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All voting in Local Government elections is by postal voting. Ballot packs will be dispatched to all Electors on the electoral roll between Friday 14 October and Thursday 20 October 2022.

Every person on the electoral roll will receive by post a pack containing the following:

- a ballot paper
- a candidate profile brochure
- a ballot paper envelope to be signed
- a reply-paid envelope
- a postal voting guide

Most people get one ballot pack. However, if you have a business, property, or organisation in a different area, and have enrolled to vote in different council areas, you may get more than one.

If you don't receive a pack, need a replacement, are unable to complete your ballot paper or sign the declaration envelope, please call 1300 655 232.

How to vote

On your ballot, you must number at least as many boxes as there are vacancies in the election. If you don't, your vote won't count. You must number them in order of preference, starting from 1 for the candidate who is your first choice. Your ballot will tell you how many spots are vacant and give you directions.

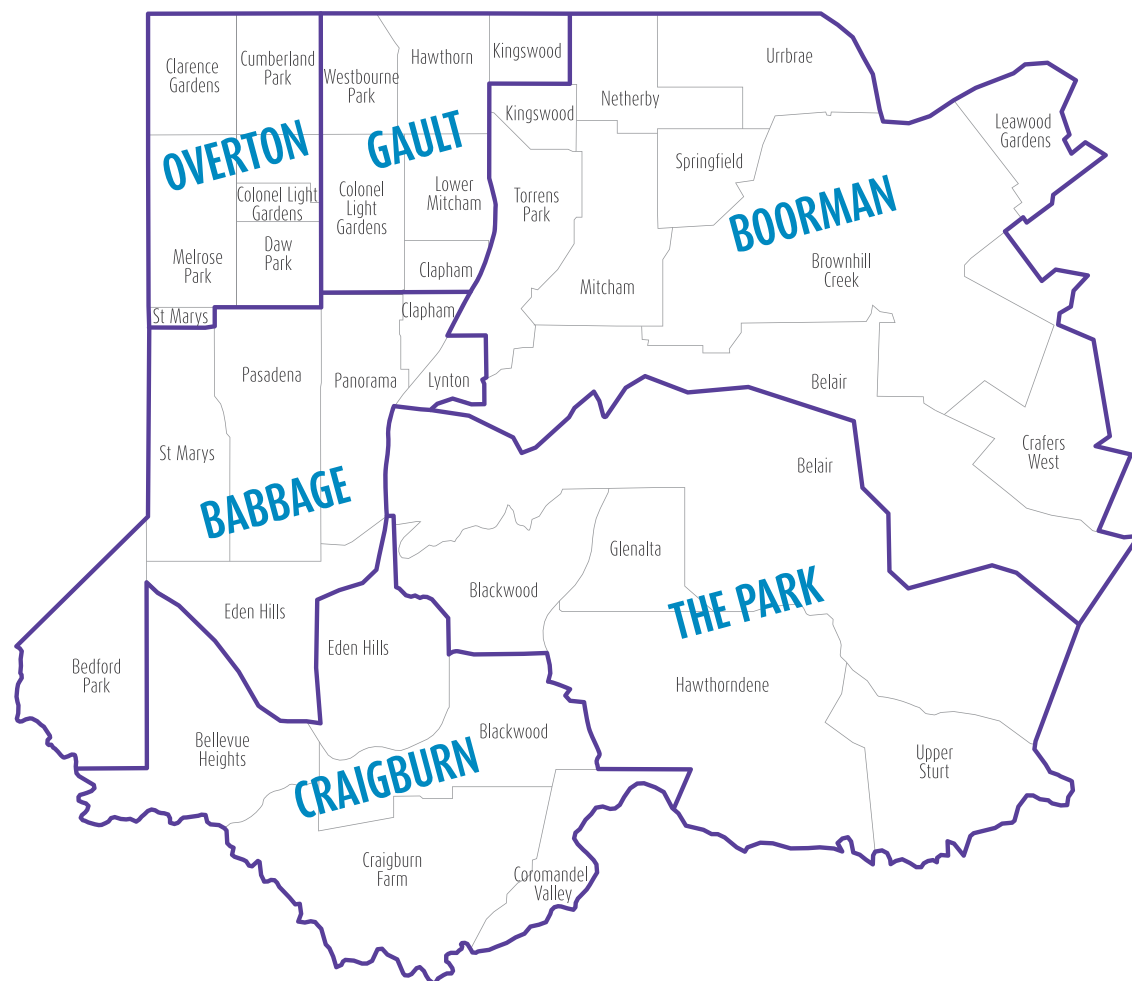
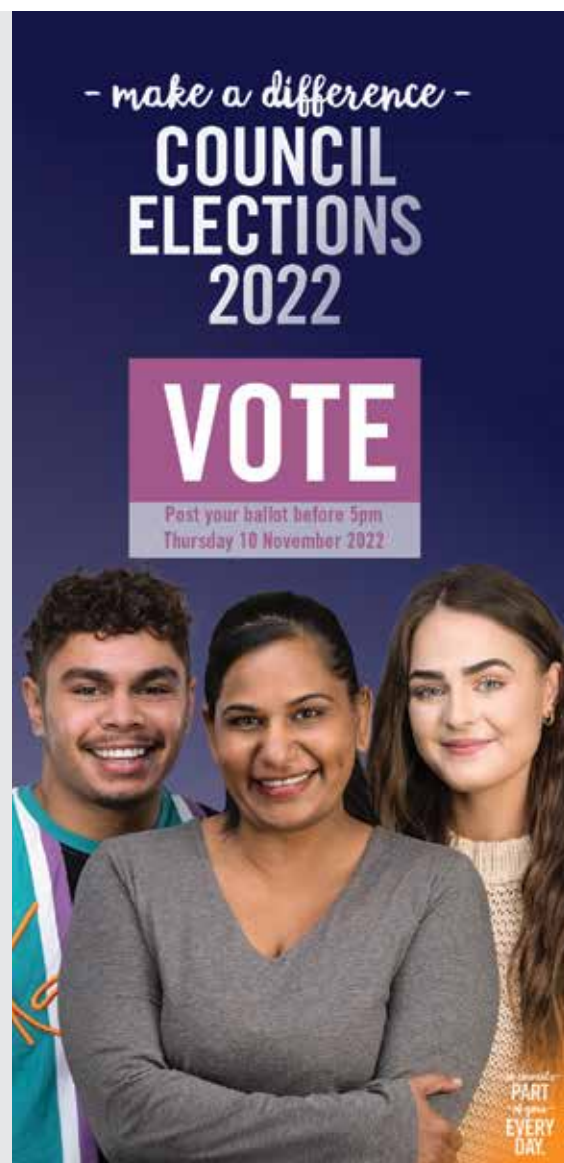
Once you have completed your ballot paper:

