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Coromandel Primary School Year 3 teacher Dan Johnson with some of the students who designed and prepared panels to make a 'Harmony Day Coro 2018' sign. From left: Charlie, Jacob, Brooklyn, Levi, Mariah, Charlotte, Abigail and Grey. See full story pg 3.

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Potential soldier move unearths more monument concerns

by James Swanborough

WHILE the potential relocation of the Soldier's Memorial has been a central focus in planning the Blackwood Roundabout Upgrade, other monuments in the area have taken a back seat in the deliberations.

A memorial drinking fountain, which sits in the reserve between Station and Main Roads (DPTI's preferred site to relocate the Soldier), is another monument to bravery and sacrifice.

The Frank Collins Memorial Fountain which was erected in December 1928, is dedicated to the courageous act of Frank Collins, who lost his life in a gallant attempt to save his friend Rodney Saint from drowning in a waterhole in the Sturt River on October 8, 1927.

Rodney Saint, who was able to swim, was bathing in the cave pool, when he got into difficulties and sank. Frank Collins, who could not swim, took off his boots and plunged into the pool, which was 8 to 18 feet deep.

Frank tried to rescue his friend, but soon he too disappeared below the surface.

A third youth at the scene, Rex Dunstan, also unable to swim, could not help his mates, so he ran for help.

By the time Rex secured a bicycle, gathered help from a local cricket match, and returned, nothing more could be done.

Local resident, Dr. Michael Fitzgerald considers the fountain an important part of Blackwood's history, and would like to see it move, along with the Soldier's memorial, to a picturesque position in Waite Street Reserve.

"Any motorist who looks at the war memorial, or the fountain for that matter, while trying to navigate the roundabout must have a death wish," Michael said. "It can't possibly remind people, if you can't look at it."

Michael also has a personal interest in the Soldier, as his great-uncle, Robert Baker Reid was presented with the Military Cross and Bars for his services as a Lieutenant in WW2, and is represented on the memorial.

"The Waite Reserve is a wonderful space which is utilised by families everyday," he said. "So I can't see why you wouldn't want to honour both the statue and the fountain, where people can actually take the time to pay their respects."

Cr Lindy Taeuber noted that she can see both positives and negatives to moving the fountain. "Currently the fountain is plumbed so it's usable,



◆ Photo above: The Frank Collins Memorial Fountain sits on the land between Main Road and Station Road near Blackwood roundabout. Inset: Fountain inscription.

but is it a story that people generally know, or is it a spot where people utilise it? Perhaps not.

"In my mind, if it were in a more easily accessible location, it would be more used and there would be an opportunity to put up a plaque to actually tell the story."

Cr Taeuber confirmed that while the Collins family had been open to the idea of relocating the fountain to Waite Street Reserve in the past, neither Mitcham Council or DPTI were currently discussing an alternate location.

Meanwhile, another monument in the same area has fallen victim to a recent incident of vandalism.

A plaque marking the spot where Mr. Sydler from the Blackwood Freemasons planted "The Blackwood Tree" (since uprooted) in October 1970, has been desecrated, with the plinth smashed and the brass plate stolen.

The incident has sparked renewed concern over the Soldier's proposed relocation to the Station Road reserve. □

Statue remains centre stage for Anzac Day service

by James Swanborough

THIS year's ANZAC Day service on Wednesday April 25, will take place at the usual location, surrounding the Soldier on the roundabout, irrespective of planned construction works.

Blackwood Community RSL President Bob Killoran hopes that the service will remain in the location for years to come.

While previous RSL President, Frank Blamey, regarded the potential of moving the service to Waite Street Reserve in future years, and placing a new memorial plaque in the reserve if the Soldier remains at the roundabout.

However, Bob thinks this will only serve to split the remembrance service ... "where it is honoured and dignified," he said. "Why shift it just because the Department of Transport can't put a traffic light in."

Bob has been a member of the RSL since joining while still in service in Vietnam in 1970. During his service he worked on armed vehicles in the Royal Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RAEME) after time as a trap mechanic at CMV Richmond working on

"Commer Knocker" diesels, an unusual opposed piston engine system.

After being posted as an armoured vehicle mechanic (focusing on Centurions and M113 APC tracked vehicles), Bob ended up working on everything from grass cutters to Landrovers, International trucks to tractors and American pattern trucks.

