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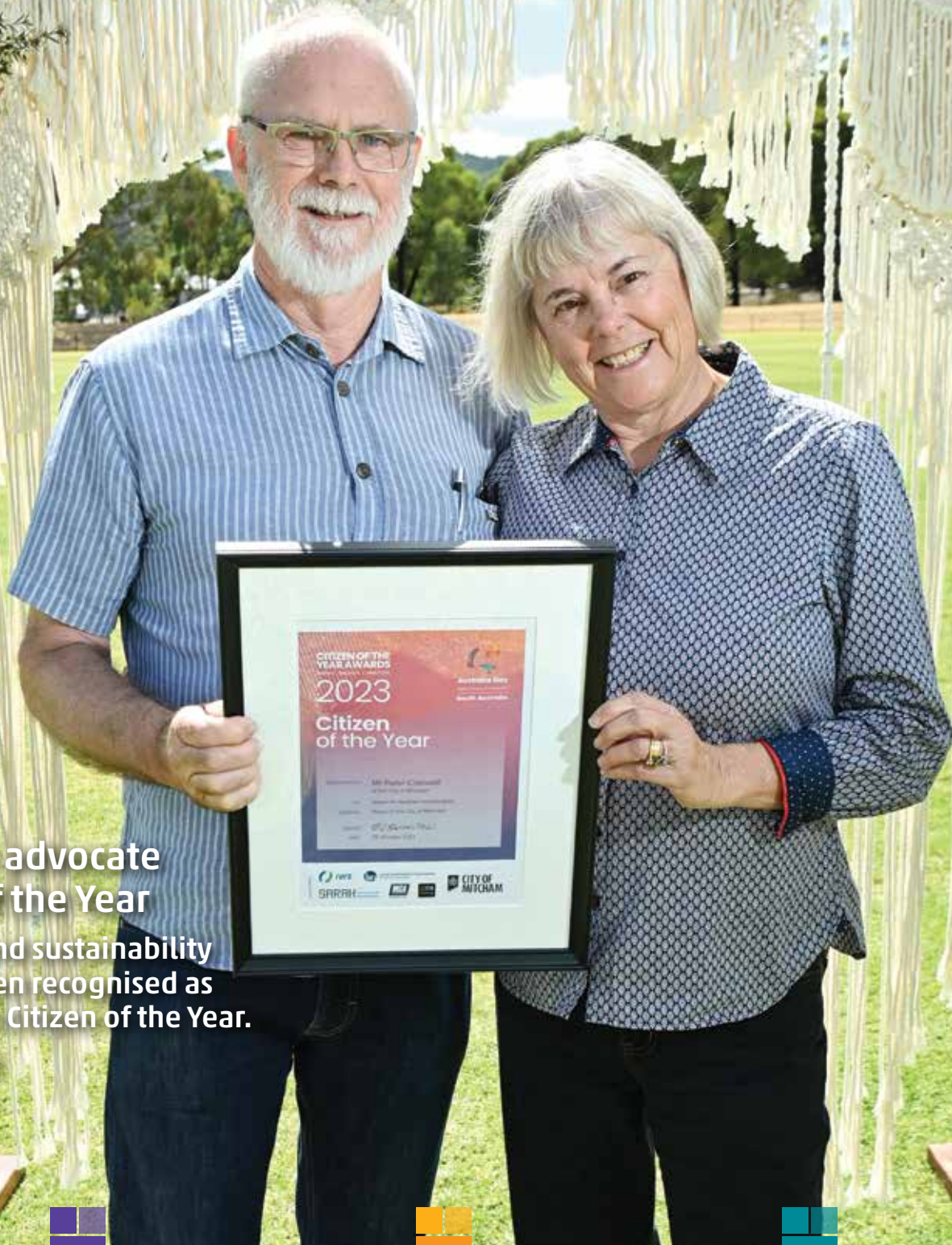
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FEBRUARY 2023

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Citizen of the Year,
Blackwood resident
Peter Cranwell and
wife Nancy.



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Join our Active Seniors Program!

City of Mitcham's Community Wellbeing has launched its Active Seniors Program for 2023, offering a range of popular and new gentle exercise classes for older residents.

Along with the return of our regular Strength for Life and Exercises for Over 60s classes, this year we invite you to try something new with the launch of DrumFIT, Zumba Gold, Yopalates and more. Keen to try? Come along to our free 'Come and Try' classes in February and March.

Our programs are designed for older residents with Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) referrals.

Exercises for over 60s

When: Mondays, 10am to 11am

Where: Hewett Sports Hub, Coromandel Parade, Blackwood

Cost: \$5 per class (CHSP subsidised) or \$10



DrumFIT

When: Fridays, 10.45am to 11.30am

Where: Pasadena Community Centre, 47 Adelaide Terrace, Pasadena

Cost: \$5 per class (CHSP) or \$10

COME & TRY: Friday 17 February

Strength for Life

When: Tuesdays, 10.30am to 11.30am

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

Cost: Initial assessment \$10 (CHSP) or \$30; \$5 per class (CHSP) or \$10

Yopalates

When: Thursdays, 10am to 10.45am

Where: Mitcham Community Centre, 242 Belair Road, Lower Mitcham

Cost: \$5 per class (CHSP subsidised) or \$10

COME & TRY: Thursday 16 February

Gentle Yoga

When: Mondays, 1.30pm to 2.30pm, from Monday 6 March 2023

Where: Pasadena Community Centre, 47 Adelaide Terrace, Pasadena

Cost: \$5 per class (CHSP subsidised) or \$12

COME & TRY: Monday 6 March

Move Freely with Tai Chi

When: Thursdays, 11am to 11.45am

Where: Mitcham Community Centre, 242 Belair Road, Lower Mitcham

Cost: \$5 per class (CHSP subsidised) or \$10

COME & TRY: Thursday 16 February



Happy Balance, Happy Life 10-week falls prevention program by Yuki Health and Happiness

