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Have Your Say on How You Want Council to Keep You Healthy and Well

In October Council will be seeking feedback on a draft Public Health Plan.

Councils have long played a role to support the public health of its community.

Council helps people to:

- Participate and connect with others
- Be active and exercise
- Keep informed and learn something new
- Stay safe from illness and injury
- Access and enjoy the natural environment.

Our new Public Health Plan will guide what we do to protect and promote public health over the next five years.

In October we want to hear from you to understand what supports you to keep healthy and well.

Your feedback will help guide what we need to keep doing and what opportunities we can explore to support you to be healthy and well.

The draft Public Health Plan addresses local needs as well as State and National public health priorities such as obesity, smoking, chronic disease, domestic violence, elder abuse, mental health and infectious diseases.

**To have your say visit
www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au from
25 October.**

**For more information contact
Cathy Isbester on 8372 8148.**

Seeking Today's Suffragists

On 18 December 1894, The SA Parliament passed legislation allowing SA women to vote in general elections and stand for election to Parliament, making SA the first state in Australia to give women the vote. The passing of the Adult Suffrage Bill was the result of many of years of intense lobbying by both men and women.

Their efforts culminated in an extraordinary feat; the presentation to Parliament, on 14 August 1894, of a petition containing 11,600 signatories, the pages of which were attached end to end, measuring over 30 metres. The text of the petition is as follows:

"To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly of South Australia, in Parliament assembled:

The Petition of the undersigned Adult Residents in the Province of South Australia humbly sheweth:-

I That your petitioners and convinced of the absolute justice of giving Women the Franchise for Both Houses of Parliament on the same terms as it is now, or may thereafter be granted to men.

II They therefore respectfully pray that the necessary Legislation may be passed by your Honourable House with the least possible delay.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray."

To celebrate 125 years of women's suffrage, we at the City of Mitcham wish to express our immense gratitude to the suffragists of the late 19th and early 20th century by re-enacting the collection of signatories to the petition. Through this action we hope to reflect the theme of this year's anniversary, their triumph, our motivation.

We wish to inspire today's trail-blazers; those who will embrace the challenge, to lead our community in celebration of the suffragists of old and recognise the importance of this momentous decision in greatly advancing the ongoing effort towards achieving gender equality.

Throughout October, Council will make the petition available at all our Council facilities (Civic Centre, Libraries and Community Centres) for members of the community to sign. Additionally, copies of the petition be available to collect from the Civic Centre, and for download from our website, so that residents can collect signatures. It would be wonderful if individuals and community groups decided to extend the celebration by running their own events to commemorate 125 years of women's suffrage. I would be very happy to assist by publicising, attending and/or speaking to your group or event.

I am intending to hold a culminating civic reception event in late October/November to collect and collate petition pages and to celebrate both the suffragist pioneers as well as today's advocates of women, no matter what their gender. I am keen to hear ideas from the community on ways that we could use the final petition both within South Australia and perhaps nationally.

As always, I am available to discuss this and any other matter at "Share with the Mayor", my open community forum session for residents held every Wednesday afternoon from 3pm to 6pm at the Mitcham Civic Centre. No need for an appointment - just drop in!

Have Your Say on Cat Management in the City of Mitcham

Council is inviting residents to complete an online survey about the management of cats across the City by 16 October.

The City of Mitcham, in partnership with the University of Adelaide, will be conducting a survey to understand how the community would like Council to manage cats.

The online survey will allow you to provide feedback on:

- registration and microchipping of cats
- stray and roaming cats
- cat and dog ownership
- wildlife impacts
- cat curfews

Please complete the online survey available at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/catmanagement

For further information call 8372 8888 or email mitcham@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



Council is committed to the management of dogs and cats within the City and as part of our Dog and Cat Management Plan 2018-2023 we are seeking information about the management of cats including how our community feels about the confinement of cats.

Community Ward Forums

Do you have an opinion or want to be heard? Residents are invited to attend their local forum to find out about local issues and meet your Elected Members. Community Forums will be held at:

Community Forum for Babbage and Overton Wards

(Bedford Park, Clapham [part], Clarence Gardens, Colonel Light Gardens [part], Cumberland Park, Daw Park, Melrose Park, Panorama, Pasadena and St Marys)

7pm Monday 14 October 2019

St Marys Sporting Association, Laura Avenue, St Marys.

Community Forum for Boorman and Gault Wards

(Brown Hill Creek, Clapham [part], Colonel Light Gardens [part], Hawthorn, Kingswood, Leawood Gardens, Lower Mitcham, Lynton, Mitcham, Netherby, Springfield, Torrens Park, Urrbrae and Westbourne Park)

7pm Monday 28 October 2019

Mitcham Memorial Library, 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn.

Community Forum for Craighburn and The Park Wards

(Blackwood, Belair, Bellevue Heights, Coromandel Valley, Crafers West [part], Craighburn Farm, Eden Hills, Glenalta, Hawthorndene and Upper Sturt)

7pm Monday 18 November 2019

Blackwood Community Centre, 4 Young Street, Blackwood.

Residents are invited to submit questions prior to a forum to ensure that the topic can be addressed on the night. More information can be found at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council/connect/community-ward-forums or you can email communitywardforums@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Celebrate Zest Fest during October 2019

The City of Mitcham is celebrating Zest Fest in October with an Active Arts Festival filled with film, music, theatre, and interactive events showcasing Mitcham's rich history, natural environment, cultural abundance and connected communities.

Celebrating longevity, challenging stereotypes and unlocking the possibilities that modern ageing brings, Zest Fest is South Australia's largest arts and community festival, specifically designed for people aged over fifty.

Active Arts Festival Opening

Join us for the launch of two short documentary history films 'The Mitcham Village Precinct Historical Walk' and 'The Brownhill Creek Heritage Trail Walk' as well as a virtual reality experience of local heritage sites and an Art exhibition by Gary Lee-Gaston OAM.

Date: Thursday 10 October

Time: 7pm

Location: Mitcham Memorial Library

Cost: Free

Bookings: Call 8372 8244



Film Mornings and Morning Tea

As part of the Active Arts Festival next week the Mitcham Memorial Library will be hosting a free film morning with morning tea Monday 21 to Saturday 26.

Dates:

Monday 21 October - Brooklyn

Tuesday 22 October - Strictly Ballroom

Wednesday 23 October - A United Kingdom

Thursday 24 October - Jasper Jones

Friday 25 October - Lion

Saturday 26 October - Adventure Planet - Family Film

Time: 10am

Location: Mitcham Memorial Library

Cost: Free

Bookings: Call 8372 8244

Mitcham Guided Walks

Enjoy an informative guided walk through Colonel Light Gardens, a State Heritage Area and internationally recognised 'Model Garden Suburb', Wittunga Botanic Gardens, a hidden oasis and a haven for diverse and unique wildlife and the Lower Mitcham and Hawthorn 'Abbotshall' precinct with experienced knowledgeable guides.

Colonel Light Gardens Heritage Walk with Philip Knight

Date: Sunday 13 October

Time: 2pm

Location: Mortlock Park, Colonel Light Gardens

Wittunga Botanic Gardens Guided Walk

Date: Saturday 19 October

Time: 10.30am to 12pm

Location: Wittunga Botanic Garden

Abbotshall Precinct Historic Guided Walk

Date: Tuesday 22 October

Time: 10.30am to 12pm

Location: Mitcham Railway Station

Cost: Free

Bookings: Call 8372 8244

Splash Theatre "Me 'N Me Mates" Australian Country Folk

Australian Songs and Yarns with Me 'n' Me mates is a lively performance celebrating home grown language and humour through song and story. Includes songs and yarns by Slim Dusty, Henry Lawson, Banjo Paterson and more.

