

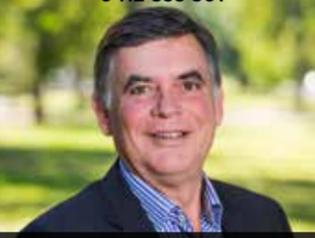
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People power has resulted in this 'wombat crossing' being installed on Watahuna Avenue near Joan's Pantry and the Hawthorndene Oval. See story pg 2.

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Vision for Blackwood in the future

by James Swanborough

THE Blackwood business district has been highlighted as one of five key precincts earmarked for renewal in a vision statement by Mitcham Council, dependant on securing funding for major developments in the future.

The plans put forward a vision of what Blackwood could look like in the coming decades, and designate the eastern side of Main Road for multi purpose development, with the western side remaining a commercial and retail precinct.

The vision looks to maintain landscape features that contribute to the area's character such as the distinctive vegetation, with planting of street trees; and identifies Blackwood as having a "strong identity as a unique hills destination" with a "walkable main street made vibrant both day and night by attracting visitors

and offering a diversity of housing choices nearby."

Improvements to public spaces, combined with a desire to keep housing density relatively low, keeping a single-storey character with generous spaces between buildings and property boundaries define the plan.

Included in the plans are the proposed community centre upgrade in Young Street, which would incorporate Blackwood Library and Toy Library into the centre; and a pedestrian link between Woolworths and Coles retail precincts, with connections between key parking areas.

Mitcham Council has already lodged development plans for an 8 shop mall behind Drakes Foodland, with a pedestrian walkway to run through this new development. New parking spaces would be allocated at the Waite Street/Young Street intersection to accommodate the loss of existing car parks.

The plans also identify the potential for an additional roundabout at the intersection of Waite Street/Brighton Parade, and Shepherds Hill Road.

The current library site is marked for mixed use retail and residential development, with much of the area surrounding Main Road marked for infill housing, particularly for older citizens to be accommodated on the relatively flat portions of the district.

Mitcham Council developed the plans as a chance to influence planning policy framework and to shape the future of the City of Mitcham; they are the culmination of discussions with the community, stakeholders, and elected members over the past 12 months.

Council will now take the plan to community engagement, which is on track to begin in August / September, with the option to revise them in light of public reaction. □

'People power' triggers new safety crossing



DURING 2016, concerned residents petitioned City of Mitcham Council for improved safety for pedestrians on Watahuna Avenue around the very busy Hawthorndene precinct comprising Joan's Pantry café, Hawthorndene Oval and Apex Park.

A road safety audit of the area was then commissioned by Council in October 2016, with a draft report finally presented in May 2017.

The results of the road and pedestrian safety investigations noted that Watahuna Avenue was not only a bus route, but between 7,500 and 8,500 vehicles passed through the area daily with average speeds between 44km/h and 49km/hour.

It also highlighted because the carparks in the area are informal and not marked, motorists park

at different angles, sometimes over footpaths making access difficult for pedestrians.

Pedestrian counts on a typical Saturday in October 2016 indicated 502 pedestrian crossing movements occurred - with a peak of 102 pedestrians between 12pm and 1pm.

During winter, Hawthorndene Oval is used by school football teams, while in summer cricket is played here by all grades; and Apex Park always has family groups with young children using the fenced facilities.

These figures supported the call for a 'wombat crossing' (raised platform) which was completed last month, together with the sealing of the Hawthorndene Oval northern carpark and the sealing of the Apex Park northern carpark.

A win for 'people power' and a big tick for Mitcham Council in listening to residents and their concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians who frequent this popular area. □

◆ Photo on left: Motorists were diverted while lighting was being erected for the new 'wombat crossing' on Watahuna Avenue outside Joans Pantry

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Mural to enliven and brighten community centre

by James Swanborough

LOCAL artists Elizabeth Close and Jake Holmes have been awarded a \$12,000 community art grant, with an application to paint a mural on the Blackwood Community Centre.

In their application, Elizabeth and Jake have drawn upon their knowledge of the Blackwood area and community, to create a mural that reflects both the people and the environment of Blackwood.

Through their use of figurative and abstracted forms, the artists aim to create a work that will draw people in, and encourage them to contemplate the use of shape and colour, creating opportunities for connection, surprise, and speculation - as per the brief for the grant.

The work will be spread over the four sides of the community centre to encourage exploration of the piece. As the viewer moves around the centre, more of the mural will be revealed.

This also means the mural will be seen from Young Street, Waite Street, Main Road, and the Coles carpark.

The application received unanimous support from Council's art advisory group, noting that the mural will enliven and brighten the outside of the community centre building and connect it physically and culturally to the surrounds. It will also encourage exploration of the community centre and the spaces around it.

