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Many residents feel short changed by elected members

by Annie Waddington-Feather

THE cost to ratepayers for a potential by-election (approximately \$35,000) is under the spotlight following the decision of two local elected members to stand in the next Federal election due later this year.

City of Mitcham Councillor Karen Hockley (Craigburn Ward) is standing as a Team Nick Xenophon candidate while Councillor Mark Ward (The Park Ward) is standing for Labour in the seat of Boothby to be vacated by Dr Andrew Southcott.

Last month, at a City of Mitcham Council meeting during Gallery Question Time, Mr Chris Adcock noted the elected members had offered themselves for State or

Federal Parliament after they'd offered themselves to the electors of Mitcham as a Ward Councillor.

"This would seem to be something of a conflict since they had offered to serve their constituents for a period of four years," he said.

Mayor Glenn Spear, said he personally, was very angry and was against councillors standing before they'd served their term in office.

"I have been inundated with calls from concerned residents," he said, highlighting constituents in their Wards will have lost full representation as Mark and Karen would not be able to speak or vote on some issues because of their political alliances and potential conflict of interest.

"Mark and Karen receive \$20,000

plus from ratepayers and they cannot fully represent their constituency over the next few months," he said. "Some people see it as a betrayal."

However, both Mark and Karen see it very differently.

Mark stressed he has served the community for 10 years as an elected member and has always been open about his political views and Labour party membership. He said his reasons for entering politics is about representing people at a higher level.

"I speak to people. Many are concerned about the climate; I can take their concerns to a higher level. I can make things happen at a higher level," he said.

Mark added he'd had lots of positive feedback from his constituents. "They

know I deal with issues and take them to Council Chambers. It would be an honour to be able to do this at a higher level," he said.

"An opportunity like this doesn't come up very often and it would be good to have a local like myself at a Federal level," he said. "To stand was not an easy decision as it's a lot of hard work and a lot of money."

Karen said when she'd put herself forward to represent the community on Council she'd never expected she'd be invited to join the Nick Xenophon Team, or any other political party, let alone be offered the opportunity to give Boothby a voice in Federal government.

"This has happened because of the encouragement and support that I have

received from individuals within the community who have inspired me to do more," she said.

Karen also highlighted, if elected, Councillors were required to resign upon announcement of their candidacy for a role in another level of government, local government would be required to fund the cost and the community would bear the inconvenience of a by-election.

This could be a needless and wasteful exercise if the candidate was unsuccessful in the election.

She felt that the rules as they currently stand are designed to avoid the prospect of unnecessary by-elections and avoid burdening the community with additional cost and inconvenience. □

Missing soldiers names to go on memorials

by Annie Waddington-Feather

PLANS are underway for more names of the fallen servicemen to be listed on our area's War Memorials.

Four soldiers who went to Coromandel Valley primary school for example, appear on the school's 'Roll of Honour' however, they are not listed on any of the area's War Memorials.

Coromandel Valley primary school is one of the oldest schools in the State. Although the school wasn't built until 1877, children in the area were receiving lessons from 1843; the area's first teacher Samuel Gill gave classes in his kitchen.

Carol Moncrieff, a Student Services Officer, at Coromandel Valley primary school highlighted approximately 70 former students appear on the school's Roll of Honour and approximately 19 of them were killed in action in World War I.

"Many of the families still remain in the Blackwood/Coromandel Valley area to this day," said Carol who retired last month after 24 years at the school.

Carol and her husband, Alex Moncrieff, who was also heavily involved with the school for many years, as the driving force behind the school's successful Pedal Prix program - plan to spend more time travelling around Australia.

"We are very aware of the ex-students who never came back, and students are told about them," says Carol, highlighting the ceremony held in November at the Blackwood roundabout for Remembrance Day.

Four former Coromandel Valley Primary School students who did not return from World War I and names do not appear on any memorial in the district are:

- Frank Crane (Private, 27th Battalion, 7th Reinforcement) enlisted on 6 August 1915 at the age of 18. Killed in action on 4 October 1917.
- Arthur Leonard Davidson (Private, 43rd Battalion (Infantry). Killed in action on 22 April 1918, aged 32.
- John Waters (Private, 27th Battalion, 11th Reinforcement) enlisted 20 December 1915. Died of his wounds on 7 March 1917, aged 25.
- Spencer Gifford Welfare (Private, 4th Battalion (Infantry), 22nd Reinforcement) enlisted on 11 March, 1916. Died of wounds on 4 October 1917 aged 28.