When: Information session **Monday 13 February**, 3pm to 4pm; classes begin **Monday 6 March**, 3pm to 4pm

Where: Pasadena Community Centre, 47 Adelaide Terrace, Pasadena

Cost: \$50 for all 10 sessions (CHSP) or \$100

Zumba Gold for Seniors

When: Fridays, 11.45am to 12.30pm

Where: Pasadena Community Centre, 47 Adelaide Terrace, Pasadena

Cost: \$5 per class (CHSP) or \$10

COME & TRY: Friday 17 February

Bookings are essential.

To secure your spot please contact Community Wellbeing by email wellbeing@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or phone 8372 8884 or 0413 617 963.



SAYarts heads for the Fringe

Mitcham based youth arts company SAYarts is preparing to perform at the upcoming Adelaide Fringe festival.

On the Fringe, a performance ensemble for high school students, will perform 'I See You as the Moon Does' at Goodwood Theatre and Studios on Thursday 9, Friday 10 and Saturday 11 March.

The group of students in years 8 to 12 dedicated many hours to intensive rehearsals at Mitcham Community Centre across January, working alongside Director and Playwright Alby Grace.

SAYarts managing director Bec Pannell said the shows would kick off a busy year for the

theatre company, which has expanded to a second location at Prospect. "Drama helps build resilience, empathy and problem-solving skills and provides an outlet where kids can be themselves."

Classes include Little Tackers (5 to 7 years), Tackers (8 to 11 years) and Launchpad (12 to 15 years) at Hawthorn Community Centre and Bright Sparks Writing Class and D&D (Dungeons and Dragons) Club at Cumberland Park Community Centre.

Find out more at sayarts.com.au

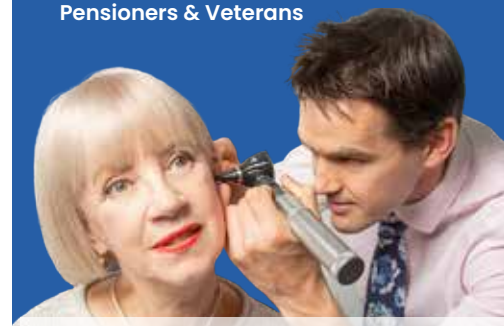
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City of Mitcham's Australia Day awards ceremony at St Marys: Citizen of the Year award recipient Peter Cranwell and Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross; Harlow (9); Slava Ukrainian dance group perform at the event.

Social justice advocate our Citizen of the Year

A social justice and sustainability advocate has been recognised as City of Mitcham's Citizen of the Year.

Blackwood resident Peter Cranwell was presented the award at City of Mitcham's Australia Day awards ceremony at St Marys. Peter and his wife Nancy have made an extraordinary commitment to their local and wider community since returning to Blackwood from Leigh Creek, in South Australia's outback, in the 1990s.

As the Project Manager of the Climate Action Resources Expo held at Blackwood in November, Peter brought together a host of speakers, along with workshops and displays, to raise awareness and share ideas on sustainable living.

He is heavily involved in the Blackwood Uniting Church, helping coordinate community classes, the Bike Shed and a range of new workshops including 'My Life Story' and 'A Life and Death Conversation' and offering space for new groups such as peer-led mental health support group GROW.

Peter suggested the Church wall along the main road would be a great place for a mural, paving the way for a City of Mitcham Public Art grant funded mural by Cecile Gariepy in 2022.

Peter and Nancy have been long-time supporters of migrant families and

international students living in the local area, providing emotional and financial support.

They also support First Nations communities, coordinating a 'Packing Day' event, gathering donations of clothing and goods for communities across Australia. A former engineer, Peter donates his time and skills in remote locations such as Oodnadatta and Mount Searle.

Peter and Nancy have dedicated many hours to supporting residents of the Minda House supported accommodation in Craigburn Farm. In collaboration with University of South Australia, Peter is working to establish a program at the Blackwood Uniting Church Bike Shed that supports people living with intellectual disabilities to use stationary bikes and virtual reality headsets.

Peter was a key driving force behind Blackwood Uniting Church choosing 2022 as a year of focus on environmental sustainability and climate action. Along with the Climate Expo, the Church offered screenings of '2040' and 'Regenerating Australia', well attended by the general public.

City of Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross paid tribute to the nominees and winners, who she said often do not seek recognition for themselves.



New citizens welcomed

As part of the Australia Day celebrations, City of Mitcham welcomed 71 new citizens from 23 countries.

New citizens were presented a range of gifts including a jar of Indigenous jam, a unity pin, representing a bright future for all Australians, a ticket to the Royal Adelaide Show and a native Australian seedling symbolising the planting of roots in Australia.

Dr Holmes-Ross said: "We take enormous pride in your decision to become an Australian citizen and look forward to working together for the future of this nation."



Grant recipients St John's Ambulance Blackwood Cadet Division and Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross.

City of Mitcham grant recipients recognised

City of Mitcham acknowledged grant recipients and celebrated some of the projects carried out by the community across the City.

