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see story pg 3

The Blackwood Christmas Pageant is back in all it's glory this year being held on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**.

Kids gather on Main Road each year, before retreating to the sidelines, as the first floats make their way to Waite Reserve. See more details on page 2.

Also for more Christmas events see page 8.

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DEC 1
from 6:30pm**



◆ Photo - Christmas Parade participants eagerly line up in Gulfview Parade, waiting for the big program of floats to start their march down Main Road to the Waite Reserve heading for the Parade Fair

GREAT news, the Blackwood Christmas Pageant is on again this year and will be parading down the Main Road of Blackwood on Friday, December 1.

Supported by the City of Mitcham and run by the Lions Club of Blackwood in conjunction with Catherine Hutchesson's team at the Waite Electorate Office, the Pageant will begin on the corner of Gulfview Road (near Hungry Jacks) and Main Road at 6.30pm.

The Pageant will proceed along Main Road to Young Street, turning right onto Waite Street and finish at Waite Street Reserve.

A much-loved community event for over 50 years, the Pageant will showcase local CFS and SES units, schools, businesses, churches, sports and community groups. Come along with chairs and rugs to join in the fun and enjoy the magic of Christmas as Santa rolls into town, and don't forget the pavement chalk!

In even more exciting news, this year sees the return of the Pageant Fair held at the end

of the Parade. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley, enjoy a variety of food stalls and entertainment at the Fair on Waite Street Reserve, right where the Pageant floats finish their journey from 7pm to 9pm.

Road closures (see advert below) will be in place from 5.30pm, and a 25kmh speed limit will be enforced on Main Road from 4.30pm, so please plan your parking in advance. SA Police may close the roads earlier.

We look forward to seeing you there to help us welcome Santa and celebrate the start of Blackwood's festive season.

☐ Any schools, businesses, organisations, groups, and clubs who are planning to enter a float in the Blackwood Christmas Pageant need to register by contacting the Office of Catherine Hutchesson MP on 8278 5844 or email waite@parliament.sa.gov.au by Friday, November 17.

THE BLACKWOOD Times

TIP for the Month

"It's not WHAT happens to you in life ... but how you choose to react to it"

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LoTs helping to reduce waste

HAVE you ever heard of a new movement called 'The Australian Library of Things Network'? No? ... well join the club ... neither have I!!

A Library of Things enables members to borrow all sorts of useful items like gardening tools, catering and party gear, board games and more! Often called 'LoTs' for short, these incredible libraries offer members a way to borrow hundreds of items at a very low cost while reducing waste going to landfill.

Some Libraries of Things specialise in particular items, like tool libraries, kitchen libraries, even kite libraries!

And now there is a Blackwood Libraries of Things group, which will offer the community a viable way to share and maintain resources instead of buying - and that's a very good thing if we want to reduce our impact on the planet.

So in August, a group of enthusiastic supporters of The Blackwood Library of Things gathered at the Blackwood Uniting Church to discuss the project's ongoing development.

"During the meeting, numerous questions were raised, such as, a possible location, volunteer recruitment strategies, record-keeping methods, shelving acquisition plans, potential fees, insurance requirements, and possibly incorporating a recycling centre," explained Ian Naismith, spokesperson and local resident.

Additionally, attendees explored how to address situations when items within the library would require maintenance or repair.

The group collectively brainstormed a series of steps to move the project forward. These steps included identifying a suitable location, recruiting volunteers to assist in shaping the project, and, crucially, attracting members to participate.

Several potential solutions were discussed, including the option of sharing space with another organization, considering the use of a shipping container or similar structure, and starting with one day of operation per week, gradually expanding over time.

"A heartfelt thank you goes out to all those who attended the meeting and contributed their valuable insights. Special appreciation is extended to Joanna Wells, Mitcham Councillor Tom Morrison, and Waite MP Catherine Hutchesson for their dedicated representation and input," added Ian.

Lastly, the group expresses gratitude to the Blackwood Uniting Church for generously providing the use of their hall for the meeting.

To meet Australia's 2030 climate targets, we need to transition to a truly circular economy as fast as possible. By encouraging reuse and borrowing instead of buying, LoTs all over Australia are already making that change possible.

☐ If you would like to share your ideas, offer suggestions, or stay informed about the project's progress, please follow 'The Blackwood Library of Things' on Facebook and actively participate in the discussion.

Letters to the Editor

Humans are cause of climate change
There are still many people on Planet Earth that believe climate change is not caused by the actions of humans.

However, at least 97% of world scientists are convinced that humans have had a huge influence on the intensity and frequency of world climate changes.

The facts supporting the climate change views of scientists are overwhelmingly difficult to disagree with.

At the time the industrial revolution started in earnest in early 1800, about one billion people inhabited the Earth. In 1900, the world population of Earth had grown to over one and a half billion, and now the number of humans on Earth exceeds eight billion.

Direct links between the human created industrial revolution, the massive resulting release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere causing huge climatic changes world wide, the dramatic increases in human population, and what is now suitably named, human induced climate change, are impossible to ignore.

There is no doubt in my mind that scientists have assessed the increasing cause of climate change, over the last few hundred years, correctly.

Brian Measday, Kingswood

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Blackwood Christmas Pageant Road Closure

The City of Mitcham hereby provides advanced notice for the following temporary road closure under Section 33 of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* for the Blackwood Christmas Pageant between **5.30pm and 8pm on Friday 1 December 2023** on:

- **Main Road, Blackwood** between Stirling Road and Shepherds Hill Road
- **Gulfview Road, Blackwood** between Main Road and Tester Drive
- **Young Street, Blackwood** between Main Road and Waite Street
- **Waite Street, Blackwood** between the Foodland car park and Edward Street
- **Edward Street, Blackwood** between Main Road Waite Street
- **Chapman Street, Blackwood** between Main Road and Waite Street
- **Carr Street, Blackwood** between Main Road and Station Avenue (local traffic only).
- **Hannaford Road, Blackwood** between Glengyle Avenue and Gulfview Road.

