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There are many wonderful groups and organisations doing great work in the Blackwood district and the Community Bike Shed is just one of them. Paul and Natalie from Hawthorndene are back for their 4th bike, checking out the hundreds of models with Bike Shed volunteer Lee Dyer (centre). See story pg 7.

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Letters to the Editor

Climate Change to stay grounded

Many Australian's must be frustrated by the obvious lack of action being displayed by Prime Minister Scott Morrison in relation to Climate change. I assume that they must wonder why the laggard approach, regarding Climate change, has been adopted by our Prime Minister.

I think that the answer can be found by examining the Partnership structure that exists between the Liberals and the Nationals with Scott Morrison being the leader of the Liberals and Prime Minister, and Barnaby Joyce being the leader of the Nationals and Deputy Prime Minister.

Barnaby Joyce has always made it very clear that he has no time at all for climate change in any respects. He has been very outspoken concerning his feelings in relation to climate change. The views expressed by Barnaby Joyce are therefore not at all compatible with taking strong action to confront climate change.

It would appear any actions proposed to be taken by Prime Minister Scott Morrison, to confront climate change, would surely have to be constrained because he would, of course, be very aware of the strong views held by Barnaby Joyce.

As things exist now within the Federal Coalition Government it appears that any

worthwhile action in Australia, concerning confronting climate change, will stay grounded for a very long time.

A Federal Government election will be held in May.

Brian Measday, Myrtle Bank

Please comply with speed limits

Having resided in Blackwood for many years, it is becoming more and more stressful for residents of streets listed as 40kms per hour due to the excessive speeds without concern for local residents. As an example, there are motorbikes travelling well in excess of the local speed limits from early in the morning through the day and evening. This is not to mention the high speeds travelled each and every day through our 40kms streets by many drivers who are looking to achieve their destination in minimum times.

As Blackwood is primarily either a 50kms or 40kms per hour township, it has become more and more distressing to see so many people driving at high speeds through our streets.

This issue has been raised with the Mitcham Council with the Mayor stating "so what". I am guessing that she does not reside in the area and is probably more concerned with her future as a potential politician. Many complaints have been raised with the council for more than 10

years by many residents. They state that they are conducting some kind of review, should we wait for 20 years or more?

I have watched who is driving at speed and it is very clear who is speeding in the area, even though I have decided at this time not to name them. I also recently wrote to the Mitcham Council who provided very unsatisfactory responses. In my street, Johnson Parade West, there are many young people (under 5) who reside in the area. My question to those who disregard the speed limits is, how would they feel if it was their children being put at risk??? Johnson Parade West is a relatively narrow road with minimal parking spaces.

It is time for change! Drive within the speed limits, the majority of those who ignore the speed limits have no regard whatsoever for what the limit is.

So, to all residents of Blackwood and surrounding areas, please comply with the speed limits, don't forget that there are many young ones everywhere and SAPOL has been asked to get involved in reducing excessive speed.

Joy Rann, Blackwood

Don't write us off as a throughway

Having lived in Blackwood for 50 years I find it offensive to have James Maude (who?) write us off as "a throughway to somewhere else".

Yes, we do have a huge amount of traffic twice a day, travelling through the centre up and down two major roads. However, once the morning peak has disappeared, we have our

"village" where people know each other and it is impossible to walk more than a few minutes before seeing someone we know. It is also remarkable that so many young people who were born here still live in the area with their children.

It is unfortunate that so many wonderful large blocks are being cleared of every tree to make way for two homes, built fence-to-fence and over time this will change Blackwood, at least visually. I don't think it will change the heart of the place.

Maureen Goldie, Blackwood

Actions not supportive of SA's river interests

Good luck to the new Liberal Leader when he tries to explain why Commissioner Brett Walker slammed him for agreeing to "new criteria" proposed by the upstream states.

What did Commissioner Walker mean by "nothing short of a capitulation to the interests of the current Commonwealth Government, and those of Victoria and New South Wales"?

What are we to understand from the Commissioner's verdict that Minister Speirs' actions were "totally antipathetic to the interests of South Australia, and the South Australian environment"?

Julanne Sweeney, Eden Hills

Have something to share with Blackwood Times readers ... submit a Letter to the Editor including name and suburb ... email: info@blackwoodtimes.com.au

Ukraine fundraiser to help refugees

WITH the brutal war in Ukraine being graphically presented to us every day in the media, one local group has decided to do something to help the Ukrainian refugees that are arriving in South Australia.

The Blackwood Action Group (BAG) is holding a fashion parade on Saturday, 4 June, to raise money which will help them to get started in their new country.

Funds assist with much needed things like school uniforms and fees, translation of official documents, bus fares, basic food and clothing.

The event will feature fashions from many local boutiques who are keen to support such a worthy cause ... Kohl & Soda, Snazzi, Accolades and Hills Instyle as well as Habitat, Fairley's Shoex, Intersport and recycling shops.

Raffle tickets have been included in the ticket price of \$30 – an opportunity

to win one of many prizes supplied by a host of local businesses.

The fashion parade in support of refugees arriving in South Australia from Ukraine is being held on Saturday June 4, starting at 1.30pm finishing around 4.30pm.

