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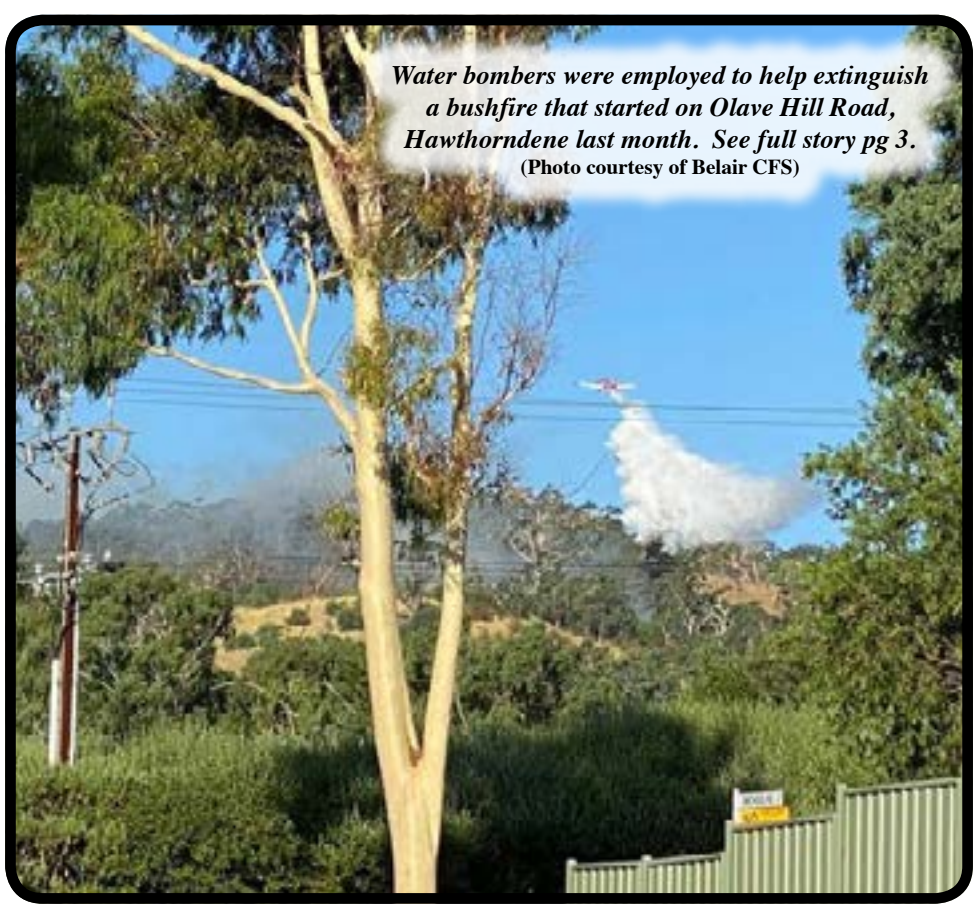


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No major activities for former golf course

by James Swanborough

WHAT has happened with the former Belair National Park Golf Course space since the community consultation was completed back in May 2021?

It was announced at the time by the former Liberal government, that no major developments would take place upon the former Golf Course site, with then Environment Minister David Spiers stating, "There might be some walking trails and mountain bike tracks over time winding through the landscape, but there's not going to be any significant recreational activity like soccer or any other sport occurring there," he said.

A portion of the land was previously slated to become soccer pitches for the Sturt Lions Football Club, but the plans were ditched after strong community outcry.

"We'll have talks with people who are interested in things like frisbee and disc golf, those sorts of low-impact things, that might use the

site, but I won't be taking forward any significant proposal," added Spiers.

Local MP for Waite, Catherine Hutchesson said recently, "It's my understanding that Disc Golf received a grant through the previous government to use the space in there.

"Local mountain bike business, *Escape Goat* received a grant to connect, expand and maintain trails.

"There are also minor upgrades to facilities the caravan park are putting in, removal of dilapidated assets such as the old workshops, golf barriers, and landscaping of the car park adjacent to the park entrance."

Pest control and restoration work have also been taking place on the site, with Friends of Belair National Park holding a planting day late last year.

"They have been planting some natives to try to regenerate from years of pesticides and fertiliser, but the weeds are taking over, so there is an amount of work to do there.

However, low woodland shrubs and grasses have been planted," Catherine added.

"I've had other low impact ideas raised but we are working out how they might be suitable or not.

"It will be good to see fun ways people can enjoy the space in a low impact manner, and that the native flora is able to flourish, so that animals can continue to forage through the space.

"It's been a big wet season, so the slashing has been pushed back because grasses hadn't cured enough, but it has all been slashed recently."

Catherine said there were still currently no major developments planned for the site.

"One of our commitments was around not having private development in park areas. The deputy premier is very passionate about retaining native scrubland and parks as they should be, so there's nothing major on the table for the site currently." □

Low impact 'Parkrun' idea being considered

by James Swanborough

A PROPOSAL to start up a 'Parkrun' group utilising a circuit through the Belair National Park is being looked into by local MP for Waite, Catherine Hutchesson.

"I've been to a few Parkruns at Cleland and Brighton, and always wondered why we don't have one up here," said Catherine, "as I know lots of people from the area are involved."

Parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate with a 5km distance on Saturday mornings, while a 2km junior parkrun is dedicated to 4-14 year olds and their families, held every Sunday morning.

There are currently 460 parkrun events around the country taking place every weekend, with more locations being added all of the time. It is a positive, welcoming and inclusive initiative, there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along.

"It's all about bringing community together, and we have such beautiful green spaces to utilise," added Catherine.

"When I was out and about the other day, I



mentioned the idea of a local run and there has been a really positive response. We are looking at a trial of what the 5km might look like, where the route might be and how to make it as inclusive as possible.

"There is a trail which goes through the former golf course, which I did a partial survey of, and it's mostly flat but there are a few rocky outcrop areas, so we will be looking at where we can do that, as it's a great low impact activity that can utilise the park space."

◆ Photo - People of all ages and experience, some even take their pets, join in the fun and friendship of participating in ParkRun events

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Healing power of nature celebrated at Fringe Show in Belair National Park

LOCAL musician Matt Cattanach has much to be grateful for when it comes to the healing power of nature.

Despite mental health challenges with anxiety and depression, in part manifested from the stress of his father's own mental health issues, Matt has gone on to become an award-winning educator and musician.

Matt credits time spent in Belair National Park as being critical to his healing and creativity and he has joined a team of artists to celebrate the healing power of human connection with nature in the 2023 Adelaide Fringe show, *'Beyond the trees; exploring connection through music, sound and colour'*.