Traffic Management will be in place to provide appropriate traffic guidance and detours to local traffic whilst the road closure is in place.

CITY OF MITCHAM

New complex will invigorate precinct

by James Swanborough

ONGOING developments to one of Blackwood's shopping precincts are finally seeing the light of day.

With the official opening of Blackwood Library and Community Centre (Tiwu Kumangka) last month, exciting things are afoot for the central shopping district.

The new two storey retail precinct to the west of Drake's Supermarket, will reach its completion toward the end of this year, with new tenants moving into the premises in January.

Tom Natsias, who has owned and operated 'Blackwood Health Food' for close to 40 years, has invested in bringing the project to fruition, noting that he was glad to be able to instigate the change.

"It's an evolution; Blackwood has been in need of an uplift for a long time and I'm happy to be able to be involved in shaping the vision," said Tom.

"With the new central walkway planned to include benches and trees alongside businesses offering food, it's going to be great to have somewhere people can grab something to eat and just sit and relax casually. It's going to become a central meeting point for the area."

The first stage of the building complex will see the two-storey structure currently under construction, finished in December, with tenants moving in during January 2024, ensuring no disruption to Christmas trade.

"There will be a pilates studio going upstairs, as well as an internet security business. Then on the ground floor, Shakespeare's Books will take up a large shopfront at the end, while there is also a 50m² space still to be leased at the end of where my Health Food store will be located," explained Tom.

The remaining building will be demolished soon after the move, likely to be at the end of January, before the second development stage begins along the western boundary of Drake's Supermarket, with a second new building beginning construction shortly after.

The pedestrian corridor which will link the new shopping complex to the Blackwood Library and Community Centre (Tiwu Kumangka) will see an opening up of the precinct, allowing free thoroughfare and new places to meet and relax for the community.

Mitcham Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross said of the developments, "we are continuing to invest in the Blackwood precinct for local business and our community.

"The new walkway will connect the shopping centre in a strategic north-south linkage, to better integrate Tiwu Kumangka with its surrounds.

"The new shops plus improved streetscaping and parking on Young Street, will create local jobs and attract further new investment in the Blackwood precinct," Heather added. □



◆ Photo - Developer and owner of Blackwood Health Food, Tom Natsias, is planning to have the new retail premises open for business during January 2024

Centre holds Council ceremonies



◆ Photo - Mitcham Mayor, Dr Heather Holmes-Ross (holding banner) with some of the Grant Recipients representatives at one of the first events to be held in the new Blackwood Library and Community Centre

"IT'S been a special day at our newest facility Tiwu Kumangka at Blackwood," said Mitcham Mayor, Dr Heather Holmes-Ross.

"We welcomed 141 new citizens from 27 different countries across three citizenship ceremonies on Friday 20 October."

New citizens were presented a range of gifts including a jar of Indigenous jam representing Australia's Traditional Owners, a Unity pin reflecting a commitment to a brighter future for all Australians, a letter of welcome from Blackwood Primary School students and a native Australian seedling symbolising the planting of roots in Australia.

Coromandel Valley Primary School students sang the national anthem and 'I am Australian' in English, Kurna and AUSLAN.

As part of the day, City of Mitcham recognised its grant recipients and Australian Honours recipients.

Over the last 12 months, the City's Grants Program has provided \$272,000 to members of the community.

Representatives from 20 grant recipients were

presented certificates for their contribution to the community. Grant recipients included:

- The Lions Club of Blackwood for Blackwood Christmas Pageant
- Blackwood Memorial Hall, new motorised curtain
- Mitcham City Brass, new instruments
- Blackwood Country Fire Service for marquee
- Blackwood Writers Group, book launch
- Friends of Belair National Park, social morning and revegetation works
- Grey Box Community Group, plant sale

Dr Holmes-Ross said she was pleased to host the first of many civic receptions at Council's newest facility at Blackwood.

"City of Mitcham would like to thank and recognise those who have made a significant contribution within our local community and acknowledge them here today."

The day was attended by Kurna Elder Aunty Elaine Magias, Louise Miller-Frost (Boothby MP), Catherine Hutchesson (Waite MP), Member for Elder Nadia Clancy MP and City of Mitcham Councillors. □

Wellness forum for the ages

THE October 'Wellness' Education session was another full house event, with clinical psychologist Debra Sandford discussing emotional health and techniques to help us stay resilient in challenging times.

"Thank you to all of the community members who continue to support our Education Series and making it the successful program it is," said Tracey Yeend, joint co-ordinator of the sessions.

"November will see our last session for 2023 and to wrap up the series, we bring to you Megan Dyson and Amanda Bakker to talk all about 'Health, Nutrition and Exercise' through the ages."

Megan Dyson (pictured on right) is an Environmental Lawyer, Clinical Nutritionist

and author of '5 for Life' - a well researched book about healthy weight management.



Megan will discuss nutrition and how to achieve health in different life stages.

She will be joined by Amanda Bakker, (on right) Specialist Fitness Trainer from My Body Basics, to discuss how to safely exercise and to improve strength in our changing bodies as we age.



The seminar will be held at the Blackwood Uniting Church (near the Blackwood roundabout) on Tuesday, November 14. Please arrive 5pm ready for a 5.30pm start.

□ Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning Catherine Hutchesson's office on 8278 5844 or email: waite@parliament.sa.gov.au

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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 ...



'Gunpowder, Treason and Plot'

GUY Fawkes Night, also known as Bonfire Night or Cracker Night, is an annual English tradition going back over 400 years.

It commemorates the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot of 5 November 1605, when Guy Fawkes, a member of the conspirators, was found guarding explosives beneath the House of Lords in London, ready to blow up Parliament House during the opening of Parliament by the new monarch, James I.

To celebrate the King's survival, bonfires were lit around London. The conspirators were discovered and later executed.