1. Place your folded ballot papers in the envelope provided.
2. Seal the ballot paper envelope.
3. Ensure the declaration is filled out with your details.
4. Sign the declaration.
5. Place your sealed ballot paper envelope in the reply-paid envelope and seal it.

Voting closes at 5pm on Thursday 10 November 2022.

Voters can either post their votes in the reply-paid envelope or you can hand deliver your voting envelope by placing it in the ballot box at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

If you post your ballot papers, they must be received by the Electoral Commission of SA before 5pm Thursday 10 November 2022.



For a list of candidates and link to candidate profiles and information on new ward boundaries, visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council-elections



Nominate now for Australia Day Awards

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

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

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

Applications close on Friday 18 November 2022.

Find out more and submit a nomination at
www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/australia-day-awards



Senior Ranger Brent Lores, Ranger Beth Reid, National Parks and Wildlife Service Access for All Coordinator Yvette Eglinton, Project Manager Lisa Pearson, Local Inclusion Reference Group member Jodie Pearson, and City of Mitcham Community Connection Projects Manager Katrina Head at Belair National Park.

Trike trial underway at Belair

City of Mitcham has partnered with District Council of Yankalilla, the Legatus group of Councils (central SA), Department for Environment and Water and UniSA to improve access to the great outdoors for people living with a disability.

As part of a trial that aims to promote access and inclusion, City of Mitcham is hosting a manual MT Push wheelchair at Belair National Park.

The chair has brakes and steering operated by a buddy and will pave the way for residents who use wheelchairs, or who may not be able to walk longer distances, to explore the park with friends or family.

Project Manager Lisa Pearson is encouraging people of all ages to participate in the trial and provide feedback to inform future opportunities.

"There's overwhelming evidence that spending extended time outdoors has enormous health and wellbeing benefits," she says. "Yet for those in a wheelchair, physical barriers make it difficult to enjoy those benefits in many of our natural environments."

There is also opportunity for experienced wheelchair users to participate in group excursions using electric trikes at Belair National Park or other regional locations as they tour SA.

Local Inclusion Reference Group member Jodie Pearce said the trikes would open up

more opportunities for people who used wheelchairs.

"I'd like to be able to experience more off-road trails, but my very expensive customised wheelchair is not designed for the rough and tumble," she said. "Places like the bush or the beach can be out of reach."

