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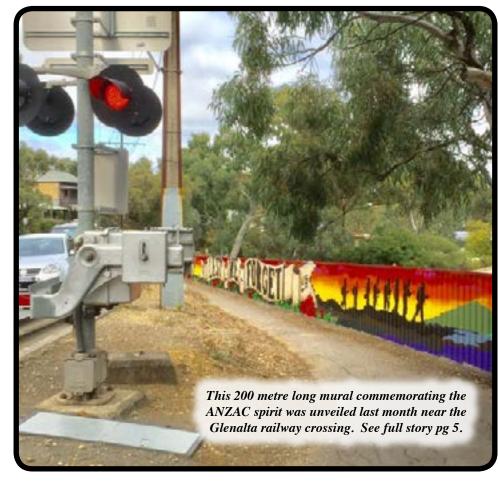
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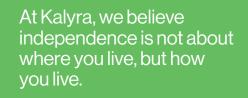
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Letters to the Editor

Hawthorndene Oval Toilets

I thank Councillor Tom Morrison for his clarification (April edition) regarding the upgrading of the "sub-standard" toilets at Hawthorne Oval. I am pleased to be advised that Council has a plan for their replacement and that a contribution of \$466k is 'on the table'.

I am amazed, however that such a small project, as described by Mr Morrison, is taking so long and is costed at over \$1.3m! You can build a large house for that amount!!

I encourage Council to take matters 'in hand' and together with the Coromandel Ramblers, approve a design for the facility which meets the available funds and both the Club's and Oval users needs.

Len Payne Bellevue Heights

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-Complex intersection needs urgent attention

by James Swanborough

WITH early siteworks commencing on the Mitcham Hills Road Corridor upgrade, the community has been left wondering if any upgrade to Laffers Road, Glenalta intersection will be included in the project.

Mitcham Council have now put forward a formal request for the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to provide an update on any potential upgrade to the Laffers Road/Main Road intersection, noting that they support an option to improve options for turning right from Laffers Road onto Main Road, and that any upgrade be done with minimal impact to vegetation and in consultation with the local community.

Community consultation on the Laffers Road took place in March 2022, following DIT being made aware of this support during their community engagement sessions for the proposed James Road/Old Belair Road roundabout, yet no further updates have been made about the status of potential works to the intersection.

The former Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure published proposed treatments for the intersection in their Road Management Plan of 2015. Options for both a roundabout and traffic lights were considered

The investigation revealed that the shift in turning movement priority at the junction introduced by a roundabout, would generate significant delays and long queues along Main Road during the weekday morning peak period.

"Traffic lights have always been the preference for that intersection," said Park Ward Councillor, Tom Morrison, "as a roundabout would have given preference to traffic from Laffers Road.

"Either permanent or peak hour traffic lights I think would make a significant difference. The critical part of that intersection is to make sure it is done in conjunction with an upgrade to the Belair Primary School pickup zone. It is quite a complex intersection once you have two signal light pedestrian crossings"

A Belair Primary School representative addressed Mitcham Council in November 2020, stating that the traffic and carparking situation around the school had become "inconvenient and dangerous for families and local residents".

MP for Waite, Catherine Hutchesson also noted the complexities of the intersection, and said the project to determine the best outcome for the road network was ongoing.

"The whole Mitcham Hills Corridor is being looked at in terms of getting traffic through easier, and making it safer at various intersections. The Infrastructure SA report will give us a better idea, once we have those recommendations, of what options are available to

"We are committed to improving the traffic situation, as well as encouraging more people to utilise public transport, which of course will ease traffic flow through the road network.

"I'm always happy to receive correspondence from council, and I will be following up and advocating for an outcome," said Catherine.





FROM BLACKWOOD RECONCILIATION GROUP (BRG)

THE annual Blackwood Reconciliation Walk will commence at Blackwood roundabout at 11.30am on Sunday May 28 and all are welcome to attend this free event.

We will walk on the footpath of Shepherds Hill Road to the Colebrook Reconciliation Park at Eden Hills. We are delighted that Ngangki Warra, a Kaurna Women's Cultural group will provide 'Welcome to Country', a smoking ceremony and cultural performance, and all are invited to bring their own lunch

and drinks, listen to speeches from both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal leaders, listen to local school children sing and build connections in our community to strengthen our commitment to Reconciliation.

National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

This year's theme encourages all to be a Voice for Reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives - where we live work and socialise.

We are encouraged to honour the work of generations past – the courageous First Nations leaders in the 1920's and 1930's who first asked for acknowledgement of the destruction caused to Aboriginal people and culture since European settlement. Their descendants in the decades since, have persisted in inviting non-indigenous Australians to actively reconcile by acknowledging the true impact of the last 235 years on Aboriginal Australians.

They invite all Australians to work together to embrace and learn from the rich cultural heritage that Aboriginal Australians bring to our lives today. We seek to contribute to the just, equitable and reconciled country we wish to create for future generations.

