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DECEMBER 2021

### A new era for Blackwood

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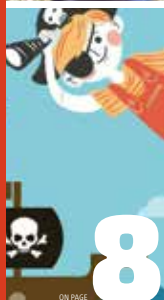
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At a recent Council briefing I asked Elected Members to reflect on what they were most proud of achieving in this term of Council. I am delighted by their answers and the common threads that emerged. As we draw to the close of 2021, I would like to share these with you. I am particularly proud that most Elected Members commented on the cohesiveness of the Chamber. The feeling is that we are working well together and making good decisions. I wish to echo that sentiment and thank Elected Members for conducting themselves in a manner that is mature and respectful to both one another and to the process of decision making in local government.

Our Councillors are very proud of their declaration of a climate emergency. Through the declaration, we challenged Council administration to look at our businesses-as-usual services through a climate lens to see what changes could be made to better mitigate and prepare for climate change. The results have been amazing and, importantly, have led to cost savings in most instances. We have done a lot of work in water sensitive urban design, increased our tree plantings, installed solar panels on many Council-owned properties and should soon announce an Australian first community solar plan that will be of great benefit to all Mitcham residents and businesses.

Reaching a compromise to approve the building of the Blackwood Library and Community Centre after over 30 years of uncertainty is a source of great pride among Elected Members, as is the completion of the Mitcham Memorial Library renovation and Brown Hill Creek upgrade. Ongoing work on heritage standards for Colonel Light Gardens and this year's centenary celebrations of our model garden suburb are also a highlight.

An additional source of pride, shared by all Elected Members, is this year's unanimous budget decision, continuing low rates,

increased efficiency savings and the most generous rate relief in South Australia for our residents and businesses adversely affected by COVID-19.

As an Elected Member body we are very proud of our achievements over the last year, and indeed over the term of this Council. I wish to sincerely thank Council staff for their support. We have an incredibly talented and dedicated executive leadership team who lead an organisation that is hard working, loyal and delivers results. I couldn't be more proud of them for the way in which they have continued to deliver for our community, particularly in response to the pandemic.

Most importantly, I thank our Council volunteers who tirelessly give of themselves to make our Council a better place, and the many, many volunteers who work in other parts of our community, such as service groups, sports clubs, Churches and other community groups, for their time and effort. Also, thanks to those individuals who work quietly behind the scenes to improve our city. I wish you, and all residents of the wonderful City of Mitcham a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas, New Year and festive season.

*This article may contain personal views or opinions, and may not necessarily represent the formal position of the Council.*

## Festive fun at CC Hood Reserve

City of Mitcham residents are invited to pack a picnic and enjoy our Christmas Celebration Space at CC Hood Reserve, Panorama.

Our popular dog park is decked out in lights and decorations created by local groups and will host pop-up performances and activities for the kids this month.

Adelaide Sound Connection will perform Christmas songs on Sunday 12 December, 5pm to 6pm, and Saturday 18 December, 4.30pm to 6pm.

Kids are invited to join Nature Play SA for nature-based Christmas crafts and outdoor adventures with City of Mitcham Christmas

craft packs available to take home or enjoy at the park.

The sessions include a 40-minute geocaching experience and the chance to make a Christmas ornament to take home. The sessions will be held on Friday 17 December, 9am to 11am, and Saturday 18 December, 2pm to 4pm.

Come along at dusk to enjoy the lights or just wander through and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

**CC Hood Reserve Celebration Space at Eliza Place, Panorama, is open until Tuesday 28 December. Bookings: [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/mitchams-christmas-festival](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/mitchams-christmas-festival)**



### City of Mitcham's



### Christmas Lights Trail Map

## Explore our Christmas lights map

City of Mitcham's interactive Christmas Lights Trail Map is now live on our website and will continue to be updated in the lead-up to Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who entered their details to help us create the map. We've notified the six lucky winners who received vouchers to The Christmas Shop on Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park.

To find out where to see the best lights displays across our city, visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/christmas-lights](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/christmas-lights)

We also have a list of streets and suburbs available for collection from our Civic Centre at Torrens Park.