However, it seems unlikely that families celebrating Guy Fawkes Night in Blackwood in the 1950s were much concerned about its origins.

These events featured a huge bonfire topped by the 'guy', an effigy of a man made of straw covered with old clothes.

As the fire burned, fireworks, mostly imported from China, were let off - Catherine wheels, roman candles, throwdowns, flower pots, penny bangers, squibs, jumping jacks, crackers and skyrockets ... smaller children waved sparklers.

While dogs retreated howling to the depths of their kennels.

The Blackwood RSL, the organisers of the event in 1954, saw it as another opportunity to raise funds for the their organisation and the new Blackwood Hospital.

As reported in 'The Coromandel' newspaper: 'Tonight we will offer you a lot of noise and a lot of fun. A happy idea for the folk who like their cuppa, will be the steady stream supplied by Mrs Prider's kiosk [Joan's Pantry].' (Coromandel 5 November 1954)

'A crowd of several thousand, ably controlled by the police, thronged Hawthorndene Oval.' (Coromandel 12 November 1954)

'Our Diary shows there will be a fireworks display and barbecue at the Blackwood Oval, followed by dancing at the Boys Club Hall.' (Coromandel 21 October 1955)

'The RSL fireworks next Saturday really does include something for everybody. One of the happiest reminders is that the evening meal may be obtained nicely cooked and piping hot, on the spot.' (Coromandel 4 November 1955)

Up in Smoke

'A lot of money went up in smoke last

Saturday, but the occasion being what it was, nobody minded as Guy Fawkes Day was celebrated in great style. The RSL and Sports Association arranged a wonderful display and a wonderful evening at the Blackwood Sports Ground, when over 1,500 cars and many more spectators came along to the lovely evening, dark and only pleasantly cool after a heavy storm on Friday. The semi-circle of stalls, the huge bonfire, and the central fireworks display made an exciting rendezvous for all ages.

Oddly enough, there was only one guy to be judged, despite chants of ...

Guy, guy

Stick 'im up 'high.'

There was warm support for the many attractions, and the barbecue proved irresistible as the scent of chops and sausages drifted across the oval.' (Coromandel 11 November 1955)

Due to the increasing number of accidents involving children and fireworks, the banning of Guy Fawkes Night was enforced in South Australia in the 1970s. Most displays of fireworks, at various times of the year, are now professionally organised events.

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◆ Image above - an advert for fireworks in The Coromandel newspaper, October 1956.

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Parkrun project nearly over the line

"DUST off your running shoes... we are very excited to announce that the green light for our parkrun in Belair has been received - which will be known as Belair National Park parkrun!" said local MP Catherine Hutchesson.

From a simple Facebook call out for a parkrun working group to help establish our very own parkrun in January 6 this year by Catherine, everyone has been working hard on this project to get it across the line.

Mapping out the course, raising the required funds, assembling a community of volunteers and supporters, working with Parks to improve the track and getting all the necessary approvals from the landowners (National Parks) and parkrun Global.

Now they are starting the journey to plan for the launch and the ongoing running of the event.

Members are working toward having the event up and running and in full swing in the lead up to Christmas.

If you are interested in joining their volunteer team, you can get in touch via Catherine Hutchesson's office - waite@parliament.sa.gov.au

To join the parkrun community, all you need to do is register at www.parkrun.com.au - where you will get your barcode,

then once they are up and running, just come along!

Parkrun is a 5km course you can run, jog, walk, on your own or with friends, dogs, kids and families. It is free, for everyone, forever - every Saturday morning! Parkrun is as much about the community and getting active and moving than it is about running.

"A big thank you goes to everyone who has supported this initiative; we are looking forward to sharing with you our very own parkrun!" added Catherine.

Parkrun Belair would also like to thank these financial contributors; The Premier, Peter Malinauskas (through Department of Premier & Cabinet), the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley, Trail Running SA, Cosy Wrap, Mitcham Council and Catherine Hutchesson MP (Member for Waite). Without their contributions there would not be a parkrun, so everyone is extremely grateful for their investment and commitment to this initiative.

"Details of the official Belair National Park parkrun website and Facebook page will be available soon and we look forward to seeing you at parkrun!" said Catherine. □



Hills come alive with Christmas choir concert

KICKING off with a great medley of ABBA classics, and ending with Bohemian Rhapsody (followed by an encore of songs by The Village People), the Hills Choral Society once again delighted an enthusiastic audience at its "Back to the 70s" concert on Sunday, October 15.

The concert also included both the more serious music of Stephen Sondheim with the Ballad of Sweeney Todd and folksy style of John Denver. The delightful guitar solo by Ethan Honner, a Year 10 student from St Francis de Sales College, was an absolute "wow"!!

The great variety of songs from 50 years ago including jazz, opera, ballad, folk and pop was simply as amazing as was the skillful way the choir was able to bring it all together under the masterful guidance of Music Director Ian Boath.

The good news is, that if you missed this wonderful afternoon of entertainment, you don't have to wait too long for the next offering from this excellent choir.

Hills Choral Society will be bringing us their Christmas concert "Festive Alleluia" on Sunday, December 10 at their normal venue - Blackwood Church of Christ, cnr Shepherds Hill Rd and Waite St.

□ Look out for full details and information in the December issue of The Blackwood Times.

Adelaide Airport Essential Asphalt Resurfacing Works



Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) is undertaking essential asphalt resurfacing works for the main runway and adjacent taxiways until August 2024. These maintenance works are an important part of ensuring the safety and serviceability of aircraft operations at Adelaide Airport.

To minimise disruptions to daily flight schedules, construction works will mostly be carried out during the existing curfew hours (11pm to 6am) for up to 6 nights per week. There will be times where the main runway will be closed for works to be undertaken and the cross runway will be utilised for arrivals and departures of curfew exempted flights. On average, there are approximately 10 aircraft movements per night, and up to 15 aircraft movements on a busy night during the curfew hours, the majority of which are emergency services and freight operators.