The planned Referendum on the Voice to Parliament later this year will be a turning point in Australian history, and the outcome will impact future generations of Australians and how Australia is viewed internationally

All are welcome to celebrate

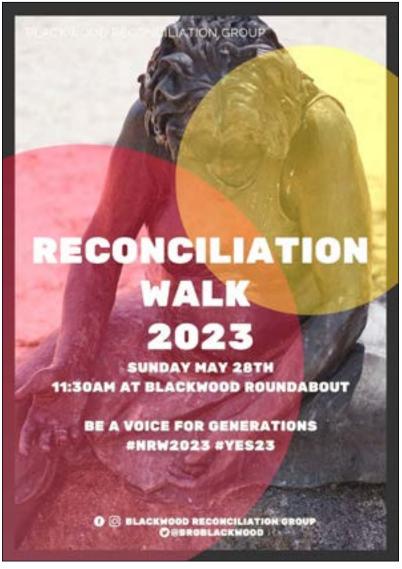
how far we have come on the journey of Reconciliation, and to share in the acknowledgement of how far we still have to go.

Blackwood Reconciliation Group members will be happy to answer questions about the upcoming Referendum, the known detail of the Voice to Parliament and to offer support to people who may want to lead conversations about the Voice in their own communities.

Blackwood Uniting Church will hold a special Reconciliation Service before the Walk. The service commences at 10am and will be led by Rev. Bruce Marriott, with Rev. Ken Sumner from the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) sharing the message for the day.

For more details see Blackwood Reconciliation Group FaceBook page or e: blackwood-reconciliationgroup@gmail.com

♦ Photo above on left - Part of the huge crowd that gathered at Colebrook Reconciliation Park after last year's walk to listen to speeches and learn about shared cultures







Working to reach safe solution for all users

by James Swanborough

WITH the recent announcement that the State Government will retake control over public transport services, reversing the former Liberal Government's privatization of tram and train services, holistic efforts are being made to ensure the local trains fulfil their role to provide a safe and convenient service to all members of the community.

The agreement will see train operator Keolis Downer Adelaide and tram operator Torrens Connect (AMO) hand back operational functions by January 2025 and July 2025 respectively, ensuring a safe and efficient transition.

The government stated that the deal will mean passengers will not notice any impact to services during the transition period, with Adelaide Metro operations continuing to run as normal.

However locally, the focus has been on train operations maintaining a service which suits the needs of all users, where the line intersects with a widely used local bike trail network.

Following the introduction of bike specific carriages to the Belair line earlier this year, MP for Waite, Catherine Hutchesson has been responding to community concerns regarding safety at shared spaces for road, rail and bike track users

"We have had some concerns raised with us around behaviour of some young people on the trains and platforms," said Catherine.

"There have been instances reported of loud, sometimes colourful language, and riding and rock throwing and littering around the platforms. I have been working with the Minister and relevant department to create a safer environment for everybody."

The Easter weekend saw security along the line increase, with two passenger service assistants on almost every train running to and from Mitcham, and as well as a static security guard at Mitcham station to direct riders in line on the platform; measures that will be implemented at times which see significant use by trail riders.

"The increased security presence will be primarily for weekends and school holidays, as these are the times there is a high density of riders on the trails. There are normal train guards that come and go on weekdays.

"I actually sat there at Mitcham station for half an hour on Easter Monday," Catherine said. "When the train was approaching, the guard made sure everyone was aware and orderly in getting on, and making room for others.

"The passenger service assistant got on the carriage and I also rode in with them. They were generally good in our presence, there were some kids who were rowdier, so the guards had a chat with them to be more courteous of other passengers.

"SAPOL have also increased their presence in the area and we have been working closely with the Police Minister's office. "We are also conducting a road safety review on the areas around the bike trails which is due to be completed soon, that will give us a better idea of things we can do to make them safer.

"Temporary CCTV cameras have also been set up on the line as there have been some reports of poor behaviour at particular stations," said Catherine. "We will look into doing more of that depending on how successful it is at identifying any problems.

"We are trying to make the train line as comfortable as possible

for everyone. We have our bike augmented carriages which can carry up to 40 bikes, that run in tandem with a standard carriage. We encourage everyday passengers to utilise the standard carriages if they want to avoid the bikes, and those run as frequently as possible."

While the security measures have been put in place to set passengers at ease, Catherine noted the importance of mutual respect between riders and other passengers.

♦ Photo - Kids with their trail bikes getting onto train carriages at Mitcham station for the trip up to Pinera station, Belair

"If you're a rider, be an advocate for your sport, enjoy the trails and the exercise but be cool about it. Because when you behave poorly, it reflects on everyone and I would hate to see either the train service or the trails removed because of a few bad eggs. Call out your mates if they are doing the wrong thing, it's up to you," added Catherine.

☐ If you experience poor behaviour on the trains, you can call 1300 311 108.

More EV chargers will help attract visitors to the area

by James Swanborough

TWO new Electric Vehicle Chargers will be installed at Waite Street Reserve, as part of a statewide rollout which will see RAA install 536 electric vehicle (EV) charging points at 140 new locations across South Australia.

The RAA and State Government see Blackwood as both a strategic connection point for the wider network, and an important charging area for southern Adelaide.

The RAA have also stated that they expect this site to attract travellers, given the surrounding developments by Mitcham Council with the



♦ Photo - The two EV chargers in the Gladstone carpark have been troublesome for Mitcham Council and may end up being decommissioned

new community hub and nearby retail business premises being constructed.

