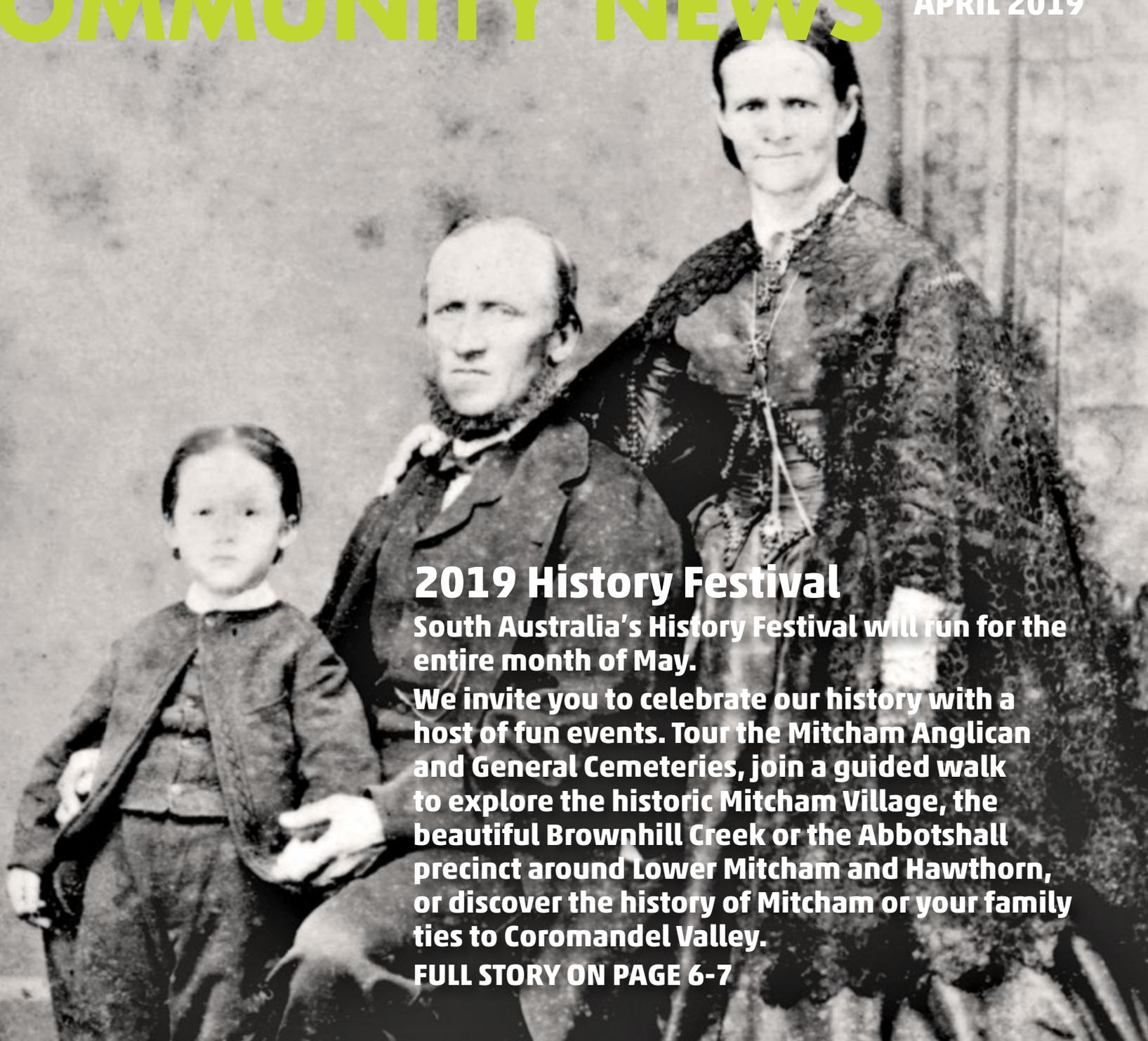


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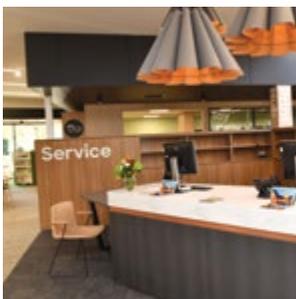
We invite you to celebrate our history with a host of fun events. Tour the Mitcham Anglican and General Cemeteries, join a guided walk to explore the historic Mitcham Village, the beautiful Brownhill Creek or the Abbotshall precinct around Lower Mitcham and Hawthorn, or discover the history of Mitcham or your family ties to Coromandel Valley.

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Message from the Mayor

Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross



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One of the activities I've most enjoyed in the last couple of months is getting to know some of our younger citizens. The Council, through our Community Development team, run a school visit program at the Civic Centre. Lead by our Youth Development Officer, Ulus, classes of primary school students learn about the roles of the three tiers of government, and in particular, the responsibilities of the Mitcham Council. And what better way to teach our young people about the importance of government than to hold these session in the Council Chamber? The visits combine learning with a lot of fun as students pretend to be Councillors and elect a student Mayor for the day. It's been a great privilege to spend time with students from Clapham, Walford, and Scotch College.



Additionally, we've hosted leadership programmes for the Student Representative Committees from Urrbrae High and Springbank Secondary College. I am involved with these sessions by talking with students about my role as Mayor, followed by a Q & A session. I'm so impressed with the depth of understanding these students have about their rights and responsibilities within the global community, which is evidenced by the calibre of their questions. They will do us proud as the leaders of the future!

To continue the community engagement theme, I'm really excited to announce a three month trial of a weekly drop-in session for residents "Share with the Mayor". For the months of April, May and June I will be hosting afternoon tea every Wednesday from 3pm to 6.30pm at the Civic Centre in the Florey Room. I invite anyone who would like to share their thoughts to join me for a chat, a cuppa and a biscuit. I'm interested in hearing your ideas for the future of the City, whether they be City wide or localised, a grand design or a minor tweak, long or short term, continuing or once off.

I envisage that these get togethers will be in a group setting, however, as I have no idea of people's uptake to this idea, I am not sure of what size group to expect. I would love to hear from individuals, groups, representatives of clubs and other organisations - anyone who thinks they have an interesting idea. If the trial is successful, I will consider continuing to hold drop-in sessions. I will also be inviting ward Councillors to join me, if they wish to do so.

I am instigating this trial, in part, because of the commitment I made during the election campaign, to be transparent and available to residents. Since becoming Mayor I have heard from, and met with, many groups and individuals for a variety of reasons. I hope that "Share with the Mayor" will provide an additional avenue for residents to be heard, however, because of the group setting, this will not be an appropriate forum to raise complaints of individual's circumstances.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the next three months, hearing your ideas and shaping plans for the City of Mitcham.

What do you think of our Compostable Dog Poo Bags?

Our compostable dog poo bag trial will finish at the end of April and we would love to hear your feedback.

Compostable bags, unlike degradable and biodegradable, can be placed in your green organics bin. They are made of corn starch and break down naturally to form compost.

To improve how we manage our four legged friend's waste we trialed compostable dog poo bags at:

- Hawthorndene Oval, Hawthorndene
- Brownhill Creek Road, Brownhill Creek
- Mortlock Park, Colonel Light Gardens

These compostable bags do not contain any plastic. They are made of corn starch and can be turned into compost along with dog poo.

Compostable dog poo bags and dog poo can be placed into your green food and garden organics (FOGO) bin.



We would love to hear your feedback on the compostable dog poo bags by email mitcham@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or by calling 8372 8888 and asking to speak with one of our Waste Management Officers.



Free Kitchen Caddy Trial - More Bags, Please!

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

Last year over 5,500 households in St Marys, Clapham, Panorama, Pasadena and Eden Hills received a free kitchen caddy, compostable bags and information on how to compost your food scraps.