Though their application specifically highlights Blackwood Community Centre as the desired location for their mural, Council notes that their approach would be applicable for any one of Council's five community centres, and that administration will determine which community centre would be most appropriate to receive this art, based on considerations of the community benefit, visitation rate and broader locational benefits.

Council's plans to upgrade Blackwood Community Centre in the future, may also play into their decision. □

Kaurna knowledge of Sturt Gorge by respected elder

OUR knowledge of the Kaurna people's involvement in the Sturt Gorge area is minimal," said Elizabeth Sawyer, spokesperson for the Friends of Sturt Gorge group.

"We are all looking forward to Uncle

Jeffrey Newchurch, Kaurna Man and respected elder, speaking at our club meeting on Tuesday 21 August at 7.30pm in the Bellevue Heights Primary School Hall."

On March 21 the Kaurna people were

recognized as Native Title Holders to lands around Adelaide.

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Role in conservation at heart of Park's appeal

by James Swanborough

CONSULTATION to determine the future of the Belair Park Golf Course site has resulted in a strong response from the community.

"The department has been inundated with feedback, and to date have received over 2,200 responses," said David Speirs, Minister for Environment and Water.

"This overwhelming response and level of community engagement really highlights how passionate the local community is about making the most of the former Belair Golf Course and Country Club site."

In addition to feedback received through a survey of the public, a workshop to consider future directions for the site was held on June 7, with participants representing a range of stakeholders including councils, recreational groups, environmental groups, business associations, volunteers and the local primary school.

The outcome of the workshop pointed strongly towards a desire for the enhancement of those things that are valued most - environmental conservation and recreation.

Participants in the workshop highlighted Belair National Park's natural environment and role in conservation of local flora and fauna as the heart of its appeal, with all other potential recreational or commercial opportunities in the park being reliant on this appeal. The range of recreational activities available at the site were also highlighted as key to its appeal.

Also noted of value were the history and broad amenity of the Park, including Old Government House, and facilities associated with the Belair Park Golf Course and Country Club. "The variety of activities that could be enjoyed brings a range of people into the Park, including locals and tourists," read a council report.

"From my discussions with members of the community, it is important that the Country Club and Golf Course site remain accessible community assets, with a focus on the natural environment, learning and social and sporting activities," said Sam Duluk, local MP, who attended the workshop.



Potential development to the site focused on enhancing the amenity associated with these attributes, creating opportunities for tourism, education, and heritage which in turn increases and broadens access to the park.

Some ideas were broadly thought to make a positive contribution, such as an environmental precinct, increased trails, a café and car parking, with desire for the co-location of a number of complementary activities being well supported.

An environmental precinct that combined conservation with education and tourism was one idea. A recreation hub that upgraded the existing 18-hole golf course and introduced a range of other activities was also considered an option that acknowledged the value of existing infrastructure.

While the idea of a 9-hole golf course was also discussed, advice from the president of Golf SA suggested it would not be sustainable.

Increasing community group access to the Park and its facilities was also a focus for the future. Existing buildings, sheds and open space were seen as resources that could be adapted for community groups to meet, store equipment and hold events.

The potential contribution of other ideas was not universally supported, with divided views about the re-development of the golf-course, tourist accommodation and a dog park.

"The Marshall Government is getting on with the job and is now using the feedback received through the initial consultation to conduct a formal Expression Of Interest (EOI) process that will determine the future of this site," said Minister Speirs.

Art show success a result of generous sponsors and volunteers

THE Blackwood Rotary Art Show is another example of businesses coming together to support an event where some of the funds raised end up back in the community.

"Approximately 40 sponsors have contributed to the event this year," said Bernie Morgan, Rotary Art Show co-ordinator. "Without this support the event would not happen."

It reinforces the importance of residents 'shopping locally' - as some of the money spent with local businesses goes towards helping many sports clubs, groups and organisations that would simply not survive without sponsorship.

Together with the hundreds of volunteers who help out each week to make this district the great environment that we all live in and enjoy.



◆ Photo: (from left) Jan and Glenda from Belair being welcomed to the 2018 Rotary Art Show by Martin (Rotary member) and Arthur (volunteer and former Rotary member)

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Brickworks critical to building of Hills rail tunnels



Eden Hills was the home of two brickworks from the late 1880's.

While the name Thomas George Bosley was to become famous for his distinctive pottery made in the 1930's, it was in the Eden Hills Brickworks that he learnt his trade.

Wade Brickworks, also known as Wade & Trott Brickworks and later Seaview Brickworks, was situated in Parham Road from 1884 to 1930 with a quarry behind the current properties at 16 and 18 Wilpena Street.

Operator Robert Henry Wade, related to the Wade Pottery in England, found the clay to be unsuitable for pottery and instead turned to brickmaking for which there was strong demand. The kilns were fired with stringy bark which probably explains the scarcity of trees in photographic records from this period.

