

# MITCHAM

## COMMUNITY NEWS

DECEMBER 2019

THE CITY OF MITCHAM'S

# Carols AT

# KINGSWOOD

# OVAL WITH

# FLIGHT CENTRE®

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**SATURDAY 30.11.19**

### 2019 City of Mitcham's Carols at Kingswood Oval with Flight Centre South Australia

**Saturday**  
**30 November 2019**

Kingswood Oval  
Corner Belair Road and Halsbury Avenue, Kingswood

**5pm to 9pm**

**Featuring:**

- Rachael Leahcar
- Boomstars
- Father Christmas
- The Nutcracker by Australian Classical Youth Ballet
- The Greatest Showman by Pelican Productions
- Community choirs

- Camel rides
- Nativity scene
- Free face painting
- Free games and craft activities
- Free jumping castle
- Food vans and stalls

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## Message from the Mayor

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Dr Heather  
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## Free Kitchen Caddy Trial – More Bags, Please!

A free food waste green organics trial is underway to help reduce food waste going to landfill.

The caddy, compostable bags and information were delivered to over 5,500 households in St Marys, Clapham, Panorama, Pasadena and Eden Hills.

The pilot program, which is supported through a Food Waste Incentive Grant from Green Industries SA, will be undertaken over the next three years, to divert green organics from landfill.

If you are in the trial area and are running out of bags don't fret! Just visit us at 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park along with identification and address details so we can provide you with free bags.

**For more information please contact one of our Waste Management Officers on 8372 8888.**

We at the City of Mitcham, are so excited to be partnering with Flinders University to bring you a new event "Festival at Flinders" which will be held on Saturday 14 December from 3pm to 9pm in the University grounds. This will be an inclusive family event which aims to bring together people of all ages and diverse backgrounds in a fun-filled celebration.

The entertainment will include:

- Screening of a family friendly Christmas movie
- Roving performances/characters including Indonesian puppets
- The iconic South Australian artist, Peter Coombe, recognised as simply the best and most loved Australian children's songwriter and performer
- A proud and respectful performance of Yellaka, the fusion of ancient traditional and contemporary Aboriginal dance, song and storytelling, by young Aboriginal members
- The Tutti Choir, renowned for its uplifting performances by disabled and non-disabled singers of any age
- Two more wonderful (and yet to be confirmed at time of writing) performances by well known and loved Australian artists

Additionally, we have planned Christmas Markets, where local producers and artisans will be invited to sell their wares, and Flinders multi-cultural food venues and selected food trucks will be open for the day. Flinders is easily accessible by public transport and there will be ample free parking available.

We are hoping that as many residents as possible will be able to enjoy the outcome of this fantastic

partnership. I will definitely be joining in the fun and hope to see many of you there to celebrate the festive season together.

As 2019 draws to a close, and I reflect on the year, I feel it is important to reiterate how very grateful I am for the great opportunity you have afforded me in being your Mayor. I have had an absolutely amazing year, meeting new people, discovering new places and sharing in many new experiences. One new experience and an important part of my role is presiding over the Chamber as the Elected Members debate and decide on the future directions of the City. I wish to thank my Elected Member colleagues for their support as I have grown into this role. There have been many robust debates as we strive to make the sound decisions. I am inspired by the passion which drives our Councillors as they represent you, the community.

I also wish to express my thanks to the City of Mitcham staff for their help and guidance. I am really impressed by the calibre of our Council staff and their dedication to our community. I hope that residents have had the same positive experience in dealing with our staff. We are always happy to have your feedback whether we've done well, or you feel let down.

Lastly, I would like to thank the community, especially the many volunteers, for your ongoing commitment to making the City of Mitcham a wonderful place to live. I wish you all a safe, happy and peaceful festive season and look forward to continuing to work with and for you in 2020.



## Recycle Your E-Waste in Mitcham

Are you looking for somewhere to recycle your electronic and electrical goods?

Mitcham now offers two convenient locations to get rid of that broken toaster, DVD player, power tool or hair dryer. Just drop them off at our Electronic Recycling Australia Unplug n' Drop at:

- **Mitcham Cultural Village**  
102 Princes Road, Mitcham  
available 24/7

- **Mitcham Operations Depot**  
Winston Court, Melrose Park  
open 7am to 4pm Monday to Friday

You can now recycle all your electronic and electrical goods that plug into a power point, use a charger or is powered by battery by just dropping them into the Unplug n' Drop box.

**For more information visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/electronicwaste](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/electronicwaste)**



# 2019 City of Mitcham Carols at Kingswood Oval with Flight Centre South Australia

The City of Mitcham and Flight Centre South Australia are delighted to present one of the highlights of the Mitcham calendar, the annual Carols event.

Celebrate the Christmas season at this joyful, family event with lots of singing and free family entertainment.

This year we are again celebrating our Carols event at Kingswood Oval with South Australia's own Rachael Leahcar. Rachael will be performing Christmas hits from her newly released Christmas album 'Together for Christmas' and will be available to sign memorabilia at the event.

Popular children's entertainers, Boomstars are returning this year to provide the children with an interactive fantastic time, dancing, singing and shaking it up. Be entertained with performances from The Greatest Showman by local company Pelican Productions and The Nutcracker by the Australian Classical Youth Ballet.

We also are excited to introduce three local emerging acts. Georgie and Jack Raft, Serena Martino Williams and Leading Men a classic sixties

performance with world class harmonies, smart suits and Dean Martin style.

The kids will love the free face painting, game and crafts stall and the free jumping castle. Of course, the whole reason we are there, a visit from Father Christmas.

Our very own Mitcham City Brass together with St Joseph's School Choir will be providing musical support during the evening, with a performance from the Mitcham Girls High Dance Ensemble, Mercedes Collage Choir and St Bernadette's Primary School.

LED Candles are available for purchase on the night with proceeds going to local chaplaincy programs. Performers drawn from local churches and schools will again stage a nativity scene, complete with live animals.

A delicious feast is on offer with a variety of food vans and stalls for you to choose from including

sausages, baked potatoes, hot chips, yiros, great coffee and tantalising vegetarian options.

Thanks to SA Water we will have the Quench Bench available for you to fill up your own water bottles, so please remember to bring them along.

To reduce our waste this year we are inviting you to download the words to the Carols from our website at [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/carols](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/carols). If you still prefer to pick up a copy they will be available on the evening.

Don't forget the Oval has a reticulation system so no pegs can be used or we will be sitting in some rather large puddles!

**We look forward to seeing you!**

Don't forget to find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/cityofmitcham](http://www.facebook.com/cityofmitcham)

To keep up to date with all the fun things that will be available on the evening and to ask any questions.