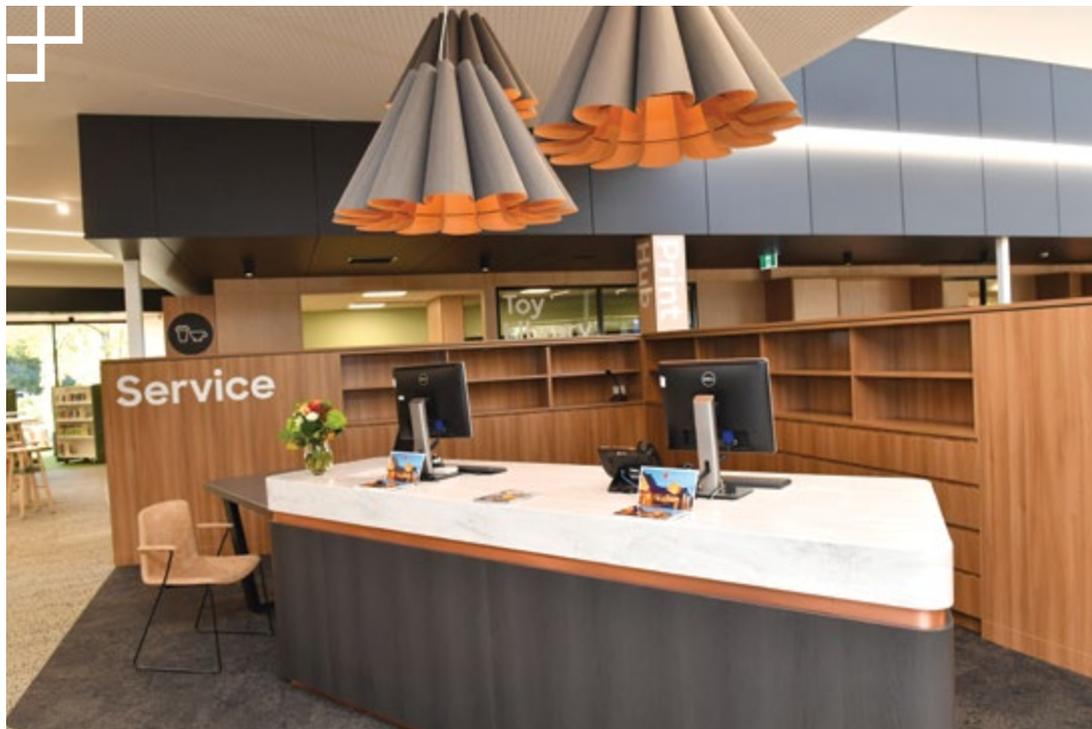
The pilot program, which is supported through a Food Waste Incentive Grant from Green Industries SA, will be undertaken over the next three years, to divert green organics from landfill.

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.

Mitcham Memorial Library is Now Officially Open

On Tuesday 29 January the Mitcham Memorial Library reopened its doors welcoming the community into a newly renovated space.



While the \$6.4 million Library was officially opened on Wednesday 23 January by the former Mayor Glenn Spear our community helped us celebrate at a Community Fun Day in February. Over 3,000 visitors joined us to celebrate on a warm Saturday in February enjoying activities both in our newly re-developed Library and in the Soldier's Memorial Gardens. Guests toured the new facilities and enjoyed activities including story time, live music, a puppet show, craft, a recycling activity room, book sale,

face-painting, bouncy castle, climbing wall, food stalls, games, competitions and much more. The Mitcham Memorial Library is fast becoming a favourite spot to spend time for families, teens, and people wanting to take part in community groups and use the meeting rooms as well as those looking for an inviting and comfortable place to work, study and read. Visit us now and see how your Library can assist you with your educational, recreational, and cultural needs.

We have so much on offer; drop in to see us soon!

Services at the Mitcham Memorial Library

Meeting rooms with after-hours access

Five spaces with three of these able to be joined for larger events. Includes access to a kitchenette and amenities.

Programs and Events

Story time, Wriggle and Read, book clubs, board games groups, language lessons, knitting networks, school holiday programs, school visits, author book launches and presentations, iPad classes, workshops and guest speakers, participation in national events such as Simultaneous Storytime and Children's Book Week.

Services

Justice of the Peace, technical advice (portable devices), reader and reference advice, printing/copying, mobile printing, free wi-fi access, online catalogue to over four million items, self-help holds (reservation service) and public access computers.

Public gallery space

Wall space available to display local art.

For loan

Fiction, non-fiction, CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray, audiobooks, graphic novels, magazines, online resources including e-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines, Kanopy and Beamfilm movie streaming home energy toolkits.

Youth lounge

Integrated Toy Library

IT based training services

Public access kitchenette

Outside deck for events, relaxation and study

Home delivery services

Mitcham Memorial Library is located at 154 Belair Road in Hawthorn.

Mitcham Memorial Library is open:

Monday	10am to 5.30pm
Tuesday	10am to 5.30pm
Wednesday	10am to 8pm
Thursday	10am to 5.30pm
Friday	10am to 2pm
Saturday	10am to 4pm
Sunday	2pm to 5pm

Real PEOPLE. real FAITH. Real LIFE.

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Find out more at thevillage.org.au



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Widening and Upgrading of Brownhill Creek

The widening and upgrading of Brownhill Creek through Soldier's Memorial Gardens and JWS Morris Reserve, as part of the wider approval to implement the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan, is well underway.

The upgrade work to Brownhill Creek in Soldier's Memorial Gardens will not only create a stable creek environment for flood events but also provide a safe nature play space when the creek is not in flood.

Brownhill Creek in Soldier's Memorial Gardens has been widened and a geofabric (green material) has been laid in preparation for plantings within the channel and on the banks. Stepping boulders and logs have also been installed to create an active space.

Gabions (rock filled baskets) have been installed in JWS Morris Reserve and a floodwall constructed at George Street will protect properties from flooding and contain the creek flows. Two new footbridges and new footpaths will enable the creek and its fully landscaped surrounds to again be enjoyed by the community.

The upgrade of Brownhill Creek channel and landscaping will address some long standing flooding issues, restore the channel to a more natural state and beautify the reserve.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed in May 2019.



Measuring how much Water our Street Trees Use

Have you noticed some of our street trees wrapped in hessian behind tall guards?

Council, with grant funding from the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, is collaborating with Flinders University to see how our street trees might assist how we engineer our stormwater drainage and flood mitigation work.

Because water evaporates from their leaves, trees work like big, organic, evaporative air conditioners to keep our suburbs cooler. By drawing their water from the ground and by redistributing soil water around their root

systems, Council's trees might also increase the capacity of our stormwater soakage systems.

Flinders University student Ms Xanthia Gleeson, under supervision of hydrologist Associate Professor Huade Guan, is investigating how much water our street trees use.

An electrical resistivity tomograph was used to identify active sapwood in the tree's trunks so sap flow meters could be attached. The sap flow meters will show how much water trees use where stormwater is soaked into the soil

compared to others growing in sites where stormwater is drained away.

This study will give insights into how much our trees benefit from the extra water but also whether the trees increase the amount of stormwater that we can harvest.

This research might one day lead to trees being valued not only for their environmental and aesthetic benefits but also for their effective contributions to sustainable stormwater management.



Street Sweeping Keeps our City Clean

Did you know that street sweeping not only keeps our streets looking good but it also keeps waste and debris out of our storm water system and keeps our community safe?

Our street sweeping trucks drive by your street approximately every five weeks to keep the gutters clean. This not only keeps our streets looking clean and tidy it also helps protect our environment by removing leaf litter and debris before they enter the stormwater system. It also reduces the chance of flooding in the event of heavy rain, and importantly clean streets ensure our roads are safe for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

Each year Council collects on average 1,300 tonnes of waste from our streets. Two street

sweepers cover approximately 900 kilometres across the City every five weeks. During seasonal programs an extra sweeper and a Council staff member using a hand blower to clear footpaths and verges is introduced to sweep 115 kilometres of roads every two weeks.

