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COMMUNITY NEWS



AUGUST 2022

Mitcham welcomes citizens, awards Keys to the City

City of Mitcham awarded a Key to the City to Professor Nicola Spurrier and Chief Commissioner Grant Stevens as part of a Citizenship Ceremony at Mitcham Cultural Village.

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Tree giveaway for Mitcham residents.

Kaurna shield presented to Mitcham

Aboriginal Contemporary Arts (ACA Studio) artist Allan Sumner has presented a traditional Kaurna shield, or Murlpaka, to the people of City of Mitcham.

Allan crafted the shield using bark carved from a River Red Gum along the banks of Brownhill Creek (Willawilla) near the Mitcham Memorial Library.

A Ngarrindjeri, Kaurna and Yankunytjatjara man, Allan also created a carved seat featuring carvings of native fish (flat headed

gudgeon and blackfish) that were once present in the creek. The word 'tikapirrinthi' is engraved on the log, meaning 'to sit' or 'invite to sit'.

We invite you to sit and look across to see if you can spot the 'shadow' of the shield, visible on a tree on the other side.

The shield will be on display in coming months. For updates visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



Dog and cat registrations now due

All dog, cat and breeder registrations expire on 30 June and must be renewed by 31 August.

Dogs and Cats Online manages registrations and sends renewal notices in July. Fines and fees may apply for animals that are unregistered or registered late.

If you haven't received your renewal notice, please log on to your DACO account to make the payment, or call Council on 8372 8888 for assistance. Discounts are available for desexed and microchipped dogs and concession holders.

Dogs and Cats Online is a one-stop online service for all annual registration payments as well as dog and cat microchipping, desexing and breeder details.

To register your dog and cat visit www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au



Register for mobile vaccination clinics

Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics will be held at Cumberland Park Community Centre and Mitcham Memorial Library this month.

The Southern Adelaide Local Health Network clinics will offer COVID-19 Pfizer, winter booster and influenza vaccinations.

The clinics will offer Pfizer vaccination to those aged 5 to 11 years, 12 to 15 years (dose 1 and 2 and booster available with underlying medical condition) and 16+ years (dose 1, 2 and booster).

The winter booster for COVID-19 must be at least 12 weeks after first booster and is open to anyone aged 30+ years, 16+ years with an underlying medical condition and residents of aged care/disability (any age).

The flu vaccination is open to anyone over 65 years of age.

Please bring along your Medicare card (if you have one) and photo ID.

The drop in clinics will be held at:

Cumberland Park Community Centre, 390 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park, **Wednesday 17 August**, 9.30am to 5pm

Mitcham Memorial Library, 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn, **Thursday 18 August**, 10am to 5pm and **Friday 19 August** from 10am to 2pm

To book, visit https://bit.ly/covidclinics_mobile or scan the QR Code.



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New citizen Kiim Lim with Key to the City recipient Professor Nicola Spurrier.



Mitcham welcomes newest citizens

City of Mitcham welcomed 49 citizens from 23 countries across two citizenship ceremonies held at Mitcham Cultural Village during Refugee Week.

As part of the day, the Key to the City awards were presented to Commissioner Grant Stevens and Professor Nicola Spurrier, both Mitcham residents, in recognition of their role in guiding South Australians through the pandemic.

Prof Spurrier, a dual-qualified medical specialist and SA's chief medical officer, spent 29 years developing policies across child health, obesity prevention and Aboriginal health before leading the state's pandemic strategy.

Accepting her award, Prof Spurrier spoke of her love for the City of Mitcham and the solace she finds in the natural beauty of her Brownhill Creek home.

"I've lived in the beautiful City of Mitcham for 32 years," she said. "The thing that has I've always felt about Mitcham is the sense of community; it's like a little town."

Commissioner Stevens, who has delivered some of SAPOL's most significant programs, is set to receive his award this month.

Ahead of the ceremony, Kurna Elder Aunty Elaine Magias welcomed guests, sharing her own story and welcoming the diversity that exists in Australia.

New citizens were presented with a range of gifts including a jar of indigenous jam, a commemorative 2022 coin and a native Australian seedling, symbolising the planting of roots in Australia. This year, City of Mitcham has welcomed 191 citizens from 36 countries.

Flinders signs on as Platinum Carols Partner

City of Mitcham is pleased to welcome Flinders University as a Platinum Partner for the 2022 Carols at Kingswood Oval.

City of Mitcham Mayor and Flinders alumna Dr Heather Holmes-Ross welcomed the partnership with one of South Australia's most innovative educational institutions.

"We already have a strong partnership with Flinders University through our successful graduate program," Mayor Holmes-Ross said. "With Flinders' support, we look forward to celebrating our Silver Jubilee 25-year anniversary carols event with the community."

In 2022, we will host a mix of entertainment for all to enjoy. Attractions will include free face painting and children's entertainment, food stalls and refreshments, school choir performances, carol singing and an appearance by Father Christmas.

Save the date! Carols at Kingswood Oval with Flinders University will be held on Saturday 26 November.