The trial has been made possible through the Opening the Door to Nature project which is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

The MT Push can be collected from Belair National Park Information Office from 9am to 4.30pm for use within Belair National Park.

To book the MT Push wheelchair and find out more, visit www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/belair-national-park, call the office on 8278 5477 or email belairnationalpark@sa.gov.au. To contribute to City of Mitcham's inclusion reference group, please contact Katrina Head on phone 8372 8888. For more information on e-trike excursions, please contact Lisa Pearson at lisapearson@yankalilla.sa.gov.au or phone 0419 704 912.



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Pasadena Community Centre now open!

Attention residents! You're invited to get involved in a new community centre set to open at Pasadena this month.

In late 2021, City of Mitcham purchased the former Sea Scout Hall at 47 Adelaide Terrace, Pasadena, with a view to creating a community centre at the site.

The centre is intended to cater for all residents and will be particularly convenient for those who live in Bedford Park, Panorama, Pasadena, St Marys, Eden Hills, Lynton, Clapham, Bellevue Heights, Daw Park and Melrose Park.

Council has secured \$500,000 in State Government and \$300,000 in Federal Government funding for the project. A Project Manager will be appointed to activate the centre.

Discover what's on!

Community BBQ

Join us for a relaxed barbecue to celebrate the establishment of the new centre. Find out more about the centre, participate in some chalk art, play a game of chess with one of your neighbours, grab some free books, and more! Open to all ages. Free. No bookings necessary.

When: Sunday 30 October

Time: 12pm to 3pm

Halloween Makeup

Come along and learn how to create your makeup ready for Halloween. In this session you will learn how to do the makeup for a zombie, vampire and Day of the Dead or freestyle to your heart's content. Pizza will be provided for the kids.

Date: Friday 28 October 2022

Time: 4.30pm to 6pm (ages 6-11) and 6.30pm to 8pm (ages 12+)

RSVP to 8372 8888 or rolthoff@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Coffee and Chat

Come and meet your neighbours at the St Marys and Pasadena catch-up. All ages are welcome. Free. No bookings necessary.

When: Friday 28 October and 25 November

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Tuesday Tune-ups

Join our Community Choir. All singing abilities welcome. Morning tea provided. All ages welcome. Free. No bookings necessary.

When: Tuesday 8 November

Time: 10am to 11.30am

Introduction to Small Business (4 weeks)

Launching your own small business can create new opportunities and alternative income streams for yourself.

This practical, step-by-step course will guide you on how to launch, grow or refresh your small business ideas.

Date: Monday 14 November, 21 November, 28 November and 5 December

Time: 10am to 3pm

Game Café and Friendship Club

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, afternoon tea and board games. Choose from one of our games or bring your favourite to share with the group. Beginner and advanced players welcome. Free. No bookings necessary.

When: Saturday 19 November

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Introduction to Care and Support (4 weeks)

If you'd like to work with people, build your confidence and make a meaningful impact in your work, the aged care and disability support sector is an ideal choice.

This introductory course helps you to identify the skills you already have, as well as the job requirements to work in this industry, and to understand the importance of person-centred care.

Date: Tuesday 15 November, 22 November, 29 November and 6 December

Time: 10am to 3pm

Kick-start your employment

Become job ready and learn the essential computer and communication skills you need to apply for work, and in the workplace.

This course will help you to find and secure a job, as well as seek further training options, in a supportive and practical learning environment.

Date: Wednesday 16 November, 23 November, 30 November and 7 December

Time: 10am to 3pm

This is a really exciting opportunity for City of Mitcham residents who have been waiting many years for a community centre in this area. We're really hoping that the community will embrace the new centre and get involved, making it their own.

Sean McNamara,
Community Development
Manager

Would you like to get involved? We'd love to hear from you!
Contact us on 8372 8888 or email communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



Connect with us!

Want to know what's happening at the Community Centre? Add yourself to the Pasadena Community Centre distribution list. Email your name, phone and email address to communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or telephone 8372 8888.

You can also like our Facebook page at @PasadenaCommunityCentre



Community Advisory Committee applications now open

The City of Mitcham is seeking Expressions of Interest from community members who would like to join the Community Advisory Committee for the Pasadena Community Centre.

Committee members will share local knowledge, be inclusive and have a can-do attitude to help activate the Pasadena Community Centre.

This will be a 12-month volunteer position and committee members will need to be available to meet monthly at a time agreed upon by the committee.

Diversity in membership is encouraged. We are seeking individuals from Kurna Country and other First Nations peoples as well as individuals of all ages (including youth), all genders and all abilities.