Guests will be served a glass of bubbly on arrival and a delicious afternoon tea.

With only 140 tickets on sale, you will need to be quick. Why not gather a group of friends to support this important event and enjoy a relaxing Saturday afternoon in the Blackwood Uniting Church near the roundabout.

Tickets are available from Fairley's Shoex in the Woolworths Shopping Centre, Habitat in the Drakes Shopping Centre and the Waite electorate office at 7 Young Street, Blackwood.



◆ Photo - Flashback to the last fundraising fashion parade held in October 2018 when Bellevue Heights resident and Mitcham Councillor, Lindy Taeuber elegantly strolled along the runway

Join walk in support of reconciliation

THE local community is warmly invited to join in this year's Blackwood Reconciliation Walk on Sunday, May 29 by meeting at the Blackwood roundabout at 11.30am.

"At its core, reconciliation is about building respectful relationships between First Nations people and the wider Australian community to enable us to work together to close the gaps, and to achieve a shared sense of fairness and justice.

We cannot think of Australia as reconciled, when some continue to experience racism and when there continues to be such profound disparity between First Nations people and the wider Australian community, in terms of life expectancy, education and employment, just to name a few."

- Reconciliation SA -

The walk will be down Shepherds Hill Road to the Colebrook Reconciliation Park where all are invited to bring their own picnic lunch and gather to experience this place of national significance and reflect on the theme for National Reconciliation Week 2022 ...

"Be Brave. Make Change."

Further updates will be available on the Blackwood Reconciliation Group Facebook page, or email blackwoodreconciliationgroup@gmail.com

The Blackwood Uniting Church (near the roundabout) will be holding a Reconciliation Service preceding the walk, at 10am, and all are welcome.

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Contest for Boothby thrown wide open

by James Swanborough

WITH the Federal election now called for Saturday May 21, our local electorate of Boothby will be closely watched as a key seat in determining the outcome.

While the seat has been firmly held by the Liberal party since 1949, the party's dominance has waned over the past 20 years, especially since the current boundaries were first used in 2019.

It now hangs as the most marginal electorate in the state, held at the 2019 election by a margin of only 1.4%.

As a result of the departure of Liberal MP Nicolle Flint, retiring after representing the seat since the 2016 election, the contest has been thrown wide open, with a range of potential challengers.

Here's what some of them had to say as to why you should vote for them and their party (alphabetical order):

JEREMY CARTER : THE GREENS

A LONG-TERM resident of Boothby, I have 20 years experience leading the engineering on major projects around Australia. I'm passionate about renewable energy, sustainable transport and better urban planning which protects green space and works for people.

The vast majority of Australians are listening to science and want greater action on climate. The consequences of delaying will be catastrophic, while the opportunities from acting now are huge.

The Greens will push for increased investment in renewable energy, electric vehicle manufacturing and a green steel industry which will create thousands of long-term jobs and billions in revenue for SA. This means a stronger economy while protecting future generations from the worst effects of climate change.

The Morrison-Joyce government is squandering these opportunities and risking our economy because their coal and gas donors are paying them to. We can expect a future where other countries punish this inaction through tariffs and trade bans.

The Greens don't take corporate donations which means we're here for you.

Many candidates are claiming they can be trusted to take action on climate, but only the Greens have a track record. In balance of power with the Gillard government, we negotiated a price on carbon which resulted in real emissions reductions in Australia, before the Liberal Party destroyed this.

We'll only achieve real climate action with strong Greens representation in Parliament. By voting Greens 1 and putting Liberal last, we can remove Morrison and Joyce and send a strong message that we want action on climate.

☐ To find out more visit:

www.facebook.com/JeremyCarterGreens

GRAEME CLARK : UNITED AUSTRALIA PARTY

I NEVER wanted to be a politician but what I have seen over the last 10 years from politics has bothered me immensely. The last 2 years even more so.

Politicians have stopped representing us, the people that vote them in, and don't care about small business. Lobby groups now have politicians representing big business and global organisations generally at the detriment of small business.

Well, if I'm elected that stops with me. I have lived in Boothby for over 35 years and will hold regular forums with the public and small business owners to actually represent them.

The candidates that stand for the major parties are good and well-meaning people and we should not criticise them, but factions within their party determine what they can and can't accomplish. And it's the factions that are controlled by global organisations and big business.

So why did I join a party like UAP?

To start with, we do not have factions. We are a group of 151 individuals that all want to see a better Australia.

But also, because Clive Palmer can't be bought, he loves

Australia and wants to leave it to future generations in a better condition than we found it.

That has always been my goal, to provide a better life for my grandchildren than I inherited.

The United Australia Party has some very good policies at a time when the country is entering a period of high inflation and in need of strong business management skills.

High inflation affects low-income families and pensioners the most, so policies that help them are important at this time in our economic history.

Other issues I will be focussing on are: a Bill of Rights, increasing the pension, restoring profitability to small business, religious freedom and from discrimination, housing affordability and the environment.

Please feel free to talk about our plans to your family friends and colleagues or give me a call if you have a constructive comment on 0409 775 601.

