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Our Heritage

"Wattiparinga", Clovelly Park
1940

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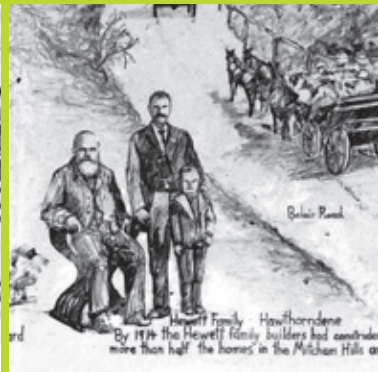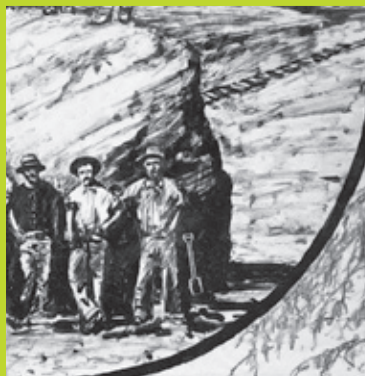
Visit 12 individually constructed interpretive Tiled Tables and
discover the features, uniqueness, personalities and landmarks of the
City of Mitcham detailed on specially hand made tiled table tops.

**Give yourself and friends the opportunity
to appreciate the City's heritage.**

Tabling Our Heritage Tour

These tiled tables are designed to present Mitcham's history in an informative and visual manner, which will encourage appreciation of our unique heritage.

Each table proudly displays the unique local landmarks, significant sites and buildings, local industry, and prominent past residents. Just for fun, a 'find it' game is incorporated into each table design.

Research and collation of the information and images incorporated into the tables was undertaken by the late community historian, Maggy Ragless, and local volunteers from the Mitcham Local History Service. Information and images were sourced from the local history collection held at the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre and the community.

The idea for the tables was inspired by similar picnic settings created by artists Jim and Ronda Dunstan at the Colin Thiele Gardens in Eudunda. Jim and Ronda Dunstan designed and created each of the tiled table tops, which included the painstaking task of hand painting, firing and glazing each of the ceramic tiles.

Construction of the bases and installation of the tops was done by Mitcham Council Depot staff, and volunteers from the Mitcham Local History Service.

A separate official unveiling was held for each of the tables, and these events were eagerly supported by members of the public. Festivities on the day included bus tours, face painting, and music by the Mitcham City Band.

1. Maggy Ragless Tiled Table

This table was built in memory of the late beloved award winning Mitcham Local History Officer, Margaret (Maggy) Ragless (1952–2012). To honour her more than 30 years of service as a community historian promoting the significance of heritage and the preservation of history.

Opened: 2013

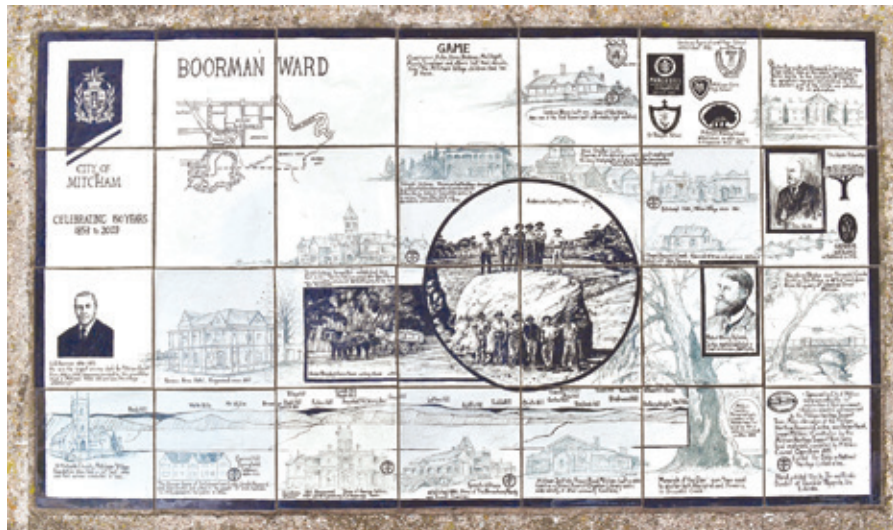**Location:** Mitcham Cultural Village, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham (rear courtyard).

