

# MITCHAM

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Australia Day Celebrations

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## Message from the Mayor

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I regret that my first communication of 2020 brings sad news. While defending the family property against the fierce bushfires which raced through the Adelaide hills in the week before Christmas a man, tragically, lost his life. Mr Ron Selth, who was known and loved by many people, particularly in the Colonel Light Gardens community, was the father of Mitcham Councillor, Cr. Jasmine Berry. On behalf of Council, I extend my sincere condolences to Jasmine and her family, along with my deep sympathy to everyone who has been affected by this very sad and premature loss.

In the wake of the devastating start to this year's bushfire season many people have been thinking about the vulnerability of our hills community. The situation is that until 10 years ago the advice from the CFS was that a properly prepared property could be defended against a bushfire by a physically able and psychologically prepared person. However, things have changed. In 2009 a new 'catastrophic' fire rating was introduced because our hotter, drier weather conditions have meant that we are seeing a new type of fire which is far more ferocious than has been seen before.

A fire burning under catastrophic conditions is uncontrollable. Our houses are not designed to withstand these fires, and it is not safe to stay and defend your home. It is likely that people caught in the path of a catastrophic fire will die. Therefore, on days of catastrophic fire warning the CFS advice is that it is not safe to wait and see what happens. Residents should leave the area,

either the night before or early in the morning, and stay away until conditions improve.

It is extremely important that Mitcham hills residents understand the potential danger and make arrangements for catastrophic days. Plans could include leaving pets at a friend's house or spending the day (and night if necessary) with relatives, out of harm's way. Unfortunately, following the CFS advice to leave is difficult for some residents as they have nowhere for themselves or their pets to go. To this end, I have been discussing various initiatives with the CFS, residents, and community leaders, involving the Mitcham hills/plains community working together to provide refuge for the people and pets of hills residents on catastrophic fire days. Ideas range from opening sports centres to a fire buddy system where plains dwellers could offer space in their homes for a hills dwelling person, family and/or their pets.

I am very pleased to announce that the Edwardstown Baptist community have committed to trialling opening their Community Centre as a refuge on catastrophic days. They have capacity to provide shelter, meals, activities for children, and more, and are currently investigating ways to accommodate pets. I am extremely thankful for their fantastic commitment as it has real potential to save lives.

I am available to discuss ideas every Wednesday afternoon at 'Share with the Mayor' from 3pm to 6pm. Please drop by for coffee, biscuit and a chat.



## Have your Say on the State Government's Changes to Planning and Design Code

A new planning system will be introduced across metropolitan Adelaide in July 2020.

South Australia is currently undergoing the biggest modernisation of its planning system in 20 years. The new system is underpinned by the new Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 and introduces a range of new ways that development applications will be assessed across the State.

### The Planning and Design Code

The cornerstone of South Australia's new planning system is the Planning and Design Code (the Code). The Code will become the single source of all planning rules and zoning for assessing development applications across the state. The single set of rules will replace the existing 72 Council Development Plans and over 23,000 pages of planning policy contained within the current planning system. More than 1,500 Zones across the state will be reduced to just 55.

**The Draft Code is currently on public consultation until 28 February 2020.**

### Code Content

The Code outlines what zones, sub-zones and development policies or rules apply to a particular parcel of land. The Zones will determine what development can occur in an area (eg a house), and general policies will outline how development should be designed (eg what the house should look like).

### How to Access the Code

The Code is proposed to be used with a new online processing system for development applications – called ePlanning. The ePlanning system will be a centralised online portal where the community will be able to access information, submit Development Applications and track their process. Whilst the ePlanning system is not yet available, the draft Code is currently available as a written document online.

### Have Your Say

You can have your say on the Code framework, the wording of the policies, the types of applications that will trigger public notification, where different rules apply across the state and the way applications are assessed.

You can access the Code and all supporting materials at [www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/have\\_your\\_say/Draft\\_Planning\\_and\\_Design\\_Code\\_for\\_South\\_Australia](http://www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/have_your_say/Draft_Planning_and_Design_Code_for_South_Australia)

If you have any questions regarding the Code and how it may affect your property please contact the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) by email [DPTI.PlanningReform@sa.gov.au](mailto:DPTI.PlanningReform@sa.gov.au) or call 1800 318 102.

# Australia Day at St Marys Park

Mitcham residents enjoyed Australia Day with an 'Aussie BBQ', citizenship and awards presentation at the newly redeveloped St Marys Park.

Australia Day is an opportunity for Council to celebrate our great country with our community. Guests enjoyed a Welcome to Country by Allen Edwards, Chairperson of the Blackwood Reconciliation Group, live music, face painting, come and try sports, kids activities from our Toy

Library and a delicious Aussie BBQ cooked by the St Marys Park Sports Association.

Sixty new Australian citizens were welcomed during a citizenship ceremony officiated by Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross. The Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award was jointly presented to

David Ennis and Elisabeth and Geoffrey Bartlett who have made outstanding contributions to our community. The Australia Day Community Event of the Year was awarded to Mitcham City Brass for their outstanding community event, The Mitcham Band Festival.



## Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award David Ennis

David has provided outstanding service to our community in his work with the Repatriation Hospital, Repatriation Museum, local and state Church Councils, volunteering roles and through working with Springbank Secondary College (previously Pasadena High School) educating students on the Australian Armed Forces.

David founded the Repatriation Museum with his late wife Maxine in 1992 which preserves and displays memorabilia from the major world wars. As well as his significant involvement with the Repat Hospital and Museum, David was involved in local and state Church Councils and served as a volunteer at Bedford Industries, Balyana Disability Services, Resthaven Aged Care and was a member of the Department of Veterans Affairs Commemorations Committee. David also helped establish a chaplaincy program at Pasadena High School and continues to work to increase student awareness about the contribution and sacrifice of those who served in the armed forces. He supported the planning and construction of Springbank RAAF Camp Memorial Garden and started an education fund to support the annual Repat Memorial Award.

We thank David for his significant lifelong volunteering efforts and personal contributions to our community.



## Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award Elisabeth and Geoffrey Bartlett

Elisabeth and Geoffrey have provided outstanding community service to the Blackwood hills and Mitcham hills community for over five decades through the Blackwood South Neighbourhood Watch and Blackwood Action Group.

In the early 1990s Elisabeth and Geoffrey established the Blackwood South Neighbourhood Watch which became the Blackwood Action Group in 2009. Together they have supported community projects such as the maintenance of the Coromandel Railway Station, Coromandel Station and Blackwood Station gardens, landscaping the area around the Old Farmhouse Cottage at Blackwood Hill Reserve, the Red Bows Christmas community project, installing planter boxes and planter beds in Blackwood Shopping Centre. They have also established a Community Links Group to raise funds for BEACON and established a History Sub-Committee which has published a book entitled All Good Things Come From The Hills.

We thank Elisabeth and Geoffrey for their continued support, time commitment, belief and passion for their local community.



## Australia Day Community Event of the Year Award Mitcham Band Festival delivered by Mitcham City Brass

The Mitcham Band Festival, hosted by Mitcham City Brass, has become a very successful annual event, not only for the City of Mitcham community, but the community of Adelaide. The 2019 Festival exceeded everyone's expectations, and its success has showcased the Mitcham area, the Vogue Theatre, South Australia and Mitcham City Brass globally.

For the first time, the Mitcham Band Festival 2019 was live-streamed worldwide, by Brassbanned.com. The live-stream was viewed by over 2800 people (a large number from the UK, Europe, Canada and New Zealand) not only watching the event but enjoying a narration about the City of Mitcham area.

We thank Mitcham City Brass for organising the Mitcham Band Festival, volunteering their time, and for bringing a beautiful community event to life.

**Australia Day** 

**Do you know someone who has made a contribution to our community that you would like to acknowledge?**

**Nominate them for a Citizen of the Year Award. Contact Nat on 8372 8888 or via email [mitchamevents@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:mitchamevents@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au)**

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# City of Mitcham Annual Report Highlights 2018/19

The City of Mitcham maintained its focus on achieving efficiencies and good financial management across the financial year resulting in a net operating surplus of approximately \$1.8 million and savings of \$604,000.

Council published its full 2018/19 Annual report in December 2019 with some of the highlights provided here.

