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*It's time to start getting ready for Blackwood's Christmas Pageant held on the first Friday in December. Santa's sleigh is being dusted off in readiness for the thousands of spectators who turn out each year. More details on page 2.*

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# Parade marks start of festive season

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IT'S South Australia's second biggest pageant, celebrating its 51st year, and it rolls into town again on the first Friday in December.

It's that time of year when most of Blackwood turns out to enjoy the annual Christmas Pageant down Main Road - either as a spectator or involved with an organisation, school or club on a float in the Parade.

If you are new to the Blackwood area or haven't had the experience of attending the annual Christmas Parade - it's something you should

try to attend especially if you have young children to bring along!

Businesses, schools and clubs are invited to enter a float in the Parade with a Christmas and/or children's theme.

Please contact Parade Co-ordinator and local MP Iain Evans' office on 8278 5844 for a Parade entry form and registration details.

After the Parade, Santa ends up at Waite Reserve where Coromandel Valley Rotary holds a Christmas Fair.

If you would like to enquire about

a stall or providing children's entertainment at the Fair, please phone 1300 836 706.

Pencil this date in your diary or on the calendar now - Friday, December 5, Blackwood Christmas pageant night.

Full details will be published in the next (December) edition of The Blackwood Times - delivered into your letterbox on Saturday/Sunday 29-30 November.



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◆ (photo above) : Join in the fun of the Parade - this could be Iain Evans MP (centre) last Blackwood Pageant as co-ordinator after 25 years in the job - pictured here discussing operations with Aberfoyle Park Lions member Sam Duluk (on right) and an SES volunteer.

## Tales of Valley in historic stories

MANY of the stories that are told on walks and tours around Coromandel Valley have been brought together in a book launched last month by well known TV presenter Keith Conlan.

"It is not a complete history of the Valley but is an interesting read and is the start of an insight into the Valley's background, much of which is not commonly known today," said Trevor Conlan, President of the Coromandel Valley and Districts National Trust Branch and the group responsible for compiling the book.

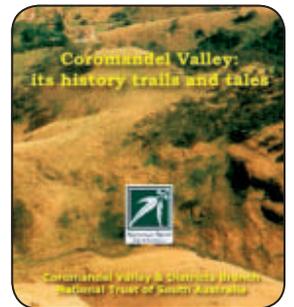
The book launch was held at the Orchard Café on Main Road in the Valley where the owner is a

keen supporter of the local community heritage program and will have the books on sale for \$12 - they can also be purchased through the National Trust Branch.

Story gathering is an ongoing activity for Coromandel Valley, Blackwood, Cherry Gardens and other locations. Contribution of memories of life and community activities, documents and photographs can be offered for inclusion in the local records and protected by the National Trust.

One of the stories currently being worked on is about the Red Cross activities in our area during the war.

To progress this Red Cross story a 'Spotlight Evening' will be held on Friday November 14 at the Coromandel Community Centre, 442 Main Road, between 7-9.30pm. Admission is only \$5, with light refreshments included.



□ If you require more information or have something to offer contact the Coromandel Valley National Trust, email: [ntcoro2@bigpond.com](mailto:ntcoro2@bigpond.com) or call 0474 066 776.



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# Have a say in your future with a council vote

by Annie Waddington-Feather

ALL ratepayers should have received their ballot papers in preparation for local elections by now - with your vote needing to reach the Electoral Commission by 5pm on Friday, November 7.

Last month Blackwood Times featured candidates running for the City of Mitcham elections in the **CRAIGBURN WARD**: Karen Hockley, Nick Greer, Lindy Tæuber and Jane Silbereisen. Also looking for your vote are:



**Katie Hannan** - safer walking and cycling routes to community facilities, schools, and public transport. She wants planning and development of modern community infrastructure that supports this growing ageing population while respecting our bush environment.



**George Howard** - ensure Council makes sound decisions that reflect what the community of Craighburn wants; a better place to live, to bring up children and to retire.



**Katrina Hudson** - lived in the Craighburn Ward for 15 years. Work to increase the library service, and other services for older people; improving the road structure in Blackwood and believes freight trains are an issue.



Last month, Blackwood Times featured candidate Mark Ward for **THE PARK WARD**. Other candidates for this area include:  
**Peter Jones** - grew up in Hawthorndene and believes traffic and growth within the Blackwood district resulting from urban expansion can be enhanced.



**Robert Rowe** - with 50 years of experience in public service moved to Park ward in 1966. He supports measures for bushfire mitigation, and is against excessive signage on main roads.