## THE CITY OF MITCHAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK

### BRONZE PARTNER



### SILVER PARTNER



### GOLD PARTNER



### PLATINUM PARTNER



## THREE HUGE FAMILY EVENTS!

*Carols on the Oval*

*Sat 14th December*  
Where: Edwardstown Primary School Oval  
Family activities **6:30pm**  
Night programme **8:00pm**

*Christmas Eve*  
Where: Hewett Oval, Blackwood  
Family activities **6:00pm**  
Night programme **8:00pm**

*Christmas Day*  
Where: Blackwood Hills Baptist Church  
at **9:30am**



On behalf of the Mayor, Elected Members and staff of the City of Mitcham, we wish you all the joys of the Festive Season and our very best wishes for a Happy New Year. We look forward to being of continued service to our local residents, businesses and community groups in 2020.

# Christmas Hours

## Council Civic Centre

Normal opening hours 9am to 5pm weekdays

Tuesday 24 December	9am to 2pm
Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day Public Holiday	Closed
Thursday 26 December Proclamation Day Public Holiday	Closed
Friday 27 December	Closed
Monday 30 December	Closed
Tuesday 31 December	Closed
Wednesday 1 January 2020 New Year's Day Public Holiday	Closed

Normal opening hours resume on Thursday 2 January 2020.

## Council Depot

Normal opening hours 8am to 4pm weekdays.

Tuesday 24 December	9am to 2pm
Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day Public Holiday	Closed
Thursday 26 December Proclamation Day Public Holiday	Closed
Friday 27 December	Closed
Monday 30 December	Closed
Tuesday 31 December	Closed
Wednesday 1 January 2020 New Year's Day Public Holiday	Closed

Normal opening hours resume on Thursday 2 January 2020.

## Domestic Waste Collections Christmas/New Year

Kerbside waste and recycling collections will be delayed by one day over the Christmas and New Year period.

## Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility

The Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility will be closed over the Christmas break from Tuesday 17 December 2019 reopening on Saturday 4 January 2020.

## Mitcham Cultural Village

The Mitcham Village Institute, the Mitcham Cultural Village Community Shed and the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre will be closed from 5pm on Friday 20 December 2019 and reopens on Thursday 2 January 2020.

## Community Centres

The Mitcham Community Centre, the Blackwood Community Centre, the Cumberland Park Community Centre, the Hawthorn Community Centre and all other halls for hire will be closed from 5pm on Friday 20 December 2019 and re-open on Thursday 2 January 2020, with the exception of some groups who have been granted access to the Cumberland Park Community Centre due to exceptional circumstances.

## Community Bus

The Community Bus service will not operate from 4pm on Friday 13 December 2019 until Sunday 5 January 2020 inclusive. Services will resume on Monday 6 January 2020.

Merry  
Christmas  
and  
happy new  
year

## Merry Christmas to Our Volunteers

The Mayor, Elected Members and Staff would like to thank our dedicated volunteers for their work on Council programs through the year and wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and health and happiness for the New Year.

Council has nearly 400 volunteers across 30 programs, contributing over 30,000 hours per year. Volunteering can open the door to life satisfaction, can help you feel happier and healthier, increase your sense of belonging and embrace your passions.

There are many important roles that the Volunteers do and each one helps make our community thrive.

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



# for Mitcham Council Services

## Mitcham Memorial Library

Tuesday 24 December	<b>10am to 2pm</b>
Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day Public Holiday	<b>Closed</b>
Thursday 26 December Proclamation Day Public Holiday	<b>Closed</b>
Friday 27 December	<b>10am to 2pm</b>
Saturday 28 December	<b>10am to 4pm</b>
Sunday 29 December	<b>2pm to 5pm</b>
Monday 30 December	<b>10am to 5.30pm</b>
Tuesday 31 December	<b>10am to 4pm</b>
Wednesday 1 January 2020 New Year's Day Public Holiday	<b>Closed</b>

Normal opening hours resume on Thursday 2 January 2020.



## Blackwood Library

Tuesday 24 December	<b>10am to 2pm</b>
Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day Public Holiday	<b>Closed</b>
Thursday 26 December Proclamation Day Public Holiday	<b>Closed</b>
Friday 27 December	<b>Closed</b>
Saturday 28 December	<b>Closed</b>
Sunday 29 December	<b>Closed</b>
Monday 30 December	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday 31 December	<b>Closed</b>
Wednesday 1 January 2020 New Year's Day Public Holiday	<b>Closed</b>

Normal opening hours resume on Thursday 2 January 2020.

Library items can be returned via the after-hours chutes. Overdue fees on Library items will not be applied during this time. Please do not leave items if the chutes are closed.

Preschool story time will take a longer break from 19 December to 27 January 2020.

## Blackwood Toy Library

Will be closed from 11.45am on Tuesday 24 December until Wednesday 1 January 2020 inclusive. The Toy Library will reopen on Thursday 2 January 2020.

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

Call the Customer Service Centre on 8372 8888 for more information.

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



## Council's Immunisation Service Clinics

No evening clinic will be held on Wednesday 18 December 2019 at the Mitcham Community Centre and no clinics will be held on Wednesday 1 January 2020 at either the Mitcham Memorial Library, City of Mitcham Civic Centre or Blackwood Community Centre.

Immunisation Service Clinics will be held on:

- Wednesday 18 December 2019 at the Blackwood Community Centre from 11.30am to 12.30pm.
- Wednesday 15 January 2020 at the Blackwood Community Centre from 11.30am to 12.30pm and City of Mitcham Civic Centre from 5.30pm to 7pm.

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

## Looking after our Streets in Mitcham

Council is responsible for trees in streets and on nature strips, as well as in more than 300 parks and reserves.

The City of Mitcham has a regular tree care and maintenance program which visits neighbourhoods in the Mitcham Council area to prune and maintain Council trees.

As part of Council's routine maintenance program Council's Horticultural Team inspect every street tree to ensure the safety of our community. A visual inspection of the tree is conducted to ensure it is healthy, any dead branches are removed, and safety concerns are addressed. Each tree is pruned to allow people and vehicles to pass under the branches freely and to provide clear sight lines from the road and driveways.

Street signs are cleared and footpaths, roads and kerbing are inspected for any signs of damage and issues reported by the community are also addressed.

If you would like to report an issue that requires our attention download the My Local Services App or request a service online at [www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au) and click on the Request for Service from the green buttons on the front page.

My Local Services App is a specialist smart phone application that allows you to report any problems in the community right from your phone. The app can be downloaded from the iTunes App Store for iPhone users or from the Google Play Store for android owners.



## Council Leads the way in Water Management Research

The City of Mitcham is continuing to improve the local environment by using stormwater for street trees, as well as restore the environmental quality and habitat of natural ecosystems.