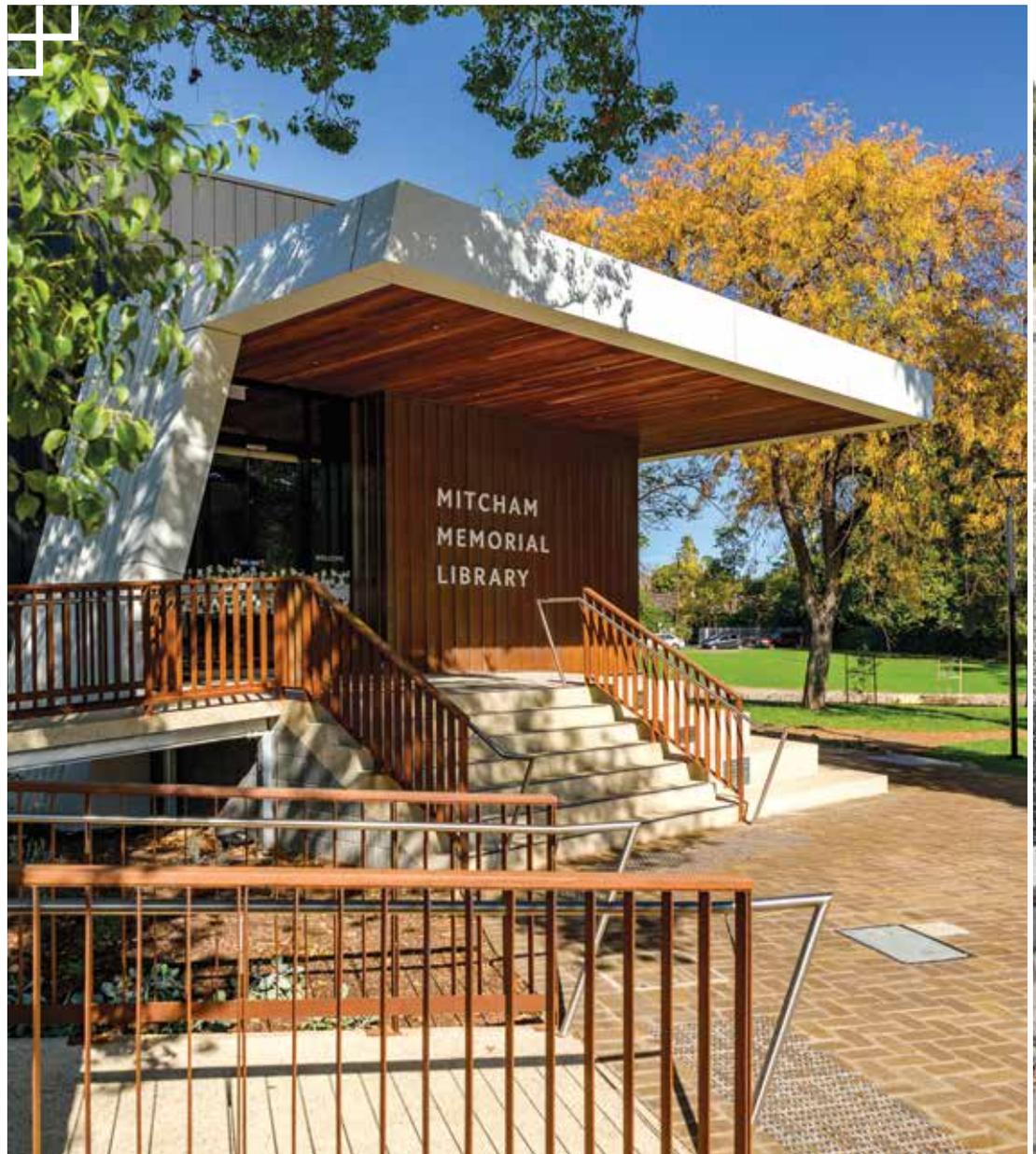
## Redeveloped Mitcham Memorial Library and Soldiers Memorial Gardens

We celebrated the reopening of the redeveloped library, which now provides a wide range of services and spaces to the community, attracting both new visitors and library members. Meeting rooms and reading areas face the beautifully redeveloped Brownhill Creek to provide delightful, flexible spaces for community use. Other new innovations include a dedicated youth zone, integrated Toy Library and new solar bench for recharging portable devices.

The relatively modest cost of this redevelopment has amazed the industry and demonstrates Council's commitment to providing quality services at value for money.

The amenity surrounding the library has also been enhanced by improvements to Brownhill Creek including a new innovative surface material to provide improved stability during flood events and for the growth of new native plants. 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 enhancing the library experience.

We were also delighted to receive the award for Sustainable Infrastructure from the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia and receive a commendation from Parks and Leisure Australia for the Mitcham Memorial Library and Brownhill Creek Project.



## Leadership and innovation in the reuse and recycling of materials

Council delivered an asphalt road using a combination of recycled tyre rubber and bitumen at Stanlake Avenue, St Marys. The road forms part of a trial expected to deliver improved strength and resistance to cracking in the local expansive clay soils. It is hoped that the project success will lead to an uptake of the technology new to Australia, where over 56 million tyres are disposed of annually.

The project received the Australian Asphalt Pavement Association State Award.

To encourage the diversion of waste away from landfill, Council implemented an organic waste food caddy trial, with distribution of 5,500 caddies to households within the five participating suburbs of St Marys, Pasadena, Clapham, Eden Hills and Panorama.

## Exploring sustainable water management

Council invested in a trial of permeable asphalt pavement in the car park at St Marys Sports Association, St Marys. The crushed rubber permeable asphalt car park has been delivered in collaboration with the University of Melbourne and Tyre Stewardship Australia. The trial will monitor the performance of the asphalt and the benefits of the flow of water through to the underlying soils and tree roots. If successful, it will reduce stormwater runoff, provide healthier tree canopies and reduce pedestrian trip hazards.



**6km**  
Permeable  
Paved  
Footpaths



Open  
space **945**  
hectares

**185**  
kilometres  
Stormwater pipes

**2** Public  
Libraries





### Not wasting energy

In addition to the permeable asphalt trial, Council installed a geothermal pipe system. The system may generate up to 5KW of power, providing hot water to the new clubrooms at St Marys Sports Association.

This trial complements our upgrade to 4,980 residential street lights to new LED lightbulb technology. The new LED lights provide residents and businesses more directional light and less back spill, while reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 605 tonnes a year. From an initial investment of \$2.2 million, we are anticipating electricity, maintenance and tariff savings annually of approximately \$293,000.

### Preparing for a changing climate

We continued our commitment to the Resilient South program, which aims to strengthen southern Adelaide from the impact of climate change. The collaboration between the Cities of Mitcham, Marion, Onkaparinga and Holdfast Bay allowed us to partner with the Australian Red Cross to deliver an exciting new project.

Climate Ready Communities trained over 60 community members to get prepared for intensified extreme events under climate change. The program delivered nine community events designed to educate residents and businesses on what they can do to manage the impacts of climate change.

### Supporting our community

New clubrooms including a kitchen, canteen, bar, community meeting rooms and public toilets at St Marys Park were completed and the refurbishing of four female-friendly change rooms, two umpires' change rooms and a first aid room were commenced. These new clubrooms and facilities will provide a modern, functional and safe amenity for the St Marys Sports Association and the community.

Our Community Transport team of volunteers provided 700 trips, for residents who cannot drive or catch the bus, to attend medical or other appointments, and 14,000 Community Bus seats were filled during the year, enabling transport disadvantaged residents to continue accessing their favourite local shops and libraries.

Council awarded approximately \$51,000 in grants to community groups and projects that are making a positive contribution to the community through a wide range of local cultural, social and recreational initiatives and \$10,000 in grants to 82 individuals for sporting, academic and arts achievements.

Council also supported the formation of the Mitcham Library Youth Reference Group (MLYRG), comprising 16 Year 8-12 students from four local secondary schools, who will provide ideas for engaging with young people and activating spaces in and around the Mitcham Memorial Library.

Council celebrated the official opening of the upgraded Mitcham Reserve playground, one of three playgrounds upgraded this year together with Netherby Reserve and Frances Street playgrounds.



**Community Centres**

#### Local Businesses

**\$181**



**27.4%**

**Engage in volunteer work**

**405km**  
Sealed Roads





## Looking forward to 2019/20

As we commence the new year, Council will continue to increase its investment in footpaths and waterways, and other new services to adapt to the impacts of a changing climate (such as planting more trees, flood proofing and providing more drinking fountains).

