

MITCHAM

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNE 2019



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Bushcare at Blackwood Hill Reserve

Woody weeds such as Boneseed, Olive and Italian Buckthorn will be removed by the end of June in Blackwood Hill Reserve.

The bushcare work is funded by a \$5,000 grant from the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board under their Grey Box Grassy Woodland programs.

Restoring Grey Box Grassy Woodlands

The City of Mitcham has received a \$40,000 animal and plant control grant from the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board for weed control in Brown Hill Reserve and Randell Park.

Three-hectares of pest plants including Olive, Aleppo Pine and Boneseed will be removed from Randell Park's main gully by the end of June.

Basic weed control in native vegetation helps native plants to flourish, improves habitat for native animals and can also reduce fuel hazards.



Trail Volunteers Celebrating 10 Years of Making a Difference

Mitcham's trail volunteers are making great improvements to Council's trail quality and bushland regeneration.

For 10 years, Council's trail volunteers have been supporting our trail network. They bring skills and knowledge of Council's woodlands and trail use which informs our strategic planning.

Community Trail Volunteer days are scheduled one Saturday per month across the trail network and Community Trail Volunteers assist with:

- Revegetation projects.
- Controlling weeds, pruning and moving vegetative matter.
- Cleaning out debris from passive drainage features.
- Developing corners and trail features using soil and stone.

If you would like to get involved or find out more about Council's trail network, visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/trails or call 8372 8888



Urrbrae Wetland

Wetlands are helping to keep pollutants out of the Patawalonga River.

The City of Mitcham took advantage of the dry summer rain and removed over 570 tonnes of sediment which had been building up in the basins.

The basins dried out allowing for the sediment to be removed with an excavator into trucks, tipping at a licensed facility.



Above left: Urrbrae Wetland Cross Road basin before sediment removal. **Above centre:** Urrbrae Wetland Cross Road basin after sediment removal. **Above right:** Excavating sediment from the Cross Road basin at Urrbrae Wetlands.

Volunteers – Making a World of Difference

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers. In May we recognised their valuable contributions to our community. Without them we would not be able to provide many of our valuable services and programs.



National Volunteer Week is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities. The City of Mitcham has over 370 registered volunteers contributing over 30,000 hours each year.

In May a thank you movie morning tea was held to thank our amazing volunteers for their contribution to the community and show them how much they are valued. Volunteers enjoyed

a morning tea attended by the Mayor, Elected Members and staff before enjoying the movie, 'Top End Wedding'.

Volunteers help to improve well-being and create a strong sense of community. Their assistance helps residents stay independent and connected by providing transport and social support. They tend gardens and wetlands, lead fitness groups, document local history, assist at our Libraries

provide Justice of the Peace services and much much more.

Volunteering can also be very meaningful and enjoyable, and in turn be good for your mental health and wellbeing. Volunteering can give you a sense of achievement and purpose, help you feel part of a community, help you share your skills and learn new skills.

If you would like to become a volunteer then now is a great opportunity to take the first step.

We offer a variety of opportunities to suit your passions, skills and experience. If you are interested in discovering more about volunteering call Lynne Norton, Coordinator Volunteer Services on 8372 8860 or visit www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au/volunteering

Real PEOPLE. real FAITH. Real LIFE.

Three locations: Blackwood Hills Baptist - Melrose Park - Norwood

Find out more at thevillage.org.au



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Brownhill Creek in Hawthorn

The upgraded Brownhill Creek through Soldier's Memorial Gardens and JWS Morris Reserve is now officially open and being enjoyed by the community.

Brownhill Creek in Soldier's Memorial Gardens has been widened to create a stable creek to endure flood events. Natives have been planted within the creek channel and on the banks through an innovative surface material that provides bank stability and allows plant growth. Stepping boulders and logs have also been installed to create an active nature play space for use when the creek is dry or not flowing.

Further down the creek rock filled baskets (gabions) have been installed through JWS Morris Reserve and a floodwall has been constructed at George Street to protect properties from flooding and contain creek flows.

Two new footbridges and new footpaths are now also open so the community can enjoy the creek and its landscaped surrounds.

The Brownhill Creek project cost \$2.7 million and is part of the greater \$140 million Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Plan which is a joint project between five catchment Councils and the State Government.

The City of Mitcham coordinated the Brownhill Creek upgrade with the adjacent Mitcham Memorial Library project to create an attractive precinct.

Make sure you get down and take a look!



Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross and Carolyn Power MP officially opened the upgraded Brownhill Creek through Soldier's Memorial Gardens and JWS Morris Reserve in May.



How Capturing Stormwater Improves our Street Trees

Mitcham's smart water projects are highlighting the benefits of how green and civil infrastructure can work together to improve our suburban environment.



The long dry start to 2019 saw many street trees lose their leaves to reduce their water use, but not where Council's soakage systems are installed.

In 2008 a modified drainage pit trial was constructed. The base of the drainage pit was left open allowing water to soak into the soil. Storm water collected from the road is piped into a stone-filled soakage drain in the verge.

When Council built the trial soakage system the risks were unclear. Would the soakage pit fail because of the saturated soil? How would the shrinking and swelling impact the road when the soil dried and wetted with the seasons? Or would the street trees' capacity to redistribute water and reinforce the soil prevent these problems?

Trees root system behave like leaky stormwater pipes, they take water from wet soil and recharge drier soil - a process known as hydraulic redistribution. The trees near soakage systems absorb stormwater, which in turn improves the performance of the soakage system.

Left top: In April 2019 the shade near the soakage pit (right hand side of the road) is denser than elsewhere in the street and the infrastructure remains in near new condition after 11 years.

Left bottom: The trial soakage trench and drainage pit being constructed in 2008.

Another benefit is shadier tree canopies and reduced maintenance. Trees near soakage systems provide denser shade this can be seen in the photograph of the tree near the soakage pit (see photograph). Maintenance cost are also reduced as the soakage pit is open at the base allowing worms and other invertebrates to break down leaf litter to improve the soil and reduce the need for cleaning - it's a little like in-street composting.

Filter pipes installed in the soakage pit required no maintenance for over seven years and filled the soakage pit each time it rained, even under heavy litter loads from the avenue of White cedar trees.

Eleven years on the soakage system continues to collect stormwater for our street trees and there has been no impact on the road, kerb or footpath.

Council acknowledges the in-kind and financial support of its many project partners in smart water management research: The Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, University of South Australia, Flinders University, University of Adelaide, University of Melbourne, Water Sensitive SA, TREENET, Department for Environment and Water, Environment Protection Authority SA.

Mitcham's Workshop Keeping Us Moving

The Council Depot is an important part of Council operations and our workshop located in Melrose Park helps keep our operations on the road.

Every year Mitcham's workshop makes sure over 170 trucks, hydra ladders, elevated work platforms, chippers, mowers, tractors, excavators, skid steers, front end loaders, community buses, line marking machines, generators, water pumps, bush cutters, mowers, blowers are kept in top working order.

An energetic team of four regularly service, inspect and replace plant and equipment to ensure we keep our reserves cut, our streets swept, our street trees maintained and our roads safe as well as keeping our staff safe.

A great example of the important role our workshop plays is keeping our waste trucks on the road to ensure your waste is collected each week.



Council has five waste collection trucks that collect your blue lidded bins each week. Each waste truck collects 10 tonnes of waste from approximately 1,100 bins every day, a total of 5,500 bins. Every day each truck uses 90 litres of diesel collecting your waste between 6am and 2.30pm.