Mitcham Mayor, Heather Holmes-Ross stated that the Blackwood location was chosen from an extensive list provided by Council. "There were 18 sites provided to RAA and they chose Blackwood, which they considered as a business district that will attract tourists and EV users"

The agreement will not incur cost to ratepayers, as the RAA will install, operate and maintain the chargers in exchange for Council permission to locate them on nominated car parks along Waite Street.

However, some in the community have voiced criticism towards Council for investing in chargers which will now be made obsolete.

Local resident Paul Mabarrack claims that the cost incurred to ratepayers has been too great to justify the usage.

"They are experiencing little use, and they have cost ratepayers plenty. My estimation is that one 90 minute re-charge at Blackwood, which is the daily average, is costing ratepayers \$40, which includes the power charge, the maintenance cost, and the depreciated cost of setting it up," said Paul.

"If that same EV owner had their electric vehicle charged at home, the cost would have been about \$3."

Responding to concerns about utilising ratepayers resources, Heather noted that householders are not the only stakeholders within the community.

"Council's role is always to be respectful of ratepayers money, but businesses are huge ratepayers, with their rates double that of household residents, so we have a duty to our commercial rate payers as well. So our philosophy is to always be considering ways to make our business districts more desirable places to visit."

Heather added that the Gladstone Road EV chargers have served their purpose, drawing business into the community and providing an important stopgap while EV uptake increases.

"From council's point of view, we need uptake of EV within the community, and one way to help with that, is to install more chargers, so two years ago we installed four down in Mitcham and two in Blackwood. They were primarily for people visiting the area to charge their cars, and to encourage people to come and shop at either Blackwood or Mitcham.

"Because we were early uptakers, we did have trouble with the technology, particularly with the ones at Blackwood, which I believe will be decommissioned, as they are not fit for purpose, but, we believe the chargers have been a success.

"You can see that the way of the future is not free chargers, but our role has been in the facilitation of the uptake of electric vehicles.

"We always knew this would be an interim measure, and in those terms it has been a great success, as the RAA have now come along and indicated they want to install in Blackwood,"





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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 ...

'Coronation chicken on menu for King Charles III ceremony'



his older daughter, Elizabeth, immediately became Queen, although her coronation was not held until June 1953.

While the celebrations for the Coronation in London were on a very grand scale, across Australia planning also began.

The 1953 coronation was the first to be fully televised, but only in the UK and parts of Europe. For loyal Australians, the film was dispatched a day later on a Qantas flight which arrived in the record time of 53 hours and 28 minutes, to be seen in cinemas around the country.

Many items appeared locally in The Coromandel newspaper leading up to the historic event:

• April 10 - Reproduced from article headed 'Swap' in The

Two good coronation seats for schoolboys in exchange for one week's exclusive salmon fishing for two rods at a modernised fishing lodge on the Wye.

• April 17 - Queen Victoria's Coronation

To prepare herself for the ordeal, she ate two breakfasts, for hers was to be the longest Coronation in history. In point, the young queen (18 years old) had to rest in the robing room at the Abbey for an hour before she could undertake the ceremonial drive through the streets of London.

• May 8 - Queen's Title

The fact that Queen Elizabeth II will have a title different from that of her father is nothing new in British history. In Australia, she will be Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and, for the first time, of Australia.

• May 29 - London

The city, we all think of this Coronation week, is the capital

FOLLOWING the death of King George VI in February 1952, of England, of Great Britain, of the United Kingdom, and of the Commonwealth and Empire. It is the greatest city in the world, judged by any standards. Through all its wars, local, civil, and global, plagues, fires and air raids, London has lived and progressed.

For the children

You will already have heard your teachers, fathers and mothers talking about the crowning of the Queen. Perhaps you would like to know more about the various articles used in the actual Coronation ceremony.

Good wishes from many local traders including Belair Delicatessen, Blackwood Service Station, Eime Drapers, Dunn Carriers, Axfords' Four Square...

June 5 - Successful Coronation Ball

The Boys' Club Hall was gay with flowers, bunting, streamers, and pictures of the Royal Family on Friday night, May 29, for the CWA Coronation Ball. About 150 dancers enjoyed the

The highlight was the Belle of the Ball contest, while novelties and a solo dance by Miss Beryl Bentley, gave added interest. A very fine supper, including hot miniature pies and pasties, was greatly appreciated by all.

July 24 - Memorial Hall Funds Swelled

The Blackwood Branch of the CWA has donated the net proceeds of £87/12/10 from the very successful Coronation Ball to the building fund for the Memorial Hall.

Coronation Chicken

Coronation Chicken, Poulet Reine Elizabeth, was co-devised in 1953 by Constance Spry, from the Cordon Bleu Cookery School, during preparations for the coronation banquet.

The dish consisted of shredded, cooked chicken coated in a



◆ Photo - This image of Queen Elizabeth II appeared on the front page of The Coromandel newspaper in 1953

curry sauce, served with a well-seasoned, dressed salad of rice, green peas and pimentos.

On Saturday, 6 May 2023, perhaps we should celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III with an appropriately 21st century Australian dish - Thai green chicken curry, Indian butter chicken, Villi's chicken pie, Chinese chicken noodle soup, or roast chicken ...?