We are excited to progress our review of the Strategic Management Plan and development of our Growth Development Plan Amendment, with both plans setting our future direction and informing actions that Council will implement over the next four years.

We are also excited about a commitment from the Federal Government of \$5 million to progress the Blackwood Community Hub Project.

We would also like to recognise and thank our Mitcham volunteers. Many of our programs would not be able to continue without their support. Their contribution to the community is greatly appreciated.



## Connecting our suburbs

We built new footpaths along Willora Road, Eden Hills, Vaucluse Crescent, Bellevue Heights, Cooper Street, Eden Hills and Boronia Avenue, Coromandel Valley and renewed over 60 footpaths across the city.

The Cross Road to Belair Road section of the City-to-Belair bike route was completed and now joins with portions of the bikeway in our neighbouring City of Unley. Further bikeway extensions will be delivered to link Angas Road to Price Avenue.

The Pony Ridge trail upgrade was completed and improves the safety of this 1km trail between Brown Hill Creek and Belair Recreation Park. The trail forms part of the State Government's Yurrebilla Trail and provides an important off-road link between the hills and plains.



## Celebrating together

We enjoyed joining with the community at many very well attended events, bringing people together in celebration throughout the year, including;

- Carols at Kingswood Oval
- Australia Day celebrations
- Citizenship ceremonies
- Family fun days
- Youth events
- Civic receptions

Youth Week boasted a popular skate competition and a roller skate disco, and our Library also ran many events and programs during the year with over 20,000 people attending.

A Reconciliation Week Flag Raising Ceremony was held at the Civic Centre and attended by representatives of Blackwood Reconciliation Group, indigenous artists Kunyi June-Anne and Yartiji McInerney, inaugural Blackwood Reconciliation Group Chairperson Di Dent, SA Police Department, Mayor, Elected Members and staff.

We also enjoyed a Welcome to Country in May, where we celebrated the unveiling of the Aboriginal Flag in the Council Chambers.

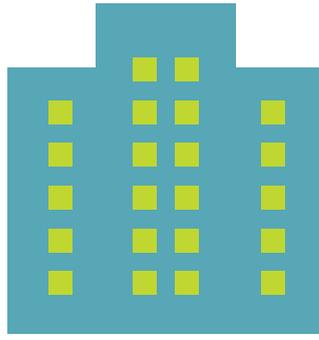
## Efficiencies through innovation

Our investment in technology provided us with an opportunity to deliver savings for the benefit of our customers and the community.

Our 'Section 7 Search' automation involved the digitising of records and constructing a search engine for customers (predominantly conveyancers) the ability to obtain a Section 7 report almost instantaneously. The implementation of this project has improved accuracy, consistency and timeliness, resulted in ongoing savings of \$120,000 and demonstrating what can be achieved through an investment in the right technology.



\$990m



Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment



## Performance Highlights

Some of the performance highlights against our four goals were:

### Accessible and Connected Community

The Community Transport team of volunteers provided more than 700 one-way trips to medical or other appointments for residents who cannot drive or catch the bus.

New Flinders Drive egresses completed at Wentworth Street and Rupert Avenue.

Commenced delivery of Fund My Neighbourhood Projects including Avenue Road, Clarence Gardens and Mortlock Park, Colonel Light Gardens toilets.

Upgrades to Price Memorial Oval change rooms and renewal of storage and public toilets commenced.

Transitioned to the new single set of Aged Care Quality Standards within Community Wellbeing services, cementing the position of service recipients at the heart of services that enable dignity and choice.

A two-year Meningococcal B Trial Study was undertaken of over 4,500 students across three year levels in 10 schools.

Implemented the outsourced Community Wellbeing service contract with Southern Cross Care.

Community Consultation undertaken for the Blackwood Community Hub and Waite Street Reserve Project.

Candidate Information Sessions and Meet the Candidate Information Session held across September and August.

### Sustainable City

De-silting of Urrbrae Wetlands to ensure stormwater quality and stormwater detention capacity is maintained.

Waste audit with RAWTEC completed.

Transferred to new waste collector Veolia for all our commercial waste at Lynton.

### Dynamic and Prosperous Economy

Spatial Vision was endorsed by Council.

Ministerial authorisation to commence the Growth Precincts Development Plan Amendment and investigations commenced.

Jointly held the Edwardstown Employment Precinct Forum with the City of Marion.

First Sponsorship Prospectus launched for businesses and agencies to become a sponsor of the Mitcham Memorial Library.

Implementation of DACO (Dog and Cat Online) centralised system in accordance with legislative requirements was completed.

Outsourced Community Wellbeing's home support services for residents over the age of 65 or under 65 living with a disability.

Commenced delivery of Fund My Neighbourhood projects, including St Marys Sports Association Clubrooms and Hewett Oval Clubrooms.

Joint economic development event Shaping the Future of Mitcham was held in collaboration with Southern Business Connections.

### Vibrant and Rich Culture - Economy

Over 20,000 people participated in library events and programs during the year.

Commenced preparation/consultation on 'Enhancing Our Parks for People & Dogs Off-Leash' Project as per the Dog and Cat Management Plan 2018-23.

Ensured all newly microchipped pets were accurately recorded in Dogs and Cats Online (DACO).

Developed our Dog and Cat Management Plan 18-23 – a five-year plan encouraging responsible pet ownership and management.

### Making safer workplaces

We are pleased to have received the 2018 Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme Risk Management Major Award for our innovative solution to overcome a longstanding issue at the Lynton Green Organics Drop Off Facility. The 'Transfer Edge Protection Gates' were designed by a collaborative staff initiative to provide safety for the community and our workers without reducing the efficiency of the site to process the organic material.

It is testament to the commitment from the Council staff to deliver effective and innovative outcomes for its community.

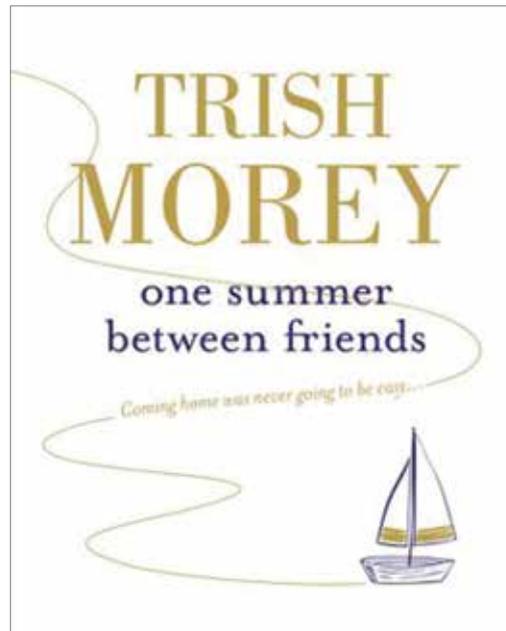
**Council's Full 2018/19 Annual Report can be found at [www.mitчамcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitчамcouncil.sa.gov.au) or for viewing or purchase at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park.**

## Don't Miss Author Trish Morey

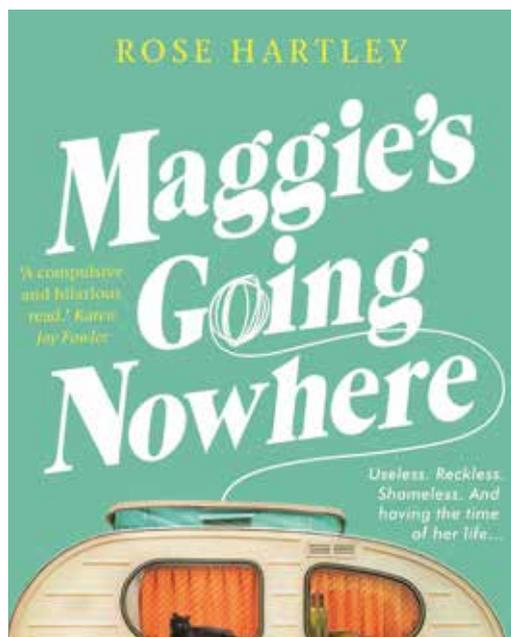
Join Author Trish Morey at Mitcham Memorial Library on Wednesday 12 February at 6.30pm and discover her new book *One Summer Between Friends*.