Date: Monday 14 October

Time: 11am

Location: Hawthorn Community Centre

Date: Tuesday 15 October

Time: 11am

Location: Cumberland Park Community Centre

Date: Saturday 19 October

Time: 2pm

Location: Mitcham Memorial Library

Date: Friday 25 October

Time: 11am

Location: Blackwood Community Centre

Cost: Free

Bookings: Call 8372 8244



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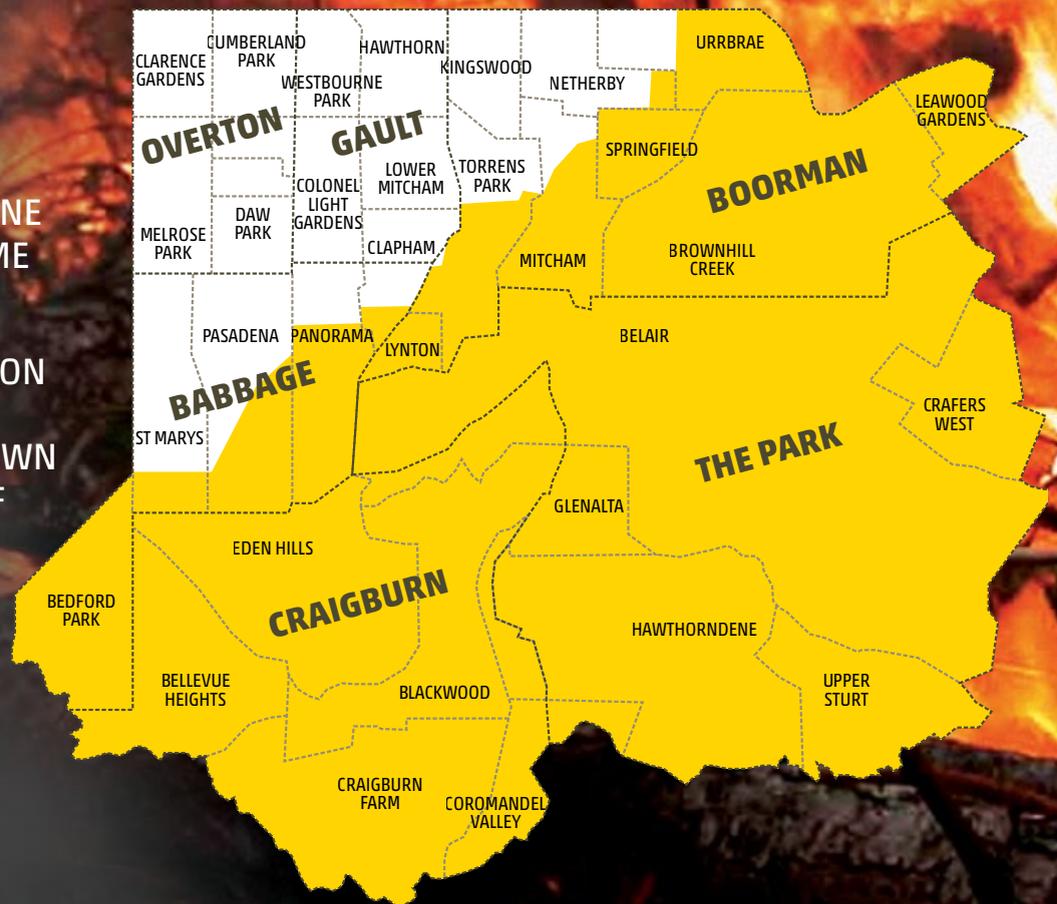
As a resident of the City of Mitcham if you live in the shaded area, then you live in a Bushfire Prone Area.

PREPARE TO LIVE AND SURVIVE IN A BUSHFIRE PRONE AREA

AS A RESIDENT LIVING IN THE BUSHFIRE PRONE AREA IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PREPARE YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY TO WITHSTAND A BUSHFIRE.

IF YOU IGNORE THE NEED FOR FUEL REDUCTION PRIOR TO AND DURING THE FIRE DANGER SEASON, YOU MAY ENDANGER BOTH YOUR OWN PROPERTY AND THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS.

RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE AN ANNUAL CLEAN-UP PROGRAM AND COMPLETE THE TASK BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRE DANGER SEASON. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ONCE THE WORK IS COMPLETED THAT IT IS MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE FIRE DANGER SEASON.



When Clearing Properties

Consideration must be given to proper land management principles and in accordance with the Native Vegetation Act.

Fuel Reduction

Good fuel reduction practices are essential throughout the year, especially prior to summer.

Remove all flammable materials away from around the house and other buildings, and keep bark and mulch to below 10 centimetres, (4 inches) in depth.

All heaps of bark, fallen leaves, undergrowth, mulch and other flammable heaps should be kept well clear of the house, out buildings and from under trees or shrubs.

Prune lower tree limbs and cut long grass within 20 metres of a residential dwelling and 5 metres from any other buildings.

Your Property and Home

Many factors influence the loss of life and property during bushfires including:

- The location and accessibility of your property.
- Amount and type of vegetation.
- Condition and placement of buildings.
- Availability of water.
- Physical capabilities of your family to defend the property.

Long-term preparation may include changing the layout of your property to include:

- Strategically placed garden walls.
- Driveways, trees and shrubs.
- Outbuildings.

These measures may protect your home from radiant heat, significantly increasing the prospect of your survival.

Clean-up now for summer safety and remove all flammable materials from around the house. Walk around your home and identify potential spots where a fire may start.

Properties on Steep Slopes

Greater ground clearance is necessary on sloping properties, especially under established trees. A fuel-reduced zone of 30 metres to 40 metres is recommended on steep slopes. The intensity of grassfires increases with the height and quantity of grass. If the grass can't be kept short by grazing animals, it should be slashed well before the Fire Danger Season to allow time for the debris to rot.

Why do Houses Burn?

Many houses survive the fire front only to be destroyed later by fires started from burning debris. Strong winds can break glass or damage roofs allowing flying embers to get inside the house. In a bushfire a house can burn because of:

- Burning debris landing on or around the house.
- Radiant heat from the approaching fire.
- Direct flame contact.



TO SEEK INFORMATION

LISTEN TO LOCAL RADIO

VISIT WWW.CFS.SA.GOV.AU

CALL THE BUSHFIRE INFORMATION HOTLINE ON 1800 362 361



CLEAN UP

FIRES ARE SPREAD AND FUELLED BY FLAMMABLE GRASSES, WEEDS AND BUSHES, REMEMBER TO:

- CUT GRASS AND CLEAR AWAY ALL FALLEN LEAVES AND DEAD UNDERGROWTH WITHIN 20 METRES OF THE HOUSE.
- CLEAR ALL DRY GRASS, BARK AND MULCH WELL AWAY FROM ANY BUILDINGS.
- PROVIDE SPACE BETWEEN TREES AND SHRUBS TO PREVENT A CONTINUOUS CANOPY OR LINE OF VEGETATION FROM THE BUSH OR GRASS LAND TO THE HOUSE.
- PRUNE LOWER BRANCHES TO PROVIDE A VERTICAL FUEL BREAK TO PREVENT GROUND FIRE SPREADING INTO THE TREES.
- TO PROTECT BUILDINGS, KEEP GUTTERS CLEAR OF LEAVES AND TWIGS, AND SCREEN WITH METAL GUTTER-GUARDS.
- ESTABLISH A FUEL-REDUCED ZONE BETWEEN FLAMMABLE HAZARDS AND THE HOME TO REDUCE THE DANGER FROM RADIANT HEAT.

Spark Proofing

Survival of the house can depend on the type of property, sparks and flammable material entering through windows, under doors, roofs and floorboards.

Protect your home by:

- Fitting metal fly wire mesh or solid screens to spark proof windows, doors, ventilators and skylights.
- Boxing in or screening eaves and under floor areas.
- Sealing gaps in the roof area along ridge capping and fascia boards.
- Removing all plastic, straw or flammable awnings and pergola coverings.
- Removing any flammable materials lying near or under the house.

Planning to Go

If you are planning to go your decision needs to be made NOW well before the Fire Danger Season. Consider these points in your plan:

- At what point will you actually leave?
- Where will you go?
- How will you travel and what will you take?
- What if family members get separated?
- What will you do with your pets?

Plan to Survive

Make your decision now?

- **YES** - we are staying and are prepared to defend our property.
- **YES** - we are going early as we aren't prepared to defend our property.

Even if you plan to go, you must prepare your house and property as if you were staying, you may have no option but to stay and defend as there may be no way out of the area.

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BUSHFIRE PREVENTION IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT

FOR INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY FROM BUSHFIRE, CALL MITCHAM BUSHFIRE PREVENTION OFFICER ANTHONY ANDERSON ON 8372 8133.



Bushfire Survival Plan

A written and practiced Bushfire Survival Plan is the most important part of your preparation to survive a bushfire.

Thinking 'I will leave early' is not enough. You must Prepare to Act and Survive. Your Plan will help you take action and avoid making last minute decisions that could prove deadly during a bushfire.

Why Should You Have a Bushfire Survival Plan?

The majority of people who die during bushfires in South Australia are caught fleeing their homes at the last minute.

Preparing your Plan allows you to identify the triggers to leave early or prepare to actively defend your property.

Bushfire can be scary and overwhelming. This is not the time to be making major decisions.

Preparing your Plan allows you to make major decisions in advance and will help keep you focused and make better decisions in the event of a bushfire threat.

During a bushfire, you will most likely be worried about your loved ones.

A prepared and practiced Bushfire Survival Plan will help family members know where others are and what they will be doing.

You might find at the last minute that you don't have the clothing, equipment or resources to enact your plan to leave early or stay and defend.

A prepared and practised Bushfire Survival Plan will help you to identify the resources you need.

Bushfires can be unpredictable, and the best laid plans can go wrong. A well-prepared Plan will include contingencies and back-ups if your primary Plan fails.

If Family Members Get Separated

Consider what you will do if a bushfire comes while your children are at school or family members are at work. Find out the school's policy on bushfires. Do not allow panic to drive anyone into life threatening conditions searching for missing relatives or pets.