**Tim Hein** - has represented The Park Ward for two years. He has fought for and won a new Blackwood Masterplan and continues to fight to ensure Glenalta, Hawthorndene, Belair and surrounding suburbs are not forgotten.

For more information on all candidates, read the October edition of 'Mitcham Community News' or visit the Mitcham Council website: [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) and go to 'Council Elections - November 2014 Candidates'.

## MAYORAL CANDIDATES ARE:



**Michael Picton** - the current mayor believes in standing up for the local community, working to resolve local issues, and planning for the future. He will continue to work towards a masterplan to reduce traffic congestion in Blackwood. "Just as I did in 2002, 2006 and 2010, I'm running as an independent candidate. My record over the last 12 years as an independent councillor and mayor speaks for itself," he said.



**Peter Floyd** - lives in Hawthorndene and would like to have a review of the area and build a robust business case. Peter has worked with Councils in NSW and holds a Local Government Management diploma. "My expertise in strategy, budget and policy development will support Mitcham to be a high functioning council, providing quality services and respected for their achievements," he said.



**Glen Spear** - he would like to get the costs of council administration under control. "Until we get costs under control, I won't make false promises," he said, adding he would like to see a new library but it must be funded by proper commercial practises. Glen would like to bring all commercial parties together for informal discussions to form a long term plan for Blackwood.

# 'Wavey man' seen by many passing motorists

by Annie Waddington-Feather

A friendly wave will be missed by the many motorists and residents who pass along Main Road in Coromandel Valley following the death last month of one of this area's memorable residents.

Affectionately known as 'Old Wavey', Ronald Andrews trademark 'wave' started in the 1970's when he and his wife Gwen bought the Coromandel Valley service station, general store and post office.

Ronald's grandson Daniel Andrews said he'd been surprised at the interest in his grandfather, as although he was outwardly very friendly, he was a very private man.

"I've no idea why he started waving; maybe it started with greeting people while he was filling petrol," explains Daniel. "Back then the road wasn't such a main thoroughfare and he might have used it as a way to try and grow his business."

Owner of a neighbouring business on Main Road, Sheryl Glassmith (a glass artist at the 'big dog studio'), said she had known Ron for 20 years.

"He was a colourful character and would wave to everyone," she said. "Anyone who drove passed would talk about

the wavey man. Even when he retired he'd be out walking his dog with the lead in one hand and waving with the other."

While Ken Rix owner of nearby *Blackwood Landscape and Firewood Supplies* said he was sad to hear of Ronald's passing, and it was sad to lose a unique character of the valley.

"He was very well known in the area," Ken said. "A few years back I think he put up wavy hands on springs out the front

with signs saying: 'be prepared to wave', 'start waving now', 'you can stop waving now'."

Daniel has been spending a lot of his spare time sorting through his grandfather's belongings and helping Gwen to get the place in order.

"We have sent 5 mini-skips to the tip already," said Daniel, "and we've only scratched the surface - it appears that he never threw anything away!" □



◆ Daniel with his Nana Gwen, intends to carry on his grandfather's tradition of a friendly wave to motorists passing through the Valley

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Trooper Oswald Vincent Pearson of Blackwood Australian War Memorial, (1914)

# Lest we forget - Blackwood soldiers

Part 11 of the series celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the 1914 Blackwood Magazine.

by Year 6 students Eve, Lachlan, Sophie and Willard - Junior School Leaders at St John's Grammar School, Belair.

In September 1914, *The Blackwood Magazine* published a 'Roll of Honour' to recognise the first men of the district who volunteered to serve country and Empire in World War I. The roll was made up of nine enlisting for *Light Horse* and four enlisting for *Infantry*. Many of these soldiers did not return.

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To recognise the contribution these brave men made to their local area and their country the St John's

students reflected on the sacrifice they made for us.

### What was World War I about?

World War I was about great loss and sacrifice. *Eve*

The young enthusiasts were very proud to be Australian and thought that going to war would show their loyalty and love for their country. *Sophie*

It would have been a psychological struggle to go to war. Surprisingly, a lot of people still volunteered to go. *Willard*

### What was life like for those Blackwood soldiers before they left for war in 1914?

Back in 1914, Blackwood was a suburb on the outskirts of Adelaide and because of the small population; the residents knew each other quite well. *Eve*

The soldiers came from various backgrounds: Oswald Pearson was a wool-classer (see photo) Cecil Wickens a celebrated Sturt footballer and Alfred Sinigear was a clerk for Elders. (<http://blackwoodsoldiersproject.blogspot.com.au>)

