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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Mitcham Memorial Library and Brownhill Creek

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Council Meetings

The Council Assessment Panel meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6.30pm.

Full Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Council Civic Centre

Open weekdays 9am to 5pm.

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PO Box 21, Mitcham Shopping Centre,
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Using Rain Where it Falls

Council is keeping our city greener and cooler as well as reducing flooding and pollution issues downstream by collecting rain where it falls and using it in the local environment.

In streets where much of our urban heat is generated we have been introducing Treenet Inlets.

Treenet Inlets collect stormwater from streets when it rains, the water then soaks into the verge though a 'leaky well', where it can be used by trees or can soak into the groundwater.

Council with assistance from the Goyder Institute for Water Research and UniSA's School of Natural and Built Environments is monitoring stormwater flows in Hawthorn to measure the benefits of Treenet Inlets.

Since 2016 the amount and quality of stormwater flowing from the catchment has been monitored. This coming winter further data will be collected to reveal the benefits of 180 Inlets that have recently been installed.

As part of these trials PhD candidate Hussain Shahzad will be analysing the data and reporting on the effectiveness of Treenet Inlets in moderating stormwater flow and improving water quality.

Council acknowledges the support of the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, the University



Watch out for our Treenet Inlet signs in Hawthorn.

of South Australia's School of Natural and Built Environments, the Goyder Institute for Water Research, the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Water Sensitive SA and the Environment Protection Authority of SA for this ongoing research into sustainable urban water management.



Consultation on the Draft Business Plan will begin in April

Have your say on how Council should spend your rates!

Council is preparing a draft Business Plan and draft Long Term Financial Plan for 2018/2019. The Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget outlines the activities Council proposes to undertake over the next 12 months as Council works towards its long term goals set out in its Strategic Management Plan.

In April and May residents will have an opportunity to share their views for consideration by Council on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget and draft Long Term Financial Plan prior to the adoption of the final plans.

The plans will be available for viewing in April and May at:

- City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.
- Blackwood Library, 242 Belair Road, Lower Mitcham.
- Mitcham Library, 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn.
- Council's website at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

Watch out for more information online at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or in your local Messenger.

Mitcham Memorial Library and Brownhill Creek Redevelopment



Have you noticed that we have begun redeveloping the Brownhill Creek in the Mitcham Memorial Reserve in Hawthorn?

Council has removed trees and park furniture in preparation to widen and upgrade the Brownhill Creek channel through Soldiers Memorial Gardens and JWS Morris Reserve as part of the Brownhill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan project.

The widening of the channel is required to accommodate the 100 year flow and restore a more natural channel profile.

The channel works will create a stable creek environment capable of passing significant creek flows during flood events and will also allow safe nature play spaces between creek flows.

As part of the redevelopment the Mitcham Memorial Library is now operating out of two locations to allow us to continue to provide library services while ensuring the safety of visitors during construction.

Children's and teen materials, newspapers and magazines are now located at the Hawthorn Community Centre located at 5 Frimley Grove, Hawthorn. We will also hold many of our events and activities here including our story time and baby time sessions.

The Mitcham Memorial Library will continue to offer a pick up/drop off location for library materials, computer access, printing and copying, and a smaller adult fiction/non-fiction collection. As this is a construction site please remember it may be noisy at times, we also invite you to call us to check before visiting us if you would like to use a computer.

Once completed in December the Mitcham Memorial Library will offer a wider range of services and spaces.

Don't forget the Blackwood Library at 215 Main Road in Blackwood continues to offer a full range of services and the Toy Libraries operate as usual.

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The new cat and dog laws summarised

As of	New law	Benefit
1 July 2017	Increased fines and penalties for irresponsible dog and cat owners.	To ensure financial penalties act as genuine deterrents to those who flout the law.
1 August 2017	New mandatory minimum standards and advisory guidelines for breeders and sellers of companion animals.	To ensure higher standards of care for companion animals are met at breeding facilities and shops and other sources of pets.
1 July 2018	All dogs and cats must be microchipped by 3 months.	To increase the number of lost dogs and cats returned to their owners.
1 July 2018	All dogs and cats born after this date must be desexed, with exemptions for working dogs and registered breeders.	To reduce the number of unwanted animals ending up in shelters.
1 July 2018	Anyone who breeds dogs or cats for sale must register with the Dog and Cat Management Board.	To better manage the industry, and make it harder for puppy farmers to ply their unscrupulous trade.
1 July 2018	The Dog and Cats Online website will be launched to manage dog, cat and breeder registration across South Australia.	To save councils time and money, and assist owners to better manage their pets.

New Laws for all Dog and Cat Owners

New laws for cat and dog owners will come into effect on 1 July 2018.

The new laws and rules include:

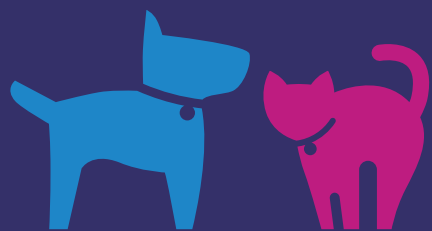
Mandatory microchipping of cats and dogs

Desexing of dogs and cats born after the 1 July 2018

New rules for breeders who sell dogs and cats

Introduction of a State-wide database, called Dogs and Cats Online

Visit dogandcatboard.com.au



These new laws and rules will simplify dog registration process, make it easier to reunite lost dogs and cats with their owners, help identify and put a stop to puppy farms and reduce euthanasia rates.

Microchipping

From 1 July, owners must microchip their dogs and cats by 12 weeks of age or at the point of sale. Veterinarians may exempt an animal for medical reasons. Owners are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous discount microchipping days visit chipblitz.com for upcoming dates, locations and to make a booking. Alternatively, contact your local vet.

Desexing

Dogs and cats born after the 1 July must be desexed by 6 months of age or 28 days after purchase by the owner. Working livestock dogs as well as dogs and cats owned by registered breeders will be exempt from the requirement to desex, however will still need to be microchipped.

Breeders

People who breed dogs and cats for sale after 1 July 2018 must register with the Dog and Cat Management Board as a breeder. Your breeder registration number must be included in all advertisements for a dogs and cats. There are new requirements to disclose the breeder registration number and other information to the buyer at the point of sale. All breeders are required to follow the new industry standards and guidelines.

Dogs and Cats Online

From 1 July 2018, Dogs and Cats Online will be the central database for microchipped and registered dogs and cats and registration payments. Dogs and Cats Online will also be the register of breeders.

Existing dog owners should receive a renewal notice in the mail during July 2018 with their dog's new lifetime registration disc (replacing the annual disc) and instructions on how to complete their annual dog registration on Dog and Cats Online. If you do not receive a renewal notice for your dog, please contact the City of Mitcham on 8372 8888.

For more information visit dogandcatboard.com.au

Historical Walk through Brownhill Creek and Ellison's Gully

Discover the rich history of Brownhill Creek and Ellison's Gully with Andrew Tilley on Sunday 13 and 27 May.