Hear bestselling local author Trish Morey talk about her new book, *One Summer Between Friends*. Set over one summer on the island paradise of Lord Howe Island, three women try to overcome the pain of the past and rediscover the friendship they once shared.

Books will be available for sale and signing. Bookings essential. To book your seat call the Mitcham Memorial Library on 8372 8244.



**Date:** Wednesday 12 February  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Location:** Mitcham Memorial Library, 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn  
**Cost:** Free



**Date:** Thursday 27 February  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Location:** Blackwood Library, 215 Main Road, Blackwood  
**Cost:** Free

## Join Author Rose Hartley

Don't miss an evening with Adelaide author Rose Hartley at the Blackwood Library on Thursday 27 February at 6.30pm.

Author Rose Hartley, a brilliant new star of Australian fiction, will speak about her novel *Maggie's Going Nowhere* at Blackwood Library on Thursday 27 February at 6.30pm.

Rose, in her hilarious debut novel, has created the wonderfully relatable heroine of Maggie Cotton, a twenty-something Melburnian who has seemingly failed to launch.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. Bookings essential. To book your seat phone the Blackwood Library on 8372 8244.

## City of Mitcham's Grants Now Open!

Are you inspired to introduce a new program or idea to our local community? Are you looking to connect with those around you but don't have the financial support? Would you like to deliver a fresh community initiative?

If you have an idea and need some financial support to make it a reality, apply for a City of Mitcham Grant. There are many Community Development Grants available up to the value of \$2,500 each, as well as our Special Project/Special Event Grant that can provide up to \$10,000 to assist in bringing your idea to life.

The City of Mitcham also provides other community grant opportunities including Individual Achievement Grants; Public Art Grants, the Maggie Ragless Memorial Grant to assist in the recording of Council's history, and Community Facilities Grant to assist our community facilities to be the best they can be.

For more information call Nat on 8372 8129 or visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/grants](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/grants) if you would like to discuss your application.

**Applications close 5pm Tuesday 31 March 2020.**

### September Grant Recipients

In December City of Mitcham held a Civic Reception and awarded \$26,500 in grants to local community groups.

Over 10 groups received grants in December - if you would like to see how a grant could make your community idea come to life visit The Friends of the Waite Arboretum Art Exhibition 'Tracks Through Weaving' in February. Refer to page 11 for details.



### Grants Working in Your Community

Mitcham Council's grant towards the 2019 Blackwood Action Group's Christmas Tree Festival was certainly a worthy investment in enhancing community spirit.

Over 1,300 visitors experienced an enchanted forest of Christmas trees created by 60 Mitcham hill's community groups and businesses involving over 900 people.

Volunteers from local community craft groups and the Mitcham Community Shed volunteered over 100 hours to create wonderful gifts for Santa's store including life-size wooden reindeers, twisted twig and vine trees, knitted plum puddings and stockings.

Generous support also came from businesses, service groups, students and volunteers who donated goods, gifts, decorations and their time to support this local community event.

The Christmas Tree Festival raised over \$5,250 for two local charities, Minton Farm and BEACON and the large donation of gifts left under the Giving Tree were distributed to local families in need by BEACON.



## It's a New Year, so why waste it? Let's sort it

Make your New Year's resolution to recycle more and waste less by avoiding, reducing, reusing, recycling and composting!

### Avoid or reduce

Single use disposal containers including takeaway coffee cups and polystyrene containers, straws, plastic bags, pre-packaged fruit and vegetables, coffee machine pods, food waste and junk mail. Come in and pick up a 'No Junk Mail' sticker from us.

### Re-Use

Non-disposable, re-usable and refillable water bottles, coffee cups, shopping bags, lunch boxes and crockery and cutlery. Donate your unwanted clothing, footwear, towels and bedding to charity (perhaps purchase some preloved clothing while you're there) or if these items are too old, use as rags or donate them to animal shelters for bedding. Your old furniture can be refurbished and repurposed into new masterpieces or donated to charity.

### Recycle in your yellow bin

Paper and cardboard such as newspapers, egg cartons and milk and juice cartons, rigid plastic such as drink bottles, takeaway food containers and yoghurt containers, glass, steel and aluminum cans, foil trays and foil wrappers (scrunched into a ball). Please ensure your containers are empty and clean with lids removed. Place items in loose, never in a bag.

### Recycle but not in the yellow bin

Household batteries and mobile phones can be dropped off at ALDI, IKEA or Council's Civic Centre and Libraries, electronic items at Unplug N' Drop at Mitcham Cultural Village or Melrose Park Operations Depot and light globes at any Mitre10 hardware stores or IKEA.

### Compost in your green organics bin

Food scraps, lawn clippings, cut flowers, tissue and paper towel, egg shells, coffee grounds, tea leaves and paper tea bags, hair and fingernails and pet waste. Many of these items can go into your home compost.

For more information visit [mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/aboutyourbins](http://mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/aboutyourbins)



## Don't forget to Pick up After Your Dog

Dogs are great pets, but as part of being a responsible dog owner, you must clean up after them.

When walking your dog in our community remember it is important to clean up after your pet. While you must carry suitable bags for cleaning up after your dog we also provide plastic bags and bins in most parks and reserves where you can exercise your dogs.

People who don't pick up after their dogs risk receiving a fine.

By cleaning up after your pet you are doing the right thing for the community and our environment.

To find out more about responsible dog ownership in the City of Mitcham, please visit [mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/services/animal-management/dogs](http://mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/services/animal-management/dogs)

## Protect Your Pets this Bushfire Season

Whether your pets are at home or with you during a fire risk day, you need to plan and prepare for their safety.

It is important that during extreme or catastrophic fire danger days you consider the needs of your pets by having a pet emergency plan as part of your bushfire survival plan.

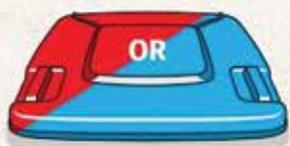
Discuss with your family a plan for the safe-keeping of your loved pets, how you will transport them, where you will take them and who will be responsible. Prepare an emergency kit which includes food, water, bedding, water bowls and any medication the pet requires to take during an evacuation.

By having a plan, you will be prepared reducing the stress for your family, particularly if you were to be threatened by a bushfire.

For more information visit [www.rspcasa.org.au/the-issues/animals-in-emergencies](http://www.rspcasa.org.au/the-issues/animals-in-emergencies), [www.awl.org.au/advice-education/bushfire-assistance](http://www.awl.org.au/advice-education/bushfire-assistance) or [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/services/animal-management/protect-your-pets](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/services/animal-management/protect-your-pets)



## WHICH BIN DOES IT GO IN?



General Waste



Recycling



Green Organics



No Household Bin

### Which Bin?



[whichbin.com.au](http://whichbin.com.au)

EastWaste



community groups



social activities



community events

# Mitcham Community Calendar

## Westbourne Park Ladies Probus Club

Come along and enjoy guest speakers and a friendly chat over morning tea on the **fourth Monday of the month** in the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Sussex Terrace and Monmouth Road, Hawthorn. Call 7225 5807. ■

## Probus Club of St Marys

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. ■

## Rotary Club of Mitcham

The Rotary Club of Mitcham meets **Wednesdays** at the Edinburgh Hotel, High Street **6.30pm to 8pm** for project planning and guest speaker. Become involved in local and international projects and fundraising including our Bookshop located at 598 Goodwood Road, Daw Park. Join us to make a difference. Email [mitcham.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:mitcham.rotary@gmail.com) or call 0418 788 401. ■

## 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](http://thevillage.org.au) or call 8370 3256. ■

## Blackwood Hills Baptist Church

Come along each **Sunday at 10am or 7pm** at 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood and meet people of all ages, enjoy great music and fun activities for the kids. Visit [thevillage.org.au](http://thevillage.org.au) or call 8370 0333. ■

## Colonel Light Gardens Ladies Probus Club

Enjoy morning tea, guest speakers and outings 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 7pm** at the Marion Sports Centre, Sturt Road, Marion. Email [mitcham@kiwanis.org.au](mailto:mitcham@kiwanis.org.au) or call 0418 168 884. ■

## Caring Friends

A friendship group supporting adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Enjoy a friendly environment sharing morning tea, activities and entertainment. Meetings are held at Hawthorn Community Centre, 5 Frimley Grove, Hawthorn at **10am every Friday**. Phone 8179 5697 or 8276 5485. ■