Special Features: Table base built with bricks from Hannaford Reserve, Winn's Bakehouse and Mitcham Railway Station.

Look for the six spare Maggy hammers

2. Boorman Ward Tiled Table

This Ward table is named after Lawrence Dalby Boorman (1886–1950), the longest serving town clerk for Mitcham. Boorman Ward includes Mitcham Village laid out in 1840, Brownhill Creek, Kingswood, Lynton, Netherby, Springfield, Leawood Gardens, Torrens Park and Urrbrae.
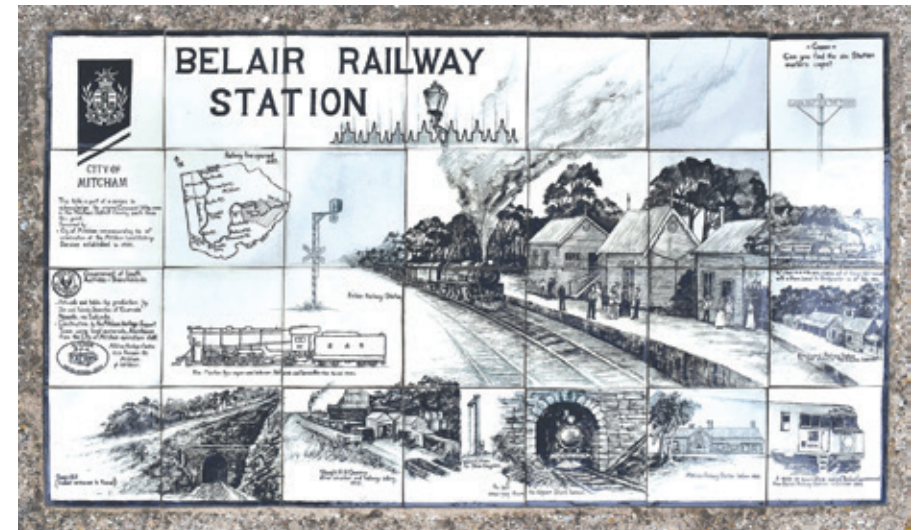

Opened: 2004

Location: Mitcham Reserve, Old Belair Road, Mitcham (by Norman Walk).

Special Features: The table base incorporates dressed sandstone and china chips from the demolished 1840s Brady Cottage in Mitcham Village and Ayliffe bluestone and creek stone.

Look for the quarryman's 10 shovels

3. Belair Railway Station Tiled Table

Belair Railway Station was opened in 1883 with the opening of the Adelaide to Aldgate section of the Adelaide–Melbourne rail line. Belair is a scenic location on the edge of the Belair National Park and the station has a number of historic preserved buildings.

Opened: 2010

Location: Belair Railway Station, Belair (Southern Platform, Western End).
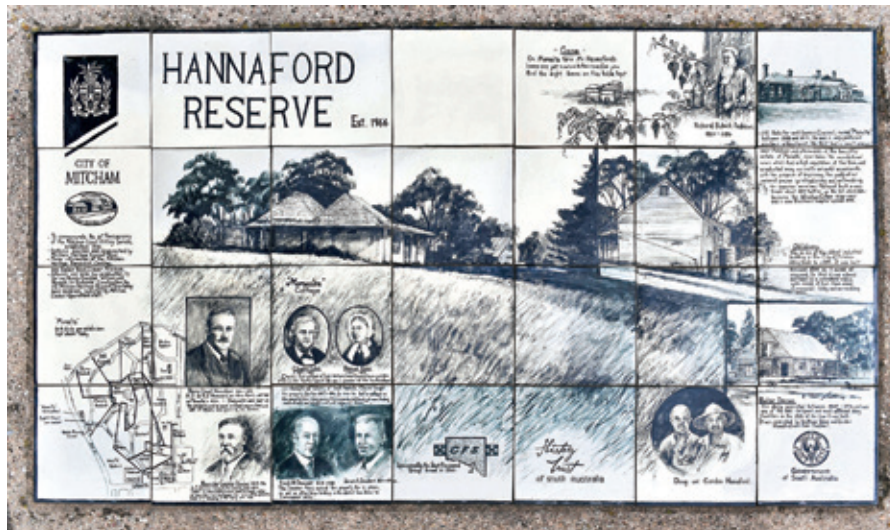
Special Features: Table base was built using local materials.