When to Leave

It may be appropriate to go to your chosen refuge on any day the bushfire danger is extremely high. Do not wait until a bushfire threatens, monitor the radio and leave well before the fire front arrives. Never wait until the last moment and follow your Bushfire Plan.

Where to Go

Investigate if there is a designated community refuge nearby and what you will need to take. Alternatively, you may be able to shelter with family or friends in a nearby suburb or even in a well-prepared neighbour's home. Decide in advance where you will go and ensure that it is a safe area.

Property Access

Clear access will allow for the safe movement of fire fighting vehicles. Gateways should be at least three metres wide. Roadways need a well compacted surface with slopes no greater than one metre rise for every four metres, with solid crossings over permanent waterways. Turn areas of 25 metres in diameter are necessary.



SO REMEMBER

FIRES CAN THREATEN SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT WARNING.

WATCH FOR SIGNS OF FIRE, ESPECIALLY SMOKE, FLYING EMBERS AND FLAMES.

KNOW THE FIRE DANGER RATING IN YOUR AREA.

BE AWARE OF LOCAL CONDITIONS AND KEEP INFORMED.

HAVE YOUR BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN AND KIT READY.

CALL 000 TO REPORT A FIRE.



CFS PROTECTION

CFS CANNOT GUARANTEE THE PRESENCE OF A FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLE AND CREW TO PROTECT EVERY HOME IN A MAJOR BUSHFIRE. IT IS THEREFORE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY'S SAFETY AND BE SELF-RELIANT. BUSHFIRES THREATEN LIFE AND PROPERTY THROUGHOUT OUR STATE EVERY SUMMER. MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION ABOUT WHETHER TO STAY OR GO IS CRITICAL FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND THAT OF YOUR FAMILY.

FREE GREEN WASTE DAYS

COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE 12 FREE GREEN WASTE DAYS TO ASSIST RESIDENTS PREPARE THEIR PROPERTIES FOR THE UPCOMING FIRE DANGER SEASON. THESE INCLUDE 10 FREE DAYS THROUGHOUT OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER AND TWO FREE DAYS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

THE DATES OF THE FREE DAYS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE WWW.MITCHAMCOUNCIL.SA.GOV.AU/LYNTONGREENORGANICS AND PROMOTED THROUGH COUNCIL'S FACEBOOK PAGE @CITYOFMITCHAM. THE FREE GREEN WASTE DAYS WILL BE HELD AT LYNTON GREEN WASTE DEPOT AT BEAGLE TERRACE, LYNTON.

THIS FACILITY WILL BE FREE WITH ONLY GREEN WASTE ACCEPTED – NO RUBBISH AND PROOF OF RESIDENCY WILL BE REQUIRED. NO COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES ALLOWED.

GREEN WASTE MATERIAL CAN CONSIST OF GRASS CUTTINGS, LEAF MATTER AND PRUNING'S (BRANCHES NO LARGER THAN 200 MILLIMETRES (8 INCHES) IN DIAMETER).

THE LYNTON DEPOT WILL BE CLOSED WHEN THE WEATHER FORECAST EXCEEDS 37.5°C OR WHEN AN EXTREME OR CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER RATING IS DECLARED IN THE MT LOFTY RANGES FIRE DISTRICT.

Backyard Burning

Backyard burning of rubbish or green waste material is banned throughout the City of Mitcham all year round. A charcoal only fire is permitted for the purpose of comfort or cooking outside the Fire Danger Season provided:

- It is no larger than one metre square.
- There is a four metre clearance of flammable materials.
- There is an adequate extinguishing agent.
- A responsible person attends the fire at all times.
- The burning does not interfere with neighbours.
- The fire is completely extinguished when finished.

Parking in the Hills

Where and how you park your vehicle is an issue in the hills all year round but more so during the bushfire season. Lives and homes are put at risk if access to fire tracks or the most direct route to a fire is impeded by thoughtlessly parked cars obstructing traffic. When you park your vehicle ensure that there is at least three metres of road clearance alongside your car which will allow other vehicles to pass. This is required by law and you may save a life!

Water Supply

Mains water cannot be relied on during bushfires as power could be cut or water pressure dramatically reduced. If you have water tanks, dams or a swimming pool, a portable pump and a hose will be required to provide water reserves for the CFS. Gravity fed water tanks with wide opening outlets enable quick filling of buckets plus the use of portable pumps. To use your pumping equipment fit gate valves to all new tanks. Ideally your water supply should be close to the house and there should not be exposed areas of plastic pipe or hose to melt.



New Development Plan for Mitcham

The City of Mitcham is updating its Development Plan to create opportunities for investment, growth and change in four key areas of the Council area.

Council will soon be seeking your views on the draft Growth Precincts Development Plan Amendment. Keep an eye out for details of how you can be involved www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Over the past two years Council, with the help of the community, has developed a Spatial Vision for the City. The Spatial Vision shows where growth should occur and where character should be protected.

An important next step in delivering this vision is making changes to the zones and policies which control and influence development within key growth areas. The four affected areas are shown in blue on the Vision and include:

- Goodwood and Daws Roads Precinct
- Blackwood Centre Precinct
- Belair Road Centre Precinct
- Goodwood and Cross Roads Precinct

The Flinders and St Marys Precinct has not been included at the request of the Minister for Planning.

Structure Plans developed collaboratively with the community have helped us to understand how these areas might support different land uses than currently exist, or where further growth or intensification of existing land uses might be appropriate.

Development Plans

A Development Plan helps to shape the way an area develops and grows. It contains zones, maps and policies which guide development in a council area. It assists property owners to understand what kind of development might be appropriate for their property and their neighbourhood and is used by councils when assessing development proposals.

Councils are required to regularly review and update their Development Plan to ensure that it remains relevant and responds to the changing needs of the community. A Development Plan Amendment is the formal process of making these changes.

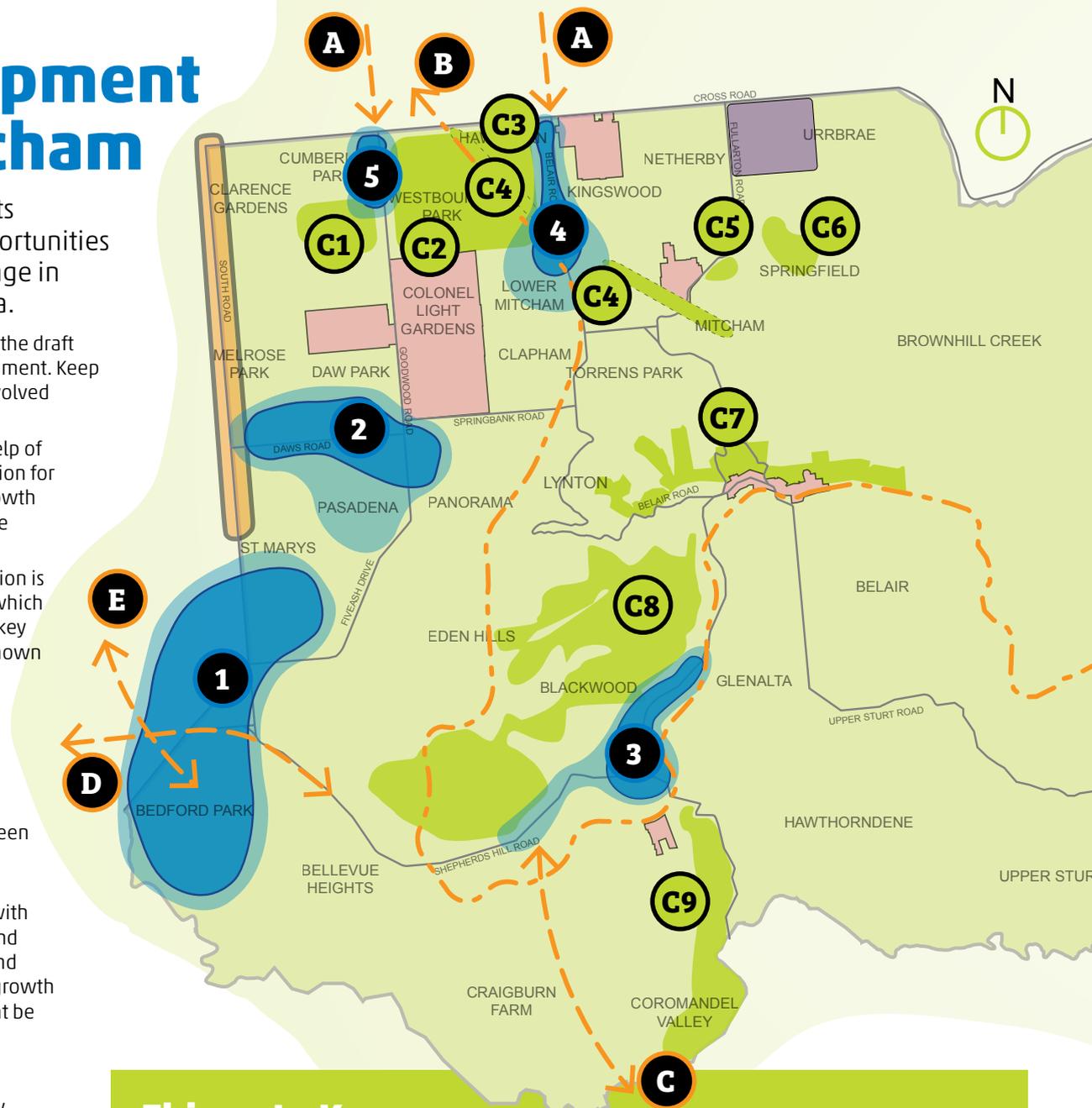
The Development Plan Amendment process includes investigations, consultation with government and non-government agencies, community engagement and the drafting of changes to the Development Plan. The Development Plan Amendment must be authorised by the Minister for Planning before changes are made to a Development Plan.