It is only after 2.30pm that our workshop team begin their important role in keeping these trucks

on the road so your waste is collected. Each waste truck is inspected and if required minor maintenance is undertaken to ensure each truck is ready for the next morning. Major services on waste trucks are undertaken every three months over the weekend to ensure waste collections are not interrupted.

Do you want Recycling and Waste Information at your Fingertips?

The free My Local Services app delivers information about local services to local communities on your phone.



The latest release of the My Local Services App features a number of updates, and now includes enhanced spotlights with recycling and waste notifications to help you recycle correctly and reduce waste.

Download the free My Local Services app and you will have access to:

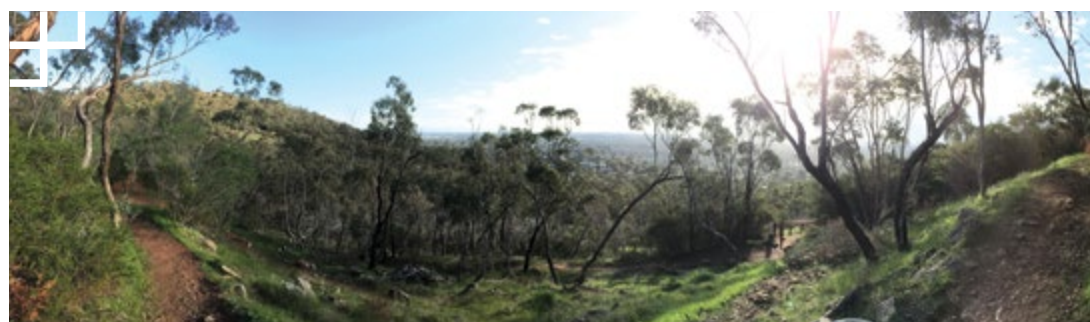
- Kerbside Collection Calendar eliminating the need for a printed Calendar.
- Waste reduction and recycling tips aligned with weekly bin collection reminders.
- Notifications about public holiday collections and any changes to collection services.
- Links to waste and recycling information and which bin to place items in.
- Other information available on the app includes:
 - Near me allowing you to discover nearby parks, playgrounds, libraries and events.
 - Events which can be added to your device calendar and shared on social media.
 - Report it; allowing you to report issues to Council such as footpath maintenance, stormwater or parking issues.



Download the App

The app can be downloaded on iPhone and Android. Search 'My Local Services' in the App Store or the Google Play Store.

You can also download the app from www.lga.sa.gov.au/mylocal



If you would like some ideas where to visit or find out more, visit the Council website www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/trails or call 8372 8888.



Mitcham Trails

Warm up this winter exploring Council's trails. The trail network is a great place to discover as the creeks come to life and the landscape greens.

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

- Let someone know where your planning to go.
- Prepare for changing trail conditions – the weather may cause some trails to become more challenging.
- Dress for the occasion - wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the conditions and activity.
- Check the weather forecast.

Protecting our Heritage

The City of Mitcham is home to many buildings and places of historical interest such as memorials, cemeteries, parks and gardens; and established activities and uses.

Mitcham Council has been at the forefront of a number of significant heritage initiatives over the last 20 years, including the provision of heritage grants to property owners and the establishment and ongoing operation of a celebrated Local History Centre.



The importance of heritage preservation

Much of the City of Mitcham's built heritage still survives today, but without protection important links with our past could be lost for future generations.

It is important that we protect and preserve valuable examples of our history including our buildings, subdivisions, parks and streetscapes. These places are important to keep for the future as they contribute to the unique character of the City of Mitcham.

What are the benefits?

By protecting and preserving our history we are:

- Conserving our heritage places for present and future generations.
- Providing certainty for owners and neighbours of important heritage homes and places that the character of their home and street will be protected from unsympathetic development.
- Providing funding assistance to assist in protecting heritage listed homes. Each year since 2002 Council has provided a \$25,000 Heritage Subsidy Scheme contributing over \$350,000 to approximately 225 owners of heritage listed properties. For more information visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/heritagesubsidyscheme.

Past Approaches to Protect our Heritage

In the past Council provided an in-house heritage architect to advise residents on works to heritage buildings and established a Heritage Advisory Committee to aid with the identification of potential heritage places and areas. The Committee helped establish the Mitcham Village Historic Conservation Zone; the Colonel Light Gardens State Heritage Area; and local heritage amendments to Council's Development Plan.

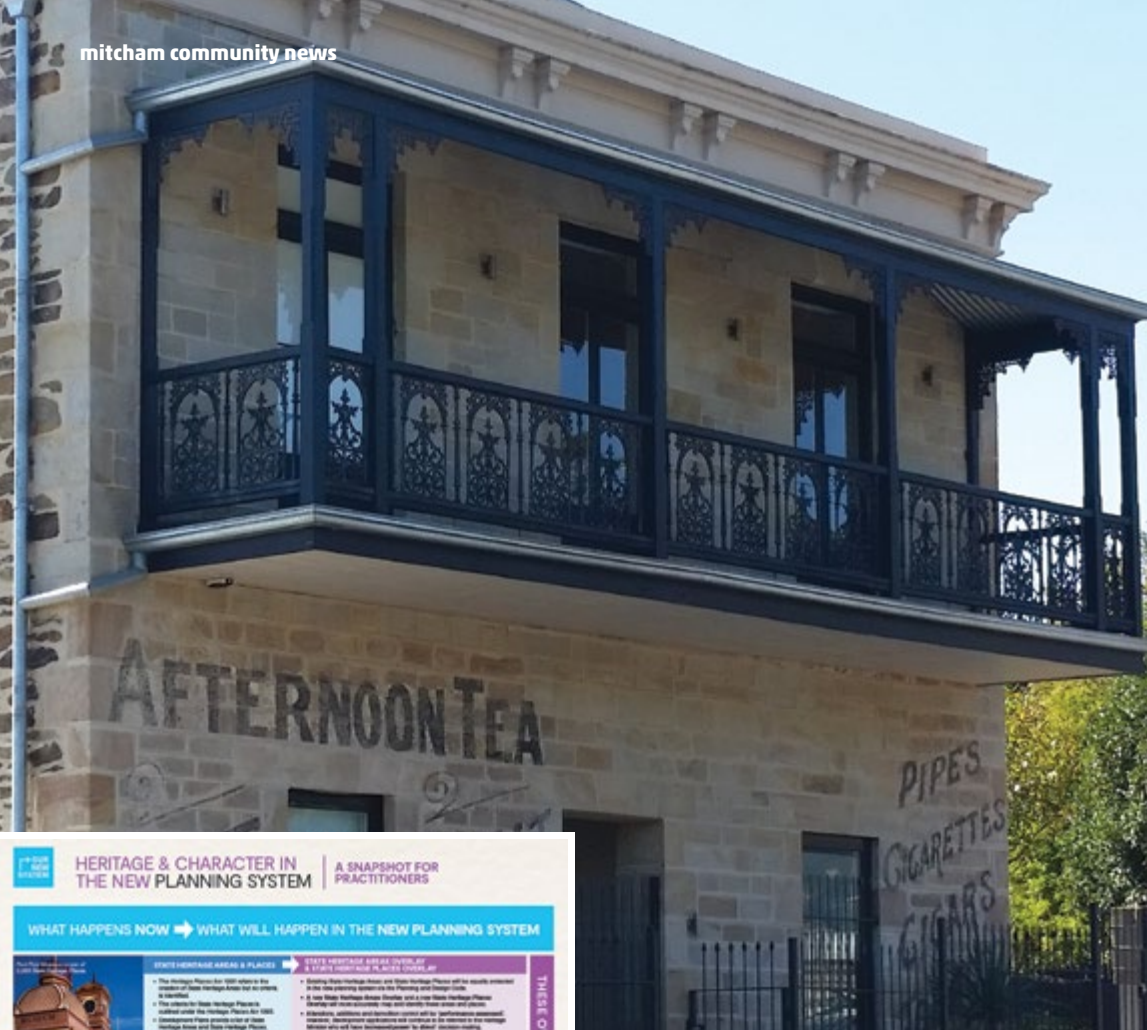
While the Committee is no longer in operation a Heritage Action Plan was adopted in 2016 and Council continues to deliver heritage projects and programs.