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Call for national retirement village regulation to address excessive fees

INDEPENDENT Member for Mayo*, Rebekha Sharkie MP (pictured) is calling on the Federal Government to give Australians living in retirement villages greater financial and consumer protections, and calls on the Government to take the lead in ensuring consistency and transparency in state and territory legislations.

"Many Australians enjoy retirement village living and find it suits their lifestyles well. Unfortunately, I am also approached by many others who are appalled at the excessive fees applied to retirement village living," said Rebekha Sharkie, Mayo MP.

"For many, the fees for upfront incoming payments, ongoing service charges and exit or deferred management fees are eye-watering. Exit fees alone can equate to up to 25 or 40 per cent of the person's ingoing contribution or resale price after a short stay.

"Residents have no insight or control into how some retirement villages calculate the exit costs, including the complete refurbishment of the unit, even if a resident has only lived there for a year.

"Many residents don't have any control over how the unit is marketed or when it is put to market, as this is often done 'in-house' by the retirement village owners, often at rates higher than a licensed real estate agent, leaving exiting residents feeling powerless and out-ofpocket," said Rebekha.

"And once fees are deducted, remaining funds leave some residents ill-equipped to pay for higher level care they may need when they age. This is particularly worrying if one or more of them require residential aged care.

"This is an area which clearly warrants Federal Government intervention to help ensure fairness and transparency when you enter and leave a retirement village."



While retirement villages are largely regulated under state and territory laws, elder law specialists and seniors' advocates have called for national reform and/or harmonisation in the past.

The call for action is supported by National Seniors Australia. National Seniors have been calling for nationally consistent and strengthened retirement village legislation for years because of growing complaints from older

"Nationally consistent retirement village legislation will create less confusion and reduce the costs of compliance benefiting both consumers and operators," said Ian Henschke, National Seniors Australia Chief Advocate.

"Older people are confused and frustrated by the complexity of the contracts and lack of protections when they consider entering a retirement village, and dismayed by the delays and egregious charges when they exit one."

While the South Australian Retirement Villages Residents Association Inc which represents 7.000 residents in South Australia. have also made submissions to the South Australian State Government seeking better consumer protection, transparency and a balance of rights between operators and residents.

*The electorate of Mayo covers the Adelaide hills including Hawthorndene and Craigburn Farm

ParkRun launch is gaining momentum

A PROPOSAL by Waite MP, Catherine Hutchesson, to utilise the former Belair golf course site in the National Park for a community Parkrun event has been met with support from the community and department officials.

Parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Parkrun is 5km and takes place every Saturday morning, while junior parkrun is 2km, and dedicated to 4-14 year olds and their families, every Sunday morning. It is a positive, welcoming and inclusive event, there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come

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

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

After assembling a community group to initiate planning for a local trail, Catherine said the project had now received full support to go ahead.

"The Deputy Premier and the department have approved us to hold it in the former golf course location. We have been working with the Senior Ranger at the Belair National Park, and a community group, to look at what a trail would look like, and making sure it is accessible and not too difficult to be inclusive to as many people as possible.

Catherine is working with the administration at ParkRun to get it on its way, and seeking support from local community groups and businesses to help with startup costs for the event.

"We are looking to fund-raise to get it started, as it cost \$7500 to start up, getting a defibrillator, insurance, as well as signage, website, hi vis for organisers. So we are opening up to local businesses and community groups who would like to be involved in helping out with that."

□ Anyone looking to be involved with the ParkRun in Blackwood can contact Catherine Hutchesson's office on 8278 5844 or Waite@parliament.sa.gov.au for further information.



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Council to investigate cost of sealing fire track

by James Swanborough

MITCHAM Council are considering the cost of sealing the fire track section of Grevillea Way, after passing a motion to seek an up-to-date report to provide councillors with a good understanding of the estimated current cost, processes required and the current usage of the road.

Grevillea Way links Gloucester Avenue with Gulfview Road, providing an alternate access between Belair and Blackwood.

The unsealed gravel section of Grevillea Way is quite steep and does not meet the design standards for a sealed road.

Council considered a report on options for Grevillea Way in 2007, which debated closing the road with the exception of emergency vehicles, or sealing the track as a one or two way road.

"Several proposals have been put forward to the community over the years and there has been strong local opposition against upgrading the fire track to a fully sealed road," said Councillor for Park Ward, Tom Morrison.

The public debate concerning the unsealed section of Grevillea Way culminated in Council embarking upon a "road closure" process, which was terminated due to an investigation and assessment by the Ombudsman's Office in 2008.

Following this, a review of the signage, delineation and management regime of the "unsealed section" of Grevillea Way was undertaken, and

improvements were implemented to increase road safety for users of this link

Since that date, arrangements have been made to routinely inspect and as required, conduct maintenance on the unsealed road surface.

Local Waite MP, Catherine Hutchesson said she would advocate for the community, if there is support for sealing the track.

"We have had some residents raise it; obviously it has been a long term issue, which has in the past been something the community have been divided upon," she said.

"I know Cr Morrison has done a lot of work on it during his campaigning, gaining feedback from residents and their views have changed.

"He and I are looking at how we can engage with that area again, but we are keen to see what up to date costings look like. I believe it was relatively expensive last time they looked into it, but that was a long time ago.

"I'm happy to speak to anyone with feedback on the issue. If the community are in support of sealing the road then I'm always happy to advocate on their behalf.