Council has recently been awarded a grant of \$57,745 from the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management Board to continue its innovative research and development work in water management.

This grant will assist in two important projects: TREENET inlets in Hawthorn and the new car park at St Marys Park.

In Hawthorn investigations will continue with UniSA on how TREENET Inlets are contributing to reducing flooding and improving the quality of creeks and rivers downstream. Flinders University is also working in this area to understand how the extra water that soaks into the ground improves tree growth and helps to moderate the local climate.

At St Marys Park this funding will assist in further research on the car park to see how the pervious paving affects ground movement in the reactive soil and whether it affects local microclimates. A pervious asphalt made with recycled tyres is being trialled to see whether it can help to reduce tyre waste and stormwater discharge.



## Enjoy Mitcham's Trails this Summer

Have you explored the new trails network in Randell Park or linked Brownhill Creek to Belair? Make some time for yourself to explore Council's trails this summer and discover great views of the hills, city and ocean.

To make the most of your hike, walk or ride, make sure you prepare before you set out. Your safety is our concern but your responsibility. When entering our woodland reserves remember to:

- Let someone know where your planning to go
- Prepare for changing trail conditions – the weather may cause some trails to become more challenging

- Dress for the occasion - wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the conditions and activity
- Check the weather forecast and take drinking water

**If you would like get some ideas of where to visit or find out more, call 8372 8888 or visit [www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au/trails](http://www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au/trails)**



## New Natural Play at Pasadena Kindergarten

The children at Pasadena Kindergarten have a new natural play space to encourage play in a natural environment.

The new play space is set amongst tall gum trees and invites children to use their imagination and their thinking and ingenuity to make shelters, play in rivers, use natural materials in countless ways and build their physical skills as they take on climbing challenges.

Nafeesa, Clara and Izabelle pictured were excited to try out the playground at the opening in October.

**The Pasadena Kindergarten is located on Cash Grove and provides a preschool learning experience. For enquiries call Sue on 8277 4623 or email [sue.klar609@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:sue.klar609@schools.sa.edu.au)**

# Christmas in Blackwood

Celebrate Christmas in Blackwood on the first weekend in December with the Christmas Pageant and Pageant Fair.

## Blackwood Christmas Pageant

The Blackwood Christmas Pageant will entertain families with 70 floats and 1,200 participants on Friday 6 December at 6.30pm.

The pageant will start from the corner of Main Road and Gulfview Road from 6.30pm and travel along Main Road to Waite Street Reserve. Come along with chairs and rugs to join in the fun and see Santa make his arrival in Blackwood.

This year there will be road closures in place so please plan your parking in advance. The speed limit along Main Road reduces to 25 km/h from 4.30pm, then closes at 5.30pm. SA Police may close the roads earlier.



## Pageant Fair

After the pageant, enjoy the Pageant Fair on Waite Street Reserve hosted by the Coromandel Rotary Club, where the Pageant floats finish their journey with a variety of stalls and entertainment from 7pm to 9pm.



## Carols Christmas Eve

Celebrate Christmas with the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church on Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December at Hewett Oval, Coromandel Parade, Blackwood. Enjoy free camel rides, live nativity, sausage sizzle, bouncy castle and lots more from 6pm to 8pm. Carol singing, choir and featuring a puppet show especially for the children begins at 8pm. Be early! Bring a rug!



## The Blackwood Christmas Tree Festival

**Saturday 7 December and Sunday 8 December**

Enjoy a wonderland of Christmas trees designed and created by Mitcham hills residents, community groups and businesses.

Bring the family to meet Santa in the Blackwood Magic Cave 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. Children can create special festive treats and gifts to take home while being entertained by carol singers.

Donate to the giving tree, bring along an unwrapped gift for children, teenagers and adults to place under the tree. All gifts will be distributed to disadvantaged families.

Don't forget you can purchase a tree. Gold coin donation with all proceeds going to local charities. For more information visit [www.blackwoodactiongroup.org.au](http://www.blackwoodactiongroup.org.au)

**These events are supported by the City of Mitcham Grants Program. If you have an idea you would like to see come to life through the City of Mitcham's Grants Program visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/grants](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/grants) or call 8372 8888.**



# \$50 off\*

## Your next holiday

Is it time for your next holiday?  
We're rewarding all residents of Mitcham with a little something to get you started.

Simply present this voucher at Flight Centre Mitcham before 31 Jan 20 to redeem your special offer.



**FLIGHT CENTRE®**

Flight Centre Mitcham  
Mitcham Square, Belair Road

**Call 1300 544 120**

\*The voucher must be presented to a Flight Centre Mitcham consultant at the time of booking to redeem this credit. Limit of one \$50 credit per booking. Valid only for new bookings with air & land over \$1500 & paid in full. Offer valid for residents of Mitcham area until 31 Jan 20. Proof of address must be presented at time of booking. This \$50 credit can only be redeemed once, cannot be redeemed for cash nor used in conjunction with any other offer. Normal booking conditions apply. Excludes online purchases. The store reserves the right to deem the voucher void if it has been tampered with or copied. Flight Centre Travel Group Limited (ABN 25 003 377 188) trading as Flight Centre. ATAS Accreditation Number A10412. SAMCB1547

# Are you Bushfire Ready? Prepare. Act. Survive.

The Bushfire Season for the Mount Lofty Fire Ban District will begin on Sunday 17 November 2019.

Are you Bushfire Ready?

Bushfire prevention is a year round responsibility and a necessity. It is far more than a weekend cleanup just prior to the bushfire season.

The best time to fight a bushfire is when there is no bushfire around because the best way of protecting your home, property and family from the dangers of bushfires is preparation.

It is essential to prepare your home 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.

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



## BUSHFIRE READY

**July  
August  
September  
October**

### BUSHFIRE PREVENTION STARTS NOW

Prepare fire breaks.

Remove dead branches, fallen leaves and undergrowth.

Prune lower tree limbs.

Cut long grass within 20 metres of a residential dwelling while on slopes a fuel-reduced zone of 30 metres to 40 metres is recommended.

On properties over half a hectare, prepare and maintain a five metre fuel break around fence lines, buildings and equipment sheds.

Move bark, heavy mulch, woodpiles and other flammable materials away from the home and other buildings.

**November**

### COUNCIL INSPECTION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Hazard reduction notices sent to land owners.

Check all equipment.

Prepare and review Bushfire Emergency Plans.

### FIRE DANGER SEASON BEGINS 17 NOVEMBER 2019

**December  
January  
February  
March  
April**

### FIRE DANGER SEASON 17 NOVEMBER 2019 TO 30 APRIL 2020

Maintain fuel reduction practices throughout summer.

Check all equipment.

Monitor fire restrictions.

Keep flammable materials clear of buildings.