Heritage and the City of Mitcham's Development Plan

The City of Mitcham's Development Plan currently provides an increased level of protection for:

- the State Heritage Area of Colonel Light Gardens.
- 41 State Heritage Places.
- 222 Local Heritage Places.
- 4 Historic (Conservation) Zones and Policy Areas including 142 Contributory Items.

For more information about the heritage categories please visit www.sa.gov.au and search for 'heritage listed properties' via the search option on this website.



Changes to the South Australian Planning System

The State Government is currently changing the South Australian Planning System. These changes will impact Council and our community in the way planning policies are applied; how development applications are processed and assessed; and how the community participates in the planning system.

The State Planning Commission recently published community and practitioner guides for heritage and character in this new planning system which includes:

- Existing State Heritage Areas and State Heritage Places will be equally protected in the new planning system via the Planning and Design Code.
- Existing Local Heritage Places will transition to the Planning and Design Code.
- Historic Conservation Zones / Policy Areas will be mapped under a new Local Heritage Area Overlay in the Planning and Design Code, however existing Contributory Items will not be individually identified.

These guides can be viewed at www.saplanningcommission.sa.gov.au – click on the scrolling banner titled “The Policy Position on Heritage and Character”.



How to become more involved

If you are passionate about heritage there are local, state and national heritage conservation and advocacy groups that offer a variety of opportunities to become more involved.

The City of Mitcham is also home to several residents' associations that continue to be actively involved in shaping Council's future. To contact these groups visit sacommunity.org

Spatial Vision

From the 1 July 2020 the City of Mitcham's Development Plan will be replaced with a new State-wide approach named the Planning and Design Code.

To prepare for this change Council recently completed an 18-month project to develop a Spatial Vision, which identifies opportunity areas, special character areas and 'off-limits' areas of historic importance.

Further information on the work that Council has been doing in this area, including a copy of the Spatial Vision, can be viewed at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/shapeyourplace

Inquiry into Heritage Reform – SA Parliament

In July 2018, an Inquiry into the operation of the Heritage system in South Australia was commenced by the Environment, Resources and Development (ERD) Committee of the Parliament of South Australia. This Inquiry also investigated the existing arrangements and desirable reforms for local, state and national heritage listings.

A submission to this Inquiry was made on behalf of Council by the Local Government Association and is available at www.lga.sa.gov.au.

Visit www.parliament.sa.gov.au/Committees for the Inquiry's findings and recommendations, see the Standing Committees link for access to ERD Committee documents.

Where to from here

Council continues to work closely with the State Government to understand and address implications of the Planning Reform for the City of Mitcham.

The State Government's Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure is committed to replacing Council's Development Plan with a new State-wide Planning and Design Code on 1 July 2020.

To have your say on Planning Reform matters visit the 'Have Your Say' page on www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au

School Holidays in Mitcham

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



Pirate Day

Arrr me hearties join us to become a pirate for a morning. Sail our ship through Blackwood with dress ups, walking the plank, finding treasure plus more.

Date: Wednesday 10 July

Venue: Blackwood Community Centre

Time: 10.30am to 12pm

Cost: Free

Bookings: Registrations limited call 8372 8888.

Whose Drama

Children aged 8 to 12 are invited to come and walk in another person's shoes. Explore the elements of drama through role-play, story and exploring multiple perspectives with performer, theatre maker and teaching artist Eliza Lovell from Developing Effective Arts Learning and Creative Body Based Learning.

Date: Friday 19 July

Venue: Blackwood Community Centre

Time: 10am to 11.30am

Cost: \$5

Bookings: Call 8372 8888 or email communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Kidz Jam Factor presents: School Holiday Art and Music Workshop

Bring your kids along to this fun filled workshop where Art teacher Helen and Music Teacher Sofie team up to teach a combined Art and Music workshop. Your children will create a painting of Cartoon Dinosaurs or Fairies (different degrees of difficulty for each age group will be provided). They will also learn to sing, having fun with hit songs of wonder and imagination, karaoke style with their favourite movie tracks!

Date: Monday 15 July

Time: 9am to 12pm

Venue: Gallery One at the Mitcham Cultural Village

Bookings: Call Helen on 0418 821 217 or email nitsa4@bigpond.com



Science with Scouts

Enjoy a day full of all things science with the Scouts SA engagement team. Kids will learn by experimenting 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.

Date: Tuesday 16 July

Venue: Cumberland Park Community Centre

Time: 9am to 5pm

Cost: \$30. Lunch included

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BCNXV



The Amazing Race with Scouts

Join the Scouts SA engagement team with the Cumby Amazing Race. This full day program will be lots of fun for the kids full of adventure and surprise.

Date: Thursday 18 July

Venue: Cumberland Park Community Centre

Time: 9am to 5pm

Cost: \$30. Lunch included

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BCNXV



Mountain Bike Adventures

Learn new riding skills and put them to use while hunting for clues and geocaches around Craighorn 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. For more information email info@headforthehills.net.au or call 0402 697 398.

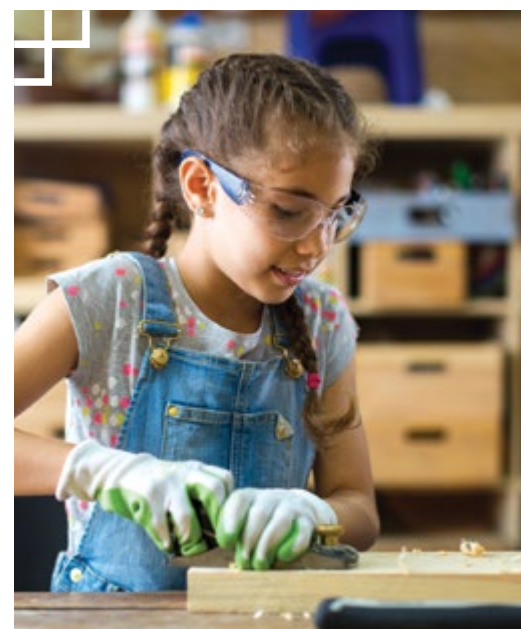
Date: Tuesday 9 and 16 July and Thursday 11 and 18 July

Where: Blackwood Community Centre

Time: 9am to 5pm

Cost: \$145

Bookings: headforthehills.net.au/school-programs/school-holiday-mountain-bike-adventures



Woodwork for kids

Create marble-based toys, boxes and/or boxed based games at the Mitcham Community Shed.