"You have to remember that in those days there were more people being killed in the Army on the road in Australia, than there were in Vietnam, so it was safer to go!", he jests.

"When you're young and silly, it's all a big adventure."

Following a move to Coromandel Valley in 1975, Bob joined the Blackwood RSL in 1982

after meeting his neighbour, Jock Statton, former State President of RSL for 8 years, at an ANZAC Day march.

"I never used to march," Bob says, "because I didn't think I'd done enough to warrant it."

One day, however, the importance of the ANZAC Day commemorations clicked for him. "I realised it's not just for me, it's a living memorial for those who didn't return."

See times and dates for various local ANZAC Day events below.

◆ Photos on right: (top) Bob Killoran in his uniform during Vietnam duties in 1970.

◆ (bottom): Bob today, ready for another ANZAC Day service



Where to attend local Anzac events

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THERE are a number of activities taking place this year in the Blackwood district to recognise ANZAC Day 2018:

20th Friday : ANZAC Badge Day - buy a badge to support ex-service personnel
21st Saturday : Blackwood Football Club ANZAC match and service
22nd Sunday :
 11.30am - ANZAC Commemorative Service at Blackwood RSL
 12.30pm - ANZAC Luncheon at Blackwood RSL - please book on 8278 6253
24th Tuesday 7pm : ANZAC Eve Vigil commen-

ces at Blackwood Soldiers Memorial Gardens at Blackwood roundabout

ANZAC Day 25 April Wednesday :

6am - Eve Vigil ends
 6.30am - ANZAC Dawn Service at Blackwood Soldiers Memorial Gardens at the Blackwood roundabout
 7am - Gunfire Breakfast at RSL Clubrooms
 8.30am - Cherry Gardens ANZAC Service commences
 9am - Coromandel Valley Service commences

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Duluk returned to represent Waite with various pledges to fulfill

by James Swanborough

LOCAL MP Sam Duluk will continue serving the people of Blackwood and district for a second term following a successful election campaign, this time representing the seat of Waite.

Duluk entered the South Australian Parliament as the Member for Davenport at the January 2015 by-election, replacing former member, Hon. Iain Evans; and elected to contest the seat of Waite following the redistribution of electoral boundaries in 2016.

"I am honoured and privileged to be elected to the newly redistributed seat of Waite," Sam said.

The seat was previously held by former Liberal party leader, Martin Hamilton-Smith, who was sitting member from 1997, and defected from the Liberals to become an independent member of the Labor cabinet following the 2014 election; to the frustration of many of his local constituents.

With the Liberal Party forming government in South Australia for the first time in 16 years, several promises have been made to invest in infrastructure around the Mitcham Hills region.

Foremost among them is the Globelink freight project which will see a new 150km freight corridor replace the current hills freight railway, long a source of grief for local residents.

The new corridor will sweep behind the Ade-

laide Hills from Murray Bridge up to Truro and then down from the north of the Barossa Valley to join road freight on the Northern Expressway, joining the Northern Connector and then the Port River Expressway and rail freight to the Adelaide-Darwin line north of Two Wells.

The project will also see a 24/7 freight only airport built at the Murray Bridge end of the corridor.

"Within the first 100 days, the new Liberal Government will establish the South Australian Productivity Commission which will begin the Globe Link feasibility study, looking at the removal of rail freight from the Mitcham Hills," said Sam.

He will also be sitting down with the new Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to begin planning work on \$20m local roads commitment around the Mitcham Hills network and finalisation on the Blackwood Roundabout upgrade.

Among the road upgrades, the Liberal government have committed to work towards improving the safety of the Main Rd/Russell St junction; alleviating safety concerns and reducing traffic congestion at the intersection of Shepherds Hills Rd/Brighton Pde/Waite St; upgrading lighting along key sections of the Mitcham Hills road corridor; and prioritise road upgrades to Coromandel Pde and parking in the Blackwood Centre.



◆ Photo above: Sam Duluk MP for Waite (centre) with family and volunteers on Election Day at the Mitcham Village Institute (from left): Sophie Stucley, Aleks Lobaza, Chris Duluk and Maks Lobaza

"Other local election commitments include \$500,000 funding for Hewett Reserve, \$80,000 for Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club and \$85,000 for a new synthetic green at the Blackwood Bowling Club," explained Sam.

"I would like to thank the community for en-

trusting me to be their representative in State Parliament for another term," Sam acknowledged.