At times impacts from weather can slow us down. Recently the extremely hot weather resulted in a dramatic increase in trees dropping their leaves slowing our sweepers down.

Our sweepers also have to stop to spread materials that have been placed into piles. While

we appreciate the efforts of residents to pile leaf litter our street sweepers cannot pick up these piles. Leaving the leaf litter spread in the gutter helps keep our sweepers moving.

Our seasonal programs include our: Autumn leaf program between March and May; White Cedar program between September and October; and our Summer leaf program between January and February. More information about our street sweeping and seasonal programs are available at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/streetsweeping



What to do with all those Autumn Leaves!

Each autumn throughout Mitcham the leaves of thousands of deciduous trees change colour and fall to the ground covering lawns, footpaths and gutters. Here are some environmentally healthy things to do with your autumn leaves.



Compost Them

Dry leaf matter provides a great source of carbon in your compost bin or worm farm. Use leaves to layer between wet food scraps and garden materials. Keep excess leaves in bags for in Spring and Summer when dry leaves are hard to find.



Make a Mulch

Rake them up and spread them straight on or mulch them up first and put them in flower beds, vegetable gardens and under trees and shrubs or in container gardens to provide nutrients, keep weeds down and the moisture in.



Mow Over Them

One of the easiest solutions is to run over them with the lawn mower, no raking required. Empty the lawn mower catcher onto your garden for mulch, or directly into your compost bin or green lidded food and garden organics (FOGO) bin.



Rake Them Up

Place them onto your garden for mulch, into your compost bin or directly into your green lidded food and garden organics (FOGO) bin.

Please Don't Bag them or rake them onto the Street

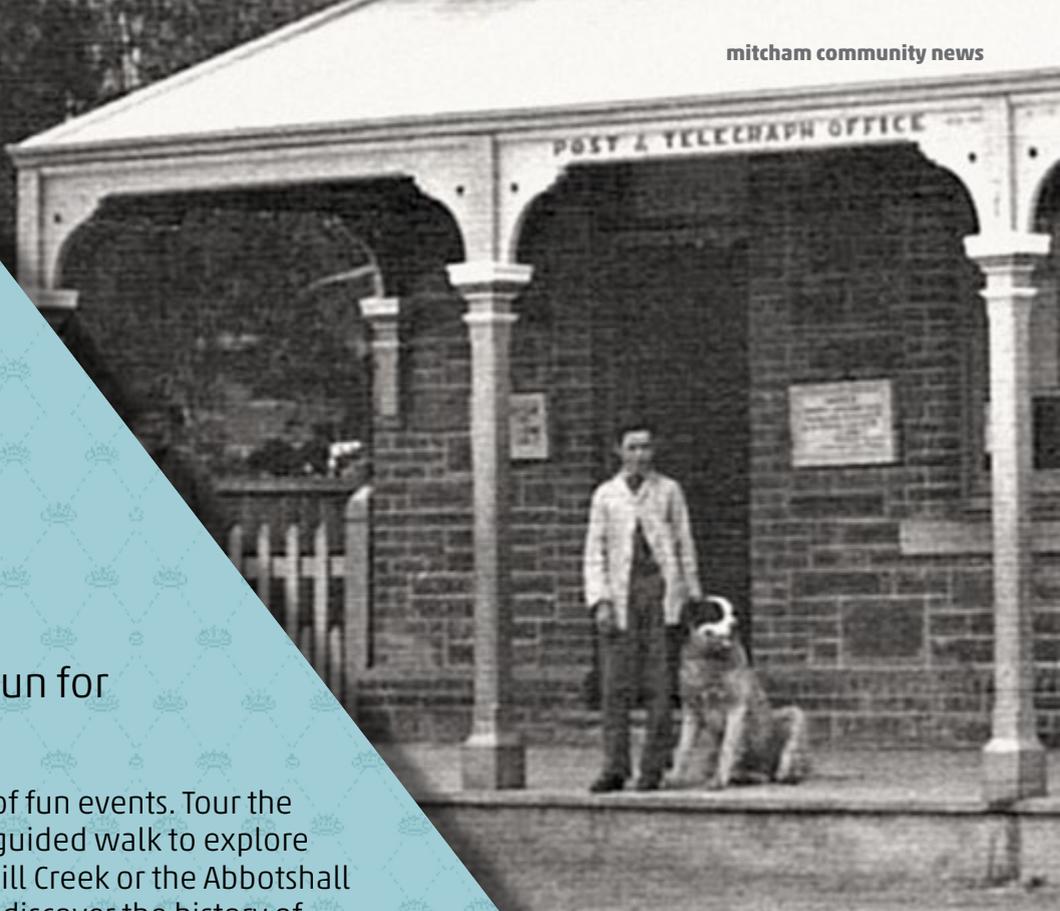
Please don't place leaves, lawn clippings or other garden material in a plastic bag. Plastic bags are not compostable and will cause contamination issues. If leaves are swept onto the street, they may end up in our water ways causing excess nutrients leading to algal blooms. If the leaves are collected by street sweepers they end up wasted in landfill as they are contaminated with other street litter and grime.

For more information visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or call 8372 8888.

2019 History Festival

South Australia's History Festival will run for the entire month of May.

We invite you to celebrate our history with a host of fun events. Tour the Mitcham Anglican and General Cemeteries, join a guided walk to explore the historic Mitcham Village, the beautiful Brownhill Creek or the Abbotshall precinct around Lower Mitcham and Hawthorn, or discover the history of Mitcham or your family ties to Coromandel Valley.



Who Lies There Mitcham Cemeteries Tour

Many of the pioneering families who helped establish South Australia and Mitcham are buried in cemeteries across the Council area.

Take a guided walking tour through the heritage listed Mitcham Anglican and General Cemeteries, both opened in 1854. Visit the resting places of many of Mitcham's and Adelaide's earliest pioneers and identities and hear fascinating stories for a glimpse into some very interesting lives.

Date: Wednesday 1 May
Wednesday 15 May

Time: 10.30am to 12pm

Location: Meet at the Rotunda, Mitcham General Cemetery, Old Belair Road, Mitcham.

Cost: Free

Bookings essential.



Up the Creek Brownhill Creek Walking Tour

Generations of families have enjoyed Brownhill Creek Recreation Park. But there's more to the valley than leisure.

In 1914 Brownhill Creek was proclaimed a 'Public Pleasure Resort'. 150 years of Mitcham's history is hidden along Brownhill Creek Road and the public reserve. Tread the paths of the quarrymen, the farmers and the families who lived there as you enjoy the area's natural beauty and also discover the significance of George Prince's seven pines.

Date: Wednesday 8 May
Wednesday 22 May

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Location: Meet at the Mitcham Reserve carpark off Evans Avenue.

Cost: Free

Bookings essential.



Abbotshall Precinct Walk – The Old and the New

Discover the quiet residential streets around Lower Mitcham and Hawthorn, the secrets of 'Nellie's Garden' adjoining Mitcham Railway Station and the tranquil Brownhill Creek.

The Lower Mitcham and Hawthorn Abbotshall precinct is named after the first house built in Hawthorn in 1852. Take a guided walk around this peaceful area of Mitcham and discover some of the heritage features linked by the railway line and Brownhill Creek. You will also visit the spectacular brand new Mitcham Memorial Library and the newly redeveloped Brownhill Creek and Soldier's Memorial Gardens.

Date: Tuesday 14 May
Tuesday 28 May

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Location: Meet at the Mitcham Railway Station main entrance.

Cost: Free

Bookings essential.



A Village Walk Mitcham Village Historic Walk

In 1840 a new village called Mitcham was born. See and hear how Mitcham Village has evolved over 179 years on a guided walk through the Mitcham Village Historic Conservation area.