Built in the 1880's for the main purpose of constructing the 9 tunnels required for the Adelaide to Nairne railway line, the larger company was the *Steam Brickmaking Machinery and Plant*.

These brickworks were located adjacent to the first tunnel to be completed running under Shepherds Hill Road. Developed in Germany, the first Hoffman Kiln in South Australia with its 143 foot chimney was built there and heated by coal transported by rail from Newcastle.

Thanks to the abundance of quality clay and the proximity to the railway, in 1886 the company was awarded contracts for supplying the 2.5 million bricks required for the parliamentary buildings in Adelaide and the Bank of Australasia.



◆ W. A. Jones the butcher c1920s : Murray Jones Collection, Mitcham Heritage Research Centre

In 1896, The Metropolitan Brick Company took over and modernised the operations, adding several smaller dome shaped down draught kilns.

Thomas Bosley joined the company in 1913, becoming manager in 1926 during which time the brickworks became known for their glazed bricks, popular for indoor use such as features around fireplaces.

The depression forced the closure of the brickmaking operations in 1933 and sadly, in the 1940's, the landmark chimney of the Metropolitan Brick Works was demolished, supposedly as

a security measure during the war. Part of the site is now home to the Blackwood Lions Bargain Centre on Shepherds Hill Road.

The closing of the brickworks led Thomas Bosley and his son Alfred to open a pottery on Abbotshall Road, Mitcham (where St Vincent de Paul is currently situated) which continued until 1944. The house next door was his home and features a variety of bricks, many glazed.

Bosley had gained exposure from Lady Bonython, the Mayoress of Adelaide, who was a keen flower arranger and influenced the Bosleys to create certain styles and colours. Their works included bread crocks, chimney pots, vases, the 1936 Centenary Plate and garden ornaments such as frogs, birds and rabbits.

Through experimentation with glazes they arrived at their own formulae; the popular green colour being achieved by the addition of copper oxide.

Today, original Bosley Ware fetches high prices with gnomes selling anywhere between \$3,000 and \$7,000 depending on condition.

Article provided by the Blackwood Action Group History Subcommittee focussing on businesses in the Blackwood area.

□ If you would like more information on the Blackwood Action Group activities and events, visit www.blackwoodactiongroup.org.au or phone 0408 117 003.



Changing of the guard at Lions Bargain Centre

Photo: Bernard Egan (on left) from Belair, has taken over as Manager of the Lions Bargain Centre, from Kevin Brook of Blackwood



ONE of Blackwood's most successful community programs is run by the Lions Club of Blackwood with their 'Lions Bargain Centre' on Shepherds Hill Road at Eden Hills.

If you have any good quality unwanted goods, bring them down to the Bargain Centre, where they will be sold to the public at bargain prices, with proceeds going back into local community projects.

The substantial amount of funds raised from the Lions Bargain Centre project over the years would not have been possible were it not for the generosity of Adelaide Hills residents - in donating good quality second hand goods and/or making purchases from the Centre.

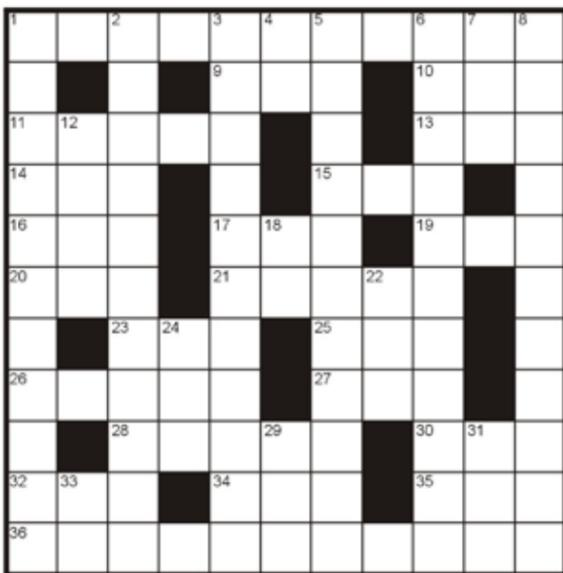
Another benefit from this program is that many of the donated goods were probably heading for the tip, instead now ending up being utilised at someone else's home, rather than going into landfill.

You can check out the amazing range of quality goods for sale on Saturday morning between 8.30am and 12noon.

□ So if you are looking for something specific, call in one Saturday morning and have a browse around; and if you have some unwanted good quality items, give them a call on 8370 2144 to arrange pick up if you can't fit them in your car to drop off.

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Rail freight plan as it stands is 'unworkable'

by James Swanborough

THE Marshall Government has signed off on the first stage of the development of the GlobeLink Master Plan, which proposes to see freight diverted from the Adelaide Hills with the construction of a new bypass from Murray Bridge to Two Wells.

The Government will issue a tender for the project management and consultation for Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the GlobeLink Master Plan.