City of Mitcham Councillors Yvonne Todd, Corin McCarthy and Rod Moss, Senator for South Australia Andrew McLachlan, City of Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross, City of Mitcham Councillors Darren Kruse, Lindy Taeuber and Katarina Steele at the site of the new Blackwood Hub.

## Work begins on Blackwood Community Hub

The Blackwood Community Hub has been launched with an official sod turning ceremony at the Waite Street site.

Senator for South Australia Andrew McLachlan CSC joined City of Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross and Sam Duluk MP to mark the opening of the project, which is set to be completed by mid-2023.

Speaking at the launch, Senator McLachlan said the development would be a "huge win" for the local community.

"This project will ensure the Blackwood community has access to modern, state-of-the-art facilities and dedicated spaces for education, socialisation and skills-building, now and into the future," he said. "The construction and ongoing operation of this \$12 million facility will also provide a range of economic benefits to the City of Mitcham."

Initial works will begin at the north west car park on Edward Street. As a next step the project will progress to tender for the Hub building in early 2022 with works to start soon after.

The launch follows the sale of land in Young Street on the western side of Drakes Supermarket to pave the way for the creation of a walkway from Waite Street Reserve to the central carpark in Blackwood.

"This marks an exciting period for the next 12 months that will ultimately result in a facility

that will spark economic activity and provide educational, recreational, cultural and social services and resources to the community," Mayor Dr Holmes-Ross said.

Dr Holmes-Ross said this strategic walkway, along with improved streetscaping and parking on Young Street, would create local jobs and attract further new investment in the Blackwood precinct.

"The sale of this land will open up the Centre by creating a new north-south pedestrian link from Waite Street Reserve, through the central car parking area, to Shepherds Hill Road," she said.

The new pedestrian connection will be completed by the new landowner, a local investor, as a condition of the sale contract.

The City of Mitcham Blackwood Community Hub is supported by the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications and the State Government's Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program.

Development of the new retail shops and the associated walkway, plus improvements to the streetscape and more parking on Young Street will be completed by the end of 2023.

## Vilma welcomes plan for community centre in Pasadena

In the 1970s, as a mother of four, Vilma Woods felt there should be a community centre in City of Mitcham's western suburbs.

The Panorama resident, now aged 91, helped form a committee to lobby for a centre and raised funds for the cause.

Vilma was thrilled to read in Mitcham Community News that City of Mitcham had purchased the former Sea Scout Hall at Pasadena with plans to create a community centre.

She contacted Councillor Yvonne Todd to congratulate her – and offer the \$400 raised all those years ago.

"I thought, well I can't use it, so it went into a credit account," Vilma said. "I hoped one day there might be something in the area, and that it could still be used."

Vilma raised money by selling softdrinks, running a car wash at the former Caltex garage at the Goodwood and Springbank Road intersection, accepted a donation from a local MP, and collected cans at a motorbike show with her daughter.

A keen seamstress, Vilma has asked that the money be used to buy a sewing machine or overlocker for the new centre, so that people can recycle clothes into new items.

Vilma and her husband Kevin, now 96, moved to their house in Pasadena in the mid-1950s. They raised three sons and a daughter and Vilma recalls feeling there was a need for a community meeting place.

"My sons and their friends would come here after school every day and drink coffee and chat, and watch TV," she said. "I thought they needed somewhere to go. I'm happy to hear it is going to happen now."

Panorama resident Vilma Woods, pictured with Councillor Yvonne Todd (left) and family friend Michael Crolla, a regular at Vilma's as a teenager.



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8pm online  
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# CHRISTMAS HOURS

## for Mitcham Council Services

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 2022.

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# Christmas

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### Council Civic Centre

**Normal opening hours 9am to 5pm weekdays**

Friday 24 December	9am to 2pm
Saturday 25 December Christmas Day	Closed
Sunday 26 December Boxing Day	Closed
Monday 27 December Christmas Day Public Holiday	Closed
Tuesday 28 December Boxing Day Public Holiday	Closed
Wednesday 29 December	Closed
Thursday 30 December	Closed
Friday 31 December New Year's Eve	Closed
Saturday 1 January New Year's Day	Closed
Sunday 2 January	Closed
Monday 3 January New Year's Day Public Holiday	Closed