Rehearse your bushfire survival plan.

*Remember permits are required to light fires during the Fire Danger Season.*

**May  
June**

### REVIEW YOUR PLAN

Review annual clean up program.

Remove undergrowth and dead vegetation.

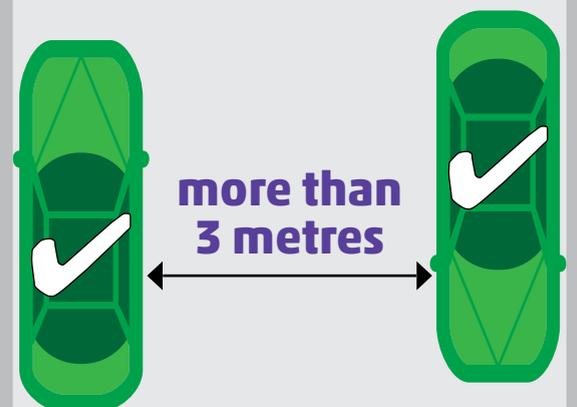
## Think Before You Park in the Hills

Take care when you park your vehicle on a narrow road in the hills.

The parking of cars in many hills' streets may potentially create serious problems for the local CFS. If access to a fire track or a nearby fire is blocked by cars parked on the side of the road, lives and homes could be put at risk.

It is a legal requirement under the Australian Road Rules that a road clearance of at least three metres is provided alongside parked vehicles to enable other vehicles to pass.

So be aware when you park your vehicle on the road make sure that you allow at least three metres clearance. You may save a life!



**TO SEEK INFORMATION  
LISTEN TO LOCAL RADIO  
VISIT WWW.CFS.SA.GOV.AU  
CALL THE BUSHFIRE  
INFORMATION HOTLINE ON  
1800 362 361**



## Council Prepares for the Bushfire Season

Mitcham is preparing the high fire risk area for this year's bushfire season.

The fire season will begin on Sunday 17 November so we are preparing for this year's bushfire season early. We live in one of the most beautiful areas of Adelaide, the Mitcham hills which is home to many parks, natural bushland reserves and native trees but it is also located in our high fire risk area.

With the fire season fast approaching Council is preparing by cutting roadside verges, clearing and maintaining fire breaks and cutting reserves in the hills areas covering Lynton, Torrens Park, Mitcham, Brown Hill Creek, Leawood Gardens, Crafers West, Upper Sturt, Belair, Glenalta, Hawthorndene,

Coromandel Valley, Craigburn Farm, Blackwood, Bellevue Heights, Eden Hills, Panorama and Pasadena.

In preparing for the fire danger season Council staff and contractors have cut 281 kilometres of roadside verges, clearing over 75 hectares of fuel breaks and cutting 80 hectares of reserves to create a strategic fire break to protect homes that back onto reserves.

Please prepare your home and property for the bushfire season. A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bushfire than one that hasn't been prepared.

## Free Green Waste Dumping

To assist Mitcham residents with the costs of disposing of green waste as part of clearing their properties of fire hazards to reduce fuel loads, Council will open the Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility at Beagle Terrace, Lynton for FREE dumping of green waste from 9am to 3pm on:

**2019  
NOVEMBER**

**MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER**

**SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER**

**DECEMBER**

**SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER**

**MONDAY 16 DECEMBER**

**2020  
JANUARY**

**SATURDAY 18 JANUARY**

**SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY**

This facility will be FREE with only green waste accepted - no hard rubbish. Proof of residency will be required. No commercial businesses allowed.

Green waste material can consist of grass cuttings, leaf matter and pruning (branches no larger than 200 millimetres (8 inches) in diameter).

**The Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility closes when weather forecast exceeds 37°C or extreme or catastrophic fire danger rating in Mt Lofty Ranges Fire District.**

**The Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility will be closed from Tuesday 17 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020. The facility will reopen on Saturday 4 January 2020.**





community groups



social activities



christmas community events

# Mitcham Community Calendar

## Probus Club of St Marys

Men and women are invited to come along on the **second Monday of every month** at the Pasadena Lutheran Church, 2 Grandview Drive, Pasadena at **9.45am**. Meet new people while enjoying guest speakers and morning tea. Call 8277 7655. ■

## 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 <http://www.ahars.com.au> ■

## 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. ■

## Rotary Club of Mitcham

The Rotary Club of Mitcham meets **Wednesdays** at the Edinburgh Hotel, High Street **6.30pm to 8pm** for project planning and guest speaker (dinner optional). Become involved in local and international projects and fundraising including our Bookshop located at 598 Goodwood Road, Daw Park. Join us to make a difference. Email [Mitcham.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:Mitcham.rotary@gmail.com) or call 0418 788 401. ■

## 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](http://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. ■

## 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. ■

## 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 27 November**. Call 0438 838 894. ■

## Friendship Centre

Join the friendship centre every **Thursday 10am to 3pm** at the Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church. Enjoy games, friendly chat and lunch for a donation. Call 8276 7416. ■

## The Project Centre

The Project Centre is seeking retired tradespeople to volunteer to teach the community skills and techniques of woodwork, the centre is open **Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 3pm** at 1167 South Road, St Marys. The centre also has Christmas items for sale every **Monday 1pm to 2pm**. Email [projectcentres@gmail.com](mailto:projectcentres@gmail.com) or call 8276 5793. ■

## Colonel Light Kindergym

Active indoor play for children aged from six months to five years. First session is free. Sessions are held on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** mornings. Email [colonelightkindergym@gmail.com](mailto:colonelightkindergym@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**. Visit [hawthornbowlingclub.com.au](http://hawthornbowlingclub.com.au) or call 0437 062 681. ■

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/thursdaycraft) or call 8271 7066. ■

## 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. Visit [blackwooduc.org.au/groups/family-ministry/roundabout-playgroup](http://blackwooduc.org.au/groups/family-ministry/roundabout-playgroup) or call 8278 7699. ■

## Kids Holiday Program

Jr Detective Club from **13 to 18 January** at the Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church, 560 Goodwood Road, Daw Park. To register call 0467 721 393. ■

## Quarterly Folk Dance

Enjoy the Australian Traditional and Bush Dance Society of SA's dance on **Sunday 4 January from 7pm to 10pm** at the Mitcham Village Institute, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham. Music by the Adelaide Empire Band. You don't need to bring a partner. \$15. Visit [atbdsdancesa.com.au](http://atbdsdancesa.com.au) or call 0418 837 411. ■



## 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. ■

## City of Mitcham Carols at Kingswood Oval with Flight Centre South Australia

Celebrate Christmas on **Saturday 30 November** at Kingswood Oval, Belair Road, Kingswood. **5pm to 9pm** community choirs, free face painting, camel rides, Father Christmas and community carols. ■