More Information

For more information visit www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Information about the State Government's changes to the planning system and the community consultation on the Planning and Design Code can be found at www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au.

For further information please call **8372 8888**.



Things to Know...

The proposed changes to the Development Plan:

- are mostly concentrated in and around existing activity centres
- promote higher density residential development around activity centres
- encourage a mix of residential and commercial/retail uses, particularly along corridors and within activity centres
- will help generate greater activity and vitality in focussed areas
- assist to protect the character of our residential areas by concentrating the change in these key growth areas

Why Are We Amending the Mitcham (City) Development Plan?

Each Council is working with the State Government's Department for Planning Transport and Infrastructure to translate its Development Plan to the Code. Because the Code will contain far fewer zones and policies, some areas (including within Mitcham Council) will not translate easily.

The draft Development Plan Amendment is proposing changes to the current Development Plan which will enable a smooth transition to the Code. The changes within the draft Development Plan Amendment purposely include zones and policies which are predicted to easily translate to the Code.

It is important to make these changes now to give the City of Mitcham the best chance of achieving its Spatial Vision for the City.

Read About the Draft Development Plan Amendment

The draft Development Plan Amendment will be available from www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au and also available to view at:

- City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park
- Mitcham Memorial Library, 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn
- Blackwood Library, 215 Main Road, Blackwood.

Printed copies can be purchased at a cost of \$20.

Information sheets will be available which highlight key changes proposed within each area. These will be available at the Civic Centre, Mitcham Memorial Library and Blackwood Library and from www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Opportunities for Significant Change

1 Precinct 1: Flinders and St Marys

- A driver of the state's economy with health and education facilities that are competitive in a global market.
- A renewed vibrancy in and around a world renowned innovative precinct with strong regional links and a large daily influx of visitors.
- A variety of housing, services and leisure offerings for a diverse demographic.
- A distinctively leafy and green environment for our community, students and visitors to live, recreate, stay, study and work.
- A regional hub that benefits from and supports alternative modes of transport.

2 Precinct 2: Goodwood and Daws Roads

- A region focussed on the physical and mental wellbeing of its community based on the ability for residents to 'age in place'.
- A recognised destination that is sensitively integrated into the existing community, with small-scale commercial ventures that support the community.
- An area driven by innovation and diverse solutions where accommodation, allied health and medical and other services support a mix of generations.
- A strategically located opportunity area in close proximity to the Southern Innovation District and a direct route between it and the City of Adelaide.

3 Precinct 3: Blackwood Centre

- A strong identity as a unique hills destination supported by clear physical and cultural focal points and a broad range of services, leisure and lifestyle offerings.
- A walkable main street made vibrant both day and night by attracting visitors and offering a diversity of housing options nearby.
- A range of transport options and improved amenity for pedestrians.

4 Precinct 4: Belair Road Centre

- Expanded opportunities for new and existing commercial development.
- A vibrant commercial centre with diverse housing options.
- A walkable strip with access to places that support economic, cultural and civic amenities.

5 Precinct 5: Goodwood and Cross Roads

- A flexible, activated space with a mix of housing choices and fine grain mixed use developments providing employment opportunities.
- A recognisable pedestrian friendly node enlivening a key movement/transport approach to the Flinders and St Marys precinct

- **South Road:** opportunities unknown at this stage
- **Major employment, education, research and innovation precinct**
- ▲ **A** Possible tram routes
- ▲ **B** Possible removal of rail freight
- ▲ **C** Possible Southern link road
- ▲ **D** Improved links to Marion and Blackwood
- ▲ **E** Extension to Tonsley Line rail link

Limited Change

- Small scale, incremental change
- **C1** Special Character Area - Cumberland Park
- **C2** Special Character Area - Westbourne Park
- **C3** Special Character Area - Hawthorn
- **C4** Special Character Area - Brownhill Creek
- **C5** Special Character Area - Mitcham
- **C6** Special Character Area - Springfield
- **C7** Special Character Area - Hills 1
- **C8** Special Character Area - Hills 2
- **C9** Special Character Area - Hills 3
- Historic conservation areas - no change - off limits



Get Involved – Have Your Say!

Drop in for a chat

There will be several Community Drop-in sessions held, where you can have a chat with staff and learn more about the draft Development Plan Amendment. Details of these sessions will be advertised on www.mitachamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Speak Up

Make a verbal submission at the public meeting to be held after consultation closes. Details will be advertised on our website www.mitachamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Let us know what you think

Share your views on the draft Development Plan Amendment with us by:

- completing an on-line feedback form at www.mitachamcouncil.sa.gov.au or pick up a printed copy.
- write to us at PO Box 21, Mitcham Shopping Centre, Torrens Park, SA, 5062
- email us at mitacham@mitachamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Where to Next?

Council will consider all written and verbal submissions received and decide whether to:

- proceed with the draft Development Plan Amendment as is
- proceed with amendments to the draft Development Plan Amendment
- not proceed with the draft Development Plan Amendment

If Council decides to proceed with the draft Development Plan Amendment, as is or with amendments, then the draft Development Plan Amendment will be forwarded to the Minister for Planning to seek final approval.

State Government Planning Reform

The State Government is currently introducing a new planning system to South Australia in stages, through the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (PDI Act).

The Planning and Design Code is the cornerstone of the new planning system – it consolidates the planning rules contained in South Australia's 72 Development Plans into one rulebook. In this regard the Mitcham City Development Plan will be superseded by the new Planning and Design Code in the middle of 2020.

We are currently in the transition between the two pieces of legislation. This Development Plan Amendment, being undertaken by Council, is being prepared and consulted on under the Development Act 1993 to amend Council's current

Development Plan. We are also in discussions with the Minister for Planning regarding a Development Plan Amendment to identify special residential character areas in the City.

Existing zones in the current Development Plan will be transitioned to the equivalent zone in the Planning and Design Code. The policy changes proposed in this Development Plan Amendment utilise existing zones within the current Development Plan with some local additions. If approved by the Minister for Planning, the intent of the policy changes will be transitioned,

with the relevant zones in the current plan. Potentially local additions will be transitioned into a subzone.

It should be noted that the Planning and Design Code relating to regional and metropolitan areas is also currently on consultation – from October until early in the new year. At this stage the changes proposed in this Development Plan Amendment are not incorporated into the draft Code. If the Development Plan Amendment is approved, these will be transitioned into the Code.

For more information visit saplanningportal.sa.gov.au



community groups



social activities



community events

Mitcham Community Calendar

Probus Club of Blackwood

Men and women are invited to come along on the **first Thursday of every month** at the rear hall of the Masonic Lodge, Main Road, Blackwood at **9.30am**. Meet new people while enjoying guest speakers and morning tea. Call 8178 2653. ■

Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society

Add the magic of amateur radio to your world! Meetings at **7.30pm** at Blackwood Community Centre on the **third Thursday of each month**. Visit www.ahars.com.au ■

Rotary Club of Mitcham

The Rotary Club of Mitcham meets **Wednesdays** at the Edinburgh Hotel, High Street **6.30pm to 8pm**. Become involved in local and international projects and fundraising including our Bookshop located at 598 Goodwood Road, Daw Park. Call 0418 788 401 or email Mitcham.rotary@gmail.com ■

International Rainbow Girls

Come along to open night on **Friday 18 October** at the Hawthorn Masonic Centre, 6 Wattle Avenue, Lower Mitcham at **7.30pm**. Girls from 7 to 20 years learn self-confidence and leadership skills, while serving their community. Call 0417 082 631 or email rainbowgirls74@gmail.com ■

Blackwood Hills Baptist Church

Celebrate the Church's 80th anniversary on **Sunday 27 October** at 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood to enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church. **10am** free sausage sizzle and **7pm** pizza supper. There are people of all ages, great music and fun activities for the kids. Visit thevillage.org.au or call 8370 3256. ■