"Over the years I've spent a lot of time stuck in unhelpful habits and routines as I've dealt with anger and trauma from my childhood. The thing that has helped me most is the countless hours I've spent walking barefoot in Belair with guitar in hand," said Matt.

"There are so many reasons and ways to connect deeply with nature, and science is starting to reveal what Aboriginal people have known for a very long time. Humans need to live in relationship with nature, to be an integral part of nature to thrive."

Matt is excited to be collaborating with Local Kurna Elder, Uncle Tamaru, poet Jason Tyndall, Visual Artist, Theresa Bassett and fellow Magic Tortoise Band member Bas Tijdhoff to perform their groundbreaking show to audiences on Saturday February 25 and Saturday March 4 in the Park.

The show celebrates relationship with nature through a combination of story, music, poetry and projected art, and is presented amongst stately gum trees near the Main Pavilion. The group of artists road tested the show concept in October last year to rave reviews.

"People loved the way the show was performed outdoors while the bush transitioned from evening to night, and the gum trees became stars of the show as they were lit up by a stunning light show," said Matt.

Hills resident Jen Pitman said, "This was the best night out I've had for ages."

Another audience member, Euan Black said, "It was such a special night in a beautiful location. Matt is such a strong storyteller and talented musician and shared openly with such vulnerability."

Matt said the highlight of the October show was a man who came up at the end of the show with tears in his eyes, thanking Matt for the forgiveness song he sang during the show. This man said he'd been given a new perspective on his relationship with his Dad and he was deeply grateful.

A beautiful night of heartfelt art awaits. Make sure you book early for the shows on Saturday February 25 and Saturday March 4 in Belair National Park.

□ Tickets include free entry into Belair National Park and can be purchased through Fringe Tix by searching for; "beyond the trees".

◆ Photo on left: - Magic Tortoise performing at the October Nature Festival in front of Theresa Bassett's nature inspired art projections. From left: Jason Tyndall (sitting down), Matt Cattanach with Bas Tijdhoff

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Things can quickly get out of hand

by James Swanborough

A FIRE on Olave Hill Road, Hawthorndene last month, which was successfully controlled due to the swift response from emergency services, serves as a warning to all the Hills community to remain vigilant over the summer months.

The blaze, which is believed to have been started by an electrical fault in a solar system, ignited on Saturday evening, January 14, after CFS crews spent much of the day trying to contain a blaze at Montacute. The fires erupted as temperatures in Adelaide's CBD climbed as high as 40.6C, according to the Bureau of Meteorology

Nine CFS trucks had been dispatched to the area by 7.30pm Saturday, as waterbombers quickly hit the area from the sky.

"Our brigades were on high alert," said Sturt Group CFS chief, Dale Thompson. "We already had crews out at the Montacute fire, and another appliance down in Myponga, so what we had left in the group was reduced, but we were supported by the Mount Lofty group."

"It was initially reported that the fire was on Acklands Hill Road, which caused a bit of confusion, but when the crew got to Coromandel Fire Station, they could see the direction of the fire, so there wasn't much time

lost. The bombers arrived as the crew were making their way there, and were able to drop a load on the site very quickly following the report," explained Dale.

"We got the call at 18:40, and within 14 minutes the first bomber was there dropping loads, within which time there was around half a hectare burning freely in a northerly direction with a house under threat, so it just shows how quickly things can get out of hand."

Four aerial bombers plus two helicopters were dispatched to the blaze, with a total of 12 appliances including command vehicles brought in to assist.

MP for Waite, Catherine Hutchesson was also on site, serving with the Belair CFS.

"We were very fortunate the Cherry Gardens planes got onto it very quickly, and the Sturt and Mount Lofty Brigades were also on hand," said Catherine.

"But it's a reminder that these things can occur even on non-catastrophic days, which is why having a really good bushfire plan is so important, along with not relying on one form of communication. So make sure you have the Alert SA app and monitoring the CFS website, and talk to your neighbours about your plan."

"And also just keep an eye out for people you don't recognise. It's important to make sure the whole family is up to speed on your

plan also, it might be that the kids are the ones who need to enact some of the plan, so it's important to have those conversations. Donating to the CFS makes a difference too."

Local resident and Sturt Group CFS Chief, Dale Thompson agreed with Catherine, emphasising the importance of having a bushfire plan in place.

"The people who owned the property had a plan and they stuck to the plan, which is really important," he said, "and it assists us greatly in our response."

The sparks serve as warning to the local community of the importance to be prepared for any eventualities.

While Cr Darren Kruse recently he had to take matters into his own hands after finding a zip tie locking emergency bushfire egress on Star Lily Street, Craighburn Farm; having to cut the tie open before alerting the issue on social media.

Then some members of the local community claimed the egress had been illegally barred by padlock prior to the severe storms in November, a curious move by residents who value solitude over safety.

"I think everyone needs to add 'put Stanley knife in pocket' to their bushfire plan if this trend of interference with escape routes catches on", posted one resident.

The egress came to prove important during the catastrophic storm damage which took place in November, leading to major roads becoming obstructed, emphasising the importance of keeping roads accessible.

Debris from the storms is still in the process of being cleaned, with some voicing concern of the added fuel during dry conditions.

"There is a lot of fuel out there now, due to the growth season we have had along with storm debris which is a massive, ongoing task," said Catherine.

Dale also noted councils had been committing considerable resources to the clean-up effort. "Councils are working hard, but there is so much debris particularly around the Mitcham Hills, that it will take time, it always does."

For updates during emergencies, listen to your local ABC radio station on a battery powered radio, visit the CFS website <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au> or call the Bushfire Information Hotline 1800 362 361. AlertSA app can also be downloaded from <https://alert.sa.gov.au>

See back page for more information and advice on preparing for a bushfire event

Break-in leaves volunteers shaken and upset

THE Blackwood Uniting Church Bike Shed has been operating now for over twenty years.

During this time, a large number of wonderful volunteers have generously donated their time to restore and refurbish bikes for the community. The group is kindly supported through donations of bikes from the public.

A key focus of the group has been providing bikes for those least able to afford it. Trailer load upon trailer load of bikes have been donated to refugee groups and schools in socio-economically disadvantaged areas.



Photo - Peter Jones (on left) and some of the volunteers sorting out the reconditioned bikes ready to go to needy families both locally and overseas

"The move from the old Belair location to the Blackwood site has been incredible, and we have been welcomed by the wider community of the district," said Peter Jones, spokesperson for the Bike Shed, which is located at the Blackwood Uniting Church near the roundabout, and operates as part of the Blackwood Uniting Church Community Program.