## 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. Performances are followed by afternoon tea. For group bookings email [seniorsharmony@gmail.com](mailto:seniorsharmony@gmail.com) ■

## Blackwood Pageant

Enjoy the fun of Christmas at the Blackwood Pageant on **Friday 6 December**. The pageant will start from the corner of Main Road and Gulfview Road, from **6.30pm** and travel along Main Road to Waite Street Reserve. After, enjoy the Pageant Fair on Waite Street Reserve where the Pageant floats finish their journey with a variety of stalls and entertainment from **7pm to 9pm**. ■

## Carols with the Village Church

Celebrate Christmas on **Saturday 14 December** at the Edwardstown Primary School Oval with entertainment and food from **6.30pm** and Carols from **8pm to 9.15pm**. Call 8370 3256. ■

## Christmas Eve Carols with Blackwood Hills Baptist Church

Celebrate Christmas on **Tuesday 24 December** at Hewett Oval, Coromandel Parade, Blackwood. At **6pm** enjoy free camel rides, nativity, sausage sizzle, bouncy castle and lots more. At **8pm** Carol singing, choir and a puppet show. ■

## Christmas Services

**Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church**  
560 Goodwood Road, Daw Park  
Christmas Eve 7pm  
Christmas Day 9.30am

**Blackwood Hills Baptist Church**  
72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood  
Christmas Day 9.30am

**Village Church**  
Edwardstown Primary School  
Christmas Day 9.30am



Blackwood Rotary President Bernie Morgan and Rotarian John Walters presenting the defibrillator to Blackwood RSL Club President Bob Kiloran.

## Defibrillator Donated to Blackwood RSL

The Blackwood RSL has added a life-saving box to its centre thanks to the generous donation by the Rotary Club of Blackwood.

The Blackwood RSL took delivery of an Automated External Defibrillator; a device used to help restart the heart of someone in cardiac arrest.

The defibrillator was donated by the Rotary Club of Blackwood and funded by a fundraising dinner which raised over \$1,600.

## Swing into Summer with the Mitcham City Brass Band

Join Mitcham City Brass, as they get into the groove, playing all your toe tapping favourites from the swing era.

If you love 30s and 40s music (think Glenn Miller), then it's time to "take the A train", and come along and "sing, sing, sing" with their 40+ piece big band at the Hungarian Club, 82 Osmond Terrace, Norwood on 23 November at 7pm.

Enjoy cabaret seating, a dance floor and drinks available at the bar (no BYO). Bring your own nibbles. Adults \$15 with children 12 and under free or book a table of 10 for \$120.

**To book call 0419 030 746.**



## Blackwood Bowling Club

The Blackwood Bowling Club, with refurbished club rooms and synthetic greens, is seeking new members to enjoy the game of lawn bowls.

The Club, located at 10 Simla Parade in Blackwood, offers an opportunity for members to play at a competitive level or socially.

Pennant Competition Games are held over the summer from September to March while

Jackpot Social Bowls is open to everyone in the community throughout the year.

If you are looking to play a sport over summer get a team of family and friends and join the Night Owls competition. It is a great way to meet new people.

**For more information visit [www.blackwoodbowlingclub.com.au](http://www.blackwoodbowlingclub.com.au) or call 8278 1937.**



## Tour the St Marys Fire Station

Come and meet your local firefighters at the St Marys Fire Service Station Open Day on Saturday 23 November from 10am to 2pm.

Get up close to a fire truck, learn about the equipment they use and see them in action.

There will be demonstrations of rope rescue techniques, road crash rescue simulation, an aerial appliance that reaches high into the sky as well as lots of activities for kids.

Discover your local fire station today and how the MFS supports our community during emergencies.



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**Craigburn Ward**  
**Cr Karen Hockley**

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My baby is about to go off to high school. He has cut off all of his long hair, his shoulders have broadened, and he's got this smudge above his top lip that doesn't seem to wash off.

Worse than all of that he's decided to go to a school that's out of the area. My expectations have been turned upside down. I imagined that my kids would go together to the local school, be there to support each other and have similar friendship groups. I thought they would walk to school and have all of their school friends in our lovely community.

Accepting his decision hasn't been easy but I know that he has chosen the right school environment for him. His happiness at school will have a positive influence on our family harmony and he will be a positive influence on his brother. I know that this choice will set him up for future success.

I also know that I will worry about all that could go wrong. He will be using public transport and will be away from my protection. I will have less and less control over who he meets and will not always be close enough to rescue him.

As a parent I want the best for him, and I can't stand in the way of his growth and development. I can't keep him back; I have to prioritise his progress and overcome my concerns while at the same time mitigating the risks as best I can.

In Council we take similar leaps into the future, we have to plan to maintain and invest in our communities to keep them vibrant. Looking after community facilities, such as playgrounds, libraries and open space but also planning that will guide how our district centres and suburbs will evolve in the future to serve the emerging needs of the community.

At the same time we need to mitigate the risks associated with any decision to change or not to change. We need to use a decision-making model that considers the impact on all of the stakeholders, identifies and mitigates as many negative impacts as possible and evaluates the trade-offs inherent in the decision.

The diversity in our Elected Member body assists us to make decisions based on a stakeholder model. However, community consultation and input are a key ingredient in ethical decision making in Local Government. Your comments and suggestions provide the reality check that ensures that decisions that we make have more positive than negative impacts and the risks and trade-offs are acceptable.

This is why I am so keen to promote the community consultation processes that Council undertakes and why I love to hear from you about the issues that you care about.

Please accept my best wishes for Christmas and the festive season. I hope it is happy and safe for you and the people you love.

Call on 0423 919 080 or email me on khockley@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au if there is anything I can do to assist you.



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### **50 Shades of Green**

When I started on Council around 9 years ago, I wanted to represent those people that were having issues with either the process of Local Government or just need someone to help and guide them through. This week as I write this in October, I am about to head into a Council meeting to decide if I am prepared to declare a 'Climate Emergency'. Never would I thought I would be needing to vote on whether the newstart allowance needed raising and now whether I need to declare a climate emergency.

My role as Councillor is to represent the community and make sure that the services we pay for through our rates are of good value and are done in accordance with Council's statutory requirements and community expectations.

I must admit I am becoming a little annoyed at what I think feels like fellow Councillor's personal political agendas taking up Council resources both in the Chamber and Council administration. Currently we are at Council pretty much every week usually for a briefing or Council meeting, I feel that these politically driven agenda items are taking up time that could be spent much wiser.

My area of expertise certainly does not cover newstart allowances and climate emergency declaration. I wish these people would keep politics out of the Chamber and get on with the job of getting through the issues we face at Council that are impacting everyone. What's that old saying again, something about thinking global and act local. Maybe some of these members could stop having the 500 page agendas printed and move to electronic. Sure, it takes a while to adapt but it stops a lot of waste.... just saying.