☐ For more details and the UAP's plan for the future, visit <http://www.unitedaustraliaparty.org.au>

JO DYER : INDEPENDENT

SOUTH Australians have long elected alternatives to the major parties and this year, the rest of the country is catching up.

Disillusioned with the poor leadership on offer at a time when the challenges confronting us have never been greater, there is growing momentum around the country to try something different.

Inspired by the success of the likes of Rebekha Sharkie in Mayo and Zali Steggall in Warringah, individuals all over the country, backed by their communities instead of political parties, are stepping forward and arguing that we can do things differently. We can have a real say.

Polling shows that Australians are overwhelmingly frustrated that the Government prioritises sectional interests above the common good. As we watch our money misused, often wasted, to advance partisan causes rather than those of the broader community, many of us think "Surely we can do better than this."

Now is Boothby's chance.

As a Community Independent candidate, I will be beholden to none but the community I will serve. I will fight to protect our environment and ensure Australia acts urgently to restrict the impact of climate change.

I will demand the introduction of a National Integrity Commission to hold our politicians to account. I will fight for policies that provide opportunities and equitable outcomes for all Australians across every stage of their lives, and that protect women from violence and harassment.

If you have ever complained that both major parties are as bad as each other, independent candidates provide a viable alternative at the next Federal election.

With courage, integrity and imagination, we can build a better Australia.

☐ For more, visit www.dyerforboothby.com

LOUISE MILLER-FROST : LABOR

I'M RUNNING for Boothby because I want a better future for our community.

Having spent over 15 years running health, mental health and aged care services before becoming CEO of Catherine House and St Vincent de Paul South Australia – my career has always been about serving our community.

I am a mum to triplet sons, all now adults. I worry every day about the future we are leaving for the next generation.

Wages are flat, health care costs are rising, child care is more expensive and aged care has been neglected to the point of crisis.

We've lost a decade to climate inaction – costing thousands of jobs in renewable energy.

Anthony Albanese and Labor have a plan for a better future where we:

- Take real action on climate change to cut electricity prices, create jobs and drive down emissions;
- Strengthen Medicare, making it easier to see a doctor;
- Fix aged care by putting nurses back into nursing homes,

lifting wages, providing better food for residents and improving transparency and accountability in the sector;

- Create secure, well-paid jobs with better pay and conditions – by making things here in Australia and investing in fee-free TAFE and more university places;
- Make child care cheaper for Australian families so that it's easier for parents to get ahead and to ensure children get the best start;
- Establish a strong and independent National Anti-Corruption Commission.

I know what it takes to get things done for our community.

I have the integrity and experience to advocate for our community and ensure we have a government that delivers real action for a better future.

☐ To find out more, visit www.louisemillerfrost.com.au or phone 0423 440 286; email: louise.miller-frost@alpsa.org.au and Facebook - LouiseMillerFrostBoothby

RACHEL SWIFT : LIBERAL

THE POSTERS are up, candidates are knocking on your doors and filling your letter box. The campaign is on.

This means that the people of Boothby, and all Australians, have a really important decision to make on Saturday May 21.

Central to that is making sure that we continue to build our strong economy – because that's how we can afford to pay for the vital services we need in health, education, child care and aged care as well as investing in our national security and defence to keep our nation safe in these uncertain times and delivering real action on climate change.

The Liberal Government has delivered for Boothby over the last three years with major investments in local sporting infrastructure and recreational facilities, environmental projects and local roads.

My focus in this election is what we can do together for the next three years.

Australia is in a leading position compared to most of the world. But there are challenges ahead. To build an even stronger Australia we need a government with experience that can seize the opportunities we have as we emerge from the pandemic.

Federal elections these focus on the two party leaders, but the election is also about who you want to represent you in your local area.

Boothby is my home. I grew up and studied here. My career across all facets of health care has taken me around the world including Africa working on Ebola and malnutrition and delivering real outcomes in some of the most complex political environments in the world. Returning home, I established a small business and am involved in my community as a volunteer with the CFS.

On election day I will have been the Liberal candidate for exactly one year and in that time I've met so many people and been able to listen to your priorities for our local area; the future for our children and grandchildren; the environment; security and much more.

My job, if I am given the honour of representing you after the election, will be to reflect your views and those of everyone in Boothby in our nation's Parliament. That's a responsibility I take seriously.

I will be campaigning until 6pm on election day so if you're out shopping, find me knocking on your door or at a community event, I'd love to chat about how we, together, can make our local area and our country an even better place to live now, and into the future.

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◆ Jeremy Carter : Greens



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Do you know where this is?

IN 2022, the Blackwood Action Group (BAG) is taking a different approach with its monthly article, planning to encourage awareness of our local heritage. Under the title "Do you know where this is?"... each issue of The Blackwood Times will feature a

photograph of a local historic site. Readers are challenged to find its location, and thereby have a chance to win a prize. The actual location will then be revealed in the following issue, and a brief description of the site and history.



THANKS to the people who entered last month's hidden sites competition ... the winners' names will be posted on the BAG website. Information about the location and history of the site that was published in the April 2022 edition follows ...

The wood and iron cells still visible behind the former Police Station and now Meals on Wheels building at 17 Coromandel Parade are a reminder of the days when Blackwood had its own police station.