Look for the six station masters caps

4. Hannaford Reserve Tiled Table

This table was built to record and feature the history of the land use on the now Hannaford Reserve site. Including its use as an Old Winery, Apple Orchard, Dairy and for CFS training.

Opened: 2008

Location: Hannaford Reserve, Laffers Road, Belair.

Special Features: Table base was built using local materials.

Look for eight of
Mr Hannaford's bees

5. Cedar Avenue Tiled Table

This table was built to celebrate the natural environment and the history of Cedar Avenue Reserve in Blackwood. It also marked the 10 year anniversary of the 'Red Gum Gully Bushcare' volunteers who help care for the Council -owned reserve.

Opened: 2009

Location: Cedar Avenue Reserve, Blackwood (entry at the junction of Southern Avenue and Miller Terrace, Blackwood).

Special Features: The table base was built from quartzite stone by the volunteers of 'Red Gum Gully Bushcare'. Volunteer enquiries redgumgully.com.

Look for the six
marbled geckos

6. The Park Ward Tiled Table

This Ward table is named after the many parks in this Council Ward, particularly Belair National Park, one of the 10 oldest in Australia. The Park Ward includes the suburbs of Hawthorndene, Glenalta, parts of Blackwood, Belair, Coromandel Valley and Crafers West.

Opened: 2004

Location: Sherwood Drive Reserve, Sherwood Drive, Glenalta (opposite Nottingham Way).

Special Features: The base of this table features creek stones, often used in the early settlers' cottages.

Look for the 10 sailors who jumped ship and settled along Coromandel Valley

7. Craigburn Ward Tiled Table

This Ward table is named after Craigburn Farm, which was gradually established between 1845 and 1853 (comprising over 800 acres) by Peter Cumming who served on the first Council. Craigburn Ward includes the suburbs of Bellevue Heights, Eden Hills, Craigburn Farm and parts of Blackwood and Belair.

Opened: 2004

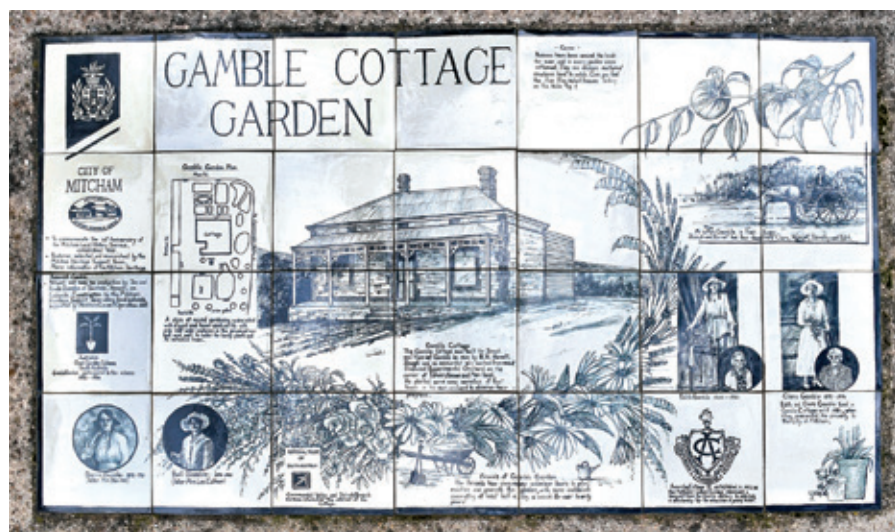**Location:** Waite Reserve, Waite Street, Blackwood (by Young Street).