### What attitudes do you have about war?

There is absolutely no excuse for war. If we continue to raise children in the middle of war, then what will the future be like? *Eve*

There are still people putting their lives on the line. War still has the same impact and war is still violent. *Sophie*

### What attitudes do you think the community had about war back in 1914?

Many young Australians saw this as an opportunity to show their loyalty and worth to their country. *Lachlan*

The young men of Blackwood saw it as a privilege and had no idea that war could give them such mental scarring. *Sophie*

### How did this research and the visit to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra impact on you?

It was an enriching, yet saddening experience, remembering and respecting the fact that those names were the identities of men and women who gave up their lives for our country. *Eve*

Looking at the Roll of Honour made me feel emotional and think of all the unnamed soldiers who have suffered because of their obligation to fight for their country. *Willard*

The 1914 Blackwood Magazine project is facilitated by The Blackwood Action Group (BAG). To find out about other BAG projects go to [www.bagi.org.au](http://www.bagi.org.au)

□ To supply additional information and images or discuss your involvement contact Pauline at [paunelindoddd@bigpond.com](mailto:paunelindoddd@bigpond.com) or phone 8278 5229 or Lindy Taeuber at [ltaeub@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ltaeub@optusnet.com.au)



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## Bargains galore at local Xmas fair

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In recent years, the Fair has attracted in excess of 3,000 people so you need to get there early to get the best bargains. There is always loads of exciting activities for the whole family to enjoy and lots of entertainment for the kids.



The usual tasty hot and cold food, cool drinks and ice-creams, and community stalls offering a wide range of goods and handicrafts.

The Rotary 'plant stall' will be overflowing with flowering plants, herbs, chillies, succulents and vegetables - just what you need to get your garden in top shape.

The very popular Rotary 'book stall' will be overflowing with 1000's of books for all ages. You are sure to pick up some great reading at a fraction of the cost of new books - most are only 50 cents!

There will be many activities for children, young and old, including a bouncing castle and lots more - plus Father Christmas will in attendance.

Coast FM will again be conducting an outside broadcast - so come see a radio station in action!

The Blackwood Rotary Christmas Fair is an event which helps local community groups to fundraise and inform people about their activities.

See you at Karinya Reserve, Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills on Sunday, November 9 - gates open at 9am

and close at 3pm! A gold coin donation is welcome. Check out the Rotary Facebook page for more details at [www.facebook.com/BlackwoodRotaryClub](http://www.facebook.com/BlackwoodRotaryClub)

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# Many reasons to celebrate 20 years

by The Editor

THE BLACKWOOD TIMES is celebrating 20 years of 'keeping the local community informed' after publishing the first edition back in December 1994.

One thing I look back on and feel very proud of, is that in years to come, this newspaper will provide a great 'snapshot' of life in Blackwood over this 20 year period.

Like *The Blackwood Magazine* (1914) from which extracts have been regularly reproduced in this newspaper, *The Blackwood Times* could become a great reference point for generations to come, in looking back on Blackwood from 1994 to 2014.

When newspapers finally become extinct, and it is inevitable they will, hard copy editions of *The Blackwood Times* may offer an interesting read for groups and students wanting to study Blackwood's history.

We also recently expanded our distribution further into Aberfoyle Park and Flagstaff Hill earlier this year - taking the total circulation to 14,200 homes and businesses. Helping to spread the word about our wonderful community and providing greater value for money for the businesses who choose to advertise in this newspaper.

Without the generous support from many local businesses over the past 20 years, *The Blackwood Times* could not have been published - another reason to shop locally and support local business this Christmas.

And don't forget if you don't receive the newspaper through your letterbox you can always view the last 6 months editions online.



Front page from Issue 1 December 1994

If you move away from the district or go on holiday interstate or overseas, and would like to keep up with the local news then the website is very handy to check out each issue.

Also if you normally receive the *Blackwood Times* in your letterbox each month and don't receive one, please let us know straight away, as we can find out why from the distribution company.

I also believe that *The Blackwood Times* has played an important role over the past 20 years in helping to maintain and foster the "country village feel and atmosphere" in the Blackwood community.

I know I won't be publishing the paper for another 20 years - however as they say in footy circles .... "one month at a time".

## By election date up in the air

FOLLOWING the announcement in June that Davenport MP Iain Evans would be retiring in the next 12 months, Iain advised the State Liberal Leader Steven Marshall his resignation would be effective as of 30 October 2014.