The early history of the police presence in Blackwood is sketchy. However, it is known that in 1880 a building was erected on the land above the now Pinera Railway Station and let to the Police Department. The date is significant since it was when the first phase of the Adelaide to Melbourne train line was under construction.

The camp of almost 1,000 navies building the line was located near the current Blackwood Railway Station. Alcohol flowed freely in the camp, much of which was purchased from the Blackwood Inn, now the Belair Hotel.



Local folk memory states that when the cells at the police station were full, usually on Saturday night, any further miscreants were tied to trees to sleep off their inebriation. Attempts by hastily built churches and the Temperance Movement in the district to curb this bad behavior were obviously only partially successful.

By 1903, the Police Gazette reported that a mounted constable had been temporarily stationed at Blackwood.

In 1915, the district was vast and

rugged and the community was feeling uneasy. Young men were enlisting in the war and on top of that a body had been found near Eden Hills and the rumours were that it was of a spy.

As the year drew to a close, arrangements were being finalised for the appointment of women patrols as an adjunct to the police force as more young men left for the war. Later a gaol was built in Belair National Park, in part to deal with the poor behaviour of the visiting picnickers, who often brought dray loads of alcohol.

The Belair Police Station closed on 23 June 1930 and the new Blackwood police station on Coromandel Parade opened on the same day.

The standard red brick building is one of many similar stations located around the state. Holding cells were built at the back and the police horse was paddocked at the side. Community policing at this time of the Great Depression included issuing ration tickets and employment applications, as well as dealing with pilfering.

Until the early 1960s, the local sergeant granted drivers licences to young people answering a set of questions.

But life was more difficult for 'baby boomers' who had to reverse park between two sticks outside the police station under the watchful eye of the sergeant. If either of the sticks was hit, applicants automatically failed without a chance to demonstrate their practical driving skills.

The station's responsibilities gradually diminished until it was closed completely in 1999 amid much angst from the local community.

Today, the cells are used for secure (very secure) storage and the adjacent horse stable is home to Santa's Sleigh used in the annual Lion's Christmas Pageant.

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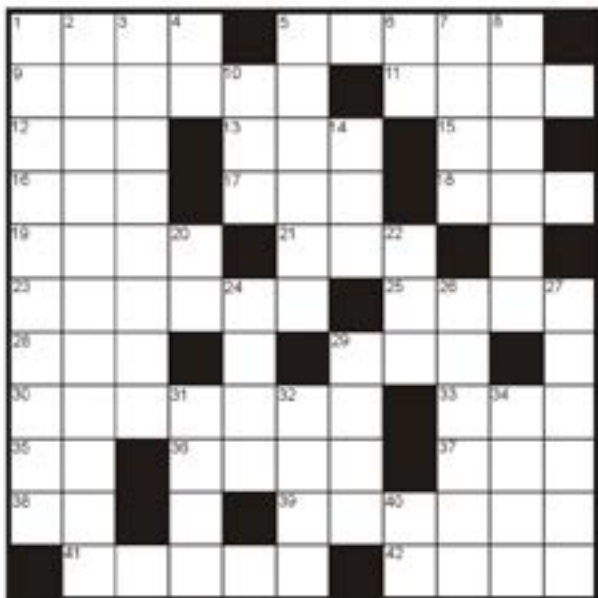
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The City of Mitcham is inviting feedback from the community on its draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan, Budget & Long Term Financial Plan.

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To support these community initiatives and to continue delivering the many existing services Council provides, Council is proposing to increase rates by an average of \$72 for residential and \$190 for commercial businesses (3.93 per cent).

Council is also seeking community feedback on a number of other state government projects funded as part of the state election process. If approved by Council, these projects will require ongoing maintenance and funding by Council.

Including all of these in the budget would result in the rate increase being \$78 for residential and \$205 for commercial businesses (4.26 per cent). Have your say by **5pm Saturday 21 May 2022** via:

• **online form** at yoursay.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au/draft-annual-business-plan

• **email** at mitcam@mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au

• **write** to the CEO, City of Mitcham, PO Box 21, Mitcham Shopping Centre, Torrens Park SA 5062

The community are also invited to ask questions and make a submission at a **Public Meeting** to be held **7pm, on Tuesday 17 May 2022**.

To register your attendance, call 8372 8888 or email deputations@mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au.

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Exciting future around new Hub precinct

by James Swanborough

WORKS on the Blackwood Community Hub & Library are progressing, with Schiavello Construction appointed as the builder for the project.

An onsite meeting was held with Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross, members of the Project Control Group, and representatives from Schiavello last month, to walk the site and to build the relationship between parties.

"We met with the project manager and were able to see the perimeter of where the new hub will be located," said Heather. "We are really happy that this tender has been awarded, and residents can expect to see progress very soon, with demolition of the old community centre to begin in May."

Following some initial delays due to the Omicron outbreak, the demolition of the buildings at the corner of Waite and Edwards Streets has been completed. This will now allow construction work of the North West Car Park to begin, this month.

