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Tom feels compelled to address loss of tree canopy

by James Swanborough

ONE of our newly Elected Members (Park Ward) at Mitcham City Council, and Belair resident, Tom Morrison, has long been passionate about protecting the tree canopy in our suburbs.

In 2017, after witnessing a neighbour in the Mitcham Hills area remove every single tree in their backyard, only to move out three months later, Tom felt compelled to find out how this was possible.

Discovering how weak tree regulations and protections are in Adelaide, he started the highly successful '20 Metre Trees' Facebook page to raise awareness and propose solutions, reaching thousands of people every week.

He was also instrumental in founding the South Australian Tree of the Year Award; a competition that sees people nominate their favourite trees for the public to vote on, along the way



◆ Photo - Belair resident, Tom Morrison and now Mitcham City Councillor, plans to use his position to promote the importance of maintaining green spaces for the future character of the district

engaging people from both city and country to appreciate the wonders around them.

Over the past three years, Tom has been a lead author on a series of highly influential reports prepared in partnership with Conservation SA and other tree advocacy organisations.

In particular, his work comparing tree regulations in South Australia to equivalent places in other states has been a revelation, changing the public narrative and directly leading to the commitment by the new Malinauskas Government to match Australian best practice in green canopy protection.

"I have long advocated for the preservation of the suburban tree canopy," said Tom, "and I hope to use my position on council to promote the importance of maintaining green spaces for the future character of the City of Mitcham.

"The introduction of the planning code by the State Government last year, was the beginning of seeing how the impacts will play out in the City of Mitcham," said Tom.

"Over the next 4 years, we will begin seeing the impacts on the suburbs that we live in. The single most important thing any council can do, is make sure development is progressing in a way that is appropriate and consistent with the expectations of community.

"The impacts of planning will affect the livability of residents for decades. I don't think it's any secret that people are becoming concerned about canopy loss.

"When I ran for council 4 years ago, one of the reasons was to see if other residents were concerned about tree loss, which they were. Since that time, from talking to residents there is a real concern about the loss of character of their suburbs.

"While I would say those two issues are inextricably linked in our suburbs around the hills, people put a much higher emphasis on the character or identity of their area than trees alone.

"The character is what draws people to buy a house in a particular area, and where the value of their property comes from, so it's quite personal," explained Tom.

"Particularly in the local area, we rely heavily on what is essentially a borrowed garden. While you have your own garden, block sizes are large but not massive, so we are impacted by what happens on surrounding blocks."

The issue of tree removal will be on the minds of residents following the significant storm damage in the area.

"The storms we had come through were horrific and we are very lucky that things weren't worse. Having said that, the likelihood of being severely impacted by a falling tree are very very low," said Tom.

"Trees act as a windbreak in many situations, reducing potential damage to houses, taking the energy out of the wind and pushing downwards, which is why you see a lot of impact to trees but less to houses.

"We are very lucky in the local area for the level of tree coverage we have, and it's very possible to get advice from qualified arborists and consultants in this area."

Tom is also looking to get a tree assistance fund for Mitcham Council residents.

"These funds are available in Unley, Marion and Burnside council areas. The benefits of large trees is felt by all residents who get to experience them, however all associated costs for maintenance fall to the owner of the property they are situated on," explained Tom.

"That becomes difficult particularly for more elderly residents who may have difficulty maintaining gutters and other work associated with significant trees. These are community assets and they should be treated as such, so I believe we do need to bring in an assistance fund, given the City of Mitcham is a tree city of the world,

"I think it is really important we assist residents and rate payers in that regard, because in many respects they are becoming irreplaceable," said Tom.

In South Australia, a tree within 10 metres of a property can be removed without approval and significant trees can be cut down, if found to be in the way of a proposed development that is deemed "reasonable or expected". □

Rotary Fair another casualty of storm

LIMITED fundraising opportunities due to Covid restrictions over the past couple of years has reduced the funds available for Blackwood Rotary Club to give to worthy local and international projects.

With Covid restrictions easing, the club was looking forward to a few events

to raise more funds to support the local community, and their charitable and humanitarian projects.

Since July this year, they have had a successful Rotary Art Show, a BBQ at Bunnings and a second hand book sale.

"The annual Blackwood Rotary Christmas Fair is one of our club's biggest fundraisers," said Club President, Lyn Muller.

"This community event has been run by Blackwood Rotary Club for over 30 years, and also enables other local charities and small businesses to raise well needed funds from their own stalls.

"With a lot of planning we were ready to

stage our first Christmas Fair for 3 years at Karinya Reserve on Sunday November 13," said Lyn.

"We had the site set up on the Saturday and ready to go, working through the rolling thunderstorms in the morning, but we were able to set up shelters and the book and plant stalls between showers.

"All done by 3pm, and then the mini cyclone hit!! Everything was demolished in 10 minutes," explained Lyn.

The devastating storm affected the whole community with trees falling on roads, cars and houses. Power and internet was in short supply for several days.

"We lost all of our new shelters, and nearly all of the books were water logged and had to be discarded. Speakers for the sound system, and a number of tables and chairs were damaged.

"Some of the food bought or prepared for the Fair was donated to Foodbank, and some had to be discarded. We spent the rest of Saturday, and a large part of Sunday cleaning up. Anything that was salvageable was covered in mud, and we are still cleaning these items.

"We are hopeful that insurance will cover the damaged property, but we will not have the benefit of the funds that would have been raised from the Fair. This will impact on the projects which we would like to support next year," explained Lyn.