"GlobeLink is one of the Marshall Liberal Government's bold visions to transform South Australia's economy, grow our exports and create more jobs," said Stephan Knoll, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government.

"The issuing of these tender documents is a significant first step to delivering a generational upgrade, to South Australia's freight infrastructure."

Stage 1 of the Master Plan involves problem and opportunity identification and assessment, and Stage 2 will see option development, assessment and shortlisting.

"Given the scale of this initiative, the Master Plan will be developed as part of a multi-stage planning study with a tender for the remaining stages to be issued following the completion of these works," said Minister Knoll.

While Sam Duluk, local Member for Waite said, "After many years of talk and debate, the new Liberal Government is delivering on its promise regarding the movement of rail freight through the Mitcham Hills.

"The tender process for Stage 1 and 2 of Globelink will pave the way for improved export opportunities for the State economy, leading to job and economic growth," added Sam.

"GlobeLink will divert road and rail freight around the back of the Adelaide Hills, getting heavy trucks off key metropolitan roads and freight trains out of built-up areas, and give

South Australian businesses better access to lucrative export markets," explained Minister Knoll.

However, South Australian Freight Council executive officer Evan Knapp restated concerns about the GlobeLink project, after an independent report commissioned by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure revealed a raft of concerns about the viability of the project.

"The (leaked) report is important because it confirmed our concerns," Mr Knapp said.

"The GlobeLink plan as it stands, is unworkable, there are problems with each and every element of it. We see this as an opportunity to reset and start again."

The Government plans to form an Industry Reference Group as part of the planning process, which will consist of peak freight, road and rail industry bodies, the primary production sector, local government and a number of other stakeholders.

"This group will ensure we have a thorough and robust consultation process and have a broad cross section of industry around the table," said Minister Knoll. □

Farm upbringing developed his passion for all things nature



"DUE to the publicity our group has received through *The Blackwood Times* and other sources, we have had a number of new volunteers join us," said Ms Phyl Nunn, spokesperson for the Friends of Old Government House.

"This has enabled us to open Old Government House to the public twice a month now on the first and third Sundays starting in August.

"However, another piece of exciting news for the group is that our President received the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queens Birthday honours announcements," explained Phyl.

Well known Belair resident, Mr Dene Cordes, was the recipient of an OAM for his extensive contribution to the Hills community and organisations stretching across South Australia.

Dene (pictured on left) grew up on a farm on Kangaroo Island and there is no doubt that this is where he developed his love for nature and the environment.

He spent 50 years working for and also volunteering with National Parks in South Australia between 1968 and 2018. There are too many organisations that Dene has been involved with over the years to list here, however, he was the founder and first president of the Friends of Old Government House in 1983.

If you're looking for somewhere special to have photos taken for your wedding, or hold a function or celebration in stunning surroundings - then you need look no further than the Old Government House in Belair National Park.

An outside terraced balcony combined with a picturesque lawned area circled by roses would make a spectacular backdrop to any occasion.

The Friends of Old Government House (FOGH) also offer weekday tours through the building by arrangement, or the site is now open on the first and third Sunday of every month from 1-4pm.

And if you can help FOGH by volunteering occasionally - they would love to hear from you.

□ If you would like to find out more on holding an event at the Old Government House, or joining as a volunteer, phone Tina on 8178 0688, Phyl on 8278 3318 or email : friendssofogh@outlook.com

YET again, many of Blackwood's businesses have joined forces to support a local community group who are holding an event in September to raise funds for the BEACON Emergency Relief Service.

Beacon Emergency Relief started out in March 2008 as an idea put to the Mitcham Hills Inter-Church Council (MHICC) by Rev. Mark Riessen of Blackwood Church of Christ in response to Pastoral Support Workers in the local schools coming across children and families in need of food and money.

The people who come to Beacon for assistance have all been affected by a combination of factors that have changed their circumstances including unemployment, mental or physical illness, and relationship breakdown.

The Blackwood Action Group's Community Links Team is holding a 'Boutiques on Parade' event offering a fun afternoon showcasing local boutiques at the Blackwood Community Centre, Young Street on 22 September from 2-4pm.

Many of Blackwood's boutiques have come together to showcase spring and summer fashions, which will be featured at this local community event along with a wonderful afternoon tea, bubbles and lots of exciting door prizes.

Indulge yourself in a girls' afternoon out whilst helping to raise funds for BEACON, a Mitcham Hills inter-church organisation which supports local struggling families.

Home bakers and local bakeries including Akkerman's, Hearth Breads, Baker's Delight and The Conventional Bakery, will provide a tantalising afternoon tea you will not want to miss.

Tickets are \$20pp and available from August 20 onwards at participating boutiques : Habitat, Snazzi's, Willywag's,

Accolades and Fairley's.

The event will be held at Blackwood Community Centre, Young Street at 2-4pm on Saturday 22 September.