To celebrate our local history during the History Festival in May the Mitcham Historical Society invites you on a two hour walk through the beautiful Brownhill Creek and Ellison's Gully.

Join Andrew Tilley a fifth generation resident of Brownhill Creek, on a scenic walk along the creek and learn about the water reticulation system, visit the brick-lined water well and discover where market gardens once were farmed.

Date: Sunday 13 and 27 May

Time: 1.30pm

Location: Meet at the Manure Pits, Brownhill Creek Road

Cost: \$2 coin donation

Please bring walking shoes and water.

Bookings essential, to book call Dave Cosh on 0417 867 277 or email dave.cosh@colindale.com.au



2018 History Festival

South Australia's History Festival will run for the entire month of May.

We invite you to celebrate our history with a host of fun events. Tour the Mitcham Anglican and General Cemeteries or join a guided walk to explore the historic Mitcham Village or the beautiful Brownhill Creek.



Who Lies There Mitcham Cemeteries Tour

Many of the pioneering families who helped establish South Australia and Mitcham are buried in cemeteries across the Council area.

Take a guided walking tour through the heritage listed Mitcham Anglican and General Cemeteries, both opened in 1854 and visit the resting places of many of Mitcham's and Adelaide's earliest pioneers and identities. You will hear many fascinating stories for a glimpse into some very interesting lives.

Date: Wednesday 2 May and Wednesday 16 May

Time: 10.30am to 12noon

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

Cost: Free

Bookings essential.

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 178 years on a guided walk through the Mitcham Village Historic Conservation area.

Admire the heritage, architecture and hear about the lives of the early residents of the village. Tour includes a look inside the restored Old Temperance Hotel.

Date: Tuesday 8 May and Wednesday 30 May

Time: 10am to 12noon

Location: Meet at Mitcham Heritage Research Centre, Mitcham Cultural Village, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham.

Cost: Free

Bookings essential.



Up the Creek Brownhill Creek Walking Tour

Generations of families have enjoyed Brownhill Creek Recreation Park. But there's more to the valley than leisure.

In 1914 Brownhill Creek was proclaimed a 'Public Pleasure Resort'. 150 years of Mitcham's history is hidden along Brownhill Creek Road and the public reserve. Tread the paths of the quarrymen, the farmers and the families who lived there as you enjoy the area's natural beauty and also discover the significance of George Prince's seven pines.

Date: Wednesday 9 May and Wednesday 23 May

Time: 10.30am to 12noon

Location: Meet at the Mitcham Reserve carpark off Evans Avenue.

Cost: Free

Bookings essential.



For more information about the City of Mitcham South Australian History Festival events or to make a booking call the City of Mitcham Customer Service Centre on 8372 8888 during business hours, visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/historyfestival or email sahistoryfestival@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

School Holiday Fun at the Community Centres

Looking for something fun and affordable to do in the April school holidays? We have a range of full day and half day fun activities for 5 to 15 year olds.



Woodwork for Kids

Marble Games and Puzzles.

Dates: Monday 16 April, Thursday 19 April, Monday 23 April, Thursday 26 April
Time: 9am to 12noon
Location: Mitcham Cultural Village Community Shed
Cost: \$10

Cooking with Scouts

Date: Wednesday 18 April
Time: 9am to 5pm
Location: Cumberland Park Community Centre
Cost: \$20

Craft and Construction with Scouts

Date: Friday 20 April
Time: 9am to 5pm
Location: Blackwood Community Centre
Cost: \$20

Crime Crackers with Scouts

Date: Monday 23 April
Time: 8am to 2pm
Location: Mitcham Cultural Village
Cost: \$20

To book call Scouts SA on 8130 6000 or register online at www.trybooking.com/UOPW

Colour My World

Come and try a creative relaxation and mindfulness workshop of colouring in.

Colouring for adults is a great way to relax, un-wind and de-stress.

Date: Thursday 24 May
Time: 1.30pm
Location: Cumberland Park Community Centre, 390 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park
Cost: \$5 – includes all materials and afternoon tea.

To register phone 8372 8888.



Come and Try CPR

Do you know how to help your child in an emergency?

Discover life-saving tips from S.A. Ambulance Service Paramedics by attending a free 30-minute session.

Blackwood Library
 154 Main Road, Blackwood
Tuesday 17 April at 11.15am

Hawthorn Community Centre
 5 Frimley Grove, Hawthorn
Thursday 19 April at 11.15am

Cumberland Park Community Centre
 388 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park
Monday 16 July at 11.15am

Mitcham Cultural Village
 103 Princes Road, Mitcham
Wednesday 25 July at 11.15am

No bookings required.



Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

Have you thought about how you would prepare and react should there be an emergency? Emergencies aren't something that we think about every day, but being prepared could make all the difference.

With the colder months approaching it is important to ensure you are prepared for extreme weather events such as storms, flooding and blackouts.

Ensure you:

- Have a plan – write down important phone numbers, consider special medical needs and which sentimental items you would like to take if evacuated.
- Talk to family, friends and neighbours – inform them of your plan.
- Build an emergency kit – items can include a torch, water, radio and medical supplies.

In the event of an emergency find out where your local emergency shelter is by visiting the State Emergency Service (SES) Facebook page www.facebook.com/SASStateEmergencyService/ or by listening to local radio.

If a flood warning is issued, Council will provide free empty sandbags for residents to fill with sand or soil. For more information on how to prepare for a flood visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

The Red Cross also provides a step by step guide to prepare a 'RediPlan' for use during an emergency. The Red Cross RediPlan is a free disaster preparedness guide which can help you to prepare for emergencies. This easy to follow booklet prompts you to think about important aspects of preparation such as your health and medical needs, support networks, insurance, items to take and alternative places to stay. For more information call the Red Cross on 8100 4500 or visit www.redcross.org.au.

SES contact details:

- Life threatening emergencies: 000
- Flood and storm response: 132 500
- General enquiries: 8115 3800
- Website: www.ses.sa.gov.au



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Skate Park Competition Saturday 21 April

Win some great prizes at Mitcham's annual Youth Week Skate Park Competition at Avenue Road Reserve on Saturday 21 April.

This local favourite returns for another year offering scooter and skateboard riders the chance to showcase their skills and have a whole lot of fun in the process.

The Da Klinik crew will be on hand with stacks of prizes, plenty of give-a-ways, as well as free air brush and glitter tattoos.

Food and drinks will also be available for purchase on the day, so come along and support this great local community youth event.

Date: Saturday 21 April

Where: Avenue Road Reserve Skate Park, Avenue Road, Cumberland Park

Time: 11am to 3.30pm

Cost: Free registration, airbrush artist and glitter tattoos

Age Categories: Under 8s, 12s, 16s and Open in both skate and scooter. Please note that competitors must be at least 6 years of age to compete.

Under 18s must have a parent or guardian sign the registration form prior to competing. Download the form from www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/youth or visit the competition registrations desk from 11am on the day.