If you are interested, please send through a one-page response telling us why you would like to be considered.

To find out more, please contact the Project Manager on 8372 8888 or email pasadena@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Applications should be addressed to:

Project Manager
Pasadena Community Centre
City of Mitcham
131 Belair Road, Torrens Park SA 5042
pasadena@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Applications close 5pm 31 October 2022.

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BUSHFIRE SAFETY GUIDE

FIRES CAN START AND SPREAD VERY QUICKLY

High winds, falling trees and smoke can make driving dangerous. If you are not planning to stay and defend your property, leave early to avoid being trapped in a car or on foot. This is how people die.

DON'T WAIT

- For a warning
- Until you see or smell smoke
- For a knock on the door

YES, YOU MAY LEAVE SEVERAL TIMES DURING A BUSHFIRE SEASON, JUST TO BE SAFE.

ARE YOU READY?

LEAVING EARLY IS ALWAYS THE SAFEST OPTION

If you're in a high risk area, such as property near bushland or grassland, that means leaving before there are any signs of a fire.

Are you ready?

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This map depicts new ward boundaries that come into effect for the November 2022 Council Elections.

BELIEF BUSTERS

BELIEF:

"I'll just leave when I see smoke."

BUSTED:

If you see smoke, your exit might be blocked.

Prepare to live and survive in a bushfire prone area

As a resident of the City of Mitcham if you live in the shaded area, then you live in a bushfire prone area.

Residents are encouraged to clean up properties before the start of the fire danger season (generally November to April) and to maintain this throughout the season.

Stay informed

It's up to you to keep yourself up to date with current conditions and warnings by monitoring, listening and staying connected.



MONITOR

Monitor information at cfs.sa.gov.au and the weather at bom.gov.au

Keep up to date with the news around your area.

Check your surroundings for signs of fire such as smoke, flames or embers. It could be your best information source.



LISTEN

Your local ABC radio station is an emergency broadcaster. Use a radio or the free ABC Listen app on a mobile phone.



CONNECT

Visit the Country Fire Service website and check for bushfire warnings and alerts at cfs.sa.gov.au

Follow Country Fire Service on Facebook and Twitter.

Alert SA App, visit alert.sa.gov.au for all emergency services alerts.

Call the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1800 362 361.

Tip: Power may fail during a bushfire, so if you rely on radio, keep a battery-powered radio handy or use a radio app on your smartphone.

Know the Fire Danger Ratings and bushfire warning and alert levels

Fire Danger Ratings (FDR)

Australia's Fire Danger Rating System has changed to make it easier for people to make decisions on high fire danger days.

The new nation-wide system has replaced the previous model of six categories with four Fire Danger Rating Levels - Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic.

The new rating system is your simplified survival tool. Its daily forecast tells you how dangerous a bushfire would be if it broke out, and what you need to do to stay safe on Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic days and should trigger your plans and what you should do to act before a fire starts.

Bushfire warnings and alerts

When bushfires have started these warnings will keep you informed and you need to take action during a bushfire. Make sure you understand the different levels of warnings but don't expect warnings to be issued in any particular order.

There are three warning levels:

- Bushfire Advice Message
- Bushfire Watch and Act Message
- Bushfire Emergency Warning Message



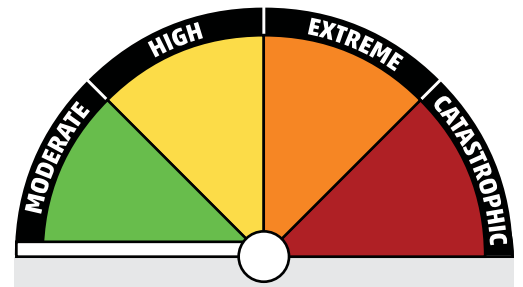
ADVICE: A fire is burning. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes. (May also be used to advise that a threat has reduced.)



WATCH AND ACT: A fire is burning and conditions are changing. Start taking action now to protect yourself and others.



EMERGENCY WARNING: This is the highest level of warning. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay may put your life at risk.



Fire Danger Ratings and what they mean

CATASTROPHIC

TOTAL FIRE BAN

If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.

- These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire
- Homes are not constructed to withstand fires in these conditions
- The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas

EXTREME

TOTAL FIRE BAN

- Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous
- These are dangerous fire conditions
- You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions

HIGH

- Fires can be dangerous
- There's a heightened risk
- If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk

MODERATE

- Most fires can be controlled
- Controlled burning may occur in these conditions if it is safe - check to see if permits apply

Find information about all current warnings at cfs.sa.gov.au and Country Fire Service social media pages, or listen to your local ABC radio station.