In 2022, City of Mitcham's Grants Program provided \$120,000 to members of our community across a range of categories including Community Facilities Grants, the Maggy Ragless Memorial Grant, Public Art Grants, Quick Response Grants, Recurrent Grants, Civic Participation and Leadership Awards and My Mitcham Community Grants.



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CITY OF MITCHAM ANNUAL REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS 2021/2022

During 2021/22 we delivered a range of exciting projects and initiatives across our open spaces, reserves, libraries and community centres, supported by the invaluable contribution of our volunteers. Council published its full 2021/22 Annual Report in December 2022. Some of the highlights are set out below.



GOAL 1: ACCESSIBLE, HEALTHY & CONNECTED COMMUNITY

WE CONNECT OUR COMMUNITY WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH THEIR PLACES, AND EMPOWER THEM TO LIVE HEALTHY LIVES.

YourSay Mitcham

We launched the YourSay Mitcham website to make it easier for residents to connect with Council, provide feedback about important projects and be kept up to date on the latest local news.

Changes to the online request system also made it easier and faster to contact us. We shared more local news by increasing circulation of our Mitcham Community News magazine to monthly.

Connecting our community

We installed six new playgrounds, extended our footpath network and implemented pedestrian-focused traffic upgrades across the city.

**30,000
HOURS** 

CONTRIBUTED BY VOLUNTEERS

Blackwood Community Hub

Construction of the Blackwood Community Hub got underway, an exciting project that is set to create a vibrant community precinct and generate local jobs and investment.

Animals and Reserve access

We implemented a new text message system to inform dog owners when local reserves are being maintained so that they can plan alternatives when walking their dogs.

Community celebrations

We welcomed the return of a COVID-friendly Carols at Kingswood Oval and invited local schools to help us plant trees at Monalta Reserve, Belair, on Arbor Day. During History Month, we hosted exhibitions across our community centres and libraries, and we launched new tree trails as part of Adelaide National Park City month.

Move it Mondays

This program provided older residents the opportunity to attend free or low-cost exercise programs at Hewett Sporting Hub.





GOAL 2: SUSTAINABLE CITY

WE SUSTAIN AND IMPROVE
OUR NATURAL AND BUILT
ENVIRONMENTS FOR TODAY'S
AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Renewable Energy Program

City of Mitcham became the first Council in South Australia to launch a Renewable Energy Program, offering residents access to bulk buy discounts on solar panels and batteries and a virtual power plant.

Pasadena Biodiversity Corridor

The Pasadena Biodiversity Corridor project has improved biodiversity across two reserves in Pasadena. This jointly funded (State-Council) project has reinstated water flows on a previous creek line by diverting to the surface stormwater piped beneath the Sierra Nevada and Grant Jacob Reserves.

Water Sensitive Urban Design

We continued to incorporate water sensitive urban design measures into our asset and maintenance program, this year rolling out 10,300 sqm of permeable paving which, along with kerb inlets, will increase the uptake of water by street trees. Council also contributed to the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Board to mitigate serious flood risks and safeguard properties across the catchment through the delivery of infrastructure works.

Weed Spatial Mapping trial

We trialled the expansion of Forestree Tree Management Software to coordinate Council's weed management program, helping prioritise and assign works, manage risk, along with the collection and storage of data.

Tree Viewer Map

We launched an online Tree Viewer tool to track our growing tree canopy. Residents can now explore where trees have been planted, future tree planting locations, information on tree species and a link to allow residents to request a new tree.

Electric Vehicle Transition

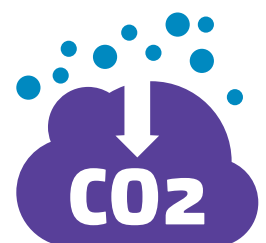
Council continued to trial Electric Vehicles as part of its fleet, and committed to the purchase of more, as part of a transition plan that considers the life-cycle costs of these vehicles, infrastructure and charging requirements.



57.32%
OF WASTE DIVERTED
FROM LANDFILL

55%

REDUCTION IN GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSIONS SINCE 2015



CITY OF MITCHAM ANNUAL REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS 2021/2022

Read Council's full 2021/22 Annual Report at mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

Also available for viewing or purchase at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

GOAL 3: DYNAMIC & PROSPEROUS PLACES

WE HAVE A STRONG AND COMPETITIVE ECONOMY THAT SUPPORTS OUR UNIQUE AND VIBRANT PLACES AND CULTURE.



Heritage Standards Reference Group (Colonel Light Gardens)

A panel of community members, Council representatives and experts created Heritage Standards for the Public Realm in Colonel Light Gardens. These guiding principles help inform updates to Council's Community Land Management Plans and Conservation Management Plans.

Natural Disaster Support

During state emergencies, including the Coles fire in the state's south-east and widespread flooding in the state's north, Council staff worked across all levels of government and with several agencies to coordinate the response, highlighting the important role of local government during emergency events.

Special Residential Character Areas

Special Residential Character Areas are local areas that exhibit desirable character attributes that give a community its identity. The City of Mitcham updated its Development Plan to reflect these areas that encompass parts of Cumberland Park, Westbourne Park, Hawthorn, Springfield, Belair, Blackwood, Eden Hills and Coromandel Valley. These updates protect and maintain the residential character of these areas and have been approved by the Minister for Planning.

Library partnerships

Council partnered with external bodies including Greening Australia and the Australia Bureau of Statistics (Census hubs) to host a range of activities in our libraries.