The temporary changes in flight paths used may be noticeable to residents who live to the south-east or north-west of the airport.

More information on the project is available at www.adelaideairport.com.au/mrtop.

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Groups provide Beacon of light for needy

"LAST month, during Anti-Poverty week, we officially re-launched the 'Beacon Emergency Relief Program' but with a new name and new mission," said Catherine Hutchesson, local MP for Waite.

Now known as *Beacon 24*, this program is an emergency food support service for members of our community when they need it.

Through the coming together of the Blackwood Church of Christ, the Green Dispensary Blackwood, Blackwood Lions Club, the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills, Blackwood Action Group and Catherine Hutchesson MP; a new opportunity to help those in our community who are doing it tough, has been established.

Beacon 24 will provide a food hamper that will get someone or a family through 24 hours, and also provide information about wrap around services that are available to help.

"We have been overwhelmed with dona-

tions that have been made by our local community. The students from my Youth Advisory committee, including those at Mercedes College with the help of their Director of Mission, Deborah Lubatti, organised a big donation from the staff at the college and we thank them so much for it and for their offer of on-going support," said Catherine.

Drakes Supermarket have also offered to help along with the Coromandel Rotary Club.

Hampers will be available for those who truly need it from the Blackwood Church of Christ, located on the corner of Shepherds Hill Road and Waite Street, Blackwood between Tuesday to Friday from 9-3pm.

Outside of those hours, there will be a collection point at the office of Catherine Hutchesson MP in Young Street (opposite Blackwood Library) and the Green Dispensary at 202 Main Road, Blackwood.

"It has become apparent, that we do have

members of our community, who may have to make hard decisions between putting food on the table or paying bills and we want to make sure that no one is going hungry in our area," explained Catherine.

"If you are in a situation where you need our help, we will be there."

And with Christmas fast approaching, everyone needs to have the opportunity to enjoy a decent meal and celebrate the festive season with gifts and presents - especially the young ones.

So if you can assist by donating any of the items listed in the panel on the right, you can be guaranteed that you will be helping to put a smile on the faces of disadvantaged families over Christmas.

If you, your group, or school would like to be a part of this project, or if you are in need of assistance yourself, please contact Catherine Hutchesson's office at 7 Young Street, Blackwood, by phoning 8278 5844 or emailing waite@parliament.sa.gov.au

'Beacon 24' needs for your help

... can you donate some of these items listed below for struggling families:

- ✓ Pasta sauces
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- ✓ Long life milk (including non dairy varieties)
- ✓ Breakfast cereal (with long use by dates)
- ✓ Jam (not homemade), Vegemite and/or Peanut butter
- ✓ Muesli bars (long used by dates)
- ✓ Treat foods such as chocolate / biscuits etc (long use by dates)
- ✓ Tea & Coffee
- ✓ Long life juice
- ✓ Toilet paper & Tissues
- ✓ Pet food
- ✓ Sanitary items

Your donations can be dropped into the local MP office at 7 Young St; Blackwood Church of Christ (cnr Waite St and Shepherds Hill Rd); and the Green Dispensary Blackwood (202 Main Rd).

Heritage station receives overdue makeover

MANY of you may know the story of how the Signal Box at the Belair Train Station was lost one fateful night, and the work that has gone into rebuilding and restoring it.

Work that continues to be done today, by an incredible group of volunteers, the Friends of Belair Station.

So, on Friday, September 1, an event was organised by local Member for Waite, Catherine Hutchesson, and the crowd were there for the volunteers, to acknowledge their work.

In attendance was the Friends Volunteers, other Railcare groups from along the Belair Line, students from St John's Grammar, representatives from Keolis Downer and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's Rail Care division who work so closely with the volunteers, the Hon. Nat Cook, Minister for Human Services and Catherine.

"We were there to acknowledge

the volunteers and that was definitely achieved by the unveiling of an incredible mural of the group, painted by artist Jack Fran, now hanging proudly at the back of the signal box.

The Friends were also awarded a Premier's Certificate in recognition of Outstanding Volunteer Achievement presented by the Hon. Nat Cook.

Students from the St John's Art Club and Year 2 classes were invited to take part in an Art Competition. They all painted and sketched the station with many attending the morning with their parents and teachers.

At the event, two other announcements were made. After much advocacy from the Friends group, Catherine

announced that the heritage listed station shelter would be restored with the help of Keolis Downer.

The shelter has been slowly deteriorating for a long time, but it will now be restored.

And not only has the signal box been recently repainted, but the

carpark and garden at the back of the station has been landscaped and is looking fabulous.

Along with the History Boards and Table lovingly presented by Blackwood Action Group, the station will become an absolute tribute to our rail history.



◆ Photo - The unveiling of the mural depicting some of members of the Friends of Belair Station hanging at the back of the Belair Signal Box

Join in forum to discuss our role in reducing landfill

WHAT can our community do to reduce landfill?

Reducing waste by changing consumer habits is one important approach. What else can be done to reduce rubbish from going to landfill is the focus of the Blackwood Action Group's (BAG) next public meeting in November.

At BAG's last public meeting, the focus was on 'recycling', seeking to clarify what rubbish goes into which bin, and where depositories for non-recyclables can be found. A helpful summary created by Andrew Tidswell, Convenor of Sustainable Communities Group, can be found on BAG's website.

According to City of Mitcham's Sept 2023 Overview of Waste Management report ... 11,453 tonnes of rubbish (419kg average per household) went to landfill during 2022/23 from Mitcham.

During this period 48.9% of material in the landfill bin could have been recycled through the yellow or FOGO bin, and if all compostable material was put in the green/FOGO bin, it could save Council \$573,000 per year. Clearly we need to do better!

Andrew Tidswell will chair the conversation, with environment champions sharing what they are doing to reduce landfill, locally and in other communities.