**Normal opening hours resume on Tuesday 4 January 2022.**

### Council Depot

**Normal opening hours 8am to 4pm weekdays.**

Friday 24 December	9am to 2pm
Saturday 25 December Christmas Day	Closed
Sunday 26 December Boxing Day	Closed
Monday 27 December Christmas Day Public Holiday	Closed
Tuesday 28 December Boxing Day Public Holiday	Closed
Wednesday 29 December	Closed
Thursday 30 December	Closed
Friday 31 December New Year's Eve	Closed
Saturday 1 January New Year's Day	Closed
Sunday 2 January	Closed
Monday 3 January New Year's Day Public Holiday	Closed

**Normal opening hours resume on Tuesday 4 January 2022.**

## Merry Christmas to our volunteers

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

City of Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross said the commitment shown by volunteers to support the community has been outstanding.

"We appreciate the extra effort each and every one of our volunteers showed during another trying year," Dr Holmes-Ross said. "We'd like to wish all our volunteers, and their families, a very merry Christmas and health and happiness for the New Year."

"Christmas is a time for reflection and this year has certainly shown how resilient our volunteer community can be."

"There will be many more important volunteer roles next year and each one will help our community thrive."

**If you would like to become a Council volunteer and help in your community, phone Lynne on 8372 8860.**

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

### 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 Monday 13 December 2021 and will reopen Saturday 8 January 2022.

### Community Services

The **Community Shed** closes from 5pm Monday 20 December 2021 and reopens on Monday 10 January 2022.

The **Local History Service** closes at 5pm Thursday 23 December 2021 and reopens on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

The **Mitcham Community Centre, Hawthorn Community Centre, Mitcham Cultural Village Institute** and all other **halls for hire**, close at 10pm Thursday 23 December 2021 and reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

The **Cumberland Park Community Centre** closes at 10pm Thursday 23 December 2021 and reopens on Monday 17 January 2022 to enable maintenance work to be completed.

The **Community Bus Service** finishes at 4pm Friday 17 December 2021 and recommences on Monday 10 January 2022.

### 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.

# LIBRARIES

## Mitcham Memorial Library and Toy Library

Friday 24 December	10am to 2pm
Saturday 25 December Christmas Day	Closed
Sunday 26 December Boxing Day	Closed
Monday 27 December Christmas Day Public Holiday	Closed
Tuesday 28 December Boxing Day Public Holiday	Closed
Wednesday 29 December	10am to 8pm
Thursday 30 December	10am to 5.30pm
Friday 31 December New Year's Eve	10am to 2pm
Saturday 1 January New Year's Day	Closed
Sunday 2 January	Closed
Monday 3 January New Year's Day Public Holiday	Closed

**Normal opening hours resume on Tuesday 4 January 2022.**

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 16 December 2021 to 31 January 2022.

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

## Blackwood Library

Friday 24 December	9am to 2pm
Saturday 25 December Christmas Day	Closed
Sunday 26 December Boxing Day	Closed
Monday 27 December Christmas Day Public Holiday	Closed
Tuesday 28 December Boxing Day Public Holiday	Closed
Wednesday 29 December	Closed
Thursday 30 December	Closed
Friday 31 December New Year's Eve	Closed
Saturday 1 January New Year's Day	Closed
Sunday 2 January	Closed
Monday 3 January New Year's Day Public Holiday	Closed

**Normal opening hours resume on Tuesday 4 January 2022.**

**Call the Customer Communications Team on 8372 8888 for more information.**

## Council's Immunisation Service Clinics

No clinics will be held on Wednesday 5 January 2022 at either the City of Mitcham Civic Centre or Blackwood Church of Christ.

Immunisation Service Clinics will be held on:

- **Wednesday 1 December 2021** at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre (11.30am to 1pm) and the Blackwood Church of Christ (5.30pm to 6.30pm).
- **Wednesday 15 December 2021** at the Blackwood Church of Christ (11.30am to 12.30pm) and the City of Mitcham Civic Centre from 5.30pm to 7pm).

**Full details about Council's public immunisation clinics at Mitcham and Blackwood can be obtained from [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) or by contacting Council's Immunisation Coordinator on 8372 8816.**

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I can remember my parents often saying at this time of year "where has all the time gone..... surely it can't be Christmas already?". I always put it down to the fact that they were just getting older, but now that I'm there, I realise how right they were.