Please note that all competitors are required to wear a helmet to compete. Spare helmets will be available on the day for those that need it.

Email youth@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or phone 8372 8869 for further information.



Scooter and Skate Skills Workshops

Learn some new tricks during our free scooter and skateboard skills workshop at Avenue Road Reserve 16-19 April.

The City of Mitcham, Da Klinik and Sk8 Therapy invite you to register for free scooter and skateboard skills workshops in the April school holidays.

Beginner and intermediate riders are encouraged to book into a session with qualified skate instructors and pro scooter riders to help build confidence and learn new tricks.

Date: Monday 16 April

Time: Scooter 9am to 10am
Skate 10am to 11am

Date: Tuesday 17 April

Time: Scooter 9am to 10am
Skate 10am to 11am

Date: Wednesday 18 April

Time: Scooter 9am to 10am
Skate 10am to 11am

Date: Thursday 19 April

Time: Skate 9am to 10am

Location: Avenue Road Reserve Skate Park, Avenue Road, Cumberland Park

Cost: Free

Places are limited and bookings are essential. Phone 8372 8869 or email youth@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au for bookings and more information.

All participants will need to bring their own skateboard or scooter and helmets are essential.

Superhero Roller Disco

Let your inner superhero or villain free at the biggest all ages roller disco at the Blackwood Community Recreation Centre on Saturday 14 April.

Dress up as your favourite super hero or villain to have a chance to win a prize, there will be plenty of give-a-ways, live DJ, dedicated novice area and food and drink facilities.

Tickets to this popular event sell out fast, so make sure you purchase your tickets early to avoid missing out.

Date: Saturday 14 April

Time: 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Cost: Tickets (including skate hire) only \$10 pre-purchased or \$15 on the night.

Age: All ages, however children under 12 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

For tickets or more information visit the Blackwood Community Recreation Centre at 1 Northcote Road, Eden Hills or call 8278 8833 or email contactus@blackwoodrec.com.au.



SA Youth Week 2018 - Your Future Your Way

In April as part of SA Youth Week (SAYW) we are celebrating our young peoples' talents, contributions and achievements by encouraging them to get involved in local events and workshops.

SAYW from 13-22 April 'Your Future Your Way' theme highlights young people's role in shaping their lives and, in doing so, shaping directions for South Australia. It emphasises the value of young people's ideas, skills and resilience in local communities, and champions the benefits that their wide variety of unique backgrounds, interests, identities and perspectives can bring to us all.

'Your Future - Your Way' will inspire young people to achieve their goals in ways that suit their unique circumstances and needs, and highlight the myriad of significant contributions they can and do make to broad and complex social issues.

Have Your Say on our Waste Services

We are seeking your feedback on our draft Waste Services Policy by Friday 27 April.

The draft Waste Services Policy set outs how we deliver our waste services to the community for kerbside waste, green organics, recycling and hard waste removal.

Help us reach our recycling goals! By 2020 we are committed to reducing 70% of our waste going to landfill, drastically reducing the amounts of waste being sent to landfill.



To have your say on the draft Waste Services Policy visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au complete an online survey by Friday 27 April 2018.



The draft Policy has been updated to include:

- Types of bins to be used to collect waste, including blue bins for waste to landfill, yellow bins for recycling and green bins for green organics.
- Frequency of collection.
- Bin entitlements for residential and non-residential premises.
- Types and quantities of hard waste items accepted for collection.
- How to place your bin for collection.
- When we can refuse to collect your bin.
- Waste and recycling surveys.
- Changes to additional bins entitlements.
- A procedure for applying for additional bins.
- How to report missed bins.

This policy is important as it will improve how we manage our waste and recycling.



If it Grows it Goes! Give Food Scraps Recycling a Go!

You can help reduce waste by turning your food scraps into compost by placing them in your green organics bin.

Have you ever noticed how much food you put into your waste bin each week? Nearly 50% of waste is made up of food scraps and uneaten food that ends up in landfill!

You can help reduce waste and protect our environment by placing food scraps into your green organics bin where it can be recycled into compost.

All food scraps, (including meat and seafood) paper towel, hair and even pet waste can be

placed into your green organics bin along with your lawn cuttings and garden prunings. Kitchen caddies and compostable bags are available for purchase at the Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park or you can wrap your food scraps in newspaper or place them loose into your green organics bin.

Please do not place any plastics including bags, irrigation pipe, hoses, bottle caps or metals in the green organics bin. To learn more about composting visit whichbin.com.au

For further information please contact the Waste Management Officer on 8372 8888 or visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



**Why waste it?
When you can
compost it.**



Leftover Food



Serviettes, Paper Towel & Tissues



Paper Bags & Food Wrapping

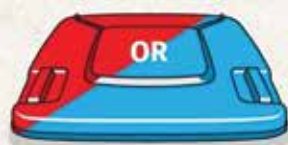


Compostable Plates & Food Containers



Compostable Cups & Cutlery

WHICH BIN DOES IT GO IN?



General Waste



Recycling



Green Organics



No Household Bin

Which Bin?



whichbin.com.au

EastWaste

Have you Seen our New LED Street Lights?

We have commenced upgrading street lights with LEDs to reduce energy consumption, maintenance costs and help reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.



In February we began replacing lights in suburbs across Mitcham including:

- **Zone 1:** Urrbrae, Springfield, Leawood Gardens, Netherby, Brownhill Creek, Kingswood, Torrens Park and Mitcham.
- **Zone 2:** Hawthorn, Westbourne Park, Clarence Gardens, Cumberland Park, Melrose Park and Daw Park.
- **Zone 3:** Lower Mitcham, Clapham, Panorama, Pasadena and St Marys.
- **Zone 5:** Bedford Park, Bellevue Heights and Eden Hills.
- **Zone 7:** Craigburn Farm, Coromandel Valley and Blackwood.

For more information of when your street light will be upgraded visit: www.enerven.com.au/projects/city-of-mitcham-led-upgrade/mitcham

Why are we upgrading our Street Lights?

Street lighting is the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions by Local Government in Australia. To reduce Mitcham's carbon footprint we are upgrading over 5,000 street lights to energy efficient LED lights in 2018.

LED lights not only provide a better light they also use less energy. By introducing LED lighting we will lower greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 605 tonnes a year and save \$293,000 annually through reduced energy usage and lower maintenance costs.

How much will it cost?

The project will cost \$2.2 million but will be offset by savings in electricity charges, lower maintenance costs and reduced lighting tariffs.



More Information on the LED street lighting

If you would like to find out more information on the LED Street Lighting Replacement program please visit www.enerven.com.au/projects/city-of-mitcham-led-upgrade/mitcham

If the above fact sheet does not answer your question or a concern please contact Council on 8372 8888.

How much money will it save?

Council will save approximately \$293,000 annually through reduced energy usage and lower maintenance costs.

Who is upgrading the street lights?