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City of Mitcham Annual Business Plan 2022/2023



From the Mayor

On behalf of the City of Mitcham, I'm pleased to present the 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

By initiating an Australian first Community Renewables Program, the City of Mitcham aims to reduce the cost of living for residents and businesses by offering exclusive access to solar packages through collaboration with our energy provider partner.

Along with addressing our capital renewal backlog, we will continue to create efficiencies across all programs, and invest \$28 million in facilities to support active lifestyles and strengthen community connections.

Exciting projects on the horizon include the activation of the new Pasadena Community Centre, Eden Hills Scouts Hall redevelopment and a major upgrade planned for CC Hood Reserve, Panorama.

As part of our pledge to create a sustainable city, in 2022/23 we will offer free green organic waste bins, kitchen caddies and compostable bags to residents to encourage recycling, reduce landfill and boost our circular economy.

To support these community initiatives and continue delivering existing services, Council is set to increase rates by an average of \$81 for residential and \$203 for commercial businesses, an average increase of 4.4 per cent.

Dr Heather Holmes-Ross
Mayor, City of Mitcham

New and improved services for the community

Asset renewal backlog investment (to be completed by 2027)

Undertake accelerated renewals of our civil infrastructure (e.g. roads and footpaths) to address our backlog by 2027.

Water sensitive urban design

Invest in continued implementation of Council's Smart Water Management Plan through installation of tree inlets and soakage pits across the City in conjunction with kerbing works.

Community Facilities Grant Fund

Establish an annual fund to provide grant support to community groups with up to \$5,000 in matched funding for minor capital improvements to their facilities and grounds that would otherwise not be funded via the other City of Mitcham grant streams.

Pasadena Community Centre[^]

Undertake enhancements to deliver a contemporary facility to connect our community.

Playground shade sails

Install new shade sails at playground sites across the City.

Young Street works & pedestrian connection, Blackwood[^]

Construct a strategic pedestrian link to improve pedestrian connectivity from the new Blackwood Hub (when constructed) to Shepherds Hill Road.

St Marys Park Club, St Marys Park (Kenilworth Football Club)[^]

Redevelop facilities to include a playground, additional car parking, landscaping and new changerooms, scoreboard and goal nets for Kenilworth Football Club.

Eden Hills Scouts and Blackwood Rotary Facility, Eden Hills[^]

Construction of a new facility and community hall that meets the needs of the Eden Hills Scouts and Blackwood Rotary Group as well as being available for community groups to hire.

Stormwater pits in heavy traffic areas

Upgrade existing stormwater pit lids that are repeatedly damaged in high/heavy traffic areas.

CC Hood Reserve, Panorama[^]

Upgrade the community open space asset for leisure and recreation.

Drainage and parking upgrade at Manson Oval, Bellevue Heights[^]

Improve parking and drainage to support a key community asset.

Stormwater network upgrade

Extend and upgrade of our stormwater network to reduce flooding risks.

Community Engagement

Meet increased community demand for engagement with Council, as a result of the large number of additional capital projects that have been supported by the State and Federal Government, as well as Community Land Management Plans requirements.

Council's expenditure

In conjunction with the \$70.2 million for service delivery and debt servicing, Council is investing a total of \$55.6 million on asset replacement and creation.

This includes \$25.5 million on renewing existing assets as they fall due, \$1.9 million on the asset renewal backlog and a further \$28.2 million to be invested in the creation of new assets and asset enhancements.

Along with the operating surplus of \$1 million (excluding subsidiaries), Council is funding investment in asset renewal and creation as well as loan repayments with \$16.9 million of external grant funding, \$3.2 million from the sale of surplus assets, \$15.9 million in funded depreciation and \$14.8 million in net borrowings.

Expenditure on community assets is summarised below:

Asset Category	Renewal (\$m)	Renewal Backlog (\$m)	New (\$m)	Total (\$m)
Bridges	1.80	0.00	-	1.80
Bus shelters	0.01	0.00	-	0.01
Car parks	0.35	-	-	0.35
Buildings & land	2.87	-	13.04	15.92
Footpaths	1.33	1.25	0.30	2.88
IT equipment	0.44	-	0.06	0.50
Office furniture & equipment	0.31	-	-	0.31
Open space (incl. parks, gardens, playgrounds, lighting)	1.09	0.05	1.17	2.31
Plant & equipment (incl fleet)	2.67	-	-	2.67
Retaining walls	0.09	-	-	0.09
Roads	13.05	0.60	1.7	15.35
Stormwater & drainage (incl Brownhill & Keswick Creeks)	1.50	-	2.21	3.70
Projects with government funding	-	-	9.77	9.77
TOTAL	25.51	1.91	28.25	55.66



Blackwood Lions Bargain Centre expansion (in principle)^

Expand sheds, car parking and an online shop at the Council leased site on Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills.

Fund My Footpath Program, Panorama and Pasadena^

Build additional footpaths and upgrade existing footpaths in Panorama and Pasadena.

Reade Park, Colonel Light Gardens – Lawn Tennis Club^

Upgrade the entrance and surfaces for the Lawn Tennis Club.