I just don't get it that these topics that are not associated with our primary role as a Councillor get so much attention when there is so much great work going on within City of Mitcham, such as LED lighting, water sensitive urban designs and recycled tyre roads just to mention a few, yet we are going to take resources off the real work to write letters to every politician in the country at all levels.

These motions where Councillors may be bringing their own personal political agenda to Council need to be watched and monitored. I have no doubt that this latest self-promotion will be passed within the chamber and everyone will go home feeling good about themselves until one of the other 50 shades of green comes along.

On a more positive note, it is nice to see that ratepayers will not be contributing towards the Elected Members end of year Christmas function this year and the function will be fully self-funded.



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Much has happened as it always does in Mitcham. Let me share a few events with you.

Mid-September saw Council provide event support to the Brownhill Creek Association as they unveiled the Tom Price Memorial Plaque. It was a significant day for the City where locals and state dignitaries joined with Ms Stephanie McCarthy at the unveiling of her Great Grandfathers plaque.

Also recently passed was the motion that the Mayor write to the Minister for Transport requesting advice with regard to the short- and long-term asset management strategy for the reconstruction, renewal or maintenance of Belair Road. This road is concerning to many, given its current condition and I believe that Council and residents would appreciate the Governments assurance that the road, in its current condition, is safe to be used by road users. Let's hope for a quick response from the Minister.

Recently the Climate Emergency debate came to the chamber for consideration and whilst I am a believer in climate change I did not vote for the motion to declare a Climate Emergency and this is the reason why.

Whilst the motion may have been honourable in its intent, I believed that it was tokenistic and damaging to this Council. Because it brought into the chamber a political debate that exceeds the powers of the Local Government Act with which we are bound by.

This Council's commitment to climate change is strong and it's evident in the approach that our staff have undertaken towards Council projects. Further in June this year our Mayor and another two Councillors attended the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly where more than 500 councils Australia wide resolved to call on the Australian Government to declare a Climate Emergency.

This was the appropriate chamber for this debate, as Councils Australia wide push the Federal Government to take action on Climate Change.

This very important resolution that was supported by our National Body. It was more than just an attempt to publicly grand standing because it set out clear actions and goals for the Government to achieve.

Clearly there is some disconnect between what the Council is doing in this area and what the community understands us to be doing. I did foreshadow that the Mayor write an open letter to our residents acknowledging that the Council is part of the solution to the climate change challenges within our community which is our remit.

Unfortunately, I didn't get the opportunity to pursue this motion as the original motion was successful.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas and the very best for a wonderful start to the new decade 2020. And remind you all that Christmas Carols this year will be held at Kingswood Oval on Sunday 30 November. I would personally like to thank you all for your support on the Carols earlier this year with Carols and I look forward to belting out a few tunes with all our residents on the day.



**Gault Ward**  
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Leading Adelaide academic geographers and demographers have presented papers at planning conferences in Adelaide which demonstrate that over 80% of the population in Adelaide and Australia desire to live in detached dwellings.

35 years of the development industry telling us all that "you want to live in a medium density, 3-6 storey unit, to be able to enjoy the lifestyle of meeting at the local coffee shop" has not altered the desired living environment of Australians.

We like our suburban lives, and coffee under the back verandah is not only less expensive, but we can actually hear each other's conversation.

Every owner who buys in a fully built suburb, has the right to expect that the qualities of that suburban environment will be maintained by the planning authority.

**Every suburb has its own character, and the maintenance of that character is best kept under the control of the local community through well-written rules, administered by their local Council.**

Your Council has sent a public consultation on new Planning Rules for Blackwood, Daws Road east, Goodwood Road north, and Belair Road around Mitcham Square.

**Unfortunately, the proposals permit 250 square metre allotments, and on main roads 4-Storey allowances, which I vehemently oppose.**

The new State Government PDC (Planning Development Code) will turf out all Councils' existing Development Plans in June, 2020. The latest info is that the new PDC uses new terminology, (almost certainly designed to confuse the general community).

*Make sure that you submit a rejection of these small allotment permissions.*

250 square metres is less than half a tennis court and surrounds.

**Write to your MP that the new PDC is a backward step.**

**Why is urban consolidation theory wrong-headed?**

Many theorists of economics and planning, seek a denser, high-rise concentrated form of building, with claims that their aim is to improve the economics of public transport, and a concept of everyone walking, cycling or taking public transport for 90% of their required journeys. Save Our Suburbs - Adelaide, of which I am the President, believe that these theorists should build a trial city of this type, and see how many residents seek to live there. These theorists want to fit the population to the city, rather than fit the city to the desires of the population.

**The developers continue claiming that smaller allotments bring down the cost of dwellings, despite 30 years of evidence to the contrary.**

Detailed analysis on 227 world-wide developed western city comparative housing costs, by the research group, Demographia, (<http://www.demographia.com/>) shows how pushing for urban consolidation pushes prices up. Too many parliamentarians, of all political parties, have accepted at face value the outdated and falsified 1980s arguments of a group of "expert planners", the promoters of urban consolidation, who see their role in life as facilitating the interests of the most rapacious and self-interested members of the development industry. Many builders, such as Bob Day, and real estate agents, recognise that the destruction of the quality of Adelaide's streetscapes only diminishes our quality of life.



**The Park Ward**  
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As summer approaches, the detrimental effects of climate change will make themselves more apparent, with a hotter, drier bushfire season.

When you read this, my motion on declaring a climate emergency will have been debated and, I hope, supported by the majority of Councillors. My motion is:

1. That Council recognises that climate change poses a significant risk to both the quality of life of residents within the City of Mitcham and its natural and built environments.
2. That Council acknowledges the work already being done to both mitigate, and adapt to, Climate Change within the City of Mitcham. However, Council recognises the need to give climate mitigation and adaptation still more emphasis in its decisions and operations.
3. That Council declares there is currently a climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government in Australia (including Local Government) to both slow down changes in climate and to assist communities to better adapt to the changes already occurring.
4. That the Mayor write to the Australian Prime Minister and Federal Opposition Leader, the South Australian Premier and South Australian Opposition Leader, and to all Federal and State MPs whose electorates contain the City of Mitcham, providing a copy of this resolution and calling upon them to act urgently to effectively address climate change and its impacts.

#### **Background**

It is not good enough to say effective action is the responsibility of just Federal and/or State Governments. It is everyone's responsibility, including Local Government.

Many Councils around the world and in Australia have declared a climate emergency, including, in our state, Adelaide Hills, Gawler, City of Adelaide, Port Adelaide/Enfield, Light Regional and Burnside.