At the time of writing this article our local authorities are working through the consequences of the Norwood cluster outbreak as the latest challenge in the ongoing COVID-19 saga. A neighbour said to me recently that she thought it would nice if COVID-19 took a Christmas break to at least allow families to get together and enjoy the festive season as normal as a reward for being so good during the year. Sadly, it looks like her wish won't be granted and we are headed for another very modified end of year.

I feel particularly sorry for those whose who have made special plans to travel to see family and friends over the holiday season, especially with all the layers of unknown consequences and risks. In saying that, I can relate directly as we have family in USA including a 22-month-old granddaughter who we are yet to meet. Frustrating as it is, we all have no option other than to work through it and get best outcome we can.

On a brighter note, our Community Services team went out of their way recently to help an elderly resident with severe mobility issues to receive a home vaccination which has given her a huge confidence boost. She was initially fearful of Christmas visitors but now she says she can't wait.

As the feature event of the Colonel Light Gardens Centenary Celebrations, the upcoming Garden Party at the CLG RSL is a much-anticipated afternoon. Council has been a major contributor to the event and the CLG Residents Association will host the day with strong support from the Local Member for Elder Carolyn Power.

On local Council matters, subdividing residential properties and building developments in Lower Mitcham, Clapham and Westbourne Park are recent hot topics. Council staff are working through the concerns expressed by residents under the new rules and guidelines of Planning SA to determine what is required to ensure compliance. With regard to the Hungry Jack's proposal for Angas Road/Goodwood Road corner, the project remains deferred by the Council Assessment Panel pending further information from the applicant regarding traffic management and access/egress redesign. At this stage it is anticipated that a resolution outcome may come to Council in the new year.

Across the whole of Council, major roadworks proposed by DIT around the James Road intersection, the finalising of the Blackwood Hub design and resolution of the lease arrangements for the Blackwood Rec Centre are some of the key items to be resolved in the near future.

Best wishes to all for a happy and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and above all, be safe and stay protected.

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With the 2021 Christmas celebrations happening and the amount of packaging and food waste mounting, please think before you use the three bins.

Plastic: if you can scrunch it up in your hand, it does NOT go into the recycling bin, this goes into the BLUE bin. Other plastics can be recycled as with paper, cardboard into the YELLOW bin. Food scraps are recycled into the GREEN bin. This correct sorting will help our recyclers sort the waste at their depot more easily and save rubbish going into expensive landfill. Thank you.

**Budget – again**

We have only recently finished the 2021/2022 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan and now staff and Elected Members are starting the 2022/2023 Budget process at this early date.

**Footpaths and Kerbing**

Progress is continuing with the replacement of aged footpaths and kerbing in the Overton Ward. The kerbing is replacing broken and cracked concrete from tree roots forcing them up and impeding the water flow.

**Roadworks**

Several streets have been and are to be resurfaced during this financial year. That process has commenced following Budget approval to fund them.

**Community Development Grants**

Community Development Grants are available to Mitcham community organisations for a once only grant each two years. Grants are made available twice a year to authorised groups, churches, clubs, that meet certain criteria. Community cultural projects, health and safety, environmental improvements, recreation, community events, facility upgrades and equipment purchase. Must be not-for-profit community organisations. Fund raisers as we know are very difficult. Full information is available on Council's website.

Not many applicants come from Overton Ward – this is your opportunity to check it out!

**Trees**

Don't forget the new street trees planted this and last year. As the weather warms up, please give them a bucket of water regularly as you water your front garden. We don't want to lose these new trees as the summer warms up. Thank you.

As we move into our festive season and holidays are considered, please take care of yourselves and your family during this very busy time.

I wish you and your family all the best for a safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

If you have an Overton Ward Council issue, please contact me on 0402 517 945 or email my Council address.

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It's hard to believe 2021 is almost at a close. What a momentous year it has been for all of us, as we adapt to living with the COVID-19 threat. We, in South Australia, have fared better than most states, with no lockdowns this year, and I am very grateful to SA Health for their expertise and guidance, facing the untested situations COVID-19 keeps throwing at us.