Ludgate Circus Arch, Colonel Light Gardens^

Build a heritage arch at Ludgate Circus, matching the arch at Oxford Circus.

Blackwood Football Club Oval, Blackwood Hill Oval, Blackwood^

Upgrade oval drainage, install LED lighting and new netting behind the goals.

Reade Park, Colonel Light Gardens – Bowling Club^

Upgrade to the greens, kitchen and solar.

Colonel Light West Tennis Club, Colonel Light Gardens^

Upgrades including improvements to the façade, fencing, court surfaces and clubrooms.

Waite Street Reserve, Blackwood^

Activate Waite Street Reserve as a regional park to create recreational spaces catering for all ages and with strong connections to the new Hub and Community Centre.

Sturt Lions Football Club, Karinya Reserve, Eden Hills^

Upgrade commercial kitchen and cool room, lighting, electronic scoreboard and upgrading of outer perimeter fence.

Coromandel Cricket Club Training Nets, Hewett Sports Ground, Blackwood^

Upgrade four cricket training nets.

Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) Project

Initial roll-out of up to 10,000 FOGO bins (opt-in) and up to 29,050 kitchen caddies and rolls of compostable bags (opt-out).

Committed Future Funding

Council has identified the following new services and projects with committed funding from the Government, for delivery in 2023/24 (future budget decision). The capital expenditure, grant revenue, ongoing costs and rate impact is reflected in the Long Term Financial Plan for 2023/24.

- Mortlock Oval Facilities upgrade (subject to consultation)
- AA Bailey Reserve enhancements, Clarence Gardens
- Rozelle Reserve upgrade, Melrose Park
- Revitalise green spaces in St Marys

^ State or Federal Government funds committed

City of Mitcham
Annual Business Plan
2022/2023

Asset Categories

- Buildings
- Footpaths
- Open Space – Parks & Gardens
- Playgrounds
- Roads and Kerbs
- Open Space – Sport & Recreation
- Stormwater
- Retaining Walls
- Bridges
- Bus Shelters
- Car Parks
- Traffic Management
- Smart Water Design
- Government commitment projects

Bedford Park

- Mark Street
- Milton Street
- Riverside Drive
- Wentworth Avenue

Belair

- Alta Mira Crescent
- Ambrose Street
- Belair Road
- Bowman Avenue
- Caroline Avenue
- Christine Avenue
- Gault Road
- Laffers Road
- Main Road
- Monalta Reserve
- Neate Avenue
- Old Belair Road
- Pony Ridge Road
- Windy Point Reserve
- Yorke Avenue

Bellevue Heights

- Adare Walk
- Bellevue Heights Tennis Club
- Donnybrook Road
- Flinders Road
- Manson Oval
- Yurilla Drive

Blackwood

- Alison Avenue
- Ashby Avenue
- Blackwood Community Hub
- Blackwood Hill Oval
- Blackwood Lions Club
- Cedar Avenue
- Chapman Avenue
- Davies Thomas Reserve
- Hewett Sports Ground
- Station Ave
- Young Street
- Young Street & Waite Street Reserve

Brown Hill Creek

- Brown Hill Creek Road
- Tilleys Hill Road

Clapham

- Barretts Road
- Haddington Reserve
- Macpherson Street
- Windermere Avenue

Clarence Gardens

- AA Bailey Reserve
- Clarence Gardens Bowling Club
- Edith Street
- Fulton Place
- Hilda Street
- Nieass Reserve
- Nieass Tennis Club
- Solent Street
- Winona Avenue

Colonel Light Gardens

- Colonel Light West Tennis Club
- Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church Tennis Club
- Corunna Avenue
- Hillview Reserve
- Kandahar & Salisbury South Lane
- Light Place Reserve
- Ludgate Circus
- Mortlock Park
- Reade Park
- Reade Park Lawn Tennis Club
- Rozelle Reserve
- York Place

Coromandel Valley

- Horners Bridge
- Kirawina Grove (No. 13)
- Maddern Reserve Carpark
- Main Road (No. 349)
- Sturt River Linear Park
- Watchman Drive
- Winns Bakehouse Museum

Craigburn Farm

- Coromandel Parade Reserve
- Farm Lane Reserve
- Grand Boulevard
- Highfield Drive
- Highfield Reserve
- Treetop Park
- Woodlake Reserve Boardwalk

Cumberland Park

- Avenue Road Reserve
- Cumberland United Football Club
- Hope Ward Tennis Club
- Mersey Street
- Goodwood Road (Stop 10)

Daw Park

- Aver Avenue
- Goodwood Road / Aver Avenue
- Goodwood Road
- Margaret Street

Eden Hills

- Cooper Street
- Karinya Reserve
- Kinedana Street
- Murtoa Road
- Ronald Lane
- Willunga Close
- Willunga Street

Glenalta

- Beale Avenue
- Colorado Drive
- Glengarry Lane
- Hawthorndene Drive
- Lowan Avenue
- Miner Avenue
- Minnow Drive
- Pine Creek
- Rosella Avenue
- Sun Valley Drive

Income

Rates income is the primary source of funding used to provide a range of essential everyday services to the community with \$61.8 million raised in the form of rates and \$9.4 million from other sources including user fees and charges, and State and Federal grants.