It is anticipated that the car park will be utilised by building contractors, for their personal vehicles only, during the construction of the Hub building in order to reduce parking impacts on local streets for the public.

Staff associated with nearby key projects, including the Waite Reserve (currently unfunded), Young/Waite Street roundabout, and the Young Street redevelopment, continue to meet and ensure that awareness of various project timelines and requirements are communicated.

A \$1.6million commitment has recently been made to works in the precinct by the Federal Labor candidate for Boothby, Ms Louise Miller-Frost. "We are extremely grateful to Louise for her funding commitment for the Waite Street Reserve project," said Heather.

If elected, a Labor government would provide half the funding of the \$3.2 million project, which will see new landscaping, pathways, park furniture and play equipment in Waite Street Reserve; new links between the upgraded Blackwood Community Hub and surrounding businesses; and a pedestrian and vehicle shared zone to maximise parking, create a multiuse public area and improve pedestrian movement in Blackwood.

Heather said that while building supply shortages were causing some difficulties coordinating a timeline for the separate projects underway in the precinct, all parties were working together to ensure the best outcome.

"We have a commitment from the developer for the land around Young Street to try and do that work at a similar time to the library, so we should see exciting things in the near future," Heather said.

With works underway, the future of the current library site, along with neighbouring Karkoo Nursery which is also situated on the same parcel of council owned land, has yet to be determined.

"We are looking to put the site of the old library and the Karkoo Nursery on the market soon," said Heather. "The sale of the site is tied to the funding for the new Hub, so we expect to see some movement on it soon. I expect a decision will be made prior to Council elections, but no solid plans."

Karkoo was previously successful in gaining a lease extension to the end of 2022, and are currently operating an additional nursery site in Oakbank. Co-owner of Karkoo, Peter Rowat, said that while the Oakbank site is doing well, he hopes their lease can continue at Blackwood.

"We have told council that we are interested in buying the site, but it seems likely it will go to developers," said Peter.

Cherish life and grasp the moment

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33 are Christians, 22 are Muslims, 14 are Hindus, 7 are Buddhists, 12 are other religions, while 12 have no religious beliefs.
26 live less than 14 years, 66 died between 15-64 years of age, and 8 are over 65 years old.
If you have your own home, eat full meals and drink clean water; have a mobile phone, can surf the internet, and have gone to college ... you are in the miniscule privileged lot (in the less than 7% category).
Amongst 100 persons in the world, only 8 live or exceed the age of 65. So if you are over 65 years old, be content and grateful.
If you did not leave this world before the age of 64 like the 92 persons who have gone before you, you are already the blessed amongst mankind.
Take good care of your own health. Cherish every remaining moment. □



"We did have some communication that nothing would happen with the site until the new Hub has been completed, and there is still a fair bit to go, so we are hopeful we can stay until that process has gone through. We will certainly be happy to stay as long as we can, as we have a lot of support from locals, so fingers crossed and we'll continue with business as usual."

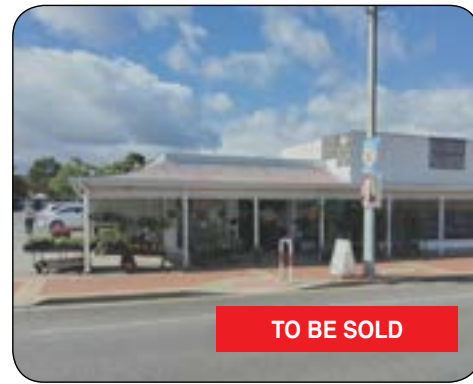
Discussion has also been taking place regarding potential artwork for the Blackwood Community Hub site, in particular with regards to Kaurna recognition, culture and art.

A clear recommendation to come from the Draft Cultural Heritage Survey, which is still being finalised, was that the River Red Gum marked for removal on the site should be preserved and given back to the site, preferably in an artistic format that recognises the Kaurna culture and history of the Blackwood area.

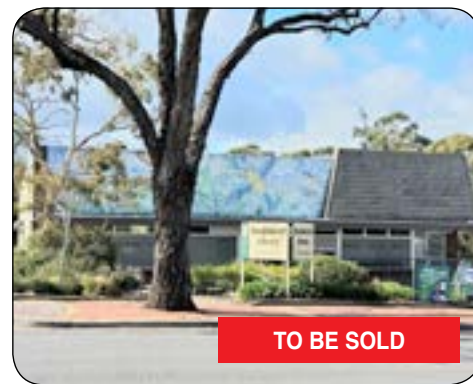
Schiavello are aware of this requirement and will be working with the City of Mitcham and Kaurna representatives to store this gum appropriately on site until any work begins on the timber itself. □



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History of local libraries

BY LINDY TAEUBER
CITY OF MITCHAM COUNCILLOR AND
AMATEUR HISTORIAN

AS we move towards construction of the new Blackwood Community Hub in Young Street, Blackwood (comprising a library and community centre), I have put my amateur historian 'hat on' to tell the story of books and libraries of the Mitcham Hills.

In 1836, the first cargo of 200 books and pamphlets arrived in Adelaide, intended to provide a library to help educate the citizens of this new, enlightened and progressive society.

Unfortunately, the box was dropped by the crew of a ship's boat and had to be rescued from the mud.