Centenary of Colonel Light Gardens

A celebration of the history of Colonel Light Gardens was held at the Mitcham Memorial Library and other locations to mark the heritage listed garden suburb's centenary. This included an exhibition, author talks and other community events.

On Track – STEAM Education

'On Track' is a collaboration between five councils - Unley, Mitcham, Holdfast Bay, Marion and Wattle Range – that delivers STEAM themed activities aimed at upper primary school aged students. The topics included electronics and circuitry and coding and astronomy.



3 DAYS

AVERAGE TO COMPLETE GRAFFITI
REMOVAL REQUESTS

4,895

PEOPLE ATTENDED LIBRARY
PROGRAMS AND EVENTS





GOAL 4: EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

WE ARE A PROFESSIONAL AND INNOVATIVE COUNCIL WITH RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP THAT IS VALUED BY ITS PEOPLE, COMMUNITY AND PARTNERS.

Grants program

In recognition of the importance of community-led projects, we increased our grants offering and streamlined the application process to ensure faster and easier access to funds. During 2021-22, a total of \$110,012 was awarded to support community projects across the city.

Using data to reduce costs

Significant work has been undertaken to collate spatial data held across multiple platforms into one platform. Bringing this data together has enabled staff to identify synergies, opportunity and overlaps between projects and work more efficiently.

Pasadena Community Centre

In 2022 Council took the first steps towards creating a new Pasadena Community Centre to cater for residents of the western suburbs with the purchase of a former Sea Scout Hall, and community consultation to find out what residents would like to see happen at the site.

Visit Mitcham – Heritage and Trails App

Council launched the Visit Mitcham – Heritage and Trails App. The App includes an interactive map of the City that pinpoints the locations of places of interest, cemeteries, trails, walks and key Council locations such as our Civic Centre and libraries. The App has information about key places of interest, our history, and visitors can go on self-guided walks including the Abbottshall Precinct, Mitcham Village and Blackwood Historical walks.

Real time bin data

Improvements have been made to video technology onboard our waste collection vehicles. With access to video footage, we can reduce the time taken to resolve missed bin requests and identify which bins need to be repaired or replaced.

Building condition audit

An audit of all Council-owned buildings has enabled us to prioritise renewal works. Many of the improvements relate to improving accessibility to meet the needs of the community.

\$110,000+ 
GRANT FUNDING AWARDED

 **9,900**
FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

46,000+ 
ENQUIRIES RECEIVED
THROUGH OUR NEW CUSTOMER
REQUEST SYSTEM

Mayor

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Last year I was honoured to be elected as the Local Government representative to the Australia Day Council of SA (ADCSA) board, a position I continue to hold, and thoroughly enjoy. The ADCSA is an independent, non-profit, member-based association, whose purpose is to celebrate outstanding and inspirational people within the South Australian community.

The Citizen of the Year Awards is a program of the ADCSA run in collaboration with the 68 councils across the state. The Awards acknowledge the unsung heroes of our community who, through their contributions, make our state a better place. The ADCSA and participating councils call for nominations of individuals and organisations who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year, and/or given outstanding service over a number of years, to their local community, over and above normal employment duties. Anyone can nominate a person (or group) for an award in one of four categories. These are the Citizen, Young Citizen, or Community Event of the Year, and the Award for Active Citizenship.

The Awards are presented by councils, usually as part of their Australia Day celebrations, in addition, councils can forward the details of their Award recipients to ADCSA to go in the running for the State Awards. Presented by the Governor at a ceremony at Government House, the South Australian Citizenship Awards are presented along with two other prestigious ADCSA awards: the Inspiring South Australian Women's Award and the Award for Leadership in Languages and Cultures.

At Mitcham, our Citizen of the Year Awards recipients are chosen by a selection panel comprising staff, Elected Members, the Mayor and the previous year's recipient(s). It was an absolute pleasure for me to present the City of Mitcham 2023 Citizen of the Year to Mr Peter Cranwell, with his award as part of Mitcham's recent Australia Day festivities at St Marys Park. Peter was a standout candidate who exemplifies the selflessness of spirit common to our Citizenship Award recipients whose outstanding service and tireless efforts enhance and strengthen our communities.

If you know someone who makes a real difference in your community, why not give them the opportunity to be recognised for their contribution? Nominations can be submitted at any time throughout the year via the ADCSA website: citizenoftheyear.com.au/nominate/

One could be forgiven for confusing the ADCSA Citizenship Awards program with the Australian of the Year Awards. However, while these are co-ordinated by the federally funded National Australia Day Council (NADC) they are not presented on Australia Day. The NADC works with the affiliate state and territory organisations (ADCSA in South Australia) to recognise the achievements and contributions of eminent Australians. The ADCSA awards the South Australian, Young South Australian, Senior South Australian and South Australian Local Hero of the Year, with the National Award winners selected from the state and territory recipients. You can nominate any amazing Australian for one of the four award categories throughout the year via the Australian of the Year Awards website: cms.australianoftheyear.org.au

Babbage Ward

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Babbage Ward encompasses the suburbs of Bedford Park, Pasadena, Panorama, Lynton and parts of Clapham, Eden Hills and St Marys.

It is a great honour to be elected to represent the people of Babbage. I am working hard to get my head around the day-to-day functioning of the city, and I have been learning a lot. A little introduction: I live in Bedford Park with my partner and two young girls; Charlotte and Molly. Our girls attend Daws Road ELC at the bottom of Dorene Street, and we make good use of the local amenities including Riverside Reserve, Sierra Nevada Boulevard Playground and Mitcham Memorial Library. I am a paramedic of eight years with SA Ambulance Service (and London Ambulance for a time). I can make an impact in people's lives being a paramedic, but these interactions can be as short as an hour. I wanted to make longer-term difference and being a member of Council provides that opportunity.