Admire the heritage, architecture and learn about the lives of the early and current residents of the village and visit the Edinburgh Hotel which is celebrating its 150th birthday.

Date: Tuesday 7 May
Tuesday 21 May

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Location: Meet at Mitcham Heritage Research Centre, Mitcham Cultural Village, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham.

Cost: Free

Bookings essential.



For more information about the City of Mitcham South Australian History Festival events or to make a booking call the City of Mitcham Customer Service Centre on 8372 8888 during business hours or email sahistoryfestival@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



The History of Mitcham – How much do you know?

Discover the history held at Mitcham Local History Service located in the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre in Mitcham.

Come and explore its extensive collection of documents, photographs and research relating to the history of Mitcham and its 32 suburbs. Learn about the special photographic collections, cemetery records, local newspapers, house histories, community records and a reference library. Come along and have your questions answered by knowledgeable volunteers.

Date: Tuesday and Wednesdays throughout May

Time: 10am to 2.30pm

Location: Mitcham Local History Service, Mitcham Cultural Village, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham

Cost: Free

Bookings not required.



Family Ties in Coromandel Valley

Coromandel Valley descendants discover your family tree.

Are you researching your family tree? Did your descendants come from Coromandel Valley? Mitcham Local History Service volunteer David Wyatt has undertaken extensive research into Coromandel Valley and will be on hand at the Centre every Thursday to help you with your family tree research, house histories and any other enquiries relating to Coromandel Valley.

Date: Every Thursday throughout May

Time: 10am to 2.30pm

Location: Mitcham Local History Service, Mitcham Cultural Village, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham

Cost: Free

Bookings not required.



Paper Treasures

Learn how to care for those precious family photos and documents.

Photos, letters and books are important reminders of our past. In an era of digital records and cloud storage, paper documents are a stable unchanging record, provided they are well cared for. Come and talk to an experienced bookbinder and paper conservator about how to preserve your family photos and documents, repair books and safely keep family treasures for future generations. Bring in your own book to share.

Date: All Thursday throughout May

Time: 10am to 1pm

Location: Mitcham Local History Service, Mitcham Cultural Village, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham

Cost: Free

Bookings no required.

School Holidays in Mitcham

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



Adelaide Symphony Orchestra: Orchestra Fantastica Children's Orchestra

Explore the instruments of the orchestra in this engaging performance for young people. Peter Duggan and 12 musicians from the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra bring instruments to life through song, dance and actions to encourage active engagement with music. This concert is a wonderful way for children to learn about the way instruments are played and hear them up close. Suitable for ages 4 to 8 years.

When: Wednesday 24 April
Where: Cumberland Park Community Centre
Time: 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Cost: \$5
Bookings: <https://www.aso.com.au/learning/community/orchestra-fantastica>



Easter Craft

Kids will make Easter themed crafts and join an Easter parade which will include some chocolate and candy eggs!

When: Monday 15 April
Where: Cumberland Park Community Centre
Time: 10am to 11.30am
Cost: Free
Bookings: call 8372 8888 or email communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au
When: Thursday 18 April
Where: Mitcham Cultural Village
Time: 10am to 11.30am
Cost: Free
Bookings: call 8372 8888 or email communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Kids Art and Rock Music Camp

Help your child find their inner rock star by encouraging their passion, expressing their creativity and developing their social and emotional skills. Kids aged 7 to 12 will learn about rhythm and beat using real guitars, to paint and decorate their own air guitar, use percussion instruments and how to make rock star costumes. Bring a packed lunch, snacks and a drink.

When: Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 April
Where: Mitcham Cultural Village
Time: 9am to 5pm (full day)
Cost: \$90
Bookings: call 0418 821 217 or email nitsa4@bigpond.com

Scouts SA – Easter Excitement

Why not make Easter even more exciting and join us for some fun! We will be playing Easter themed games, craft, cooking and most excitingly an Easter egg hunt with a twist!

When: Tuesday 16 April
Where: Cumberland Park Community Centre in the Westbourne Park Hall
Time: 9am to 5pm (full day)
Cost: \$30. Lunch included
Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BAISQ>



Mountain Bike Adventures

Learn new riding skills and put them to use while hunting for clues and geocaches around Craighburn Farm trails in the Sturt Forge Recreation Park. Kids aged 10 to 14 years who can ride a bike are invited to learn basic skills of mountain biking, covering body position and moving on the bike, braking techniques and gear selection. Bike and helmet hire is included or you can bring your own. After riding the trails enjoy lunch at the Blackwood Community Centre and mountain bike movies followed by talks on bike maintenance and trail etiquette.

Mitcham residents will receive a 50% discount enter code Mitcham50 when booking online.

When: Tuesday 16 April and Thursday 18 April
Where: Craighburn Road, Craighburn Farm (western side of Blackwood Football Club carpark)
Time: 9am to 5pm
Cost: \$145
Bookings: <https://headforthehills.net.au/school-programs/school-holiday-mountain-bike-adventures>



Scouts SA – Science

A day full of all things science, learn by doing as we experiment with slime and bubbles. Let those curious minds investigate why things float, pop or foam. Things may get messy, so come along in old clothes.

When: Wednesday 17 April
Where: Cumberland Park Community Centre in the Westbourne Park Hall
Time: 9am to 5pm (full day)
Cost: \$30. Lunch included
Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BAISQ>



Learn to Crochet

Come along and discover how easy it is to crochet with the help of the Crochet Queen. All materials supplied. All ages welcome. Bookings essential.

When: Tuesday 16 April
Where: Mitcham Cultural Village
Time: 10am to 12pm
Cost: Free
Bookings: call 8372 8888 or email communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au
When: Tuesday 23 April
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School Holidays at the Library

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



Pico's Puppet Palace

Pico and the Golden Lagoon Puppet Show

Join Pico from Pico's Puppet Palace, a world traveller, to hear amazing adventures and tales! Pico and the Golden Lagoon is the story of how Pico's plane became solar powered.

A fun and interactive show with live music at 2pm at the Mitcham Library on Monday 15 April and Blackwood Library on Tuesday 16 April; the show runs for approximately 40 minutes. Cost is \$5 for children aged 4 to 8 years. Booking with payment is essential.

Drawing Comic Characters: Manga Style

Learn to create and draw Manga (Japanese) style comic characters with illustrator Tsunami Hee Ja at the Blackwood Library on Wednesday 17 April at 2pm.

With innovative storylines, memorable characters and a distinctive style it's no wonder that manga and anime have captured the imaginations of children and adults worldwide. Learn to draw this popular art-form in this creative one hour workshop. Cost is \$5 for youth aged 10 to 18 years. Bookings essential, call 8372 8255.



Free Everyday Crafts

Available anytime during the April School Holidays.

Monday 15 to Sunday 21 April make an Easter gift bag.

Tuesday 23 to Sunday 28 April make a unicorn puppet.

Just visit the service desk to pick up your craft.

For more information call the Mitcham Library on 8372 8244 or Blackwood Library on 8372 8255.



Catan and Board Games Afternoon

Join in a game of Catan or other favourite board games such as Chess, Scrabble, Cluedo or Snakes and Ladders at the Mitcham Library on Tuesday 23 April from 2pm to 4pm.

Have a favourite game at home you'd like to play with others? Why not bring it along! Try your hand at our communal jigsaw. Youth, kids and families welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks provided. Bookings not required for this free event.

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 Library and Mitcham Toy Library
154 Belair Road, Hawthorn SA 5062
Phone: 8372 8244





community groups



social activities

community events



EASTER

Blackwood Hills Baptist Church

72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood

Service of Reflection 19 April at 10am**Easter Sunday 21 April** at 10am and 7pmFor more information, call 8370 0333 or visit the website bhbc.org.au**Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church**

560 Goodwood Road, Daw Park

Good Friday 19 April at 10am**Easter Sunday** 21 April

Come and Celebrate Easter with us, everyone is welcome. Call 8276 7416.