To date this year, some of the projects Blackwood Rotary has been able to support includes: presenting awards to outstanding stu-



dents in Years 10, 11 and 12 at Blackwood High School; assisting a local scout to travel to an International Scout camp in Switzerland; supported local primary school programs, Foodbank, Treasure Boxes and other local charities with both money and goods.

They have contributed towards a much needed water tank for Cherry Gardens CFS; supported a Malaria Vaccine Project in Queensland, the End Polio Now program worldwide, and Operation Cleft Palate in Bangladesh. Other overseas aid has gone to war-torn Ukraine, Cambodian Children's Trust, and to Nepal, through Friends of Nepal.

"While the storm damage has dominated our thoughts for the last month, we have also continued our regular Rotary meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Belair Hotel," added Lyn.

If you have some spare time on your hands and want to help give back to the community you live in, make some new friends, then get in touch with Blackwood Rotary to find out more.

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Residents left without any communication

by James Swanborough

THE 'cyclonic' storm front which wreaked havoc across the state on Saturday, November 12 is still being reckoned with.

With 423,000 lightning strikes recorded, along with winds of 106 kilometres per hour, according to SA Power Networks; power was cut to 160,000 customers, with 310 outages reported across the state, from the far west through to the eastern border with New South Wales and Victoria, and nearly 500 reports of wires down.

Blackwood and surrounds were some of the worst affected areas, with week long power outages for some residents, as well as major mobile service failures which kept some from seeking assistance or advice in a time of crisis.

Following the storm, an admirable cleanup operation was undertaken by emergency services as well as local residents pitching in, in whichever way they were able.

Member for Waite, Catherine Hutchesson was on the ground assisting CFS crews in the aftermath, and saw first hand the level of work being put in. "This was one of the biggest storms my electorate has ever seen," said Catherine.

She was assisting the Blackwood Rotary Club, collecting table cloths for the Rotary Fair when the storm came through.

"Unfortunately the fair, which was set to take place that weekend had marquees destroyed, some of them blown across the road, with the total damage being in excess of \$25,000.

"As the cleanup was happening, I found that the main road was blocked, and as I went to assist the CFS, I came across four fallen trees. That night, we went to so many houses crushed by trees, so many driveways blocked from exit. The whole district was filled with the sound of chainsaws and generators.

"I want to thank the community volunteers who worked tirelessly, going house to house without returning to the station; SA power networks worked incredibly hard to restore power and local gyms opened their services to offer free showers to those who were without," added Catherine.

The Minister for Police, Emergency Services & Correctional Services, MP Joe Szakacs, also wanted to acknowledge the significant efforts to pull together in response to the disaster.

"These events are becoming more severe. The effects have a profound impact on our community. Homes have been without water and power. It also has a profound impact on those in our emergency services who are responding to the crisis," said Joe.

"Whilst the wind was blowing, power lines were down and roads were blocked, our volunteers from the SES and CFS and career staff from the MFS were on the road, in call centres, manning the phones.

Spectacular audience experience in Belair National Park event

LOCAL residents will be performing two unique shows in Belair National Park as part of the Adelaide Fringe.

'Beyond the Trees' is a special show that explores the healing powers of nature through original music, story and art.

Local Hawthorndene resident and show producer Matt Cattanach said, "We are a bunch of artists who find inspiration, solace and healing

Many Blackwood businesses suffered financially from storm and power outages

WITH many experiencing numerous days without power, the financial impact was felt by both residents and businesses.

Coromandel Valley resident and owner of Blackwood Landscape and Firewood Supplies, Ken Rix, (photo on right) saw the storm impact both his home and business.

"At home, we had a number of branches come down from a big tree in our yard, which tore down the powerline from the stobie pole to our house.

"While at work, we had one branch come down from a tree at the back which damaged a fence between us and the Duck Inn, but we sorted that out pretty quickly," said Ken.

"We went to work on the Sunday morning after the storm had passed, and I have a standby generator which we fired up, running the shop except our lighting.

"It can handle the cash register, telephone switchboard and eftpos machine, which means we can

continue trading, however, by the time we got there the phone system wouldn't work.

"We found out the Telstra tower which services Coromandel Valley had been hit, and the standby battery only lasts a few hours. Obviously, this left us unable to trade because it not only effects the phones, but the eftpos system, and next to nobody carries cash anymore," explained Ken.

"The power didn't come back on until Wednesday, so we lost 4 days trading, which in effect is around \$20-30,000 income. I know the Coro Bakery were also closed at the same time; in fact no-one in that group of shops had power.

"In that sense, it is the worst disaster we have had since I bought the business in 1995.

"We've never had anything like this where we simply couldn't open," lamented Ken.

◆ Photo - Coromandel Valley resident and owner of Blackwood Landscape & Firewood Supplies, lost both phone and eftpos connection during the storm, costing his business somewhere between \$20-30,000 in lost trade.



"Both workers and members of the public were incredibly resilient in the wake of the crisis. There were many who chose not to call emergency services out of consideration for those who may have been in greater need, that speaks a lot to the strength of the community."

While there was praise amongst community members for the work of emergency services and SA Power, some were left questioning whether something more could be done to ensure the function of backup phone and power systems in times of crisis, with particular concern regarding the inability of residents to call for help due to mobile towers being affected.

A Telstra employee explained the difficulties in maintaining connectivity in these kind of extreme weather events ...