"The Mitcham Hills is a wonderful community and I thank them for their ongoing support. I look forward to serving in the Government, the Liberal Team and the Parliament in any capacity." □

Students celebrate our diversity

OUR diversity makes Australia a great place to live. 'Harmony Day' is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

Last month students at Coromandel Valley Primary School worked on a 'Harmony Day' project to design and decorate posters that were displayed in front of their school on Main Road, Coromandel Valley on the day.

Co-ordinator and Year 3 teacher Dan Johnson said, "Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March, and aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone.

I think it is important for students to be involved in researching and understanding the importance of this day. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live," added Dan.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions.

Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation and making students aware of this and celebrating Harmony Day is crucial to Australia moving forward. □



◆ Photo: Some of the Coromandel Valley Primary School students who worked on the preparing the posters for 'Harmony Day' (from left): Jasmine, Ciara, Fletcher, Amber, Poppy and Jeb

New library mural to help invigorate streetscape

by James Swanborough

MITCHAM Council have voted to commission a new mural for Blackwood Library.

"The current Blackwood Library mural has been there for 22 years and is very faded, and somewhat dated in style," said Cr Jane Bange, who put forward the motion.

"It is unlikely a new library hub will be built in Blackwood for several years so the modest amount of \$3,000 would help create a smarter appearance to our old library in the interim," she noted.

Cr Bange suggested, given that Council is working to invigorate the Blackwood Town Centre and improve the general streetscape appearance, "a fresh, eye-catching mural on this major Council building would go some small way to assisting this goal."

The commission will be awarded to a local artist, with expressions of interest being accepted by council from professional artists in the area.

The current mural was designed by Anne Best, and captures local animals and plants of the area.

Local artist Fran Callen recalls working on the piece with Anne.

"I was a volunteer and only 19 at the time, and it was my first mural project," she said. "A team of us did sketches, and we collated all the sketches into a design and painted it all together. I know I drew and painted the kookaburra."

Though she acknowledged that the mural has seen better days, Fran hoped that the local wildlife could remain a focus for the new commission.

"I think it's significant that Blackwood is in Greybox grassy woodland," she said. "Those trees are significant, and they're endangered. So it might be good if a new work could bring focus to that. There are trees being chopped down everywhere and it's one of the biggest charms of the Blackwood area."

Fran was pictured on front page of last month's edition for her work creating murals for Eden Hills train station. □

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Community Values Project



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Contributions are being collated and here is another example. You are invited to contribute a statement on your values to add to the developing list or make a comment on the one below.

The picture is another in a series illustrating contributions already received - the open spaces of Frank Smith Park in Coromandel Valley makes an ideal place to "escape to" and walk with a friend and/or dog.

If you do not know of Frank Smith Park, go to Magarey Road, Coromandel Valley and discover one of the gems of our area. Those who do know about this place might care to send us a comment to add to the value statement, or describe how it adds to the enjoyment in your life.

To send in your contribution, email to:

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Blackwood Action Group at email: ahazellau@gmail.com

'Captivating the Curious'

'Captivating the Curious' is the enticing theme of the 2018 History Festival.

Throughout May, the Blackwood Action Group History Subcommittee has organised a program of events (see below) to celebrate the theme.

Experience from the past four years suggests that the events will be very popular so, beginning on April 3, booking is essential for the walks and talks.

The full Festival program will appear in the 'Advertiser' on Saturday April 7.

History Festival 2018 – local events

A Mountain Suburb: Eden Hills - Guided Tour \$5 pp
Sunday 6 May 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm
Meet Eden Hills Railway Station, Wilpena Street
Bookings essential: Anne Hazell: ahazellau@gmail.com

Explore the Eden Hills village, established in the early 20th century, including the school, old houses and shops, and the railway viaduct and tunnels, while enjoying the magnificent views across the Adelaide Plain to Gulf St Vincent. The walk is undulating with some steeper sections. Refreshments included.

Fun and Games – Talk \$5 pp
Friday 11 May 11am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3pm
Blackwood Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Pde, Blackwood
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The Blackwood Boys Club Hall was built in 1903 to keep the naughty boys off the street. Until its demolition in 1972, the Hall, and the adjacent Blackwood Oval, was the social, sporting and recreational hub for boys, girls and adults in Blackwood and the surrounding district. Devonshire tea included.