I am also very appreciative for the efforts of our Council staff which have largely kept us carrying out our core business with a minimum of disruption. I am proud of the fact that we were one of only two SA Councils that hosted annual Christmas carols which are so popular with our residents. This year's format was much more community-led and felt like a simpler, more authentic way to share the Christmas spirit, so this is a rare upside stemming from the challenging situation this virus has created.

COVID-19 aside, next year is shaping up to be eventful and busy, with elections at all levels (Commonwealth, State and Council), the commencement of the new \$12 million Blackwood Library and Community Centre complex, selection of a tenderer to implement the Solar City program, remediation of a contaminated site, planning and development of the significant Women's Memorial Playing Field site, and the disruptive impacts as the North-South tunnel project commences, alongside the usual business of Local Government. The first half of the year will be taken up with numerous budget briefings, then community consultation about the proposed budget, before adoption of the 2022/2023 Budget. In September, Council will go into caretaker mode, prior to elections in November. With the Local Government reforms planned by our State Government, our current six wards will have slightly different boundaries at the next election, to enable the same number of Councillors per ward, unlike the current situation. Add into this mix the possibility that we could have a new interim Mayor following the State Election in March and I can see that staff and Elected Members will be kept on their toes for most of next year.

In closing, I wish you, and your loved ones, a peaceful and restorative time as we close out 2021, and look forward, optimistically, to a safe, productive and fulfilling year ahead.

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In 2022 we will have a State and Federal election, both in the first part of the year, and then a Local Government election in November. It's going to be a very busy year for us all and noticing the detail of all of the different policies, especially when the elections are so close together, can be hard.

Making a list of issues of concern and focussing attention on the policies of each candidate in relation to those issues could be one way of cutting through all of the verbiage. Here are just some of the issues I will be thinking about:

**Our democracy**

Election funding desperately needs to be overhauled to ensure that politicians represent the people of their electorate properly and that vested interests can't dominate. I'm also keen to see disenfranchised voters such as permanent residents re-incorporated into our democracy and able to have a say.

**Climate change**

David Attenborough estimates that the earth could be uninhabitable within my children's lifetimes. Surely this is urgent now! Moving our national fleet toward electric or renewable energy would make a big additional difference and we just need to stop burning fossil fuels.

**The environment**

Building a circular economy to limit waste and design for reuse just makes sense. Ensuring that manufacturers have stewardship of their products, including packaging, throughout the life of the product would be a good start. I'm also looking for protections for our forests, urban and rural.

**Social payments**

Our social payment system is punitive. It has punishment designed in and it holds people back from re-entering the workforce. The COVID-19 supplement has proven what many have long been suggesting; if you provide more funding to those who need it, the economy will grow and there will be more jobs.

**Education**

Education and lifelong learning should be available to everyone. Seemingly benign changes, such as limiting the Commonwealth support to seven years, could have a major impact on those seeking to retrain. At the other end, universal access to early learning is a no-brainer. It gives our children the start they need while also enabling their parents (often mothers) to participate in the workforce. Everyone wins!

I realise I could go on and on. State, Federal and Local Government policies have a direct impact on the quality (and also the quantity!) of our lives. I hope that as a community we will be active in our engagement with the election process and that once it's all over we will have governments at every level that address the needs and aspirations of the community.

This is my last article for 2021 and I'd like to wish you and your family, wherever they are across the country, a safe and happy festive season. I hope that 2022 is amazing for you and that your hopes and dreams come true.



Glenalta resident Irene Carrig with Blackwood Action Group members Pauline Dodd, Lis and Geoff Bartlett at Windy Point.

## Windy Point boards unveiled

Two panorama boards and a history board are set to enhance the experience for tourists and residents when they visit the Windy Point lookout at Belair.

The boards are part of an 18-month Blackwood Action Group (BAG) project to upgrade the site, facilitated by City of Mitcham and supported by a \$10,000 'Building our Future' grant from the Commonwealth Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.

The project also included the installation of a picnic table setting, new bins and bin signage, repairs to a stone wall and minor landscaping.

The panorama boards face west and north and highlight points of interest around Adelaide; while the story board tells the history of the site since the late 1920s, including photos and information about a Camera Obscura installed in the 1930s.