"Base stations are reliant on mains power to operate. They are thirsty beasts and an average site uses about the same power as 60 full size family fridges. Each site has batteries installed that kick in when we lose mains power and are designed to enable communications to continue in short term outages.

"For extended outages, when it is safe to do so, our techs bring in portable generators to recharge the batteries and restore services. This is what we did in our area.

"However, power is not the only key factor

in the operation of a tower. Each base station is connected by a transmission link back to a nearby exchange and if there is damage to our cable or our tower, the site will go down, even if you have a whole shed full of batteries and generators," he added.

Energy Minister Tom Koutsantonis said there was ...

"no system in the world can withstand storms and trees moving around, through these extreme weather events"

"So whether it's the interconnector or distribution lines and stobie poles, you are going to have breaks in the system."

Koutsantonis also highlighted the work underway to construct the \$2.4bn SA-NSW interconnector which would build more "resilience" into the system.

"When you're building these systems, they are still subject to natural weather conditions and sometimes, as people have seen, you get these really really big weather events.

"Frankly with climate change, these weather events are becoming more often and more extreme, which pushes us down towards this path of decarbonisation and making sure that we are able to decarbonise the planet." □

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"Having the show set in the magical bushland of Belair National Park is a huge part of the audience experience. As the daylight disappears and the birds nestle in, the projected artwork and the beautifully lit up trees create an enthralling back drop.

Artists include local alternative folk duo Magic Tortoise, local Kaurua Elder - Uncle Tamaru, Visual Artist - Theresa Bassett and Poet - Jason Tyndall.

□ Beyond the Trees is playing on Saturday 25 Feb and 4 March from 7pm. Tickets include free entry into Belair National Park and can be purchased through Fringe Tix by searching for; "beyond the trees".

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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 ...



'Disaster narrowly averted, bushfires cause serious losses' - Jan 1955

AN editorial in 'The Coromandel' in the early 1950s reads "Horse and Buggy days are over, motor cars need bituminised roads. We are living in a residential area, not a farming community. We now have a population of 6,000; we may even get a hall; and we can expect 10,000 extra population within the next 10 years".

While 'The Coromandel' headline of January 14, 1955 screamed ... 'Disaster narrowly averted, bushfires cause serious losses'.

As is still the case today, residents of 1955 lived with the threat of fires and had recent memories of significant fires around Wittunga, sparks from incinerators igniting fires, a fire sweeping through 300 acres below Windy Point and fires in Belair National Park. The frequent wailing of the sirens not only summoned the firefighters but also alerted the community to imminent danger.

Significant losses occurred in the Belair, Blackwood, and Upper Sturt-Ironbank areas....The fire which swept through the area bordered by Gloucester Avenue and Adelaide Road...rapidly spread through the thick undergrowth and scrub to Gulf View Road and Southern Avenue...

The fire ran around and over homes and buildings in the area with the speed of an express train... the district's three fire units (Eden Hills, Blackwood & Belair) did their best to attend all the calls for assistance where homes and garages were burning... another fire was spreading south from Glen Osmond and volunteers... were then placed on strategic positions along the old Sheoak Hill Road, but once again the fire was too fierce and leaping the road settled down to destroying about 800 acres of our National Park... (14 Jan 1955).

The volunteer fire fighters were greatly thanked and fundraising for equipment began immediately with a list of donors and their contribution appearing in following papers.

Following the fires commentary from residents included:

"A red-eyed firefighter was seen to emerge from the smoke and flames at one stage of the fire, and race over to a woman with a bucket, mumbling something about just what he needed, plunge his damp sack into the bucket and race off into the smoke again. It would have been all right except that the contents of the bucket were the results of half an hour's hard squeezing of lemons for cool drink.

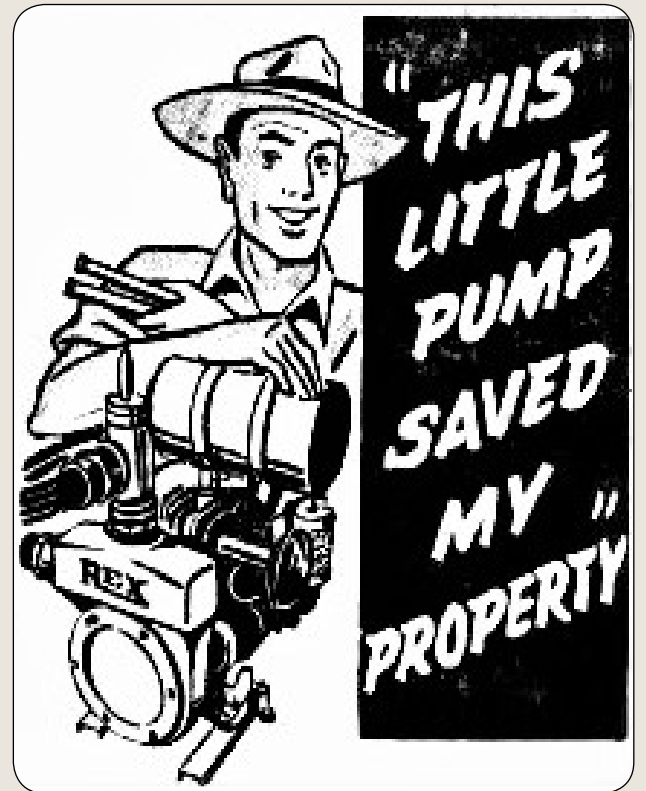
Earthquakes and fires, we get the lot. Things'll be pretty bad when we get a flood, however, with our backs to the Rosewall, the last two singles took a Hoad of our minds and gave us fresh Hartwig".