With only 140 tickets available you will need to get in quickly. □

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History on Weymouth Recreation Reserve published in new brochure



A STORY about the history of the Weymouth Recreation Reserve on Main Road, Coromandel Valley has been researched and recorded by the Coromandel Valley & Districts National Trust and published as a brochure.

The land occupied by the Reserve at 442 Main Road Coromandel Valley, comes from part of an old Aboriginal reserve established in the 1838 survey. The reserve was subdivided for settlement after 1888 and over time provided for a Crown Land Water Reserve later becoming a Recreation Reserve.

Within this area, War Memorial and community recreation areas were provided. In more recent times the establishment of a community centre, oval and playgrounds has provided a much valued community area. The inclusion of the adjoining reserve area west of Chambers Creek complements the scene well.

Before the arrival of the first settlers, the area was part of the land occupied by the Kaurna Aboriginal people, who used the Valley as a part of their life, and knew and valued their country well.

The initial survey of Coromandel Valley preparing the way for European settlement occurred in 1838, when a number of Sections of land were created throughout the Valley.

This interesting story is one of many still being written, or to be found at the Watchman House. Follow up on this and other stories by contacting the National Trust Branch or arrange a visit.

The Weymouth Recreation Reserve brochure will be available this month from the Coromandel Community Centre and at the Watchman House on 360 Main Road Coromandel Valley.

For more information on this story and others that are steadily growing, visit www.cvdnt.org.au If you are interesting in helping out at the Watchman House phone 0474 066 776 or email; ntcoro1@bigpond.com

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The 'My Choices' book and workshops are designed to help people talk about how they want to live at the end of life. It enables a person to document their choices and make practical preparations that will facilitate their end of life support, making it easier to have their wishes known.

"We have observed that many people don't have their affairs in order as they get older or when they are dying, nor are they able to advocate for the support they want in this new era of consumer-directed care," said Anne van Loon, one of the authors of *My Choices*.

A 'My Choices' workshop will be conducted at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church on 27 August from 1.30-4.00pm to help people think through and chat about, their health support, in-home care, their digital identity and other affairs they might get in order while they are well enough to make those decisions easily.

'My Choices' was made possible through the generous financial support of the Baptist Care SA Foundation.

You can register for the 'My Choices' workshop at Eventbrite by searching for 'My Choices' or by contacting Baptist Care enquiries@baptistcaresa.org.au or phoning 8273 7100 to register.

80th Birthday celebrated in style with family and friends at House of Zen

"IT was my 80th birthday and we had invited around 40 people to join in the special celebrations," said Bob Part from Hawthorndene. "We like to use local businesses so decided to hold the event at the House of Zen restaurant in Belair for our Saturday lunchtime function."

Bob and his wife Sandy moved into their home in Hawthorndene 48 years ago with their four children, and wouldn't live anywhere else.

Family from as far away as Brisbane joined with relatives and friends, to help celebrate Bob's 80th, which started at 1pm in the restaurant continuing through to 4pm - eventually having to leave as Hung Lien, the restaurant owner, needed to set up for evening meals.

"Everyone was so impressed with the service, the food was excellent and the prices very

affordable. We were all having a great time together and the time went far too fast," said Bob.

"In fact, it was no trouble for Hung to comply with our special request of 40 deep fried ice creams - and they were superb!!"

"Also, one of our friends who was at the function, enjoyed it so much that he booked his 80th birthday celebration in September at the House of Zen for a group of 50," added Bob.

So if you are looking for a venue to hold a family gathering, birthday celebration or corporate event, give Hung a call at the House of Zen restaurant in Belair on 8370 2333 - they can cater for all budgets and the restaurant can hold up to 100 people.



Photo: Friends and family gathered at the House of Zen restaurant in Belair for a lunchtime function to celebrate Bob Part's 80th birthday and they could have stayed all afternoon, eventually having to leave as the restaurant needed to get ready for dinner service!

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Over 100 people attended the launch of F45 Training in Blackwood last month to check out the new state-of-the-art training facilities that is located on the former Café Primo site next to Hungry Jacks.



New members came along to pick up their membership packs, get familiar with the studio and meet the team of Steve, Justin and the team of trainers.

Training times start at 5.15am (45 minute classes) Monday to Friday and on Saturdays (60 minute classes).

F45 Training is located at 180 Main Road, Blackwood. Phone 7073 7806 for information or check out www.F45training.com.au

Use green bin for more than just garden material

FOOD scraps are a valuable resource that we can no longer waste. A 2015 bin audit found 47% of material in the blue waste bin were food scraps or uneaten food.

Food scraps placed in the green organics bin are turned into compost and mulch. Recycling food scraps increases resource recovery, reduces waste to landfill and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

All food can go into the green organics bin including: food scraps and peels; cake and bread crusts; fruit and vegetables; teabags and coffee grounds; meat scraps, bones and seafood (raw and cooked); egg and oyster shells; cheese and yoghurt; and any leftover takeaway foods.