Glenalta resident Irene Carrig alerted the Blackwood Action Group to the fact that Windy Point needed some 'TLC'.

"People come from all over the place to this spot, and I felt it was unkempt and that

something should be done," she said. "It will be good for people to use the boards to learn more about this spot."

Pauline Dodd, Geoff and Lis Bartlett were instrumental in driving the project, working with the BAG History Group, Coromandel Valley and Districts National Trust, City of Mitcham's History Service, Tourism SA, and local businesses to create the boards.

Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross said she hoped the upgrade would promote the site as a tourist destination.

"This is a beautiful place to be and an iconic location – as good, if not better, than Mount Lofty," she said. "Anything we can do to attract more people is worthwhile."

BAG has also installed rail history boards at Eden Hills, Belair and Blackwood.

City of Mitcham has set aside funds to upgrade the car park at Windy Point under its 2021/22 budget.

## Apply for a My Mitcham Community Grant

Are you seeking support for a program, workshop or event run by community for community?

Apply for a My Mitcham Community Grant, available to help bring ideas to life and make a difference in the community.

A total pool of \$100,000 is available as matched funding. The next grant round opens in February 2022.

**To find out more and apply, visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/grants](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/grants) or call 8372 8888.**



# School Holiday Fun

For more information visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/school-holidays](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/school-holidays)

## Story Board Walk: Wombat Divine

Explore and discover the natural world while reading our special Christmas story 'Wombat Divine', written by Mem Fox and illustrated by Kerry Argent.

**When:** All of December

**Where:** Mitcham Memorial Library

**Cost:** Free



## Christmas Lolly House Workshop

Come along, get messy and make your own Christmas lolly house.

**When:** Tuesday 14 December

**Time:** Session 1: 1pm (Ages 2-7)  
Session 2: 3.30pm (Ages 7+)

**Where:** Mitcham Memorial Library

**Cost:** Free

**Bookings:**

[lollyhouses1pm.eventbrite.com.au](http://lollyhouses1pm.eventbrite.com.au)  
[lollyhouses330pm.eventbrite.com.au](http://lollyhouses330pm.eventbrite.com.au)



## Wrapping Paper & Cards Workshop

Make your gifts extra special this year by wrapping them with your very own handmade wrapping paper.

**When:** Wednesday 15 December

**Time:** Session 1: 9.30am (Ages 4-7)  
Session 2: 11am (7 years+)

**Where:** Cumberland Park Community Centre

**Bookings:**

[wrappingpaper930am.eventbrite.com.au](http://wrappingpaper930am.eventbrite.com.au)  
[wrappingpaper11am.eventbrite.com.au](http://wrappingpaper11am.eventbrite.com.au)



## Christmas Gift Making Workshop

Join us to make foot scrubs, lip balm, hanging clay essential oil diffusers and pomanders.

**When:** Thursday 16 December

**Time:** Session 1: 9.30am (Ages 8+ only)  
Session 2: 11.30am (Ages 8+ only)

**Where:** Cumberland Park Community Centre

**Bookings:**

[giftmaking930am.eventbrite.com.au](http://giftmaking930am.eventbrite.com.au)  
[giftmaking1130am.eventbrite.com.au](http://giftmaking1130am.eventbrite.com.au)

## Felt Christmas Ornaments Workshop

Enjoy a festive activity making felt ornaments for your Christmas tree.

**When:** Wednesday 22 December

**Time:** Session 1: 10am  
Session 2: 11.30am  
Session 3: 1.30pm

**Where:** Mitcham Memorial Library

**Bookings:**

[feltmitcham10am.eventbrite.com.au](http://feltmitcham10am.eventbrite.com.au)  
[feltmitcham1130am.eventbrite.com.au](http://feltmitcham1130am.eventbrite.com.au)  
[feltmitcham130pm.eventbrite.com.au](http://feltmitcham130pm.eventbrite.com.au)



## Summer Reading Challenge

Read a book, write a review and enter to win a book voucher. Open to all ages. Pick up your form from the Blackwood Library or Mitcham Memorial Library or enter online at [forms.gle/QGBXPkobUEr479T88](https://forms.gle/QGBXPkobUEr479T88)

**When:** All of January

**Cost:** Free

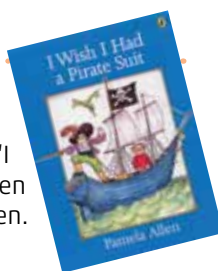
## Story Board Walk

Explore and discover the natural world while reading 'I Wish I Had a Pirate Suit', written and illustrated by Pamela Allen.