'A View to the East: Edgecumbe Pde', Blackwood
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The 1880s subdivision 'Eastview', including Edgecumbe Parade, was one of the earliest settled areas of the township of Blackwood. Walkers will hear about the impact of the arrival of the railway, the building of several large 19th century houses, and visit an artist's studio. The walk is undulating with a steeper section which passes through a long established reserve. Devonshire tea at the historic Blackwood Railway Station included.

Blackwood Freemasons Lodge – Talk \$5pp
Wednesday 23 May 11am-12.30pm and 2pm-3.30pm
Blackwood Lodge 229 Main Road Blackwood
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Reliving events from past that shaped the valley

AS part of 'History Month' in May, the Coromandel Valley & Districts Branch, National Trust of SA are holding a number of interesting events for your involvement. Here are two of the events starting in early May - more to come - see next edition.

* **Spotlight on Coromandel Valley History:**

'How We Got Here' held on Wednesday May 2 from 7.30-10pm at St John's Anglican Church hall, (rear of church), 337 Main Rd, Coromandel Valley. Admission: \$5. Booking not required

This spotlight will share with you some selected stories about Coromandel Valley from local researchers and explores 'how we got here'. It will include a timeline view and stories of some pioneer families. Tracking key events from 1837 to recent times will reveal important occurrences and family stories that influenced local development. On display will be printed stories and photos introducing a chronology and sources of more information. Supper included.

* **Conversations: Old & New** (Open days) held every Saturday in May 9am-12pm; Tuesday 8 & 22 May, 1-4pm; Thursday 17 & 31 May, 1-4pm at the Watchman House, 360 Main Rd, Coromandel Valley. Admission Free.

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Ms Krystal Tria, a 24 year old Hawthorndene resident recently answered the call, signing up with Blackwood CFS three months ago.

"I work in hospitality and was looking for something different to get involved in," said Krystal. "I was attracted by the community aspect and being able to help others when in a crisis."

"Initially I felt out of my comfort zone, but the more experienced volunteers have been very helpful and supportive, and I am gaining confidence with each week of training and drills."

While more experienced Lieutenant Matt Edwards, also from Hawthorndene,

has 14 years with the Blackwood CFS under his belt.

"I initially joined as a cadet to gain experience in emergency services and contribute to the community where I live," said Matt.

"Also I have made a lot of great friends over the years and learnt about discipline, rank structure and leadership in a large organisation environment," said Matt.

Blackwood CFS is a family friendly club and often hold social gatherings to foster camaraderie and support within the brigade.

Many of the volunteers come from a diverse range of backgrounds including tradespeople, small business owners, career emergency service workers and school students.

For more information check out the Blackwood CFS recruitment website at www.blackwoodcfs.com.au/join-us/

❑ If you are interested in finding out more and joining the Blackwood CFS, contact Darren on 0409 225 773; or come along to the station in Gorse Avenue, Hawthorndene any Friday night from 7pm when training sessions are held.



♦ Matt (on right) explaining to firefighter Vinnie Arnold some of the finer points when using the 'jaws of life'

Highest honour for former CFS cadet



AN Eden Hills bred resident and former CFS member has been awarded Australia's highest honour for firefighters - the Australian Fire Service Medal.

David Letheby Jr, joined the Eden Hills CFS as a cadet in 1973, and left the district in the mid to late eighties after serving with the CFS for many years.

He is the son of Lyn and David Letheby, long time Blackwood Lions club members and hills residents who moved to Glenalta from Port Pirie in 1960.

His firefighting vocation has taken him to many regions all over Australia including a stint in airports, however for the past 25 years he has been based in the Northern Territory.

"The 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfire was the biggest challenge I have been involved in," said David. "In those days, firefighting crews worked independently of one another. Witnessing first hand how ineffective this method was, made me want to change procedures."

"I decided to get involved in the management and organisational side of firefighting to improve guidelines and training methods."

His parents are very proud of David's achievements and how he has worked at improving conditions and safety concerns for the many wonderful men and women that work in the firefighting industry.

David currently works in Alice Springs as District Officer of Southern Command.

♦ Photo : David Letheby (on left) on a visit to Alice Springs relaxing with his firefighting son David Jnr

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Living well - beyond the pains of grief



by Nadine Williams

Adelaide Hills author and former Advertiser journalist

SIX years ago, I lost my husband Olivier; "my lovely Frenchman" as I would call him. And, despite that gruelling passage through grief, the passing of time sees my life on an even keel once more.

