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## COMMUNITY NEWS



NOVEMBER 2022

### Celebrate with us!

Storytelling will be at the heart of this year's Carols at Kingswood Oval with Flinders University, set to mark its 25-year silver jubilee anniversary on Saturday 26 November.

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## Blackwood Community Hub project takes shape

The construction of the Blackwood Community Hub has reached an exciting new phase following the pouring of the cement base and delivery of the steel works ahead of the installation of the walls and roof.

Despite some delays due to wet weather, other recently completed work includes the laying of conduits, pad footings, and grinding of the aggregate cement floor for the main foyer area.

The car park at Edward Street is now open and features permeable pavers that allow

stormwater to soak into the verges, boosting the growth of new trees and native grasses planted at the site, and reducing the 'urban heat island' effect.

The Blackwood Community Hub is expected to be completed by mid-2023.

## Let's chat cats!

You had your say on Council's draft By-laws and helped shape your city.

From pets to playgrounds, waste and signage, the City of Mitcham By-laws are established to ensure that Council can respond to issues within the local area and assist us in protecting our community.

The City of Mitcham is set to introduce new cat confinement laws to help Mitcham's cats live longer and healthier lives, while better protecting native wildlife.

Being a cat owner is enjoyable and rewarding, however brings with it responsibilities.

As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to ensure your cat is happy and healthy and is not negatively impacting the community in any way.

Cats born or registered from 1 January 2024 must be confined.

Cat confinement is set to be introduced across the Council for cats born or registered on or after 1 January 2024. Confinement means keeping your cat on your premises 24

hours a day. This can include your house or apartment, an enclosed area in a backyard or courtyard, or a cat run or enclosure.

Cats born or registered before 1 January 2024 do not have to be confined. However, under an existing By-law clause, cat owners must continue to ensure their cats do not create a nuisance to other residents, even before this date, irrespective of their age.

We understand that cats and their owners may not be prepared for, or used to, full containment. The grandfathering approach for existing pet cats strikes the right balance to allow a fair and gradual transition.

Cat owners are invited to find out how changes to City of Mitcham's Cat By-laws will impact them at a free one-hour online seminar this month.

'Let's Chat Cats' will explore how these changes come into effect and share tips on how to contain cats happily, protecting them and our native wildlife from harm.

## Nominate now for Australia Day Awards

Do you know someone in our community who deserves to be recognised?

Nominate them for an Australia Day Award, presented at City of Mitcham's Australia Day Event 2023.

There are four categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Award for Active Citizenship.

Applications close Friday 18 November 2022.

**Find out more and submit a nomination at [mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/australia-day-awards](http://mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/australia-day-awards)**



City of Mitcham 2022 Young Citizen of the Year Taylor Anderson.

### Why is cat confinement a good idea?

There are benefits to both your cat and your community when cats are confined to their properties.

The benefits of keeping your cat confined include:

- prevents fighting between cats and associated risk of infectious diseases or costly vet bills;
- prevents vehicle injury if roaming on the road; and
- protects cat from poisons or traps.

The wider community also benefits from cat confinement because cats are no longer able to defecate and urinate in other people's yards, or fight with other cats in other yards, and are less likely to harm native wildlife.



**To book, scan the QR code, or visit [trybooking.com/events/landing/973797](http://trybooking.com/events/landing/973797), then join us online on Tuesday 29 November at 6.45pm for a 7pm start.**



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## Stories at heart of Carols at Kingswood Oval

Local drama production company Story Trove will weave storytelling and audio-visual effects into this year's Carols at Kingswood Oval with Flinders University.

Hawthorndene artists and educators Eliza Lovell and Rory Walker will use drama, video and audio presentations to bring the event to life on Saturday 26 November.

They will be joined by performances from St Therese School, Clapham Primary School, Mercedes College, Mitcham City Brass and a crew of local performers who will help lead the traditional carols singalong.