Mitcham Community Calendar

Blackwood Community Forum - The Murray Darling Basin now and the future

The Rotary Club of Blackwood invites you to listen to the Hon. Neil Andrew on **Tuesday 28 May at 7.30pm** at 4 Young Street, Blackwood. Appointed as Chair of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority in 2015, a former federal politician and Waikerie irrigator, Neil will share his achievements and what he sees for the future for the basin and its impact on Adelaide? Call 0419 227 655. ■

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 24 April**. Call 0438 838 894. ■

Faith Exploration Group

Come explore life's big questions around topics of meaning, faith and God at the free Alpha Course each **Thursday** from **6.30pm to 8.30pm** over eight weeks starting **2 May**. Dinner included. To register email tbcoffice@adam.com.au or call 8276 1144. ■

Westbourne Park Ladies Probus Club

Enjoy guest speakers, a friendly chat over morning tea and the chance to meet new friends at the Uniting Church hall, corner Sussex Terrace and Monmouth Road, Hawthorn on the **fourth Monday of the month at 10am**. Call 8293 8863. ■

Oasis Youth Group

Meets at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood, each **Friday** during school terms. Cost \$10. **7pm to 10.30pm**. Call 8370 0333. Activities this term include: Beach Party, Iceblocking, Boulderling, Mini Golf, Lawn Bowls, Fox and Found, Night Hike, Moonlight Cinema, Easter Egg Hunt and a Camp. ■

Caring Friends

Supports adults who have experienced a loss in a friendly environment over morning tea, activities and entertainment. Joins us at the Institute Hall, 53 West Parkway, Colonel Light Gardens at **10am every Friday**. Call 8179 5697. ■

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 the Marion Sports Centre, Sturt Road, Marion. Call 8374 3694. ■

Woodcarving

Enjoy woodcarving at the Red Shed, Mitcham Cultural Village on Princes Road on the **first Saturday of each month. 9am to 2pm**. Come in and have a chat and try your hand at carving. New members welcome. Call 8260 2827 or email jonronlau1@gmail.com ■

Art, Craft, Yoga and Fitness Classes

Enjoy classes at the Blackwood Uniting Church on **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays** during school terms. Call 8278 7699 or visit blackwooduc.org.au/groups/community-program ■

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 which includes a morning cuppa for the parents. Call 8278 7699 or visit blackwooduc.org.au/groups/family-ministry/roundabout-playgroup ■

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: facebook.com/thursdaycraft or call 8271 7066. ■

Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church

Bring your kids to playgroup every **Tuesday at 10am**. Cost \$5. Kindy and primary school children can join the Kids Club **every second Friday at 6pm**. Cost \$4. If you are looking to meet people visit the Friendship Centre on **Thursdays 10am to 3pm** for morning tea and lunch. Call 8276 7416 or visit 560 Goodwood Road, Daw Park. ■

Hawthorn Pre-schoolers' Playgroup

Free play group for 0-4 year olds from **10am to 12pm Wednesdays** (during school terms) at 42 Angas Road, Hawthorn. Call 0431 937 563. ■

Kid's Club

Primary school aged children will enjoy games, singing, crafts and fun **every second Friday 4.30pm to 6pm** at the Hawthorn Church of Christ, 42 Angas Road, Hawthorn. Cost free. Call 0403 153 625. ■

Hills Choral Society

Enjoy a Latin American, Swing and Jazz music concert on **Sunday 26 May at 2.30pm** at the Blackwood Church of Christ, corner Waite Street and Shepherds Hill Road. "Blame it on the Bossa Nova" includes a rich and enjoyable mixture of rhythms and melodies. Tickets \$25 adult, \$20 concession or \$50 for a family at the door or through Trybooking. Visit hillschoralsociety.org or call Nicole on 0414 695 068. ■

Red Umbrella Market

Don't miss the next Red Umbrella Market on **Sunday 25 November 10am to 3pm** at the Cumberland Park Community Centre. An Adelaide market showcasing products handmade locally in South Australia. Shop local, buy handmade. ■

Quarterly Folk Dance

Enjoy the Australian Traditional and Bush Dance Society of SA's second quarterly Mitcham Village Folk Dance on **Saturday 6 April from 7pm to 10pm** at the Mitcham Village Institute, Princes Road, Mitcham. Music by Telenn Tri. All dances are called, flat shoes recommended. No previous experience is needed and you don't need to bring a partner. \$15. Visit atbdsdancesa.com.au or phone Ron 0418 837 411 or Tricia 8296 6020. ■

Annual Camellia Show

Camellias South Australia Inc will hold their Annual Camellia Show at Carrick Hill, 46 Carrick Hill Drive, Springfield on **Saturday 10 August 12pm to 4.30pm** and **Sunday 11 August 10am to 4pm**. Free admission. Countless blooms on display and quality plants for sale. Call 0419 815 035. ■

Giant Plant Sale in Blackwood

Don't miss the Coromandel Valley Rotary's regular plant sale on **Saturday 11 May from 8.30am to 3pm** at the Waite Reserve in Blackwood, behind Coles car park. Over 4,000 plants available at just \$4 (discounts for 10 or more). Special orders of 10 or more can be arranged. Call 1300 836 706 or email bsprag23@gmail.com ■

Garage Sale at the Blackwood Uniting Church

Come along on **Saturday 13 April from 8.30am** and grab a bargain from a range of stall selling a huge range of books, media, sports gear, tools, plants and clothing plus a sausage sizzle, cake stall and much more! Visit blackwooduc.org.au or call 8278 7699. ■

Holiday Kids Club

At Trinity Baptist Church on **Tuesday 16 April from 9.30am to 3pm**. \$15 for a whole day of entertainment for primary school aged kids including lunch, snacks, games, bible stories, crafts and lots of fun. To register call 8276 1144 or email tbckidsclg@gmail.com ■



Care and Share

Care and Share is working in partnership with the UniSA School of Psychology, Social Work and Policy to provide placement opportunities for third year students who are studying Social Work.

Care and Share at Trinity provides social activity for residents living in the southern and eastern metropolitan area. Students will work with Care and Share staff to support the integration of wellness and re-enablement initiatives, encouraging ongoing personal and community development and enhancing quality of life and living for older people.

Working closely with participants, students will construct individual profiles focusing on identifying character and competency strengths. These profiles will allow the development of plans detailing activities, interactions, roles and experiences which match and enable participants to use and express their strengths.

The positive experiences generated through this partnership will enable participants to maintain and grow their confidence in their own choices and abilities, participate in the community and develop independence and sense of wellbeing.

It is a wonderful opportunity for Social Works students to gain relevant experience engaging with older people while exploring ways to offer them an opportunity to share their stories, developed skills, kindness and wisdom with the younger generation

If you would like to attend Care and Share please contact Janine on 8276 1144 or trinityclg.org.au/care-and-share

Local History Walks in and around Mitcham

Discover the hidden historical secrets of the original Village of Mitcham, Brownhill Creek, Torrens Park, Hawthorn and Kingswood in April.

Brownhill Creek and Ellison's Gully

Enjoy a leisurely walk along Brownhill Creek and Ellison's Gully.

Date: Saturday 6 April

Time: 1pm

Location: Meet at the Manure Pits, Brownhill Creek Road

Brownhill Creek Heritage Trail

Discover the former swimming pool, interesting quarries, trees, a former creek crossing, a bridge or two, and other historically interesting features.

Date: Sunday 7 April

Time: 1pm

Location: Meet at Keystone Bridge in Mitcham Reserve

Village of Mitcham Heritage Walk

Learn about the historical buildings, bridges, a ford, the site of a former hotel, some gates, stables and other historical features.

