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(from left): Nick Wilmhurst, Kris Winchester (Blackwood Football Club President), Nicolle Flint (Federal Member for Boothby), the Hon Bridget McKenzie (Federal Minister for Sport) and Leonie Wilmhurst at the announcement of a \$456,000 grant towards the construction of new unisex change rooms at the Blackwood Football Club. See story on page 3.

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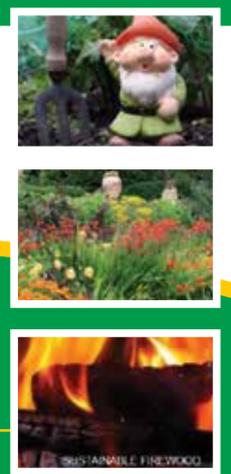
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Council actions being watched

by James Swanborough

WITH the advent of a new council term, a webpage has emerged vowing to keep a watch on Mitcham Council matters and decisions.

Mitcham Council Watch is a Facebook group administrated by Mrs Ashlea Malcolm, daughter of former Mayor of Mitcham Glenn Spear.

Formatted on similar site *Onkaparinga Council Watch*, it features commentary and discussion on issues of council transparency and debate, publishing key discussions from council meetings, along with how elected members have voted on motions.

"The purpose of the page is to keep residents updated and informed about decisions being made by Mitcham Council," said Ashlea. "Council Minutes and Agendas can be hundreds of pages long and can often be confusing; the

idea is to highlight potential public interest issues that may otherwise go unnoticed."

"We have been promised hundreds of millions of dollars worth of capital projects at the 2018 local election; personally I think this is serious, many people placed their votes based on these promises."

Ashlea notes that the site hopes to both keep a check on council action, and provide a place where elected members can engage in open discussion with residents.

"In State and Federal Parliament there is an opposition, but this does not exist at a Local Government level, meaning that many decisions go through unchecked and unquestioned," explained Ashlea.

However, issues of factual inaccuracy are of some concern with online sources, which have their own mandate for reporting.

Facebook site, *City of Mitcham Residents Group*, operated by WeekendNotes blogger David Walsh, which reports primarily on local heritage stories and community events, but also comments on local politics, has seen allegations of censorship of debate during the election period, and shown clear political bias in its reporting of recent events.

Ashlea notes she finds this approach unacceptable, and will not be censoring differing points of view on the page.

"The Mitcham Council Watch page is an open forum, and provided comments don't breach the basic rules, all points of view will be permitted," added Ashlea.

"There is an open agenda with the Mitcham Council Watch page – to hold Elected Members to account for their promises, decisions and behaviour, and hopefully increase community engagement as well as increase an understanding of how Local Government works.

"Political commentary will be permitted on the page, only insofar as it relates directly to Local Government, but it certainly will not be able to be used as a partisan platform for any side of politics.

"I am very comfortable with being upfront, I do not have any ties to any political party, and never have. I am honestly just passionate about Local Government," said Ashlea. □



◆ Photo: - Jeanette was still sporting a 'black' eye and broken ribs, six weeks after being knocked down by a cyclist riding on the footpath, as she was collecting her rubbish bins from the roadside

Resident injured by cyclist riding on footpath warns others to be more careful

by James Swanborough

CYCLISTS and pedestrians have been warned to take care while using footpaths, after a Blackwood resident was struck while collecting her rubbish bins from the footpath along Main Road last month.

Jeanette Lord, 79, was stepping out of her gate as a cyclist on a power-assisted bike knocked her down, leaving her sitting in her gateway.

"Because my bins are on the outer side of the footpath, he was riding a lot closer than he otherwise would have been," explained Jeanette, "and as I stepped out of my gate, I was knocked down immediately. He did stop, and I had to ask him to bring the bins in for me, as I was really shaken."

The incident has left Jeanette with two broken ribs, a bump on the head, a black eye, and a grazed hand and upper leg.

"At the time, I was waiting for my aged care to come and help, as they assist me with my housework. I've lost 3 tendons off my right shoulder, and they took me to the doctor who checked me out; I'm still awaiting an ultrasound on my hip

and I'm still suffering six weeks later," added Jeanette.

While she sustained her share of trauma from the incident, Jeanette worries the result could be worse for older members of the community, if both cyclists and pedestrians don't remain vigilant.

"I'll be 80 next year, and there are a lot of older people here who use the footpath, and you don't expect this sort of thing. I didn't see him coming at all, he must have been going so fast, it was like stepping out and being hit at the same time."

Jeanette says this has not been an isolated incident of reckless bike riders.

"About a week ago, there was a young lad of maybe 16 zig-zagging along the footpath. So it's not only people who are riding as a pleasure or an exercise, but some of these riders are showing no care or respect for anybody who might be walking along the footpath, or coming out of premises.