In its 25th Jubilee year, this year marks a return to our much-loved children's activities including face painting, bubble blowing and pony rides.

From 5pm to 6.30pm, you're invited to grab your spot and enjoy the carnival atmosphere

with Christmas tunes performed by Mitcham City Brass. Enjoy entertainment, Christmas crafts, try your hand at circus skills, or take a photo in the Flinders University photo booth.

Younger children are invited to hear a Christmas story from City of Mitcham's libraries team in the sensory story tent.

The stage show begins with a Welcome to Country at 6.30pm and will finish at 8pm, including a visit from Father Christmas.

Bring a rug or chairs and enjoy a BYO picnic or buy from a variety of food and drink vans available onsite. Help us minimise waste by bringing your own water bottles to refill at SA Water's Quench Bench station.

A nativity scene will be presented by Mitcham Churches Schools Ministry Support Inc, accompanied by the choir from St Therese School.

Battery World Melrose Park LED candles will be available for a donation, with funds raised for the Schools Ministry Group.

Performances will be shown on a large LED screen ensuring wherever you are seated on the oval you will be able to enjoy the show.

Lyrics to all the carols will be available on the City of Mitcham website at [mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/carols2022](http://mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/carols2022) and in the program on the night.

### The City of Mitcham would like to thank

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# Celebrate with us this Christmas!

Along with our Carols at Kingswood Oval event, City of Mitcham residents are invited to enjoy the festive season by registering to be part of our Christmas Lights Trial or attending community events including the Blackwood Christmas Parade, Rotary Christmas Fair and carols at Centennial Park Cemetery and Blackwood Hills Baptist Church.



## Blackwood Christmas Parade returns

The Blackwood Christmas Parade is set to return to the streets of Blackwood after two years on Friday 2 December.

Supported by the City of Mitcham and run by the Lions Club of Blackwood, the Parade will begin on the corner of Gulfview Road and Main Road at 6.30pm.

A much-loved community event for over 50 years, the Parade will showcase local CFS and SES units, schools, churches and community groups.

The Parade will proceed along Main Road before turning right onto Edward Street.

Road closures will be in place from 5.30pm, and a 25km/h speed limit will be enforced on Main Road from 4.30pm.

This year the Christmas Fair will not be part of the event due to the construction of the Blackwood Community Hub.



## Rotary Christmas Fair at Karinya Reserve

The Rotary Christmas Fair will be held at Karinya Reserve, Eden Hills, on Sunday 13 November.

Head along to the reserve, off Shepherds Hill Road, from 9am to 3pm, to enjoy food, craft, children's activities, entertainment and a visit by Father Christmas. The fair is hosted by the Rotary Club of Blackwood.

## Centennial Park set to host Carols in the Park

After a two-year hiatus, Centennial Park is set to host its annual carols night at the Jubilee Complex Lawns on Friday 9 December.

The free community event will include performances by Mitcham City Brass and the Australian Girls Choir.

Residents are invited to place a personal tribute on Centennial Park's Christmas Tribute Wall as a commemoration of family and friends who are now at rest.

Picnic hampers will be available for pre-order and Wildflowers Café will be open, offering family friendly meals available for purchase.

Everyone is welcome to join in the singing and song books will be provided.

Seating will be available, and families are also welcome to bring along their own picnic rugs and picnic food.

**Carols in the Park, Friday 9 December, 6pm to 7.30pm, Jubilee Complex Lawns, Centennial Park, 760 Goodwood Road, Pasadena.**



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## Join the fun at Christmas Eve Carols

After two years in an online format, Blackwood Hills Baptist Church's Christmas Eve Carols is set to return to Hewett Oval on 24 December.

The community is invited to enjoy a free event that begins at 6pm with a bouncing castle, camel rides, nativity scene, face painting, a sausage sizzle, donuts, tea and coffee.

The program of carols begins at 8pm and will finish at 9.15pm. Free candles will be available on the night.

Seating will be available, and families are also welcome to bring along their own picnic rugs and picnic food.