BAG is hoping that local people will help devise strategies for our community to play their part in helping to reduce this enormous waste problem polluting the environment.

BAG's next public meeting will be held at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade, on Wednesday 22 November at 7.30pm.

We hope you can join in this conversation to create an action plan to reduce our landfill footprint.

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ROTARY year 2023/2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the first Rotary Club to be chartered in South Australia ... The Rotary Club of Adelaide.

Since then, over 90 Rotary clubs have been chartered in South Australia alone. This includes our two local clubs ... the Blackwood club being formed in

1970, while the Coromandel Valley club was formed in 1992.

Rotary has a proud history of doing good work in communities locally and internationally. It's time now to reflect, celebrate and blast into the next 100 years of collective impact!!

Our centenary is a unique opportunity for all Rotarians to continue working together to create a better place for our community and the world, through purpose, fellowship and fun.

We will do this by remaining true to our values of service, integrity, diversity and leadership.

Taking action to create lasting change and see a world united

IN BLACKWOOD we have had a Rotary Club in our area for 53 years. Our charter was signed on September 14, 1970 and the club has met in the Blackwood area since that time.

All Rotary Clubs are sponsored by a parent club, our parent club is located at Mitcham, and we continue to meet with Mitcham as the first meeting of the year.

The Rotary Club of Blackwood has sponsored 2 clubs; Flagstaff Hill in 1978 and Coromandel Valley in 1992. We still have close connections with both clubs.

All Rotary Clubs have a joint vision which is "together, we see a world unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves".

We do this by promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting education, growing local economies, and protecting the environment.

Along with all Rotary Clubs we have been involved with Polio Plus which is Rotary's biggest international projects which has run for more than 35 years and has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since the first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

A Brief History ... as well as being involved in international projects our club has been very involved with the local community in our 53 year history.

In 1974 we made our first major donation to contribute to the building of the St Johns Ambulance Centre in Blythwood Street Blackwood, this facility is still used as a youth Division centre today.

Our club ran the first fair in 1975 with borrowed equipment, so the club started to make its own shelters in 1976. In 1982, the club donated \$10,000 to assist the blind in Bangladesh.

The Rotary Club of Blackwood ran its first Art Show in 1984 in the Blackwood High School with 450 entries. We have held annual art shows at Blackwood High School since that time and is an event that continues to attract artists and visitors.

1992 was another big year with a donation made to Meals on Wheels which was sited at the Blackwood Masonic Lodge. This was also the first of our 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner' which is a much-enjoyed social occasion.



◆ Photo - Blackwood members are often involved in fundraising activities like this bbq held in the Woolworths shopping centre

A major donation of \$60,000 was made in 2001 to assist with the building of the Performing Arts Centre at Blackwood High School. This is an outstanding contemporary learning space which our community can be proud of.

Current Rotary Club of Blackwood Projects ..

In the last few years our club has been involved in a number of projects that have both a local and international impact.

We have donated with other South Australian Rotary Clubs to establish a dismountable medical centre in the Ukraine, provided assistance to the Ukrainian Association to allow the children of Ukrainian refugees to attend a camp, and worked with other clubs in our area to raise the money to purchase a 10,000 Litre water tank at the Cherry Gardens CFS.

In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley we are raising the funds to establish 2 bike tracks at the rear of Blackwood Primary School.

While, in the coming year, we will be raising money to assist in building a further medical centre in the Ukraine and to assist funding the 'Days for Girls' which provide increased access to menstrual products and vital health information for women and girls worldwide. □



◆ Photo - Blackwood members made nesting boxes for rescued birds at Minton Farm impacted by bushfires

Our strength is all the committed and actively involved club members

Forming a Second Club in the Blackwood area

IN 1991, the Rotary Club of Blackwood began the process of chartering a second club for the area.

A recent ruling by Rotary International had eliminated the criteria that club membership was limited to males, and could now accept female members. A new look for Rotary.

The new club was named the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley and had its first meeting as a provisional club on January 20, 1992.

We are a proud, cohesive, dynamic and forward thinking club. The high percentage of our members who are totally committed and actively involved in projects, is our strength and has been since our inception.

Since 1992, our club has been contributing to projects addressing needs internationally, nationally and locally.

Snapshot of Projects and Contributions

- "Dental Care to Share" supplying dentist chairs and equipment to assist in the establishment of dental facilities; dental hygiene and care programs in the Solomon Islands.
- Kompian Hospital, Papua New Guinea ... a collaborative project with other Rotary Clubs carried out over a long period of time refurbishing extending the hospital and providing sustainable services.

- Hera Preschool and Toilet Program, Timor Leste ... contributed \$10,000 to this collaborative project supporting the building of facilities essential for effective pre-school education.

- New Water Tank for Cherry Gardens CFS ... contributed along with other local area clubs to fund a new water storage tank for the Cherry Gardens CFS. The need for adequate water to fight fires with was highlighted in the 2020 fires in the area.

- Drakes Car Park Saturday Morning Sausage Sizzle ... held twice each month with all money raised (\$1850 in 2022) going directly to a local group or local charity.

- Annual Christmas Pageant Fair ... we sponsor the Fair held on Blackwood Pageant Day at Waite Reserve.

- Contributions to support other community projects and functions include: Foodbank; National Trust (Watchman House and Gamble Cottage); ANZAC Day; Calperum station environment project; and "Say No To Domestic Violence".

- Support and contribute to programs that engage young people and youths in their personal development eg Long Term Youth Exchange; sponsoring young people to participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) an intensive leadership experience; and sponsoring youths to participate in Operation Flinders. □



◆ Photo - The very popular 'Giant Plant Sale' organised by the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley, is held regularly throughout the year and is a great fundraiser for the Club

Would you like to join us?

Here's what some of our members say about why they joined Rotary ...