The school hopes to get a grant to cover the cost of putting these forgotten soldiers names on the memorials. □



◆ Carol with Nathan and Arabella holding the two folders containing details of former students' enrolment and war records; in front of the 'Roll of Honour' at Coromandel Valley Primary School



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OVER one thousand people once again enjoyed the "Wittunga Under the Stars" music extravaganza held last year in the Wittunga Botanic Garden.

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refreshing drink, then get your tickets to the show now.

There is a limit to the number of people allowed in the park for this event and last year was almost a sellout.

This community event, held annually since 2003, is organized by the Lions Club of Blackwood and offers a broad variety of quality

musicians and performers.

Tickets are \$10 per adult; child \$5 or \$25 a family (2 adults + 2 children).

They are available from the office of local MP Sam Duluk at 7 Young St, Blackwood, and Blackwood Pharmacy at 248 Main Road in the Foodland Shopping Centre.

They also can be purchased on the night at the gate, or by phoning 8178 0513 or 8370 2211.

"Wittunga Under the Stars" is being held this year in the Wittunga Botanic Garden, Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills on Friday February 5, with gates opening from 5.30pm for 6.30 start.

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Know your parking rules or risk a fine

by Annie Waddington-Feather

IT'S clear many Hills motorists and indeed City of Mitcham ratepayers are not aware of Australian road traffic regulations when it comes to parking their cars in the street.

With 500 parking infringements being issued in Blackwood in the last financial year, Blackwood along with Bellevue Heights is in the top five of parking-offending suburbs in the City of Mitcham.

In the last financial year, Council confirmed it issued 6,041 fines resulting in payments of \$499,695. This is up on last years' figures; in the 2013/14 financial year 6,004 fines were issued with \$482,840 being collected.

However, it's not just the parking wardens getting upset about vehicles being parked in the wrong place. In the last financial year, Council received 523 parking complaints, with the top three suburbs for complaints being Blackwood, Hawthorn and Bellevue Heights.

Although you maybe just two minutes zipping in to collect your dry cleaning, stopping in a bike lane could cost you \$247; or stopping in a no-stopping zone when you're picking up your children from school, \$87. Overstayed the parking time restriction? Your tardiness could cost you \$48.

However there are some parking regulations

which many Hills motorists do not appear to be aware of.

For instance, you may think you're doing the right thing by parking on the Council verge in a narrow street, to allow other vehicles to get through, but you'll incur a \$90 fine as you may be damaging the reserve or underground services.

If there is a solid white line in the middle of the road, there must be a distance of at least 3m between your parked car and the solid line to allow for other vehicles to safely pass. If the road does not have a continuous dividing line or a dividing strip, then position your vehicle so there is at least 3m of the road alongside the vehicle.

Also your car must be parked at least 10m away from any intersection so drivers can clearly see whether it is safe to pull out. If the intersection has traffic lights, its 20m. While obstructing a driveway is not only inconsiderate, it is against the law.

Drivers should also be aware it is an offence to leave a vehicle on a roadway for longer than 24 hours. This applies to all streets and roads,

including outside residents' homes. The obstruction of fire hydrants and fire plugs is also an offence.

Generally parking restrictions are well signposted and Council does acknowledge that there may be extenuating circumstances to a parking infringement; in the last financial year it waived 406 fines and issued 569 warnings to motorists.

For further details about parking regulations visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/parking-safety or www.myllicence.sa.gov.au/road-rules/the-drivers-handbook/parking

So if you are having family or guests over for a celebration - make sure they are aware of these traffic rules - otherwise it could be an expensive visit for them. □



◆ When cars are 'legally' parked either side of the road in a narrow street, it makes it very difficult for motorists, and potentially emergency service vehicles to safely pass

More savings to be gained if recycling improves

by Annie Waddington-Feather

LAST year, as much as 60 per cent of the materials deposited in the blue (rubbish) bins was organic or recyclable waste - you may not think it matters, until you start adding it up.

According to City of Mitcham Council, our landfill waste could've been dramatically reduced simply by using the green organics or recycling bins more.

Clean-Up Australia highlights Australians are

the second highest producers of waste, per person, in the world (the United States is the highest). Each of us sends over 690kg of waste to landfill each year. And all this waste clearance costs money.