"We've become a part of the local scene in Blackwood. The poor church office manager and her team of volunteers are constantly fielding questions from people, looking for more information about the bike shed, opening times, and how they can drop off bikes," explained Peter.

"The most important thing to the volunteers is that they enjoy being there and know that they are contributing to the overall success of the bike shed. When people feel part of a group, and not just a number in a machine, it changes the way they interact. They become friends working together towards a common set of goals, rather than just staff having set jobs to do before knock-off time."

"We do the best we can to minimise waste and give back to the community. Last year alone, we processed over one thousand bikes and recycled over six and a half tonnes of steel, preventing it from ending up in landfill," added Peter. "And over 450 refurbished bikes were provided to people in need."

It was, therefore, deeply disheartening when the Bike Shed experienced a break-in on December 28, with a collectible bike being stolen.

"Our terrific, close-knit group of volunteers have been really upset by the break-in," says Michael Dowling, minister at Blackwood Uniting Church.



The bike stolen from the Community Bike Shed

"This is their space, where they do such wonderful work for our community, and for it to be invaded like this is just not right."

"One of the worst aspects of the break-in and theft, is the failure of the thieves to appreciate that, in their actions, they were really disadvantaging the most disadvantaged."

However, the Bike Shed which has been operating out of a temporary space, is about to change, with a new workshop having been commissioned and constructed, and the finishing touches to be completed before it is open for business.

"We are truly grateful for the efforts of the many people who support us," said Peter.

"We couldn't do it without the generosity of this community. And, on the subject of the theft, if anyone does happen to see any social media posts offering a bike for sale matching the photo above, please contact the police." □

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1950s 'snapshot' of life in the Mitcham Hills



This year, the Blackwood Action Group History team is using the monthly headlines from the 1955 editions of the 'Coromandel Newspaper' to provide readers with a 'snapshot' of life during the 1950s ...



'In sickness and in health' - March 1954

AVERAGE life expectancy in Australia in the 1950s was 69.60 years ... currently it's 83.79 years.

In their years at primary school, children in the 1950s routinely experienced measles, chickenpox and mumps. Polio and tuberculosis were still present in the community. Unsurprisingly, the very few GPs in the Blackwood area were kept busy.

After World War I, several small 'cottage' hospitals, operated by nursing sisters in collaboration with local GPs, were established in the Blackwood district. Their purpose was to provide a place where babies could be born and some surgical procedures undertaken.

The earliest of these existed between 1918 and 1934 at the northern end of Waite Street. Others were in Blackwood House, the former Temperance Hotel from 1930 to 1949, and at 9 Murray Street.

It seems that there was no hospital in the Blackwood area between about 1949 and 1954. During this time, local patients were sent to the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

This was an era when young couples were starting to move to the hills and the district was fast expanding. ... These facts accentuated the lack of adequate hospital facilities, and with three doctors servicing the area, it was felt that a local hospital could be sustained (above information from Dr Ralph Dutton).

The proposal to provide a community hospital in the Blackwood area was conceived in May 1953.

When the property known as Cherington on Laffers Road, Belair came on the market in 1953, the provisional hospital committee had one month to raise £12,000 to purchase the property

and a further £3,500 to equip it as a hospital. With community fund raising and a state government grant, the objective was achieved.

Financial problems turned out to be a relatively minor problem. Just five days before the scheduled opening day, a severe earthquake rocked the state. Older buildings such as Cherington were the most vulnerable and, in fact, every room except the operating theatres was damaged. Only a sterling effort by volunteer tradies allowed the opening to take place.

The hospital, with 12 beds, opened on 6 March 1954 and the first baby was born one month later.

In its first year, the hospital treated 850 patients including 235 obstetric cases. By 1973, the number of obstetric cases rose to 430; while during the same period, the number of surgical patients rose from 407 to over 1500.

Published in 'The Coromandel' March 12, 1954 ...

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The opening of the Blackwood and District Community Hospital will long be remembered as a day of pleasant surprises, first surprise was that the hospital could open at all after the battering it took from the earthquake, five days earlier. Most pleasant surprise of the day was the announcement by the Chief Secretary Hon A Lyell McEwin that his Government had decided to pay for all the hospital quake damage.

It was a nice gesture we thought to ask Mrs Blades, the previous owner of the property, to hand over the keys with which the Community Hospital was officially opened. ... She commented



◆ Image courtesy of Mitcham Heritage Research Centre.

- I am delighted as you must be at the skillful way in which a wonderfully comfortable family home has been transformed into a modern hospital with all the necessary technical equipment, without destroying the restful and pleasant character of the buildings and its surroundings.

That the Blackwood Hospital opened in March 1954, less than a year after the need for a local hospital was discussed, is amazing. Sadly, the hospital closed on Christmas Eve 2010.

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Letters to the Editor

Such a welcoming community

I recently made the trek to your town to meet friends for lunch.

Where do I start? The food at the café was lovely, service was attentive. So many friendly people stopped to say hello and have a chat.

Even saw the most adorable dash hound too!

I took an issue of your paper home with me in my Xmas show bag from the Member for Waite - full disclosure - she and I are past work mates so it was a special visit especially to her office to finally catch up since the state election.

I enjoyed reading the latest goings on in your informative and educational publication, and will continue to read the future editions online.

Kudos to all on such a welcoming community and the very best wishes for 2023.

*Justina Beltrame
Glossop*

Climate change tipping points reached

The question has to be asked, have the actions of humans already caused climate change tipping points to be reached, that point to an extremely bleak future in regards to the ever increasing disasters emanating from unstable world weather events.?

The 2022 year was certainly a year full of cruel topsy-turvy weather events that caused immense grief to a great many people across the globe.

Large areas of Europe experienced the worst drought in 500 years - many heat records were broken. China experienced periods of extremely high temperatures, the longest since records have been kept.

Continuing shocking drought conditions in parts of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia led to the United Nations to warn that 22 million people

could be at risk of dying from starvation together with a massive displacement of population.

Terrible drought conditions in Western USA have now become the norm, with water supplies a major problem. In Pakistan, record monsoon rains inundated more than one third of the country, over 33 million people affected.

Space does not permit me to go further in relation to the World situation concerning human induced climate change, but I must mention the record breaking fires and floods that all Australian's will unfortunately vividly remember of last and recent years that are still, in part in relation to flooding, continuing now.

Something is terribly wrong with weather conditions across the World. Australians should heed the constant warnings from the UN, NASA and scientists stating that change must take place, now more urgently than ever before, in relation to dealing with human caused climate change.