Of course, life is never quite the same when you lose your partner in life. Nor can you forget the circumstances of death; Olivier's diagnosis of "extensive cancer of the spine" was a particularly painful sentence. I became his loving carer and a Trojan until he passed away. Then I collapsed.

However, the sun shines on my days as a

widow now and, like that pain of labour, which vanishes when baby is born, so it has been, that grief and feelings of loss, have simply fallen away.

But there's no magic panacea for "overcoming" grief, and recovery does need bravery to step back into the rhythm of life. To do it, we do need other people - our family, caring neighbours and loyal friends - to lift us up so we don't sink into despair. Grief is a season of life, but, if unresolved, it can usher in a lifetime of sadness.

My long-time friend Jane became alarmed at my depression and suggested we return to France to "relive your honeymoon with Olivier".

Although sadness lingered, we experienced amazing adventures together and I bravely drove along the byways of Provence once more. Somewhere in the Loire Valley, my sadness lifted and I began to enjoy myself again.

Alone in Paris, I found a new mantra for my life as a widow. An ancient book by Victor Hugo sat in the window of a book shop and it read: "My life is still in flower: And love is the honey".

Adelaide Hills author and former Advertiser journalist, Nadine Williams, OAM will speak about her new memoir, *Farewell My French Love* at a morning tea organised by St Peters Lutheran Women's Fellowship.

It is being held on Saturday, April 7, at 10:30am at St Peters Lutheran Church and School, 71 Cumming Street, Blackwood.

All are welcome and there will be signed books for sale. Enquiries to 0414 794 704.

Noelene has customers coming back for 20 years

"I started working at the Magnet Newsagency, as it was known in those days, with Ron and Jacqui Layley in 1998," said Noelene Scholz. "And during these 20 years, I have met some wonderful customers and made many lovely friends during that time."

"There are customers that still come in today, that were here on my first day, and made me feel very welcome. Blackwood is a great place to work as everyone is so friendly and enjoy having a chat."

In her time away from work, Noelene has always loved playing tennis, until a knee and wrist injury has prevented her from playing for

the past 3 years - not happy Jan!

So these days, Noelene spends more time in her other passion - gardening. She also enjoys craft work and playing the piano.

Noelene loves getting away in their caravan and has had a year travelling around Australia, doing the 'grey nomad' experience.

When current owners, Dean and Vicki Staude, took over the newsagency in 2014, they were very keen to keep Noelene on the payroll as she is so well known and liked by all their customers.

NewsXpress is located in the Woolworths Shopping Centre.



Photo : Noelene celebrated her 20 years employment at NewsXpress in the Woolworths Shopping Centre with (from left): current owners Dean and Vicki, together with a previous owner Ron Layley.

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Focus now on helping groups closer to home

"WE have made significant contributions to charity in the past," said Greg Deverson, this year's Master of the Lodge at Blackwood Freemasons, "however, my belief is we should be placing our attention closer to home."



◆ Photo - (from left): Sam Duluk MP, Greg Deverson (Blackwood Lodge), Darren Cock (Blackwood CFS Captain) and Vic Cardillo (Sir Samuel Way Lodge) with some of the equipment purchased with the Freemasons donation

For example, in July last year, the Blackwood Freemasons donated a defibrillator to the community, which has been located inside the Drake Foodland supermarket - fortunately to date, it has not been required!

"One of our values is to be charitable where we can. In the past, we have donated beds for aged care villages in the hills; given donations to the Craniofacial Foundation, and also sponsored sections of Adelaide University.

"My approach is that I think we should support those where we can, but I'd also like to support the local community," explained Greg.

Recently, the Blackwood Freemasons in conjunction with the Sir Samuel Way Lodge donated \$2,000 to the Blackwood CFS to purchase much need fire-fighting equipment.

"It's no secret that in some quarters our numbers are declining, and we'd like to attract new members to Freemasons. You can read all the stories about the history and myths, but basically today it's a society for men, while there's also a separate ladies organisation," said Greg.

□ If you would like more information about Freemasonry, or wish to join, please contact Greg Deverson on 0401 437 816 or email: blackwoodfreemasons@gmail.com

Valley church turns 145 years old

ON Saturday May 5, the Anglican Parish of Coromandel Valley will be celebrating 145 continuous years of worship at St. John's Church on Main Road, Coromandel Valley.