"A friend went to a local forum recently about traffic, and there were a lot of bike-riders putting their point forward, so I'm concerned we may have more problems with cyclists, because they are

demanding more privileges that they are abusing."

As of 25 October 2015, cyclists of all ages are allowed to ride on footpaths unless a 'no bicycles' sign is present. Previously, only riders under 12 or adults accompanying them were permitted to ride on footpaths.

While Main Road has a dedicated bike lane, riders are able to choose to ride on the footpath at their discretion.

Cyclists riding a footpath or shared path must keep left unless it is impractical to do so, and give warning to pedestrians or other path users by sounding a bell or horn, or by other means necessary for the purpose of averting danger.

Jeanette was also concerned about being able to identify a bikerider in case there are repercussions from an accident that need to be followed up.

As if the bike rider involved does not want to provide their contact details, there is no way of following up and Jeanette thinks that some form of bike registration could be considered, so that the rider and/or bike can be identified.

Both bike riders and pedestrians need to be vigilant when using the footpath.



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Investment aimed at driving greater participation in local sports

by James Swanborough

“BLACKWOOD Football Club desperately needed funds to upgrade their change rooms for their male and female footy players,” said Federal MP for Boothby, Ms Nicolle Flint.

“We want even more men and women of all ages getting involved in our local community, and in grassroots sports, and these new facilities will support the Club as it continues to grow. I am proud to have worked with the wonderful Blackwood Football Club volunteers to make the case for federal funding for this fantastic local project.”

Late last month, which made for a great Christmas present, the Blackwood Football Club announced in front of a large gathering of players, sponsors and supporters that it had been successful in its application for funding to build new unisex change room facilities at its home ground, U-Install-It Kitchens Oval in Blackwood.

On Monday December 17, Federal Minister for Sport, the Hon Bridget McKenzie along with representatives including Federal Member for Boothby Nicolle Flint, State Member for Waite Sam Duluk, Mayor of Mitcham Council Heather Holmes-Ross and several councillors, announced the Woods were one of 21 successful applications across of South Australia that will benefit from increased investment to upgrade their local sporting facilities, as part of a nation-wide initiative by the Liberal National government.

“It is fantastic that today, I am able to let these sporting organisations know that we are ready to invest in their infrastructure to help drive greater participation in local sports,” Minister McKenzie said.

With growing female participation, brought on by interest generated by the WAFL league, the existing change rooms at the Blackwood Football Club were no longer satisfactory for female players.

The federal grant of \$456,000 will allow for the construction of new unisex facilities on the northern end of the clubrooms, which will help to cater for an expanding football program which saw the club provide opportunities for hundreds people in the community to participate in the game of Australia Rules Football.

In 2018, the Woods fielded 20 teams (including five girls teams) and is expecting the further expansion of women’s football in 2019 with the introduction of an open women’s side.

Blackwood Football Club’s female football co-ordinator, Damien Venning said that the interest and expansion of their female teams had been incredible.

“Only two years ago, Blackwood decided to put in an under 14s

girls team, which was quickly followed by requests to set up under 18s and under 16 sides,” said Damien.

“Around 55 players in the first year exploded to 120 over 5 teams last year, with plans to field 7 teams over the 2019 season.”

He considers the new changerooms to be critical to the continued expansion of women’s football for the club. “We’ve got about 150 female players, and it gets a bit hard when you’ve only got one cubicle,” he said.

The facilities will provide an essential step towards equity for female players. “It will allow the girls to feel at home,” said Damien. “I think they were sort of feeling like visitors in their own rooms before.

“It always felt like they were male changerooms, and when they were being used by the girls, we had to put up signs saying ‘females only’ and they weren’t lockable!” explained Damien.

“So the new changerooms will have more privacy, but also hopefully will allow them to feel like it’s their club a bit more.

The old rooms had all the history of the boys A-grade achievements, but the new rooms will allow us to start to reflect the changing landscape of football in Blackwood, and hopefully we can get some female record holders up as well.”

The new connected unisex facility will support the ‘home and away’ teams who use the facilities weekly for both training and competition, and along with allowing for the continued development of the club’s junior and women’s football program, will benefit many other community sporting groups and schools who use the grounds, as well as providing a public toilet which will be available at all times.

Blackwood Football Club has been working closely with stakeholders including the Office of Recreation and Sport, Mitcham City Council, AFL, SANFL, club members and sponsors to secure the necessary funding for this project. In April 2018, Mitcham Council also voted to support the development, and agreed to contribute \$250,000 towards the project.