Date: Monday 8 and 15 July, Thursday 11 July and Wednesday 17 July

Where: Cumberland Park Community Centre

Time: 9am to 12pm

Cost: \$15

RSVP: ngeorge@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



For more information visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/communitycentres or contact communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

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School Holidays at the Library

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

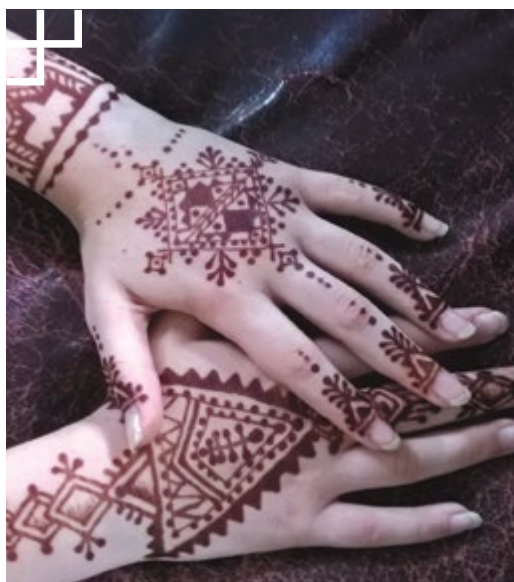


3D Guitar

Tune your artistic expression into creating a guitar.

Children school aged are invited to build their own guitar and decorate it at the Mitcham Memorial Library on Thursday 11 July and at the Blackwood Library on Tuesday 16 July from 2pm to 3.30pm. Cost is \$5 per child. Bookings essential as spaces are limited.

To book call the Mitcham Library on 8372 8244 or Blackwood Library on 8372 8255.



Henna Hand Painting

Learn the beautiful and popular art of Henna Hand Painting this school holidays at Mitcham Memorial Library with Vanessa Rosen of Velvet Henna.

Henna has been used by many cultures for centuries. Learn about henna, what to use and what not to use, and how to create a fantastic henna design in this hands on workshop for youth 10 to 17 years at the Mitcham Memorial Library on Tuesday 9 July from 2pm to 4pm. Cost \$10 per person. All materials supplied. Please note: henna can last for a couple of weeks on the skin. Numbers limited.

Bookings essential please call 8372 8244.

Board Games and Catan

Play Catan or enjoy other board games – Chess, Scrabble, Cluedo or Snakes and Ladders at the Blackwood Library on Wednesday 17 July from 2pm.

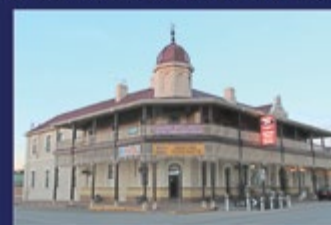
You can use ours or bring your own. Come and try your hand at our communal jigsaw. All ages are welcome. Snacks supplied.



Free Every Day Crafts

Free crafts are available to make in the Library every day during the school holidays.

RAILWAY HOTELS OF AUSTRALIA
VOLUME FOUR ~ SOUTH AUSTRALIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY, TASMANIA AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA



SCOTT WHITAKER

Author Scott Whitaker

Join author and Australian railways expert Scott Whitaker at the Mitcham Memorial Library on Wednesday 10 July at 10.30am as he talks about his journey to document the colourful history of Railway Hotels in Australia.

His new book, Railway Hotels of Australia Volume Four, covers South Australia, Northern Territory, Tasmania and Western Australia. The book contains a wealth of information on the history of our railways and explores the social, economic and political themes that helped to shape the state.

Bookings essential please call 8372 8244.



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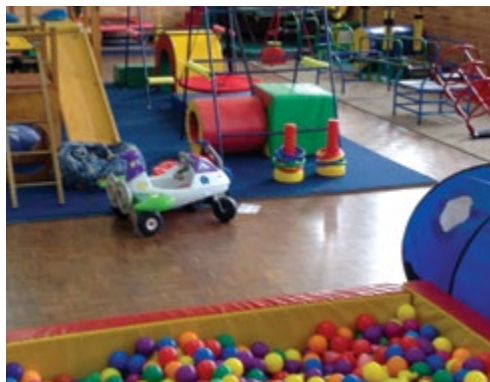
Blackwood Library
215 Main Road, Blackwood SA 5051
Phone: 8372 8255

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

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



community groups



social activities



community events

Mitcham Community Calendar

Probus Club of Blackwood

Join this friendly club on the **first Thursday** of every month at **9.30am** at the rear hall of the Masonic Lodge, Main Road, Blackwood. Meet new people while enjoying guest speakers and lunches. Call 8178 2653. ■

Rotary Club of Mitcham

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

Probus Club of St Mays

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

Blackwood Hills Baptist Church

Come along each **Sunday at 10am or 7pm** at 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood. There are people of all ages, great music and fun activities for the kids. Visit thevillage.org.au or call 8370 3256. ■

Village Church at Melrose Park

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

Westbourne Park Ladies Probus Club

Friendship morning on **Monday 24 June at 10am** at the Uniting Church hall, corner Sussex Terrace and Monmouth Road, Hawthorn. Enjoy our guest speakers, morning tea and a friendly chat. Call 7225 5807. ■

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: Bonfire, Aquatics night and Dodgeball. ■

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. ■

Messy Church at Westbourne Park Uniting Church

Enjoy a fun afternoon for all ages on **15 June from 5pm to 7.30pm** at 27 Sussex Terrace, Hawthorn. Free entrance and supper provided. Visit facebook.com/WestbourneParkMC/ ■

Caring Friends

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

Coffee, Craft and Chat

Bring along your own craft project to work on including quilting, crochet, knitting, tatting, embroidery or mending **9.30am to 12pm on Thursdays** (during school terms) at 42a Angas Road, Hawthorn. Cost: \$2. Call 0415 311 999. ■

Woodcarving Club

Enjoy woodcarving at the Red Shed, Mitcham Cultural Village on Princes Road on the **first Saturday of each month. 9am to 2pm**. 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**. Cost \$5 per family. Visit blackwooduc.org.au/groups/family-ministry/roundabout-playgroup or call 8278 7699. ■

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. 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. ■

Colonel Light Kindergym

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

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. ■

Mitcham Historical Society

Come along to the AGM on **Tuesday 24 September at 7pm** in the Drawing Room at Scotch College. Guest speaker: Mr Michael Lennon, Chair SA Planning Commission. Contact Geoff on 0412 125 010 or gsauer@bigpond.net.au ■

Seniors in Harmony

Our next concerts feature the Hills Choral Society on **Tuesday 2 July** and the SA Police Dixie Band on **Tuesday 6 August**. Held at the Mitcham Cultural Village, Princes Road, Mitcham. Performances start at **1.30pm** and are followed by delicious afternoon tea. For group bookings email seniorsharmony@gmail.com. ■

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. ■

Quarterly Folk Dance

Enjoy the Australian Traditional and Bush Dance Society of SA's third quarterly Mitcham Village Folk Dance for 2019 on **Saturday 6 July from 7pm to 10pm** at the Mitcham Village Institute, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham. Music by the Adelaide Empire Band. All dances are called, flat shoes recommended. No previous experience is needed and you don't need to bring a partner. \$15. For more information visit atbdsdancesa.com.au or call 0418 837 411. ■

Heart Foundation Walking Group

If you enjoy walking join this free walking group each **Mondays and Fridays at 9.15am** at The Meeting Place 42a Angas Road. Call 0431 937 563 or visit walking.heartfoundation.org.au ■

Mitcham Band Festival

Mitcham's former Vogue Cinema will showcase 20 of Adelaide's finest community brass and concert bands with a Gala Opening on **Friday 21 June at 7pm** and again on **Saturday 22 June from 9am**. Cost \$15. Visit mitchambandfestival.com.au or phone 0419 030 746 for more details. ■

Adelaide-Mitcham

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Join us for general discussion on **Thursday 27 June** at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL Club, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens at **7pm**. Visit adelaide-mitchampcsg.org or call 0406 006 654. ■

Twisted a Yarn Festival for Creatives

Gallery One presents Twisted at Princes Road in Mitcham on **Sunday 30 June 10am to 3pm**. Discover weaving, knitting, crochet, felting, macramé, dyeing. Yarn and craft sales, demonstrations and workshops. Call 8272 4504. ■



Community Garden in Belair

The Belair Uniting Church garden is seeking enthusiastic gardeners to rent a small plot or volunteer to help with garden tasks.