The following week the headlines read ... "COUNCIL NOT TO BLAME...the corporation has generously supported the service in the past by supplying vehicles and equipment..."

And "INSURANCE HELP ...the time was now right for the Government to bring into force laws COMPELLING the insurance companies to contribute toward Emergency Fire Services.... In 1949 the NSW Government passed a law compelling all insurance companies to pay 50 per cent, of the costs of establishing and maintaining EPS units and their equipment..."

Other 'snapshots' from January 1955 included negotiations for a Polo Field in Belair National Park, Plastic Curtains on sale for 26/6 and the Blackwood Pictures screening 'The Girls of Pleasure Island' and 'Massacre Canyon'.

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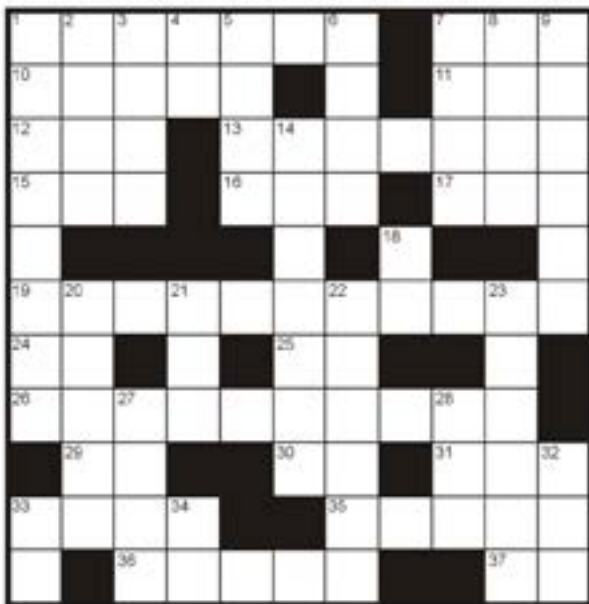
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Extensive range of low cost goods on offer

WITH Christmas now behind us for another year, you may have ended up with some good quality secondhand goods and items that you no longer need, and don't know what to do with them.

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This is a fantastic project on many levels, as not only does it generate funds for the Club that go back into local community groups and Lions programs, but keeps all these goods out of landfill.

And this year for example, some of the proceeds have resulted in donations going to relief for flooded communities and displaced people such as Ukraine immigrant families.

The Bargain Centre is also a hub for providing low cost goods for disadvantaged people trying to set up a home for themselves. As well, the general public are able to purchase goods at very affordable prices; anything from a dining table

to homewares to building materials it's worth just dropping in to browse around the sheds full of affordable goods.

In order to return some of the proceeds back into the community, the Blackwood Lions Club welcome requests from groups, clubs or organisations who may have a project that needs some help in funding.

And they are always looking for vol-

unteers to help at the Bargain Centre on Saturday mornings. So, if you're Club is looking for more funds for a specific project, then get a group of members together and volunteer on a Saturday morning in return for a donation.

For more information, contact Mr Chris Martin on 0409 900 499 or email : martin.chris@internode.on.net



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Defibs mandated for public buildings

SOUTH Australia became the first state in Australia to legislate to make life-saving defibrillators compulsory in public buildings after State Parliament passed the history-making laws in late November.

Under the new laws introduced by SA-BEST MLC, Frank Pangallo, privately owned buildings – including shopping centres, aged care and retirement villages, sporting facilities, commercial properties over 600 square metres in size, and certain residential apartment buildings – will also be required to install Automated External Defibrillators (AED).

AEDs will also be mandatory in Metropolitan Fire Service, Country Fire Service and State Emergency Service emergency vehicles.

A maximum fine of up to \$20,000 would be imposed on those who fail to abide by the new laws.

“Today is a history making day with South Australia leading the nation with these Australian-first laws,” Frank said.

“Make no mistake – many many

lives will be saved because of these new laws as it’s a known fact AED – or defibs as they are more commonly called – save lives,” he said.

“The statistics not only speak for themselves but also paint a very disturbing, deadly picture.

“More than 30,000 people suffer cardiac arrest in Australia each year – but only one in 10 survive according to the Council of Ambulance Authorities.

“Worse still, the survival rate for a person who suffers a cardiac arrest out of a hospital environment is only about 10%.

“It’s an indisputable fact the availability of an AED dramatically improves a person’s chance of survival to 70%. For every minute that defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival decreases by 10 percent.

“It has been proven around the world that AED save lives – these nation-leading laws will ensure more lives are saved as more defibrillators will now be available throughout the community.

“I thank the State Labor Government and Health Minister, Chris Picton, for their commitment and support of this important legislation. They’ve recognised the need for this vital life-saving device to be in reach when urgently needed.”

A heart attack survivor himself, Frank was motivated to reintroduce the legislation – which he first introduced three years ago – after the traffic death of father of two, Andrew Rehn, 47, who died in August from a cardiac arrest while waiting more than 40 minutes for an ambulance after pulling over on Anzac Highway after suffering chest pains.

The tragedy occurred while ambulances were ramped for up to six hours at the Flinders Medical Centre and Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Under the new laws, the Minister for Health, Chris Picton, will be required to establish a register of where all the AEDs are located and at what times they are accessible to the public.

Public buildings include includ-

ing schools and universities, libraries, sporting facilities, prisons, local council offices, theatres and swimming pools.