Village Church at Melrose Park

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

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. ■

Mitcham Kiwanis

Help improve the community we live in by joining the Mitcham Kiwanis who meet twice a month on the **second and fourth Mondays at 7pm** at the Marion Sports Centre, Sturt Road, Marion. Call 0418 168 884. ■

Westbourne Park Uniting Church

Sunday services at 9.15am, 11am and 6pm. Enjoy Messy Church for all ages on **19 October** and **30 November** from **5pm to 7.30pm** at 27 Sussex Terrace, Hawthorn. Free entrance and supper provided. Visit facebook.com/WestbourneParkMC ■

Kids Club at Trinity Baptist Church

Kids are welcome to join in the fun with games, snacks, bible stories, crafts every fortnight from **4pm to 5.30pm**. Cost \$5 per family includes afternoon snacks and fruit time. **Starting 18 October**. Call 0408 897 372. ■

Colonel Light Kindergym

Active indoor play for children aged from six months to five years of age. First session is free. Sessions are held on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** mornings. Email colonellightkindergym@gmail.com or text 0435 735 395 for more information. ■

Hawthorn Night Owls

Enjoy a great social night out at the Hawthorn Bowling Club on a **Tuesday or Wednesday night at 7pm**. Enter a team of four or join a team. Membership fee \$10 and a weekly fee of \$8. BBQ at 6.30pm. Coach and bowls supplied. Supper and raffle prizes each night. Call 0437 062 681 or visit www.hawthornbowlingclub.com.au ■

Caring Friends

If you have experienced a loss join Caring Friends who provide a friendly environment sharing morning tea, activities and entertainment. Meetings are held at the Institute Hall, 53 West Parkway, Colonel Light Gardens at **10am every Friday**. Call 8276 5485. ■

Thursday Craft at Westbourne Park Uniting Church

Classes held for men and women during school terms at 27 Sussex Terrace, Hawthorn from **9.30am to 12pm** each week. \$5 per class, includes morning tea. Crèche available. Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/thursdaycraft or call 8271 7066. ■

Adelaide-Mitcham Prostate Cancer Support Group

Join us on **Thursday 24 October** at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL Club, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens at **7pm**. Guest speaker from COTA SA (Council on the Ageing). Call 0438 604 323 or visit www.adelaide-mitchampcsg.org ■

Playgroup at Blackwood Uniting Church

Playgroup held on **Mondays** during school terms from **10am to 11.30am**, is an opportunity for children aged 0 to 5 and parents, grandparents, and carers to enjoy indoor and outdoor play, stories, music and craft with others. Cost \$5 per family. Call 8278 7699 or visit blackwooduc.org.au/groups/family-ministry/roundabout-playgroup ■

Speaking Made Easy in Blackwood

Women are invited to join this new group which meets on the **fourth Wednesday of each month** at 218 Main Road, Blackwood. Develop public speaking skills and self-confidence. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 23 October**. Call 0438 838 894. ■

Twilight Spring Fair

The Edwardstown Baptist Church is hosting a community Fair on **Saturday 19 October 3pm to 7pm**. Enjoy cultural food stalls, entertainment, jumpy castle, slides, donuts, fairy floss, toys, silent auction, café, barista coffee. ■

The Hills Choral Society Presents Gloria Operatica

With soloists Joanne McWaters and Andrew Turner on **Sunday 20 October at 2.30pm** at Blackwood Church of Christ, Shepherds Hill Road, Blackwood. Tickets \$25 Adult, \$18 Concession, \$50 family. Tickets available at trybooking.com/BFBSX or at the door. Call 1800 717 483. ■

Community and Craft Fair

The Westbourne Park Uniting Church is holding a fair on **Saturday 26 October from 9am to 3pm**. Enjoy barista coffee, sausage sizzle, craft stalls, classic vintage cars, craft displays, demonstrations, free children's craft. Phone 8271 6817. ■

Giant Plant Sale in Blackwood

4,000 plants, most at under \$4 each, at Coromandel Valley Rotary's Plant Sale on **Saturday 26 October from 8.30am to 2.30pm**. Come along to the Waite Reserve in Blackwood. ■

Men's Breakfast

Enjoy a continental breakfast followed by an interview with Drs Mark Morphet and Mark Nankivell on **Saturday 2 November at 7.30am** at the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood. Cost \$8 or \$5 concession. To book call 0403 656 537 or email mjhouston7@gmail.com ■

Quarterly Folk Dance

Enjoy the Australian Traditional and Bush Dance Society of SA's dance on **Sunday 3 November from 2pm to 5pm** at the Mitcham Village Institute, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham. Music by Telenn Tri. \$18. Visit www.atbdsdancesa.com.au or call 0418 837 411. ■

Craft Fair and Exhibition

Saturday 9 November from 9am to 4pm at the Blackwood Uniting Church, 266 Main Road, Blackwood. Enjoy handmade crafts for sale, workshops, art exhibition and community café. Email office@blackwooduc.org.au or visit www.blackwooduc.org.au or call 8278 7699. ■

Christmas Food and Craft Market

24 November from 10.30am to 1pm. Church hall, corner Tutt Avenue and Cambridge Terrace, Kingswood. Gifts, local producers and artists, hot food, espresso coffee, plus all the old favourites bric-a-brac, cakes and books. Call 7070 0023. ■

Seniors in Harmony

Celebrate the Christmas season with a concert by the Woodville Concert Choir on **Tuesday 3 December at 1.30pm** at the Mitcham Cultural Village, Princes Road, Mitcham. For group bookings email seniorsharmony@gmail.com ■

Urrbrae Wetland Open Day

Discover the new bird hide to study wildlife on Sunday 20 October from 1.30pm to 4pm.

The Friends of the Urrbrae Wetland invite you to study the wildlife from the new bird hide as well as enjoy the spring show of flowers from the Acacia and Blue Gums.

Illustrated talks and guided walks will help you discover the benefits of the Wetland; hear about plant establishment; and how birds have been attracted to this environment. Talks start at 1.40pm, and guided walks at 2pm and will

be available every 30 minutes throughout the afternoon, with the last guided tour at 3.10pm.

Students from Urrbrae Agricultural High School will also provide hands-on activities for children about the ecosystem of the Wetland and the animals who live there.

You can also discover the Wetland at your own pace on a self-guided tour.

For more information about the Wetland visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/urrbraewetland or the Learning Centre at www.urrbraewetlandlc.org/news.html



Student Mentoring Program

Connecting students from Colonel Light Gardens Primary School with mentors from the Mitcham Community.

Do you have time to mentor a student to help them enhance their wellbeing and make a positive difference?

The Mentoring Program connects members of the community with students who may benefit from some one on one support outside the normal classroom activities. The program aims to improve opportunities for children through the valued knowledge and wisdom of mentors in the areas of positive wellbeing, self-confidence and social and emotional development.

Mentors provide 40 hours over a year during school term. By providing one hour of support each week you could make a difference to a student.

Suitable mentoring candidates will be required to undertake some initial online training, obtain a DCSI clearance (organised by the school) and attend a compulsory Volunteer Training and Mentor Induction session.

For more information contact Simone Percy on 8276 1523 or email simone.petherick915@schools.sa.edu.au



Can't Drive? Join the Community Bus!

For residents who cannot drive or catch public transport, Mitcham's Community Bus offers a weekly door-to-door pick up and set down service to local shops and libraries.

Forty dedicated volunteers keep the shopping buses on the road every day of the week, taking residents from their homes to Blackwood shops, Mitcham Square, Castle Plaza, or to Pasadena Foodland which offers a connecting volunteer assisted shopping service.

For residents who are library lovers, there are bus runs to Blackwood or Mitcham Memorial Libraries, and those shoppers who prefer to go further afield can join the monthly run to Westfield Marion Shopping Centre or the Central Market.

The Community Bus is more than a transport service – it is a community of its own as the volunteers and passengers all know and look out for each other.

Subsidised by the Commonwealth Home Support Program and SA HACC programs for residents over the age of 65 or for those under 65 living with a disability, the bus is available for all transport disadvantaged residents for a \$2 contribution per trip.

Seats are available now, to find out more or to join call 8372 8888.

Danny's Breakfast Providing Support in our Community

Danny's Breakfast is making a difference to people in our community who have lost a loved one.

Julie Wilson-Catalano began a support network after tragically losing her husband Danny. The group, named after her husband Danny, is aimed at people aged 50 to 70 to come together and provide support to each other over breakfast.

Danny's Breakfast is held weekly at 10am in the Rose Nibble Supper Room at the Cumberland Park Community Centre.

For more information contact Julie Wilson-Catalano on 0402 780 066.



Join the Shed at Care and Share

Would you like to learn basic woodwork skills, make your own project, or even try your hand at decorative wood burning?

Discover the fun of wood work in the Shed at Trinity Baptist Church Care and Share social activity program held on alternative Friday mornings.