I believe the only way to understand the issues is to talk to the people who live in the area, so that's what I did. I was privileged to speak to hundreds of residents during the election by knocking on more than 2000 doors. There were many issues raised including traffic safety, playgrounds, footpaths and the quality and maintenance of green spaces. These will be my focus for my time in council as well as continued development of Mitcham's environmental credentials.

Traffic

The most urgent issues I am advocating for are those of safety, particularly regarding the traffic situations in Pasadena, St Marys, Panorama, Clapham and Lynton. With the upcoming development of the North South Corridor and the southern entrance to the tunnel on South Road, St Marys, I have sat down with Mayor Holmes-Ross, my fellow Babbage Ward Councillor Yvonne Todd, and Mitcham traffic engineers to get a greater understanding of what we can advocate for in and around this area. The increasing volume of traffic using St Marys and Pasadena as a shortcut is not safe and creates an increased risk to residents with poor driving behaviours. A significant traffic study in St Marys and Pasadena has been promised by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and this will help us understand how to appropriately combat this problem, preventing further deterioration of the situation as the work begins.

Through-traffic in Panorama, Clapham and Lynton is also an escalating issue as it becomes harder to exit the suburbs onto Springbank Road. Council is continuing to liaise with DIT to find appropriate solutions and has requested recent traffic studies undertaken at the intersection of Eliza Place and Springbank Road, Panorama. I am soon meeting with our local MP Nadia Clancy to pursue solutions to these problems. A recent accident at the corner of Boothby and Strathcona was highlighted by residents and is an example of the wider traffic problems in the area (this incident is being looked at by Council staff).

I would be very keen to hear from members of the community regarding any issues they face or just want to have input into the development of our city.

Gault Ward

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Gault Ward encompasses the suburbs of Hawthorn, Westbourne Park, Lower Mitcham and parts of Colonel Light Gardens, Clapham and Kingswood.

It is a privilege to provide you with an update, as your recently elected Councillor for the Gault Ward. I am excited about the opportunity to represent you during the next term of Council and thoroughly look forward to learning more about our broader community, the City of Mitcham. During the campaign I genuinely enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with local residents, sporting clubs and organisations - to learn from you about what your visions are for our local area, how the Council can best serve the community and what priorities you would like to see advanced in the short-term. I will continue to meet and engage with residents and organisations and would encourage you to get in touch with me if you have ideas or concerns that you would like to discuss.

Congratulations to Councillor Rod Moss on his successful re-election to the Council; his ongoing involvement will provide the ward with continuity of representation and ensure that existing relationships between the Council and the community are maintained. I am confident that together, we will provide the residents of Gault and the community more broadly, with balanced and dynamic representation. I also want to congratulate the Elected Members who have been returned to Council, including the Mayor. I strongly believe that when the Elected Members of the Council reflect the community that they serve, it leads to more robust discussions in the Chamber, which delivers the best outcomes for our community. Following the 2022 elections, the Chamber will be an improved representation of our community - in terms of gender, age, professional experiences and personal circumstances - and I look forward to working with the newly formed Council during the coming years.

Since the elections, Councillors have completed various training modules, Council meetings and community events, including the recent Australia Day Awards Ceremony. I am looking forward to resuming the business of Council early in the new year, including commencing the budget preparation process for the 2023/24 year. The year ahead will require careful financial management for both households and the Council, however, it will inevitably bring an opportunity for the Council to consider and reflect on the priorities and deliverable projects for the coming years.

I was pleased to receive a briefing from council about the upcoming masterplan process for the Mitcham Court precinct, which is located to the rear of the Mitcham Memorial Library and connects to the JWS Morris Reserve. This has been an underutilised open space for many years, and the community will have an opportunity to shape the future of this site over the coming months. I would encourage you to participate in the consultation process for this project as it advances, to ensure that the site is maximised to its fullest potential and meets the needs and desires of our local community.

Thank you once again for your support and please don't hesitate to get in touch if I can be of any assistance.

The Park Ward**Cr Tom Morrison**

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The Park Ward encompasses the suburbs of Glenalta, Hawthorndene and parts of Blackwood, Belair, Coromandel Valley, Upper Sturt and Crafers West.

It is a wonderful privilege to be a newly elected member for The Park Ward. During the campaign, it was fantastic to meet so many people across the ward, getting an opportunity to talk about local issues and what you want to see from your Council over the next four years – thank you to those who took the time to chat and vote. Mitcham residents are passionate about their local area, once again highlighted by having the highest turnout of any council in metropolitan Adelaide, with The Park Ward having the second highest turnout.

The Council term started quite literally with a bang, seeing one of the largest storms in the city's history hit on the day votes were being counted. The impact was substantial, resulting in a massive clean-up effort, disrupting local business, power outages and creating significant expense for both private individuals and Council. Fundamentally though, while many of these impacts are short-term, the impact on our tree canopy was substantial and will take decades to recover.

Our tree canopy is a source of significant pride for Mitcham residents, especially in The Park Ward where tree loss was the second most raised issue I heard about. Storm events like this, however, do highlight the downside of trees when they drop branches.