BELIEF BUSTERS

BELIEF:

"My phone and the internet will keep me updated in a bushfire."

BUSTED:

During bushfires you may lose power or have no connection.



Radiant heat is the biggest killer in a fire. To protect yourself from radiant heat:

- Keep as far away from the fire as possible
- Cover exposed skin with natural fibres
- Take shelter behind a building
- Stay away from windows, as glass lets the heat in

BELIEF BUSTERS

BELIEF:
"I'll outrun the bushfire
in my car."

BUSTED:
People die in cars trying
to escape.

Planning ahead

You and your family's safety and survival during a bushfire will depend on how prepared you are, and the decisions you make.

There are 7 keys to surviving a bushfire that we recommend you review as part of developing your Bushfire Survival Plan:

Writing and practicing your Bushfire Survival Plans

Your plan is central to your survival.

Understanding bushfire behaviour

It is important to understand the characteristics and behaviour of bushfires. They are influenced by vegetation, topography and climate.

Recognising days of high fire danger

Bushfires can be more dangerous on certain days. Learn to recognise the characteristics and terminology of these days.

Preparing your home and property

Even if your plan is to leave early, a well prepared home is more likely to survive a bushfire.

Acting on days of high fire danger

Put your preparation and plans into action on high fire danger days.

Creating emergency kits

Kits keep all the things you will need together and accessible. Create:

- **Relocation Kit** – things to take with you
- **Survival Kit** – what you need to help survive the day
- **Recovery Kit** – what you need for the 24-48 hours after a fire

Consider your physical and emotional preparation

It's important to be realistic about what you can and can't do. Ensure you and your family understand fully what a bushfire can mean in terms of fear, stress and threat to personal life.

Create a Bushfire Survival Plan

Your plan should outline what you need to do to help safeguard your property and what actions each member of your family will take on fire risk days if a fire threatens.

Create your own **5 Minute Bushfire Plan** or complete the **Bushfire Survival Plan** by visiting the CFS website cfs.sa.gov.au.

A good plan is:

- Prepared well ahead of the fire danger season and reviewed each year
- Written down, so that details are to hand when you need them
- Practiced regularly
- Created with the whole family and covers everyone, including young and elderly
- Includes what to do before the fire danger season, on a Total Fire Ban day, during and after a bushfire
- Can adapt to unforeseen circumstances.

Making a choice when a bushfire threatens is too late

Most people who die in bushfires die leaving their homes at the last moment. Leaving late is a deadly option.

A good plan will outline when you will stay and defend your property and when you will leave early. Unexpected things can happen in an emergency so you will need to adapt to changing circumstances and have a plan that will work in different situations.

You may decide to have different plans to suit the daily fire danger rating.

Tip: Keep a copy of your Bushfire Plan ready, ideally with an offline digital copy on at least one device you take with you.

What to do on bushfire risk days

To find out whether it's a bushfire risk day, check weather forecasts or cfs.sa.gov.au

When to leave?

Leaving early is the safest option to protect yourself and your family. Leaving early means leaving the area before a fire starts – not when you can see flames or smell smoke.

Where to go?

Your Bushfire Plan will help you identify several possible places to go. Choose somewhere with a low fire risk, such as a friend in a location well away from bushland. Take everything you and your family and animals need for at least 24 hours.

How to get there?

Work out several different escape routes because roads might be blocked by falling trees or powerlines, traffic, dense smoke or fire.

Leave early

When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or Catastrophic, leaving early is always the safest option. Destinations may be the homes of family and friends who live outside the risk area, a nearby town or other built-up area. You can identify these places in your Bushfire Plan.

Leaving early is always the safest option.



Well-prepared properties

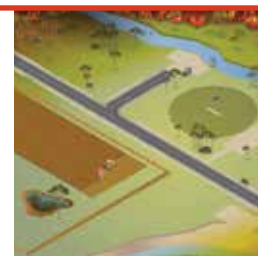
If leaving a bushfire risk area is no longer an option, there may be places close by that could protect you such as a well-prepared home (yours or your neighbour's), a Bushfire Last Resort Refuge or Evacuation Centre. Think about how you will get there.

Your safety is not guaranteed.