I am proud to say City of Mitcham is currently preparing a report for Councillors on membership of the Cities Power Partnership, an initiative specifically designed for Local Government to assist Councils to mitigate against the effects of climate change and help their communities adapt to changes already occurring.

In the words of Sir David Attenborough, "Right now, we're facing our gravest threat in thousands of years: climate change. We cannot be radical enough in dealing with these issues," he has told British MPs.

Source: <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2209126-david-attenborough-on-climate-change-we-cannot-be-radical-enough/#ixzz620mFB5TA>

Some will say this declaration is just symbolism but what is wrong with that? Symbols are very powerful and, by declaring a climate emergency, Council gives a clear message to its residents that we take this issue very seriously.

Of course, effective action needs to follow which is why I moved, last September, the motion to investigate joining CCP, the climate change mitigation program designed especially for Local Government. When this CCP report comes to the Chamber, I hope the majority of Councillors will vote that City of Mitcham join.

I firmly believe the effects of climate change are the biggest threat facing our current social and natural environments and, as a local leader, I am committed to doing what I can to help mitigate and adapt to these detrimental effects.



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#### **Mitcham Development Plan**

##### **Draft Growth Precinct Development Plan Amendment ( DPA)**

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

Overton Ward has two of these key areas. Area two in our Ward covers properties west of Winston Avenue from Daws Road to Morgan Avenue, through to Goodwood Road, this will be classified as Suburban Neighbourhood. The Repat site will be Mixed Use (Health Precinct).

Area five covers Cross Road to Avenue Road, around Cabra School to Eaton Street (both sides). Woolworths will be District Centre, and along Goodwood Road Urban Corridor.

These Plans and details have been available for months now at the Council Office and two Libraries. The last issue of the Mitcham Community News gave residents considerable detail.

The Mitcham Development Plan has not been amended for many years and with the State Planning changing the Code and effectively taking over future development approvals in mid 2020 this is an ideal time to update Mitcham's Plan.

The draft Development Plan Amendments are available on Council's website [www.mitichamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitichamcouncil.sa.gov.au)

##### **Goodwood Road/Daws Road/Springbank Roads Intersection**

The development of this intersection has been discussed by State Government and Mitcham Council for many years with numerous plans not eventuating. But the State Government is now starting to get serious with a plan varying many times. I personally have not seen the latest plan, but I understand there are four houses adjacent to the Repat land together with the newish service station will be demolished. Bedford Industries are involved in on-going discussion and that continues with DPTI and Council.

##### **Reserve Development**

Avenue Road Reserve has a new shiny toilet funded by the State Government under the Fund my Neighbourhood scheme. The toilet is adjacent to the BBQ and table and seats with a drink fountain nearby. Hillview Reserve will have the over 70-year-old substandard toilet replaced. The construction style has changed to reflect the heritage area, construction will commence shortly and be completed prior to Christmas 2019.

##### **Trees**

Have you had a tree planted or replaced by Council in front of your residence? I am aware Council has a watering truck regularly watering all the newly planted trees but, to give "your" tree(s) the best advantage of survival, please give each tree one or two buckets of extra water a week as the weather warms up. Remember the first two years of a tree's life is vital to give them more water to establish their future life.

This is my last article to the Mitcham Community News before the Christmas and New Year break. There are many festivals and family celebrations catching up with friends coming up, so I would like to wish you a safe and restful Merry Christmas and a brighter 2020, keep everyone safe at this time.

I always appreciate the opportunity to meet, talk with and learn, support residents on local issues.

My contact number is 8277 1884 or as above.

# School Holidays at the Library

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



## Summer Reading Challenge

Join the Mitcham Library Services' Summer Reading Challenge and you could win tickets to the movies.

This summer we are inviting you to enter our reading challenge to be in the draw to win a double movie pass.

Visit the Library and challenge yourself by reading a book that you have always wanted to read, something to make you laugh, whisk you away to another land or turn you into a super hero!

From Thursday 2 January pick up an entry form from the Libraries and be in the draw to win a movie double pass. We have three double movie passes to give away for adults, youth and kids.

## Special Night Time Storytime

Join us for a special family evening of free stories and craft on Wednesday 15 January from 6pm to 7pm at the Mitcham Memorial Library.

Children aged 3 to 7 will be entertained for an hour with stories, songs and craft. It is a great opportunity to meet other local families and enjoy quality time with your child.

**Bookings essential. To book your seat call the Mitcham Memorial Library on 8372 8244.**



## Free Every Day Crafts

Free crafts are available to make in the Library during the school holidays from Thursday 2 January to Sunday 26 January.



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### Blackwood Library

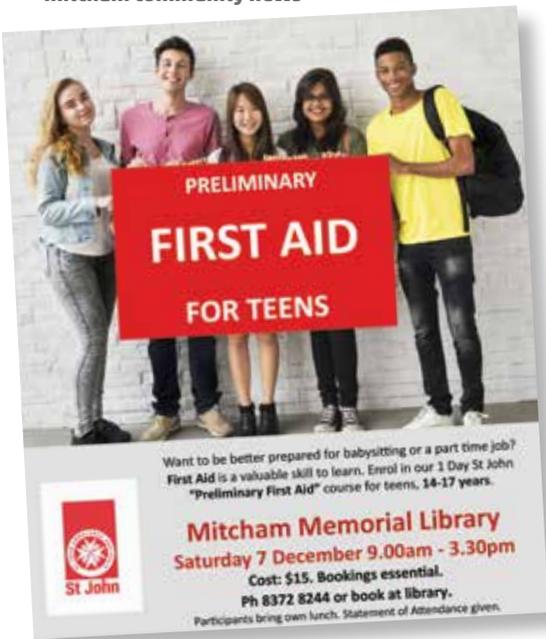
215 Main Road, Blackwood SA 5051  
Phone: 8372 8255

### Blackwood Toy Library

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

### Mitcham Memorial Library and Mitcham Toy Library

154 Belair Road, Hawthorn SA 5062  
Phone: 8372 8244



## First Aid Course for Teens

If you would like to be better prepared for babysitting or a part time job register for our First Aid Course at the Mitcham Memorial Library on Saturday 7 December.

First Aid is a valuable skill to learn. Enrol in our one day Preliminary First Aid Course for teens aged from 14 to 17 years of age.

The workshop is presented by St Johns SA and a Statement of Attendance will be provided. Participants need to supply their own lunch.

**Location:** Mitcham Memorial Library

**Date:** Saturday 7 December

**Time:** 9am to 3.30pm

**Cost:** \$15

Limited places are available so bookings with payment are essential.

**Call 8372 8244 or drop in at the Mitcham Memorial or Blackwood Libraries.**

## Zest Fest Celebrations a Success

In October the City of Mitcham hosted Zest Fest a celebration of modern ageing.