The City of Mitcham has funded the replacement project and has engaged Enerven, a subsidiary business owned by SA Power Networks to replace the street lights with LEDs and recycle old street lights.

What happens to the old street lights?

Old street lights will be recycled by Enerven to prevent heavy metals and other hazardous substances entering landfill.

Council as part of this project will also receive carbon credit payments of approximately \$28,000 over seven years through the Federal Government's Emission Reduction Fund scheme.

Do you need to Book a Domestic Hard Waste Collection?

The free Domestic 'At Call' hard waste collection service allows residents to dispose of 2 cubic metres of unwanted household items each financial year.

Items collected through the hard waste service include furniture, mattresses, whitegoods, scrap metal and small timber off-cuts.

To book your FREE hard waste collection service contact East Waste on 8347 5170 or email east@eastwaste.com

For more information call 8372 8888 or visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



Hard Waste Tips:

- Pre-book your hard waste collection. As collection dates fill up quickly we are unable to cater for last minute requests.
- Remember, a maximum of 2 cubic metres of hard waste materials will be collected. Anything in excess of this will be left behind and you will be responsible for removing the hard waste from the verge.
- Only place your hard waste items on the verge 24 hours before your scheduled collection day.
- Use the sticker supplied by East Waste to help identify your materials as hard waste and not illegal dumping.



community groups



social activities



community events

Mitcham Community Calendar

Westbourne Park Ladies Probus Club

Enjoy a variety of guest speakers, a friendly chat over morning tea and the chance to meet a great group of members at the Uniting Church hall on the corner of Sussex Terrace and Monmouth Road, Hawthorn, on the **fourth Monday of the month at 10am**. Other activities include monthly outings, Art Gallery Appreciation Group, Coffee Group, Walking Group and Book Club. Call 8293 8863. ■

Adelaide-Mitcham

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Join us to hear from guest speaker Dr Kevin O'Shaughnessy, researcher and teacher on care needed for prostate cancer patient and families on **Thursday 26 April** at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL Club, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens at **7pm**. Call 8277 3424 or visit www.adelaide-mitchampcsg.org ■

Colonel Light Gardens Ladies Probus Club

Enjoy fellowship, guest speakers, outings and morning tea on the **first Friday of the month at 10am** at the Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church, 560 Goodwood Road, Daw Park. Call 0419 006 895. ■

Showcasing Rotary Club of Mitcham

Come along on **Wednesday 11 April from 7.30pm** at the Mitcham Institute, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham and meet members of the Rotary Club of Mitcham, learn how you can make a difference to our local and international communities through involvement in the worldwide organisation of Rotary. Experience a free wine tasting seminar led by an experienced wine research authority. Call 0418 788 401 to register. ■

Mitcham Kiwanis

Needs new members! Mitcham Kiwanis Club is involved with the Terrific Kids Program at a local primary school in Mitcham and is seeking to become involved with more schools in the area. Help improve the community we live in by joining the Mitcham Kiwanis who meet **twice a month** at the Marion Sports Centre, Sturt Road, Marion. Call 8374 3694. ■

Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church

Bring your kids along to the playgroup to enjoy singing, dancing, games and activities every **Tuesday at 10.30am**. Bring a piece of fruit, cost \$4. Kindy and primary school children can join the Kids Club every **second Friday at 6pm** for games, stories and crafts. Cost \$4. Meet new people at the Friendship Centre each **Thursday at 10am**. Visit 560 Goodwood Road, Daw Park or call 8276 7416. ■

Art Exhibitions at Gallery One

Gallery One presents two exhibitions Life@Death from **16 March to 11 April** and VAESA Visual Art Educators of South Australia from **4 to 25 May** at 1 Torrens Street, Mitcham. ■

Men's Breakfast

Come along and enjoy a continental breakfast on **Saturday 7 April at 7.30am** at the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood. Listen to a panel discussing 'God in the Workplace' with three chaplains from professional fields including sport, emergency services and education share their insight into their motivations, challenges and Christ centered lives as they care for the physical, social, emotional and spiritual health and wellbeing of the people in their specific workplaces. Cost \$8 or \$5 concession. To book call 0403 656 537 or email mjhouston7@gmail.com ■

Thursday Craft

at Westbourne Park Uniting Church

Classes held during school terms at 27 Sussex Terrace, Hawthorn from **9.30am to 12noon** each week. \$5 per class, includes morning tea. Crèche available. Email craft@wpuc.org.au or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/thursdaycraft or call 8271 7066. ■

Messy Church at Westbourne Park Uniting Church

Enjoy a craft afternoon for families on **Saturday 12 May from 5pm to 7.30pm** at the Westbourne Park Uniting Church, 27 Sussex Terrace, Hawthorn. Call 8271 7066. ■

Blackwood Hills Baptist Church

Come along each **Sunday at 10am or 7pm** at 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood to enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church. There are people of all ages, great music and fun activities for the kids. Visit www.bhbc.org.au or call 8370 0333. ■

Village Church at Melrose Park

Every **Sunday at 10.30am** at the Edwardstown Primary School. Join a new and growing family-friendly church. Visit www.thevillage.org.au or call 8370 3256. ■

Heart Foundation Walking Group

If you enjoy walking join this new walking group each **Monday at 9.15am** and **Friday at 9am** at "The Meeting Place" 42a Angas Road. Everyone welcome including prams and dogs on leads. Call 0431 937 563. ■

Quarterly Folk Dance

Enjoy the Australian Traditional and Bush Dance Society of SA's Folk Dance on **Saturday 7 April 7pm to 10pm** at the Mitcham Village Institute, Princes Road, Mitcham. Music by Telenn Tri. All dances are called, flat shoes recommended. No previous experience is needed and you don't need to bring a partner. \$15. Call 0418 837 411 or visit www.atbdsdancesa.com.au ■

Urrbrae Wetland Open Day

Celebrate the Urrbrae Wetland's 21 birthday on **Sunday 8 April from 1.30pm to 4pm**. Discover the wetland, enjoy activities for children and adults and guided tours. Visit www.urrbraewetlandlc.org/news.html ■

Australian Scroll Saw Exhibition

South Oz Scrollers invite you to enjoy an exhibition of over 100 beautiful wood pieces. Don't miss this amazing display of beautiful woodwork at the Mitcham Cultural Village on **Saturday 21 April from 9am to 5pm** and **Sunday 22 April from 9am to 5pm**. Entry is free. Visit www.scrollsawaustralia.com or call 8370 0108. ■

Seniors in Harmony

Enjoy lively musical concerts on **Tuesday 1 May and 5 June at 1.30pm** featuring the SA Police Dixie Band in June. Held at the Mitcham Cultural Village, Princes Road, Mitcham performances are followed by afternoon tea. For group bookings email seniorsharmony@gmail.com ■

Hills Choral Society

Hills Choral brings you an afternoon of music and rhythms of the people of many different lands on **Sunday May 27 at 2.30pm** at Blackwood Church of Christ, Waite Street, Blackwood. Tickets \$25 Adult or \$20 Concession at the door or www.trybooking.com/UNFZ, includes afternoon tea. Visit www.hillschoralsociety.org or call 0414 695 068. ■

Illumina Voices presents Shall we Dream

Enjoy songs of freedom on **Sunday 10 June at 2.30pm** at St Peter Lutheran Church, 71 Cumming Street, Blackwood. Tickets \$20, concession \$15. To book visit www.trybooking.com/UAAB or purchase tickets at the door. Call 0421 573 160. ■

Annual Camellia Show

Camellias South Australia Inc will hold their Annual Camellia Show at Carrick Hill, 46 Carrick Hill Drive, Springfied on **Saturday 11 August from 12noon to 4.30pm** and **Sunday 12 August from 10am to 4.30pm**. Free admission. Countless blooms on display and quality plants for sale. Call 8295 6563. ■

Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Tennis Club

Do you enjoy playing social tennis? Why not come and try the Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Tennis Club.