Council has already negotiated a contract with a recycling collection business that pays Council to collect the recycling, rather than Council paying to have it taken away; this results in estimated savings of \$60,000 each year.

However, more money could be saved if people recycled more - and Mayor Glenn Spear highlighted this is money that could be spent elsewhere, such as improving footpaths and recreational facilities.

Glenn stressed people must recycle their waste properly. "If something which is non-recyclable is put in the recycling bin, the whole bin will go to landfill," he said.



Cr Lindy Taeuber suggested residents could implement systems to help them recycle more efficiently. "Residents I've spoken to have a container next to the kitchen sink for food scraps and a box for recyclables in the house which they regularly empty into the respective bins. "Council also has little kitchen caddies (see photo above) and compostable bags available at

a discounted rate to help you recycle your household food scraps."

She did highlight though, that some older people struggled with the larger bins, particularly on sloping driveways. "They end up putting all their rubbish into the blue bin simply because they can't put the larger bins out," she said, and wondered if there was the possibility of smaller capacity recycling bins.

While she realised it wasn't feasible for many families, people could consider putting out their waste bin fortnightly meaning less stops for the bin collecting trucks and hence more savings could be made by Council. To help save the planet, and give our Council more money to spend towards better services, make it your 2016 New Years' resolution to recycle properly!

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◆ (from left): Volunteers and Blackwood residents, Christine and Trudi with two of the Shelter's fundraising projects - their annual Calendar and a donation box - both located at Rubens Pet Food store in Blackwood.

Rejected pets given a lifeline at shelter

"THE Hahndorf Interim Animal Shelter's mission is to re-home all pets that come through the door," said Christine Southby, Blackwood resident and long time volunteer.

"However after caring for thousands of animals since opening in 1992 now the Shelter needs your help."

The Shelter is run on a voluntary basis, without any government funding and relies on the generosity of the community for donations of canned and dry food, fresh bones, kitty litter, blankets and towels, toys and treats, etc.

Their main fundraiser is an annual

Calendar containing stories and photos of pets they have re-homed.

At only \$5 it makes a lovely gift for friends and family who are pet owners and love animals. The calendars are available locally from Rubens Pet Foods at 168 Main Road, Blackwood.

"We want to emphasize that this is an 'emergency' shelter for abandoned pets," explained Christine. "We are not prepared to take pets simply because their owners do not want them anymore, encouraging owners to advertise their pets."

While some animals find homes quickly, others take longer because of needing rehabilitation, like trust, love

and confidence.

"And of course if you, or anyone you know, is looking for a new dog or cat, give us a call.

"We always have an influx of animals after Christmas," explained Christine.

"Some people think gifting a pet makes a great present. However, the recipient is not always so keen to look after the pet for the next 10-15 years."

□ You can help these abandoned pets at the Hahndorf Animal Shelter, by making a donation or buying a calendar. Phone 8388 7514 or email: hahndorfshester@bigpond.com.au for more information.

Local program improves dental health in Pacific

FOR almost 20 years, the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley has been involved with Belair resident and former Adelaide University Dean of Dentistry, Dr John McIntyre AM, in an initiative to improve dental health in the Pacific rim countries through a program he and his colleagues called "Dental Care to Share".

With Rotary's help, Dr McIntyre started dental health edu-

cation programs in the Solomon Islands, where dental health was almost non-existent.

Coromandel Rotary hosted a Solomon Island health official, and assisted with the publishing of the material, obtaining AusAID funding to partially fund the project.

Dr McIntyre was then invited by AusAID to assist in setting up a Dental School in Papua New Guinea (PNG). So using Rotary resources, Coromandel Rotary sourced, container loads of used dental chairs, drills and other equipment were shipped to PNG to enable the Dental School to be estab-

lished. With an eye to sustainability, the Club then helped to

humanitarian work being done throughout the world by Rotary, why not contact Jenny from Coromandel Rotary on 1300 836 706.



◆ Dr John McIntyre (on left) with Abbie Leba from PNG who is here for dental training, and is staying with Coromandel Rotary member Malcolm Langmaid

bring PNG bio-medical technicians to train in the installation and maintenance of the dental equipment being provided.

The school, which has now graduated nearly 100 dentists, together with the education programs, has brought about massive improvements to dental health in that country.

This is just one example of the wonderful things that can be achieved by being involved with a Rotary Club.