"I'd like to thank all constituents in Davenport electorate for the trust and support in allowing me the honour to serve them for 21 years," said Iain. "I've enjoyed working with all the community groups and helping them achieve their outcomes."

Iain said he has always believed in a strong sense of community. "The Mitcham Hills has this, and I've enjoyed working to make it a better place to live," he said, adding that although he's retired from politics, he intends to work in the private sector.

Even before Iain's retirement date was confirmed, there had been a flurry of activity by other potential candidates with the Greens announcing Jody Moet as its candidate for Davenport, and Steven Thomas, who previously stood for the Greens coming forward as an Independent, and Sam Duluk standing for the Liberals.



Retiring MP Iain Evans

Although 6 December was originally touted as the Davenport by-election date, the final decision is down to Parliamentary Speaker Michael Atkinson.

At time of writing, he'd decided the election to replace the late Bob Such in Fisher would be held before Christmas [6 December] and the election to replace retiring Liberal Iain Evans will be held after Christmas.

Read the next edition (December) of *The Blackwood Times* for further candidate details - once the Davenport by-election date has been confirmed.

## Reminisce with old friends at 50th reunion

EX-SCHOLARS of Blackwood Primary School, their families and friends are invited to come along to the school and take a step back in time.

To celebrate its 50 year anniversary on the current Seymour Street site at Eden Hills, Blackwood Primary School will be opening its doors with a variety of activities that have been planned for this special day.

On Sunday, 16 November, take the opportunity to browse through the historical displays while viewing photos of your time and your child's time at Blackwood Primary School. See how much the school has changed by taking a tour.

Enjoy catching up with past students and



Jan Mykytato (nee Potter) who taught at both school sites starting in 1962 at the Gladstone Street location - pictured here with current school principal Phil Garner.

teachers over a cuppa and scones or indulge in food from the BBQ. There will also be a cake cutting ceremony, tours of our school hosted by current students and a variety of historical displays.

The Hall will include photos from both the Seymour and the Gladstone Street site going back as far as the opening of the School on its original Gladstone Street site in 1929.

More details will be posted over the coming weeks on the website <http://www.blackwoodps.sa.edu.au/50years/events.html> and <http://www.facebook.com/BlackwoodPrimary50yrs/info>

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# Business joins service club to raise funds

ONE local supermarket has been busy recently, supporting local community groups with donations and raffle prizes.

At the launch of the million dollar upgrade to Drakes Foodland in Blackwood, along with the unveiling of the heritage community mural, a 'family day' was organised with a free BBQ and a variety of delicious gourmet foods on offer.

Gold coin donations were received in return with all monies going towards the Sturt CFS Water Tanker appeal - in total over \$900 was raised.

While Blackwood Lions, in conjunction with Drakes Foodland had also organised a raffle to help raise funds for the Lions Cord Blood Foundation. The prize was a Drakes Foodland \$300 gift card and the total proceeds came to \$1800.

"We would like to thank to everyone who generously donated at our 'family day BBQ' and bought tickets in the Lions raffle," said Travis Fraser, Drakes Foodland Blackwood Manager. "Look out for us in the Blackwood Christmas Pageant and as usual there will be lots of lollies and gifts for the kids."



◆ Blackwood Lions Club members (from left) John Alexandrou and Kevin Bird; with the raffle winner Hilda Esslinger; and Travis, Drakes Foodland Blackwood manager.

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## Exciting changes trialled at Wittunga

WITTUNGA Botanic Garden on Shepherds Hill Road is undergoing a gradual transformation as far as the plant collections are concerned with the Garden aiming to really show the differentiation between the various collections.

"The beds are opening up more to highlight the individual plants to make it look more like a botanic garden rather than an untidy collection of plants," said Helena Jenkinson from Friends of the Botanic Garden Association (FBGA).

"Our Garden Guides are having a very successful season of guided walks every Tuesday morning - so successful in fact that we are now offering walks all year round every Tuesday."

If you would like to join one of the walks on Tuesday morning, they start at 10.30am sharp and finish around 12noon (unless its over 36°C).

The 'Hands on Hort' group is still going strong after 3 years of volunteering, also held on Tuesday mornings when a core group of 6 people help with some of the chores around Wittunga Botanic Garden.

"If you have some spare time and love working in the outdoors, we are always looking for more volunteers and more guides," added Helena. For more details, phone the FBGA Office on 8222 9367.

Meanwhile every Sunday during November in Wittunga, a local business 'Strawberries Galore' has received permission to offer visitors to the park, delicious strawberry treats - including coffee, crepes, pavlova and milk shakes. This is the first time a food outlet has been given such approval.