## Speaking Made Easy in Blackwood

Women are invited to join this new group which meets on the **fourth Wednesday of each month** at 218 Main Road, Blackwood. Develop public speaking skills and self-confidence. Call 0438 838 894. ■

## Taoist Tai Chi

Improve your health and wellbeing with Taoist Tai Chi every **Thursday** at the Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood. Ongoing class **11am to 1pm** and the beginner class **1pm to 2.30pm**. Visit [taoisttaichi.org](http://taoisttaichi.org) or call 0423 776 955. ■

## Friendship Centre

Join the friendship centre on **Thursday 10am to 3pm** at the Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church. Enjoy games, friendly chat and lunch for a donation. Call 8276 7416. ■

## The Project Centre

The Project Centre is seeking retired tradespeople to volunteer to teach woodwork, the centre is open **Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 3pm** at 1167 South Road, St Marys. The centre also has Christmas items for sale every **Monday 1pm to 2pm**. Email [projectcentres@gmail.com](mailto:projectcentres@gmail.com) or call 8276 5793. ■

## Thursday Craft

Classes held for men and women during school terms at 27 Sussex Terrace, Hawthorn from **9.30am to 12pm** each week. \$5 per class, includes morning tea. Crèche available. Find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/thursdaycraft](https://www.facebook.com/thursdaycraft) or call 8271 7066. ■

## Playgroup at Blackwood Uniting Church

Playgroup held on **Mondays** during school terms from **10am to 11.30am**, is an opportunity for children aged 0 to 5 and parents, grandparents, and carers to enjoy indoor and outdoor play, stories, music and craft with others. Cost \$5 per family. Visit [blackwooduc.org.au/groups/family-ministry/roundabout-playgroup](http://blackwooduc.org.au/groups/family-ministry/roundabout-playgroup) or call 8278 7699. ■

## Kids Club at Trinity Baptist Church

Kids Club is for years Reception to Year 6 and includes games, sport, craft, a Bible story and snack at Trinity Baptist Church, 8a Bedford Square, Colonel Light Gardens. Meetings run fortnightly on **Fridays from 4pm to 5.30pm**. Cost \$5 per family. Call 0408 897 372. ■

## Youth Program at Trinity Baptist Church

Youth program is for school years 7 to 10 and includes various games and events, food and a talk on faith and life for teens at Trinity Baptist Church, 8a Bedford Square, Colonel Light Gardens. Meetings run fortnightly on **Fridays from 4pm to 5.30pm**. Cost is \$5 per family. Call 0408 897 372. ■

## Oasis Youth Group

Meets at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood, each **Friday** during school terms. Cost \$10. **7pm to 10.30pm**. Call 8370 0333. Activities this term include: beach party, beach volleyball, night hike, Easter egg hunt and a start of year camp. ■

## Quarterly Folk Dance

Enjoy the Australian Traditional and Bush Dance Society of SA's second quarterly Mitcham Village Folk Dance on **Saturday 4 April from 7pm to 10pm** at the Mitcham Village Institute, Princes Road, Mitcham. Music by Telenn Tri. All dances are called, flat shoes recommended. No previous experience is needed and no need to bring a partner. \$15 (includes tea, coffee and biscuits). Visit [atbdsdancesa.com.au](http://atbdsdancesa.com.au) or call 0418 837 411 or 8296 6020. ■

## Adelaide-Mitcham Prostate Cancer Support Group

Join us on **Thursday 20 February** at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL Club, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens at **7pm**. Includes AGM, general discussion among members and visitors plus viewing of a DVD. Visit [adelaide-mitchampcsg.org](http://adelaide-mitchampcsg.org) or call 0406 006 654. ■

## Mitcham Rotary Business Breakfast

Local business owners and leaders in the Mitcham Council area are invited to a business breakfast on **Thursday 12 March** and hear Sen Sgt Russell Dippy from SAPOL's Emergency and Major Event division speak about the impact of South Australia's major power blackout and such events for business continuity. Visit [mitcham.rotaryclub.org.au](http://mitcham.rotaryclub.org.au) or email [mitcham@rotaryclub.org.au](mailto:mitcham@rotaryclub.org.au) for details. ■

## Hill Choral Society Bushfire Benefit Concert

Support our community at a Bushfire Benefit Concert **Sunday 15 March** at the Blackwood Church of Christ. All proceeds going to bushfire relief. Tickets, only available at the door, are \$25 adult, \$20 concession. Under 18 by donation. Visit [hillschoralsociety.org](http://hillschoralsociety.org) or call 1800 717 483. ■

## Plant Sale in Blackwood

Don't miss the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley plant sale on **Saturday 4 April** at Waite Street Reserve, Waite Street, Blackwood from **8.30am**. Plants from \$4. EFTPOS facilities available. ■

## The Cucumber Project

Join artists Claire Wildish and Robyn Finlay in an after-school based art workshop offering kids the opportunity to explore their own creative ideas, express the feelings they can't often say in words and be part of collaborative arts projects including exhibitions and public art. Explore a wide range of art mediums at the Cumberland Park Community Centre weekly from **Tuesday 21 January, 3.30pm to 5.30pm**. Call 0408 020 134 or email [i-am@clairewildish.com](mailto:i-am@clairewildish.com) ■

## Hawthorn Night Owls

Enjoy a great social night out at the Hawthorn Bowling Club on a **Tuesday or Wednesday** night at **7pm**. Enter a team of four or join a team. Membership fee \$10 and a weekly fee of \$8. BBQ at **6.30pm**. Visit [hawthornbowlingclub.com.au](http://hawthornbowlingclub.com.au) or call 0437 062 681. ■

## Basketry and Fibre Art Exhibition Tracks Through Weaving at Urrbrae House

Enjoy a stunning display of basketry and fibre art Tracks Through Weaving during the 2020 Adelaide Fringe Festival at Urrbrae House from February 15 to 27.

The Friends of the Waite Arboretum and Basketry South Australia will host a Basketry and Fibre Art Exhibition in Urrbrae House Tracks Through Weaving. The works explore natural and man-made materials slowly and systematically woven into functional containers, sculptural pieces. This ancient craft is experiencing resurgence because of its low environmental impact.

The exhibition will be officially opened on Saturday 15 February at 2pm Marilyn Gilbertson OAM a 20 year member and volunteer to the Friends of the Waite Arboretum and be on display between 11am and 4pm Monday to Friday and 1pm to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays, from February 15 to 27.

Urrbrae House is located off Fullarton Road in Urrbrae.



## Katie's design brought to life

Unley High School Year 9 student Katie Clark's award-winning design is bringing a splash of colour to the walls of Mitcham's Torrens Arms Hotel.

Katie's design was chosen as the winner of an inaugural competition run by the Torrens Arms in partnership with Unley High School.

As well as a cash prize, she had the opportunity to be mentored and work alongside local artist Mike Sander who used her design to create a full-length mural on one of the hotel's external walls. Katie, who is studying Visual Art at the school, said she chose a flower to reflect the City of Mitcham's beautiful gardens.

"Mitcham has lots of nature and pretty places," she says. "The colours represent the Torrens Arms atmosphere and the diversity of the community."

Katie enjoyed working alongside Mike, who came to the school to talk about pathways available

to young artists and designers to kick off the competition.

"Seeing it being painted on the wall was pretty cool and I enjoyed seeing how he interpreted it and came up with the finished product - he did a really good job."

As part of the initiative, a group of Visual Arts students participated in an excursion to Adelaide's CBD to take in some of the different styles of murals painted around the City.

The competition will be run annually and will be open to all Year 8-12 Unley High School students. The school will also offer a unit of work based on street art and community murals that can be incorporated into Year 9 or 10 Art courses this year.

## Looking for a Justice of the Peace Service?

A free Justice of the Peace service is available at the Civic Centre and the Mitcham Memorial and Blackwood Libraries.

Council offers a free part time Justice of the Peace service for residents who need documents witnessed for official or legal purposes.

Service includes:

- witness oaths or affidavits
- take statutory declarations and affirmations
- witness signatures
- attest the execution of a document
- certify a true copy of an original document

### When and Where

#### City of Mitcham Civic Centre

131 Belair Road, Torrens Park  
 Mondays 9.30am to 12.30pm  
 Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm

#### Blackwood Library

215 Main Road, Blackwood  
 Mondays 10am to 12pm  
 Wednesday 10am to 12pm

#### Mitcham Memorial Library

154 Belair Road, Hawthorn  
 Tuesday 10am to 1pm  
 Friday 10am to 12pm  
 Saturday 10am to 12pm

No appointment necessary.