I joined an energetic, cohesive club and was impressed by the fact that all money raised was donated. The club was interested in a wide range of projects from support for Operation Flinders to environmental rehabilitation at Calperum, dental care in the Solomon Islands to hosting the Blackwood Pageant Christmas Fair.

Jenny, member since 2013

By serving in Rotary, it gives you the opportunity to achieve good for those in the local, national and international communities in a way you could never achieve on your own. The effort is not only rewarding to see things achieved, but in doing so you meet likeminded people that become your friends.

John, member since 2007

I was new to town, didn't know many people, and saw joining Rotary as a chance to meet people and make a contribution to the community.

Peter, member since 2008



The Blackwood club meets fortnightly at the Blackwood RSL on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 6pm. If you are interested and would like to be involved in doing something worthwhile for your community, please come along to a meeting.

For further information, please contact 0417 312 853 or search for our facebook page at www.facebook.com/BlackwoodRotaryClub



The Coromandel Valley club meets fortnightly in the Parish Hall (behind St Johns Church), 337 Main Road,

Coromandel Valley at 6pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. If you are interested and would like to be involved in doing something worthwhile for your community, please come along to a meeting.

For further information, please contact Peter on 0431 012 142.

Club improves life outcomes of children and young people

MEMBERS of the Tonsley VIEW Club were last month asked the community to give generously for "Anti-Poverty Week", held from October 15 to 21.

This year, the focus of Anti-Poverty Week was to

end child poverty in Australia, and the community was encouraged to help by sponsoring a child through national children's education charity, The Smith Family.

VIEW is a national women's organisation with over 14,000 members in close to 300 communities exclusively supporting children's education charity The Smith Family.

Members sponsor students, volunteer, fundraise and advocate to improve the life outcomes of Australian children and young people experiencing disadvantage.

The Tonsley VIEW Club financially supports 8 children through The Smith Family's Learning for Life education support program, which provides families with long term educational, financial, and personal assistance so that children have all the essentials needed to fully participate in their learning.

President of the Tonsley VIEW Club, Debra Sutton-Smith said, "with one in six children in Australia living in poverty, and with the current economic environment, it has never been a more important time to support a child with their education.

"No child should have to miss out on the essentials of their education, like school books or excursions, and this is why VIEW is so passionate about supporting the work of The Smith Family.

"It's evidence-based approach helps children



experiencing disadvantage to overcome the educational inequality they face.

"They support children for the duration of their education, and this helps them build the confidence and skills needed to create better futures for themselves," added Debra.

VIEW Clubs nationally raised more than \$1.3 million last year to support The Smith Family's vital work, and they currently sponsor over 1,700 students on the Learning for Life program.

While fundraising plays a vital role in helping children in need, President Debra is also encouraging women of all ages to donate their time and skills by joining a VIEW club.

Last year, VIEW members collectively volunteered over 70,000 hours of their time to help young people through homework, reading and mentoring programs run by the charity - but there's still a need for more helping hands.

"Our VIEW members have a unique opportunity to provide hands-on support to children experiencing disadvantage, while also forming meaningful and lasting community relationships," Debra said.

"Recently, members in our local area have been volunteering as Learning Club Tutors, organising fundraisers such as quiz afternoons and fashion parades, and attending community outings to Parliament House hosted by our MP Nadia Clancy, Carrick Hill, and a tour of Her Majesty's Theatre."

To find out more about joining VIEW, visit www.view.org.au or call 1800 805 366.

To sponsor a child through The Smith Family, visit www.thesmithfamily.com.au or call 1800 633 622.

Women and children main focus of an expo and a 'respect' project

A VERY busy time lies ahead in November for the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills with an inaugural Women's Expo, and the revival of an educational and advocacy project 'Expect Respect'.

The Women's Expo is to celebrate and empower women in our community and provide a platform for women and organisations to showcase their talents, businesses, and achievements and provide information while fostering networking and collaboration among participants.

The aim of the Women's Expo is to provide:

- Clubs, organisations and businesses who provide services and activities for women, the opportunity to showcase these activities.
- Local women with information about the clubs, organisations, and businesses that could be of interest or use to them.
- Networking opportunities for all, in an informal environment.

The Expo will be held at the Soldiers' Memorial Gardens, Belair Road, Hawthorn (alongside the Mitcham Library) on Saturday, 18 November from 11am to 2pm.

Thirty exhibitors representing a wide range of local clubs, activities and educational organisations will make up the Expo with women and girls at the front. The lineup includes volunteering, music, sport environmental/recycling information, emergency services and a refreshments van.

Anyone with a woman in their lives will not want to miss this community connection event.

The second Zonta event being held is the 'Expect Respect Project' which is an advocacy initiative that aims to heighten awareness in children, adults, and the community of the need for respect in relationships, especially towards women and children.

The Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills began the project in Mount Barker, and this year they hope to build on this success by supporting local schools to teach many younger students how to build safe and respectful relationships.

The elements of the current 'Expect Respect Project' include recognising bullying and coercion behaviours, learning skills to combat bullying, learning how to be safe and asking for help, raising awareness and supporting their friends in need.

Professionals in the field of law enforcement and social behaviour training, including SAPOL, provided explicit learning experiences for the students over term three.

The students create artworks to demonstrate their new understandings. All of that art is



now on display in various publicly accessible places in Blackwood and Mitcham including the Blackwood Recreation Centre, Blackwood Uniting Church, the Office of Catherine Hutchesson MP, Mostly Books, Mitcham and finally at the Sturt Lions Football Club.

You are invited to look closely at the works to see what our very young students are understanding about these important social and emotional issues.

Calendars are currently being created from the artwork and will be available for purchase after November 27.

The culmination of the project is a community event to be held at the Sturt Lions Football Club, Shepherds Hill Road (next to Karinya Reserve, Eden Hills) on Monday, November 27 at 10am - 11am.