- 84.3% Rates
- 0.05% Investment income
- 8.2% Grants, subsidies and contributions
- 1.4% User charges
- 2.8% Statutory charges
- 0.7% Other revenue
- 2.5% Landscape levy
- 0.2% Reimbursements



Capital Works Program



What rates will I pay?

To fund the activities and new service investments in this business plan, the total amount of rate revenue to be raised for 2022/23 is \$61.8 million. This will see residential rates increase by \$81 on average, and commercial rates increase by \$203 (4.4%).

How are properties valued?

Council uses capital value of each property relative to all the other properties in the city as the basis for distributing the total required rate revenue across all ratepayers and land use types. Council utilises the capital values provided by the State Valuation Office for this purpose.

Rates based on land use (differential rate)

Council uses land use as a factor to apply differential rates. If you believe a property has been incorrectly classified as to its land use, a written objection may be made (to the Council) within 60 days of receiving the first rates notice for 2022/23.

Rebates and deferral of rates

Rebates and deferral of rates are available to eligible properties for a range of reasons and situations. Council has a Postponement of Rates for Seniors Scheme and applies a rate capping scheme to all properties to ensure that significant increases in rates are moderated over time.



For more information on Council's Annual Business Plan, Long Term Financial Plan or Rates visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or call 8372 8888.

Hawthorn

Delwood Reserve	
Frimley Grove	
George Street	
Hawthorn Bowling Club	
Hawthorn Community Centre	
Hawthorn Lawn Tennis Club	
Mitcham Football Club	
Monmouth Road	
Price Memorial Oval	
Rosevear Street	

Hawthorndene

Acheron Avenue	
Apex Park	
Batley Avenue	
Cypress Avenue	
Devonshire Road	
Goldney Grove	
Gorse Avenue	
Hawthorndene Oval	
Lois Lane	
McGough Road	
Panorama Avenue	
Sloan Road	
Surrey Street	
Turners Avenue	

Kingswood

Ashbourne Avenue	
Balham Reserve	
Cambridge Terrace	
Kingswood Oval	
Kingswood Tennis Club	

Princes Road	
Seafeld Avenue	
Lower Mitcham	
Cheviot Avenue	
Denman Tennis Club	
Price Avenue	
Surrey Crescent	
The Grove	

Melrose Park

Ayers Avenue	
Depot	
Iris Street	
Jose Street	
Kegworth Road	
Marion Street Reserve	
Regent Street	
Swift Avenue	
Wheaton Road	

Mitcham

Church Road	
Community Shed	
Evans Avenue	
High Street	
Hill Street	
McElligots Reserve	
Mitcham Cultural Village	
Mitcham Reserve	
Welbourne Street	

Netherby

Haig Street	
Hill Street	
Smith-Dorrien Street	

Panorama

Beta Crescent	
Bligh Avenue	
CC Hood Reserve	
Daniels Road	
Gully Reserve	
Seaview Crescent	
Stella Street	
Vancouver Avenue	

Pasadena

Branson Reserve	
Cawthorne Avenue	
Colyer Street	
Daphne Grove	
Day Lane	
Eyre Lane	
Grant Jacob Crescent	
Quinlan Avenue	
Gunther Parade	
Jamestown Avenue	
Mullins Street	
Naomi Reserve	
Pasadena Community Centre	
Pasadena Reserve	
Painter Street	
Pritchard Grove	
Sierra Nevada Reserve	
Scott Griffiths Crescent	
Spiers Avenue	
Thiselton Crescent Reserve	
Quinlan Avenue	

Springfield

Glenwood Road	
Oakdene Road	
Springfield Avenue	

St Marys

Adelaide Terrace	
Denis Street	
Donald Street Reserve	
Dorene Street	
Dorene Street / St Marys Park	
Manse Terrace	
Pinn Street	
St Marys Park	
Thurles Street	
Thurles Street Reserve	
Walsh Avenue	

Torrens Park

Civic Centre	
Eli Street	
George Street	
Muggs Hill Road	
Princes Road	

Upper Sturt

Pole Road bridge	
Train station to National Park - East	

Westbourne Park

Angas Road	
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The direction of any council is determined by the decisions of the entire chamber. This means that no elected member has the authority or ability to deliver an outcome without the support of at least half the elected members. As Mayor, I have only a casting vote so that my voting is limited to the event of a tied decision. Therefore, the most any elected member can promise is to advocate for a particular outcome. I am grateful that the chamber has supported the following commitments for which I have advocated.

Transparency & Accountability: The decision to record Council meetings has allowed greater access for members of our community to understand elected members reasons for making decisions and voting in a particular way.

Local Businesses Support: Council has developed a spatial vision which identifies the areas where Council will concentrate its efforts to encourage economic growth. The Blackwood business precinct is one such area and Council has been very successful in attracting state and federal funding to help build the long-awaited Blackwood library/community centre, upgrade Young Street as a community space and reimagine the Waite Street Reserve. This development will be the catalyst to reinvigorate the Blackwood precinct and forms a template for future activation across our business precincts. Also, elected members voted to apply a local weighing so that local businesses are now prioritised in all council purchases.