*Brian Measday
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Council push to reduce organic waste ending up in landfill

by James Swanborough

EVERY City of Mitcham household and business can soon register to receive a free kitchen caddy and roll of compostable bags as part of a push to increase food and garden organics recovery, and to help reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfill.

Residents are invited to register during February for one of 10,000 free green organics bins to be delivered during April and May this year. Residents that don't already have a green organics bin are being prioritised, with rollouts of more bins being planned for 2024/25.

In 2018, the City of Mitcham undertook a free kitchen caddy and compostable bags trial with households in St Marys, Clapham, Panorama, Pasadena and Eden Hills. This trial was supported by a Green Industries SA grant to help residents reduce the amount of food waste going to landfill. Thanks to the efforts of households in the trial area, Council has been able to build on the successful trial and undertake this new initiative.

The new free green organics bin will remain the property of Council, just like your blue landfill and yellow recycling bins.

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City of Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross said the aim of the rollout was to make it easier for residents to separate food and garden organic waste from landfill waste at home.

"We know many of our residents are already doing this, but we hope this provides another incentive and further encourages people to keep up the good work," she said.

"When you put your food and garden organics in the green organics bin, it is sent to a composting facility, keeping it out of landfill where it produces methane. This reduces waste management costs and creates significant benefits for the environment, creating a valuable resource and contributing to a circular economy," explained Heather.

"East Waste, our contractor who manage our waste collection, are working towards the capacity to pick up green waste more frequently, so that is happening in the background as we increase the capacity of collection, so that we can make the decision to have weekly green pickup down the track. There is no council decision to do that yet, but I believe it is what the community want, so we are working towards making it possible."

Supported by \$704,000 in Council funding and a \$199,000 grant from Green Industries SA, the project is in line with Council's commitment to mitigate against the impacts of climate change.

Did you know that nearly 40% of what we throw into our blue landfill bin is food scraps. When food and garden (green organics) waste goes to landfill it produces methane, a harmful greenhouse gas.

You can help the environment and reduce climate change by using your green organics bin and kitchen caddy. When you place your food scraps, garden (organic) waste and other compostable items in your green organics bin it is collected and sent



◆ City of Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross hopes the kitchen caddies will make it easier for residents to separate food and organic waste from going to landfill

to a composting facility to be turned into nutrient-rich compost. Compost has a range of benefits, including:

- Creating healthy gardens by adding valuable nutrients, enhancing the water-holding capacity of soil and reducing water loss through evaporation
- Reducing plant stress during summer
- Reducing soil erosion
- Reducing the amount of organic waste going to landfill and the related greenhouse gases.

The rollout is set to begin in April to May 2023. Kitchen caddies and compostable bags will be left near letter boxes or just within the property boundary. Green organics bin will be left near letter boxes or on the kerbside nearby.

If you don't want a kitchen caddy, please don't throw it away. Either give your caddy to a friend or family member or return it to Council. They will keep returned caddies for reuse, for example for new residents or as replacements for lost or broken caddies.

☐ To register for a green organics bin and find out more, including tips on how to use your kitchen caddy and drop-off locations for returned caddies, scan the QR code or go to mitcham-council.sa.gov.au/kitchen-caddies-and-green-bins.

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Many positive environmental stories to give us hope



BY ANDREW TIDSWELL,
SUSTAINABLE
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IT IS easy to become despondent about negative things happening with our climate and to the environment.

There are, however, many positive things that can give us hope for the future.

South Australia is one of the few places able to meet its total energy demand from renewable sources. In just fifteen years, we have gone from about 1% to 70% of our energy needs provided by wind and solar, and we regularly have days where 100% is met from renewables.

The European Union has passed legislation to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel

cars by 2035, and measures to speed up the switch to electric vehicles. Australia is way behind the rest of the developed world, but could quickly catch up.

University of Sydney researchers have developed a new battery with some four times the energy storage of lithium ones. It is made from sodium-sulphur, a type of molten salt that can be produced from sea water; much cheaper and more environmentally friendly than any current battery.

France has banned short-haul domestic flights where there is a train option that takes less than two and a half hours travel between cities.

Renewables produced more energy than coal in the United States in 2022 for the second year.

Maine University researchers have produced a 3D-printed house made entirely from wood fibre and resin waste from a saw-mill. It was made in modules and erected in a few days. It is planned to roll these out to provide emergency housing.

Brazil's new President has committed to

new legislation to end deforestation of the Amazon rain forest which has wreaked havoc on the area in recent years.

China is building the world's largest wind farm that could power 13 million homes (more than the entire energy needs of Norway). It is being built offshore with thousands of turbines. China currently produces more than half of the world's wind power.

Back in SA, three large solar farm and battery storage facilities have opened at Murray Bridge, Padthaway and Port Wakefield recently, providing enough power for 3,000 homes.

The University of Adelaide has developed (and patented) a process known as thermo-photocatalysis which simply and cheaply converts water into green hydrogen using solar energy. They are working with industry to scale it up to commercial levels.

There is plenty of good news around and more to come.

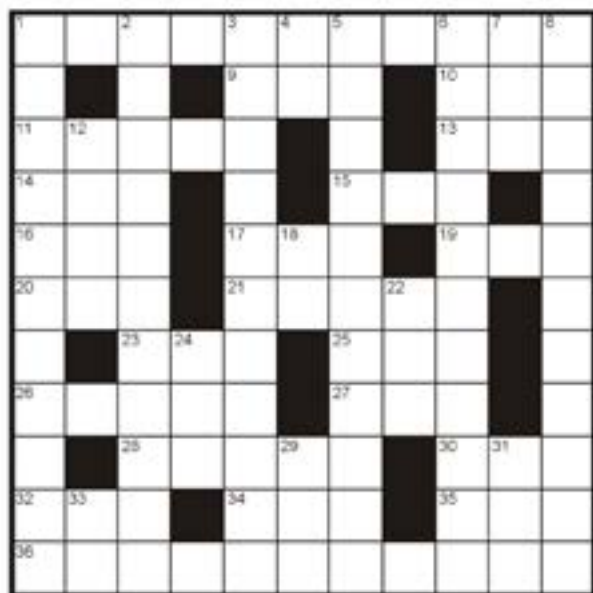


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Park now a site of reconciliation and healing



BY LOUISE MILLER-FROST
FEDERAL MP FOR BOOTHBY

ON Shepherd's Hill Road at Eden Hills, adjacent Karinya Reserve, is a very special place.

Reconciliation Park is the site of the former Colebrook Children's Home, where Aboriginal children from across South Australia were sent to be raised by the United Aboriginal Mission, after being removed from their families and communities.