A garden needs gardeners. Plots, which have an easy to manage wicking bed, are available to rent or you can volunteer to help with garden tasks, including planting, establishing a compost collection and laying paving bricks. The garden, once established, will eventually provide a shady spot to provide an opportunity to socialise and share gardening gems, a wood fired pizza oven and a "Pumpkin arch".

The community garden is located behind the Belair Uniting Church at 18 Sheak Road and is accessible from Alta Mira Crescent.

If you would like to get involved contact Chris on 0408 861 725.

The community garden is funded by the Uniting Church for the benefit of Aged Wellbeing and a Community Grant from the City of Mitcham.

Urrbrae Wetland Open Day

Discover how the Urrbrae Wetland survived through our hot dry summer on Sunday 23 June from 1.30pm to 4pm.

The Friends of the Urrbrae Wetland invite you to learn how the hot dry summer impacted the wetland. With little or no rain the water level in the pond and the farm dam dropped to previously unknown low levels.

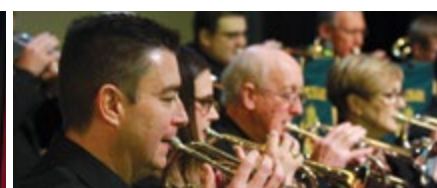
Come and enjoy illustrated talks and guided walks to learn why we have a Wetland; hear about plant establishment; and how birds have been attracted to this environment. Talks start at 1.40pm, and guided walks at 2pm and will be available every 30 minutes throughout the afternoon, with the last guided tour at 3.30pm.

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

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



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



Where: Vogue Cinema,
25 Belair Road, Kingswood
Date: Friday 21 June
Time: Commences at 7pm
Date: Saturday 22 June
Time: 9am and continues throughout
the day until 10pm
Cost: \$15 event pass.

Mitcham Band Festival

Mitcham's former Vogue Cinema will showcase 20 of Adelaide's finest community brass and concert bands with a Gala Opening on Friday 21 June at 7pm and again on Saturday 22 June from 9am.

The Mitcham Band Festival is a fun opportunity for each of the bands to showcase their favourite arrangements on stage in an epic musical extravaganza!

The Gala Opening Concert will be headline by the Army Band, Adelaide and the Adelaide Big Band

who will be joined by the Secondary Schools Concert Band, Tanunda Town Band and Mitcham City Brass.

Join in the fun for all or part of the day. Tickets are available at the door. Refreshments will be available on Saturday for purchase.

For more information visit www.mitchambandfestival.com.au or phone 0419 030 746.



Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek

In April the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek cooked up a storm at the Variety Easter Picnic at the Zoo.

This year 34 members and friends of the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek provided and cooked sausages, onions and bread to 1,535 children and 890 carers at the annual Variety Easter Picnic at the Zoo.

If you would like to become part of the club come along to a meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Edinburgh Hotel at 6.30pm or call 0432 107 772.

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



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

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

Enjoy conversation over a lovely hot meal for lunch.

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

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



Mayor**Dr Heather Holmes-Ross**

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I have been honoured to be your Mayor for six months and what an insightful and wonderful time it's been! A particular recent highlight was meeting so many kind and generous people at our celebration of Mitcham's volunteers, held at Mitcham Wallis Cinema. I hope that this event showed, in some small way, how very much your work is appreciated. I also wish to acknowledge the hundreds of additional residents who volunteer within our community in varying capacities. On behalf of your City, I thank you for your hard work and selfless contributions.

Another high point was our Council's celebration of reconciliation with our nation's first people. I was very proud to host a flag raising celebration with the president of the Blackwood Reconciliation Group, Mr Allen Edwards Snr. For me the most symbolic event of Reconciliation Week was when Allen and I jointly unfurled the Aboriginal flag, for the first time, in our Council Chamber. I hope that until all Australians can walk together under one flag, the flying of both flags will show our joint commitment to a common future.

I am also extremely pleased to report that, via the Federal election, we have secured funding for several major infrastructure projects. A solution to the congested Springbank/Daws/Goodwood Roads intersections has been a priority of both Council and the Panorama, Clapham and Colonel Light Gardens communities for many years. Now commuters and local residents alike will be rewarded as combined State and Federal commitments will deliver the long awaited 4-way intersection by 2022.

The Federal commitment to complete the South Road upgrade is also good news. This investment will provide an unprecedented opportunity for our local businesses to create efficient links with traders and consumers. However, as was discussed with traders at our joint forum with Marion Council, it is essential that our business community is involved, through consultation, with the implementation of the project to ensure that the effects of construction on trading are minimised and that the finished road both enhances and benefits our community.

For many years the Mitcham hills community has lobbied for a new library/community centre in Blackwood. The Federal commitment to help build this complex will not only help Council deliver an equivalent service to that offered by our newly renovated Mitcham Memorial Library, but will also serve as a much needed catalyst to activate the Blackwood business precinct.

Lastly, I have really enjoyed my Share with the Mayor sessions which started in April. From 3pm to 6.30pm every Wednesday afternoon I have made tea and coffee for residents as we chat about various community issues in an open forum at the Mitcham Civic Centre. We've had discussions around first aid, permaculture, stobie pole art, community based tree plantings, traffic, community music, the "vibe" of our City and much more! If you haven't dropped in yet, please do. You can come with a topic of your own or just join in with whatever's going down on the day. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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As your Council worked through the budget I reflected on the very many services that Council provides for the community funded by your rates. As individuals there are some services that we use every day (eg roads, stormwater, lighting), some that we may use for particular times in our life (eg playgrounds, aged support) and some that we may never use but others enjoy (eg bike trails, dog park). As we develop more services (eg footpaths, playgrounds, toilets, stormwater infrastructure, larger Mitcham Memorial Library, St Marys Clubrooms) Council needs to be putting more money aside to replace or maintain them. As such the operating costs of Council increase and this impacts on rates. Council also has a rolling schedule of service reviews which looks for efficiencies and cost savings - whether the service is best run 'in house' or externally, whether the service should be expanded, contracted or deleted and other.

For your interest I thought I would list an **A - Z of some of the services** that your rates provide with this clearly showing that 'rates, roads and rubbish' are only part of what Council does.

- A** Annual Reports, Auditing, Art - public, Apps, Australia Day Awards
- B** Bridges, Bus Shelters, Bike Trails, Books, Bushfire Info
- C** Centennial Park, Car Parks, Community Centres, Community Bus, Community Shed, Citizenship Ceremonies, Croquet Field, Climate Change Strategies
- D** Dump, Dog Park, Dog Rego, Dog Poo Bags
- E** Erosion Controls, E-News, Engineering, Earth Works
- F** Footpaths, Fire Prevention, Fences, Flood Control
- G** Gutters, Green Waste Removal, Grants, Graffiti Removal
- H** History Service, Heritage Advice, Halls, Health/ Hygiene Inspections
- I** Immunisation
- J** Justice of the Peace
- K** Kerbside Hard Waste Collection
- L** Libraries, Line Marking, Lights, Living Well Support
- M** Mitcham Community News
- N** Nature Play, Noise Monitoring
- O** Ovals, Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- P** Planning, Playgrounds, Pool Inspections
- Q** Quarterly Reports
- R** Roads, Rubbish Collection, Recycling, Reserves
- S** Stormwater, Skate Parks, Signs, Street Sweeping, Sports Grounds
- T** Trees, Toy Libraries, Tennis Courts, Toilets
- U** Urban Biodiversity and Sustainability Work
- V** Volunteering Opportunities and Support
- W** Walking Trails, Water Harvesting, Wellness Assistance, Ward Forums, Wombat Crossings
- X** Xmas Carol Event
- Y** Youth Programs
- Z** Zebra Crossings

Gault Ward**Cr Jasmine Berry**

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Hello, over the past few months I have been enjoying seeking feedback from residents and responding to residents on a number of issues in the community.