The Church is working in conjunction with the Coromandel Valley & Districts National Trust to produce a book to tell St John's Church story from 1872 to the present day.

The story will describe the history of how the Church and community progressed over time, and in particular, feature the beautiful coloured leadlight windows and the stories behind them.

This book will be available from Saturday 5th May at the Celebration Day.

There will be an historic display in the Church Hall and a commemorative Service in the Church. All are welcome to join in.

□ More details can be found on the Anglican Parish website www.coroparish.com or by contacting the local National Trust Liaison Officer on 0474 066 776.



◆ Image of St John's Church in Coromandel Valley painted by Barbara Bedford

Round two funding for local projects

WHETHER you were an applicant, your project was funded or you voted in the *FundMyNeighbourhood* program, you have contributed to allocating almost \$20 million of government funding to projects that matter to the community.

More than 33,000 South Australians cast almost 122,000 votes, and 204 projects were funded across the state.

Funded projects were diverse, including playgrounds and parks, sports and recreation



facilities, community facility upgrades, environmental projects, arts projects and more.

Later in the year, Round Two will be launched putting another \$20 million on the table for projects that are important to the community.

So start thinking now about the kinds of projects that would improve your neighbourhood.

□ Be the first to hear about Round Two by signing up to their mailing list at www.fundmyneighbourhood.sa.gov.au

Help Council reach recycling goals

MITCHAM Council has commenced consultation on their draft Waste Services Policy which set outs how they deliver waste services to the community for kerbside waste, green organics, recycling and hard waste removal.

The draft Policy has been updated to include:

- * Types of bins to be used to collect waste, including blue bins for waste to landfill, yellow bins for recycling and green bins for green organics.
- * Frequency of collection.
- * Bin entitlements for residential and non-residential premises.
- * Types and quantities of hard waste items accepted for collection.
- * How to place your bin for collection.
- * When we can refuse to collect your bin.

- * Waste and recycling surveys.
- * Changes to additional bins entitlements.
- * A procedure for applying for additional bins.
- * How to report missed bins.

This policy is important as it will improve how we manage our waste and recycling services moving forward.

This policy aims to help us reach Council recycling goals!

By 2020, Mitcham Council are committed to reducing 70% of our waste going to landfill, drastically reducing the amounts of waste being sent to landfill.

□ To have your say on the draft Waste Services Policy visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/draft-wastepolicy and complete an online survey by Friday 27 April 2018.

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◆ Clyde enjoying one of the ledges located inside his newly installed enclosure at his Upper Sturt home

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See more 'Pets & Vets' on next page ...



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From steelworker to pet shop owner



◆ Photo: Blackwood Pets owner, Paul Gray is often 'attacked' by one of his tame birds that call the shop their home

ORIGINALLY from the steelworks in Whyalla, Blackwood Pets owner, Paul Gray is celebrating 20 years of providing pet food supplies and accessories to thousands of pet lovers in the Blackwood and Adelaide hills district.

"When my wife Maureen, and I left Whyalla and were looking around Adelaide for a business to buy and area to live in, we were immediately attracted to Blackwood," said Paul.

"It just had that country community feel to it and we felt comfortable here. Still close to the city, but away from all the hustle and bustle, and people were so friendly and welcoming," explained Paul.

In 1998 they bought Blackwood Pets as a going concern and it wasn't too long before the business had outgrown the premises and they moved into a larger

shop next door (where the shop is located today at 10 Waite Street, Blackwood).

Paul has continued to grow the business, expanding the live fish and bird stocks, while opening 7 days a week to meet customers needs.

They offer a full range of frozen pet meats, dry pet foods and pet accessories including bedding, cages and kennels.

Coming into the cooler months, Paul is offering a 20% discount off all pet bedding to celebrate his 20 years in business.

In what little time he has away from work, Paul enjoys walking his labrador 'Rosco' every night, and is a social member at the Blackwood Community RSL.

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Keep easter eggs out of sight

by Dr. Pascal Urlings, Blackwood Vets

'BOB' is the well-loved over-enthusiastic labrador retriever, who will be our protagonist in this short Easter story.

Bob's parents, Jill and Adam, have heard how chocolate isn't so good for dogs, so they have been very careful to keep all those tasty treats up on a high ledge and out of his reach.

However, Bob is very determined.