“We are extremely thankful for all the people who have got



◆ Photo - (from left): Sam Duluk MP, Nicolle Flint MP and Hon Bridget McKenzie chatting with some of the female football players who will benefit from the new unisex changerooms to be constructed at the Blackwood Football Club

around the club and listened to us”, said Blackwood Football Club President, Kris Winchester.

“Club members Leonie and Nick Wilmshurst were instrumental in securing grant funding for the club; however, we could not have achieved it without assistance from the Federal Government, Nicolle Flint MP, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Sam Duluk MP.

“Also the support we have had from Mitcham Council; the previous Mayor Glenn Spear and council for approving the development and providing their own grant has all been instrumental in getting this project over the line,” added Kris.

“It’s been a long process, but we are very excited about the future now, and to see that our national sport is taken seriously. It’s great to see women having a great time playing and getting involved, which is a really healthy thing for football clubs.

“It makes a big difference to our immediate football community and the community right throughout Mitcham. It’s a very good moment, and Blackwood Football Club is in a very good place heading into the future.”

Construction on the new facilities will begin early in 2019, and are anticipated to be completed by the end of June. □

Letters to the editor

Donning robes a mark of respect

I read with interest that the new Mayor will not wear the Mayoral robes because “they are a symbol of a bygone colonial rule”, but instead will don her academic robes for formal occasions.

Swapping one set of robes for another seems to be a bizarre contradiction. The robes are rarely worn, they are reserved for important occasions such as Citizenship Ceremonies, bestowing awards or accolades to residents and of course 100th birthday celebrations.

I always felt that donning the robes was a mark of respect for those in attendance, as well as a nod to our proud history as South Australia’s second oldest Council.

I hope that the new Council will not become bogged down with such trivial issues that serve only to make a personal political statement. In my view, there are far more important issues that require attention!

Glenn Spear, former Mayor City Of Mitcham

Key player in uniting community

On behalf of the Blackwood Action Group President, Brian Ferris and all the BAG Committee, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations to you in reaching a significant milestone. Twenty five years at the helm of our highly respected local paper is no mean achievement.

You have been a key player in uniting the whole of the Mitcham Hills Community and I think the majority of residents and traders would agree that *The Blackwood Times* has more than adequately filled the gap – informing the wider community of all the local news and happenings around the traps.

From BAG’s perspective, we are highly indebted to you for the continued support you have provided us over the past 10 years of our existence.

You have taken a personal interest in most of our projects and undertakings, including our annual Christmas Red Bows project, “Greening of Blackwood” concepts, our Clean Up Australia involvement and covered our History Sub Committee’s dedicated work.

We are aware that the monthly publication of historical local stories are eagerly followed by a number of the paper’s readers. There is so much history relative to this area in which we are privileged to live, and we are indeed fortunate to have you, as the Publisher of our local newspaper, to be able to connect many new residents with stories from the past.

Once again, we extend our appreciation to you for all your support, and congratulations on 25 years service to the Community.

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Coromandel Valley first to be settled in the district's evolution



In 2019, the Blackwood Action Group History Subcommittee is planning a series of articles about the development of the settlements, now suburbs, around Blackwood. This introductory article, focusing on the 19th century, sets the scene.

THE sailors who jumped ship from the 'Coromandel' in January 1837, were reportedly the first Europeans seen in an area which had, for thousands of years, been the hunting grounds of the Kaurma people.

The 1830s and 40s saw the beginnings of the development. At the northern end of the district, woodcutters forged a track for their bullock carts to deliver timber to the new city.

At the top of the steep climb, the 'Travellers Rest' provided respite for the animals and the drivers. In the east, the Government Farm was established and Foott built a house nearby. In the west Cook, captain of the 'Eden', took up land.

Located between the settlements at Belair and Coromandel Valley, was Blackwood Vale Farm, the first known use of the term, Blackwood. Burfield later named his nearby inn the Blackwood Inn.

Settlement in the southern end of the district, around the Sturt River was rapid. Cumming established 'Craigburn Farm', the Murray family bought a farm which they named Craiglee Farm and Gill began a school.

The 1850s and 60s saw further expansion. Wardlaw took up land in Hawthorndene, then known as Wardlaw Vale. The Murrays opened a biscuit factory in Coromandel Valley. Shepherds Hill Road was built. A school and Anglican church began in Belair. Daniel Johnson, one of the most influential early settlers arrived in the district and began buying up land in Blackwood south.



◆ Photo above: Travellers Rest stables (1980s). Photo courtesy of Mitcham Heritage Research Centre.

During the 1870s, the government made plans to build a rail link to Melbourne to provide access to the markets on the eastern seaboard for the state's agricultural products. St John's Anglican Church and the adjacent Coromandel Valley Primary School opened in these years, as did the Inebriates Home, which is still

visible as part of St John's Grammar Secondary campus at Belair.