Minister Picton would also need to ensure the same information is available on a software application compatible with smartphones.

The State Government will have two years to roll out the devices in public buildings while the private sector has a three year transition period to comply.

“However, I expect many will be motivated to act sooner, as we have already seen other businesses do throughout the community,” Frank said.

Frank said with AEDs now selling from about \$400 each, the cost impact on taxpayers and the private sector would be minimal – especially when balanced against the millions of dollars in taxpayers money that will be saved in the medium to long term through fewer people requiring hospitalisation and extensive rehabilitation after suffering a cardiac arrest. □



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Letters to the Editor

Energy Resilience for Future Storms

Neither more coal or gas, or indeed even the state government’s Green Hydrogen plant would have helped residents in Mitcham Hills avoid prolonged power outages in November’s storm.

What this event showed us is that transmission infrastructure is a weak point in providing energy security.

As we transition to a low carbon energy grid, a more fit for purpose solution would be for more decentralised energy storage - household and community batteries, to ensure when power lines go down, energy stays on.

Prioritising other key public assets like schools and community centres, also ensure essential services like education and services for the vulnerable are not affected. Over 38 schools had to cancel classes this week because of the blackouts.

Our leaders need to invest more in energy security measures like batteries and EV enabled vehicle-to-grid services, that will help us overcome climate fueled events: be it storms, floods or bushfires, all of which will increase in frequency and severity.

Let this blackout be a warning to start preparing.

Dr Jasper Lee
Blackwood

Our biodiversity being protected

After almost a decade of environmental and climate change neglect, I have been surprised and pleased to learn recently, that at present, 19.75% of Australian land is totally protected for the prime purpose of biodiversity conservation under what is known as the National Reserve System.

The fact that the land protected under the National Reserve System must be designated a ‘protected area’, to be con-

served forever, with effective legal means guaranteeing its perpetual conservation, provides confidence that the biodiversity being protected will not be in danger of being destroyed.

The National Reserve System has its origins in the Rio Earth Summit of 1992 and was later ratified by the Australian Government.

With a fast growing population in Australia putting more and more pressure on the environment, the National Reserve System is seen as an important step towards protecting many of Australia’s most important areas of biodiversity and assisting in countering climate change.

Brian Measday
Myrtle Bank

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Hub completion planned for July 2023



◆ Photo - Steelwork for the Blackwood Community Hub & Library being constructed in Young Street, has been completed including the structural steel to perimeter canopy and purlins. Now, the first floor services can be installed and the upper floor cement poured. It is anticipated that the Hub will be completed in July 2023.

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Photo club presents annual awards

"OUR Annual Photographic Exhibition held at the Memorial Hall in November is the Club's highlight event for the year," said Julie Goulter, Blackwood Photographic Club President.

"The event is a culmination of all members efforts in competitions during the year, as well as the Annual exhibition.

"We have a number of different awards for annual aggregates for competitions held during the year such as Projected Colour, Projected Mono, Colour Print and Mono Print, as well as separate awards for similar categories in our Annual Exhibition," explained Julie.

This year's winner of the 'Best Projected Colour Image' category at the Annual Exhibition was Michael Holmes with his beautiful high-key photo 'Portrait of Daisy' (see photo below).



Michael, one of the Club's youngest members, joined in January 2021. His award is all the more rewarding, as his competitors consisted of many long-term members who have many more years experience producing quality photographs.

"The quality of photographs in the Annual Exhibition was extremely high thus Michael's win was well-deserved," added Julie.

□ If you would like more information on the Blackwood Photographic Club, contact Ian on 0410 634 046 or email: panjarri@gmail.com

◆ Photo - (from left): Club President Julie Goulter with award winner Micheal Holmes



Early detection for skin cancer

SUMMER is here and Australians are set to embrace a season of sun, sea, sport, celebrations ... and skin damage.

As we head outdoors, we all know the gold standard is to SLIP on protective clothing; SLOP on sunscreen; SLAP on a broad-brim hat; SEEK shade; and SLIDE on sunglasses, but what if our skin is already sun damaged, and/or we have a family history of skin cancer?

Skin Cancer College Australasia (SCCA) Chief Executive Lynette Hunt says: "While sun protection is the first step, early detection is the next best defence against skin cancer."

"Skin cancer is almost entirely preventable," she explained, "yet Australia still has one of the highest rates of skin cancer - and the highest rate of melanoma - in the world."

"On this first day of summer, we encourage people to 'SCAN' their skin, follow up monthly, and promptly see their doctor if something is new or changed."

"SCAN means to look for a spot, mole or patch that's SORE (scaly, itchy, bleeding or tender and doesn't heal within 6 weeks); CHANGING (size, shape, colour or texture); ABNORMAL (looks or feels different or stands out when compared to your other spots and moles); or NEW (recently appeared on your skin, especially if you're over 40)."

SCCA advises people to use a mirror to check difficult spots like the back and scalp or ask someone to check for them. A family member, partner or friend can help, but SCCA also recommends people ask their hairdresser,

beauty therapist or physiotherapist to tell them if they spot anything.

"We know these people play a key role in detection," explained Ms Hunt. "Our skin cancer doctors notice many patients present to them after their hairdresser, physio or beauty therapist notices an unusual spot or mole on their skin."

Acknowledging this trend, SCCA offers an online course developed by skin cancer doctors for hairdressers and other professionals who regularly see a lot of skin in their daily work. It takes participants through five easy training modules to help them identify unusual changes in their clients' skin which might be skin cancer.