To this extent, Council is auditing every tree that it manages in the areas badly impacted by the storm. So far, Council has audited 9,628 trees across Hawthorndene, Craighburn Farm, Bellevue Heights and with 60% of Blackwood complete. Of these, 430 trees will need additional work. The remaining suburbs of Coromandel Valley, Eden Hills, Belair, Glenalta and Upper Sturt will be done shortly. You can read more on page 12. This loss in tree canopy will also have an impact on our fauna and suburb character. Trees also play a significant role in reducing storm damage by acting as a wind break, highlighting just one reason that it is important to retain as many as possible after this freak storm event. *"Mature trees provide a windbreak to reduce high wind speeds and provide protection for homes and gardens."* ~ Green Adelaide

Finally, we are already down to business with this new Council. At the second meeting, a petition for a public toilet at Suffolk Reserve was presented to Council with some 344 signatures. A special thank you to local residents Seth Tiddy and Trudy from GD Wholesale for being instrumental in getting this petition off the ground. This project received significant support during my door knocking for Council. A bid for the toilet will now form part of the 2023/24 budget considerations.

It will be a challenging and interesting four years at Mitcham Council. I look forward to working with my fellow Ward Councillor, Corin McCarthy and the other Elected Members to improve the services provided by Mitcham Council for residents.

If you need any assistance over the next four years, please feel free to contact me **Email:** tmorrison@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au, **Mobile:** 0490 075 955 or **Facebook:** fb.com/morrisotom

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Craighburn Ward encompasses the suburbs of Craighburn Farm, Bellevue Heights and parts of Blackwood, Coromandel Valley and Eden Hills.

This is my first article for 2023 and the first for my third term as an Elected Councillor. I hope 2023 has kicked off well for you and that it's a positive, prosperous and happy year.

Last year was a festival of democracy with elections at all levels of government with the scrutiny and accountability that only an election can provide. Congratulations to all the successful candidates and thank you to everyone who participated throughout the year. Candidates, political parties, supporters and volunteers all work hard to promote their ideas and give us a choice about how we will progress as a society. Thank you to all the voters in each of these elections and especially those who chose to vote in the council elections, where voting is not compulsory.

Thank you to residents in Craighburn Ward who have again given me an opportunity to be your voice on Council. The election result demonstrated significant support, with a first preference vote of almost two full quotas (see the results at result.ecsa.sa.gov.au/lgeresults). Unfortunately, this doesn't give me two votes in the Chamber, so I will still need your support to demonstrate community interest and support for initiatives that benefit our community.

Council often reaches out and consults residents about individual projects, the annual budget and other issues as they arise. I encourage you to participate in these consultation processes, even if you don't have a strong view in relation to an issue. We often only hear from those in the community with a strong opinion either way, making it difficult to understand how the majority of people feel. I want to ensure that all decisions of Council meet the needs and expectations of most of the community and for this I need to hear from you.

You can also contact me about any issues that concern you or give any general feedback by email at khockley@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or by phone on 0423 919 080, I'd love to hear from you!

There is quite a bit to get on with – we have ongoing work associated with the storm in November as well as catching up work that was delayed to enable an immediate response to ensure safety on our roads, footpaths and reserves and then clear and clean up the remaining debris. We will commence the budget process almost immediately and we will need to ensure that the Blackwood Library Hub remains on track for completion on time and on budget.

The November storm highlighted the difficulties for residents at times when Coromandel Parade is closed to residents leaving Craighburn Farm. Emergency exists from Verdelho and Star Lily Streets were used as both entry and exit points and this created significant congestion on both roads. I am working with Council with a view to improving the signage and making other improvements to assist residents who need to use these exit points in the future.

Finally, a big thank you to my lovely family whose ongoing support enables me to do everything I do.

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Boorman Ward encompasses the suburbs of Brown Hill Creek, Mitcham, Netherby, Springfield, Torrens Park, Urrbrae and parts of Leawood Gardens, Belair, Crafers West and Kingswood.

Niina Marni and welcome to 2023.

It's a privilege to have been elected to serve Boorman Ward for the next four years, along with long-standing Councillor, Andrew Tilley. I'm very much looking forward to working with Andrew; I'm sure that we can achieve a lot together. With a track record of advocating for my community, I am very much looking forward to continuing to do this work, this time through Council.

One of the constants of community advocacy – and for me it's always a highlight – is getting to know other local residents. You can learn so much simply from listening to people; different perspectives, innovative ideas, the how of – how did we get to this point? – and where might we go from here? Councillors are best able to represent their community when that community is engaged and the people of Mitcham certainly are! Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns and your vision for the City of Mitcham. Thanks also for playing an active role in your community by voting.

I know that many of you share my concerns about loss of tree canopy. This loss is about more than a loss of aesthetics or the destruction of the character of our established suburbs. The people of Mitcham are incredibly well informed; you know that trees clean the air we breathe and remove carbon from the atmosphere; you know that they also make significant contributions to our mental and physical health and that they are one of our most effective tools to mitigate against climate change, yet 47% of Adelaide's suburbs have lost more than 10% canopy in the 10 years since 2011. Many of you are frustrated that government decision lags so far behind the evidence.

If you're keen to see change, you might consider contributing to the Environment, Resources and Development committee's inquiry into our Urban Forest. Best practice, innovative measures and species selection to ensure a resilient and long-lived urban forest are their focus. You do not need to be expert to make a submission. You simply need to want to make a constructive contribution to the debate. Your bright idea or what if question could be pivotal in seeing positive change made, so don't be shy about making a contribution. Submissions need not be formal; dot points are acceptable. Submissions to the inquiry are being taken until 24 February and can be emailed to erdc.assembly@parliament.sa.gov.au or posted to GPO Box 572, Adelaide, SA 5001.