In its 40th year, the BHBC Christmas Eve Carols is supported by City of Mitcham's Grants Program.

**BHBC Christmas Eve Carols, Saturday 24 December, 6pm to 9.15pm, Hewett Sports Ground, Coromandel Parade, Blackwood.**



## Register to join our Christmas Lights Trail!

Do you decorate your house in the lead-up to Christmas?

Register your Christmas lights and go in the draw to win one of 13 x \$100 gift vouchers to spend at The Christmas Shop at Cumberland Park.

Register by Sunday 20 November 2022 to be in the running for a prize, to be drawn on Tuesday 22 November.

We'll update the online map each week in the lead-up to Christmas.

Please note: you won't be included in the random prize draw or on our printed map if you supply your details after Sunday 20 November.

View our interactive map on our website or collect a 2022 map from various Council locations from Tuesday 22 November.

### How do I register?

To be included in the map, you can:

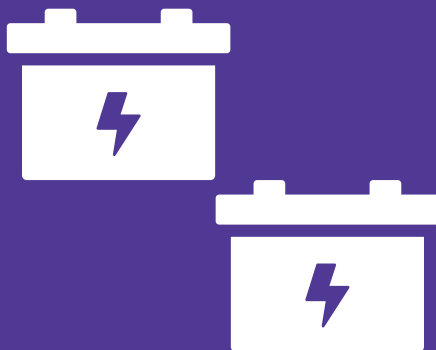
- Send in the street name, suburb and contact details to [christmaslights@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:christmaslights@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au)
- Complete our online Christmas Lights Trail Map form at [mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/christmas-lights-trail-map](http://mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/christmas-lights-trail-map)
- Download the Christmas Lights Trail Map form and return to [christmaslights@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:christmaslights@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au)

**For terms and conditions and to view the map, visit [mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/christmas-lights-trail-map](http://mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/christmas-lights-trail-map)**



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## Centennial Park set to host Remembrance Day Service

City of Mitcham residents are invited to commemorate the sacrifices of those who served Australia in wars or armed conflicts at a Centennial Park Remembrance Day Service.

The Service will take place at the Cross of Remembrance, overlooking Derrick Gardens, on Friday 11 November at 10.30am.

This designated area for returned and current service personnel is the final resting place of more than 4,500 service men and women.

In the lead-up to the day, Australian flags will be placed at memorials in Derrick Gardens by students from Springbank Secondary College.

Walford Anglican School for Girls Choir and Scotch College Pipes and Drums Band will be part of the service, along with members from Re-Enact SA, Cadets from the Australian Navy, Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force as well as The Barossa Light Horse Division.

Residents are welcome to place a wreath or personal tribute at the Cross of Remembrance after the laying of the wreaths by official guests.

**Centennial Park is at 760 Goodwood Road, Pasadena. For more information, visit [centennialpark.org](http://centennialpark.org) or call 8276 6011.**



## Heritage façade preserved

City of Mitcham's heritage-listed Mitcham Civic Centre building is undergoing restoration work to protect and restore its Art Deco façade.

Heritage building specialist Heritage Stone Restorations is working closely with Grieve Gillett Anderson heritage architects to deliver the refurbished façades.

The works include cleaning of the existing render, repairs to cracking and render reconstruction to match original materials.

Restoration of the original building is now complete, and work is underway to restore the 1950s extension of the building off Newark Road.

A pedestrian walkway has been installed below scaffolding for the duration of the works, to be followed by landscaping of planter beds at the corner of Newark and Belair Roads.

The Chambers building was designed by architect Dean Berry and built in 1934 and features an English Rose in its façade, recognising Mitcham's English connections.

The building was extended in 1954 and 1960 and redeveloped in 2000.

**Find out more:**  
[www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/our-history](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/our-history)



## The Repat celebrates 80 years

City of Mitcham residents are invited to join an 80 Year Celebration of the Repat Health Precinct from 11.30am to 5pm on Friday 11 November.