Council celebrated modern ageing with film, music, theatre, and interactive events showcasing Mitcham's rich history, natural environment, cultural abundance and connected communities.

The Zest Fest launch 'Active Arts Festival' was held at the Mitcham Memorial Library with a premiere of two locally made short film documentaries on historical walks of the Brownhill Creek Heritage Trail and the Mitcham Village Precinct Historical Walk. Guests also enjoyed an opportunity to experience virtual reality walks through Mitcham using goggles.



## Learn How to Grow a Productive Garden in a Small Space

Discover tips on how to grow a tiny garden with horticulturist Peter Wilson at the Mitcham Memorial Library on Wednesday 4 December.

From window boxes, to balconies and courtyards, gardening in small spaces can add interest and be productive. Have fresh herbs close to the kitchen and add colour to small spaces.

**Location:** Mitcham Memorial Library

**Date:** Wednesday 4 December

**Time:** 6pm to 7.30pm

**Cost:** \$10 which includes herb plant to take home

Bookings are essential.

**For more information or to book call 8372 8244.**



## Nature Journaling Workshop

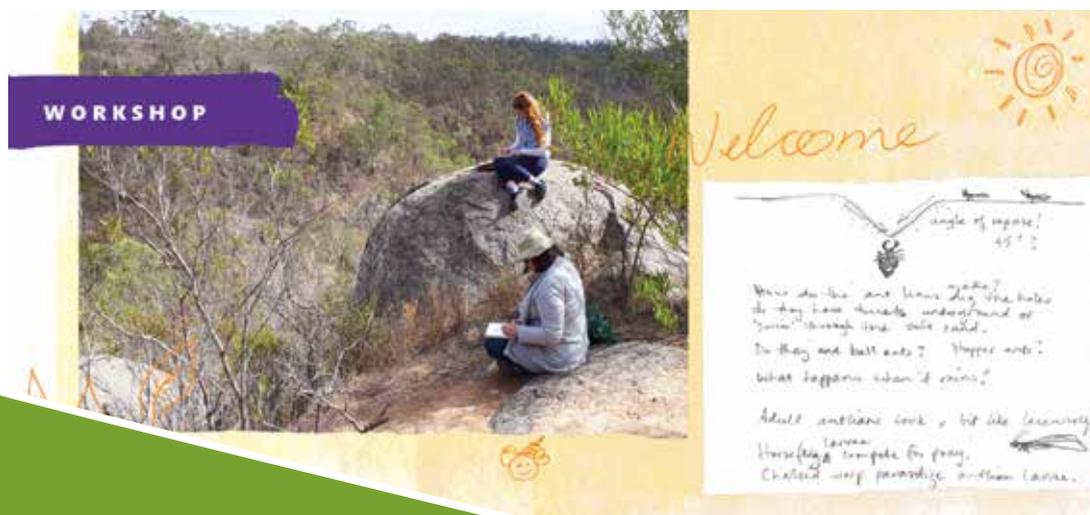
Would you like to learn more about Mitcham's beautiful surrounding nature?

Stop and notice the wonders around you with journaling guide Jenny Deans. Come draw, write and scribble to get a deeper appreciation of the natural world on Thursday 23 January from 2pm to 4pm at Mitcham Memorial Library.

Our nature journaling workshop is part of Mitcham's Green Living Workshops and is designed to share with a child in your life.

Bookings are essential. The workshop is recommended for ages 8 and over. \$20 for a child and adult.

**To book your spot visit [urbansustainability\\_adelaide.eventbrite.com](https://www.urbansustainability_adelaide.eventbrite.com). Don't forget to bring a hat and sunscreen. For more information call 8372 8244.**



**Sunday 26 January 2020**  
**8am to 11am**  
**St Marys Park**

*Free Event*

**Citizen of the Year Awards**  
**Citizenship Ceremony**  
**Kids Activities**  
**Free BBQ**  
**Musical Entertainment**



**Australia Day**

## Australia Day 2020

Join us for Australia Day on Sunday 26 January 2020 at St Marys Park, Laura Avenue, St Marys from 8am to 11am.

With the exciting renovations that are underway at Carrick Hill we are moving our Australia Day celebrations to St Marys Park.

Come and enjoy the newly refurbished space at St Marys Park for our Australia Day event with a free 'Aussie BBQ'. Enjoy musical entertainment, plus

free face painting and other activities for the kids including a come and try sports that are held at St Marys Park.

As part of the Australia Day event join us to celebrate the amazing members of the City of Mitcham as we honour them for their contribution

to our community by acknowledging them with the City of Mitcham Citizen of the Year Awards.

Following this presentation, we will welcome our newest citizens by sharing in their final steps during our Citizenship Ceremony.

**For more information about Council's Australia Day celebrations follow us on Facebook, visit [www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au/australiaday), call 8372 8888 or email [mitchamevents@mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:mitchamevents@mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au)**

## Discover the Tom Price Memorial at Brownhill Creek Recreation Park

A new plaque has been installed at the entrance to Brownhill Creek Recreation Park to honour the first Labor Premier of South Australia Tom Price.

In recognition of Tom Price's important contribution to the State as well as to the local community of Mitcham, Brownhill Creek Association and Mitcham Historical Society, supported by the City of Mitcham, have dedicated a plaque on the stone monument at the entrance to Brownhill Creek Recreation Park.

The plaque was unveiled by the Hon Steven Marshall Premier of South Australia.

Tom Price was the first Labor Premier in South Australia and he led a Labor-Liberal coalition

government which successfully reformed South Australia. His social and economic reforms represented major change in political direction for South Australia, providing free secondary schooling, better working conditions, a minimum wage and strong support for small business and farmers.

Tom was also a local resident of Hawthorn and made a significant difference to the local community, regularly visiting local schools as Minister for Education to inspire and motivate

students and giving pivotal speeches in Mitcham Reserve and the Mitcham Cultural Village Institute.

112 years ago, Tom Price planted a tree on this site and the plaque, an important reflection point along the proposed 10km Wirraparinga Loop Trail, will help to ensure that his achievements are not lost to time.

Tom Price died in office in 1909 at the age of 57 and is buried in Mitcham Cemetery overlooking the valley of Brownhill Creek.



**Above left:** The Hon Steven Marshall Premier of South Australia, Stephanie McCarthy Tom Prices' great granddaughter, Mr Ron Bellchambers Brownhill Creek Association and Leader of the Opposition Peter Malinauskas MP at the unveiling of the plaque in September. **Above right:** The Hon Steven Marshall Premier of South Australia and Stephanie McCarthy Tom Prices' great granddaughter at the unveiling of the plaque in September.