Date: Saturday 13 April

Time: 1pm

Location: Meet at the rose garden next to Mitcham Reserve

Hawthorn Heritage Walk

Discover Mitcham's grandeur, a pottery, a school, and a railway station (with a signal box!).

Date: Sunday 14 April

Time: 1pm

Location: Meet at the Mitcham Community Centre

Kingswood Heritage Walk

Learn about the wonderful historical buildings which housed a chemist, church, breweries, hotel as well as a former convent.

Date: Sunday 28 April

Time: 1pm

Location: Meet at the Mitcham Garden of Remembrance Mitcham Memorial Library

To book call Rick or Helen Irving on 8272 9707 or email irvineth@ozemail.com.au



Historical Walk through Ellison's Gully and Brownhill Creek

Discover the rich history of Ellison's Gully with Andrew Tilley on Sunday 5 and 19 May and Brownhill Creek with Ron Bellchambers on 26 May.

To celebrate our local history during the History Festival in May the Mitcham Historical Society and the Brownhill Creek Association invites you on a two hour walk through the beautiful Ellison's Gully and Brownhill Creek.

Join Andrew Tilley a fifth generation resident of Brownhill Creek and Ron Bellchambers, who will share their knowledge of this historic area.

Ellison's Gully Historical Walk

Date: Sunday 5 and 19 May

Time: 1.30pm

Location: Meet at the Manure Pits, Brownhill Creek Road

Cost: Gold coin donation

Brownhill Creek Historical Walk

Date: Sunday 26 May

Time: 1.30pm

Location: Meet at the stone monument at the entrance to Brownhill Creek Reserve

Cost: Gold coin donation

Please bring walking shoes and water.

Bookings essential, to book call Dave Cosh on 0417 867 277 email dave.cosh@colindale.com.au



CARE & SHARE
AT TRINITY

Social group for men & women aged 65 or over, who live in the south/east metropolitan area of Adelaide.

Activities and 2 course lunch for \$15.
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
Come along, meet new friends and join in the fun.

We are located at Colonel Light Gardens.
Call Janine today for further information and book a **FREE** guest trial day
8276 1144
www.trinityclg.org.au/care-and-share



Blackwood Rotary in our Community

The Rotary Club of Blackwood is in its 49th year and continues to make a difference in our community.

The Blackwood Rotary Club has contributed to our local community over many years, setting up Rotary Karinya Park on Shepherds Hill Road, hosting Christmas Fairs and Art Shows, furnishing the Blackwood High School Performing Arts Centre, providing various scholarships for children at Blackwood High School and supporting local Country Fire Service groups and the Blackwood Memorial Hall.

New members are always welcome. To find out how to get involved in the Rotary Club of Blackwood contact Bernie Morgan on 0447 212 278 or Graham Lough on 0418 198 111 or visit blackwood.rotaryclub.org.au or find us on Facebook.



Blackwood High student Matthew Parker receiving the Year 10 Jeff Hunter RISE Award for Innovation in STEM and Enterprise.



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Street Trees

If you have a new Council tree in front of your residence, please spend a couple of minutes and give the tree a bucket of water to help them survive the very hot, dry weather we have had and will continue for some time until the seasonal rains come during winter, even if the Council's water truck has already watered a little more will help the tree to establish for future years.

Traffic

Overton Ward is still experiencing increased traffic flow, particularly in Winston Avenue in peak hour due to the Southern Expressway development slowly proceeding. Traffic will still encroach our area as the construction moves north in the future when streets in St Marys are closed, during and after completion of the work.

Repat Hospital

The recent announcement the Repat Hospital Precinct will basically remain as a health precinct is really pleasing, as announced in the media. This will not happen quickly, but it is still knowing how this large area will be used is very important to local residents as well as South Australia's public at large.

Budget

Administration and Elected Members are into the middle of planning for the Budget for 2019-2020, and in turn updating the Long Term Financial plan. Council's financial position is still strong and in a positive position, it will be of great concern how the upcoming budget bid season is treated and whether it becomes a spending frenzy, I for one hope not.

Council always tries to keep the rate in the dollar as low as possible, but future spending is always of benefit if used wisely and with care.

If you have a Council issue that I am able to assist you with, please do not hesitate to call me on 8277 1884 or mobile 0402 517 945 or email me at my Council address
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Gault Ward
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South Australia's new planning system and risks to heritage and character protection.

In 2016 the State Government passed new laws for a complete overhaul of South Australia's planning system, supported by both major parties and scheduled for full implementation by July 2020. Many policies, discussion papers and regulations have been released for public consultation. So far, the information suggests bad outcomes.

The new system has diluted the planning powers of councils and will see the **deletion of every Council's Development Plan, to be replaced by a single centralised state-wide Planning and Design Code, (the PDC)**. Assessment will be managed through a web portal with more authority given to private certifiers. **Residents will only be consulted on a small number of developments and only on a very small number of decisions.** The new "Community Engagement Charter" does not apply to development assessment, only on a once-off original policy consultation.

The new system is intended to make gaining approvals for new buildings faster, easier and with fewer "hurdles". **I call the new planning and design code "the no rules set of rules"**. Nowhere in the new Code are there any aims that applications will only be considered, if they comply with minimum set-backs, site coverage, and that the designs will "fit" the site, and add to the amenity and feel of its location.

The State Government stated that as part of the new planning system, State and Local Heritage listed places will continue to be protected, but they are silent on the protection of contributory items. In addition, the new draft planning regulations do not carry over the existing demolition exemptions for buildings in historic conservation zones.

The State Government has rushed to approve any type of development, particularly cramped, overcrowded apartment blocks, even encouraging insufficient off-street parking, and the needless demolition of historic places.

The new proposals have not even included the concept of "character areas", the maintenance of which is important. There is abundant evidence that people buying into a suburb expect that its amenity will be protected by "the Planning System".

Good planning must be about what benefits the public good, not just private interests. It must be for the well-being of the whole community, the environment and future generations.

Affordability

Permitting easy rules to allow sub-division does not reduce the costs of dwellings. Instead, allowing easy sub-division pushes up the prices of older, run-down dwellings, making them unaffordable for first home buyers.

Michael Lennon, Chairperson of the State Planning Commission and the architect of the SA Government's "2020 VISION" of 1992, stated "Everyone seems to support (urban consolidation) except perhaps the vast majority of the Australian public. As planners, as public officials, we need to avoid the intellectual arrogance that assumes we know better than everyone else, that somehow life in the suburbs is dreadful. The notion that somehow people...would actually prefer more compact urban form goes against every available piece of evidence". Quotes from 17/11/1993 pp11 Eastern Courier

Tell your State MP of your concerns.



Babbage Ward
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I'm pleased to advise that I've been appointed as a Board Member of Centennial Park (CP). I thank my fellow Councillors in selecting me and will be taking on the role with much enthusiasm and diligence. I think it's also beneficial for the Babbage Ward to once again have a Babbage Ward Councillor on the CP Board. This amazing site employs around 55 people and sits on 100 acres. It is a special place to many and deserves the respect of all visitors. CP is trying to maintain the balance between providing the service it was established to conduct and maintaining an income that will ensure it can maintain the grounds in a manner that we have all become familiar with. It is the grounds that make CP the point of difference, beautiful trees, springbank falls, art and culture and the professional services provided. The competitive nature of the industry has seen the price of cremations and chapel services fall and CP is trying to create new ways of delivering services that builds upon that point of difference. In September 2018 both of the owner Councils approved additional funding for the Café concept at CP to continue. As your Babbage Ward Councillor I would encourage you to let either myself or my co-councillor, Yvonne Todd know what your thoughts are on CP and if you have any concerns or thoughts both positive and negative to share with us.