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Ideal community meeting venue for the valley

SINCE the keys to the 'Watchman House' on Main Road were handed over to the Coromandel Valley & Districts National Trust Branch in August, 2015 there have been well over 250 visitors to the premises.

"The place is emerging as a great meeting venue and providing interesting stories of our heritage and for community interaction," said spokesperson Trevor Conlon. "The simple act of meeting neighbours and old friends is returning to the Valley. The sound of conversation and laughter has been a delight."

The first community meetings held were by the Aberfoyle & Districts Lions Club followed by the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club.

While Saturday morning tea has attracted many local residents and passing walkers to drop in for a look, and groups on tour or organised walks have made various visits.

The morning tea on Saturdays (9am-12noon) which have been very popular will recommence from February 6 and anyone is welcome to come along. By then also there will be a display of images of the past, and computer and library resources to explore.

"The house has been praised for its restoration, community feel and hospitality from the volunteers in attendance," added Trevor. "The history records have been consolidated, the library is developing and research resources are becoming available for visitor access."

The place is emerging as a good meeting venue and providing interesting stories of our heritage and for community interaction. The simple act of meeting neighbours and old friends is returning to the Valley.

"One of the most valuable heritage items is the 'community' - both past and present, and here at the Watchman House connection between people and stories of our past can be found," added Trevor.



◆ Coromandel Valley resident, Brian Thoman is a National Trust member and volunteer at the Watchman House

The house is available for hire for small group gatherings by contacting the National Trust Liaison Officer on 0474 066 776, or by email: nationaltrustcoro@bigpond.com

The Coromandel Valley & Districts National Trust Branch would like to thank all their volunteers and supporters for their tireless work during 2015 to achieve what is now a fabulous outcome for the community. □

Dogs freedom restricted with by-laws

by Annie Waddington-Feather

DOGS owners will soon need to check signage in City of Mitcham's playground areas and parks following Council's decision on the Dog By-laws.

In August last year, Council resolved to review its Dog By-law regarding dogs in Council owned reserves and recreational areas on a case-by-case basis, and undertook further community consultation.

As it had received some criticism over its previous community consultation which had received only 15 responses, this latest consulta-

tion was online and received 94 responses relating to 26 reserves.

Many of the regulations remain the same but there are some changes.

The following reserves in the Blackwood district have been declared as 'Dog on Leash within 10 metres of an unfenced playground and/or fitness equipment': Belair - Monalta Reserve; Bellevue Heights - Donnybrook Reserve, Manson Oval, Whicker Reserve; Blackwood - Hewett Sports Ground, Ossie Goldsworthy Reserve, Waite Reserve; Coromandel Valley -

Jackson Reserve; Craighburn Farm - Highfield Reserve; Eden Hills - Karinya Reserve; Hawthorndene - Archibald Reserve, Suffolk Reserve; and Glenalta - Sherwood Reserve.

Cr Karen Hockley felt the regulations still didn't reflect the expectations of the community. "There is likely to be some community dissatisfaction that Hawthorndene Oval will now officially be a 'Dogs on leash only' area and the ten metre exclusion zone for dogs off leash around children's playgrounds may well be too difficult for dog owners to implement," she said.

"We really need consistent rules that make sense to the community and are easy to understand and easy for dog owners to implement."

However Cr Lindy Taeuber, who moved the motion, said the regulations were designed to allow both dog owners and young children to be able to exercise and move freely in parks and reserves.

With over 9,600 registered dogs in the City of Mitcham, there maybe some unhappy dogs and owners around.

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James commended on 40 years of Minda service

by Annie Waddington-Feather

WITH his Bintang t-shirt, curly black hair and faithful dog, local resident and Minda employee James Roberts will be familiar to many who frequent Blackwood shopping centres - if not by name, then certainly visually with his trusty dog usually by his side.

So many will be interested to hear Minda's CEO Cathy Miller recently presented him with a '40 years of service' award at the recent Minda's annual 'Night of the Stars' event.

"I was very surprised to get the award; no-one told me about it," says James, who works at the Minda Nursery in Craighburn Farm.

James is one of Minda's longest serving employees in the area. He started his career there when the farm was much bigger, herding and milking cattle. Now he works in their commercial fern nursery, watering plants and helping move the stock around.

Supplying tens of thousands of plants to major retailers each year, such Blackwood's Banner Mitre 10, Bunnings and other major garden centres, Minda's Nursery is the biggest fern-growing nursery in South Australia. Minda employs around 30 supported employees at the Nursery, with around 15 of them being Blackwood residents.