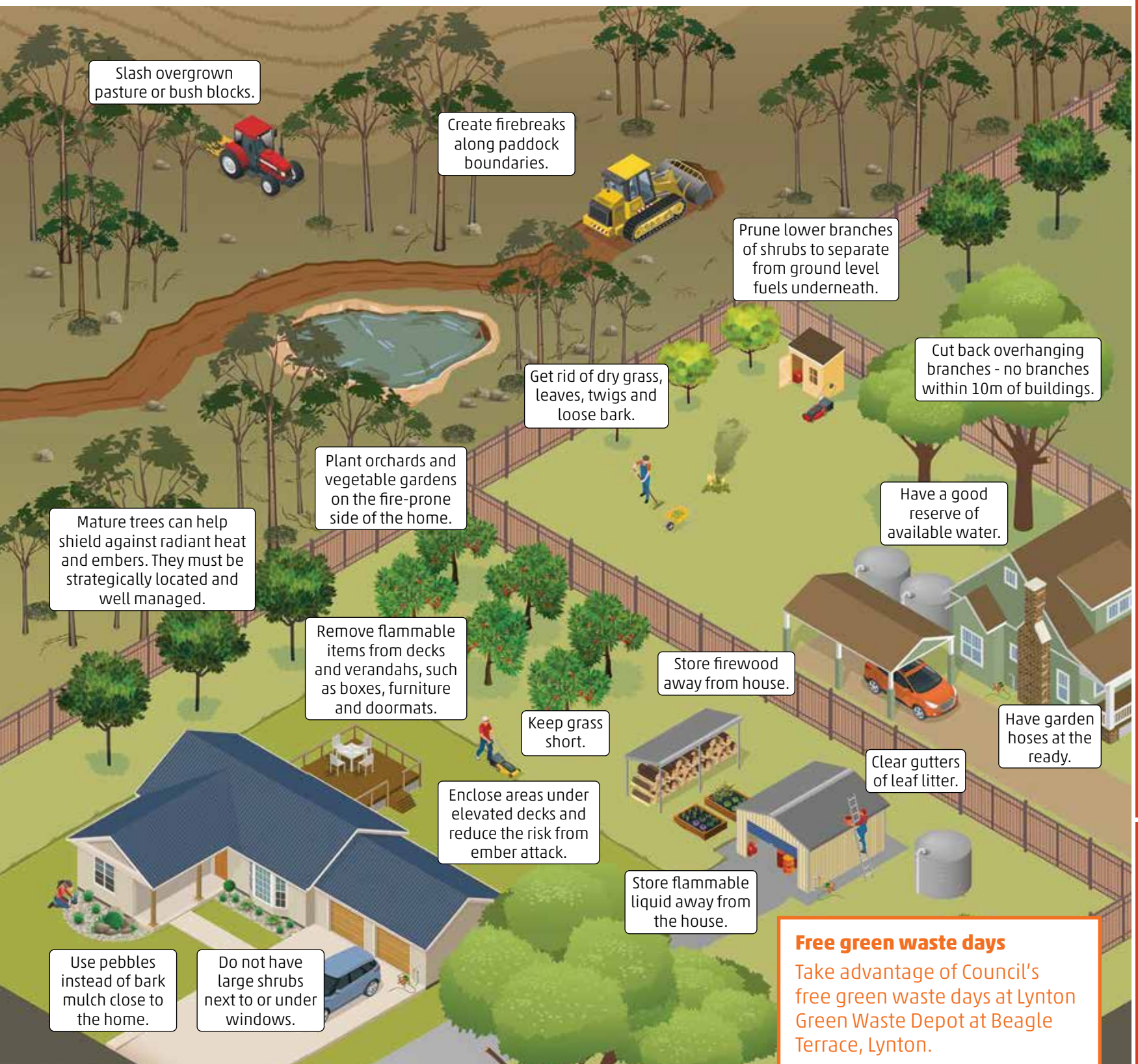
Last resort

If you're caught in the open and no other options are available, taking shelter in a nearby safer place (a bushfire last resort refuge), a stationary car in a clear area, a ploughed paddock or cleared reserve may protect you from fire and radiant heat.

Risk of trauma, injury or death.



Tip: Keep a copy of your Bushfire Plan ready, ideally with an offline digital copy on at least one device you take with you.



Preparing your property

Whether you plan to leave early or stay and defend, your property has a much higher chance of surviving a bushfire if it is properly prepared.

Burning embers can blow ahead of the fire front. Many homes catch fire when embers blow into spaces and cracks, gutters and eaves or flammable materials close to the house. These are some things you can do to protect your property:

Simple steps

- Keep grass short around the property
- Prune shrubs so they are not too dense
- Clean gutters
- Move wood, mulch or any flammable material away from the house

Move all flammable items that are located outdoors (doormats, furniture, plant baskets etc) either inside or away from the house when a bushfire threatens.