Guest speakers will be White Ribbon Ambassador, Derrick McMannus and Mitcham Mayor, Dr Heather Holmes-Ross who will address the students, plus the new 2024 calendars will be launched, and everyone will join in a loud shout out for 'No to Violence'.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact the club if you would like to buy a calendar this year.

You can contact the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills via email: zcahills@gmail.com for more information.

How to be comfortable in hot weather



BY ANDREW TIDSWELL
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
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OUR changing climate is heading us into a long hot summer ... it would be good if our governments took serious action to reduce fossil fuel extraction and use.

There are however, many things we can do to minimise the impact of hotter weather on our health and well-being.

Last month, I mentioned how ancient cultures prioritised resting during the hottest parts of the day. This time, I focus on what we can do to manage our homes and the changes we can make to them to maintain comfortable conditions.

Managing our homes

- Keep windows and doors closed on hot days. Open windows in early mornings and evenings to flush out hot air.
- Note which rooms are the most comfortable when it's hot and spend more time in them.
- Close curtains and blinds on hot days.
- Be smart with air conditioning, only cooling areas we are occupying and only to the extent needed to be comfortable.
- Have indoor plants. Moisture evaporating from leaves cools the air. Being amongst greenery also makes us feel more comfortable.

Adapting our homes

Most of our homes are badly designed. Preventing heat from getting inside is the key to summer comfort.

- Shade windows from the direct sun with blinds, pergolas and greenery, particularly east and west facing windows. Shade cloth can also make a difference.
 - Plant quick growing shrubs and vines on north, east and west sides of houses to provide summer shade.
 - Lots of garden greenery can reduce the air temperature at least five degrees by natural evaporative cooling effects.
 - Improve insulation especially in roof spaces.
 - Install foam sealing strips around external doors and windows to keep hot air out.
 - Circulating ceiling fans provide cooling effects and are much cheaper to run than air conditioning.
 - Consider adding double glazing to some windows. Adding plastic sheeting to windows can create a cheap double glazing effect.
 - Consider putting up temporary insulation panels over windows in hot weather. Every home can be improved to make it save energy and maintain comfortable conditions in hot weather.
- Managing ourselves**
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothes, especially made of natural fibres.
 - Stay in the shade as much as possible.
 - Use a spray bottle of water to cool the skin.
 - Have a cool shower before bed to reduce body temperature.
 - Regularly drink water to stay hydrated.

If anyone wants a more detailed list, contact me at email: aj@thetidswells.com

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Christmas Tree Festival to be on show in new library and community centre



CHRISTMAS is just around the corner and so is the 2023 Christmas Tree Festival.

This year, the Festival will be held in the fantastic new Tiwu Kumangka (Blackwood Library & Community Centre) on Young Street on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 December, from 10am to 4pm. Please put the date in your (electronic!) diary now.

"Forty-five community groups and businesses have committed to creating a wonderland of beautifully

decorated trees," said Pauline Dodd, joint co-ordinator of the Festival, and Blackwood Action Group (BAG) member.

The pine trees are coming from Chandler's Hill Christmas Tree Farm this year, and most will be available for the community to purchase along with hand crafted trees.

Over 80 people have been working over the last 18 months to create beautiful decorations and gifts for sale at the Santa store.

Many have volunteered to help make twig and vine trees and wreaths in November, with vines supplied by Patritti vineyards.

"We have had help from the men's shed at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church and the St Mary's Anglicare Community Shed, and other community groups.

"The very popular children's craft sessions will be on offer again, and of course, Santa will be there," added Pauline.

The event is being sponsored by City of Mitcham, Westfield Community Heroes Award and BAG, with support from many local businesses especially Habitat, Woolworths, Coles, Blackwood Hire and Waite Electoral Office.

Money raised through entry donations to the Christmas Tree Festival, and proceeds from the sale of the decorated trees, wreaths, and hand-crafted gifts will support our local CFS groups, Lions Hearing Dogs project and the newly launched Beacon 24.

You are invited to place an unwrapped gift or non-perishable food items under our beautiful Giving Tree for families challenged by tough economic

times.

The Blackwood Hills VIEW Club would like donations of children's books. Please see blackwoodactiongroup.org.au for more information.

It is certainly all about a wonderful community effort! It is being organised by volunteers within Blackwood Action Group's Community Links Group.

Now it is your turn to play a part, by visiting the Christmas Tree Festival.

It is a beautiful sensual experience, an opportunity to visit the fantastic new community centre, buy handcrafted gifts and Christmas trees, to find out about the many amazing groups and businesses we have in this community, as you view their stunning Christmas tree creations.

It is also a chance to meet up with local friends; an opportunity for your children or grandchildren to create decorations in the craft area or to have a chat with Santa. You can enjoy Devonshire tea in a quiet spot or with great views from Tiwu Kumangka's balcony.

☐ Bookings can be made for a designated time on Friday afternoon, December 8, for groups with special needs. To make such a booking contact paulinedodd@bigpond.com



◆ Photo above - At the 2021 Christmas Tree Festival, hundreds of visitors came to check out the stunning displays of decorated trees

Red bows signal start of festive season

FOR the past 20 years, the festive season in Blackwood has usually kicked off with red bows appearing outside local homes and businesses.

However, this year it will be a little different with the Blackwood Action Group (BAG) deciding not to sell the red bows to the public, but instead, they will be decorating the Blackwood shopping precincts with red netting bows.

BAG is still keen to continue its commitment in helping to add to the spirit of the festive season in the Blackwood district.

Although the material is still plastic, it is hoped that the netting bows can be reused. Whether BAG decides to again package the red netting bows for sale, remains to be seen.

So keep an eye out for the red bows, which this year, will be placed outside shops during the week leading up to the Christmas pageant on Friday, December 1. ☐

Popular Carols event back for all to enjoy Christmas Eve on Hewett Oval

"AFTER a two year hiatus due to the impact of Covid19, 'Carols! Christmas Eve' bounced back last year with a strong crowd again on Hewett Oval," said Brandon Chaplin, Senior Pastor of the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church.