Special Features: Table base was built using bricks from a local brickworks, the 'Metropolitan Brick Company' (MBC marked on the bricks).

Look for the 10 pigs which escaped from the piggery on Craigburn Farm

8. Gamble Cottage Tiled Table

Gamble Cottage and Garden was built in 1902 by Joseph Gamble and it's a rare surviving example of a true cottage garden. It is maintained by the Coromandel Valley and Districts Branch of the SA National Trust. It's partly a museum which expresses the lifestyle of its original owners that was bequeathed for community use in 1982.

Opened: 2007

Location: Gamble Garden/Cottage, 296 Main Road, Blackwood.

Special Features: The Table base was built using materials from the Gamble property and from the W.J.Adey house at 26 Adey Road.

Look for the five ring-tailed possums

9. Blackwood Hill Reserve Tiled Table

This table was built to record and feature the history of the land use on this site where an old c1852 pioneer farmhouse once stood with surrounding grazing and bush land. The property had multiple occupants over time including the Jones Family butchers from 1923–1950.
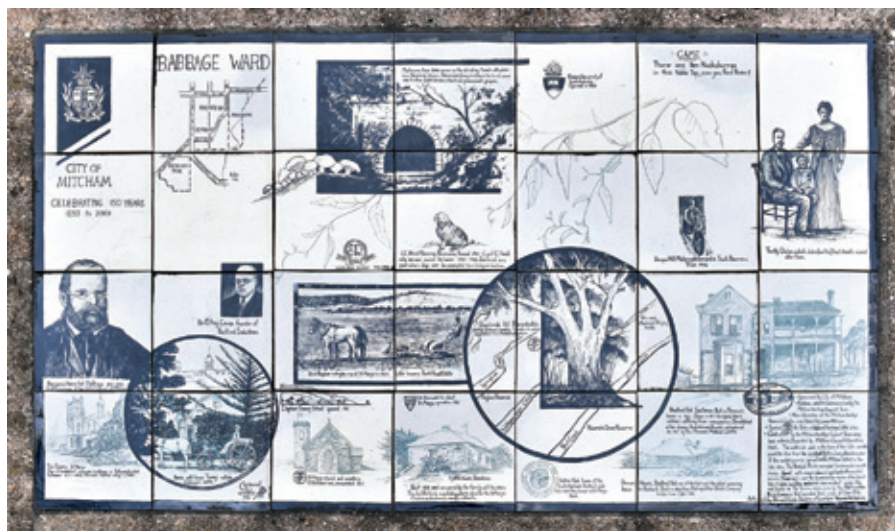
Opened: 2007

Location: Blackwood Hill Reserve, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood.

Special Features: Table base was built using local materials. Tile illustrations include local fauna and flora.

Look for the five house cows

10. Babbage Ward Tiled Table

This Ward table is named after Benjamin Herschel Babbage (1815–1978), a railway engineer, explorer, horticulturalist, and the Council's first Chairman. Babbage Ward includes the suburbs of Bedford Park, Panorama, Pasadena, St Marys and the southern part of Clapham.
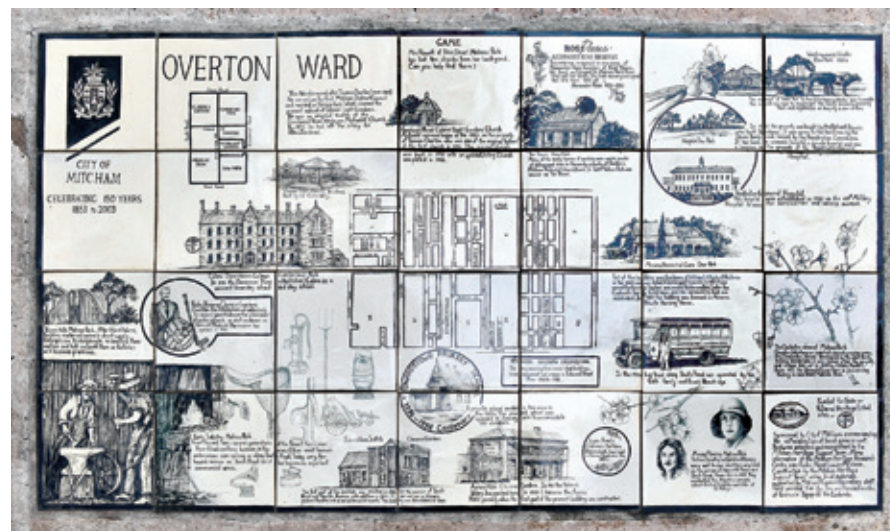