□ If you would like to see this facility available on a permanent basis at Wittunga, you need to visit the Garden and support this venture - starts Sunday, November 9.

## Spread Xmas cheer with a red bow

THIS WILL BE the 11th year that large, bright red bows will be appearing on residents' homes, tied around trees in local streets, and adorning business premises in Blackwood.

Originally an initiative of Blackwood South Neighbourhood Watch, the 'red bow' project continues to grow in popularity and has now spread into most suburbs in the Blackwood district.

"It was set up to foster community goodwill, to help spread the festive spirit throughout the district and to create a more joyous atmosphere leading up to Christmas," explained Joan Beech, the project's co-ordinator.

From Saturday November 8, red bow packs (makes 2 large bows) will be available for only \$5 from NewsXpress Newsagency in the Woolworths Shopping Centre and Habitat Blackwood in the Foodland Shopping Centre.

Also, with Blackwood Action Group (BAG) now responsible for this project, red bow packs will be sold at the BAG bbq stall at the fair after this year's Christmas Pageant on December 5. All proceeds are used for community projects.

□ Contact Liz Bartlett on 8370 3006 for further information.



◆ Joan Beech being assisted by husband Adrian to put up red bows in the Blackwood business precinct

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◆ Phillip and Danyse discussing a client's taxation needs in their new offices

## Peace at work away from home



◆ Jeni enjoys the peace and quiet of The Meeting Place

"TRYING to focus on large amounts of reading and writing is not always possible at home," said Jeni Ayres, a PhD student living in Blackwood.

With household chores to attend to, and some chickens she has recently adopted providing various distractions to her work, Jeni can get easily distracted.

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Jeni is one of the first people to use this new space and is finding it that it is a great asset to Blackwood. "It is central to shops and transport and with Hillbilly's

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THIS time last year, Travelaffare Blackwood in conjunction with Sealink Travel Group ran a competition in *The Blackwood Times* to win a Kangaroo Island Holiday (valued at \$2,500).

The lucky winner was Melannie Bendon from Blackwood and in September she headed over to Kangaroo Island for a weekend. Here is her letter of thanks:

*We would like to thank Sealink, Travelaffare and The Blackwood Times for running the competition and my winning prize of a trip to Kangaroo Island.*

*We have only just been over to the Island last weekend, we had a ball. I went with my husband Frank and our good friends Meredith and Tom Kelsey. None of us had been to KI for nearly twenty years and we were delighted to have the opportunity to see Kangaroo Island again. So much has changed since we last went there ... some things were still the same! We had lovely weather which made the trip even more enjoyable.*

*We highly recommend the Dudley Winery ... they also sell shoes ... what more could you ask for ... wine and shoes in one place!!! We also highly recommend the Kangaroo Island Ocean Safari boat trip. What an amazing experience. The dolphins kindly came to escort the boat and play.*

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# Book early for your festive season celebrations



◆ The band Al.Q.Bon consists of three members - (at back) Bonnie and Quinton with Alain on the flamenco guitar

## Come on unique musical voyage

LOOKING for a night out with delicious food and friendly service, accompanied by live musical entertainment - all just around the corner.

Later this month, the revitalised Sheoak Café in Belair is hosting a sophisticated trio called *Al.Q.Bon* who will take you on an intoxicating voyage encapsulating Jazz, Brazilian, Flamenco and Latin music. The bands name is formed from the three members in the trio - Alain, Quinton and Bonnie.

Singer and songwriter, Bonnie Lee Galea describes herself as ... sultry, sophisticated and stylish! ... she has been performing and managing bands since 1999.

Bonnie has a vast repertoire extending from early

classics to current contemporary numbers and occasionally performing her original compositions ... together with romantic songs sung in Mediterranean, European and South American languages adopted from her travels.

Begin the evening with a mouth watering meal from around 6pm; then sit back and relax while *Al.Q.Bon* take you on an intoxicating musical voyage beginning around 8pm.

The band is appearing at the Sheoak Cafe on Friday night, 28 November. Bookings for dinner and the band are essential - phone 8278 2946.

□ The Sheoak Cafe is located at 38 Sheoak Rd, Belair (across the road from St John's Primary School).

## Get others to do the work

At your Christmas celebration this year, why not let others do all the hard work for you, by preparing the food and platters to keep your hungry guests happy.

And if you don't want to hold your celebration at home, and not have to do all the cleaning up the next morning, meet at one of Blackwood's many restaurants and cafes.