The Club, located adjacent to Reade Park Tennis Club, at the end of Hereford Place in Colonel Light Gardens has three hard courts and games are played on Thursday mornings 9.30am until 12noon and on Saturdays from 12.30pm to 3pm.

Come and try your first two sessions for free. Membership fees are \$50 each year and \$3 per session for tennis balls and maintenance. All ages welcome. Come and keep active and meet new friends.

For more information call Garry on 0408 556 328 or Kay on 0421 997 912.



Toy Library volunteer Chris enjoys making sure toy sets are complete and in good condition.

Become a Volunteer at the Toy Library

The Mitcham Library Service Toy Libraries at Blackwood and Mitcham are looking for new volunteers.

Our Toy Library Service is supported by a wonderful team of volunteers. Volunteers assist in processing returned toys, get new toys ready for loan, carry out basic toy repair and maintenance, and assist Toy Library members.

Our Toy Library Service currently has volunteer vacancies at both Mitcham and Blackwood. On-the-job training is provided.

For more information about becoming a Toy Library volunteer please call Lynne Norton on 8372 8860.



Belair Autumn Market

Saturday 12 May 9am to 2.30pm at the Belair Uniting Church, 18 Sheoak Road, Belair.

Discover amazing stalls with plants, second-hand books, clothing and car boot sales as well as delicious food including hot soup, crepes, poftetjes, tea, coffee and cake and entertainment. Find the perfect Mother's Day gift.

Beautiful art works created by local students for the Autumn in the Hills Art Competition will be on display with the winners will be announced.

Children's Art Competition - Autumn in the Hills

Children are invited to create a piece of art in any media including painting, coloured pencils, sculpture etc to depict "Autumn in the Hills".

Entries are accepted in three categories, kindy to year 2, year 3 to 5 and year 6 to 7 by 6pm Wednesday 9 May at 1 Alta Mira Crescent, Belair.

The competition will be judged by renowned Adelaide artist, Dieter Engler.

For more information or to obtain an entry form call 0408 861 725 or email mattersc@senet.com.au

Happy 100th birthday Mrs Eileen Hayter

Mayor Glenn Spear had the pleasure of presenting beautiful flowers to Eileen to help celebrate her 100th birthday.

Happy birthday Eileen we hope you had a wonderful day celebrating this wonderful milestone with your family.



Care and Share at Trinity

Care and Share at Trinity provide a social activity group for people 65 years and over who are living in the southern and eastern metropolitan area.

Come along and enjoy friendship, conversation and fun including discussions, craft, gentle exercises, board and memory games, cards, iPad, indoor bowls, bingo and the occasional outing every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Morning tea and a two course home-style hot lunch is provided each day and transport is available to and from the program if required. Cost is \$18 which includes meals and transport.

For more information contact Janine on 8276 1144 or email careandshare@adam.com.au or visit www.trinityclg.org.au/care-and-share



CARE & SHARE
AT TRINITY

Social group for men & women aged 65 or over, who live in the south/east metropolitan area of Adelaide.

Activities and 2 course hot lunch \$18. Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fridays.

Come along, meet new friends and join in the fun.

We are located at Colonel Light Gardens.

Call Janine today for further information and book a **FREE** guest trial day

8276 1144

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Mayor Glenn Spear



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As we quickly approach the next State Election we have been working hard as a Council to gain as much benefit as possible for the City of Mitcham and our residents. Candidates from the major parties have been invited to meet with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and myself to discuss the needs and key issues within the City of Mitcham. We have presented each candidate with a wish-list for funding of key projects within the relevant electorates.

The City of Mitcham has been extremely successful in recent times, with promises of significant grants and funding from both major parties. Ideally, we find ourselves, as we have done in the past, in a position to pressure all parties to commit to funding to ensure that City of Mitcham projects receive the attention they deserve, no matter who wins seats or forms Government. I acknowledge and thank those State and Federal representatives for their involvement.

We are currently in the midst of budget preparations the City of Mitcham finds itself in a strong financial position. It is abundantly clear that the majority of our residents hold concerns about the cost of Council rates and the impact this has on their lives. In the past, we have seen rate rises in the vicinity of 4-7% which is unacceptable to me, and I have actively driven the Council towards cutting wastage and unnecessary costs, including the cost of staff wages. As the Chair of the CEO Performance Review Committee we have set our CEO Mr Matthew Pears the specific KPI of not increasing full-time staff members without a resolution of Council, meaning Elected Members must vote for an increase in staff. I am pleased to say that I have full confidence that our CEO will rise to this challenge as he has done in the past. By implementing such measures, I believe that this year we can deliver a rate increase below 3%. We still have Elected Members on Mitcham Council who do not support striving to keep rates as low as possible, so I encourage all residents to actively talk to their ward Councillors.

There has been some negative publicity recently centred around credit card expenditure by some Councils. I have inspected the previous eighteen months credit card charges of our CEO and have absolute confidence in his integrity. Residents can rest assured that there are no golf club memberships, overseas travel or expenditure on lawyers to settle in fighting amongst Elected Members in our Council.

I am pleased to report that our second attempt to have all Elected Members expenses disclosed on the Council website was successfully passed. Disappointingly, our push for greater transparency was not supported by all, with four Elected Members speaking against the motion. A copy of Council minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2018, including the results of this vote, can be viewed on the City of Mitcham website.

To keep up to date with what I am currently working on, follow me at www.facebook.com/GlennWSpear/

The Park Ward Cr Jane Bange



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It's the time of year when Councillors receive regular briefings to finalise a draft 18/19 budget to then go out to residents for comment. Because of decisions by past Elected Members to keep rate rises low, Council now has a considerable backlog regarding the maintenance of our assets. Those of us who are homeowners know that we frequently need to put our hands in our pockets and shell out for the upkeep of our property. If we don't, things deteriorate, our biggest asset loses value, and the ultimate repair will cost us more. I believe it's no different for Council and its assets.