Do not put your food waste or garden material in plastic bags that go into the green bin.



Free kitchen caddy trial to reduce food waste

THE City of Mitcham, with funding support from a Food Waste Incentive Grant from Green Industries SA, is undertaking a food waste green organics trial with the goal to reduce food waste going to landfill.

Towards the end of 2018, Council will supply a bench top container (kitchen caddy pictured), compostable bags and education materials to 5,500 households in St Marys, Clapham, Panorama, Pasadena and Eden Hills.

These suburbs all have their green waste collected on the same day, which will make it easier to collate data, and compare current diversion rates from waste to landfill to the green bin.

The pilot program, which will be undertaken over the next three years, aims to have a positive benefit to the community and result in improved education and awareness around diverting green organics from landfill.

Compostable bags are made of 100% compostable materials that decompose during the commercial composting process. Compostable bags differ to biodegradable bags so it is important to only use compostable bags when recycling your food scraps.

If you want to purchase your own kitchen caddy and compostable bags, contact City of Mitcham on 8372 8888.



WHAT'S ON IN BLACKWOOD & DISTRICTS

Visit www.blackwoodbusinessdirectory.com.au anytime for an up-to-date listing of local events

◆ 1 August

ELEN HILLS KINDERGARTEN ART SHOW - at Eden Hills Kindergarten, 4 Willunga Street from 7.30pm. Special evening for adults, parents and visitors to view and celebrate the children's achievements. Nibbles provided. Drinks and artwork available for purchase. Raffle & door prizes. Gold coin donation for program at door. Phone Kindy on 8278 3425 for details.

◆ 1 August

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.

◆ 1 August

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

◆ 1 August

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

◆ 2 August

GROWING EDIBLE PRODUCE WORKSHOPS - held at Coromandel Community Centre from 6-7.30pm. Passionate organic farmer Diana Bickford offers tips on growing the perfect summer veggie patch. Cost \$5pp and bookings essential. Phone 8370 6880 or visit www.coroalive.org.au

◆ 2 August

BLACKWOOD MENS PROBUS CLUB - meet at Masonic Lodge, Main Road from 9.30-11.30am. Fascinating guest speakers every month. Visitors and new members welcome. Enquiries to 8178 2653.

◆ 5 & 19 August

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.

◆ 5 August

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.

◆ 5 August

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.

◆ 6 August

BLACKWOOD LADIES PROBUS CLUB - meet at Blackwood Community Ctr, 4 Young St, at 10am. Guest speakers. Phone Valerie Mills-Stacy on 8370 2674 for details.

◆ 8 & 22 August

ADELAIDE HILLS TOASTMASTERS - Affordable public speaking training & practice in a friendly adult group. Meet from 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries to Didy Pederick on 0408 100 016 or e: didyina@yahoo.com

◆ 9 August

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

◆ 11 August

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.

◆ 11 August

BLACKWOOD PHILATELIC CLUB - meeting at Blackwood Uniting Church Hall from 1.30pm. Displays and sales of a wide range of Australian stamps, plus world stamps and phone cards. Prospective members and visitors welcome. Ph Jeff on 0407 182 891.

◆ 11 August

MITCHAM BAHAI COMMUNITY BIGGEST MORNING TEA - join us to raise funds for Cancer Council. Meet from 2-5pm in Blackwood Community Centre, Young St. Tickets \$5pp with refreshments, dance, music and raffle. Phone Jackie on 0407 835 503 for details.

◆ 12 & 26 August

JOAN'S PATCH : A GARDEN FOR THE COMMUNITY - meets 1-4pm at Joan's Pantry, Watahuna Avenue, to share ideas, plant seedlings and tend to community garden. Enquiries to Deb on 0419 824 787 or email: jkitchen-garden@gmail.com

◆ 13 August

OUT OF THE BLUE SUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORK - meets at 7pm in the Blackwood Community Centre, Young St, Blackwood. New members always welcome. For details email: ootbcommittee@gmail.com

◆ 13 August

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.

◆ 13 August

ELEN 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.

◆ 13 August

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

◆ 15 August

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.

◆ 15 August

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. Visitors and new members always welcome to come along on the night. See www.bwbc.org.au for details.

◆ 19 August

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 0418 827 825.

◆ 19 August

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.

◆ 21 August

FRIENDS OF STURT GORGE - meet at Bellevue Heights Primary School from 7.30pm. Guest speaker: Kaurna Man and respected elder - Uncle Jeffrey Newchurch. Light supper provided - all welcome. Phone Bob Grant on 7329 8296 for meetings and working bees. Visit www.fosg.org.au

◆ 22 August

BLACKWOOD ACTION GROUP - get involved in your community. NOTE: Meeting venue change now at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade from 7pm. Guest speakers: Natasha Huber, CFS 'Community Fire Safe' program. New members always welcome. More details on 0408 117 003 or Facebook or www.blackwoodactiongroup.org.au

◆ 22 August

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

◆ 23 August

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.