The free family-friendly community day will feature stalls, historic displays, food, face painting and live entertainment.

The Repat was established in 1942 and operated as the 105 (Adelaide) Military Hospital until 1947 when it became the RGH (Springbank).

The name changed to Repatriation General Hospital in 1967, and during the 1970s began accepting community patients, and became a teaching hospital.

Today, SA Health has established a number of services on site including the Neuro-Behavioural Unit, Specialised Advanced Dementia Unit, Bangka Strait and Statewide Rehabilitation Services.



On the day, there will be an opportunity to visit the Schools Patriotic Fund (SPF) Hall, Stadium, Remembrance Gardens, Hydrotherapy Pool and Chapel, which are open to patients and the community.

**To find out more about the day, visit [bit.ly/3CWcdi7](http://bit.ly/3CWcdi7)**

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## Community garden grows connections

Two years since it first opened in Belair, Cherington Therapeutic Community Garden is growing connections in the community. Established with support from a City of Mitcham grant, the garden was designed in collaboration with Gardening Australia's Sophie Thompson as an initiative of the Cancer Care Centre.

The garden is run by organic grower Diana Bickford, of Bickley Vale Farm, whose grandparents once owned the historic property.

Diana says the garden has expanded to 20 wicking beds that produce vegetables and herbs, alongside butterfly and bee gardens, fruit trees and a compost area.

"We've turned the space into a productive food garden that is a demonstration model where the community can learn about growing food," she says. "With food security much more in people's minds, growing our own produce is increasingly important."

The garden is open to the community on Wednesdays from 10am to 12.30pm and hosts regular education programs and workshops including Seeds for Health and Herbs for Health.

Herbalist Sue Lohmeyer, who runs regular workshops, says the garden also aims to demonstrate the importance of wellbeing.

"We know there are huge health benefits for people when they take up gardening," she says. "We feel better when we're outside – even when it's raining."

Cherington Therapeutic Community Garden, 13 Laffers Road, Belair. To find out more, contact Diana on 0407 339 660.

**To find out more and apply for a City of Mitcham grant, visit [mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/grants](http://mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/grants)**



Above top: Rachel Quinton, Diana Bickford and Sue Lohmeyer in the garden at Cherington House.

## Mitcham Primary celebrates 175 years

The oldest continuously operating school in South Australia, Mitcham Primary School, turns 175 this year.

The school began as a small hut, erected in 1847 on Mitcham Reserve, which opened as a combined chapel and school, paid for by subscription from local families.

A cabinet maker from London, Thomas Mugg, was employed as the school's first teacher.

Mugg continued teaching a very basic curriculum, enforcing strict discipline with regular use of a cane, until 1868.

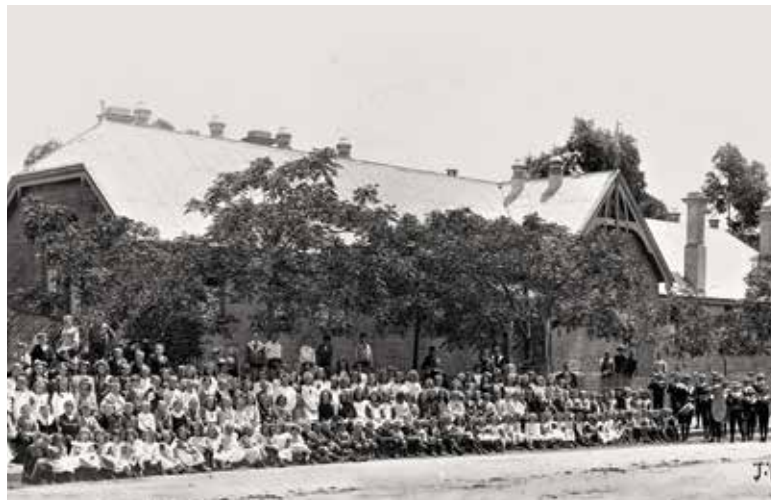
As the school grew, it moved to Mitcham Institute in 1870, which functioned as a school and community hall until 1879.