"We were optimistic that people would return to our outdoor 'Carols on Christmas Eve' and that expectation proved correct, with up to a couple of thousand turning up. I think the whole community was pleased that festive events were back."

Christmas Eve 2023 will earmark 41 years that the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church has run the Carols! Christmas Eve program.

All the much loved classics will be back – from camels to the bouncy castle, and face painting to, of course, the very popular Puppets!

"We just got back into our groove and made it happen like we always have," said Brandon. "With some things, people like a bit of tradition and at Christmas, kids love something that is familiar."

The evening starts at 6pm with kids arriving enthusiastically, then the program starts at 8pm with some traditional

Carol singing and the lighting of the candles, and the puppets.

Carols! Christmas Eve is a free event held on Hewett Oval on Coromandel Parade, Blackwood. See you there!

☐ Phone 8370 0333 for further details or check out www.blackwoodhillsbaptistchurch.com.au or their Facebook page



◆ Photo - Brandon Chaplin (on right) chatting with a young person from the audience about her Christmas present wishlist at last year's Carols! Christmas Eve event on Hewett Oval.

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◆ 1 November

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

◆ 1 November

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

◆ 1 November

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

◆ 2 November

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

◆ 2 November

TONSLEY VIEW CLUB - meet at the Tonsley Hotel, South Rd, Tonsley, at 11am for 11.30 start. Cost is \$25 for lunch. Often have guest speaker, raffle and trading table. VIEW is a women's group supporting The Smith Family by sponsoring children. Phone Deborah

on 0468 630 020 for details or email: tonsleyviewclub21@gmail.com

◆ 4 November

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 check out Facebook or phone 0474 066 776.

◆ 5 November

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

◆ 5 November

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

◆ 5 & 19 November

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

◆ 6 & 20 November

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

◆ 7 & 21 November

BLACKWOOD ROTARY - meet at Blackwood RSL Club, Brighton Parade, 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.

◆ 8 November

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

◆ 9 & 23 November

BLACKWOOD PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB
NOTE: ANNUAL EXHIBITION HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER - 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

◆ 9 November

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

◆ 11 November

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

◆ 11 November

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

◆ 12 & 26 November

JOAN'S PATCH : A GARDEN FOR THE COMMUNITY - meets 1-4pm at Joan's Pantry, Watahuna Avenue,

Hawthornedene to share ideas, plant seedlings and tend to community garden. New members welcome. Enquiries to Deb on 0419 824 787 or e: jkitchengarden@gmail.com

◆ 14 November

WELLNESS EDUCATION SESSIONS - topic is 'Health, Nutrition & Exercise' through the ages. Held at Blackwood Uniting Church (near the roundabout) from 5pm for 5.30pm start. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning Catherine Hutchesson's office on 8278 5844 or email: waite@parliament.sa.gov.au

◆ 15 November

BLACKWOOD WINEMAKERS & BREWERS CLUB - meet at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 19 Coromandel Pde, from 7.30pm. Learn about wine-making and brewing, guest speakers with wine and beer tastings. New members welcome. Phone Bernie on 0447 212 278 or email: secretary@bwbc.org.au for details.

◆ 19 November

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

◆ 21 November

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◆ 22 November

ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE HILLS - work to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Meet at Belair Hotel at 6.30pm for 7pm

start. Visitors welcome. Contact Bev on 0407 603 117 for details.

◆ 23 November

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

◆ 27 November

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

◆ 27 November

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

◆ 1 December

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - starts from Hungry Jacks corner on Main Road from 6:30pm heading for Waite Reserve and the Christmas Fair with Santa in attendance of course.

◆ 24 December

CAROLS! CHRISTMAS EVE - organised by Blackwood Hills Baptist Church and held on Hewett Oval, Coromandel Parade from 6pm. All welcome to come along and enjoy the entertainment.

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The boy who never grew up appears in Blackwood

DID you always enjoy reading the story of 'Peter Pan'? Well, now you can watch it as a pantomime, as this is the next exciting production that Blackwood Players are presenting starting in late November.

"This will be an awfully big pantomime adventure based on the novel by J.M Barrie, with songs and dances," said Myles Leon, director.

"All children, except one, grow up ... except Peter Pan, who is on the hunt for

his pesky shadow," explains Myles.

Peter Pan meets the Darling children in their Nursery. With a sprinkling of fairy dust, Wendy, John and Michael, leave Nana the Dog behind on a flight to Neverland - a magical place home to the Lost boys, Mermaids, Indians and the most villainous pirate of them all; Captain Hook!

With Mrs Starkey and her bumbling son Smee by his side, Hook seeks revenge against Peter Pan who fed his left hand to a tick-tocking crocodile hungry for the rest of him.

Will the boy who never grew-up rid Neverland of Captain Hook forever? Will the Darlings find their way home to London?

You'll have to come along to this swashbuckling pantomime to find out - that will have you 'hooked'!

Held at the Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade on November 25 & 26 at 1pm and 5.30pm.

Tickets are \$20 adult and conc/kids \$15pp.

Bookings can be made via 'try bookings' (see advert) or phone Myles Leon on 0421 002802.

For more details visit www.blackwoodplayers.com

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Ladies share love of choral music

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The program also includes the rousing and well-known classical choral works - 'Hodie' and 'Festival Sanctus' from the pen of American composer, John Leavitt.

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☐ The concert is being held on Sunday November 26 at 2.30pm in the St Peters Lutheran Church, 71 Cumming Street, Blackwood.

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For bookings, go to www.illumina.org.au and more details phone 0413 519 118.

Mitcham orchestra making 1st trip up the hill

THE Mitcham Orchestra, under its conductor Mr Tully Brookes, is making its first trip to Blackwood and will be presenting a 'Pops Meets the Classics' concert at the Blackwood Uniting Church (near the Blackwood roundabout) on Sunday, November 12 at 2.30pm.

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