You will find that most restaurants are happy to discuss with you about holding a function at their premises and offer you a menu that can be tailored to your budget.

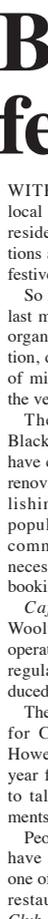
Cafe Montagna, the Sheoak Cafe, Belair Park Country Club and the Blackwood Community

RSL are all keen to hold Christmas functions and celebrations - but you must book early as the days fill up very quickly at this time of the year.

If you are holding a function at home but would like it catered for, give Cafe Montagna a call on 8370 0450 as they offer an extensive menu to choose from.

While Blackwood Butchers in the Woolworths Shopping Centre have introduced a cold meat platter service - they have a wide selection of cold meats to choose from. Give Luke a call on 8278 4244 for more details.

Why not impress your guests with sensational Christmas platters from local restaurants. □



WITH Christmas fast approaching, local restaurants and cafes are advising residents to book their family celebrations and business functions early for the festive season.

So rather than leaving it until the last minute to book your table or organise your Christmas function, do it now and have peace of mind knowing that at least the venue is secured.

There are a number of Blackwood restaurants that have changed hands, made renovations and are establishing themselves as popular with the local community - so it is necessary to make your booking early.

*Cafe Montagna* in the Woolworths Shopping Centre is operated by a local family and has a large regular clientele enjoying the re-introduced table service.

They offer an extensive catering menu for Christmas functions and parties. However it is a very busy time of the year for the restaurant so it is advisable to talk with them about your requirements now.

People living in the Blackwood district have the unique opportunity to dine in one of the best locations in Adelaide - the restaurant at the *Belair Park Country Club* located on the Belair Golf Course

in the Belair National Park. When the sun is setting on the 18th fairway, diners are often lucky enough to witness kangaroos and the odd emu grazing on the manicured fairways.

While at the *Blackwood Community RSL*, their chef who has overseas experience is getting people talking about his mouth-watering dishes.

If you are looking to enjoy a night without cooking, book a table in their restaurant - and you don't need to be a member to enjoy the RSL facilities.

Another eating house to have received a 'makeover' is the *Sheoak Cafe* on Sheoak Road, Belair. A unique, tranquil atmosphere offers guests a dining experience with a difference - open on Friday nights and on Sunday afternoons.

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So if you are looking to have a Christmas celebration or family function at any of these places - make sure you book early. □

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# WHAT'S ON IN BLACKWOOD & DISTRICTS

◆ **2 November**  
**BLACKWOOD CRAFT MARKET** - from 10am to 4pm at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade. Admission is free. New stall enquiries to Kerrie on 0427 410 917.

◆ **2 November**  
**BOTTLE COLLECTION** - from 10am by Belair Scout Group. Collect all glass, soft drink cans & soft drink plastic bottles - from your driveway. Any queries phone Lyndal on 0477 110 022.

◆ **3 November**  
**BLACKWOOD LADIES PROBUS CLUB** - meet at Blackwood Community Ctr, 4 Young St, at 10am. Guest speakers. Visitors & prospective members welcome. Phone Valerie Mills-Stacy on 8370 2674.

◆ **3 November**  
**BLACKWOOD HILLS VIEW CLUB** - invites women to meet new friends at coffee morning at Cafe Primo at 10.30am. Phone Terry on 8270 7186 or 0408 379 679 for details. Supporting disadvantaged children through The Smith family.

◆ **5 November**  
**BLACKWOOD CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** - help refugees settle in our community. Meet at Blackwood Uniting Church near Blackwood roundabout from 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact Carey on carey\_jo71@hotmail.com

◆ **5 & 19 November**  
**LIONS CLUB OF BLACKWOOD** - meet on 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 6.30pm for 7pm start. Prospective members and visitors welcome. Phone John Alexandrou on 8278 1230.

◆ **6 November**  
**BLACKWOOD MENS PROBUS CLUB** - meet at Masonic Lodge, Main Road from 9.30-

11.30am. Visitors and new members welcome. Enquiries to Allen on 8278 2096.

◆ **8 November**  
**AUST. SEWING GUILD (MITCHAM HILLS)** - any people interested in sewing from beginners to advanced are welcome. Held at the Blackwood Uniting Church (at the roundabout) from 1.30-4pm. Phone Donna on 8374 3172 or 0413 022 162.

◆ **9 November**  
**RIDE OR WALK FOR WILLIAM** - St Johns Grammar School raising funds to assist William White's family - William lost his leg as the result of an accident at Apex Park earlier in the year. See the school website for details.