Thanks to the work of the Colebrook Tjiti Tjuta, Blackwood Reconciliation Group and the Aboriginal Lands Trust, this park is now a site of reconciliation and healing with a series of very moving statues reflecting on the experiences of the children who were sent there and of their mothers and families.

My background is in public health. One of the really important principles of public health is "nothing about me, without me". This principle has been used across health programs that aim to address unequal health and social outcomes for women, men, older people, and those of specific cultural backgrounds.

Because, ultimately, while as a public health practitioner I can design a program along best practice health principles, unless it works for the people we are trying to help, it will fail.

At its worst, it may do very real harm, as we now understand child removals did to both those removed and the families and communities they left behind.

For me, this is the basic principle behind the concept of the First Nations Voice to Parliament that will be proposed in a referendum expected later this year.

In 1967, the Australian people voted to give the Commonwealth Government the ability to make laws impacting Indigenous Australians. Now, over 50 years later, the Voice is designed to give First Nations Australians the opportunity to have input into these laws and programs. By establishing a Voice in the Constitution, it will ensure that this principle is not subject to the whim of current or future governments.

The recent Closing The Gap report, which reports on a number of health and social outcomes where First National Australians have significantly poorer outcomes than the general Australian community, continues to have very mixed results despite years of funding and best intentions.

After fifteen years of Closing the Gap initiatives, life expectancy for First Nations people is still close to a decade less than the broader community.

We are all experts in our own lives and experiences. The Voice will provide input into how taxpayer dollars are best utilised to have the outcomes that will make a difference for the communities that will be impacted.

The Voice will not be a decision-making body. It will not have powers to veto anything, or to enforce anything. It won't be delivering programs.

It will, however, ensure that when making decisions that will impact First Nations Australians, current and future governments will have the best possible opportunity to receive the advice and input they need from those who will be directly impacted.

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New heart and soul locals bring modern approach to real estate

TANNER Hills Real Estate has arrived! After 12 successful years dominating real estate in many suburbs of the city of Mitcham, this exciting new venture for Simon and Bec Tanner, brings their heart and soul approach to selling houses to the hills, with the opening of their second office.

The Blackwood office is a joint venture with local Tanner agents Dave and Sarah Smith, a husband and wife team (see photo below) offering a modern and strategic approach to selling houses and managing rental properties.

"We live and breathe real estate in the Adelaide Hills," says Dave. "Tanner genuinely does real estate differently. Our approach is all about trust and transparency ... and working hard to get the best results possible for our clients."

Dave explains his personal connection with

the community, having been born in Blackwood Hospital, attending Belair Primary and Blackwood High School, and going on to raise his family in Belair.

"I cannot describe how lucky we feel to be living in this beautiful part of the hills. With the Belair National Park on our doorstep, so close to the city and surrounding wineries, and everything you need within a 5km radius of Blackwood, its simply fantastic.

"We assist people on a daily basis including the difficult decision of whether to buy then sell, or sell then buy. We have a genuine interest in our clients and help to provide them with the information they need to make an educated decision when it comes to selling.

"We also offer assistance with trades and project management to take the stress out of preparing a home for sale, and offer support when required with the purchasing process.

"Testimonials confirm our service is honest, professional and result driven... we go above and beyond to make the entire sales process as stress free as possible for our clients. In summary, we genuinely put our heart and soul into real estate."

There is obvious community support for the new office and Tanner team, as many local businesses, clients and friends were there to help celebrate the grand opening on the afternoon of January 20.

With a proven track record and years of successful sales in Blackwood and the Mitcham Hills, Tanner is exceptionally proud and excited to finally establish their second home base in the local area they have serviced so well for many years.

Dave and Sarah encourage you to call by the Tanner Hills office at 227 Main Road, Blackwood (opp. Coles), have a coffee and discuss your real estate needs.

As the sign says "Come on in... we're here to help".



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neighbours and local community group together to make an impact that improves your environment.

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Our kits are available for individuals, families of four and groups of 10 - nominate which size you need as part of the registration process and please make sure you leave two weeks between registering and your event day, so Amazon has time to deliver it to your door!

For information and to register, simply visit <https://www.cleanup.org.au/cleanupaustaliaday>

Your chance to partner with new community hub

by James Swanborough

LOCAL businesses, groups and individuals are being invited to partner with the City of Mitcham with a chance to sponsor the new Blackwood Community Hub & Library.

Council is keen to collaborate with businesses, agencies and members of the community who are interested in an investment that will support community needs for generations to come.

"Partnering with the newly developed Blackwood Community Hub is an opportunity to prominently position your organisation as a supporter of services for all ages within the community," said Mitcham Mayor, Dr Heather Holmes-Ross

"It is so exciting to see Council deliver on its vision to create a vibrant community precinct in the heart of Blackwood. I believe this project will be a catalyst for investment and rejuvenation in this growing hills community."

More than a repository of books this facility will become a community hub, a higher capacity centrally located and sought-after venue, resulting in activation of the Hills precinct.

Comparable community developments have clearly shown that similar projects result in higher usage, increased membership and loans, and a broader range of services and programs being made available.

With the integration of the library and community centre, along with a new gallery space, meeting rooms, and Toy Library, this development stands to be a major influence on the revitalisation of a much greater zone.

This may result in greater economic outcomes and support for local business, attraction of community events and participation, and a clear statement to visitors about the social and cultural makeup of the area.

"There are a range of sponsorship packages and donation partnership opportunities available that will come into effect upon the official opening of the new Hub, scheduled for mid 2023," said Heather.

"This facility will be a dynamic hub that offers resources and support for social, recrea-



tional, educational, environmental, and economic needs and interests. The building will nurture local identity and heritage, empowering our community while promoting a culture of sustainable living.

"We are hoping that businesses, groups or individuals in the community will see the value sponsoring what is the most significant build in Blackwood in a very long time.

"The Hub will be the heart of the community and we do expect people will want to be a part of that. We will be using donations either to support ongoing programs, or one off donations which can be used kit out collections. This is a way people can make significant contributions to the site.

"We are only slightly behind schedule on the build due to the unexpected weather toward the end of last year, but you can see from the construction so far, that it really is going to be the centrepiece we had envisaged for the area. Looking towards an August/September opening."

If you would like more information please contact Sean McNamara Manager, Community Connection on 8372 8204 or email: smcnamara@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

You can also view sponsorship options by searching for "Sponsorship and donations prospectus for the Blackwood Community Hub" at <https://www.mitachamcouncil.sa.gov.au>

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Blackwood commencing at 7.45 pm. All welcome.
Enquiries to Janita on 8278 4898

Live plays are back to entertain

IF you enjoy seeing a live play, the Blackwood Players are back and excited to announce their 2023 program.