More lasting protection

- Use non-flammable materials such as pebbles or gravel (not woodchips or bark) close to the home
- Relocate gas bottles away from the fire-prone side of the building and turn gas release valves to face away from the building
- Seal small gaps in timber decks, screen larger under-deck areas with non-flammable screens
- Install metal fly wire mesh on windows and vents and protective screens on air conditioner units
- Block gaps under floor, in roof spaces, under eaves, external walls, skylights, around windows, chimneys and wall cladding

Free green waste days

Take advantage of Council's free green waste days at Lynton Green Waste Depot at Beagle Terrace, Lynton.

Free days will be held on:

- October 10, 15, 24 and 29
- November 5, 14, 19, and 28

For more information visit
www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/lynton-green-organics

Additional rural property protection

- Locate dams, orchards, and effluent disposal systems on fire-prone side of home
- Make sure fire trucks can access property
- Create firebreaks along paddock boundaries
- Store petrol and gas safely in a shed
- Install diesel-powered underground water pumps that lead from dams to the house
- Create a bare earth firebreak along the property boundary
- If fire threatens, move livestock to a well-grazed or ploughed paddock



Last year's winners, including best feature tree, best verge garden and best lawn.

Garden competition returns

Colonel Light Gardens residents are invited to enter a garden competition run by the Colonel Light Gardens Residents' Association.

Categories include best cottage garden, front verge (lawn or garden), front lawn (yard), tree (shaped or natural), new garden, hedge, native garden, roses/rose garden, and overall garden.

Residents' Association president Marko Klobas said the aim of the competition, in its second year, was to promote Garden Suburb ideals, encourage tree planting and build community.

"We had a fantastic response last year and are hoping to build on that success," he said.

Prizes have been donated by local businesses Hollards, Local Crowd and Burganomix and will be awarded for each category.

Residents can nominate their own garden or another garden in the suburb. The judging panel will view gardens from the street or front gate.

Email nominations to ilovedclg@hotmail.com by Friday 14 October. Judging will take place in November.

For more information, contact Chris on 0413 479 937.



Halloween Roller Disco returns to Blackwood

After a three-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the popular Halloween Roller Disco is set to return to the Blackwood Recreation Centre this month.

Supported by a City of Mitcham grant, the disco has been a well-loved community event since 2014.

Blackwood Community Recreation Centre Assistant Manager Stephen Woods said his team was looking forward to hosting the event again.

"We've had lots of enquiries from patrons over the last couple of years, so we're really excited about bringing it back," he said. "In previous years we've sold out, so we know it's really popular."

The disco will be held on Saturday 29 October from 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

There will be a DJ, games, face painting and giveaways for best dressed skaters.

Tickets are \$12, or \$15 on the night. Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult. Children three and under are free. Due to density requirements, all skaters and spectators must pay to attend the event.

To book, contact the Blackwood Recreation Centre on 8278 8833 or email contactus@blackwoodrec.com.au



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Gibbs Park Tennis Club story board unveiled

A story board that celebrates the history of the Gibbs Park Tennis Club has been installed at Wonoka Street, Eden Hills.

Former Club President Ian Williams said the board would preserve the legacy of the club, which disbanded in 2021.

"The Club was founded during the first world war it had a long and rich history," he said. "It holds an important place in the development of the Eden Hills community."

Mr Williams welcomed news the City of Mitcham would retain the tennis courts and reserve as a recreational space for the people of Eden Hills.

The board shares stories from the early days of the suburb and includes photos of some of the club's founding members including the Gibbs and Wicks families.

Descendants of both families gathered to open the story board, along with City of Mitcham Councillors, staff and local residents.



Descendants of Gibbs Park Tennis Club (L-R) Julie Morgon, Kirstine Wicks, Catherine Carmichael; Margaret, Ian, Jill, Sophie, Mark and Liam Wicks.

Ian Wicks, whose mother and grandfather are pictured on the board, remembered playing tennis for the club as a boy.

"When I was young we would travel on the back of a ute to play teams all over the place, from Kangarilla to Clarendon," he said. "The courts were pretty horrible back then, the asphalt was black and sticky when it was hot. But it was a great meeting place."

Margaret Wicks shared photographs from her collection to help tell the story of the Club.

"It means a great deal to us because our family is closely connected to this area," she said. "I would like to thank the Council and Club for their interest and I'm so happy to hear the courts will be staying."

Spring into croquet at Reade Park

The only surviving croquet club in City of Mitcham, Reade Park Croquet Club, is hoping to attract new players as the weather warms up.