For more information call 8372 8888.



## Mitcham City Brass seeks new players

Have you ever wanted to learn to play a brass instrument from scratch? Do you play an instrument and need a group to play with?

It doesn't matter whether you are an experienced player or just starting out on your musical journey - Mitcham City Brass has vacancies.

All ages welcome. Practice is on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Band Room on the corner of Grange and Belair Roads, Lower Mitcham, opposite the City of Mitcham Civic Centre.

Tuition is available and instruments can be hired. Call 0419 030 746 or email secretary@mitchamcitybrass.org.

To find out more information about Mitcham City Brass visit [www.mitachamcitybrass.org](http://www.mitachamcitybrass.org).



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](http://www.trinityclg.org.au/care-and-share)

Call Janine for your FREE trial day  
 8276 1144





**The Park Ward**  
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I would like to pay tribute to our firefighters, right across Australia, but particularly those in our local area. Their courage is a great statement and I think we have all been in awe of their bravery.

The response of the community has also exemplified the very best of this country with people volunteering time and money to the rebuilding that is ahead.

I am also heartened that most residents have a fire safety plan. Most residents are planning by:

- Checking regularly on the CFS warnings and incidents webpage, for fires on very high and catastrophic fire risk days.
- Considering moving out on catastrophic fire days, especially for children, the elderly and people with illness or disability.
- Coming up with a plan on when to leave, where they will go and how they will get there.

I am pleased that before summer, the Department for Environment and Water cut the grass at the old Belair Golf Course. I had received a lot of community representations in November on this issue.

However, residents are rightly concerned by the longer, hotter and more deadly fire season.

The challenge for us over the next few years is to forcefully act on climate change with greater preparedness and new infrastructure.

What I want to see in 2020 is a budget with a major set of climate change initiatives and I believe this can be achieved.

The Mitcham Council can do its part, funding amenities to respond to climate change, such as shade sails for playgrounds, so they can be used on hotter days in summer. I want to see continued investment in street trees, solar panels and batteries for Council infrastructure, as well as electric car charging points.

I believe that new technology makes carbon abatement, energy efficiency and cost savings available, if we are bold.

There are opportunities to save money and reduce environmental impacts at the same time. For example, installing solar, with battery storage, can obtain a strong commercial offer that reduces our CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, cost and promotes grid stability.

However, to properly fund these investments, we also need to harvest broader efficiencies and savings identified recently by Administration, which at present stand between \$700,000 and \$800,000 as the way of funding this investment.

These savings have been identified through better financial management systems and practices at Council.

The Council has a one-off opportunity, from the harvesting of these savings, to reprofile and change the focus of the investment program we have.

I will be pressing my fellow Councillors to allocate a significant portion of these savings for new and deeper actions on climate change investment.



**Craigburn Ward**  
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Wishing you a fulfilling year despite the shocking start with fires across the country. My deep condolences to the families of those who have lost loved ones and sustained damage during the fires. We are heartened by communities coming together to assist those who have been severely impacted. I spent part of January on Kangaroo Island and wish to share my personal experiences and how they likely relate to the Mitcham hills.

**The Alert SA App:** I was with farmers and town residents aged 20 – 75 years and all were accessing information via the Alert SA App and CFS website and these did not fail. For me the app provided binging alerts as it knew where I was and as such is useful when holidaying. Having your phone beside the bed and not turned off during the fire season can enhance safety.

**Leave early:** A weather station on KI recorded fire temperatures of 458°C+ with the massive temperatures, density of smoke, ash and embers moving incredibly fast. I heard stories of families preparing to evacuate knowing the fire was 20+km away and then finding it upon them. In our district if we all leave at the same time the roads will struggle.

**Have a fire plan that suits your family:** Are your triggers to leave the area a catastrophic or extreme fire danger day, embers dropping in your garden, smoke...? I do a bit of sailing and we have a saying that there is a gap between discomfort (perhaps sea sickness) and danger (drowning). In the Mitcham hills discomfort may be leaving the area early on a catastrophic fire day, leaving pets at a vet, mooching around shopping centres and staying at a motel while danger is when wind and fire are threatening.

**Fire sirens** were used to call KI CFS volunteers to report for duty. I was staying west of Kingscote and never heard a siren. CFS for the Mitcham hills area have repeatedly stated that they do not support the re-introduction of sirens to the Mitcham hills as there are now far more accurate and informative methods available.

**Animals:** On KI my friends had left their properties and gone to safer areas bringing dogs with them but were very concerned about animals left behind. Mitcham hills residents can take pets to vets out of the fire danger area for a fee.

**Designated gathering points:** The KI football club ovals were advertised to provide immediate safety for residents and tourists who had left the fire area and community meetings were held. A handout, 'Your Guide to Help after a Fire', was provided and contained key contact details and next steps. I had great confidence that sound processes were in place. In the Mitcham hills know the 'Safer' and 'Last Resort' sites near you - there are no 'Safe' locations. Emergency Services have identified suitable buildings should a disaster occur (fire, earthquake, chemical etc) and these are widely advertised once the location/s of a disaster is known.



**Overton Ward**  
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As you know, City of Mitcham has many different grants and through them we support various activities of the community. Being a member of the Grants Committee, I get to know a lot of new ideas, plans, goals of different individuals or groups. I read their written applications, listen to their deputations and then comes the hard task of choosing the ones which will receive the financial support.

A reception for the successful grant recipients from the September 2019 round was held on 4 December last year. At that occasion the representatives of the awarded groups give a short 'resume' of their work and it was very clear how enthusiastic they are for what they do. It was a great joy for me to talk with them after the formalities! I'd like to mention here the Pacific Islands Council of SA, which organises a Pacifica Sports Day. Urrbrae Agricultural High School conducts a statewide interschool Gymkhana (horse competition) outside the curriculum with 140 competing horses.

Operation Flinders Foundation's program effects a positive life change for young people at risk, by improving self-esteem and the rate of return to education.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of SA and NT Inc prepared a project Living Well Night and Day for people living with a chronic health condition and their friends, families and carers.

The Friends of the Waite Arboretum are planning an exhibition by the members of Basketry SA, reflecting the love of the handmade, using traditional methods in a contemporary way.

This is not a full list of the grants' recipients and I haven't yet mentioned those who in this round didn't receive the grant they asked for but who are regardless of that an important part of the community and we appreciate what they do.

That evening I was a very happy Councillor. So many great activities, so many people who give their time, knowledge, energy to make this a better place, who help those in need, who make our environment nicer, healthier, happier - I thought. It was such an uplifting experience! And not just for me. That evening the air was full of positivity. We can make a difference! There are many people like this!

I am writing this at the start of January. Australia is burning and we are awaiting the second half of the summer with fear of heatwaves and fires. I'd like to suggest to you one idea: when the weather cools down, give your wife, son, friend or grandchild a tree. It can be a special birthday gift or simply a gift of love. Plant that tree, water, nurture it. It will love you back: give you shade, clean the air - reminding you even when you will not be there. We are not always able to save the trees from the flames. We'd like to but can't. But we certainly can plant new life in our gardens and yards. We need them so much!



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Best wishes to everyone for a happy and prosperous New Year.

I was saddened by the recent bushfires and the loss of lives, animals and property and my heartfelt sympathy goes to all who have been affected. It was a tough start to the 2020 decade, but we must remember how resilient we are. Already trees are sending out new shoots of green that give hope that life will rebuild. For those who have not been personally affected, the stories we hear give a timely reminder that we must each have a personal bushfire safety plan and be prepared to enact it. I welcome as a learning opportunity, the regular conversations about what it means to have a fire safety plan and the significance of fire evacuation planning.

In 2020 the Springbank, Goodwood and Daw Roads intersection upgrade project will start. I have been nominated as one of the Council representatives on the State Government community liaison group for this project. When representatives are told about issues affecting residents, schools and businesses they will raise those at the meetings. From my experience on the Darlington South Road CLG, I have seen that the community liaison group process is a good conduit to advise the State Government of problems with the build process and to help them solve issues.