Known as "The Gouger Collection", the books included 'Suggestions on the propriety of re-introducing British convict labour into British North America'; 'An account of the colony of Van Diemen's Land' - principally designed for the use of emigrants.

Memoirs, correspondence, and private papers by Thomas Jefferson Randolph; 'Sketch of the history of Van Diemen's Land', illustrated by a map of the island, England and America: a comparison of the social and political state of both nations, in two volumes.

Locally, the Coromandel Institute (see photo above) was opened in 1881 as a centrally located community centre and library. The Institute building, which still stands at 404 Main Road, Coromandel Valley, was funded by residents and opened with a small number of subscribers and about 100 volumes.

This institute, like others of the time,

required membership fees to borrow books. Free libraries were a long way off.

Over the years the Institute contributed greatly to the community - not only a library but a space for celebrations, community projects, school break-ups, welcome home celebrations for soldiers, playing competitive table tennis, dances and more.

Books came first to Blackwood c1903 via the Blackwood, Belair and Coromandel Valley Boys Club (BBCBC) located on the corner of Coromandel Parade and Garnett Avenue, Blackwood. The BBCBC provided a wide range of activities including a library but did not have the advantages of affiliation, such as the circulation of boxes of books to supplement the local collections of largely light reading material.

The Coromandel Valley Institute and the BBCBC were at the core of the social and cultural life of the community for many years.

Nonetheless, these subscription/pay to use libraries hampered the rights of residents to access free public libraries long after their development in other states. Particularly disadvantaged were children whose reading needs were not met by the institute libraries.

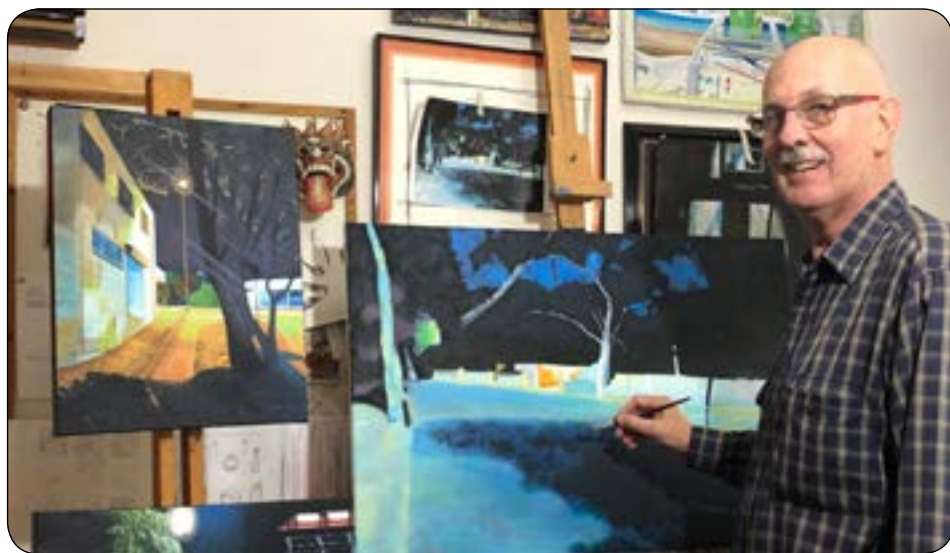
Recognition by the State Government of the shortcomings of the institute libraries led in the 1940s, to the Country Lending and Children's Country Lending Services. Parcels of books arrived by train at the Blackwood Railway Station to be collected by readers.

Part 2 will appear in the next edition, bringing you up to date with the current development of the new Hub & Library



◆ Photo - Coromandel Institute, Main Road; c1880s. Image c/o Coromandel Valley & Districts National Trust.

First solo art exhibition



◆ Photo - Rod in his studio at home, working on one of his 'Blackwood at night' pieces for his upcoming solo exhibition running from June 4-26 at the Hughes Gallery on Fullarton Road.

"I HAVE always been interested in Arts since a child and enjoyed a long career in teaching Visual Art at various schools," said Rod Kirk, Blackwood resident, retired visual arts teacher and local artist.

Rod has been showcasing his works in group exhibitions for the past 20 years, but this is his first solo exhibition. Colours and structures of the landscape and urban environments are the focus of the works on exhibit.

What is interesting though, is some of Rod's paintings depict local Blackwood scenes at night ... Blackwood Railway Station, Carr Street and Station Avenue.

"I take photos at night and then visit the locations during the day for details, working on them back in my studio," explained Rod.

With his wife Josie, they have lived in the local area since 1980; Coromandel Valley for 15 years, Belair for 20 years and now Blackwood for the past 6 years.

Rod is a member at the Blackwood Gym

and also attends the Tai Chi group at the Blackwood Memorial Hall.

"As well as my art practice, I am a singer and long serving member of the State Opera South Australia Ensemble having joined in 1973. I have been digitising and archiving the historical images of the opera company for the past ten years.

"Painting is challenging, but also it is a process of reflection, while the pottery making I do is a rather therapeutic process," said Rod.