In the chamber, some of the key items I have voted for were:

1. To continue to support and increase funding to the Trees for Life/ Bush for Life volunteer organisation.
2. To ensure Council move to remove single use plastics from Council events.
3. To improve cycling access to Randell Park.
4. To limit speaking time for Councillors in the chamber to three minutes instead of five to assist with completion of the agenda.
5. To recommend the Mitcham Arts Advisory Groups recommendations for the Public Arts Grant.
6. To fund a new Blackwood Football Club female facility change-room.

I have also been advocating to ensure the 'fund my neighbourhood' project for the Mortlock Park Toilet (State Government funding, not Council funding) goes ahead - hopefully by the time this goes to print work on the toilet will have begun.

Councillors have been working alongside Council administration regarding the budget and rate increases, which has been an interesting exercise. Rates generally need to increase by at least CPI (Consumer Price Index) to cover existing services. To then add new services in requires an increase in rates. My advocacy has been focused on ensuring that Council administration are working as efficiently as possible and have found savings where possible.

I have also been advocating through the budget process for an increase and acceleration in Council tree planting to ensure the City of Mitcham tree canopy does not reduce. If Council administration continues at current planting rates, our number of trees will decline. Administration needs to increase to 1,800 trees planted per year to maintain the City of Mitcham canopy and this will have an impact on rates.

I have also been advocating strongly for the budget to include an acceleration of the 'asset maintenance backlog' - the Council is eight years behind on footpath repair and maintenance, potholes and stormwater, and footpath degradation in particular has caused issues for some residents (thank you for your emails regarding this).

I continue to speak to administration about ensuring that core services are focused on and addressed comprehensively and efficiently. I have enjoyed meeting with individual residents over a number of issues, meeting with the wonderful volunteers of the sensory garden at the Mitcham Library and meeting with volunteers doing an incredible job at Price Memorial Oval who have secured funding for facility upgrades. I also enjoyed attending a Gallery One exhibition for local watercolour artist Eric Hudson. Meeting with individual Council managers has also assisted with my understanding of Council specific matters, as has attending briefings on the alternate Tuesdays to Council meetings. Overall, a busy and enjoyable start to my time as a Councillor.

Overton Ward Cr Katarina Steele



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The biggest topic of the last few months at Council was the budget. We have prepared a Draft 2019/20 Annual Business Plan and the Draft 2019/20 Long Term Financial Plan. The different wards have many different needs and the ward Councillors have various opinions about what is most desirable. I am pleased with the discussions we had about our budget bids and with the end result, which addresses the big backlog we have (repairs of footpaths which have been neglected in recent years), and includes accelerated tree planting.

East Waste, which is co-owned by seven Councils including Mitcham, takes care of our waste. Each year our waste services cost us more than \$2,600,000. So – it costs us a lot of money to throw our rubbish out. Couldn't we use less, reuse more, select better, compost at home etc? In this draft budget we have asked administration to find some additional savings. If you and I did the same (limit our waste), then it will be more feasible to lower the rates.

In March I went to a forum Cooler Greener Adelaide. Our City has lost in the last five years around a quarter of its green space. We may not see it looking at our own backyard, but certainly everybody noted the 46 degrees day in summer and the increased heat in general. Walking by Overton's Melrose Park or Daw Park you must be aware of the rows of dying trees. The rate of tree death is increasing in Mitcham as well, because some avenues were planted between the two World Wars and they are now reaching the end of their lives.

Fifty-year-old Golden Rains are also considered old, and we can expect that soon they will have to be replaced. Smaller building blocks and larger homes mean less space for trees on private property, so the importance of Council's street trees will continue to increase. The trees have the power to lower the surface temperature up to 6 degrees. Cooler temperatures means less air conditioning and lower bills for electricity. And not just that. Trees purify the air, intercept and clean stormwater, provide fauna habitat, reduce anxiety and conserve biodiversity. Couldn't we all plant some trees in our own garden or yard and sometimes water the new trees in our verges?

Recently I visited the Cumberland Park Community Centre Garden. The small group of volunteers there does such a good job! If you'd like to grow, care for and eat your own pesticide-free vegies, you'd certainly be welcome there.

The Park Ward Cr Corin McCarthy



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As a Councillor for The Park Ward, I am proud to support my local community and the City of Mitcham.

I have enjoyed meeting residents this year and better understanding the issues which are important to you. For example, I have heard from residents that tree canopy is important. Alarming, on the recent trends in planting, 20,000 trees will be lost from the City of Mitcham by 2050. To arrest this slide, we need a further 500 trees planted per year. This is crucial to both the visual appeal of the suburbs we live in, but also to how we can support climate change mitigation. I intend to support changes that will deliver the extra trees.

Many people have told me that rates are having a significant impact on pensioners and people on low incomes. So, in the post budget session of Council, I will bring a rate relief motion for pensioners suffering cost of living pressures for the 2020-21 Budget. That motion will ask Council to provide a rate rebate of approximately \$80 per pensioner.

I also know that most people want a more efficient and effective Council. Following my lead, the Council has a new benchmark for success on efficiency savings for the 2019-20 Budget. Savings look set to be \$500,000 for the budget, but there will be a \$750,000 stretch target, with regular quarterly reports on progress, to drive costs down on rate payers. I will look to deepen this approach through this year and to find further savings.

The budget is also set to invest in community infrastructure. One of the alarming conclusions is that the City of Mitcham had been under-investing in basic infrastructure for many years until recently. We are still facing the challenge of stressed water infrastructure, footpaths and bridges.

However, because of proposals in this coming budget, these liabilities will be zero by 2025, a major achievement. This will not only deliver better suburbs but has also removed liabilities from the Council balance sheet – it is good finance as well as good policy.

I was very pleased to help cyclists who want to use the access point at Burnell Drive onto Randell Park trail, instead of having to navigate and fight traffic on Old Belair Road. This will make things safer to both commuters and people who use the trail.

I look forward to the remainder of 2019 and I hope we continue the progress of activating the Blackwood business district. The proposed Community Hub is critical for Blackwood families to enjoy the town and shops.

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As usual the first few months of the year are involved in developing the budget and putting forward proposals for new services or operating projects. I want low rates, but the reality is that delivery of existing services without any new services or projects requires a rate rise. Two rates rise options, 3.1% and 3.5% are open for consultation and comment now. The 3.1% rate will provide for very limited new services while the 3.5% rate allows spending of over \$593,000 on new footpaths and \$155,000 for planting new trees. I support both, so it is challenging to find ways to keep rates low while increasing services.

By the time you read this the Federal election results will be decided, and new projects will be commencing. The Federal government contribution to several projects in City of Mitcham is exciting but could affect rates where projects are only part-funded. To go ahead, they will require a Council contribution which will increase rates, as they are not yet factored into the budget. Luckily Babbage will receive full funding for several community improvements including the upgrade of the Women's Memorial Playing Fields and lights at St Marys Park.