"James is a real character around here," says Jeff Clarke, the Nursery manager. "As well as supporting employees to learn horticultural skills, the nursery is also an important social outlet for people with a disability where they can catch up with friends; with past employees often dropping in to say hello."

Jeff also highlights the Nursery enables employees to make a real contribution to the community.

James, aged 64, says he's got no plans to retire just yet, but admits he's slowing down a bit because of a leg problem, and he no longer does the deliveries.

Very sadly, James' dog died last month but James says he still loves walking around Blackwood and popping in to see traders.



◆ James proudly displays his 40 year Minda service award with Minda Blackwood Support Services Manager, Christine Ciancia in the commercial fern nursery at Craighburn Farm

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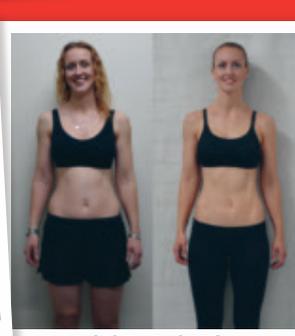
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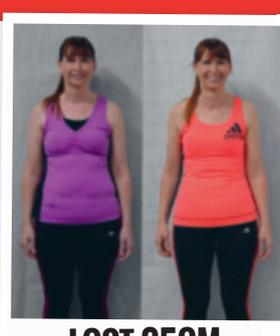
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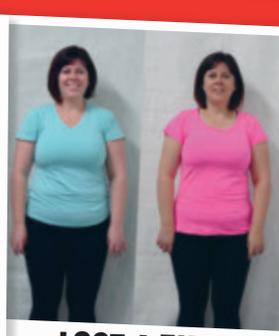
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THE Victorian era mansion at number 16 Coromandel Parade Blackwood is a State Heritage place built by the Honourable John Carr in 1885.

He could be considered a founding father of Blackwood in that he lobbied for the formation of Main Road through Coromandel Valley, and was Chairman of the company responsible for the subdivision of much of the land prior to the arrival of the railway in 1883. (Blackwood Historical Walk)

In his obituary in the Register in February 1913, Carr is quoted, "Since I came to Australia, I have always contended that as agriculture is the first necessity and best support of a country, the settlement of farmers on the land and the construction of means of communication are of the greatest importance".

John Carr and his wife Anna arrived in South Australia from Yorkshire in 1859. Shortly after, he entered politics and continued to work in that area until he retired in 1888.

Carr was the Resident Justice in the Mitcham district and was a local preacher at the Blackwood Methodist Church. He was a strong supporter of the Temperance Movement which flourished in Blackwood in the late 19th century with the building in 1879 of the Temperance Hotel next to the Carr residence.

The first connection of the house with the Verco family occurred in 1907 when the property was sold to Thomas Magarey, son of Elizabeth Verco. Magarey sold the house in 1914 to Claude and Jessie Verco and members of the Verco family have lived

there since that date. Peter Caldicott, grandson of Claude and Jessie, is now the owner.

The Verco House, as it is known locally, is a two storey sandstone building. The hipped corrugated iron roof features rendered chimneys and decorative eaves brackets. There is a bay window at the front and double hung sash windows, sidelights and a fanlight over the front door.

The house has central hallways with eight main rooms and seven small service rooms. Twelve foot (3.65m) walls give the rooms a lofty, spacious appearance. Other interior features include a long staircase leading to the bedrooms upstairs. (Mitcham Heritage Survey)

The stable at the rear is a simple gabled building, with brick and corrugated iron walls.

The dwelling reflects the period when prominent 'men of the city' were choosing to reside within commuter distance from Adelaide in outer areas where families could receive the benefit of rural surroundings. With the opening of the railway, it was possible to have the best of both worlds with ease.

The house has been the inspiration for the establishment of two churches in Blackwood: the Wesleyan (later Methodist then Uniting) and the Church of Christ.

The Verco House which has been little altered over the years is one of the rare large 19th century dwellings in the Blackwood area and is currently undergoing renovation.

Article prepared by the BAG History Sub Committee. □



◆ Verco House c1900 at 16 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood (courtesy State Library SA B54906)

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- ◆ **4 January**
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 for details.
- ◆ **6 January**
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 Tricia on tricianushtonconsulting@gmail.com
- ◆ **6 & 20 January**
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