"In June, we are proud to present the South Australian premiere of *Some Mothers Do Ave Em*," said Myles Leon, Vice President of Blackwood Players.

Some Mothers Do Ave Em celebrates 50 years since it first appeared on television, and they are proud to present the stage version at the Blackwood Memorial Hall.

The play was written by Guy Unsworth and is based on the TV series by Raymond Allen and is presented by arrangement with Origin Theatrical, on behalf of Samuel French; A Concord Theatricals Company, and directed by Myles.

Then in late October, Blackwood Players will be presenting "*Dracula*", directed by Damien White. Auditions will be taking place in early May.

"More immediately though, we will be holding a fund-

raising event, "Quiz Night" hosted by Tim Noonan, in late March," added Myles.

There are plenty of tables available, so please book online, and have some fun, winning prizes etc.

More information is on their website: www.blackwoodplayers.com and on the poster this page.

"Blackwood Players are also looking for anyone who would like to be involved with theatre. Experience or not, we love to have you on board, whether it's backstage or onstage. And we are always looking for new Directors to submit shows for the company," said Myles.

If you have something in mind for 2024, please submit it to email: blackwood.players@gmail.com

☐ For more information on Blackwood Players or upcoming events, please phone 0421 002 802.

Day of prayer service focuses on world suffering

THE 'World Day of Prayer' held in March this year is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian people of many traditions, who come together each year in over 170 countries to observe a common day of Prayer and Action, for Peace, Justice and Dignity for all.

The service encourages people to actively listen and be enriched by the faith of Christians and people from other cultures. And to hear their concerns and needs, experiencing a richness and appreciation of their expressions of Faith.

The theme of the worship service

'I Have Heard about Your Faith', based on Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and shares the letters of encouragement sent to women who faced suffering and injustice. Their stories of faith contemplate issues that are shared by women and girls around the world and that continue to challenge us to prayerful action.

This worship service, for the people of Taiwan, was developed in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic with all the limitations and suffering that impacted the world during the years of 2020-2021.



World Day of Prayer
AUSTRALIA

The World Day of Prayer Service for 2023 will be held at Our Lady of the Way Catholic Church, 2 Laffers Road, Glenalta at 10am on Friday March 3 ... everyone is welcome to attend and stay for Morning Tea afterwards. See you there.

☐ For more information contact Barbara Colla on 0417 589 098 or email: bwoodpar@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN BLACKWOOD & DISTRICTS

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◆ **1 February**
BLACKWOOD LIONS - meet at 6.30pm in Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Pde. New enquiries welcome. If you want more information or thinking of joining, give Chris Martin a call on 0409 900 499.

◆ **1 February**
BLACKWOOD RECONCILIATION GROUP - meet in the 'Coffee Lounge' room in the Blackwood Uniting Church (near Blackwood roundabout) at 7pm. For more information see Facebook or email: blackwoodreconciliationgroup@gmail.com

◆ **1 February**
BLACKWOOD FREEMASONS - all past and current members of Blackwood no 93 meet from 7.30pm at Masonic Ctr, 229 Main Rd (opposite Coles and behind The CPAP Room premises). If you want more information on Freemasonry contact Ted on 0407 978 214 or e: blackwoodlodge93@gmail.com

◆ **2 February**
BLACKWOOD PROBUS CLUB - meet at Masonic Lodge, 229 Main Road (opp. Coles) from 9.30am. An informal and social outlet for retired and semi-retired ladies and gents. Visitors and new members welcome. Enquiries to Norman on 8178 2653.

◆ **2 February**
TONSLEY VIEW CLUB - meet at the Tonsley Hotel, South Rd, Tonsley, at 11am for 11.30 start. Cost is \$25 for lunch. Often have guest speaker, raffle and trading table. VIEW is a women's group supporting The Smith Family by sponsoring children. Phone Deborah on 0468 630 020 for details or email: tonsleyviewclub21@gmail.com

◆ **4 February**
NATIONAL TRUST COROMANDEL VALLEY & DISTRICTS - anyone is welcome to join in their morning tea and catch up with friends or meet new locals - held at the Watchman House on Main Road from 9am-12noon. For more details check

out Facebook page or phone 0474 066 776.

◆ **2 & 16 February**
BLACKWOOD PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB - End of Year event at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Pde, Blackwood at 7.30pm. Visitors and those interested in amateur photography welcome. Contact Ian on 0410 634 046 or email: panjarri@gmail.com

◆ **5 February**
BOTTLE COLLECTION - from 9am by Belair Scout Group. Collect ALL GLASS bottles and jars, ALL REFUNDABLE cans, bottles and cartons from your driveway. Any queries phone Nicola on 0412 708 940.

◆ **5 February**
BLACKWOOD CRAFT MARKET - from 10am to 3pm at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade. Admission is free. New stall enquiries to Kerrie on 0427 410 917.

◆ **5 & 19 February**
OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE - located in the Belair National Park and is open from 1-4pm. Tour with afternoon Devonshire tea \$15pp; and tour only \$5 for adults and children under 12 free. Entry into Belair National Park is free if visiting OGH - tell staff at gate. For more information phone 0417 870 596.

◆ **6 & 20 February**
BLACKWOOD ROTARY - meet at Belair Hotel, 141 Main Road at 6pm for 6.30pm start. If you would like to attend a meeting or are interested in joining the club, please contact Kevin Marsh on 0428 522 362.

◆ **6 & 20 February**
COROMANDEL VALLEY ROTARY - meet at Parish Hall, 337 Main Road, Coromandel Valley (behind St John's Church) at 6pm for 6.30pm start. If you would like to attend a meeting or are interested in joining the club, contact Peter on 0408 841 150.

◆ **8 February**
BLACKWOOD HILLS CIRCLE OF FRIENDS FOR REFUGEES - meet at Blackwood Uniting Church near the Blackwood roundabout in the Cafe lounge. Everyone welcome to attend. For more information email annabeldayal@gmail.com

◆ **8 February**
ADELAIDE-MITCHAM PROSTATE CANCER

SUPPORT GROUP - meet at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL Club, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens from 7-8.45pm. Guest speakers are arranged for most meetings. All welcome. Enquiries: Ralph 0406 006 654, Roland 0438 604 323 and www.adelaide-mitchamcsg.org

◆ **9 February**
HAWTHORNDENE MENS' PROBUS - meet 9.30am at Belair Uniting Church, Sheoak Rd, where retired men find new interests, new friends and stimulating speakers. Also, regular outings, reading and walking groups. New members welcome - contact Robert on 0488 170 848.