If you would like to view some of the Blackwood painted night scenes, go to: <https://www.instagram.com/rakartist/?hl=en>

The upcoming exhibition is titled 'The Colour of a Decade' and is being held at the Hughes Gallery, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton from 4-26 June.

The gallery is open: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm; Sat 10am-1pm and Sun 2pm-4.30pm

□ If you would like more details, email: rodneym.kirk@icloud.com

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Groups whose sole purpose is helping others

by The Editor

HAVING lived in the Blackwood district for over 30 years, I am continually amazed at the number of groups and organisations whose sole purpose is to help others ... on top of this, most of these groups are predominantly run by volunteers.

Take the Community Bike Shed, which was started by a group of men who were initially looking for social companionship; which has now grown to about 30 members - both male and female.

They not only provide good quality, affordable reconditioned bikes for disadvantaged families, but are regularly filling shipping containers of these bikes to send overseas.

Another great benefit of this group, is they are recycling (pardon the pun!) bikes which would otherwise have ended up in landfill.

So, if you are looking for a reconditioned bike of any model, or want to donate a bike no longer needed, they meet on Monday mornings at the rear of the Blackwood Uniting Church (near the roundabout).

And then there's the Blackwood Lions Bargain Centre which also is involved in a project that has the benefit of keeping secondhand goods out of landfill.

Open on Saturday mornings next to Karinya Reserve on Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills, the Bargain Centre carries just about every item and product you can think of - all secondhand but of good quality and very affordable ... from building materials to household goods to furniture and kitchenware.

The added bonus with this project is that proceeds from this Centre, (last year they celebrated a turnover of \$3 million since opening) find their way back into the local community, benefitting other groups and organisations such as CFS and SES, school scholarships, scout and girl guide groups, funding pergolas and barbecues at local reserves.

And the list goes on ... Blackwood Meals on Wheels, Blackwood Action Group, and all the local service clubs - Rotary, Lions and Probus who so richly contribute to this wonderful district we chose to live in ... and generally go about their business without any fanfare.

For example, take the annual Christmas Pageant held on the first Friday in December, which simply would not happen if not for all the volunteers from the local service clubs ... hopefully returning to Main Road this year on the first Friday in December. □



◆ Photo - Blackwood Lions Club members and volunteers at the Lions Bargain Centre unloading another truck full of quality secondhand goods donated by local residents to be prepared for resale



Batteries can start a fire in rubbish trucks

THIS is what can happen when the wrong thing is placed in a kerbside bin. E-waste and batteries are increasingly causing fires in collection trucks.

When lithium batteries are disposed of in kerbside bins, they are compacted in the back of a truck, causing them to perforate and ignite.

"We urge residents to keep all batteries out of kerbside bins and take them to a designated drop off location for recycling," said a East Waste spokesperson.

Residents can take small quantities of

household batteries to the following locations:

- * Most Council Civic Centres and Libraries have a collection point.
- * The Battery Stewardship Council is rolling out collection bins across Australia at various retail points, including supermarkets.
- * ALDI and IKEA stores: take household batteries for recycling.
- * Battery World stores - various locations (household and car batteries—small quantities)

While car/automotive batteries can be taken to:

- Auto part retailers or service stations.
- Adelaide Waste and Recycling Centre, 181 Morphett Road, North Plympton.

Building materials also never should be disposed of in kerbside bins. Heavy materials such as bricks, tiles and scrap metal damage trucks and machinery. Building materials should be taken to a waste transfer station for recycling.

□ For more information go to www.whichbin.sa.gov.au/tips/batteries

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Passion is to help people buy their own home



"I STARTED my career in real estate over 10 years ago," said Sam Neville, local mortgage broker and Coromandel Valley resident, "however, over time realised my passion was with helping people buy houses, not sell them."

"So, when the opportunity arose to work for award winning local broker Cathy Anderson at Smartline Blackwood, the choice was easy."

Since then, she has hit the ground running, helping over 40 local residents into first or new homes in the last year.

Sam and her husband are raising two young boys, with their eldest attending Coromandel Valley Primary, where she is also the Governing Council chairperson.

You can often find her walking the dog in Blackwood Forest or Frank Smith Park. The community feel and access to beautiful nearby parks, was what drew Sam and her family to the Blackwood area.

Over the past year, Sam has delivered outstanding service for her customers. In addition to providing quality service and home loan solutions for her clients, she also provides video updates via her Facebook and Instagram

pages to help home buyers with the whole process from start to finish.

One of her favourite moments was attending an auction on Red Road, Blackwood to watch her clients place the winning bid at auction.

So, it comes as no surprise, that Sam has been announced as a finalist in the SA Newcomer Award at the annual Mortgage & Finance Association of Australia (MFAA) State Excellence Awards.

The Awards highlight brokers, broker businesses and staff who have demonstrated exceptional customer service, professionalism, ethics, growth and innovation.

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The winners of the SA/NT MFAA Awards will be announced on June 16 and become nominees for the National Awards in July.

☐ If you are looking for home loan advice, give Sam a call at Smartline on 0467 633 610.

Cannot afford to wait until 2050

BY ANDREW TIDSWELL
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BLACKWOOD



THE latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report continues to warn of a heating climate. Severe weather events are increasing in frequency and intensity, and we need strong action now.