**When:** All of January

**Where:** Mitcham Memorial Library

**Cost:** Free



## Treasure Hunt

Yo-ho-ho little pirates, shiver me timbers! We have a treasure to claim! Collect a map from the Mitcham Library. Follow the clues at either Mitcham Reserve or CC Hood Reserve, answer the questions and claim a prize at the Mitcham Library.

**When:** All of January

**Where:** Mitcham Memorial Library

**Cost:** Free



## Pico and the Golden Lagoon

Follow Pico the puppet on an adventure meeting pirates, creatures and new friends. All are welcome to join in.

**Cost:** \$5

**When:** Wednesday 12 January, 6pm

**Where:** Mitcham Memorial Library

**Bookings:**

[picos-puppet-palace-mitcham.eventbrite.com.au](http://picos-puppet-palace-mitcham.eventbrite.com.au)

**When:** Thursday 13 January, 6pm

**Where:** Blackwood Library

**Bookings:**

[picos-puppet-palace-blackwood.eventbrite.com.au](http://picos-puppet-palace-blackwood.eventbrite.com.au)



## Pirate Academy Ages 5+

Join SAY'arrgh'ts as they recruit and train Captain Long John Silver's next crew for the Black Pearl. There will be plank walking, pirate lingo-learning, flag making, map-making and treasure hunting, tattooing, and most importantly cutlass fighting.

**When:** Wednesday 12 January, 10am to 1pm

**Where:** Cumberland Park Community Centre

**Cost:** \$5

**Bookings:**

[pirateacademy.eventbrite.com.au](http://pirateacademy.eventbrite.com.au)



## HOOK! Peter Pan and the Lost Boys vs the Pirate Captain Ages 7+

Join in the fun to bring this much-loved story to life: make a play-in-a-day with pirates, lost boys, fairies, and Never Never Land. Performance at 3.45pm. Parents and grandparents are welcome to come and watch.

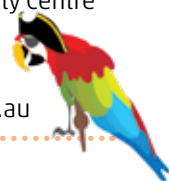
**When:** Thursday 13 January, 9am to 4pm

**Where:** Cumberland Park Community Centre

**Cost:** \$5

**Bookings:**

[peterpandramaday.eventbrite.com.au](http://peterpandramaday.eventbrite.com.au)



## Henna Workshop

During this one-hour session you will create and practice henna designs, with guidance, advice and helpful tips from Linda from Adelaide Henna. Recommended for teens.

**Cost:** \$5

**When:** Monday 17 January, 2pm

**Where:** Blackwood Library

**Bookings:**

[henna-blackwood.eventbrite.com.au](http://henna-blackwood.eventbrite.com.au)

**When:** Monday 17 January, 2pm

**Where:** Mitcham Memorial Library

**Bookings:**

[henna-mitcham.eventbrite.com.au](http://henna-mitcham.eventbrite.com.au)



## Pirate Play

Join the SAYArts crew for an hour of interactive pirate play aboard the Leaky Sea Dragon. Heave ho and book your spot for craft, colouring, and an interactive mini pirate play. Suitable for 3-7 year-olds.

**When:** Wednesday 19 January, 1pm and 3pm

**Where:** Blackwood Library

**Bookings:**

[pirateplayblackwood1pm.eventbrite.com.au](http://pirateplayblackwood1pm.eventbrite.com.au)  
[pirateplayblackwood3pm.eventbrite.com.au](http://pirateplayblackwood3pm.eventbrite.com.au)

**When:** Thursday 20 January, 1pm and 3pm

**Where:** Mitcham Memorial Library

**Bookings:**

[pirateplaymitcham1pm.eventbrite.com.au](http://pirateplaymitcham1pm.eventbrite.com.au)  
[pirateplaymitcham3pm.eventbrite.com.au](http://pirateplaymitcham3pm.eventbrite.com.au)

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