Sustainability: The Mitcham Community Renewables program has seen the successful introduction of our Community Solar Scheme allowing residents to purchase solar at no up-front cost and access Mitcham's virtual power plant. Council has also installed solar PVs on many council buildings and changed building and street lights to LED. These decisions have decreased council spending on power and provided an avenue to reduce the cost of living for residents. Additionally, council has drastically increased our tree planting program, and is poised to deliver FREE kitchen caddies and compostable liners to all households, and free green bins to properties without them.

A "Yes" Council

Elected members have voted to expand and streamline our community grants program, and actively promote the *Save the Waite Gatehouse* and *Climate Action Now* community campaigns. Council has also pursued collaborations with Flinders University, resulting in their sponsorship of our 2022 Christmas Carols event in addition to their ongoing, enthusiastic participation in our joint Flinders Graduate Program.

For the past four years I have been privileged to serve as your Mayor. It has been a great honour. Together, your councillors and I have worked to deliver a range of services, and I am extremely proud of our achievements. As this term of Council draws to a close, I sincerely thank my fellow elected members, Council staff, volunteers and members of our community, for your work in bettering our community. During October/November 2022 councils in SA will hold elections by postal vote. I encourage all residents and businesses to take this opportunity to think about the future you envisage for the City of Mitcham and use your vote accordingly.

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Hawthorn, Westbourne Park, Lower Mitcham and part of Colonel Light Gardens and Clapham.

As I write this article whilst watching the evening news about all the major issues around the world, it is good to reflect on how lucky we are to live where we do and, especially, in our lovely City of Mitcham. That said, we are not without our own issues with the new cycle of Covid now with us and community caution once again being necessary as we go about our daily lives.

In Council, we have recently completed one of our busiest periods of the year including:

Working through the detailed budgets and financial plans for 2022/23 and beyond.

Establishing the priorities for major capital projects to be undertaken.

Planning the operational maintenance and asset renewal programs of works.

Assessing priorities for the many sub-programs of activities and community services which Council conducts.

In Colonel Light Gardens, the second round of community consultation on the Heritage Standards for the Public Realm (HSPR) and the Community Land Management Plans (CLMP) for Mortlock Park and Reade Park will have just closed by the time this article goes to print. Following the initial round of 'Have Your Say', some amendments were made to both documents, and it was considered important to consult with community again to ensure that final outcomes best reflected the consensus of views provided. Once the HSPR is finalised, it is intended that operational guidelines will be developed from them to assist Council staff to ensure that public realm work undertaken is in line with the original planning of the Garden Suburb as much as is practical. This would include works such as footpath and kerb maintenance, replacement of trees, garden maintenance, streetscapes and drainage etc.

Additionally, a second consultation regarding the use of Mortlock Park and Reade Park has been undertaken. Once again, feedback from the first round resulted in some amendments to the CLMP documents and given the significance of both venues in Colonel Light Gardens, it was considered appropriate to seek the views of the community again for clarity. Some respondents indicated that they preferred a balance of passive recreation and structured sport more in line with the original design of CLG as prescribed by Charles Reade some 100 years ago. Others indicated that most modern communities demanded a stronger focus on organised sports with up-to-date facilities catering for all. I look forward to the results of what you have to say.

In other areas of Gault, the retention of some significant trees in Clapham and Hawthorn has been a concern to some locals of late. Whilst not absolutely resolved at this time, the prospects of retaining both structures are positive albeit with a possible trim here and there. The three historic feature gum trees in Flinders Ave adjacent to Reade Park Croquet Club have also recently had a necessary structural safety trim recently due to age and bird damage. Whilst looking somewhat bare at present, the trees, which predate the suburb, should re-shoot again. The sulphur crested cockatoos however, have had to find new homes.

The Park Ward

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Glenalta, Hawthorndene, Belair (part), Coromandel Valley (part), Upper Sturt (part), Crafrers West (part)

Council is soon to go into 'caretaker mode' in preparation for the coming Council elections and so it's a good time to reflect on this past term.

There have been some significant achievements.

New Library and Community Centre: Council signed off on the new \$12.6m Blackwood Community Centre and Library complex. Following community consultation, the new Hub is set to be named Kumangka, a Kurna word that means 'to connect'. Council is seeking approval from the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation before the name is introduced.

Additional Community Centre: There was unanimous support to purchase the Sea Scouts building when it unexpectedly came up for sale. This building, in the process of being converted into the Pasadena Community Centre, will be our sixth centre and fills a gap for the southern part of our Council area. It has the added advantage of already having a Council-owned public car park adjacent the building.

The Community Energy Renewables Program: This program, what I call 'Solar City', went beyond the investigative phase to actual implementation. After an extensive tender process by Council, 'ShineHub' was selected as the company best placed to deliver our residents affordable and reliable access to solar panels and batteries, with the added aim of building a City of Mitcham 'Virtual Power Plant'.