"It does provide a sense of security for some people, as if there is a fire then they have some capacity to evacuate. And I believe there is some benefit in terms of time to get to Blackwood, but it is something that the community needs to decide whether it is something they want to pursue," added Catherine.

Groove along to an evening of UB40 songs



"AFTER the successful musical performance of 'Abba Gold' back in December, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along on a very hot evening," said promoter Stephen Lee, from All Sorts of Entertainment.

"However, the somewhat crowded, patient audience all enjoyed the wonderful trip down memory lane, of the many hits of ABBA. Once again 'The Flaming Sambucas' did a wonderful presentation of this very popular show.

"It amazes me that every time I stage this show, it always sells out."

Stephen was also delighted to be able assist Blackwood Players with all the proceeds from the raffle going to their community theatre group, which will help them greatly in staging some great shows this year

So for the next show coming to Blackwood on Saturday May 27 ... get your tickets now for the 'UB4T Tribute' to UB40 same terrific venue at Blackwood Memorial Hall.

UB4T is a strong 7-piece band made up of members from the popular 'One Planet' band with a collection of other musicians with a wide range of experience both nationally and internationally. All have been drawn together with the one aim of presenting the music of UB40 for your grooving pleasure.

UB4T repertoire covers the 80's era of UB40 and you can expect to hear such iconic songs as: 'Food For Thought,' 'King,' 'Red Red Wine', 'Rat In Mi Kitchen", 'One In Ten', 'Kingston Town', 'Cherry Oh Baby', 'Johnny Too Bad' and many more.

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Groups unite to bring Anzac mural to fruition for all to enjoy



• Photo - Some of the people representing the many groups and organisations that were instrumental in helping create the Anzac mural along the fence line near Glenalta railway crossing.

DRIVING or walking along Main Road near the Glenalta railway crossing recently, you may have noticed a bit of activity with people involved in painting a 200m long ANZAC mural.

"What a brilliant addition to our community and a wonderful welcome to Blackwood this injection of colour has brought to the fence that runs alongside the railway line," said Catherine Hutchesson, MP for Waite.

"For many years, this fence has been home to graffiti, and no matter how many times it was resprayed, it was attacked shortly afterwards."

After representations from many in the community concerning the condition of the fence, local MP for Waite, Catherine Hutchesson, and the Department for Infrastructure, along with the Blackwood Action Group led by Geoff Bartlett, as well as Community Advocate Tony Phillips, all agreed that something needed to be done.

"We have been incredibly fortunate that our team from RailCare, led by Scott Bailey got on board, and we saw this as an opportunity to collaborate with the Blackwood RSL, Blackwood Action Group, City of Mitcham, the DIT Senior Aboriginal Leadership Committee, local community, and of course, the very talented Adam Poole-Mottinshaw and his crew, to bring this vision to life," explained Catherine.

So last month, on Saturday April 22, this 200m long Anzac Mural on Main Road, that runs along the fence line near the Glenalta railway crossing was officially launched, where guests were Welcomed to Country by Uncle Tamaru, and heard from some of the stakeholders involved in the project.

The artist, Adam from Cold Krush Store/Gallery, along with students from Lighthouse Youth Projects, Blackwood High School and others, as well as the crew from RailCare have put in a huge effort to bring the walkway to life.

"This mural is a vibrant representation that reminds us of the ultimate sacrifice many gave to keep us all safe. To honour those who continue to serve, and remember those who never returned. "And the path alongside the mural is shrouded by new plants courtesy of Rail Care and Blackwood Action Group to make it something really special," added Catherine.

Local primary school students from Belair as well as community leaders, select DIT Staff who have been involved in the project, along with some community members and BAG had the opportunity to have their hands painted into the Mural in a symbol of Community.

"As well, a big thank you to local resident June Field, for keeping the artists and Railcare team well fed and watered, and Chippy for all his help.

"To compliment this, I am now working with ARTC and Blackwood Action Group to continue work on the adjacent land and Glenalta Freight platform to ensure that there is an entrance and exit to Blackwood that we can all be proud of," said Catherina

"I am so proud to have been a part of such a great project for our community to be enjoyed by all for many years to come."





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Matt hopes his music helps to inspire connection with nature

HAWTHORNDENE artist Matt Cattanach, who recently performed in the Belair National Park during the Adelaide Fringe, is now launching a new single and music video, *Ocean of Love*.

"The song is about the possibility of the love that always surrounds us," explained Matt who wrote the tune while on a barefoot walk, with guitar in hand, in Belair National Park.

Matt credits his connection with nature as being an essential part of his creative development as an artist, and for helping him work through bouts of anxiety and depression.



 Photo - Matt Cattanach and guitar in Belair National Park. (Photo courtesy of Joseph Moore)

"Nature is always offering experiences that fill us with joy, curiosity and wonder, and it is totally our choice whether we take notice and are open to it," said Matt.

"I am hoping the song and video inspire people to deepen their connection with the natural world. My connection has helped me through some dark times, so I've captured a bunch of routines in short videos on The Living Wild Project facebook page and website that might be helpful to others," he said.

'Ocean of Love' is the first time Matt has been recorded by Blackwood based artist TomSea (Tom Barton) who mixed and produced the single, and also played bass,

lead guitar and percussion.