If you are over 65 years and looking for a friendly group of people to connect with in a shed environment, learn from each other and explore your creative side then join the Shed at 8A Bedford Square, Colonel Light Gardens.

A 2-course lunch is also available for only \$15 a meal or \$10 if registered with Myagedcare.

For more information call Janine on 8276 1144.

We need old friends to help us grow old and new friends to help us stay young!



Care and Share at Trinity is a Social Activity Group for people who are over 65 years and live in the South/East metropolitan area.

Why not come along, join in the fun activities and meet new friends?

Enjoy conversation over a lovely hot meal for lunch.

Activities and a 2 course lunch is \$15 (not inc. transport) Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am - 2.30pm www.trinityclg.org.au/care-and-share

Call Janine for your **FREE** trial day 8276 1144





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The State Government's Planning and Design Code will replace every Councils' development plans. These local plans currently offer some form of protection for around 12,000 Contributory Heritage Places, mostly residential, across the State. These places have been identified as contributing to the value and amenity of local streets and neighbourhoods. Many would find it devastating if our treasured heritage streetscapes were replaced with crowded, grey box developments.

Mitcham Council has 41 State Heritage places (eg St John's Grammar School, Sturtbrae at Bellevue Heights, Belair Railway Station and the grand house at 16 Coromandel Parade), 222 Local Heritage items (eg Sheoak Deli, former Blackwood Police Station, All Hallows Anglican Church, Blackwood War Memorial, Winns Bakehouse and many houses across all suburbs) plus 142 Contributory Heritage items. **State and Local Heritage places will transition into the new code** with very similar protections as currently however **Mitcham's 142 Contributory Heritage items 'will not be individually identified' in the new planning system and are at risk of demolition.**

Contributory items add to the historic and architectural character and are located primarily in Historic Conservation Zones of which the City of Mitcham has four. Two of these zones are **Sheoak Road**, Belair and **Adey Road**, Blackwood. On Sheoak Road Contributory Heritage items which will lose protections are properties numbered 10, 19, 20, 26, 28, 29-31, 43, 45, 50, 70. On Adey Road no properties are individually listed – it being the collective impact of these heritage homes which makes this a special street. Contributory, Local and State Heritage places all play a pivotal role in preserving the integrity of Heritage Conservation Zones.

Council is directing its resources in heritage protection to advocacy around protection of seven Special Character Areas – that is, residential areas that are special to Adelaide and are best left unchanged – while at the same time exploring four District Centre Growth Areas where development makes sense. The announcement of \$1.25m for the Mitcham Hills Trail to link key environmental, cultural, recreational and heritage sites '*... telling the stories of the different places, guiding you through history and introducing you to the characters who have shaped our local area...*' (Nicolle Flint, Sam Duluk and Hon David Speirs) shows that there is a strong commitment to the aesthetic, emotional and financial value of our local heritage. The community were thrilled by this announcement from our State and Federal leaders which now seems at odds with the State Government's proposal not to protect our Contributory Heritage Items.

Our heritage connects us to our sense of place and strengthens our pride in our community. I encourage you to go for a walk along Adey and Sheoak Roads and imagine them with the contributory properties demolished. If this matter is important to you, consider writing to your State MP expressing your clear desire that contributory items transition into the new planning system.



Gault Ward
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I'm very pleased to see the Council delivering quality services to our community in a range of areas and their commitment to continuous improvement. I recently attended the Strategic Management Plan planning day and provided input into how the Council can continue to improve, both behind the scenes and through up front services.

Rates: After much debate, I voted for a budget with a rate increase of 2.95% (including increased tree planting). I was away when the government imposed the waste levy on local councils and was very disheartened on my return to see that the rates had increased to 3.67% as a result of this levy being passed on. Next year I will be requesting that Council staff identify further savings that would minimise future rate rises.

Community: I advocated strongly to ensure that the Mortlock Park toilet at Colonel Light Gardens (funded largely through the State Government Fund My Neighbourhood program) was not delayed. I'm looking forward to all park users being able to use this new facility as the months warm up and use of the park increases. The toilet is nearing completion and the barbecue area should not be far behind.

I also met with Council staff onsite regarding the Colonel Light Gardens Primary School laneway early after being elected. After much liaising and advocating I am thrilled that this laneway will be upgraded over this December/January summer school holidays period.

Currently I am advocating for one-off funding for a masterplan for the unused bowling green at Hawthorn which has been unused now since 2011. This is a shame as the community could really benefit from this space being available. If Council administration agree to fund a masterplan, the community can be consulted and provide feedback on the plan and funding options can be sourced.

Trees: As a Council, we voted to increase our tree planting to maintain the canopy cover we have, and this should become noticeable over the coming years. As the weather begins to warm up, please take note of your street trees and if you see your tree looking dry please give it some water. There have been a number of saplings die during the earlier months of this year and this costs the Council money to re-purchase and replant trees.

Voting: Recently I was pleased to vote that Council investigate joining the City Powers Partnership, which would see Mitcham Council join six other SA Councils in committing to meeting targets related to mitigating climate change. Climate change is something we can address personally, at State and Federal level, and also at local Council level.

I'd also like to congratulate Council staff on receiving an Innovation Award through the Australian Asphalt Pavement Association for their 'crumbed rubber' trial at St Marys – using recycled rubber tyres to create asphalt. Mitcham Council also gained international recognition being featured as one of the top stories in the Tyre and Rubber Recycling Magazine (leading European industry magazine). Well done to the staff involved!



The Park Ward
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As I promised in the November election, I have put rate-payers interests ahead of political or partisan interests.

I spoke and voted against passing on the Solid Waste Levy to ensure people were protected from that cost pressure imposed by State Government. I also believe that Mitcham Council has let people down by passing on the costs. In The Park Ward we have many middle-income families and households on fixed incomes. I voted to keep rate rises below 3%, instead of the 3.67% that was passed by Council.

On more positive news, I am excited that the Council is conducting an expression of interest to harness the private sector to install solar panels and potentially batteries as well on Council infrastructure (buildings etc). There are opportunities to save money and reduce environmental impacts at the same time. I seconded the motion and spoke in favour of Council looking at battery storage as well as just solar, given battery storage is becoming positive on financial metrics as well as environmental ones.

I also believe the energy retailers, will be very keen to get a lead customer like Mitcham Council, so they will provide new and effective energy solutions that reduce emissions and save money. I believe Mitcham Council can obtain a strong commercial offer that reduces our CO₂ footprint and promotes grid stability.

I am pleased that Council supported the planting of an extra 1,000 trees per year in Mitcham Council, with 500 extra street trees and 500 sapling trees to be adopted and cared for by school students. This will address the forecast loss of 20,000 trees in the City of Mitcham by 2050. Again, this is a win for local communities.

I also advocated for Council efficiencies and following my lead, I am pleased that Council has placed a new Key Performance Indicator on the Chief Executive Officer, to seek through a stretch target yearly efficiency savings of \$750,000, up from \$500,000. This will help to improve financial accountability and the organisational performance of Mitcham Council.

I voted to increase the new footpath budget from \$580,000 to \$750,000 and this will now occur from next year, after passing Council in August. This is a key issue for many residents in the hills who have limited access to footpaths in their area.

Since the election, I have promoted easier vehicle access onto Old Belair Road for residents of Glenalta, Hawthorndene and Belair, especially at peak times. I was very pleased then, with the \$20 million roundabout announcement from the Federal Government for the intersection of James Road and Old Belair Road.

I now look forward to summer, the Christmas season, and I hope your family enjoys this period as much my family does.



Overton Ward
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In July I went to a seminar organised by the Office for Ageing Well about the establishing of the Adult Safeguard Unit with a focus on preventing and responding to abuse of vulnerable adults in South Australia. Officially it will be open from 1 October and it can be reached by calling the Elder Abuse Prevention Phone Line on 1800 372 310. Learning at a Council meeting just two weeks later what our Council is doing for Mitcham's elderly residents, I asked to join one of the community bus trips, which take the eligible citizens shopping. In August I had an opportunity to join a trip to Castle Plaza. Council's volunteers do a great job collecting our residents, carrying their bags with shopping and dropping everyone home. There was a happy ethos during the trip and I really enjoyed talking with my interesting co-passengers.

Just a few days later, while talking with one of my nice neighbours, the topic of older people and the problems around independent living arose. I learnt that my neighbour's mum is in hospital and the family is starting to plan how to arrange her life after her return home. "Do you know," I asked, "that the City of Mitcham's Community Wellbeing team offers shopping trips for just \$4?" I enthusiastically made use of my new knowledge. There is as well subsidised personal transport, domestic assistance, "Don Juan 2019" - a trip for men only, and many other arrangements. Eligibility is determined based on age through the Commonwealth Government gateway, "My Aged Care" (1800 200 422). If you would like assistance in contacting them, please call Mitcham Council on 8372 8888.