◆ 25 August

BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY QUIZ NIGHT - get ready to battle quiz style. Bring cash and coins for raffles and auctions. Tickets \$10 each or \$100 for table of 10. Buy tickets before 20 August. BYO food and drinks (alcohol permitted). All proceeds to School 'Parents & Friends' projects.

◆ 27 August

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

◆ 27 August

MITCHAM HILLS COMBINED PROBUS - meet at Flagstaff Hill Golf Club, Memford Way, Flagstaff Hill from 10.15am to 12noon. Retired or semi-retired and looking for more friends. Phone Des on 8278 6269 or visit www.probusouthpacific.org.au

◆ 6 September

GROWING EDIBLE PRODUCE WORKSHOPS - held at Coromandel Community Centre from 6-7.30pm. ABC 'Gardening Australia' presenter Malcolm Campbell offers ideas on how to protect and maintain a veggie patch in our harsh summer climate. Cost \$5pp and bookings essential. Phone 8370 6880 or visit www.coroalive.org.au

◆ Every Saturday

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◆ Every Monday

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◆ Every Tuesday

CANCER VOICES SA : WALKING FOR WELLNESS - Meet in Belair Golf Club Carpark at 9.30am for (free) walk in Belair National Park. CVSA is an independent volunteer organisation advocating for all people affected by cancer. New walkers welcome. Phone Chris on 0431 691 956 for details.

◆ Every Wednesday

KARATE CLUB - meet at Bellevue Heights Primary School during school terms. Juniors at 6pm and seniors at 7pm. No experience necessary - new members welcome - first lesson free. Ph Marc on 0427 471 809 or visit Facebook : [BellevueHeights.NKA](https://www.facebook.com/BellevueHeights.NKA)

◆ Every Thursday

COROMANDEL BRIDGE CLUB - meet at Coromandel Community Ctr at Weymouth Oval from 12.45-4pm. New members welcome and free coaching for beginners. Ph Roger on 8278 5320 or Chris on 0424 615 290 for details.

LEARN TO DANCE - meet at Blackwood Community Centre, Young St, Blackwood from 7.30pm. Beginners and experienced welcome. Ph Ron on 0412 699 646 for details.





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Steve was an installer for 33 years and head lecturer in flooring at TAFE for 6 years; while his son Nathan

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◆ Photo: (from left): René, Jo (receptionist) and Steve from Modern Floors have considerable experience in the flooring industry and are looking forward to helping you make the right decision with your next flooring project

Worm farms and composting will reduce your household food waste



◆ Photo: David has been emptying the household food scraps into his worm farm for the past 20 years

by James Swanborough

IN response to our articles on recycling in the June edition of *The Blackwood Times*, we received valuable input from one reader, David Hawker, on additional ways to reduce waste.

David, aged 80, who has lived in Blackwood for over 50 years, reminded us that closing the loop on household waste is as important as good recycling practice.

"We started using worm farms 20 years ago and put all our food scraps into the bins on a daily basis," said David. "And on Tuesdays, we also collect all the scraps from nearby Cafe 72 in the Blackwood Hills Baptists church, which often consists of potato peelings, trombone and carrot, for example."

David puts all his soft greens into the compost, along with any food scraps not fit for the worm farm.

"The worm farm we've got is about 70 litres, and even though we put in all the house and café scraps, I haven't taken anything out of that for 12 months; it goes down to nothing. And when the compost goes back to soil, we will put that into the garden."

While David notes that he still uses the Council recycling services, residents should be doing their part in addition to council waste management. "We would only need to put our blue bin out, maybe once a month, or every 6 weeks. The less we need the trucks to stop the better," he says.

While all properties may not have the ability to feed large amounts of composted material back into their gardens, worm farms are a great alternative to backyard composting for people who live in units or courtyard blocks.

Worm farming can turn your kitchen scraps, small garden waste and even dog poo, into fertiliser, called castings. These castings can then be applied to pot plants and garden beds as well as to potting mix as a soil conditioner. □

Grow own edible produce

THE Coromandel Community Centre received a grant from the Onkaparinga Council to run a series of 6 workshops aimed at helping local residents plan and plant a summer veggie patch in the harsh hills climate.

Sophie Thomson, an ABC 'Gardening Australia' presenter kicked off the series last month with a wonderful talk on 'Falling in Love with Your Soil' which was very well-attended and enjoyed by almost 100 people.

The second workshop on Thursday August 2 from 6-7.30pm is with Diana Bickford - a local organic farmer with a passion for unusual vegetables (see advert below). She will be delivering a workshop on Planning and Planting a veggie patch for summer.