2020 started with a wonderful Australia Day celebration held in St Marys Park, on January 26th. As part of this Australia Day event we celebrated the City of Mitcham Citizen of the Year Award, given to people who have contributed significantly to our community. There were three joint Australia Day Citizen of the year awards given this year, to Mr Geoff and Mrs Elisabeth Bartlett for their work with the Blackwood Action Group and Mr Davis Ennis for his life time volunteering and for establishing the Repatriation Hospital Museum. The Mitcham Band Festival was awarded the Community Event of the Year.

Following this presentation, we welcomed our newest citizens with an Australian Citizenship Ceremony. The newly refurbished space at St Marys Park was a perfect venue for this event and showcased the beautiful park with green lawns and the large gum trees in the background. There was a free 'Aussie BBQ', musical entertainment, plus free face painting and other activities for the kids including a 'come and try sports' that are held at St Marys Park.

Did you know, that according to a Mitcham Heritage survey, St Marys Village was established in 1839 near the St Marys Anglican church and the village of Springbank was created in 1848 followed by Clapham village in 1850. Sadly the Church is all that remains of this early phase of Mitcham. If you have an interest in the history of the area then please talk to staff at the Mitcham Local History Service, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham; phone 8372 8888.

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



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I write this as the fires are still burning on KI and in the Victorian high country. Savage fires have been burning across the country since October. Most of these fires are burning where there is dense vegetation. Extended drought conditions have dried out the undergrowth and added to the unusually intense heat and disastrous results.

The fire at Cudlee Creek had a devastating effect with the tragic loss of life of a well-loved member of the local community.

Mitcham Council has been asked to provide logistic support to Kangaroo Island. This request has come from the Local Government Functional Support Group for resources to assist with the recovery phase of the current operations. The Mitcham hills are not immune to such events. The buildup of highly flammable trees and bush in certain areas is terrifying. Council used to have a policy that supported private landholders in clearing of Olives and Black Berries, I plan to raise this again as a matter of urgency.

It does raise the debate about private land holding, land management and community responsibility. The size of this problem requires a joint approach between private and Council/State to exacerbate bush fire risk to all. To its credit Council has a good report card on clearing on its land.

With the weather patterns that accompanied the fires 46°C and worse we are reminded that all human development creates heat. From clearing scrub for agriculture to infill suburban development, in both cases trees are removed and bare hot surfaces replace them. Poor use of solar passive design in new buildings rely on air conditioners which pump out hot air and so it goes.

Speaking of suburban re-development, the next few months will see Council provide a response to the State Government's new Planning and Design Code. The community engagement period was from 3 October to 28 November. These results will be analysed by Council in February and the response will be collated and sent to the State Government in March. This will hopefully result in acceptable variations leading up to the full implementation in July 2020.

The council response will be considered by the State planners, but their decision is final. The date for implementation is July 2020.

Other recent matters include the failure of any level of government to secure the vacant land adjoining the Torrens Park Railway Station. The proposal was for a park and ride facility to alleviate parking at the Mitcham Railway Station area and reduce parking pressure in the surrounding suburban streets. My motion to secure the site by the Council failed and the land has now been sold for private development.

The suburban densification aims of the State Government partly designed to reduce urban sprawl has the unfortunate effect of reducing mature tree cover. In turn this increases pressure on our existing stock of trees on public land and the need to increase public space to compensate for the loss of private backyard space and gardens.

Happy busy New year to all.



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Happy New Year and welcome to our new decade! In our hills community, courtesy of various combinations of Council, State and Federal funding we will be looking forward to:

- Completion of the new Hewett Reserve clubrooms at Blackwood. A fantastic new facility for the hundreds of football, tennis and netball families as well as improved drainage for the oval.
- Upgraded facilities including an all-weather artificial turf and new clubrooms for the hundreds of soccer families that play at Sturt Lions Football Club at Karinya Reserve in Eden Hills.
- New clubrooms for the Eden Hills Scouts to replace their old and dilapidated hall.
- Upgraded public toilets, a water fountain, a sheltered barbecue, a bike stand and upgraded cycling/walking paths at Treetop Playground off Blackwood Park Boulevard at Craighburn Farm.

We also expect that the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club at Hawthorndene Oval will now progress their clubrooms following Council consent in November. Each of these major infrastructure projects will be managed and delivered by our hardworking property team.

We also look forward to the second stage, more detailed designs for the Blackwood Community Hub on Waite Street Reserve. Community consultation will follow - one single story, another double story with different footprints on the reserve. The new playground (now complete) is only stage 1, with stage 2 to follow with the new hub (maybe even a toilet).

Council voted to develop an indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan. This will embed into everything Council does the respect and consideration owed to the original custodians of this land - the Kurna people. It will be developed in consultation with Blackwood Reconciliation Group and local elder, Mr. Allen Edwards Snr.

On reconciliation, I now have confirmation that Council can and will fly the Aboriginal, Australian flag and Council flag at the newly upgraded roundabout. This is historic - the first time the Aboriginal flag will have flown on a permanent basis in the heart of our community. The date will be announced.

I advocated in 2019 for a new cat confinement bylaw. I look forward to receiving the detailed results of the recent community survey. I understand that over 500 residents responded and over 80% are in favour of a new bylaw to confine cats from wandering in order to protect our native wildlife, and the cats.

This year, Council's increased funding for the accelerated tree planting program will get into top gear - a first practical step towards mitigating the ever more obvious effects of climate change. Council's newly passed declaration of a Climate Emergency and our vote to join the Cities Power Partnerships will this year need to translate into tangible, effective and economically responsible projects including solar on all Council buildings. We may even have a debate on pausing or slowing the footpath and asset backlog work to put money into mitigation projects.

While these are some of the 'big' items I have voted for, I also look forward to working with residents on issues however large or small. My door is always open. Let's go!

*Editor's note The Aboriginal Flag previously flew temporarily from 26 May to 11 November 2019 as a continuation of National Reconciliation Week 2019.*

## Positive Ageing: Because I Can

If you are over 60 join this free workshop to learn simple and practical skills to improve your confidence and motivation over one day at Cove Civic Centre on 25 February.

**Date:** Tuesday 25 February  
**Time:** 10am to 1.30pm  
**Location:** 1 Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove

## Positive Ageing: Moving Towards Wellness

Learn tips and skills to better manage your health and increase your wellbeing with our free six-week program at Glandore Community Centre commencing 24 March.

**Date:** Tuesday 24 March to 28 April  
**Time:** 10am to 12.30pm  
**Location:** 25 Naldera Street, Glandore

## Positive Ageing: The Secret to Feeling Good...

If you are a man over 60, this free six-week program will help you to capitalise on your strengths and develop problem-solving skills and strategies to cope with adversity.

**Date:** Wednesday 25 March to 29 April  
**Time:** 1pm to 3.30pm  
**Location:** Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre, 34 Hessing Crescent, Trott Park

Light refreshments are provided with transport available upon request.

These programs are a joint initiative of the Cities of Mitcham, Marion, Holdfast Bay and Onkaparinga.

**To register please call 8372 8887.**



POSITIVE AGEING:  
**MOVING  
TOWARDS  
WELLNESS**



## Sensory Blankets to help people in need

The Knitting and Crochet Group, which meets at the Cumberland Park Community Centre, has presented Sensory Blankets to Resthaven to help people living with Dementia and Uniting SA Port Adelaide to help people in need.

Sensory blankets help keep hands occupied and provide sensory stimulation. The Group also donated a variety of warm and sensory blankets, knitted toys and beanies to Uniting SA, and has introduced a new quilting group.

The Knitting and Crochet group is in desperate need for more wool. If you are able to donate please deliver to either the Cumberland Park Community Centre or to the Civic Centre attention Rebecca Olthoff.

The Cumberland Park Community Centre, known as 'Cumby', offers a place that creates an opportunity for our community to meet, socialise and connect. New people are always welcome.

The Cumberland Park Community Centre is located at 388-390 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park.

### Wednesdays at Cumby

If you are looking for something to do, drop in to see us on Wednesdays and meet people in your area.