Community consultations such as this, whether run by Council or by State Government are incredibly important: they shape the communities that we live in and the legacy that we leave to our children and grandchildren.

I'm keen to be as available as possible to you. I'll be at the Sheoak Café between 10am and 12pm and This Fine Day, between 1pm and 3pm on Saturday 11 February. Feel free to drop in for a chat about any local concerns you might have, or simply to say hello.



The Mitcham Local History Service is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 1pm at Mitcham Cultural Village, 103-105 Princes Road, Mitcham, phone 8372 8261.

Gallery offers glimpse into past

An installation of historic photos will bring the past a step closer for visitors to the Mitcham Institute Hall at Mitcham Cultural Village.

The series of photographs sourced from the Mitcham Local History Service collection have been enlarged, printed on canvas and installed along the walls of the Institute Hall. Printed on acoustic panels, they will also improve the acoustics and ambience of the site.

Images include a portrait of Reverend Thomas Playford (1795 – 1873), the original Edinburgh Inn, from the 1800s, and an

original Butchers Shop from Princes Road, Mitcham, dated 1893.

The installation is part of an upgrade of the Mitcham Institute, which includes painting, paving, stone wall restoration, supper room area refurbishment and a return to polished floors.

Built in 1870, the Institute now houses Gallery One, an exhibition space, and a grand piano donated by Marcia Davis and family last year.

The Zeitter & Winkelmann grand piano was purchased by Marcia's mother Estelle Schrapal in Tanunda in 1920 and is now enjoyed by City of Mitcham residents and visitors to the Institute.

The Institute building is available for hire as a facility for a seminar, workshop, exhibition, performance or function. Find out more at spacetoco.com/space/mitcham-cultural-village-institute-hall

Visit mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/Learn-and-explore/our-history/local-history-service for more information.



Mitcham Community Renewables Program

March 2023 solar bulk buy for homes



Solar Panels



Solar Batteries



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Secure exclusive discounts on solar panel, battery, and virtual power plant solutions

The City of Mitcham is collaborating with ShineHub, South Australia's number 1 solar battery provider, to run the popular Mitcham solar bulk buy program again in 2023.

Register to be notified when the bulk buy opens and to get details about our live event dates and locations. The more people that register, the better the discounts will be!

Visit shinehub.com.au/mitcham

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John our Champion of Justice

John Callaghan is the friendly face many visitors meet when they stop in at the Mitcham Cultural Village.

A volunteer with City of Mitcham since 2015, John helps with administrative tasks across the Community Shed, Heritage Research Centre and Mitcham Institute, where a range of community groups meet each week.

John's commitment to volunteering, particularly his work to establish Roosquad at Morphettville Park Sports and Community Club, a skills development and training program for people living with a disability, was recognised with a Champion of Justice Award in the Community Centres SA Sector Awards in November.

John also dedicates his time to the State Government's Community Visitor Scheme at the Department of Human Services, visiting

disability and mental health residential facilities to inspect accommodation and care provisions and to advocate on behalf of clients in those facilities.

A Mitcham resident, John enjoys spending time in the local community and finds volunteering brings many rewards.

"After I retired I realised that I needed to be busy, and I enjoy being with others," he says. "It's a great place here, there's always something going on, and the City of Mitcham staff are professional and supportive."

To find out more about volunteering opportunities at City of Mitcham, contact Lynne on 8372 8860 or visit mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/volunteering



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2023 KERBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR

RECYCLING OR ORGANICS COLLECTION ENQUIRIES, MISSED BINS, THEFT OR BIN REPAIRS

Contact East Waste 8347 5111 or visit eastwaste.com.au

FOR ALL OTHER ENQUIRIES

Contact Council 8372 8888 or visit mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



EastWaste

FOOD SCRAPS GO IN THE GREEN BIN

Please use your green bin for all food scraps including bread and pasta, fruit and vegetables, paper tea bags and coffee grounds, dairy products, egg and oyster shells, bones, meat and seafood, as well as paper towels and tissues.

Kitchen caddies and compostable bags are available for purchase at Council's Civic Centre, Mitcham Memorial Library and Blackwood Library at a discounted price.

HARD WASTE COLLECTION

Book one free 'at call' collection per financial year.

Book online eastwaste.com.au/our-services/hard-rubbish/

Call East Waste 8347 5111

Email east@eastwaste.com

MY LOCAL SERVICES APP



Get your collection calendar, bin reminders and waste and recycling tips on the free My Local Services App.

HAZARDOUS AND ELECTRONIC WASTE

Hazardous waste and e-waste must not be placed in any kerbside bin. Your nearest household chemicals and paint drop-off location is:

Adelaide Waste and Recycling Centre

181 Morphett Road, North Plympton

Call 8295 5077 or go to adelaidewasteandrecyclingcentre.com.au

For other e-waste drop off locations visit:

· mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

· whichbin.sa.gov.au

ADDITIONAL BINS

Additional waste, recycling or green organics bins are available subject to approval and an annual service fee.

Call Council 8372 8888 or go to mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

DON'T KNOW WHICH BIN? HEAD TO THE WHICH BIN WEBSITE



Tree audit drives storm recovery

A street tree audit has revealed the extent of damage to City of Mitcham's tree canopy in the wake of a November storm that affected large parts of our hills and southern suburbs.

As of January, 9,600 street trees and many reserve trees had been assessed in Hawthorndene, Craigburn Farm, Bellevue Heights and parts of Blackwood.