Interest in the 'Solar City' program has surpassed expectations, with most residents opting for either the panels/battery combination or fitting a battery to existing panels. Just a handful of residents purchased panels only and so the main intent of the program - to achieve solar energy storage to deliver power at peak usage times - is being met.

This three-tiered system will help stabilise energy production within our Council area, build greater self-reliance, deliver real benefits in cheaper, renewably-sourced power, and reduce the carbon footprint of our residents.

This collaboration is the first of its type in Australia and there has been enormous interest and a very encouraging uptake by residents already in these very early days. Shinehub has a distribution centre in St Marys and the company's focus is to use local installers.

Election Pledges: Council was able to leverage considerable State and Federal financial pledges from candidates during the elections which has led to some significant projects getting the go ahead. While these were well-researched by Council beforehand and demonstrated to have strong community support, these projects will still need to go through formal (statutory) approval processes as well as be considered by Council.

Upgrade of Outdoor Recreational Spaces: There have been significant improvements to many of our playgrounds and reserves during this term. Emphasis has been on developing interactive, creative play areas for children to explore, with incorporation of engineering features to retain water onsite to assist growth for new plantings. One of the most ambitious and impressive reserves is the newly completed Pasadena Biodiversity Corridor.

I wish to express my appreciation to fellow Councillors and to staff for working closely together to achieve these wonderful outcomes, especially given the disruptive role that COVID-19 played.

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Craigburn Farm, Eden Hills, Bellevue Heights, Blackwood (part), Coromandel Valley (part) and Belair (part)

Council elections are right around the corner, and this will be my last Mitcham Community News article before caretaker provisions come into effect. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve in the role of Elected Councillor and make a difference to our community. Thank you.

There are so many projects that I'm proud of. Infrastructure projects such as the new clubrooms on Hewett Oval, the new changerooms at Blackwood Football Club and the pedestrian crossing at Joan's Pantry; community initiatives, including the public art funding and, of course, the perennial projects like advocating for investment in new footpaths and funding maintenance so that community assets are kept in good condition. One thing that I'm particularly proud of is my advocacy for improved transparency.

Council meetings used to be like a closed shop. Even though they are open to the public, community members don't often come to meetings, and this used to mean that, unless there was journalist present, there was no way for community members to get a real taste of what happens in Council.

This all changed when a motion was passed allowing for Council meetings to be recorded and the recordings published. As a result, community members can now listen to the debate and get a good understanding of the reasons why Councillors voted a certain way and the basis on which particular decisions are made.

At the time I was advised not to advocate for this improvement to transparency. I was advised that 'someone' might take a Councillor's comments, de-contextualise them and weaponise them to discredit Councillors. Thankfully (as far as I know) this hasn't happened, and I think that demonstrates that the trust I have for my community is well placed.

I think most people know that Councillors are ordinary people who live in our community and are our neighbours, they're not career politicians, they are just normal people who are motivated to serve the community and our democracy. Our community is an intelligent one, people have the capacity to know when/if material is being sliced up to present a perspective that differs from reality. These days, we can all spot fake news a mile off!

While much has been achieved in the last two terms, there is still more to be done. We haven't yet solved the traffic and parking problems in Blackwood, nor have we made any inroads into improving the safety of our community during the fire danger season and we haven't yet seen the completion of the new Blackwood library and community centre and the associated upgrades to Waite Street Reserve. I'm also concerned to ensure the delivery of a new Eden Hills Scout Hall, and I worry about the potential sale of the old library and garden centre site as well as ongoing traffic issues on Shepherds Hill Road. Delivery of environmental initiatives already underway is also important.

I have been delighted by the support and encouragement I've received over the past 8 years. Thank you again!

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Roll up, roll up

The Council elections circus is coming to town, and we need some savvy people to nominate. I know you are probably sick of campaigns and elections for the year but this one is the one you want to get the right person voted in.

I will not be running for re-election as I think 12 years is long enough to occupy a seat in the Chamber and there comes a time when we need fresh people, at least six to eight fresh ones and fresh ideas.

A good business savvy person is always of benefit to Council, after all you are assisting in managing a \$60m budget and let's face it, Council rates are high enough as they are, so to avoid ridiculous rates rises in the future some business minded people are needed.

If you think you might be suitable then give me a call and I will have a chat and tell you how it is and not the airy-fairy stuff you hear. I will be straight up and assist in any way I can. I won't stand by you and hand out flyers or wear a colour coded T shirt, but I will be of assistance where I can.

So go on, give it a crack otherwise you will probably see the same familiar faces in the Chamber and complain that those same old things are being done. You don't need a lot of votes to be elected which is a good thing and bad thing. I will let you work out the pros and cons of that argument.

As I reflect on my 12 years (that's a long reflection of Tuesday nights stuck in a room listening to arguments where I questioned relevance a number of times) I must say the work achieved in the Babbage Ward has been very productive and cutting edge.

