complicating factors, including when candidates commit to funding only part of a project. This is where a candidate commits to funding a project up to a certain dollar amount, which is not sufficient to deliver the whole project. In these circumstances a co-contribution from either the recipient organisation and/or council is required to get the project off the ground.

A project that received federal funding in 2019 is the redevelopment of the Eden Hills Scout Hall. This facility is almost literally falling down. The roof leaks, the floor is marginal at best, it's not at all accessible for community members with a disability and it presents some obvious health and safety risks for scout members using the hall. Council and the Scouts were very grateful when a pledge of \$250,000 was made during the last federal election to help fund a new scout hall.

Following the election, it became evident that a new, more useable scout hall could not be built on the site of the existing hall without the removal of several important trees. To facilitate the new hall and the retention of the trees, it is necessary to move the nearby Rotary Club storage shed. This has created an extra layer of cost and complexity to the project. These additional costs, plus the currently inflated cost of building materials and labour, mean that the contribution required from council to facilitate the dream of a new hall for the Eden Hills Scouts has significantly increased.

Council recently wrote to all relevant members and candidates to request that funds previously pledged for projects that are not yet completed be indexed in line with the increase in the cost to build them. This would mean that, in real terms, the funding commitment would be maintained, rather than reduced over time.

It's my sincere hope that, with the help of the federal government, the Eden Hills Scout Hall can be redeveloped to provide a safe facility that meets the needs of the community. I encourage you to put this project on your personal wish list and write to Mitcham Councillors and federal candidates so that they will know of your support.

Have your say on Annual Business Plan and Budget

The City of Mitcham is inviting feedback from the community on its draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

This is a community building budget that delivers significant investments in facilities to support active lifestyles and to strengthen community connections.

It incorporates a combined financial contribution from state and federal governments and community groups of \$7.6m.

Projects include:

- activating the new Pasadena Community Centre
- partnering to deliver facilities upgrades at Mortlock Oval in Colonel Light Gardens
- enhancing CC Hood Reserve in Panorama
- developing a new pedestrian connection on Young Street, Blackwood that will connect the new Blackwood Community Hub with the heart of Blackwood
- installing playground shade sails.

The draft budget also includes a provision to support the Blackwood Lion's expansion (subject to federal funding) and Eden Hills Scouts and Blackwood Rotary Redevelopment (subject to additional grant funding).

These projects build on several years of successfully advocating for our community, resulting in a rare opportunity to partner with federal and state governments to inject significant funding to deliver important community infrastructure.

To support these community initiatives and to continue delivering the many existing services Council provides, Council is proposing to increase rates by an average of \$72 for residential and \$190 for commercial businesses (3.93 per cent).

Council is also seeking community feedback on a number of other state government projects funded as part of the state election process. If approved by Council, these projects will require ongoing maintenance and funding by Council.

Including all of these in the budget would result in the rate increase being \$78 for residential and \$205 for commercial business (4.26 per cent).

City of Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross encourages all residents to have their say on the plan.

"We are sensitive to the impacts on the cost of living to our residents and we believe that our program will deliver substantial value to the community."

The community are invited to ask questions and make a submission at a Public Meeting to be held Tuesday 17 May at 7pm at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park. To register attendance, call 8372 8888 or email deputations@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

To have your say complete an online survey by 5pm, Saturday 21 May 2022 at yoursay.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/draft-annual-business-plan



SA History Festival 2022

Join City of Mitcham's community groups for a range of events during this year's SA History Festival.



Introductory Talk: Corner Store to Cafe

Meet to hear more about the history of some of Blackwood's best-known cafes that were once much loved corner stores.

When: Monday 2 May, 10am to 11.30am

Where: Meet at Blackwood Railway Station, Station Road, Blackwood

Cost: \$5, refreshments included

Bookings: Essential.

Contact Anne Hazell, Blackwood Action Group, at ahazellau@gmail.com



From Corner Store to Café

Stop in to enjoy photographic displays at Blackwood cafes Bracegirdles, 1923 and Sheoak Café that will explore the buildings as they progressed from corner store to café.

When: Every day during May

Where: Bracegirdles, 386 Shepherds Hill Road, Blackwood;
1923, 28A Coromandel Parade, Blackwood;
Sheoak Café, 38 Sheoak Road, Blackwood

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required

Brownhill Creek and Ellison's Gully Walk

Join Councillor Andrew Tilley, whose family has lived in the area for five generations, on a walk that starts at the old manure pits in Brownhill Creek. Includes the scenic beauty of Ellison's Gully, an historic stone bridge and disused silver mine shafts. See also the 140-year-old Mitcham water works that once supplied Unley and Adelaide.

When: Sunday 15 and 29 May, 1.30pm to 3pm

Where: Meet at the manure pits on Brown Hill Creek Road

Cost: \$5 (under 16 free)

Bookings: Essential. www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/history-festival



Belair National Park: Off the Beaten Track

Tour Australia's second oldest national park in a minibus with a guide, to sites of historic significance, some off-road that you may not have seen before. Visit Old Government House and walk in the bush to learn about native flora and Indigenous people's use of the land. This activity involves short distance walks on rough tracks.

When: Sunday 1 May, 9.30am to 1.30pm

Where: Meet at Volunteers' Centre, Long Gully oval, Belair National Park

Cost: \$30, includes morning tea and light lunch. Park entrance fee waived.

Bookings: Essential.

Contact Anne Hazell, Blackwood Action Group, at ahazellau@gmail.com



Belair East: Heritage Along the Ridge

Belair's history and its important links to the development of South Australia will be shared and grand summer residences highlighted as we walk along Sheoak Road. Refreshments served at the heritage listed Belair station. Limited numbers.

When: Friday 6 May, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Where: Meet at corner Sheoak Road and Francis Street, Belair

Cost: \$5

Bookings: Essential.

Contact Anne Hazell, Blackwood Action Group, ahazellau@gmail.com

Brownhill Creek Walk

Enjoy a walk in one of South Australia's oldest parks to gain an insight into the heritage of this historic site with guide Ron Bellchambers. Brownhill Creek Valley played a pivotal role in the lives of the Kurna people and in South Australia's European settlement. Hear about plans to conserve and enhance the environment and heritage of this community asset.

When: Sunday 8 and 22 May, 1.30pm to 3pm

Where: Meet at the stone monument at the entrance to Brownhill Creek Recreation Park

Cost: \$5 (children under 16 free)

Bookings: Essential

www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/history-festival



Travel back in time... by train

Catch the train at Blackwood Railway Station to the Eden and Belair stations. At each stop you will learn about the development and challenges faced by the early railway network and its value to local districts and the state. Tour ends with Devonshire tea. Limited numbers.

When: Sunday 15 and 22 May, 9.45am to 12.30pm

Where: Meet at Blackwood Railway Station, Station Road, Blackwood

Cost: \$5 plus train tickets if applicable

Bookings: Essential.

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Reconciliation Walk

Join the Blackwood Reconciliation Group in a Reconciliation Walk starting at the Blackwood roundabout and finishing at the Colebrook Reconciliation Park, Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills.

When: Sunday 29 May, 11am

Where: Blackwood roundabout

Cost: \$5

Find out more: www.facebook.com/BlackwoodReconciliationGroup/