◆ **9 November**  
**BUSHCARE WORKING BEE** - 'Red Gum Gully Our Patch' group meet at Cedar Ave reserve, junction of Miller Tce and Southern Ave from 9.30-11.30am. Day to learn from each other and care for our bushland. Wear sturdy shoes and hat, tools provided. New members always welcome. Phone 8370 2091 for details.

◆ **9 & 23 November**  
**JOAN'S PANTRY KITCHEN GARDEN** - 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 at email: jpkitchengarden@gmail.com

◆ **10 November**  
**BELAIR LADIES' PROBUS** - meet at Blackwood Uniting Church, opp Blackwood roundabout at 10am. We welcome prospective members and visitors. Phone Joy on 8270 6162.

◆ **10 November**  
**CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB** - meets at 7.30pm in Cherry Gardens Uniting Church,

Hicks Hill Rd. Each month a guest speaker and trading table. Enquiries to Lyn on 0400 290 521.

◆ **10 November**  
**EDEH HILLS COMBINED PROBUS** - meet at Blackwood Community Ctr at 4 Young St, Blackwood at 9.30am. Enjoy socialising with other retirees, listening to guest speakers, plus monthly outings. Prospective members and visitors welcome. Phone Secretary on 8379 2457.

◆ **11 & 25 November**  
**ADELAIDE HILLS TOASTMASTERS** - Affordable public speaking training & practice in a friendly adult group. Meet from 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries to Annabel Price on 0402 767 535.

◆ **13 November**  
**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** - meet in local coffee lounge. For more details phone Jackie on 8278 5761 or 0431 967 153.

◆ **13 November**  
**HAWTHORNDENE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB** - held at Belair Uniting Church Hall, Sheoak Road, Belair at 9.30am. Monthly guest speakers. Visitors welcome. Inquiries: 8278 1964.

◆ **17 November**  
**BLACKWOOD ACTION GROUP** - get involved in your community. Meet at Blackwood Community Ctr, Young Street from 7pm. New members always welcome. Phone 8370 3006 or www.bagi.org.au

◆ **17 November**  
**BLACKWOOD COMBINED PROBUS CLUB** - meets at 10am in Blackwood Community Ctr, 4 Young St, Blackwood. Enjoy friendship of other retirees, guest speakers and outings. Prospective members and visitors welcome. Enquiries to Margaret on 8278 5250.

◆ **17 November**  
**BLACKWOOD HILLS VIEW CLUB** - invites women to meet new friends at luncheon meeting at Belair Park Country Club at 10am. Guest speaker is Angela Bannon - artist extraordinaire showing her handmade antique doll collection. Booking essential by 13 November - cost \$25. Phone Terry on 8270 7186 or 0408 379 679 for details.

◆ **18 November**  
**FRIENDS OF BLACKWOOD FOREST** - Meet in Gamble Cottage, Main Rd, Blackwood at 7.30pm. If you want to help maintain this Recreation Park, phone Debbie on 8278 2941 for details.

◆ **18 November**  
**FRIENDS OF STURT GORGE** - meet at Bellevue Heights Primary School. Phone Bob Grant on 7329 8296 for meetings and working bees. Visit www.fosg.org.au

◆ **19 November**  
**STITCHERS IN THE HILLS** - Patchwork and quilting group meet at 7.30pm in Meals On Wheels premises, Coromandel Pde, Blackwood. New members always welcome. Enquiries to 8278 3569.

◆ **19 November**  
**BLACKWOOD WINEMAKERS & BREWERS CLUB** - meet at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 19 Coromandel Pde, from 7.30pm. Learn about wine-making and brewing, do an annual bottling and enjoy social activities. New members welcome. Phone 8370 5400.

◆ **20 November**  
**BLACKWOOD PHILATELIC CLUB** - meeting at Blackwood Uniting Church Hall from 7.30pm. Displays and sales of a wide range of Australian stamps, plus world stamps and phone cards. Prospective members and visitors welcome. Ph Jeff on

8278 1609.

◆ **24 November**  
**BLACKWOOD FLORAL ART CLUB** - held at Blackwood Uniting Church at 7.30-9.30pm. No experience required - all welcome. View activities of club at: www.blackwoodfloralart.blogspot.com.au

◆ **25 November**  
**FRIENDS OF BELAIR NATIONAL PARK** - FREE guided walk at 2pm leaving promptly from the ticket office. Ask for your free entry to park. See what is special each month and enjoy the flowers and orchids blooming on a 2 hour walk. Enquiries to Barb on 8278 2370.