Anyone interested in completing the course, which is available free of charge until January 31 and takes up to an hour to complete, can register via the Skin Cancer College Australasia website: <https://www.skincancercollege.org/understanding-skin-cancer/>

With one million new cases of basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma and more than 13,000 diagnoses of melanoma in Australia each year, skin cancer not only affects individuals and their families but is also a huge burden on the health system, costing the Australian health economy an estimated.

□ Websites that have more helpful information include:

www.skincancercollege.org
www.scanyourskin.org
www.cancer.org.au

Living more simply is harder to achieve in modern times



BY ANDREW TIDSWELL,
SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES
BLACKWOOD

WAY back in the 1970s, I subscribed to a magazine "Simply Living" which as the title suggests was about living in a way that was kinder to the environment, easier on our pockets and having a healthier, happier and less stressful lifestyle.

Fortunately, I kept some copies and was looking through them recently.

While some of the articles were promoting alternative lifestyles popular at the time, most were things that would resonate with us today and are often seen in the mainstream media.

Articles about conserving endangered species, DIY renovations, the wisdom of indigen-

ous people, how to wean ourselves off fossil fuels, reducing exposure to toxic chemicals and lots of exquisite photos of the natural world.

I was pleasantly surprised by the range of articles about living a more sustainable lifestyle that are still relevant and useful today.

I was, however, saddened by the fact that in the decades since, our lives have become less healthy, less respectful to nature, more trapped by endless consumption of materials, and more stressed by financial, work and social pressures.

Living more simply is tricky to achieve. There are things that are now considered essential that didn't exist in the 1970s such as mobile phones and the internet. The cost of these and increasing cost of many other things makes it harder for us to live more simply.

While we might have greater incomes than in the 1970s, it doesn't seem to stretch as far any more. And that is before we even consider the cost of housing.

Increasing wages would help, especially for

those who deserve much better wages.

The real answer is to become a society where it is easier to live more simply.

This will require major systemic changes; to our tax system, to how we value public services like health and education, and corporate and government ethical practices. This is a detailed exploration for another day.

In the meantime, there are things we can do in our everyday lives, choices that make each day more worthwhile, that give us joy and that don't necessarily cost the earth.

While "Simply Living" magazine doesn't exist any more, there are many current magazines that provide great information on living a simpler, healthier, happier, more worthwhile and sustainable lifestyle, including: Earth Garden, Grass Roots, Breathe, Organic Gardener, Peppermint, Renew, and Well Being.

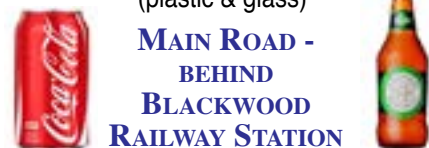
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And as you would appreciate, many businesses are still struggling from the impact that Covid has had over the past couple of years.

Then along came the devastating November storm which ripped through the Adelaide hills.

The storm which resulted in power outages, and for some for a

week or longer, not only affected local businesses like butchers and supermarkets, but also destroyed events such as the annual Rotary Christmas Fair.

Many of these businesses and organisations lost tens of thousands of dollars which they will never recover.

So continue to support local businesses when you can, as it is very challenging times and they need our business and trade to survive.

However, when you shop at places

like Westfield Marion, Burnside, in the city, or 'on-line' you will never see any of your dollars end up back in the Blackwood community.

Most of the groups, sporting clubs and organisations in the Blackwood district survive on the generosity from local businesses. Some of these groups may not even exist, if it were not for the donations and sponsorship they receive from the local business community.

So where does this money come from that enables local businesses

to make donations and provide sponsorship - yes that's right - local shoppers!!

Just think what Blackwood would be like to shop in, if there was only Woolworths, Coles, Drakes and Aldi left - the attraction to live in this community environment would not be the same.

So when out shopping over the coming months, or at any time for that matter - shop local and help to retain the great range of businesses (and clubs) we have in the district.

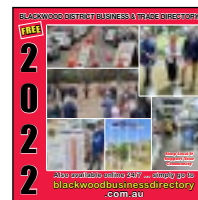
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Minimise effects of climate change

THE earth needs a makeover – and fast. As the conversations around sustainability broaden around climate change, carbon emissions and the circular economy, we take a look at how recycling (and you) can play an important part.

* HOW DOES RECYCLING REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

Our daily actions leave behind an invisible 'footprint'. This carbon footprint can be big or small depending on the action, but one thing is for sure: we're all contributing to carbon emissions.

Recycling limits the amount of virgin materials required to make our everyday products. This in turn lowers energy consumption during manufacturing. When we use less energy to make our products, we emit less carbon emissions.

Aluminium is a good example of how this works. Recycling aluminium for use in new products saves 95% of the energy required to manufacture aluminium products from raw aluminium in the form of bauxite ore.

Aluminium is an infinitely recyclable material, making it one of earth's most sustainable materials. About 75% of all aluminium produced in history – amounting to roughly a billion tonnes – is still in use today.

When material such as aluminium is recycled and reused locally, it also cuts down on the carbon emissions that result from transporting new products from factory to warehouse to store.

* HOW DOES RECYCLING MINIMISE THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE?

Climate change is defined as long term shifts in temperature and weather patterns. While these patterns occur naturally, climate change has accelerated rapidly since the 1800s due to human activity, in particular the release of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG).

When solid waste heads to landfill it is broken down by bacteria into GHG such as methane and carbon dioxide.