If we reduce domestic waste by only 10%, it would save us \$176,000. Reaching 30% of reduction would leave as with more than half a million dollars not "thrown to landfill". Of course, beyond the money matters, we'd like to have cleaner and healthier world too, so I was pleased to read about a group of students 16-17 years old at Bedford Park-based Australian Science and Mathematics School, who are leading the charge to rid their school of single-use plastics. They have also introduced a separate bin for soft plastics through the recycling organisation REDCycle. 95% of the students support the initiatives. An interesting experience was the "nude food day" too. The students had to show how to purchase, prepare and eat food without any single-use plastic. The whole process was filmed, and a winner chosen. A great idea and I am sure it was good fun too. If there are other schools engaging in similar ways in relation to recycling or environmental issues, please let me know. I really would like to know you and your work.



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What's new in Babbage Ward?

An innovative project was undertaken by volunteers from **Bedford Park Residents Association**, who audited their street conditions in Bedford Park South. This was collated and presented to Wayne Hutchinson, Acting General Manager Horticulture and Engineering in August and informs the Council of future work needed in the area. Well done and thank you to the volunteers for this very useful and productive project.

Centennial Park Cemetery has been given approval to demolish an existing building and construct a new building for use as function/gathering area, café and retail display area. Also, the mausoleum project that was discussed some time ago, will not go ahead.

The new **Francis Street Reserve** playground is in constant use, but sadly the nearby table and seats are used by smokers from the hospital who leave butts on the ground. This will require new bins for butts.

The toilet at **CC Hood Reserve** is underway and should be finished by December. Along with the new BBQ shelter, the park is slowly improving its amenities. Mulch is being used in the park (and other nearby reserves) to help preserve the trees and reduce dust.

I am a proud member of the governing council of **Springbank Secondary College**. The school is growing and the partnership with the Australian Science and Mathematics School and Flinders Uni provides a small-by-design learning environment for STEAM and direct student pathways to Flinders Uni. I encourage you to look at their website.

Detail about the design of the **Springbank, Daws and Goodwood Roads intersection** still has not been provided to Council. Council asked the Minister to provide a community consultation process and information, but we are still waiting for a response. There has been an indication that some community information session will occur, and I will continue to monitor this as best I can.

The 2020 Australia Day Citizenship and Awards Ceremony will be at **St Marys Park** for the first time. St Marys Park represents Australia so well, with the Adelaide hills and majestic gum trees in the background and the green footy oval.

In May the Minister for Planning excluded **Flinders and St Marys Precinct** from Council's Spatial Vision, so government can decide their future. I have been assured that Council will continue to work closely with the Minister to represent residents. The Minister will be at the October AGM of the Bedford Park Residents Association to explain his vision for that area.

Footpaths continue to be a big issue for me. Council decided that commencing from financial year 2020/21, Council will include in the Long-Term Financial Plan an annual capital budget of \$750,000 for new footpaths. This will enable staff to start planning now for building new footpaths in 2020/21. However, the funding is still a small amount and the rollout of new footpaths will continue to take time.

You can get more Council information from the website, come to Council meetings or email mitcham@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au Also, you can phone, email or message me (Facebook www.facebook.com/yvonnertodd.babbage)



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Earlier in 2019 the City of Mitcham accepted the chair of the Murray Darling Association Region 7. This makes a lot of sense from the driest state in the driest continent perspective. But how does it directly help us as Mitcham Council residents.

The explanation requires a bit of background familiar to most: it goes like this. Within a few years of S.A. colonisation in 1836 the Torrens River supply was failing. Brownhill Creek was the next open water and Mitcham began.

Even when the first water reservoirs were built on the Torrens Mitcham and Unley were not connected to those reservoirs and relied on Brownhill Creek till the early 1900s.

More dams were built in the hills as the colony grew. Post World War II industrial growth and subsequent European immigration saw increased demand for water.

The answer was the mighty Murray, hence in 1955 the Mannum to Adelaide pipeline was constructed. This allowed increased development, population growth and industry. We enjoyed a boom time, GMH wanted to come and we welcomed them, we had the water, we built the town of Elizabeth, for the new wave of immigration 10 pound 'poms' and provided it with electric power fuelled by our own coal from Leigh Creek. Ancillary enterprises grew around Holdens etc etc. The Housing Trust supplied cheap accommodation and the government owned the trams buses and trains, even the power and gas. A second pipeline was completed in 1973 from Murray Bridge to Mount Bold via the Onkaparinga River.

By the late 1990s it was recognised that the Murray was overallocated. Parochial water usage had exhausted normal flows. Water had stopped flowing at the mouth. The locks and weirs built in the forties and fifties had evened out the flow creating a series of pools all the way to the barrages at Goolwa, but the 'health' of the river was declining. In a dry year irrigators and country towns in the eastern states watch water flow past their back fences with more than a little resentment. Precious water that fell as rain in their state was being sent to those South Australians who don't add a drop of their own.

Numerous towns and villages particularly along the Darling and its tributaries have run out of potable water. Irrigators have limited allocation. Because of the cost of water intensive crops like cotton and rice have not been planted for several years. Permanent plantings of nuts and fruit must be watered every year.

All the above and more are the reasons Mitcham and other metropolitan councils belong to the MDA. The MDA represents local and shire councils from the mouth to Snowy mountains, Wentworth to Toowoomba and all inland NSW and Victoria.

There are 12 regions across the whole Basin. Four are in SA. The Board which is comprised of Chairs of each of those regions represents us at regional, state and federal levels. We need to be present at those board meetings to protect our interest and our River.



Don't Miss our Christmas Celebrations at Kingswood Oval

This year we are hosting our Carols at Kingswood Oval on Saturday November 30.

Join in all the Christmas fun during our 23rd annual Carols at Kingswood Oval event on the corner of Belair Road and Halsbury Avenue, Kingswood on Saturday 30 November.

Celebrate with local schools and community groups, as well as South Australia's own Rachael Leahcar. Rachael will be showcasing songs from her newly released album.

Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for further information.



Halloween Roller Disco

Get your skates on for a spooktacular night of roller-skating action at the Blackwood Community Recreation Centre on Saturday 2 November from 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

Join DJ Ollie to celebrate Halloween at the Rec Centre's Halloween Roller Disco! Dressing up is encouraged, with plenty of prizes for best dressed and heaps of give-a-ways. There will also be a snack bar, free airbrush and face painting.

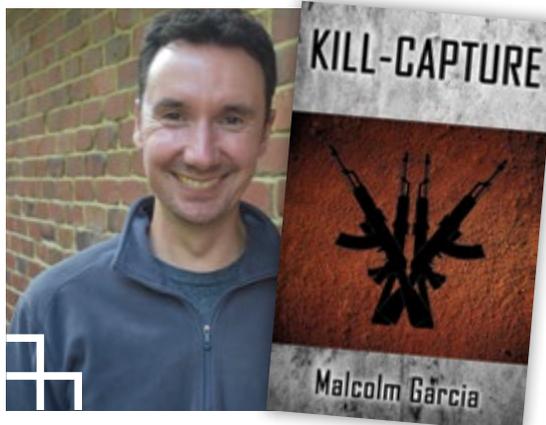
Don't worry if you don't have your own skates as the ticket price includes skate hire. Tickets are only \$10 until 1 November or \$15 at the door.

Location: Blackwood Community Recreation Centre, 1 Northcote Road, Eden Hills

Date: Saturday 2 November

Time: 6.30pm to 9.30pm

For further information or to pre-purchase tickets call the Blackwood Community Recreation Centre on 8278 8833, email contactus@blackwoodrec.com.au or visit them, 1 Northcote Road, Eden Hills.



Join Author and Former Intelligence Analyst Malcolm Garcia

Don't miss an evening with author and former intelligence analyst Malcolm Garcia at the Mitcham Memorial Library on Wednesday 6 November at 6.30pm.

Author of three novels, his latest being Kill-Capture set in 2010 when the United States invasion of Afghanistan was only a decade old.

Malcolm Garcia served as an Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force and as an Intelligence Analyst for the Department of Defence for nearly a decade. Discover how reading spy stories led to a career in intelligence work and how his love of reading led him to want to write novels that would blur the line between fiction and non-fiction.

Date: Wednesday 6 November

Time: 6.30pm

Location: Mitcham Memorial Library, 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn

Cost: Free

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

Australia Day Nominations are Now Open!

We all know of someone who has given up countless hours to our local community, helped our environment or organised an amazing community event. So why not nominate that someone, group or event that has contributed significantly to the local community.

The City of Mitcham is currently seeking nominations from the community for Council's Australia Day Awards to acknowledge achievements by individuals and or groups who have made an outstanding contribution to our community. Nominations are accepted in the following categories:

Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award

Awarded to persons over 30 years who have contributed in an outstanding way to the local community.

Australia Day Young Citizen Award

Awarded to persons under 30 years who have contributed in an outstanding way to the local community.