As a former dentist, I also know how easy it is to keep putting off that necessary work. I've seen many patients come in, knowing they had a cavity or two, but who constantly postponed it. When they finally do sit in the chair, I'd usually find what would have been a simple filling had turned into a complicated root canal treatment and a crown. A couple of hundred dollars spent a few years back had become several visits to the dentist and a bill of thousands.

I firmly believe residents want value-for-money in their rates and, if they can see where their money is going and that long-standing issues of maintenance are being addressed, they will accept paying a little more in their annual rates. Councillors can't undo the poor decisions made in the past not to properly maintain our assets, but we can make the right decisions now. That is why I support full funding of our asset maintenance backlog, as recommended by our staff and, if we continue to do this each year, we will clear this backlog by 2026. It's the constant neglect of long-standing problems that I believe makes residents irate and results in frequent complaints to Council.

Another budget issue I fully support is the provision of new footpaths. While most plain's area of Mitcham Council are well provided with footpaths, many streets in the hills are not. However, constructing footpaths in the hills is challenging, with so narrow and winding streets, and careful route design crucial so that we don't end up with 'heavy engineering' solutions - lots of concrete retaining walls, topped with metal railings - which could undermine the very values that drew us to live here.

Please look at our draft 18/19 budget when it gets released around May and, if you want to ask about any details, please contact me on 0478 076 400. I am only too happy to come round to discuss details with you. It can be a daunting document but it is the blueprint of how we provide you with important services and maintain our assets, so I urge you to have your say on how ratepayer money should be spent. Because of short-sighted decisions made in the past to keep rate rises low, we are paying the price now.

Overton Ward Cr John Sanderson



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Budget and Long Term Financial Plan

Preparation of this important work from staff and Elected Members has taken many hours and meetings. This is now reaching a stage where the completed budget will be coming to Full Council for approval and for public consultation. The budget is then returned to Full Council for final approval, after considering the public consultation input.

Development - Kegworth Road to Regent Street, Melrose Park

As reported previously, this development went out again for Public Consultation as the previous notification provided insufficient time for residents to submit to the developer. The second consultation closed on 28 February and that information has been forwarded to the developer - Junction Housing for consideration.

The roadway joining Kegworth Road and Regent Street appeared to be the major problem, as well as the height of the central unit complex. The through road would create a rat-run through the development. Two lanes were considered at the 7th February residents meeting and new plans for the roadway should be with Council by mid to end of March for their consideration and final approval.

Community Forum

Our recent Forum was jointly held with Babbage Ward at the Cumberland Park Community Centre. Only two residents from our Ward attended the meeting, this is the worst attendance I can recall. There cannot be any problems in Overton Ward!

Repatriation Hospital

At the time of writing this article, we are still unaware of who the eventual owners will be. No contract has been signed. All political parties are in election mode and the Government cannot sign or approve major sales. Depending on the outcome of the election will determine what is developed on the site. We are hoping for a medical precinct or even better the Repatriation Hospital is reopened.

We all await the outcome!

Planning

The State Government has changed the Planning rules and they require Council to future plan the zoning of the City. This is being considered in precincts.

Several meetings have occurred and Council is in the preliminary stage to this point of time.

As always, you are able to contact me for Council business on 8277 1884 or 0402 517 945, so I may assist you.

Gault Ward

Cr Stephen Fisher



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I have been warning the community about the bad high-rise medium to high density implications of the "No Rules set of Planning Rules" which have been passed in Parliament. Every Councils' Development Plan, each of which forms the rules for assessment of all building proposals, will shortly be nullified, replaced by a single Statewide one. See <https://www.planning.org.au/documents/item/2139>

Councillors have been largely excluded from Planning Assessment. The steady removal of local control of the planning process has been supported by the major parties, Labor and Liberal, so the blame for bad planning must fall on the generation of politicians and journalists of the Advertiser/Messenger Press, who are obsessed with increasing the population.

Until 2006, most Councils had a Planning Committee which contained Councillors, in Mitcham's case, all of them. In 2006, the new Development Assessment Panels were mandated, which could have no more than 3 Councillors, and 3 independent members and a fourth independent, the Presiding Member.

http://www.daonline.net.au/site/development_assessment_panels.php

In the latest Law changes, mandated from October, 2017, only 1 Councillor may sit with 3 independents including the Presiding Member. In the event of a 2-2 tied vote, the presiding Member gets a second casting vote. The councillor may not speak to anyone in the community, nor any other Councillors, under a very strict "Code of Conduct", so the Council and the community is largely by-passed by the process.

Does the community want the type of high-rise intrusions into the suburbs of Adelaide that the SA Planning establishment is encouraging? I direct you to their website: https://saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/our_new_system/development_assessment

Even the low-rise block houses shown on the first page, with large (and purely imaginary) "open space and garden" footpath verges, are not a desirable form to impose on Mitcham's existing suburban layout.

The first impact of the new "open-slather" rules will hit Bedford Park Triangle, bounded by Sturt, Shepherds Hill and Main South Roads, and Flinders University, where building heights to 6 storeys (20.5m) and 10 storeys are envisioned.

Are High-Rise Flats the answer to squeezing more people into Adelaide?

Adelaide's resident population in 2000 was 12,873 and in 2016 it was 23,396, an increase of 10,523 over 16 years of cranes, apartment boosterism by The Advertiser, grants and subsidies. Because 10,000 is the annual SA population increase, over 16 years the overall population increased by 160,000, so the City's high-rise will not prevent a growing metro footprint. The additional 150,000 have largely moved into the suburbs.

Failed High Rise at Newport Keys, West Lakes, the LeCornu site and the receivership of Datong developers of 12 storey flats, "Aria on Gouger" and 25 storey "U2 on Wymouth", show that the imagined demand for high rise flats is not there.

Chasing a higher population during increasing unemployment is mindless. Everyone, except a few developers, loses. Dick Smith's, and Tony Abbott's campaigns to reduce the immigration rate is logical to improve job availability for our younger generations.

With higher density, where will the trees grow?

Adelaideans do not want to live in Sydney-style congestion.

Babbage Ward

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We need your input and comments for when the next lot of budget consultation comes out which is due around April.

Each year there is an opportunity for residents to comment on the rate rise and what services should be offered. Each year we receive little feedback from residents but this year I am hoping to receive a greater number of returns to guide the chamber. This financial year there have been recommendations by administration to review services. These reviews help to reduce the cost on Council however there has been resistance from the chamber to implement these changes. In the past the vote always is too keep the status quo, it is very rare for a service to be removed. This attitude needs to change and we need to be a braver chamber where we are confident to make the necessary changes and keep up with the changing world we live in. Just because we have always provided the service does not mean we should continue to do so.