Methane accounts for 25% of GHG worldwide. When averaged over 20 years, methane's global warming potential is 86 times higher than carbon dioxide.

The same happens to the food we throw away. According to the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) we can reduce anywhere from 6% to 8% of all human caused GHG emissions by preventing food waste.

* RECYCLING IN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY - (refer to the 'recycle wheel' image below)

For decades we have operated on a linear model: make – take – use – dispose.

On the other hand, the circular economy works on the reduce – reuse – recycle principle. It effectively closes the loop on the products we consume by using a recycled product in the remanufacturing process.

Packaging and containers make up the largest volume of plastics waste in Australia. The good news is that most of these plastics can be recycled for use in the manufacture of new products.

When recycled materials such as recycled PET (rPET) are used to make new products it lowers our demand for raw or virgin materials, which our planet has in limited quantities.

What all of this means is that circularity puts us in a sustainable system where we're continually reusing and recycling our resources, which in turn shrinks our carbon footprints.

Information extracted from article in Cleanaway website www.cleanaway.com.au



Another historic table top launched

THE transformation of Craighburn Farm from a rural property, where cows and kangaroos roamed, to Mitcham's newest residential suburb is almost complete.

The estate has a unique and interesting history which has been presented on illustrated ceramic tiles by artists Jim and Ronda Dunstan, the same artists who have created 12 other commemorative tables throughout the City of Mitcham.

You are encouraged to visit the table to be found in the popular Blackwood Park Treetops Playground on the corner of Blackwood Park Boulevard and Champion Way, Craighburn Farm. Walk a little further to find kangaroos which still inhabit the area.

Research and project management was conducted by Blackwood Action Group's History

Group with support from Mitcham History Service, Coromandel & Districts National Trust, Neil Stallard and the last Minda Farm manager, Brian Price.

Construction work was capably undertaken by Built Right Masonry Constructions using bricks from a historic property in Coromandel Valley, supplied by Coro National Trust, and Blackwood Hire came to the party to lift the 800kg table-top into place.

Funds have been provided by History SA, Mitcham Council and Westfield Local Heroes Award funds.

A launch will be held in early February to which interested community members are invited. Details will be on BAG's website from mid January. Visit www.blackwoodactiongroup.org.au for more information.



Photo - Craighburn Farm resident from Built Right Masonry Constructions preparing the base for the commemorative table near Blackwood Park Treetops playground

Be vigilant while enjoying our great outdoors



BY LOUISE MILLER-FROST
FEDERAL MP
FOR BOOTHBY

OUR fabulous Australian summer lifestyle is world renowned and a major reason why so many tourists and migrants want to come here – it was certainly part of why my family left an English winter to move to Adelaide all those decades ago.

Longer days, warmer weather and the long summer school holidays – what a fabulous time of year! We are so lucky to live in such a wonderful place.

And while we like to tell tall stories of the dangers of Australia when we are travelling overseas (drop bears anyone?), we know that an Australian summer does pose a number of hazards to the unwary.

Blackwood and the hills region is renowned for its lush bushland and foliage, with Belair National Park and other local walking trails

providing great opportunities to experience nature – spotting an echidna, kangaroo or a koala was always a highlight for my kids, but snakes less so!

I recently attended a very entertaining talk by Professor Chris Daniels, who was the guest speaker at the 37th anniversary celebration of the Friends of Belair National Park. Prof. Daniels' subject was Reptile Defence Strategies, although many of the defences seemed a little more like attacks!

Australia is home to many of the world's most dangerous snakes, and while we enjoy our bushland, and the leafy green of our suburbs, these areas are also the home to many of these snake species.

It is not uncommon to find snakes in suburbia and Prof Daniels advised keeping a wary distance and calling a snake catcher. His stories of people trying to scare off, kill or capture snakes (or on one occasion, bite the snake) always ended badly.

If you haven't already reduced fire-risk on your home or property, there is no time to be lost.

Our wonderful CFS volunteers can provide

advice on your particular property, as can Council, but generally keeping your gutters clear and reducing the fuel load in your yard or property can go a long way to reduce the risk of damage from fire. You will not only protect your own house, but also neighbouring properties!

Finally, the greater Boothby electorate is blessed with some of the most extensive and accessible coastline of the greater Adelaide region.

As an English migrant from a family of red-heads, I spent my childhood slathered in sun-block – the stronger, the better!

The old Slip Slop Slap campaign had the right idea - slip on a shirt, slop on plenty of sunscreen, and slap on a hat at a minimum to protect yourself and your loved ones during hot days spent at the beach. Australia is the melanoma capital of the world.

Additionally, remember the ocean can be unforgiving with rips and hidden rocks and visits to the beach are best spent between the flags set up by our diligent Surf Life Saving Volunteers.

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Tai chi gives gentle workout for the body and mind

DURING the Covid 19 pandemic, many of us may have become less active and found ourselves worrying more.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Australia Inc, a volunteer, non profit organisation has been holding sessions through most of this time, with restrictions, to ensure the safety of its members.

They are now very excited to be able to recommence new programmes for beginners in early February 2023 at venues around

Adelaide and the Hills.

These sessions provide a form of gentle but powerful movement, that gives a workout for the body and mind. This practice, often called moving meditation, helps beat stress, improves flexibility, strength and stillness, and is designed to help with a range of health conditions.

Many local residents have felt the benefits of attending these sessions.