Opened: 2003

Location: Francis Street Reserve, Francis Street, Bedford Park (by Rupert Avenue).

Special Features: The table base includes hard quartzite from the Ayliffe Quarry (1830s) and edged with Burbank brick. The brick was possibly made by the Walpole family who used concrete coated with sand due to building material shortages after World War II. The rose china chips represents Benjamin Babbage's home 'The Rosary'.

🔍 **Look for kookaburras**

11. Overton Ward Tiled Table

This Ward table is named after Thomas Overton (1804–1869), who served on the first District Council of Mitcham. Overton Ward includes the suburbs of Clarence Gardens, Cumberland Park, Melrose Park, Daw Park and the western part of Colonel Light Gardens.

Opened: 2004

Location: AA Bailey Recreation Ground, Neville Avenue, Clarence Gardens (Eastern end).
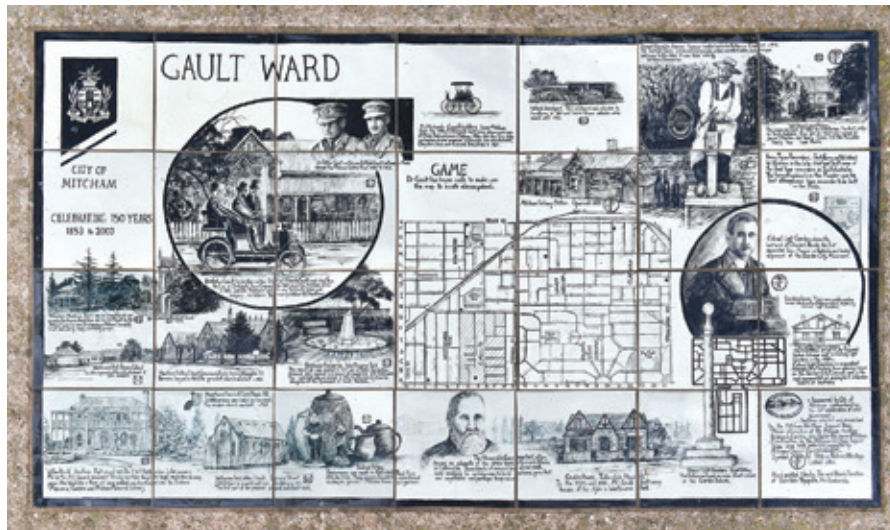
Special Features: The base of this table features the foundation stone from the demolished Edwardstown Institute, formerly situated on the corner of South Road and Neville Avenue.

🔍 **Look for fowls that everyone had in their backyards**

12. Gault Ward Tiled Table

This Ward table is named after medical practitioners Dr Arthur Gault and his son Dr Kyle Gault, who served the Mitcham district from 1888–1950. Gault Ward includes suburbs Lower Mitcham, Hawthorn, Westbourne Park, the northern half of Clapham and the eastern part of Colonel Light Gardens. It is crossed by Brownhill Creek and the railway line, both features influencing its settlement.

Opened: 2003

Location: Bachelor Reserve, Norseman Avenue, Westbourne Park (Western end).

Special Features: The base of this table features Mitcham sandstone and bluestone, reflecting the material used in many of the surrounding houses.

Look for Dr Gault's 10 patients on the table top

Tiled Table Top Location Map

Take yourself on a tour around the Mitcham District, visiting each of the 12 tiled tables. You will need a vehicle, and start wherever you like!

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