Of those, approximately 430 trees have been identified as requiring follow up work including the removal of hanging branches and pruning to improve safety.

Upcoming suburbs in the post-storm audit include the remainder of Blackwood, Eden Hills, Coromandel Valley, Glenalta, Belair and Upper Sturt.

Trees identified in the audit are tracked using City of Mitcham's Forestree tree management software, a tool which has mapped Council's 56,000 street trees.

Council is working with contractors and its own tree specialist crews to undertake the follow up work, due to commence this month.

City of Mitcham Senior Arborist Chris Tozer said where possible, badly damaged significant trees would be retained and pruned to create habitat for native wildlife.

"We recognise that the storm damaged significant trees still provide great



Treemate Arborist Michael Perry and City of Mitcham Senior Arborist Chris Tozer at Woodlake Reserve, Craigburn Farm, where a significant tree has been pruned to create habitat for native wildlife.



environmental and aesthetic benefits," he said. "We are focussing our efforts on retaining these trees through veteran tree management and habitat pruning, which provides hollows and nesting areas for our fauna."

In the weeks and months following the storm, Council opened its Lynton Green Waste Depot for extra days, organised a second kerbside green collection for worst hit suburbs, and created temporary bulk green waste

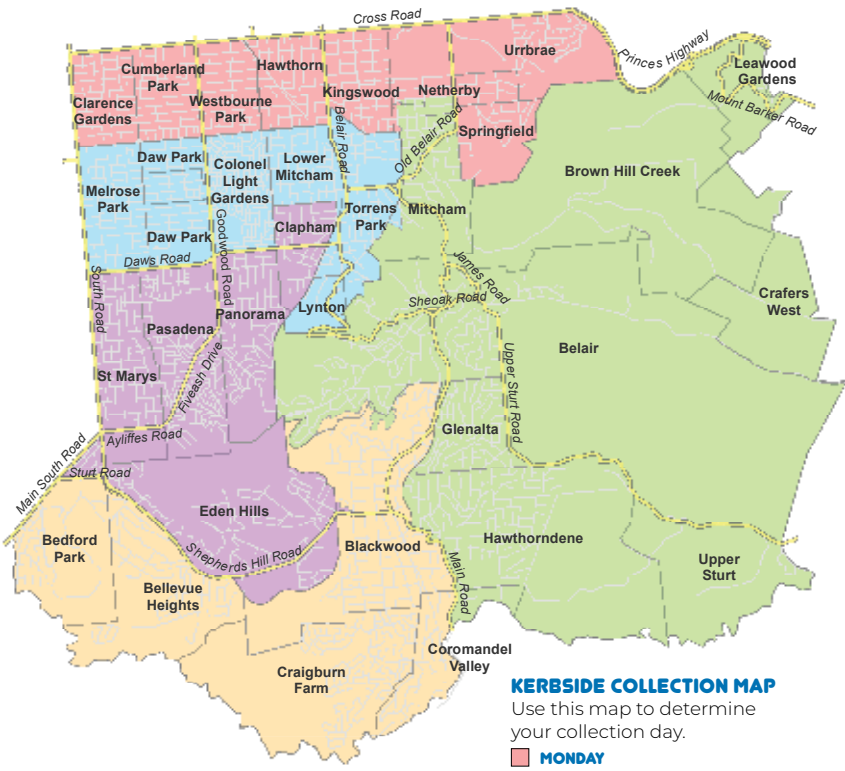
stockpiles at Eden Hills and the Women's Memorial Playing Fields. Many hundreds of tonnes of green waste has been mulched and placed on Council reserves and public areas including the Wittunga Botanic Garden at Eden Hills.

If you are a resident with extra green waste, please do not place on your verge. A free green waste day at Lynton is scheduled for Saturday, 18 February. Find out more at mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/green-waste

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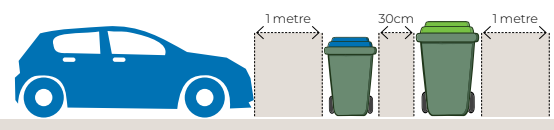
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- Green organics bin (fortnightly)
- Yellow recycling bin (fortnightly)
- Blue waste to landfill bin (weekly)
- Public holiday - collection as usual
- Public Holiday - no collection
- Good Friday - collection will occur on Saturday 8 April
- Christmas Day - collections from 25-29 December will occur the day after your normal pickup



KERBSIDE BIN PLACEMENT

Where practical keep a minimum distance of 30cm between bins, and 1 metre between bins and parked cars, street trees, stobie poles and letter boxes. Please remove bins after they have been emptied on the day of collection.



KERBSIDE BIN PLACEMENT

Bins should be placed 1 metre apart at kerbside by 6am on your collection day.

LYNTON GREEN ORGANICS DROP-OFF FACILITY

Residents can take excess organic material to:
Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility
Beagle Terrace, Lynton
Open 9am-3pm
1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of each month excluding public holidays.
Fees apply and identification required.

GREEN ORGANICS DROP-OFF FIRE DANGER SEASON

Council has free green organics drop-off days at the Lynton Facility to assist residents prepare their property for the fire danger season. The free days are determined prior to the Fire Danger Season and are advertised on Council's website and social media pages.
Please note the opening hours of the Lynton Facility may be affected by extreme fire danger rated days and extreme weather events. The Lynton Facility will be closed on catastrophic fire danger rated days. Please visit mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or check out our Facebook and Twitter pages **@CityofMitcham** to confirm if the facility is open before you visit.