There are also two major road upgrades in Babbage that have attracted funding and could impact residents. The first is an upgrade to the Goodwood, Daws and Springbank intersection. Both myself and local residents strongly welcome the proposed four-way road upgrade and I thank the Member for Elder, Carolyn Power for listening to the community feedback. I look forward to seeing the detailed plans and hope that the final outcome achieves what is needed to get improved and faster traffic movement through the intersection.

The upgrade of the South Road corridor has also been funded and so all the properties along the east of South Road in St Marys will be affected in some way. I look forward to seeing details about what is proposed and the time frame. While these big projects are contentious and affect businesses, schools and residents, there will be long term benefits for our community.

I believe that City of Mitcham is an innovative city and I see staff and Councillors discussing, demonstrating and trialing many creative improvement ideas. For example, St Marys Park car park renewal. Council partnered with Melbourne University to trial a way of capturing heat from under the car park and transferring it into electricity for use by the club. The car park also has pervious paving to allow water to soak through into the ground. I look forward to seeing the results.

Innovative and creative ideas bring practical ideas for saving money, doing things better with less and getting improved outcomes for the environment and for where we live. I am proud of our City and the wonderful staff who have visions for improving the City for you and me.

Please call me or email me if you want to discuss Council issues.

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Mitcham's latest and greatest playground has been officially opened. Mitcham Reserve has its own fairy elfin castle with a slide escape, sculptured horse, mushroom and 100 year old wooden wagon wheels. Across the bridge are older kids stuff, balance wires various swinging and climbing things and a massive rock stack. All the supports are natural logs with animal heads carved by Allan Sumner there are koalas, kangaroos and wombats and more. The rocks are also carved with indigenous motifs.

It's great to see such an engaging design using natural products that stimulate and challenge. The previous playground was well past its use by date and was built in such a manner that safety issues swamped out the fun aspect.

The adventure and nature play theme has worked well and congratulations are due to all concerned. The consultation included year one students from Scotch and St Josephs. These children, now in year three were at the opening. Thanks to large number of parents and grandparents who also participated with their feedback.

Finally thanks to those staff and Elected Members that got this bold move rolling. Well done all. The red ribbon cutting was a joint affair by Allan and Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross. Heather had earlier tested out the equipment. She test drove almost every aspect including the very high very large rock stack. Boots and all she clambered up the rock stack proving her status as top of the stack. Coming down was the tricky bit.

On Thursday 9 May the Brownhill Creek upgrade in the Soldier's Memorial Gardens opened. This work was done to coincide with the new Library works so as to minimise the disruption to the site. The majority of the creek work is funded under the Brownhill Keswick Creek upgrade. The channel and weirs have been rebuilt widened and rock lined. Thirty odd trees were removed to achieve this. Re-establishing the thirty new ones will be critical.

One question yet to be settled is whether the increased footprint of the Library and widening of the creek will allow enough room to continue to hold Carols by the Creek. It has been held here consistently except for last year. 4,000 people attended last year's Carols which proved its popularity despite the change in venue to Kingswood Oval. Can we fit that number comfortably at the Soldier's Memorial Gardens? Your comments are welcome.

Other news is that the State Government has agreed to rebuild the Springbank, Daws and Goodwood Roads intersection. There has been a plan to build a single intersection for some years which has waited for funding. Recently a new proposal was suggested that an upgraded double 'T' intersection was their preferred option. A Public meeting at the Tower Art Centre howled this proposal down and DPTI came to Council with a new plan that more closely represented the original. Daws Road will now join Springbank Road and form one intersection with one set of lights, no double 'T' intersection. This is planned to be finished in 2022. Details will be released soon.

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As a new Councillor I've now had some six months on the job and it's great. Great, because I think this will be a time for very positive change in our community and we have only just begun. Some highlights so far:

New Libraries

Anyone attending the new Mitcham Memorial Library in January couldn't help but be impressed. It's modern, spacious, inviting and accessible. However, it also highlighted how antiquated, cramped and unfit for purpose our current Blackwood Library is. So, with both major parties pledging \$5 million, our challenge will now be to design and fund an equally splendid building for the heart of our community for the next 50 years. We have already started by approving expenditure to progress preliminary design plans. \$5 million will not be nearly enough, but I know that together we can do it.

New Policies

Graffiti is a scourge in our community. Fortunately, Council was given new legal powers in 2017 that allow us to require landowners to clean up and prevent these nuisances. But we can't be heavy handed; we need to work with the businesses in partnership. The old Anti Graffiti policy pre-dated these new powers, so in March I moved that we re-write it. By a large majority this was agreed, so I look forward to the new policy setting out timeframes, expectations and responsibilities for all.

Many Councils have problems with serial complainants. In March, my questions revealed that in 2018 just one resident cost our community almost \$9,000 to provide answers to his multiple questions; all challenging the 2018 decision giving long-term leases to various sporting clubs in Colonel Light Gardens. As a result, we will now review the Independent Review of Decisions policy. Staff are also looking to secure approval of a new frivolous and vexatious complaints policy. Given recent media reports that Charles Sturt Council has had one aggrieved resident cost them \$160,000, we must do this work to prevent such wasteful costs occurring here.

New Budgets

The new 2019/20 draft Annual Business Plan and Budget is now out for community consultation. The options presented are increasing rates by either 3.1% or 3.55%. In dollar terms this means an average increase of either \$53 or \$60 per annum. Just one key difference is that for (on average) \$7 more, we get to fully fund and plant 1,800 new trees annually so we don't lose our canopy of 90,000 trees. There's lots more at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/draftplan; what new services do you want? Livestreaming?

New Citizens and (possibly) New Boundaries

Finally, in April we welcomed around 35 new citizens to our community. So many wonderful families and stories! Coincidentally, Onkaparinga has expressed interest in moving boundaries, so let's have the conversation about the other half of Coromandel Valley joining us in Mitcham to re-unite the valley of Minnow Creek – now flowing again!

As always, my ears and my door at 174 Main Road, Blackwood are always open; feel free to call me on 8372 8888 or email dkruse@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Join our New Cooking Club Batchcooks

If you love to eat and you love to cook and want to meet new people register for our new cooking club Batchcooks.

Beginner and experienced cooks are invited to join Batchcooks a new weekly cooking club beginning in June at the Cumberland Park Community Centre.

Rebecca Wu from the BIG dish up at Marionlife and the community cooking group at Blackwood's Roundabout Church will help you develop your cooking skills. Over the first six weeks you will learn how to cook seasonally, frugally and with variety. Best of all you get to take home what you cook each week.

Date: Commencing Monday 17 June

Time: 10am to 1pm

Location: Cumberland Park Community Centre, 388 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park

Cost: \$10 for over 55s and those on a concession card. Non-pensioners \$15 and includes all ingredients and take home meals.

Places are limited so book quickly.

To book or for more information contact Rebecca Olthoff, Community Centres Coordinator on 8372 8888 or email communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



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Seeking Baker Volunteers

Do you love cooking? Are you thinking about Volunteering? Would you like to support our Social Connections Programs?

Our Cumberland Park Community Centre is seeking volunteers as bakers in residence every Thursday to support our social connections programs.

As part of a fun team you will cook morning and afternoon tea for a range of programs being held at the Cumberland Park Community Centre to allow residents to meet new people and socialise.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lynne Norton Coordinator Volunteer Services on 8372 8860.