The aim of the workshops is to encourage residents to try growing their own edible produce and are designed for all abilities and environments - catering for the elderly and those with small gardens too - showing them how to grow in containers or raised beds.

The third workshop will be run by Malcolm Campbell on September 6 - ex-ABC 'Gardening Australia' presenter, author and horticulturalist.

Bookings are essential and pre-payment is required with cost only \$5 per person.

□ For more information contact the Centre on 8370 6880.

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Data sharing a car's technical details to become mandatory

CAR manufacturers have invested a huge amount of money and effort in developing and building their vehicles at great cost; it is, therefore, only fair that they control their intellectual property.

However, it is not fair that they deny access to this intellectual property, if they're provided with fair and reasonable remuneration for the information.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Chairman Rod Sims, declared at an automotive industry event in May that cars today are effectively 'computers on wheels' and that, by keeping digitally held technical information, car manufacturers favour their own dealer networks over independent repairers.

The ACCC alleges this is done at the expense of consumers.

The Federal Government has listened to the concerns of small businesses, and acted.

The Assistant Minister to the Treasurer, The Hon. Michael Sukkar announced in May that the government is considering the design of a mandatory scheme for the sharing of critical repair and service information with consumers and their choice of repairer, ensuring competition and fairness for Australian consumers.

Local Federal member for Boothby, Ms Nicolle Flint, who supports the change, visited Ricky and Michelle Monserrat from Blackwood Dyno Tune & Service to discuss

their thoughts on the current situation and proposed changes.

"We must get the balance right in setting expectations of industry and allowing independent repairers to compete on a fair and equal playing field. Due consideration must also be given to ensuring that commercially fair and reasonable terms for car manufacturers are included in the scheme," explained Nicolle.

"These terms should recognise the investment made by these companies in developing the technical information and the vehicles in the first place. We must also seek to protect vehicle security, environmental and safety information."

Ricky from Blackwood Dyno Tune said, "We're only asking for the same conditions that have applied for some time in the United States and the United Kingdom. We don't want access to the technical data for free - we are prepared to pay a reasonable amount to have this access."

"Once Australian legislation comes into force that enables us to get access to a vehicle's technical information, we will be able to service and repair that vehicle a lot quicker, which in turn may reduce the end cost to the customer."

"Also, motorists will not be so inconvenienced by having to travel to a designated vehicle manufacturer's workshop for the servicing and repair of their vehicle - the work will be able to be performed at a local Blackwood mechanical workshop," added Ricky.



(from left): Andy Sutton (Eastside Automotive), Michelle and Ricky (Blackwood Dyno Tune) with Federal MP for Boothby Michelle Flint, and local MP Sam Duluk

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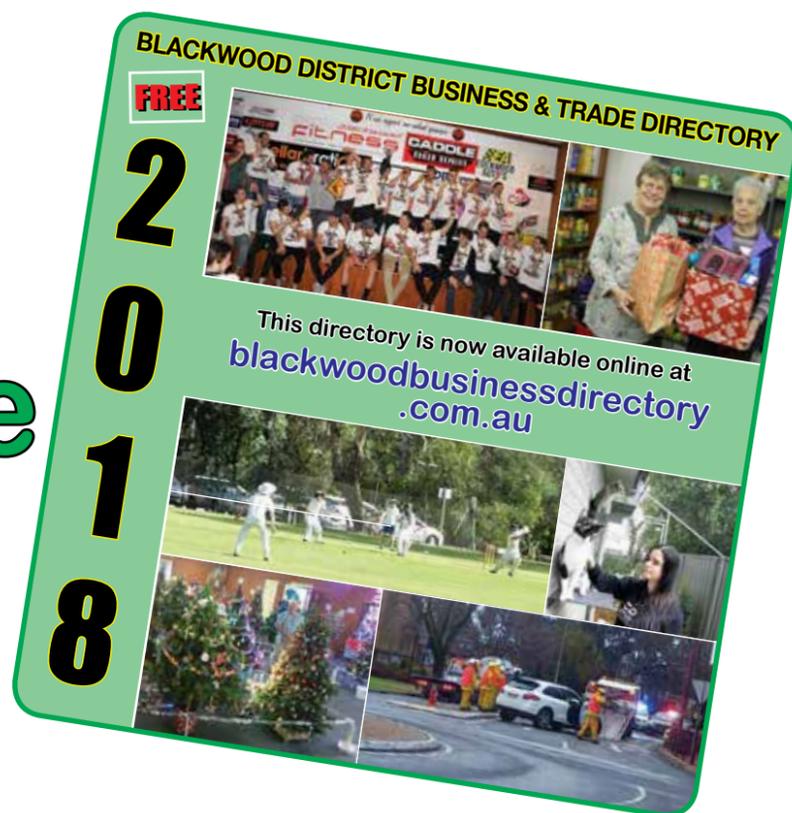
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