"I am stoked that Tom was keen to be involved, as he is such a talented and experienced producer and recording artist, who has been releasing albums for more than 20 years," explained Matt.

Ocean of Love will be released under the artist name, "The Living Wild Project (featuring TomSea)" on all major streaming platforms including Spotify, Amazon Music and Apple Music.

The music video for the single was filmed on location in the Mitcham Hills and Goolwa and will be available on the Living Wild Project website (https://www.thelivingwildproject.com. au) and Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/TheLivingWildProject).

Matt is also part of local duo *Magic Tortoise* who performed the Fringe show 'Beyond the Trees' to a sell-out audience in Belair National Park in February and March this year.

His new single and music video is being launched on May 5. □

Over 30s soccer group welcomes allcomers

"I AM very passionate about football/soccer in the area and believe it should be available to all, regardless of cost, skill or gender," said Andrew Cox, Blackwood resident and founder of a new Over 30s social soccer group.

"Seeing a need for non competitive sport for mature age people in the community, I formed this group in December last year, with it prov-

ing very popular with all participants so far.

"The group has grown to over 100 subscribers of different gender and is aimed at bringing very low cost sport to the community.

"The group does not make any money and targets people of any skill level and gender. Any player fees go directly back to the group for equipment and pitch hire," explained

Andrew.

"We particularly encourage those who want to get fit and play soccer, but have never played before or were too nervous to join a club."

The Sturt Lions Social Soccer group currently meet and play at Hewett Oval on Coromandel Parade, every Friday evening from 7.30-9pm.

The benefit of play-

ing social soccer with this group is they have a non judgmental approach, and all skill levels, gender and cultural background are wel-

The group has partnered with Sturt Lions Football Club for insurance purposes only, however, they operate independently and don't receive sponsorship/assistance from them

Players need to bring a red t-shirt and a black t-shirt and then split in two teams. They are encouraged to wear shin pads and soccer boots.

Some of the local businesses to support the group includes Tanner Real Estate (Blackwood), Intersport (Blackwood), and The Green Dispensary (Blackwood).

So if you're over 30 and looking for a local healthy social activity without the competitiveness and cost of joining a club, then check out their Facebook page 'Sturt Lions Social Soccer' or come along to their next gathering on Friday evening at Hewett Oval.

Wellbeing program starts with seminar on Dementia

BY TRACEY YEEND
WAITE WELLNESS INITIATIVE

A LOCAL group has formed to help educate and provide information to the community on a range of health and wellbeing issues via a series of free monthly seminars.

In their first seminar on Tuesday, May 9, the *Waite Wellness Initiative* is going to tackle the topic of dementia.

Dementia is taking over as the biggest health issue for Australians aged 65 and over, and in the latest update to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) compendium report 'Dementia in Australia', dementia has overtaken coronary heart disease as the leading cause of disease burden among Australians aged 65 and over.

There are more than 400,000 Australians living with dementia and the number is expected to increase to over 800,000 by 2058.

At this first seminar, State Health Minister, Chris Picton and a representative from SA Health will be attending, to have a brief discussion and Q&A about State Government Initiatives to help us all age well, and deal with the challenges that may arise.

Our very own local State member, Catherine Hutchesson will be there to help launch the series. There will then be a quick introduction to our upcoming sessions, so you can meet some of our presenters, and receive a gift bag and information about the upcoming sessions.

Following introductions, our session gets underway with Wendy Hall from Dementia Doulas International taking you on an interactive journey of how to age healthily and reduce your risk of developing conditions such as Dementia.



◆ Wendy Hall - Dementia presenter

Future sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Blackwood Uniting Church at the roundabout.

Our second session will be held on Tuesday June 13, and focuses on Cyber Safety, presented by Adelaide Tech Guy, Richard Pascoe.

Richard will present this interactive education session discussing how to stay safe in this fast paced, forever evolving and changing technical world. With scams on the rise and becoming harder to spot, this session will help you become more aware of the threat.

We hope that you can join in this community initiative and please remember to book. If you can't attend the launch event, you can definitely register to receive ongoing information about the upcoming sessions.

This amazing education initiative will begin with the official opening on Tuesday May 9, 5pm for a 5:30 start and held at the Blackwood Uniting Church near the Blackwood roundabout.

☐ All sessions will be followed by question time. The seminars are limited to 100 places, so be quick to book your seat by calling Catherine Hutchesson's office on 8278 5844 or e: waite@parliament.sa.gov.au

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the elite trumpet skills of guest soloist Jason Ding who has a Master's degree from the Elder Conservatorium and is a professional brass instrument edu-

Jason will further add to the regal flavour of the music, and under the guidance of Music Director Ian Boath, this concert promises to be truly representative of "Music Fit For A King".

The concert will be held at the choirs' normal performance venue - Blackwood Church of Christ (cnr of Waite Street and Shepherds Hill Road) on Sunday May 28 at 2.30pm.

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Our Mother Earth is not well

BY ANDREW TIDSWELL, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BLACKWOOD



THIS month, Mothers Day is a time to honour motherhood, but also spare a thought for our Mother Earth. She is crying out for us to look after her When we better.

respect and care for Mother Earth she will provide for us in abun-

Our relationship is one of mutual benefit but is now at serious risk. For generations we have exploited the planet believing there would be no costs. We are now appreciating the extent of these costs, as we continue to destroy forests, degrade the land, pollute rivers, oceans and air, and contribute to species extinction and loss of biodiversity.