In my opinion we need to focus on what we do best and allow the external parties to do what they do best. There are services that consume Council resources that are not our core business and when administration recommends that we make changes the chamber has been reluctant to do so. I am not afraid to make these changes and I know that we need to keep up with the times to constantly review our services and make the hard decisions that sometimes it is no longer the role of Council. The upcoming budget review is a time when you can make your comments known and guide the chamber into whether you are happy with the services provided and whether they belong as part of the Council's core business. Remember it is your rates and we are looking down the barrel of another rate rise which is compounded on the rate rise from the previous year and so on and so on.

Council must consult on the upcoming budget so it would be ideal if we can hear more opinions on whether you are happy with the increase in rates and relevance of services, it's a really good opportunity to be heard and I hope you will explore the opportunity. If you can't wait until then I am always happy to receive your feedback either by phone or email me directly at dmunro@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Craigburn Ward

Cr Karen Hockley



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The City of Mitcham is well known and loved for its trees and tree canopy. The value we place on trees is not only dependent on their size and type, other factors, such as to how much wildlife they attract, how much shade they provide and their location also seem to be important. People building new homes for themselves will often design their home with the protection and preservation of existing trees in mind.

However there have been times when people who would usually place a high value on trees have called to ask for my help in having a large verge tree or a tree protected under the Planning Act removed. Often they cite the danger of falling limbs or the workload of gutter cleaning, which may have been manageable when they bought the property 20 years ago, but is not so manageable now that they're into their 60's.

Trees are a 'social good', they provide benefit to the whole community, even when they are 'owned' by an individual. However the cost of providing the benefit may fall disproportionately on those who have the tree in or near their garden. How, as a community, can we support those who own or otherwise have the burden of trees that we all value?

It seems that some who purchase property in the hills for subdivision don't seem to value trees in the same way. I hear stories about those wanting to develop properties using the state regulations to remove all of the trees in preparation for subdivision. These regulations allow for any tree within 20 metres of a residential dwelling, in a high fire danger area, to be removed. In these circumstances the owner may consider that the value lost by removing the trees is somewhat less than the perceived increased value of the cleared land. How can we, as a community, incentivise the retention of tree canopy in these circumstances?

Current regulations are designed to minimise the risk to houses in the case of a bushfire in high fire danger areas. However this means that there are very limited protections for trees. The only protection in these areas is provided by Council as a result of their ownership of street and reserve trees and by the Planning Act in very limited circumstances.

Council's tree strategy, to plant more trees to arrest the decline in our tree canopy is a welcome intervention but it will not stop the loss of trees on private land.

While we still have a high level of tree canopy coverage, particularly in the hills (around 40%), that may not be the case forever. Can we and should we have state regulations that give better protection to our trees while also minimising the risks in the event of a bushfire and allowing for appropriate development?

I'd love to hear your view about our trees and tree canopy and on Council issues generally. Please give me a call on 0423 919 080 or email me on khockley@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

School Holidays at the Library

Join in the fun during the April school holidays...



Board Games and Catan

Play Catan or enjoy other board games – Chess, Scrabble, Cluedo, Snakes and Ladders at the Blackwood Library on Tuesday 17 April from 2pm to 4pm. You can use ours or bring your own. All ages as welcome. Snacks supplied.

STOMP & CLASH

Stomp and Clash!

Stomp and Clash your way through some fun basic dance and percussion moves and theatre games in this workshop presented by Coolbeans Theatre Company at the Hawthorn Community Centre, 5 Firmley Grove, Hawthorn on Wednesday 18 April from 2pm to 4pm. \$5 for children 10 years and older. Bookings essential.

Yoga

Children will learn how to use their bodies for movement and relaxation by participating in games and exercises that promote cooperation, strength, flexibility and connection.

Blackwood Library

215 Main Road, Blackwood

Monday 23 April

5-8 Years 2pm to 2.45pm

9-12 Years 3.15pm to 4pm

Hawthorn Community Centre

5 Firmley Grove, Hawthorn

Thursday 26 April

5-8 Years 2pm to 2.45pm

9-12 Years 3.15pm to 4pm

\$5 per child. Limited spaces, bookings with payment essential.



Free Everyday Crafts

Available anytime during the April School Holidays.

Colour and decorate a CDfish or design and decorate a wooden Jigdraw. Create your own design and colour your design ready to play with.

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

iPad Class at the Mitcham Library

Do you have an iPad that you would like to learn how to use?

Come and learn how to use the main functions of your iPad and develop self-help skills. Cost is \$10 per session held on selected Wednesdays from 10am to 12noon.

For more information about classes call the Mitcham Library on 8372 8244. Bookings essential.



TechTime

Want some advice on your device?

The Mitcham Library Service offers weekly TechTime sessions to help you understand your device.

If you need assistance with your smartphone, tablet, laptop or other tech related question book a session today.

Thirty minute sessions are available free on Tuesdays at Blackwood Library from 10am to 11am and at the Mitcham Library from 3pm to 4pm.

Bookings are essential please call the Blackwood Library on 8372 8255 or the Mitcham Library on 8372 8244.

**MITCHAM
LIBRARY
SERVICE**

Mitcham Library

154 Belair Road, Hawthorn SA 5062
Phone: 8372 8244

Mitcham Toy Library

Room 2, Mitcham Community Centre
242 Belair Road, Hawthorn SA 5062
Phone: 8274 1351

Blackwood Library

215 Main Road, Blackwood SA 5051
Phone: 8372 8255

Blackwood Toy Library

Blackwood Community Centre
4 Young Street, Blackwood SA 5051
Phone: 8278 6997



Chess-Gamers at the Hawthorn Community Centre

Calling all kids do you like playing chess or would you like to learn how to play chess? Join our new kid's chess-gamers group each month at the Hawthorn Community Centre.

Each month on a Tuesday the Mitcham Library Service is holding a Chess-Gamers afternoon at the Hawthorn Community Centre from 3.45pm to 5.15pm.

Come along on Tuesday 24 April or 22 May and discover the fun of chess.

For more information call 8372 8244.



Join Local Author Diana von der Borch-Garden

The Mitcham Library Service invites you to meet local author Diana von der Borch-Garden at the Hawthorn Community Centre Tuesday 8 May at 2pm to hear about her new fiction title *The Second Son*.

The Second Son is a fiction title based on the eventful life of the author's great grandfather Leopold von der Borch. A German immigrant who arrived in Australia in the 1860s, Leopold became an early Detective, Interpreter and the first official Police Photographer in South Australia.

Date: Tuesday 8 May

Time: 2pm

Location: Hawthorn Community Centre, 5 Frimley Grove, Hawthorn

Cost: Free

Books will be available for sale and signing. To book your seat call the Mitcham Library on 8372 8244.



Meet Author Carol Lefevre

Meet and hear author Carol Lefevre at the Blackwood Library on Thursday 12 April at 6.30pm talk about her book *Quiet City: Walking in West Terrace Cemetery*.

Ordinary lives are revealed as extraordinary, as Carol Lefevre traces the stories of some of the little-known inhabitants of Adelaide's historic West Terrace Cemetery.