The Water Sensitive Urban Design work is going to one day be the norm across councils, but for Mitcham to be partnering with universities and industries to trial things like permeable paving, recycled tyres for roads and water retention, detention etc., was trail blazing for its time.

I also believe that the financial reporting of Council is in a much better state than when I first started in 2010. Nowadays we know the exact financial position of projects, such as sporting facilities, and the impact to ratepayers. When I first started, I remember not even the spreadsheets on agendas added up to the correct amount - oh the good old days where the food was laid on.

The best part of being a Councillor has been helping those people that have needed help. Guiding people through the red tape of Council or the inaction that they have had to endure. Getting people to make a deputation so their voice is heard, and their frustration felt by the Chamber.

Feel free to give me a call on 0403 161 462 or send me an email at dmunro@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au



Make a difference - nominate for Council

Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? If you are eligible to enrol in your local council elections, you may also be eligible to become a candidate for a position on Council.

Becoming a councillor presents the opportunity to contribute to positive outcomes within your community. It's a rewarding and challenging role which requires commitment, responsibility and accountability.

Nominations open 23 August and close 6 September 2022.

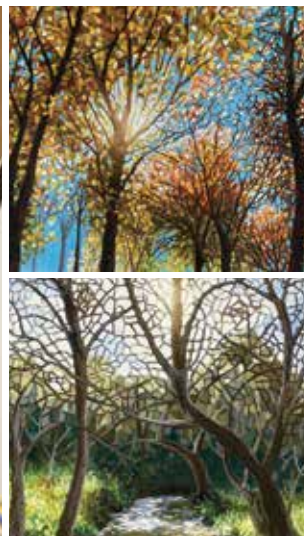
To learn more about the role of a councillor, join us for a Candidate Information Session on Tuesday 23 August 2022 at 5.30pm at Council's Civic Centre.

This session is open to anyone considering nominating for Council in the upcoming Council elections. Bookings are not required. A meeting of Council will follow at 7pm. Candidates are welcome to stay in the public gallery to observe.

To find out more about the information session, contact City of Mitcham on 8372 8888 or visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

The Electoral Commission of SA is also holding information sessions for candidates, both face-to-face and via webinar.

To register visit <https://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/elections/council-elections/lg-briefings>



Pastel artist to host SALA exhibition

Tori Wade is set to open the doors of her home studio at Cumberland Park as part of this year's South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival.

Tori's exhibition Cathedrals of Light features pastel works that showcase some of Australia's iconic natural places, from Brownhill Creek and the Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens to the Flinders Ranges and Tasmanian wilderness.

A retired GP and health researcher, Tori has dedicated many years to honing her skills in pastels on black paper, her preferred medium.

"I use a broken colour technique, putting colours next to each other instead of blending," she says of her work. "Because the pastel pigments are very opaque they stand

out on a black background and this brings out depth in the work. As soon as I started (using this method) I thought 'Ah, there's the missing spontaneity and vitality'."

Tori is a passionate supporter of the SALA festival, which runs during the month of August.

"Having this dedicated art festival at a distinct time gets people thinking about art, and seeing art in different places, and provides exposure for artists," she said. "It's the coldest time of the year, so why not brighten ourselves up?"

'Cathedrals of Light', 3 Derwent Street, Cumberland Park, Saturday 13 August 10am to 5pm (artist's talk 3pm), Sunday 14, Friday 19, Saturday 21, Friday 26, Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August 10am to 4pm.



Dolls offer a new perspective

Michael Shrapnel attracts plenty of interest when he photographs statuesque dolls in Adelaide's iconic places, including Mitcham's own Carrick Hill.

A mental health nurse at Flinders Medical Centre, Michael aims to challenge assumptions about photography through his work.

"Doll photography is often considered weird and unusual," he says. "But it is about creating positive images that combine fashion, fine art and portrait photography styles. My photos have an otherworldly feel and create a sense of calm and serenity."

'Smart Dolls' are 60cm tall and made in Japan by the creative studio of Danny Choo, son of fashion designer Jimmy Choo.

Michael's photos will be on display as part of Gallery One's 'Artpourlatism' SALA exhibition during August. You can also see Michael's photos on Instagram by following @daydreaming_bee.

Artpourlatism, Gallery One, 1 Torrens Road, Mitcham, 29 July to 26 August.



Tutti Arts works include an untitled piece by Mawarini and William Gregory; drawing of The Haywards by William Gregory.

Carrick Hill to host Tutti Arts

Carrick Hill Estate will host an exhibition of works from Tutti Arts as part of this year's SALA Festival.

'Fantasy Estate' features real and imagined characters, shown through installation, drawings and augmented reality, by artists William Gregory and Mawarini.

Their works feature moments from Thomas the Tank Engine, Shining Time Station and the Adelaide Christmas Pageant, alongside

Gregory's own characters such as Yoga Wolf, embedded in the real-life scenes of past Carrick Hill owners, Sir Edward and Lady Ursula Hayward.

Tutti Arts is South Australia's only multi-arts organisation for learning disabled and neurodiverse artists.