A new purpose-built school was built on Bulls Creek Road (now Belair Road) in 1880. Three years later, the Mitcham Railway Station was opened next to the school on the new Adelaide-Aldgate line, which restricted expansion of the grounds.

The upper primary students relocated to Hillview Road, Kingswood, in 1953, joined by junior primary students in 1981.

In 2013, the junior and upper primary schools were consolidated under one Principal. Today Mitcham Primary predominantly serves the suburbs of Kingswood, Mitcham, Hawthorn, Netherby and Torrens Park.

**For more information on the school, and other historical places in Mitcham, contact the Mitcham Local History Service on 8372 8261 or visit [mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/Learn-and-explore/our-history/local-history-service](http://mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/Learn-and-explore/our-history/local-history-service)**



(L-R) Thomas Mugg, the school's first teacher; Mitcham School and students in 1906; Mitcham Institute circa 1880.





City of Mitcham Environmental Sustainability Officer Grace Andrews is set to showcase City of Mitcham's sustainable initiatives at the Climate Action Resources Expo.

## Blackwood set to host climate expo

City of Mitcham residents are invited to find out how they can take action to reduce the impacts of climate change at an expo at Blackwood this month.

Supported by a City of Mitcham Quick Response Grant and run by Blackwood Sustainable Communities and partners, the Climate Action Resources Expo (CARExpo) will showcase a range of waste and sustainability practices.

City of Mitcham's permeable paving, treenet inlets and other Water Sensitive Urban Design initiatives will be on display and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Hear from expert guest speakers, see displays by electric car and cargo bike owners, demonstrations on bike recycling and watch the Repair Café in action.

**Find out more at [blackwooduc.org.au/events/2022-events/climate-action-resources-expo](https://blackwooduc.org.au/events/2022-events/climate-action-resources-expo)**

Join in a wax wrap workshop, find out how to manage energy costs and waste in the house, help clean up our waterways, shop for pre-loved books on sustainability or sustainable products, hear about suitable trees and plants to grow and more.

There will be kids' activities on offer as part of the day including face painting and bug and animal displays.

The expo will be held on Saturday 26 November, 10am to 3pm at Blackwood Uniting Church, 266 Main Road, Blackwood.



## Mural highlights habitat loss

Glenalta artist and educator Fran Callen has worked with students from Eden Hills Primary School to create a mural for the school.

Fran set out to highlight the importance of Grey Box Grassy Woodland, an endangered ecosystem found in parts of the Adelaide Hills.

"I have noticed that a lot of trees are being removed and I wanted to raise awareness of how precious these places are," she said.

Students in Years 2 to 4 started the project by learning about the plants and animals that live in the woodland, then observing, sketching and creating collages.

The collages were painted, then shapes cut out to be installed along the external fence at the school, along with words from a variety of languages including Kaurna.

**The mural is supported by a City of Mitcham Public Art Grant. To find out more or apply for a grant, visit [mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/public-art](https://mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/public-art)**



Artist Fran Callen worked with Eden Hills Primary students from Years 2 to 4 to create the mural.

## Free green waste days

Council provides free green waste days to assist residents prepare their properties for the upcoming Fire Danger Season. These will continue in November and December along with two free days in January and February.

This facility will be FREE with only green waste accepted – no rubbish. Green waste material can consist of grass cuttings, leaf matter and prunings (branches no larger than 200 millimetres or 8 inches in diameter). Proof of residency will be required. No commercial businesses.

The Lynton Green Waste Depot is at Beagle Terrace, Lynton.



### Upcoming free days for 2022/23 are:

**Saturday 5 November**

**Monday 14 November**

**Saturday 19 November**

**Monday 28 November**

**Saturday 3 December**

**Monday 12 December**

**Saturday 21 January**

**Saturday 18 February**