Kay Hepplewhite, of Blackwood began classes in 2019 after seeing a demon-

stration of Tai Chi and reading a flyer in a local café.

She had just turned 80 and was worried about her balance. She was also looking for something that would stimulate both her mind and body. Kay has enjoyed the challenge of learning and refining the Taoist Tai Chi moves and the feeling of satisfaction when she is making progress.

Kay said, "The instructors are supportive, giving gentle advice and suggestions and the class members encourage each other too. I also think that I have improved mentally, plus I enjoy socialising with a group of like-minded and interesting people."

Similarly, Robert Beckwith from Glenalta, was seeking a way to develop and maintain flexibility and mobility, with increasing age. So he started learning and practising Taoist Tai Chi at Blackwood.

"I have enjoyed the

helpful, welcoming atmosphere of the sessions as I have realised my goals," explained Robert.

While Faye Barrett, of Bellevue Heights, started Taoist Tai Chi in Blackwood to improve her balance. She has found it a delight to concentrate on the Tai Chi moves themselves, which tends to banish all outside distractions. With regular practice she is becoming more assured in her movements. She said "the Taoist Tai Chi folk are welcoming and this is a time for myself, shared with others"

Everyone is welcome to participate in Taoist Tai Chi. The first Introductory Programme to be held in Blackwood since the pandemic, commences at the Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade Blackwood on Thursday 2nd February.

Early afternoon session for 1 hour with time yet to be confirmed and held weekly. The Society continues to have conditions in place, for everyone's safety.

These include preregistration, limited number of participants to allow for adequate social distancing, hand sanitisation and mask wearing. It is strongly recommended that members

are fully vaccinated.

The first session is obligation and cost free, so why not come along and give it a try.

☐ Please contact adelaide@taoisttaiichi.org with any questions you may have or to express your interest. They will contact you to discuss or send you the registration information.



◆ Photo - Blackwood members performing a Taoist Tai Chi move called 'Parting wild horse's mane' (from left): Robert Beckwith, Kay Hepplewhite and Faye Barrett



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FREE Listings ... looking for more members ... publish your club's notice and contact details here each month. Send email to info@blackwoodtimes.com.au

◆ **1 January**
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.

◆ **1 January**
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.

◆ **1 & 15 January**
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.

◆ **2 & 16 January**
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 522 632.

◆ **2 & 16 January**
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.

◆ **4 January**
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.

◆ **4 January**
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

◆ **4 January**
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

◆ **5 January**
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.

◆ **5 January**
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

◆ **7 January**
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.

◆ **8 & 22 January**
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

◆ **11 January**
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

◆ **12 January**
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.

◆ **14 January**
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.

◆ **14 January**
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.

◆ **17 January**
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

◆ **19 January**
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

◆ **23 January**
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

◆ **23 January**
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

◆ **25 January**
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.

◆ **26 January**
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.

◆ **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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For example, this year many states have been hit with flood conditions, so vehicles that have been flood damaged interstate could be offered for sale to unsuspecting buyers in South Australia. The extent of the damage might not show up until later, and it could be costly to repair.

IF YOU BUY PRIVATELY, there can be risks when buying a car from someone who is not a licensed car dealer. Here are some helpful tips:

- Make sure you visit the Personal Property Securities Register to check that the car hasn't been stolen, flood damaged or written off, and that no money is owed on the car ... go to www.ppsr.gov.au
- Check that the seller is the registered owner, and if not, is there a genuine reason?
- Never buy from a backyard seller – that is someone who really should have a dealer's licence because of the number of vehicles they buy or sell each year, and yet they don't have a licence.
- Set a price limit you can afford. Allow for stamp duty, transfer fees, registration and insurance.
- Shop around for the best deal. Look at different cars for sale to compare cars and prices. You can look online or visit car dealerships.
- Take the car for a test drive.
- Have the car and engine checked by a qualified independent mechanic.

- Don't sign anything until you're sure the car is in good condition and you really want to buy it.

IF YOU BUY FROM A CAR DEALER:

- Understand your rights and the dealer's obligations
 - Check what is covered by the warranty
 - Inspect the white display sheet on the car
 - Have everything you negotiate with the dealer in writing
 - Check the dealer's licence is up to date.
- And remember that if you buy from a licensed dealer, you get important consumer protections:
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- Set a price limit you can afford. Remember you also need to pay for stamp duty, transfer fees, registration and insurance
- If you need a loan, shop around for the best deal. You can ask to take the loan documents away to talk with someone who can help you
- Take your time, don't be rushed or pressured
- Have the car checked by a qualified mechanic
- Check the white piece of paper in the car window. Make sure the details match the car you're buying
- Don't sign anything until you're sure the car is okay and you really want to buy it
- When you buy a car it will need to be registered in your name

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- Check what is covered by the warranty
- Make sure everything you negotiate with the dealer is put in writing
- Check the dealer is licensed by visiting cbs.sa.gov.au/cars

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- You don't get a warranty, so make sure the car is in good condition
- Make sure no money is owed on the car – you don't want the car to be repossessed due to someone else's debt. Check the car hasn't been flood damaged or written off. Check these things at the Personal Property Securities Register ppsr.gov.au
- Is the seller the registered owner? If not, is there a genuine reason?

For more information:
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- The car may be covered by a warranty which means a promise that the car dealer makes about fixing a problem for free. You will usually get a warranty if the price you pay for the car is more than \$3,000.

For more information, visit www.cbs.sa.gov.au/cars to watch the short videos for tips about buying a second-hand car.

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