Fantasy Estate, 3 August to 4 September, The Wall Gallery, Carrick Hill, 46 Carrick Hill Drive, Springfield. Adults \$17, concession \$12, children under 15 free (includes entry to House Museum).



SALA in the Park returns

City of Mitcham residents are invited to enjoy an exhibition of sculptures at Centennial Park as part of this year's SALA Festival.

Sculptures from a range of artists including Peter DeMaria and Warren Pickering will be on display alongside the park's permanent collection, located in various sites across 40ha of gardens.

Trail maps are available from the administration building during business hours and from Wildflowers Café and Gifts @ Centennial Park, or download a map at www.centennialpark.org.au

Park gates are open from 7am to 7pm; the café open from 8am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 3pm on weekends.

'Endless Dance' by Claude Portelli.



Macrame makes a comeback at 'Cumby'

Christina Grieve enjoys sharing her love of macrame with others and says it's a craft that becomes popular every few years.

With support from a City of Mitcham grant, Christina is set to host 'Frisled to Bits', a series of classes that include sewing and macrame projects at Cumberland Park Community Centre.

Along with regular classes on Wednesday mornings, she will also host workshops for all ages during the October school holidays.

Christina says macrame can be used to create plant hangers, wall art, placemats, candle holders and more.

"I was self-taught in the 1970s when my children were young, and I've taught it many times over the years," she says. "It's an easy hobby and very therapeutic. It's also a cheap way to decorate your house or create a gift for someone."

Learn Macrame at Cumby, Wednesdays 10am to 12pm, Cumberland Park Community Centre, 390 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park.

For class details, visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/events



Tina and Christina work on macrame at Cumberland Park Community Centre.



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State Flora Nursery Retail Coordinator Josh Laynes at the Belair nursery, one of two participating nurseries in City of Mitcham's Arbor Day tree giveaway.

Help us expand our tree canopy!

City of Mitcham residents are invited to apply for a free tree as part of our 2022 Arbor Day celebrations.

Residents who enter the competition will go in the draw to win a voucher for a young tree valued at up to \$50 to be redeemed at State Flora Nursery, Belair, or Adelaide Advanced Trees, Cherry Gardens.

This year residents will also have the option of choosing a small native tree, to be collected from the Mitcham Memorial Library or Cumberland Park Community Centre at nominated dates and times.

City of Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross said Council was committed to managing and growing a healthy urban forest.

"Trees cool and shade our homes and buildings, reducing electricity bills, increasing property values," she said. "Planting a tree

on your property is an excellent way you can help us adapt to the impacts of climate change."

Tree species purchased must be a long-lived species (at least 25 years), a species that can grow to at least four metres' height at maturity; a species that provides shade when the sun is at its highest point.

Applications are due by 26 August. City of Mitcham is set to celebrate Arbor Day on 1 September with a tree planting day at St Marys.

To enter and to read our terms and conditions, visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/arbor-day

Residents to save on garden products

Jeffries is set to offer its annual 'Buy One, Get One Free' offer to City of Mitcham residents to help promote green and organic waste recycling.

Last year, City of Mitcham residents redeemed 805 vouchers at Hollards, saving almost \$4,700 on bagged products. This resulted in 28,370 litres of recycled organics from the green organics bin being put to good use in our area.

For a free bag of mulch, compost or organic char for your garden, visit your local stockists Hawthorn Sand and Metal (96 Belair Road, Hawthorn) or Hollards (20 Grange Road, Hawthorn) during the month of September to redeem the offer.

Did you know? Kitchen caddy systems, which encourage the collection of food scraps and other compostable material for composting, have the potential to reduce our waste sent to landfill by 38 per cent.

City of Mitcham will deliver free kitchen caddies and compostable bags to every property in the 2022/23 financial year.

Keep an eye out or more details at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/kitchen-caddies



Lerp alert after wet winter

Some of City of Mitcham's River Red gums are being affected by an infestation of lerps this winter due to higher rainfall and milder temperatures.

Lerps are small sap sucking insects that are active at this time of year, leading to poor

foliage density and brown or pale coloured leaves.

City of Mitcham's Senior Arborist has identified that lerps are affecting a number of trees in City of Mitcham reserves and parks including at Apex Park, Hawthorndene.

Trees affected by lerps are expected to recover in warmer months.

To find out more about City of Mitcham's tree planting program, visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/trees

Residents sign up for solar panels, batteries

City of Mitcham residents have embraced Mitcham's Community Renewable Energy Program, with 538 households signing up for solar panels and or batteries. Installations are underway and will be completed at a rate of up to 200 a month.

The program, managed by solar energy supplier ShineHub, was introduced to help households and businesses across Mitcham to install solar and battery systems for no upfront costs as part of Council's commitment

to promote and accelerate the community's transition to renewable energy.

City of Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross said she was thrilled with the response from the community to the program, which

includes the option to participate in a Virtual Power Plant.

"The City of Mitcham will soon have an additional 5.5MW of energy storage capacity, which is the equivalent to a small fossil-fueled power station," she said.

The first bulk buy has now ended but a second bulk buy is planned for 2023. For updates visit shinehub.com.au/mitcham