Mitcham Grants Making a Difference

Throughout the year our community has an opportunity to apply for Mitcham Grants to help us activate spaces, preserve our fabulous history and enliven our outdoor areas with public art and events.

If you or your group are interested in making a difference in our community and looking for some financial support then you may want to apply for one of the grants the City of Mitcham has on offer.

The grants Mitcham Council offer include:

- Community Development Grant.
- Community Facilities Grant.
- Individual Achievement Grant.
- Maggy Ragless Memorial Grant.
- Mayoral Grant.
- Public Art Grant.
- Special Community Event or Special Project Grant.

Owen and William recently received an Individual Achievement Grant to allow them to compete as part of an under 16 team in the Oceanic Korfball Challenge in Christchurch in New Zealand.

For any information on our grants or to apply, we invite you to visit our website mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/grants or call us on 8372 8888.



Blackwood Train Station Heritage Storyboard

In 2018 the Blackwood Action Group received a Community Development Grant to install heritage storyboards at the Blackwood Train Station. As commuters wait for the train they can now discover the wonderful history of the local community and the remarkable engineering feat built in 1886.



Social Connections Matter so Come and Try!

Strong social connections are vital for people of all ages to stay healthy.

The City of Mitcham's Community Wellbeing Program offers a range of social opportunities for residents who are 65 and over.

Mitcham's Community Wellbeing Program, with the support of the Commonwealth Home Support Program and a team of dedicated volunteers, offers residents a range of activities to meet new people and socialise.

We currently have places available in the following programs:

- Special interest groups - social catchups whilst walking, sharing mindful colouring and a cup of coffee, learning a new skill like Mahjong or other table games.
- Lunch Group - a weekly shared meal and activity with opportunity to learn, laugh and chat.
- Bus trips - small groups, travelling for lunch or to destinations of interest.
- Individual social support options - connecting isolated residents and providing shopping assistance.

Judy has been enjoying Thursday afternoons at Colouring Group for the last two years. "For me it is more than just colouring. I enjoy the company of such a happy group with lots of chatter and laughs as well as a fabulous afternoon tea."

The Community Wellbeing Program is offered at subsidised, affordable rates to residents over the age of 65 eligible for the Commonwealth Home Support Program. Supported community transport options are also available. If you are interested, the team can provide you with the information you need to access My Aged Care and determine eligibility.

For more information or to 'come and try' an activity, phone the Community Wellbeing Team on 8372 8803.



Behind the Scene Tour at Centennial Park

If you are curious about the inner workings of Centennial Park book a Behind the Scene Tour.

Centennial Park is offering Behind the Scenes tours of the gardens and state of the art crematorium on 29 June at 10am and 11.30am. The tour will start at the Norman McLeay Centre before strolling through the gardens on the way to visit the crematorium. A motorised buggy will be provided for the group's comfort.

Whether you're considering arrangements for a family member of your own, or simply have an interest in how Centennial Park care for the departed and their loved ones, take advantage of this opportunity.

Behind the Scenes Intimate Centennial Park Tour

Date: Saturday 29 June

Time: 10am and 11.30am

Where: Starts in Norman McLeay Centre adjacent to the Jubilee Complex —enter through main gates, off Goodwood Road.

Cost: Free

Spaces are strictly limited. To reserve your place, book your free tickets through www.centennialpark.org/behind-scenes-tour

Winter Jams

Register today for a free song writing and performance workshop on July 11, 12 and 13 at the Cumberland Park Community Centre.

The City of Mitcham has teamed up with Music SA and Headspace to present Winter Jams, a three-day songwriting and performance workshop for 13-17 year olds during the July school holidays.

Qualified staff from Music SA will mentor teens on song writing, live performance and will finish the program with a performance for friends and family on Friday evening at the Cumberland Park Community Centre.

Date: Wednesday 10 July, 12pm to 5pm

Date: Thursday 11 July, 12pm to 5pm

Date: Friday 12 July, 12pm to 8.30pm (includes showcase event for friends and family)

Location: Cumberland Park Community Centre, 388 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park

Students should have some basic - intermediate musical instrumentation or vocal experience at a high school level.

Limited places are available for this free workshop for more information email tom@musicsa.com.au or to book visit Moshtix www.moshtix.com.au for free registration.





St Marys Park our new Community Facility

St Marys Park home of Kenilworth Football Club and Gaelic Football and Hurling Association now boasts new clubrooms and community facilities.

St Marys Park, located at Quinlan Avenue in St Marys, is home to the Kenilworth Football Club and the Gaelic Football and Hurling Association, who together form the 'St Marys Park Sports Association'.

In April the first stage of redeveloping this key community recreational precinct was completed. New clubrooms including a kitchen, canteen, bar, community meeting rooms, public toilet, male and female toilets and storage was built and work to upgrade the carpark is nearing completion.

In June work will begin on the second stage to upgrade the old clubrooms which will be refurbished into four female friendly changes

rooms with amenities, two umpires change rooms and a first aid room.

The City of Mitcham, with funding support from State and Federal Government, AFL and Kenilworth Football Club, is investing \$1.8 million into developing St Marys Park into a key community recreational precinct.

A further \$173,000 grant from the Federal Government will allow the oval lighting to be upgraded to LEDs.

The new clubrooms and community facilities will provide a modern, functional, and safe facility for the St Marys Park Sports Association and the community.



Kenilworth Football Club

Kenilworth Football Club formed in 1907 and is the second oldest continual affiliated Club in the Adelaide Footy League. The Club originated in Parkside and moved to St Marys Park 25 years ago, when South Adelaide Football Club moved to its new grounds at Noarlunga.

St Marys Oval is considered one of the best football grounds in the League, hosting football grand finals every year at the ground. With these stunning new facilities they are inviting the local community to visit the clubrooms and get involved.

The Club currently offers three senior men's teams in A, B and C in Division 5, Division Reserve and C5. As well as offering four junior boy's teams in under 7s, under 8s, under 10s and under 18s. The women's teams are growing rapidly and the Club has three women's teams in under 16s, under 18s and Seniors.

The Club also has a team, one of five clubs, in the SANFL Inclusive League for players with integration difficulties and an Over 35s team in the SA Masters league.

The Club welcomes new players for men and women in both seniors and junior teams. If you would like to join a team call John on 0412 587 551.



New Synthetic Pitch at A.A. Bailey Reserve

A new synthetic pitch was installed in A.A. Bailey Reserve at the Cumberland United Soccer Club.

The Football Federation SA, with support from the City of Mitcham, invested \$1.25 million dollars installing a new dry synthetic pitch for the Cumberland United Soccer Club at A.A. Bailey Reserve in Clarence Gardens.

The synthetic pitch will result in significant water savings, lower maintenance costs and improve the condition of the pitch particularly throughout the winter months and heavy rain periods.

The synthetic pitch also allows the club to provide more sporting opportunities and holiday programs for members of the club and community. Most importantly the community will be able to access the pitch when the Club is not using it.

Supporters and spectators experience has also been improved as fencing and paths have been upgraded and better viewing options have been provided.



Cumberland United Football Club original opening of A.A. Bailey Reserve in 1951

Cumberland United Soccer Club

The Cumberland United Football Club was officially established in 1943; early games were played at Hollywood Estate, now Cumberland Park and other grounds in the local area. In 1951 the Club officially moved to A.A. Bailey Reserve.

As a highly regarded sporting club Cumberland United Football Club has over 350 players across 25 teams including three senior teams and 33 junior teams.

The Club provides a pathway for the region's most talented footballers to compete at the highest level and provide a development program for juniors from the age of four upwards.

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