The earth provides every resource to sustain life, but harmful activities are causing irreversible damage to the planet; also affecting us. Who also knew that the

April 22 was UN International Mother Earth Day?

This acknowledges that "the earth and its ecosystems are our common home" and that "rapid environmental degradation is the result of unsustainable consumption and production".

One of the biggest challenges for anyone who is concerned about our future is to not get despondent, as the scale of the challenges may seem insurmountable.

This was highlighted in the most recent IPCC report on our changing climate which painted a disturbing picture that this is now our last chance to avoid climate disaster.

But it also offers hope, as the UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres says, "it provides a survival guide for humanity". We know what is needed.

New technologies will be part of the future but we really need to devise more sustainable economic, social, production and consumption models and a new relationship with the

What we can do is to have a positive view of a better world and work towards it, knowing that we are not alone. Everything we do and don't do matters from now on.

Every action we take in our lives can be one that respects and harmonises with our Mother Earth. She is sending a clear message that all is not well, but lots of small changes can have a positive cumulative effect.

> We can take comfort that other people are doing good things.

Actions we take, can make a difference, include reducing our energy use, making wise environmental choices whenever we buy things, not wasting food and talking to others.

The biggest threat to our planet is expecting someone else will save it.

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♦ 1 & 15 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, please contact Kevin Marsh on 0428 522 362.

♦ 1 & 15 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, contact Peter on

♦ 3 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.

♦ 3 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

♦ 3 May

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

♦ 4 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

♦ 4 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

♦ 6 May

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.

♦ 7 May

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.

♦ 7 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.

♦ 7 & 21 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.

◆ 10 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

♦ 10 May

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

♦ 11 & 25 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 lan on 0410 634 046 or email: panjarri@gmail.

11 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.

♦ 13 May

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.

♦ 13 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 050831 for further details.

♦ 14 & 28 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

♦ 16 May

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: bobgrant@adam.com.au

♦ 17 May

CHERINGTON THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY GARDEN - Open Garden for Morning of Conversations and Q&A. Hosted by professional, passionate, experienced gardeners keen to connect & help community enjoy their garden ventures.

All gardeners welcome. Join the conversations & bring any questions. From 10am-12.30pm at 13 Laffers Rd Belair (formerly Blackwood Hospital). Enquiries Diana Bickford 0407 339 660.

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.

♦ 22 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

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. probussouthpacific.org/microsites/mitchambills

♦ 24 May

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.

♦ 25 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. Fach meeting we have a guest speaker and each month an outing is planned as well as 'gals' and 'guys' coffee mornings. New members most welcome. Contact Bob on 0418 836 414 or Heather 0448 351 880 for more info.

♦ 27 May UB4T TRIBUTE CONCERT - held

at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood. Enjoy the iconic sounds of UB40 performed by UB4T. Book by phoning 0421 651 451 or visit www.allsortsofentertainment. com.au

RECONCILIATION WALK - starts from Blackwood roundabout at 11.30am heading down Shepherds Hill Road for Colebrook Reconciliation Park.

♦ 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

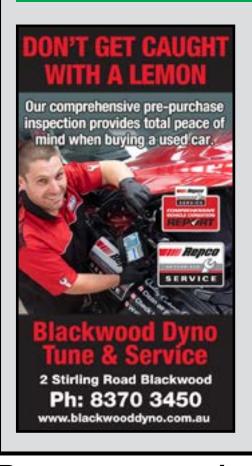
COROMANDEL BRIDGE CLUB - meet at the Coromandel Community Centre, Weymouth Oval at 12.30pm. New members and visitors welcome. Tuition available to the inexperienced and learners. Phone Roger on 8278 5320.

◆ 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.

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Doors open to view historic Coro houses

TO celebrate History Month, Coromandel Valley & Districts Branch, National Trust SA is throwing open the doors to both the Watchman House and Winns Bakehouse Museum, 9am to 12noon, on Saturday, May 6.

Winns Bakehouse is full of fascinating equipment and memorabilia from the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. Children can pick up activity sheets which will take them on a bit of a 'treasure hunt' inside the museum and its outbuildings.

Over at the Watchman House, there'll be displays highlighting the stories of the district's development, early settlers and local places of particular historic interest.

National Trust volunteers will be on hand at both venues to guide visitors through and share local stories.

Morning tea will be available at the Watchman House for \$5pp (kids free). Copies of popular publications including 'The Biscuit Factory' and, for those interested in self-guided walks, 'History Trails and Tales' will be available as will jars of the popular Coromandel marmalade and locally produced honey.

The two historic properties are situated opposite each other across the Sturt River. A footbridge gives easy access to both.

Then on Sunday, May 21, Gamble Cottage and Garden will be open to visitors from 1pm to 4pm. Details are available on cvdnt.org.au and social media. \Box



♦ Photo - Visitors to Winns Bakehouse inspecting the original oven

Flinders Volunteer Service needs you

BY MILES BADCOCK, EDITOR

OVER 3 years ago, I learned of the Volunteer Service at Flinders Medical Centre in the process of preparing an article for *The Blackwood Times* newspaper.