The IPCC collates climate research from thousands of climate scientists in 155 countries, peer reviews it and publishes reports on the state of the world's climate where there is overwhelming agreement.

The science is in, and needs to be trusted. Just like we trust engineers to design bridges and buildings that keep us safe.

The report also says that we still have time to create a sustainable future, but there are some critical actions needed now. We must rapidly reduce the mining and burning of fossil fuels to prevent our atmosphere and oceans from warming to dangerous levels.

We cannot afford to wait until 2050. We have already wasted a decade of missed opportunities. Australia is considered internationally to be a laggard in dealing with climate change. While other countries are transforming their industries, economies and societies into more sustainable ones, we are still obsessed with digging up more coal and gas.

We don't need to be experts in climate science, but we do need to trust those who are.

We can make a difference if enough of us do our bit; including reducing our energy consumption, installing solar systems, making wise food, transport and consumer choices.

But we still need our leaders to make wise policy choices now. The longer they dither the more problems will befall our children and grandchildren.

Sadly, the recent Federal budget has reduced the funding to climate change agencies while increasing funding to fossil fuel companies; the exact opposite of what is needed.

The Australian Conservation Foundation conducted a national survey recently which found that most people believed:

- Climate action will make our economy stronger.
- The Federal Government targets are 'too little, too late', and that stronger actions are needed.
- Climate action will benefit our health.
- Stronger environmental laws are needed to protect nature.
- Climate action will be an important issue in determining who we vote for in the coming election.

If we believe these things then we are the majority of our community.

This election is a critical time for us to choose leaders who will take more serious action to give us a sustainable safe, healthy and prosperous future.

☐ If you would like to join Sustainable Communities SA or for more information, visit their website: www.sustainablecommunitiessa.org.au



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THE best present you can give your Mum for Mother's Day is her not having to cook for lunch or dinner ... or having to do the dishes afterwards,

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Lunch will start from 12noon and dinner from 5pm. Of course, if you don't want the banquet you can always order from their mouth-watering a la carte menu.

And if you can't make it to dine at the restaurant, phone up for a takeaway meal to enjoy in the comfort of your own home.

For most Mums, the best gift on Mother's Day can only be 'not having to cook and clean up'!

☐ Make sure you book for Mothers Day early as tables fill quickly - lunch and dinner - phone 8370 2333. The House of Zen is located in the Belair Vines Shopping Centre, at 6 Main Road (opp. On The Run).

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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 May**
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 May**
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 May**
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, contact Kevin Marsh on 0428 522 632.

◆ **2 & 16 May**
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 or for more details, contact Peter on 0408 841 150.

◆ **4 May**
CHERINGTON THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKSHOP - 'Seeds for Health' autumn workshop from 10am-12.30pm - growing herbs and veggies for winter. Productive urban food gardening with focus on biodiversity in the garden. Held in grounds of former Blackwood Hospital, Laffers Road. Cost of workshop is \$45. Bookings on 8272 2411. Phone Diana on 0407 339 660.

◆ **4 May**
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 May**
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

◆ **5 May**
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 May**
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

◆ **8 & 22 May**
JOAN'S PATCH : A GARDEN FOR THE COMMUNITY - meets 1-4pm 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 May**
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 May**
SPEAKING MADE EASY BLACKWOOD - Women are invited to meet to practise their communication and presentation skills in a supportive, friendly, and fun environment. Held at Watchman House, 360 Main Road, Coromandel Valley at 7.30pm. Phone Margaret on 0438 838 894 for further details.

◆ **12 & 26 May**
BLACKWOOD PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB - meet 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

◆ **12 May**
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 May**
AUST SEWING GUILD (MITCHAM) - any-

one 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 May**
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 050 831 for further details.

◆ **15 May**
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.

◆ **23 May**
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

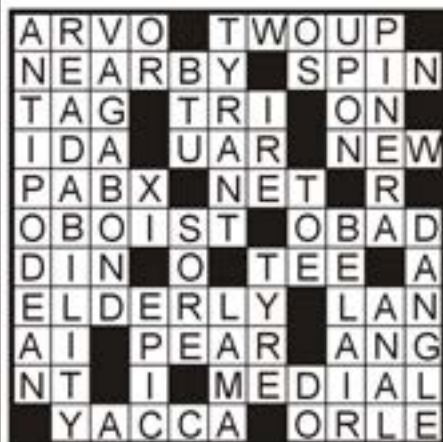
◆ **23 May**
MITCHAM HILLS COMBINED PROBUS - meet at Club Marion, 262 Sturt Road, Marion from 10.30am. Come and enjoy our happy and friendly retirees for fun, fellowship and friendship. Phone Christine on 0400 809 704 or visit www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/mitchamhills

◆ **25 May**
ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE HILLS - work to advance the status of women world-wide 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 May**
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.

◆ **29 May**
RECONCILIATION WALK - meet at Blackwood roundabout at 11.30am for walk down Shepherds Hill Road to Colebrook Reconciliation Park. For updates visit Facebook page.

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□ For more information on any of these programs contact the Coromandel Community Centre on 8370 6880.
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