**Community Tai Chi**  
**9.30am to 10.30am**  
Cost: \$7

**Knitting and Crochet**  
**9.30am to 12pm**  
Cost: Gold coin

**Quilting**  
**9.30am to 12pm**  
Cost: Gold Coin

**Kindergym**  
**9.30am to 12.30pm**  
Cost: Term fee applies

**Cooking at Cumby**  
**9.30am to 12.30pm**  
Cost: Gold coin

**Gardening**  
(in the centre vegetable garden)  
**9.30am to 12pm**  
Cost: Gold coin

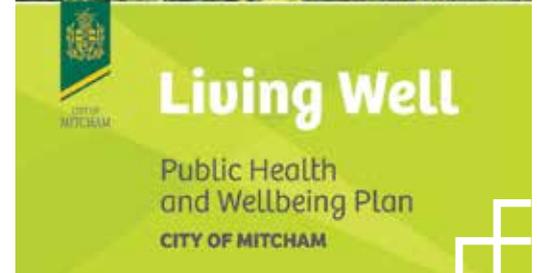
**Tea and Toasties**  
**10am to 12pm**  
Cost: Gold coin

**Men's Coffee and Chat**  
**10am to 12pm**  
Cost: Gold coin

**Art Classes**  
**10.30am to 12.30pm**  
Cost: \$7

These programs are independent and led by the community.

**For more information contact Rebecca Olthoff on 8372 8128.**



## A New Health and Wellbeing Plan for Mitcham

Mitcham has a new 'Living Well' Public Health and Wellbeing Plan to guide how we protect and promote public health.

Council has long played a diverse role to support the health of its community as a leader, service provider, partner, facilitator, advocate and regulator. The new 'Living Well' Plan will help Council to focus its efforts and resources to encourage health for all, especially the most vulnerable of our community.

Thank you to everyone who participated in developing the plan. Your feedback highlighted the value you place on Mitcham's green open spaces that create the opportunity to be active while at the same time connecting with other people. You also told us that social connections are highly valued, as well as having a clean and safe living environment that ensures access to suitable housing, clean air and water, and healthy food.

Council welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership with community groups and other organisations. For more information about our new 'Living Well' Public Health and Wellbeing Plan visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/livingwell](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/livingwell)

## Mitcham's Community Bus

Access your local community through the friendly Mitcham Community Bus service.

Our Mitcham Community Bus service is available for eligible residents to take trips to local shopping centres Mitcham Square and Castle

Plaza, Blackwood Library, Central Market and Westfield Marion.

Volunteers will collect you from your home, allowing you to catch up with others and shop independently.

The cost is only a \$4 donation for a return journey.

**To reserve your seat call Dennis on 8374 7791.**



# Learn how to be Green at Mitcham Memorial Library

The Mitcham Memorial Library is set to host a series of Green Living Workshops in February, March and April.



## Natural Homes

Examine ways to redesign your home for health and wellbeing and to reconnect with natural materials, plants and light.

**Date:** Wednesday 26 February

**Time:** 6pm to 7pm

**Cost:** \$5



## Native Bees in your Backyard

Explore the special role of native bees and learn how to make a native bee hotel at the Native Bees in your Backyard workshop.

**Date:** Saturday 28 March

**Time:** 1.30pm to 3.30pm

**Cost:** \$10



## Sustainability Skills

Learn how to make beeswax wraps, produce bags and jute scrubbers to cut down on plastic use.

**Date:** Wednesday 29 April

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm

**Cost:** \$10

**Bookings are essential via [urbansustainability\\_adelaide.eventbrite.com](https://urbansustainability_adelaide.eventbrite.com). To find out more call Mitcham Memorial Library on 8372 8244.**



## Don't Bag Your Recycling

We hate to be a nag, but please don't place your recycling in a bag!

Soft plastic bags are a huge contamination issue and should never be placed into your yellow lidded recycling bin. So please, place your recyclables into your yellow lidded bin loosely.



Sherie Walczak, City of Marion, Nick Banks, Red Cross, City of Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross, City of Onkaparinga Deputy Mayor Geoff Eaton, Dani Austin, Red Cross and Hon Minister for Emergency Services, Corey Wingard.

## Mitcham Wins Award for Climate Ready Communities Program

Australian Red Cross, in partnership with the Cities of Mitcham, Marion, Holdfast Bay and Onkaparinga as part of the Resilient South Climate Ready Communities Project, has received an Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience (AIDR) Resilient Australia Award for the Climate Ready Communities Program.

The Climate Ready Communities Program funded by the Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs and the Government of South Australia through the Natural Disaster Resilience Program has supported communities to be better prepared for the impact of climate change on the intensity and frequency of extreme weather events – both now and into the future.

The program has now trained 107 people, aged from 16 to 75 years of age, to become Climate Ready Champions to lead resilience in their communities, including educating others about emergency risk. These champions were able to raise awareness of how to be climate prepared through conversations and events to over 5,600 people.

**For more information on the City of Mitcham's work in the Climate Ready Communities Program visit <https://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/environment/climate-change/resilient-south>**

## Discover all the Fun with the Mini Bin Game

The Mini Bin Game is a miniature version of our three-bin system to help you learn what goes into each bin.

If you struggle with knowing what goes in which bin, then the Mini Bin Game is a great educational game that will get you talking. It includes miniature versions of our three-bin system and cards with pictures of items to be sorted into the correct bins.

The game is designed to be used by families, schools, and community groups.

The kit can be purchased for \$60 plus GST or hired for \$50 per week. It includes:

- Miniature bins for sorting
- Answer sheets
- Picture cards
- Explanation sheet
- Instruction sheet

**To purchase or hire the Mini Bin Game contact KESAB on 8234 7255 or visit [www.kesab.asn.au/product-sales/kits-games/mini-bin-game/](http://www.kesab.asn.au/product-sales/kits-games/mini-bin-game/)**





## Neighbour Day BBQ Competition

The streets of Mitcham are set to sizzle with community barbecues thanks to a Neighbour Day competition to kick off in February.

As part of the competition, City of Mitcham residents are being encouraged to get to know their neighbours by hosting a street party.

Held on the last Sunday in March, Neighbour Day is an annual celebration of community that aims to foster connections that last year-round.



Let us know what is great about your street and the people in it to go in the draw to win a new barbecue and a \$250 food voucher. Two streets in each ward, and three in Craigburn, will be awarded prize packages.

To enter, download the entry form at [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/neighbourday](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/neighbourday) and tell us what is great about your street. We are also happy to send you an entry form. Please contact our customer communications team on 8372 8888 for one to be sent to you.

Winners will have the opportunity to connect with their local Elected Member who'll be invited to come along on the day.

The winners will be drawn on the afternoon of Tuesday March 3 and notified by the City of Mitcham.

Barbecues need to be hosted between 29 March and 30 April 2020.

**Applications close on 28 February - get yours in today!**

**Further information and terms and conditions please visit our website [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/neighbourday](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/neighbourday)**

## Carols at Kingswood Oval

Thank you to our community who helped make 2019 Carols at Kingswood Oval a spectacular success.

We would like to thank the 4,500 strong crowd who enjoyed singing at the top of their voices at our Carols at Kingswood Oval event in 2019.

Thank you to everyone who helped make it a special night.

To see the images from the Carols visit our Facebook page.



*Cr Katarina Steel, Cr Karen Hockey, Jayne Stinson MP Badcoe, Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross, Katrine Hildyard MP Reynell, Cr Lindy Taeuber, Cr Jasmine Berry and Cr Yvonne Todd.*

## Mitcham marks 125 years of Women's Suffrage

Last November Mitcham celebrated the 125th anniversary of Women's Suffrage at a Mayoral Reception hosted by Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross.

To celebrate 125 years of women's suffrage our Mayor created a Pledge of Gratitude, on behalf of the City of Mitcham, to express our thanks to the suffragists of old. The pledge was presented at a reception attended by 30 guests including MPs Jayne Stinson, Katrine Hildyard and Carolyn Power. On 18 December 1894, the Parliament of South Australia passed ground-breaking legislation that made South Australia the first state in Australia to give women the right to vote in general elections

and stand for election to Parliament. The passing of the Adult Suffrage Bill was the result of many of years of intense lobbying by suffragists - both men and women.

Over 1,000 people signed the pledge which will be officially recognised on Thursday 5 March with a formal gathering by Jayne Stinson MP Member for Badcoe and Carolyn Power MP Member for Elder before being tabled in State Parliament by Carolyn Power MP at 2pm.

**For more information on the 125th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/discover/whatson/seeking-todays-suffragists](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/discover/whatson/seeking-todays-suffragists)**