Something that has been ever so slowly evolving over this summer is the gradual decline in the state of our parks. Summer is a tough time on our reserves and this summer has been a long hot dry one. It's sad to see the parks in the state they are in and has made me think about how quick we react to storm damage and flooding and the resources that are focussed into that. I am trying to plant the seed to administration that even though it's not flood or storm damage, a long hot dry summer is still a natural event that should be factored in for and we can't just bury our heads in the hot dusty reserve. So I am currently working with admin to try and see if we can get funds set aside so that if emergency watering is required it is funded or if emergency mulching is needed it is implemented in order to help the trees and parks survive the summer. Last year Council planted over 1,000 trees throughout Mitcham and whilst the survival rate is reportedly quite high we still need to ensure that we are looking after our current trees in the parks. I think we are quite reactive to the media headline items and we forget to consider the health of our parks over the long term. We need to care about the health of current trees as much as we focus on the number of new trees we are planting.

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Craigburn Ward
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It so nice to have fresh faces in the Council Chamber after the elections last year. We have two new Councillors for the hills, two new on the flat and a new Mayor. Our Mayor was elected with the aspirational words 'Together we can be better'.

Presumably this aspirational ambition is shared by the community and I hope that it's also shared by our new and continuing Councillors.

I hope that the current Council is able to work itself into a cohesive whole and that we will be focused on making decisions based on merit and evidence rather than on personalities and personal loyalties. I hope that we will be an elected body that is focussed on the needs and aspirations of our community. A 'YES' council that gets things done.

Most of all I hope that we have a Council that is able to deliver the services and infrastructure that our community desperately needs.

Unfortunately our system of Local Government is adversarial. It pits one Elected Member against the other. In an environment where there is very little money for community initiatives, Councillors must compete against each other for the small capacity that we have to deliver new services and infrastructure.

My commitment is to continue to be responsive to your needs. Irrespective of where you live or how you voted I will listen to your views and take them with me when I go into Council meetings. I will pro-actively engage with the community to make sure that I understand your needs. I will base my decisions on merit and be accountable to the community.

I will use every avenue and every opportunity to fight for the services and infrastructure that you need. I won't win every time or even most of the time but I will be in there having a go.

I know that I will be criticised. I will be criticised by my Councillor colleagues, both at Council meetings and on their social media, and I will be criticised by other commentators, including in the local paper. I figure that this kind of criticism comes with the turf and it demonstrates that I am pressuring Council to deliver.

How can you help? Like my facebook page at [facebook.com/KarenHockleyCouncillorforMitcham](https://www.facebook.com/KarenHockleyCouncillorforMitcham) for updates. Email me and let me know how you feel on khockley@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or ring me on 0423 919 080 for a chat. I'd love to hear from you.



The Park Ward
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Budget discussions are with us again and it seems to me that our new lineup of Elected Members is supportive of more measures to mitigate against the effects of climate change, such as expanding our tree planting program, installing more drinking fountains, and increasing our use of water-sensitive urban design features in public spaces. Certainly this summer has been challenging for those of us who need to be outside during the hottest parts of the day and I think the negative economic consequences of climate change, besides the obvious detrimental health impacts, are finally starting to register with our decision-makers. Let's trust this will translate into action at all levels of government.

There is real interest in making the new Blackwood Library/ Community Centre a reality and, to this extent, Council has decided to lobby all Federal candidates (in seats covered by our Council area) to commit to \$9 million of funding, approximately half of the total projected cost. Certainly we hope that, while door knocking, candidates will consistently hear a strong message from hills' residents - and beyond - that this is a high priority.

The renovation of the Mitcham Memorial Library has been very warmly received, with a significant increase in users, and we need a similar vibrant space in Blackwood.

Recently, I was at the Stirling Fringe and it was fabulous to be part of the buzz of festival-goers on the lawns outside the Coventry Library. I would love to see next year Fringe events coming to the Soldier's Memorial Gardens outside the Mitcham Memorial Library and have made a budget bid to this effect.

Meanwhile, Council's Art Advisory Group has just released its recommendations for the second round of public art funding. Currently, this stands at \$25,000 annually for the entire Council area and I have a budget bid in to double this to \$50,000. I believe good public art can contribute to a stronger sense of place and promote pride and interest in where we live.

It takes a while for a new Council to settle in and, during formal meetings; we have had difficulty in getting through our agendas. I hope we can keep reminding ourselves to focus on the bigger picture - the progressive directions in which we want Council to head - rather than getting caught up in detailed discussion about, what are often, administrative procedures. I believe our role, as your Elected Members, is to set the overall tone for Council, to make informed decisions and then allow staff to get on and implement them. My priorities are climate change mitigation, more tree planting, reduction of our asset maintenance backlog, and provision of worthwhile services, such as new footpaths, stormwater management and better maintenance of our parks, verges and open spaces.

If you have any suggestions about how to improve your Council area, please contact me on my mobile 0478 076 400 or landline 8278 8352.



Boorman Ward
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It's been a good start to the year and to the new Council. I was pleased to move a motion in the chamber that Council writes to the Honourable Stephan Knoll, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, expressing our support for Local Government reforms requiring disclosure of political affiliations and any financial contributions at the time of nomination for a Local Government Election.

Councillor Kruse (Craigburn Farm Ward) amended the motion to say that such a letter is to include words that in no way should this request for reform be taken to indicate or infer for any present Elected Member of the City of Mitcham who may be a member of a political party either is or may be beholden to any political party. I don't have a problem with this amendment, this motion was not meant to highlight to the Minister that such a problem exists within Mitcham Council. My motion was to request such disclosure from all Local Government candidates at the time of nomination to Local Government elections and not after. I believe that this information is valuable to ratepayers as they determine who they wish to vote for to represent them on Council.

I hope to hear back that the Minister will be looking to make a raft of changes to the Local Government Act together with the reforms he wants to make costs lower for ratepayers encouraging Councils to be more financial accountable. I look forward to hearing about these measures and how they will benefit the people of Mitcham.

On another note, I have also been appointed as Council's representative to the Mercedes College Master Planning Community Committee. Mercedes College is in the process of developing a new masterplan and as part of the planning process, wishes to engage with key stakeholders and the community to ensure important factors are considered in the design brief. As I understand it, the aim of the masterplan is to upgrade and improve the College's facilities to enable them to continue to offer a wide range of educational opportunities for the students into the future. Taking into account that many residents have had concerns regarding parking along Rectory Walk in particular and concerns with the flow of traffic on to Fullarton Road off of Delamare. I will be looking closely at what the masterplan can do to alleviate these concerns for not only residents but for members of the entire schooling community.

How the CFS Keeps us Safe during the Bushfire Season



During the bushfire season timely and accurate advice and warnings are important to keep our community safe.

The CFS keeps our community safe by using a variety of modern notification systems to ensure you are well informed as well as response systems to ensure fire-fighters have all the information they need when responding to an incident.

In the past sirens were used to call fire-fighters to stations at a time when modern technology was not available. The sirens only provided an indication that something was happening but gave no further information on exactly what was happening or where it was happening.

Today the CFS has a much more modern approach to contacting fire-fighters they use notifications systems such as paging and SMS which provide not only an alert but also detailed information such as location and incident type.

The CFS does not support sirens being reintroduced in our community as there are now more appropriate and informative methods to ensure residents are aware of bushfires.

For information and advice on protecting your property from bushfire, call Mitcham Bushfire Prevention Officer Anthony Anderson on 8372 8133.

To make sure residents are fully informed the CFS uses a variety of modern notification systems. Information about bushfires are now broadcast over the radio, posted and updated in real time on the CFS website as well as information to twitter, Facebook and email subscribers.

In South Australia we also subscribe to the National Warnings and Alert Systems which include a staged approach to warning the community on the radio, CFS website as well as SMS messages or voice messages to those in an area likely to be impacted by a bushfire.

The most effective way for community members to stay safe is to remain aware of their situation including listening to a radio and checking the CFS website at regular intervals.