He has found and eaten Adam's secret stash of midnight chocolate treats! Oh no! Adam cries out, 'Honey! Bob ate my chocolate!' What do they do now?

Chocolate is toxic to our furry companions, because it contains methylxanthine theobromine which dogs and cats find difficult to metabolise. The more methylxanthine theobromine in the chocolate product, the more toxic it is.

From most toxic to least toxic: baking chocolate, dark chocolate, milk chocolate, chocolate flavoured products such as cookies/cakes. White chocolate contains virtually no methylxanthine

theobromine but could still be concerning if ingested because of the high fat content.

Luckily for 'Bob', Adam overindulged the previous night and has a terrible taste in chocolate. Bob only managed to eat the very, very small amount of white chocolate that remained. Bob continued on like nothing had happened and got on with his day.

But, what if Bob ate real chocolate, and more of it? What should we be looking for?

Vomiting, diarrhoea, hyperactivity, tremors, seizures, racing heart rhythm are all signs of chocolate toxicity. If you see any of these signs, don't delay in getting to the nearest veterinary clinic.

Remember, Easter treats aren't so sweet for our smaller companions. It is the one time of the year when it might be wise to keep all those eggs in one basket (out of sight, and out of reach!).

❑ Blackwood Vets are located at 178 Main Road, Blackwood (next to Blackwood Hire) or phone the clinic on 8278 4173 for advice or to make a booking.



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◆ 1 April

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

◆ 1 April

OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE - located in the Belair National Park and is open from 1-4pm. Gold coin donation for adults and children free. For more information phone 8278 3318.

◆ 1 April

BOTTLE COLLECTION - from 9am 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.

◆ 2 April

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.

◆ 4 April

BLACKWOOD LIONS - meet at 6.30pm in Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Pde. New members welcome. Contact Bill Holmes on 8278 7322 or 0407 710 876.

◆ 4 April

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 triciarushtonconsulting@gmail.com

◆ 4 April

BLACKWOOD FREEMASONS - all past and current members of Blackwood no 93 meet from 7.30pm at Masonic Ctr, 229 Main Rd (behind My Kitchen and opp. Coles). If you want more information on Freemasonry contact Greg on 0401 437 816 or e: blackwoodfreemasons@gmail.com

◆ 5 April

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.

◆ 7 April

MEN'S BREAKFAST - held at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Pde from 7.30-9am. Enjoy continental breakfast and real coffee followed by discussion on 'God in Workplace'. Cost \$98 or \$5 conc. RSVP Michael on 0403 656 537 by 4 April.

◆ 8 & 22 April

JOAN'S PATCH : A GARDEN FOR THE COMMUNITY - meets 2-5pm at Joan's Pantry, Watahuna Avenue, Hawthorndene to share ideas, plant seedlings and tend to community garden. New members welcome. Enquiries to Deb on 0419 824 787 or email: jpkitchengarden@gmail.com

◆ 9 April

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 Shirley on 0403 801 916.

◆ 9 April

EDEN 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 outings. Prospective members and visitors welcome. Phone Secretary on 8276 4692 for details.

◆ 9 April

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◆ 11 & 25 April

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a friendly adult group. Meet from 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries to Diddy Pederick on 0408 100 016 or e: didyina@yahoo.com

◆ 12 April

HAWTHORNDENE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB - held at Belair Uniting Church Hall, Sheoak Road, Belair at 9.30am. Monthly guest speakers. Visitors welcome. Enquiries to 8278 2025.

◆ 14 April

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 for details.

◆ 14 April

MITCHAM BAHAI' COMMUNITY - 'Soul Food' is a monthly meeting to reflect on various topics including religious, secular, music and images. Meet at 7.30pm in Blackwood Community Centre, Young St. Free entry. Phone Jackie on 0407 835 503 for details.

◆ 15 April

BLACKWOOD WELLNESS & BEAUTY MARKET - from 10am to 3pm at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade. Admission is free. Covers physical, spiritual and mental wellness. Go to Facebook page 'blackwoodmarkets' for more details.

◆ 15 April

FRIENDS OF GAMBLE COTTAGE & GARDEN open between 1-4pm. Enjoy a stroll through historic gardens and 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.

◆ 15 April

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.

◆ 17 April

BLACKWOOD LIBRARY BOARD GAMES - all ages welcome - chess, scrabble, catan, cluedo and snakes & ladders etc. Held from 2-4pm and free. Ph 8372 8255.