The Community Event of the Year Award

Awarded to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

Nomination forms and guidelines are available at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or from the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

The deadline for all nominations is 5pm Friday, 15 November.

For further information please email mitchamevents@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or call 8372 8888.

Author Noel Braun

Join Author Noel Braun at Blackwood Library on Thursday 17 October at 6.30pm and discover his journey of self-discovery.

Author Noel Braun embarked on a spiritual quest of self-discovery following the tragic death of his wife Maris by walking two of the more popular routes of the Camino de Santiago. These walks became the subject of his first book 'The Day Was Made for Walking'.

Two more Camino journeys followed, but different routes were taken. Woven into his spiritual and emotional journey are fascinating stories of the people he meets. His most recent book is 'I Guess I'll Just Keep on Walking'. Last year at the age of 84, he embarked on a fifth journey, the subject perhaps of a future book.

Date: Thursday 17 October

Time: 6.30pm

Location: Blackwood Library, 215 Main Road, Blackwood

Cost: Free

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

Register Now to Become a Climate Ready Champion

Our climate is changing. What can we do to get ready?

If you think we need to get ready as a community for changes in our climate, you can join our group of Climate Ready Champions. Climate Ready Champions are trained to help people understand how the things we value may be affected by our changing climate and explore what we can do to take action. You will be supported by Red Cross through:

- Free training about how you can support others to become 'climate ready'
- Practical guidance to deliver activities and events in Adelaide's south
- Opportunity to get involved in Red Cross' emergency response and preparedness activities.

Where: Hawthorn Community Centre, 5 Firmly Grove, Hawthorn
When: Friday 18 October
Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Cost: Free
Register: climateready18oct.eventbrite.com.au

For more information on the program and other training opportunities contact Dani Austin, Community Adaptation Project Officer Australian Red Cross, on 0415 695 836 or email daustin@redcross.org.au

This training program is brought to you Cities of Mitcham, Holdfast, Marion and Onkaparinga in partnership with Red Cross.

Register Now to Learn How to Live Lightly

Improve your quality of life and reduce your impact on the environment by registering for our October Living Smart Program.

The Living Smart Program offers hands-on activities; group based learning techniques and guest speakers to ensure participants discover practical ways to help themselves and their community to live more sustainably. It also includes a field trip to see how environmentally sustainable concepts can be implemented. There is no need to have a strong sustainability background; those who are curious are encouraged to join.

This program is brought to you by Cities of Mitcham and Unley in partnership with the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board.

Living Smart Program
Where: Unley Town Hall, 181 Unley Road, Unley
When: Monday evenings from 21 October to 9 December
Time: 6.30pm to 9pm
Cost: \$60 or \$30 concession plus booking fee
Register: livingunleymitcham.eventbrite.com.au



Where to Dispose of your Household Hazardous Waste

Green Industries SA now have new locations to dispose of your Hazardous Waste.

If you have hazardous waste, you need to dispose of you can now take it to:

North Plympton:
Adelaide Waste and Recycling Centre
 181 Morphett Road, North Plympton

Opening Hours:
 Monday to Friday 7am to 4pm
 Saturday 8am to 3pm
 Sunday 10am to 3pm

Campbelltown:
Campbelltown Works Depot
 6 Newton Road, Campbelltown

Opening Hours:
 Monday to Friday 8am to 3pm

Edinburgh North:
NAWMA - Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority

Gate 3, Bellchambers Road, Edinburgh North

Opening Hours:
 Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm
 Weekends 9am to 3pm

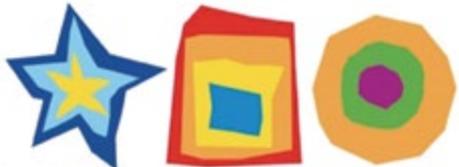
Southern Suburbs/Adelaide Hills
Heathfield Resource Recovery Centre
 32 Scott Creek Road, Heathfield

Opening Hours:
 Monday to Friday 7.30am to 4pm
 Weekends 9am to 4pm

You can dispose of:

- **Kitchen:** Aerosol can, floor care products, polishes and oven cleaners.
- **Bathroom:** Pharmaceuticals, medicines, bathroom cleaners, nail polish and remover.
- **Workshop:** Paint strippers, cutting oil, solvent-based glues, any paints, thinners, acetone, turpentine, varnish, wood preservative and rust remover.
- **Garden:** Fertiliser, fungicides, weed killers, insecticides, pesticides and rat poison.
- **Garage:** Batteries, battery acid, transmission and brake fluids, car wax with solvent, petrol, diesel, kerosene, motor oil, sump oil and coolant.
- **Miscellaneous:** Acids, alkalis, artists' paints, dry cleaning solvents, fibreglass resins (not mixed), mercury batteries, NiCads, mothballs, photographic chemicals, swimming pool chemicals, smoke detectors, fluorescent light tubes, compact fluorescent lamps and gas bottles (empty).

For more information visit www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/hazwaste



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Skitch Reserve's new soakage trenches and drainage pit in Winston Avenue that supplies it with water from the street. The soakage trench has a slotted (leaky) pipe set in gravel screenings beneath a layer of the reserve's natural soil. This system allows a large amount of water to be soaked into tree root zones without saturating the surface.

Harvesting Stormwater to Green Skitch Reserve

Stormwater is being collected from Winston Avenue to green Skitch Reserve in Melrose Park.

Skitch Reserve, located on the corner of Winston Avenue and Rowell Road in Melrose Park, is a popular pocket park enjoyed by locals for a coffee or lunch after visiting nearby shops.



Last year new trees including Crepe myrtles and three ornamental pears were planted to provide shade and transform the park into a beautiful green shady place to visit.

To keep the reserve green and help the new trees to flourish a stormwater harvesting system has been installed underneath the reserve. Approximately 60 metres of gravel filled trench now allows stormwater collected from Winston Avenue to soak into the reserve's subsoil to provide water for the new trees. By adding water to the reserve from the street it will increase Skitch Reserve's rainfall to what is received in Stirling in the Adelaide hills.

This new stormwater harvesting system will ensure the trees will grow strong and the flowering of the crepe myrtles will be spectacular.

The reserve's turf has been top-dressed and over sown with grass seed just in time for spring growth to bring the reserve back to its former glory.

New picnic tables and a paved path from the gate by the shops to the picnic tables have also been installed ready for the warm weather.

Smart Water Management

The City of Mitcham is using clever innovation combining engineering into the management of our reserves to improve how we manage our stormwater.

At St Marys Park a new carpark has just been completed, but this isn't a typical carpark. Porous asphalt incorporating rubber recycled from old tyres has been used in some of the parking bays while others use a light-coloured stone to reduce heat absorption. Strain gauges and water monitoring devices have also been installed, so we can learn how these new materials perform under different loads.

You may have noticed a drilling rig near Mingbool Avenue on St Marys Reserve during September. Council and the University of South Australia's Natural and Built Environments Research Centre collected soil samples and installed a survey benchmark to support research into stormwater infiltration in the highly reactive soils. This project is investigating whether stormwater harvesting might reduce ground movement in reactive soils. It is hoped this might lead to improved performance of roads and footpaths built on these problematic soils as well as increasing the amount of stormwater Council can harvest to irrigate our trees.



Development of a New Sports Hub at Hewett Sports Ground is Underway

The official first sod was turned at the Hewett Sports Ground on Friday 2 August to begin the development of a new sports hub.

Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross along with State MP Sam Duluk and Federal MP Nicolle Flint commenced construction of the development by breaking the ground with the first 'dig'.

The Hewett Sports ground is home to the Coromandel Cricket Club, Blackwood Tennis Club, Woods Panthers Netball Club and Sturt Lions Soccer Club. The Blackwood Football Club also uses the oval for training and the local schools and community use this popular recreational area.

The new Hewett Sports Hub building will replace the existing aged sporting clubrooms providing a new multi-use sport hub facility with kitchen, meeting rooms, storage spaces, toilets and changes rooms, along with landscaping including outdoor cover areas. At a cost of \$1.645 million the new building including an outdoor covered

area will provide 540m² of space for the clubs and community.

The City of Mitcham is investing \$745,000 towards the development, the State Government's Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing is investing \$500,000 and the Federal Government's Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities have supported the project with \$400,000.

The Coromandel Cricket Club, Blackwood Tennis Club, Woods Panthers Netball Club and Sturt Lions Soccer Club have also contributed \$56,000 for the fit-out costs of the building including hall and meeting room tables and chairs, kitchen equipment and store room shelving.

It is anticipated that the new Sports Hub will be completed in December 2019.



Right to left: Rahsaan Oakey – President Coromandel Cricket Club, John Vander Veecken – President Sturt Lions Club, Mr Allen Edwards, Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross, Ms Nicolle Flint MP Federal Member for Boothby, Mr Sam Duluk MP State Member for Waite, Mark VanGorp – President Blackwood Tennis Club and Shelley Williams – Treasurer Blackwood Tennis Club