Most importantly every household must have a written and practice Bushfire Action Plan. If you would like assistance in preparing a Plan contact the CFS or visit their website www.cfs.sa.gov.au.

Connect with your Community at the Cumberland Park Community Centre

The City of Mitcham, with the support of ECH, is inviting residents to remain active and connected through a range of programs at the Cumberland Park Community Centre.

Being socially connected is important to your health and happiness. If you connect face to face with people on a daily bases through groups, exercise and speaking to your neighbours may help you live longer and be happier.

The City of Mitcham is working with ECH to connect older residents with others in the community to improve their wellbeing and belonging.

Following the success of last year's come and try programs and feedback we received on what our activities you want provided, ECH are hosting a range and activities and programs.

Each Wednesday from 10am to 1pm ECH will offer programs and group activities including session on art, gardening, cooking and gardening.

For more information please call Estha Kleinig on 1300 275 324.

If you would like more information on activities at the Cumberland Park Community Centre call the City of Mitcham on 8372 8888.



Consultation on the draft 2019/20 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan will begin in May

Have your say on your Rates and how Council should spend them!

Council is preparing its draft 2019/20 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan. The draft Plan outlines the proposed services, projects and program Council proposes to undertake over the next 12 months. The draft Plan also details the high level financial parameters that guide the development of Council's budget, as Council works towards delivering the strategic goals and objectives.

In May residents will have an opportunity to share their views for consideration by Council on the draft Plan prior to adoption in June.

Watch out for more information in your local Messenger or online at www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au

The draft Plan will be available for viewing at:

- City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park
- Blackwood Library, 215 Main Road, Blackwood
- Mitcham Library, 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn
- Council's website at www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au

You can also register with the Council by phone or email to attend a public meeting in May.



Discover how to Garden in a Changing Climate

Learn how to help your garden cope with the effects of climate change with Peter Wilson at the Blackwood Library on Thursday 11 April at 6pm.

Hot dry summers and harsh conditions can have a significant impact on our gardens. Learn about the effects of a changing climate on the garden and how to cope with these challenging conditions. Peter will cover water-wise gardening techniques, plant selection, use of endemic species and how to support local native wildlife.

Date: Thursday 11 April
 Time: 6pm
 Location: Blackwood Library, 215 Main Road, Blackwood
 Cost: \$5

Get your garden prepared for the summers to come! Bookings essential, to book your seat call 8372 8255.



Red Umbrella Markets

Come along to the Red Umbrella Markets at Cumberland Park Community Centre on Sunday 2 June.

Don't miss the next market from 10am to 3pm on Sunday 2 June and discover the fantastic range of quality stalls Red Umbrella Markets offer.

When: Sunday 2 June
 Time: 10am to 3pm
 Location: Cumberland Park Community Centre, 388 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park

Visit www.facebook.com/RedUmbrellaMarket for more information.



Mitcham's Grants Connecting our Community

Twice a year the City of Mitcham awards grants to groups, organisations and individuals who are interested in supporting our community.

Our March grants round has closed and we would like to thank all our applicants. We are now busily looking at how we can best support our community by activating your ideas.

One of the projects that the City of Mitcham funded in last year's Public Arts Grant Round was Soul Data.

Artist James "Jimmy" Dodd built a couple of solar and human powered drawing machines that took inputs from ambient environs. The machines were curious objects that encouraged participation from audiences in the City of Mitcham who by their mere presence contributed to the drawings.

The resultant drawings are interpretations of site, space and the human engagement of those spaces in that moment from various locations around the City of Mitcham and I am sure you will agree they are intriguing pieces of art.

Our next round of Grants closes in September 2019 which also includes the Public Arts category.



We encourage you to contact us with any questions or ideas you have for our September Grants round on 8372 8888 or email mitcham@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



Discover the Fun of Sewing

Join our Sewing Workshop for Beginners at the Mitcham Library on Tuesday 9 April 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

Make a delightful lotus bag and butterfly hairclip from colourful cotton fabrics in this workshop suitable for beginners. Perfect for a birthday or Easter gift, or keep them for yourself.

Bring your own fabrics or purchase a fabric kit from the tutor on the day (cash only). Participants must bring their own sewing machine, basic sewing supplies, and have a basic knowledge of using their machine. Materials list will be provided. Suitable for adults. Cost is \$20 per person (plus fabric).

Bookings with payment essential.

For more information call the Mitcham Library on 8372 8244.

Toys and Talk at the Mitcham Memorial Library

Beginning May join in the fun during 'Toys and Talk' every Friday morning from 10.30am.

Parents, caregivers, young children and families are invited to come along in an open relaxed environment for informal play and social interaction at the Mitcham Memorial Library every Friday at 10.30am.

Our new 'Toys and Talk' begins Friday 3 May, no need to book, just drop in at 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn.

For more information call the Mitcham Library on 8372 8244.



Skate Park Competition Saturday 13 April

Win some great prizes at Mitcham's annual Youth Week Skate Park Competition at Avenue Road Reserve on Saturday 13 April.

This local favourite returns for another year offering scooter and skateboard riders the chance to showcase their skills and have a whole lot of fun in the process.

The Da Klinik crew will be on hand with stacks of prizes, plenty of give-a-ways, as well as free air brush and glitter tattoos.

Food and drinks will also be available for purchase on the day, so come along and support this great local community youth event.

Under 18s must have a parent or guardian sign the registration form prior to competing. Visit www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au/youth to download, or visit the competition registrations desk from 11am on the day.

Please note that all competitors are required to wear a helmet to compete. Spare helmets will be available on the day for those that need it.

Date: Saturday 13 April
Where: Avenue Road Reserve Skate Park, Avenue Road, Cumberland Park
Time: 11am to 3.30pm
Cost: Free registration, airbrush artist and glitter tattoos

Age Categories:
Under 8s, 12s, 16s and Open in both skate and scooter. Please note that competitors must be at least 6 years of age to compete.

Phone 8372 8869 or email youth@mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au for further information.



Free Scooter and Skate Skills Workshops

Learn some new tricks during our free scooter and skateboard skills workshop at Avenue Road Reserve these April school holidays.

The City of Mitcham, with funding support from the Office for Youth, invites you to register for free scooter and skateboard skills workshops.

Beginner and intermediate riders are encouraged to book into a session with qualified skate instructors and pro scooter riders to help build confidence and learn new tricks.

Skateboard

Date: Monday 15 April
Where: Avenue Road Reserve Skate Park, Avenue Road, Cumberland Park
Time: 9am to 10am (girls only)
10am to 11am
Cost: Free
Bookings: Places are limited and bookings are essential.

To book email michael@sk8therapy.com or phone 0416 588 638.

Scooter

Date: Tuesday 16 April
Where: Avenue Road Reserve Skate Park, Avenue Road, Cumberland Park
Time: 9am to 10am
10am to 11am
Cost: Free
Bookings: Places are limited and bookings are essential.

To book phone 8372 8869 or email youth@mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au

All participants will need to bring their own skateboard or scooter and helmets are essential.

Superhero Roller Disco

"May the fourth be with you" at the Blackwood Community Recreation Centre on Saturday 4 May.

In a galaxy far, far away, superheroes and villains are called to action for the ultimate battle on the roller disco floor.

Dress up for your chance to win some amazing prizes, there will also be free superhero themed airbrush and glitter tattoos, live DJ, a dedicated novice area as well as plenty of food and drinks on sale.

Date: Saturday 4 May
Time: 6.30pm to 9.30pm
Cost: Tickets (including skate hire) only \$10 pre-purchased or \$15 on the night.
Age: All ages, however children under 12 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

For tickets or more information visit the Blackwood Community Recreation Centre at 1 Northcote Road, Eden Hills or call 8278 8833 or email contactus@blackwoodrec.com.au.