◆ 17 April

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

◆ 18 April

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.

◆ 18 April

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 8278 6227 for details.

◆ 19 April

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.

◆ 21 April

HUGE GARAGE SALE - held at Blackwood Uniting Church Hall, Main Road, (near the roundabout) from 8.30am. Get there early for best bargains.

◆ 23 April

BLACKWOOD ACTION GROUP - get involved

in your community. Meet at Blackwood Railway Station Ticket Office from 7pm. New members always welcome. Phone 0408 117 003 or www.blackwoodactiongroup.org.au for more details.

◆ 23 April

BLACKWOOD FLORAL ART CLUB - held at Blackwood Uniting Church at 7.30-9pm. All welcome - no experience required. View activities of club at: www.blackwood-floralart.blogspot.com.au

◆ 23 April

MITCHAM HILLS COMBINED PROBUS - meet at Flagstaff Hill Golf Club, Memford Way, Flagstaff Hill from 10am to 12noon. Retired or semi-retired and looking for more friends. Phone Des on 8278 6269 or visit www.probusouthpacific.org.au

◆ 25 April

ADELAIDE HILLS ZONTA CLUB - meet for dinner at 7pm. An international women's service club advancing the status of women worldwide. New members and visitors welcome. Phone Doone on 8278 2676.

◆ 26 April

COMBINED PROBUS OF COROMANDEL VALLEY - meet at Blackwood Community Centre, 4 Young St, Blackwood from 10am to 12noon. Interesting speakers and visitors welcome. Phone Ian or Jill on 8278 4325.

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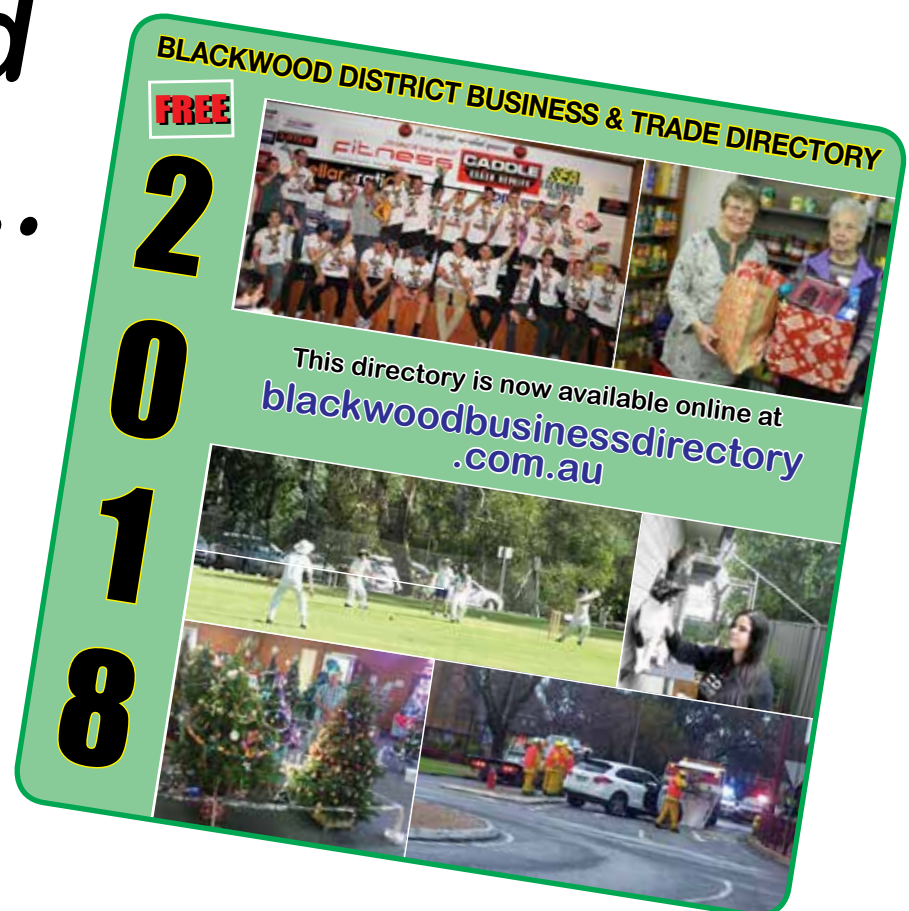
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