◆ **11 February**
AUST SEWING GUILD (MITCHAM) - anyone interested in sewing from beginners to advanced are welcome. Held at Blackwood Uniting Church, (near Blackwood roundabout) from 1-4pm. Phone Donna on 8374 3172 or 0413 022 162 for details.

◆ **11 February**
BLACKWOOD PHILATELIC CIRCLE - meet at 1.30pm at the Blackwood Uniting Church near the Blackwood roundabout. Displays and sales of a wide range of Australian and World stamps at most meetings. Everyone welcome to attend. Phone Trevor on 0437 050831 for further details.

◆ **12 & 26 February**
JOAN'S PATCH : A GARDEN FOR THE COMMUNITY - meets 2-5pm at Joan's Pantry, Watahuna Avenue, Hawthorndene to share ideas, plant seedlings and tend to community garden. New members welcome. Enquiries to Deb on 0419 824 787 or e: jpkitchengarden@gmail.com

◆ **19 February**
FRIENDS OF GAMBLE COTTAGE & GARDEN open between 1-4pm. Enjoy a stroll through historic gardens and view cottage. Plant nursery open with range of inexpensive plants. Entry is free - 296 Main Rd, Blackwood cnr Dorham Rd. Enquiries to Chris on 0418 827 825.

◆ **21 February**
FRIENDS OF STURT GORGE - meet at 7.30pm. Hold regular working bees to maintain trails and weeding days.

Phone Bob Grant on 7329 8296 for meeting location and working bees. Visit www.fosg.org.au and email: bob-grant@adam.com.au

◆ **22 February**
ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE HILLS - work to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Meet at Belair Hotel at 6.30pm for 7pm start. Visitors welcome. Contact Bev on 0407 603 117 for details.

◆ **23 February**
COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF COROMANDEL VALLEY - has relocated to St Johns Anglican Church Hall, 337 Main Road, Coromandel Valley. Meetings are held at 10am We are a medium size Club with maximum membership of 75. Each meeting we have a guest speaker and each month an outing is planned as well as 'gals' and 'guys' coffee mornings. New members most welcome. Contact Bob on 0418 836 414 or Heather 0448 351 880 for more info.

◆ **27 February**
BLACKWOOD FLORAL ART CLUB - held at Blackwood Uniting Church at 7.30-9pm. All welcome but must email attendance in advance - no experience required. View activities of club at: www.blackwoodfloralart.blogspot.com.au

◆ **27 February**
MITCHAM HILLS COMBINED PROBUS - meet at Club Marion, 262 Sturt Road, Marion from 10.30am. Come and enjoy our happy and friendly retirees for fun, fellowship and friendship. Phone Christine on 0400 809 704 or visit www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/mitchamhills

◆ **3 March**
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE - held at Our Lady of the Way Catholic Church, 2 Laffers Rd, Glenalta at 10am. The service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. For more info contact barbara on 0417 589 098 or e: bwoodpar@gmail.com

◆ **Every Monday**
KEEP FIT FOR MATURE MEN - held at the Belair Community Ctr, Burnell Drive from 7.30-9pm. Keep active with warm up exercises keep fit exercises

and volleyball. Phone Jim Thompson on 8278 2927 for details.

◆ **Every Tuesday**
GROW MENTAL WELLBEING GROUP - held at Blackwood Uniting Church (near roundabout) from 7-9pm. Are you looking for support - everyone welcome. Phone church on 8278 7699 for details.

◆ **Every Wednesday**
RETIRE ACTIVE SA (BLACKWOOD) - Meet at the Blackwood Football Clubrooms on Trevor Tce, Blackwood from 9:30am til 2pm. Do you enjoy Table Tennis, Indoor Bowls, Darts, Pool and Board Games? Tea, Coffee and biscuits supplied BYO Lunch. Enquiries to Brian Andrews on 8327 1247.

◆ **Every Thursday**
COROMANDEL BRIDGE CLUB - meet at the Coromandel Community Centre, Weymouth Oval at 12.30pm. New members and visitors welcome. Tuition available to the inexperienced and learners. Phone Roger on 8278 5320.

◆ **Every Friday**
CARING FRIENDS - meet at the Hawthorn Community Centre, 5 Frimley Grove, Hawthorn at 10am. A friendship group supporting adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Contact Janita on 0403 858 474 or e: acushla54@gmail.com

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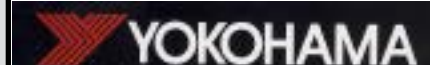
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Community hub and library taking shape



THE tradies are back and it's all systems go on the Blackwood Community Hub & Library, where they're making exciting progress as the new year gets under way.

The upper floor cement has now cured, roof purlins are in and wall framing is under way. Concrete pours for the stairs, planters, and outdoor works have begun. Vermiculite spraying (fireproofing) is under way, and bricks have been delivered to the site.

Known as the 'Blackwood Community Hub' during the construction stages, Council has been working towards a new name for this facility – an initial consultation process has been undertaken with the community, followed by further consultation with the Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Council.

It is anticipated that further consultation will occur in early 2023 in an effort to have the name finalised prior to official opening.

With current progress, the completion timeframe looks to be an August/September opening. □

People contact improves health and wellbeing

"THE importance of 'people contact' is re-emerging after Covid and provides a health and wellbeing benefit to us all," said Trevor Conlan, spokesperson for the Coromandel Valley & Districts National Trust (CVDNT) branch.

"We are back to a full calendar of events in 2023 and have a great range of activities on offer which inform visitors about the history of Coromandel Valley and provide the opportunity to meet up with other interesting like minded people.

"The program commences with our regular morning teas at the Watchman House, 360 Main Road, Coromandel Valley on Saturday, February 4 from 9am to 12noon (see photo below).



"These morning teas are held on the first Saturday of each month and are open to the public. Local regulars and other visitors from remote locations will be welcomed. On these days, we are selling local marmalade and honey and having conversations about local history and family stories," explained Trevor.

At other times, a group visit by arrangement to the Winns Road Historic Precinct can include morning tea, story telling and a visit to the Winns Bakehouse Museum.

While Gamble Cottage and Garden will be open between 1pm and 4pm for afternoon tea on the third Sunday of each month starting on February 19. The Gamble Garden volunteers are again potting up plants for purchase, and of course, the garden itself is never closed and well looked after - plants are also on sale each Tuesday morning.