Established at Colonel Light Gardens in 1929, the club has evolved to become a social club with a mix of players from beginners to those who play at a competitive level.

Club secretary Zig Jablonski said membership was yet to return to pre-COVID levels. He said anyone was welcome to pop in to check out the club or give the sport a try.

Croquet is a low impact sport, ideal for people who have physical limitations.

"People tend to think it is a game for older people, or for 'Downton Abbey' types, but

To find out more, call Zig on 0418 817 473 or President Brenton Hollitt on 0419 893 551.

Grounds Manager Rob Speer and Clubroom Manager Geoff Houghton with new quadway hoops purchased with support from a City of Mitcham grant.

it's a great game that encourages players to think, build skills and use teamwork, and can be played by all ages."

This year the club purchased new quadway croquet hoops, bringing them in line with other South Australian clubs, with support from a City of Mitcham grant.

As well as offering free 'come and try' lessons, the club hosts regular open days, pizza and barbecue nights. The club is open on Wednesday at 4pm and Sunday at 3pm.



Have Your Say: 40km/h speed limit for Blackwood East

The City of Mitcham is seeking feedback on the proposed introduction of a 40 km/h area speed limit in Blackwood east adjacent the Belair Railway line, Belair Hotel, Main Road and Station Road.

In March 2021 a traffic study was undertaken which supported the introduction of an area wide 40km/h speed limit.

We are now seeking feedback on the proposed implementation of a 40km/h speed limit in Blackwood east including Station Road, Carr Street, Station Avenue, Colton Road, Stirling Road, Albert Place, Railway Terrace and Burfield Street by 5pm Monday 7 November.

Following consultation, a report including the feedback from the community will be presented to Council for consideration. If supported by the community and Council a proposal may then be developed for approval from the Minister for Transport for a change in speed limit.

To find out more please contact Council's Traffic and Transport Team on 8372 8888 or email yoursay@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

To have your say please complete the online survey by 5pm Monday 7 November at yoursay.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/40kmblackwoodeast or access by using the QR Code.





Clockwise from above: St Marys resident Milla Atkins and her son Leo; Pasadena and St Marys Action Group member Sandy and St Bernadette's Primary School Year 2 students Isha, Essa and Bianca; St Bernadette's Primary School Year 2 students Abak and Sarah; City of Mitcham's Sam Williams and St Bernadette's Primary School student Yugraj prepare a seedling for planting at St Marys.

City of Mitcham celebrates Arbor Day

School students and volunteers helped plant fruit trees and butterfly-friendly natives at an Arbor Day celebration at Thurles Street Reserve, St Marys, on the first day of spring.

Year 10 students from Springbank College, Year 1 and 2 students from St Bernadette's School and students from Pasadena Kindergarten were joined by community volunteers from the Pasadena and St Marys Action Group and the Springbank Secondary College Governing Council, City of Mitcham Councillors and staff.

The group planted semi-mature fruit and nut trees including pistachio, lemon, orange, lime, bay, mandarin and walnut trees, along with small native plants including grevilleas and hakeas. The trees will complement the reserve's range of fruit and nut trees, planted

in 2017, including pears, figs, macadamias and apples.

Pasadena and St Marys Action Group member Sandy said she was thrilled to be part of the day.

"It's fantastic to see these smaller understory plants also going in, that will attract bees, butterflies and other insects," she said. "I've been coming to this reserve for years; it's wonderful to see the changes."

St Marys resident Milla Atkins enjoyed being part of the day with her son Leo, who attends Pasadena Kindergarten.

"I am here because my company has given me a leave day for volunteering," she said. "This

is our local park, so it's really great to be here and I'm excited to see the plants going in."

As part of the Arbor Day celebrations, City of Mitcham gave away tree vouchers to local schools and residents in a bid to build on efforts to expand the city's tree canopy.

This year City of Mitcham has planted 1836 trees, ahead of its annual planting target of 1800.

City of Mitcham is one of five cities across Australia and 120 worldwide declared a 'Tree City of the World' in recognition of its commitment to growing and maintaining its tree canopy.



Dig in to our soils workshop

Journey into the life of soil in your backyard at this month's Get Gardening workshop at Cumberland Park Community Centre.

Join the team from Patch of Plenty to look at what makes great soil and how to improve the soil in your garden to grow amazing fruit and vegetables.

This practical session will leave you with the next steps to transforming your own soil.

Bring along a jar of soil from your own backyard for testing and be prepared to get messy!

What: Great soils grow great food

Date: Saturday 29 October

Time: 10am to 12pm

Where: Cumberland Park Community Centre, 390 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park

Cost: \$5

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