I was interviewing a couple from Coromandel Valley on another matter and as part of the conversation, asked them what they did in their spare time ... it was then that they told me about the Volunteer Service at Flinders and how much they enjoyed it.

As I predominantly work from home, I was looking for more social interaction outside of my office and thought 'that sounds like something I could do' ... so I made contact and came along to an information session ... signing up on the spot as a Guide.

So, after 3 years volunteering, I love the interaction, not only with the visitors we help to find their way around the hospital, but also the fun and banter I have with the other Guides in our team.

As a team, we spend about 4 hours together each shift and get to know each other pretty well discussing anything from

The Volunteer Service for the Flinders Medical

Centre Inc. provides patients, visitors and staff

in the Southern Health Community with a pro-

They are a self-funded, not-for-profit organi-

sation whose volunteers carry out many valu-

able services across FMC, Noarlunga Hospital,

and the Repat Health Precinct. The service

also supports Spiritual Care, Arts In Health, the

Repat Museum, Veterans Wellbeing Centre and

and talent to a need, cause or mission without

mitment to share that most precious of resour-

ces - your time - to make life better for those

Volunteering is a contribution of time, effort

When you volunteer, you are making a com-

fessional service.

financial gain.

the Jaime Larcombe Centre.

how much the Crows won by in the weekend.

However, for me, the greatest satisfaction comes from helping

the visitors at Flinders, who can be coming in for an endoscopy and don't know how to get there; to someone who is looking for a patient that came into Emergency the night before, and don't know what ward they are in.

"As volunteers, we act with kindness, integrity and confiden-

"As volunteers, we act with kindness, integrity and confidentiality. We are here to help others, to gain skills, make friends and make the world a little bit better," said Julie Harris, a Volunteer and Board Member.

"We often meet people on the worst day of their lives and by showing compassion and practical help, we can make their day a little better. The clinical staff greatly appreciate what we do, as it takes the burden off them."

What better time to join up at Flinders Medeical Centre with National Volunteers Week being 15-21 May.



♦ Photo - Three of the colleagues that I volunteer with as a Guide at Flinders Medical Centre (from left): Cliff, Jill and team leader Peter

☐ The Volunteer Service needs you to make a difference. If this something you might like to get involved in, contact FMC Volunteers office on 8204 3009 and find out when the next information session is.

who are in need.

What can volunteering do for you?

Volunteering can make a positive difference in your life and the life of those around you. As a volunteer you will have the opportunity to: -

- Meet new people and make new friends.
- Have fun whilst giving back to the commun
 ...
- Learn new skills that look great on your
 resume
- Do something you have always wanted to do.
- Make a difference.

"Our Volunteers are the front-line workers that form the real and lasting connections with patients and help them to get better in a caring and comfortable environment," explained Justin Wharton, Executive Director.

"The strong partnership between staff and volunteers adds warmth to the hospital culture and provides an extra dimension in patient care."

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Community hub and library on schedule for August completion

THE new Blackwood community hub and library (Tiwu Kumangka) is progressing well with practical completion being planned for August 3, unless there are issues arising that could delay this further.

Once the dates for completion are finalized, the community will be informed in advance via a standard Council Communications Plan, including social media, website and libraries.

Planning by Mitcham Council is under-



way for the official opening event of the Tiwu Kumangka.

Early discussions have included the proposal for a soft opening for the community, followed by a more formal evening event for the official opening, with Federal and State Government representatives in attendance.

This project will make a major contribution to the amenity of the local area in terms of supporting the hills community and through improving the aesthetics of the site and environs, which will be further enhanced by the proposed Waite Street Reserve upgrade.

The new building aims to provide a community facility that creates a precinct offering recreational, social, educational, and lifelong learning opportunities, as well as the activation of the economic spirit of Blackwood.

With an overall Council approved budget of \$12,643,000 (excl. GST) the total spend to date for the project is \$6,564,239.46 (excl. GST).

Since construction recommenced in January. the following has been achieved: Fire proofing to columns and beams; Formwork and reinforcement to stairs; External wall framing to both floors: Brickwork has commenced: Roofing; 1st floor wall framing; Concrete stairs were stripped; Lift delivery; External cladding; Painting to external steel; Brickwork; 1st fix services to level 1.

The current Blackwood Public Library may be closed for a period of two weeks. This will allow for a week to relocate collections and equipment, and then allow for a week of commissioning, testing, shelf reading, and educa-

Previous experience with the Mitcham Memorial Library has shown that this amount of time works well for both contractors and staff in preparation for opening.

"Most of the fireproofing is now complete and roofing is underway," said a Council spokesperson.

"Over the next few weeks, we're set to install the external cladding and the Lift. The walls will be sheeted and the internal walls bricked. Work will also begin on the Young Street car

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CELEBRATING 50 years of the British Comedy Sitcom, Some Mothers Do Ave Em, Blackwood Players is presenting the South Australian Premiere in June at the Blackwood Memorial This adaption of the 1970's sitcom, written by

Guy Unsworth and based on the TV series by Raymond, achieves many scenes from the tele-

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vision sitcom, onto the stage with Frank Spencer and his wife Betty.

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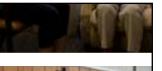
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