Visiting groups "by request" has become the new normal and there has been a rise in group visits to Watchman House for morning tea and stories. Many include the Bakehouse in their visit.

The Sturt River Linear Park walking paths have attracted many people to the area of which the CVDNT are part. They recommend taking a short or long walk on a nice day, and with a small group, morning or afternoon tea at the Watchman House can be arranged.

"Every Wednesday afternoon some of us gather at the Watchman House to progress our stories and other project work. There are many interesting photos and documents to be reviewed and made ready for public release. Helpers and volunteers for this work are always welcome," said Trevor.

□ For further information and bookings, contact the Coromandel Valley and Districts National Trust Branch on email: nationaltrustcoro@bigpond.com or call the liaison officer on phone 0474 066 776.

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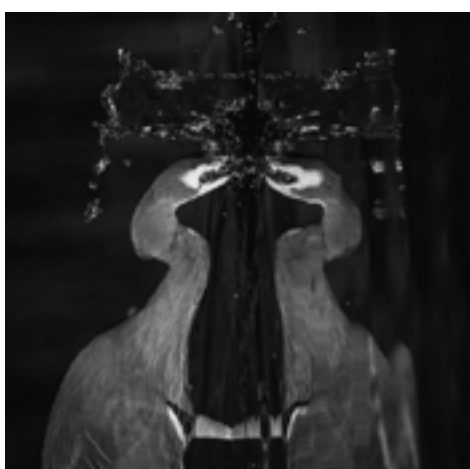
The culmination of these competitions is the Annual Aggregates with awards presented to those members who achieve the highest aggregate of judges' points during the year.

The awards are then presented to the respective recipients at the Annual Exhibition which was held at the Blackwood Memorial Hall last year in November.

The Blackwood Times sponsors one of these awards for the Mono Prints Annual Aggregate.

The award was won last year by Judy Sara, who produces consistently high-quality monochrome photographs. One of Judy's entries was 'Splash', shown below.

☐ If you are interested in learning more about photography and would like some help and advice, get in contact with the Club by phoning Ian on 0410 634 046 or email: panjarri@gmail.com



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UNDERSTAND THE NEW FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

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Across the country, fire & emergency services have applied the AFDRS program, so wherever you go in Australia, you can understand the level of threat and what you need to do to stay safe.

MODERATE -

Most fires can be controlled. Controlled burning may occur in these

conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply.

HIGH -

Fires can be dangerous.

There's a heightened risk. If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk.

EXTREME - TOTAL FIRE BAN

Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous.

These are dangerous fire conditions. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.

CATASTROPHIC - TOTAL FIRE BAN

If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.

These are the worst conditions for



a bush or grass fire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions.

The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas.

For more information and advice go to the CFS website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Be prepared, make a plan and stay informed

THIS bushfire season will continue through until April 2023. Remember to be prepared, make a plan and stay informed.

Don't think it will

Here's what you can do to keep safe:

* **Prepare now:** clear around your property, pack an emergency kit and know your closest Bushfire Safer Place.

* **Plan ahead:** do your 5-minute bushfire plan and share it with loved ones today, and plan for all your pets and livestock.

* **Stay informed:** check the fire danger rating each day and stay informed using more than one source of information in case a fire starts near you.

✓ PREPARE NOW

Did you know that nearly half of South Australians living in bushfire prone areas don't know the meaning of their local Bushfire Safer Place or where to find it?

This bushfire season, make sure you know the difference between your Bushfire Last Resort Refuge and Bushfire Safer Place. If you live in or near one, make sure you include this in your bushfire plan and know how to use it.

Emergencies do happen, anytime, anywhere. Make sure you pack an emergency kit with essential items and keep it in a handy place.

You also need to think about the physical and emotional effects a bushfire will have on you and your family. Preparing yourself to cope with a bushfire is as important as preparing your home and surroundings.

✓ MAKE A PLAN

Would you remember a plan that's just in your head if you're surrounded by smoke, heat and flames?

Making a choice when a bushfire threatens is too late. Your safety and survival during a bushfire will depend on how prepared you are and the decisions you make, and a written bushfire plan will take the pressure off you and avoid arguments and delays.

The care and transport of pets and livestock before, during and after a fire is something that should be considered with bushfire safety. You can avoid heartache if you include pets and livestock when you develop your bushfire survival plan.

✓ EMERGENCY KIT

Emergency kits should contain what you need to help survive a bushfire, what to take with you to safety, and what you may need for up to four days following a fire.

Pack your emergency kit before the fire season, so it's ready when you need it. Every household will require different items in their emergency kit and you won't know exactly what should be in yours, until you've written your Bushfire Survival Plan.

The best emergency kit is one that can be used for all hazards - not just bushfires.

For example:

- Scan important documents and photos onto a USB stick/external drive.
- Buy a battery-operated radio, powerful torch and extra batteries.

Cleaning up around your home?

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Want to put together an 'Emergency Kit' - visit Fire & Rescue Australia in Blackwood for all the bushfire gear

- Save important contact numbers in your phone. Include family, friends and the Information Hotline 1800 362 361.
- Set aside protective clothing (long sleeved, made from natural material such as cotton, sturdy footwear/leather boots and a P2 mask) for each member of the family.
- Put woollen blankets in your car in case you get caught on the road.
- Drinking water.
- First aid kit.
- Don't forget pets. Make sure your pet containers are with your emergency kit or packed in the car.

✓ WHAT TO WEAR

Bushfire protective clothing includes loose fitting clothing made of natural fibres - wool, cotton or denim; long sleeved cotton shirts and full length trousers or overalls.

Have a wide brimmed hat or safety helmet, cotton or leather gloves, goggles or safety glasses, dust mask or damp non-synthetic cloth, sturdy boots or shoes.

Visit Fire & Rescue Australia at 190 Main Road, Blackwood (opp. Banner Mitre 10 Hardware) for all the essential bushfire gear. Phone 8370 2739 for more information.

✓ EMBERS SPREAD BUSHFIRES

If embers land on your property, they can start fires in gutters, under your eaves or in small gaps around your window and door frames, and in the roof cavity.

Pay attention to anywhere embers might enter.

Seal up small gaps in timber decks and screen off larger under-deck areas with non-flammable screens.

Move a ladder and torch inside so you can check whether embers have entered your roof space.

Stay informed using multiple sources

- * Subscribe to bushfire warnings
- * Check Facebook @CountryFireService and Twitter @CFSAlerts
- * Listen for emergency warnings on ABC and have a battery powered radio in case power or your mobile service goes out
- * Call the Information Hotline 1800 362 361 (TTY 133 677)
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