◆ **26 November**  
**ADELAIDE HILLS ZONTA CLUB** - meet at Belair Park Country Club for dinner at 7pm. An international women's service club advancing the status of women worldwide. New members and visitors welcome. Phone Doonee on 8278 2676.

◆ **29 November**  
**OP SHOP BINGO** - join in the fun to raise funds to send Darren Adams overseas for medical treatment. 7pm for 7.30 start at Blackwood Football Club. \$15 entry with BYO food basket. Silent auction. Any queries to Julie Langham on 0400 257 335.

◆ **29 November**  
**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - held at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Pde. Enjoy a continental breakfast followed by inspirational speaker Ian Richards - professional counsellor for 15 years including sporting and business groups. Cost only \$8 (\$5 concn). Can pay on the day but RSVP to Michael on 0403 656 537 before 26 November.

# Blackwood 'Green' pharmacy launches Pharmacist Direct

"Trust Green Dispensary to find even better ways to look after us!"

## What is Pharmacist Direct?

GD Pharmacist Direct is a customer service initiative developed by the Green Dispensary pharmacy group – and in place right now at your local Green Dispensary pharmacy.



Managing pharmacist Glyn Cogdell with customer Simone

GD Pharmacist Direct is a one-on-one, uninterrupted consultation with one of our specially qualified Green Dispensary pharmacists. It is provided at no cost to you, as part of the trusted Green Dispensary professional health care program.

Instead of being kept busy inside of the dispensary, our Pharmacists are now free at an adjoining counter when you need them.

GD Pharmacist Direct is specifically designed to give you opportunity to discuss health related matters with our Pharmacists, one-on-one and uninterrupted, every time you collect your prescription ... or anytime you have a specific health issue that concerns you. No problem.

GD Pharmacist Direct is already

proving popular with our existing Green Dispensary patients and customers. They love the fact that our Pharmacist is always there, face-to-face ready to help in any way they can.

Yes, things have changed at your local Green Dispensary pharmacy ... for the better ... for you ... thanks to GD Pharmacist Direct.

## Our Pharmacists are 'doubly trained'.

Managing Pharmacist, Glyn Cogdell and the other Green Dispensary Pharmacists are 'double trained'. They are qualified as Bachelor of Pharmacy, of course, but they are also specifically trained as Professional Practitioners of Natural and Nutritional Medicine.



This is particularly important news for customers interested in a more holistic approach to their health and wellbeing.

Trained by the Australian College of Environmental and Nutritional Medicine [ACNEM], our Green Dispensary Pharmacists can offer you meaningful and qualified advice regarding complementary medicines ... the

## Our pharmacists are also qualified in natural and nutritional medicine

features, the benefits and importantly, how they may interact with your prescription medication.

Having been specially trained, our pharmacists can also dispense a special range of 'practitioner-only' natural and nutritional products. These products are simply not available at most pharmacies in South Australia.

So if you or your doctor feel there is a need for you to take a higher than normal dose of [say] Vitamin D or Vitamin B12, then your local Green Dispensary pharmacy at Blackwood is not far away.

## The first and only in SA.

Did you know that the Green Dispensary group owns and operates South Australia's only dedicated, stand-alone compounding pharmacy?

The purpose-built facility boasts state-of-the-art equipment including a sterile preparation room, used to prepare injections, eye drops and the like.

Having invested so heavily in the unique laboratory facilities and compounding equipment, the Green Dispensary is leading the way in the specialised area of compounding.

Initiatives such as the Green Dispensary Code of Practice, sets the Green Dispensary apart, with set standards that are second to none in the industry.



The Green Dispensary co-founder John Mitchell [left] with Glyn Cogdell

The Green Dispensary compounding pharmacy service is ideal for patients who are unable to obtain an off-the-shelf solution. Maybe you and your doctor are looking for a discontinued line, such as hormone implants, or for hormone replacement therapy that requires an individual dosage specific to your body's needs. Or perhaps you are interested in our own specially formulated products, such as the GD Travel Sickness Gel and the GD Teething Gel, which has proven very popular with parents all over Australia.

## For further information

The Green Dispensary is not like other pharmacies. Feel free to chat to Managing Pharmacist Glyn, or any of the team at Blackwood, about the professional services that the Green Dispensary can offer its customers.

You will be pleasantly surprised.

**Come and experience  
GD Pharmacist Direct at  
the Green Dispensary next  
time you need a pharmacy.**



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*The natural choice of pharmacy!*