Carol has a PhD in Creative Writing, has published novels, short stories and articles and was the 2016-2017 Writer in Residence at J.M. Coetzee Centre for Creative Practice.

Date: Thursday 12 April

Time: 6.30pm

Location: Blackwood Library, 215 Main Road, Blackwood

Cost: Free

Books will be available for sale and signing. To book your seat call the Blackwood Library on 8372 8255.

Danielle Clode at the Hawthorn Community Centre

The Mitcham Library Service invites you meet author Danielle Clode who will be speaking about her new book *The Wasp and the Orchid* at the Hawthorn Community Centre on Wednesday 23 May at 6.30pm.

In *The Wasp and the Orchid*, Danielle presents the life of one of Australia's foremost female naturalists, Edith Coleman, and the story of the quest to recover her from the footnotes of history.

Danielle Clode is a zoologist and award-winning author. She has written seven books, including *Voyages to the South Seas*, which won the 2007 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for nonfiction.

Date: Wednesday 23 May

Time: 6.30pm

Location: Hawthorn Community Centre, 5 Frimley Grove, Hawthorn

Cost: Free. Bookings essential.

Books will be available for sale and signing. To book your seat call the Mitcham Library on 8372 8244.



Baby Yoga

Baby Yoga is about a rich communication with your baby through touch, stretching, cradling, massage and movement. It's a practice you can learn to do at home every day with your baby.

Baby Yoga helps improve the function and healthy development of all the baby's body systems – nervous, circulatory, respiratory, endocrine and digestive.

Join Shining Bright Kids' Yoga from 10.30am to 11.30am at:

Hawthorn Community Centre

5 Frimley Grove, Hawthorn

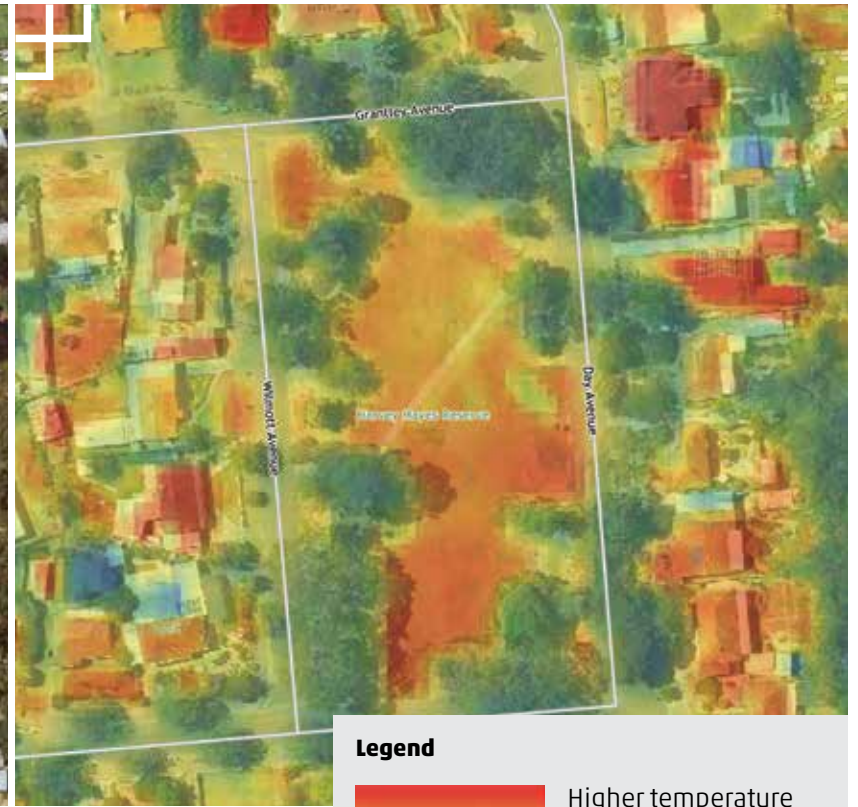
Wednesday 18 April, 11 July and 3 October.

Blackwood Library

215 Main Road, Blackwood

Thursday 19 April, 12 July and 4 October

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



The airborne thermal imagery shows hot areas in Harvey Hayes Reserve which have now been addressed by Council through the installation of a new rain garden between Wilmott and Day Avenue in Daw Park. Harvey Hayes Reserve now collects stormwater, filters pollutants via sedges and rushes, improves biodiversity in the area and also cools the reserve down during hot days.

Did You Feel the Heat this Summer?

As our climate warms, heatwaves are getting hotter, longer and more frequent.

Council's Resilient South project is monitoring one of the key effects of climate change in the south an increase in the frequency and intensity of heatwaves through mapping.

As part of our Cool Places foundation project we have developed thermal infrared imagery to measure the land surface temperature and map vegetation.

By identifying hot-spots and vegetation we can make decisions relating to tree plantings, urban planning and the health and wellbeing of our community, particularly vulnerable areas.

Take the time to discover how hot your local area is by visiting

www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/resilientsouth

Once you know where hot spots are around your home and community you can help us to make changes.

Around your home think about how you can reduce temperatures by:

- Introducing water sensitive design in and around your home. For some ideas on how to divert stormwater to cool down your garden and surrounding landscapes visit www.watersensitivesa.com
- Maintaining and increasing shading by retaining trees and vegetation as well as planting trees and vegetation around your home (be mindful not to create a bushfire hazard). Download a copy of the Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges planting guide from www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidemtloftryranges/plants-and-animals/native-plants-animals-and-biodiversity/urban-biodiversity or Mitcham's Planting Guides at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/biodiversity

- Installing shade sails in your garden and in courtyards.
- Considering the types of materials in your home to help reflect heat (ie pale and reflective roof colour) which also may help in reducing cooling costs.
- Designing new builds and renovations to take into account summer passive cooling and natural ventilation and insulation. Download a copy of Summer Cooling Guide at https://www.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/19633/170928-Summer-cooling-guide-A4-web.pdf

To find out more visit
www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Resilient South | Climate Ready Southern Adelaide

Leading our Community in Climate Change

Council's Resilient South Project has taken a step forward in ensuring Southern Adelaide is climate ready.

In February the Cities of Mitcham, Onkaparinga, Marion and Holdfast Bay, the Government of South Australia and the Adelaide & Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board signed a Resilient South Sector Agreement for Climate Change Adaptation for the Southern Adelaide Region 2018-2020.

The Sector Agreement acknowledges the importance of taking a leadership role in climate change and sustainability and commits the City of Mitcham to work with the State Government and the Cities of Marion, Onkaparinga and Holdfast Bay to tackle climate change impacts and work towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

To discover more information about the Resilient South project visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/resilientsouth



[Right to Left] Mayor Glenn Spear with Janet Byram Deputy Mayor, City of Marion, Amanda Wilson, Deputy Mayor, City of Holdfast Bay, Lorraine Rosenberg, Mayor, City of Onkaparinga and Sandy Pitcher, Chief Executive, DEWNR at the signing of the Resilient South Sector Agreement.