The most significant event in the early history of the district was the eventual opening of the first stage of the Adelaide to Melbourne railway in 1883. The line passed through Eden, although the station did not open until 1912, and bypassed Coromandel Valley.

It was built by a large team of navvies whose camp was located near Blackwood station. The navvies' capacity to consume large amounts of alcohol led to the arrival in the district of the temperance union and perhaps the establishment of the Methodist church in Young Street.

Stations at Blackwood and Belair provided easy access to the city. Many of the substantial houses on Coromandel Parade, Adey Road and Edgcombe Parade were built at that time for these early commuters.

Daniel Johnson sold the land, while Daniel Hewett, who moved to Blackwood around 1880, built the houses. The railway also allowed holiday makers from the city to picnic in National Park on the site of the old Government Farm. Or perhaps visit an unfortunate relative suffering from tuberculosis at Kalyara, Nunyara or Willa Willa.

Roads leading north to the city via Belair, south to the whaling station at Victor Harbour via Coromandel Valley, and west to the coast via Eden, criss crossed the district. By the end of the 19th century, settlers had cleared much of the land, and built houses, shops, hotels, hospitals, churches and schools.

The southern Adelaide Hills were indeed alive and growing.

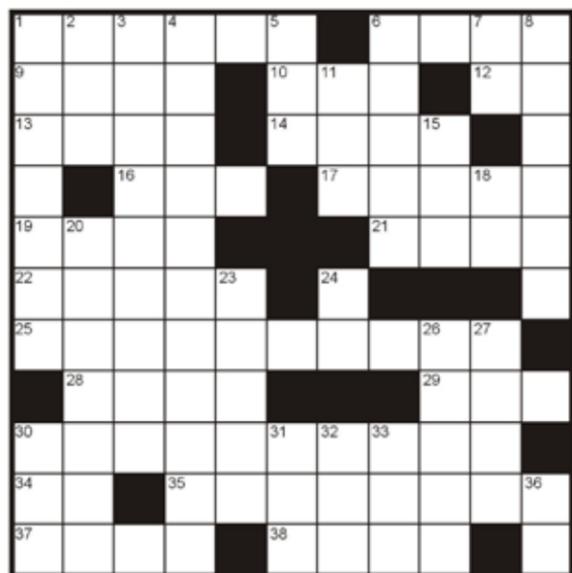
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Centre also provides recycling benefits

ONE of Blackwood's most successful programs is run by the Lions Club of Blackwood with their 'Lions Bargain Centre' on Shepherds Hill Road at Eden Hills - having raised over \$2,500,00 for the community since its inception.

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Council works with kids to resurrect run down BMX track

by James Swanborough

"SEVERAL school holidays ago, some kids, including one of my sons, started building their own jumps on what was a fairly run down BMX track in the Suffolk Road reserve," said Mrs Trudy Nankervis of *GD Wholesalers* in Hawthorndene.

"From my perspective as a parent, it was great to see this band of children over in the park, trying to create something that they were keen on doing. They were fishing mud out of the nearby creek to build the jumps and spent the whole holidays doing it. They were out there at 7 in the morning, so you could see they were really passionate about it!" explained Trudy.

However, following the school holidays, Mitcham Council were called upon to take the jump down, leaving the 'budding engineers' dissolute over their wasted efforts. "I tried to explain to the kids that you can't really build these things and expect them not to be removed, because you have to consider litigation and safety issues, but they were obviously sad that it had to go," said Trudy.

Fortunately for the young riders, the story didn't end there, and recently Mitcham Council has completed upgrading of the BMX track, spearheaded by these intrepid local youths.

"I spoke to some of the Council workers and they mentioned that if the kids are keen about building this thing, then the track that's there, isn't really suitable for the age groups in the area. The Council worker also suggested getting some of the parents to contact council, and say that the existing facilities are not suitable for younger kids."

After several holiday periods filled with building and riding, The City of Mitcham decided to hold meetings at the Reserve with users of the track, parents of younger 'learn to ride' children, local residents and local businesses to discuss opportunities to develop a track that would resolve the problems and improve rider experience.

The feedback from these meetings, assisted by a specialised trail builder in *Trailsclapes*, resulted in a design that addressed the needs of the community, riders, parents as well as improved drainage and soil erosion issues.

"Council explained the legalities to everyone of building their own track, and the kids came back with a greater understanding of the process and why things happen," said Trudy. "In consultation with the kids, Council asked what would they like to see, and really took on board exactly what they wanted."

The Suffolk Road Reserve BMX track now has two separate track loops; a beginner 'learn to ride' loop and an intermediate loop.

The dual track now allows for different aged riders (up to 12 years of age) to build confidence and progress skills. The tracks have also been designed with improved sight lines, track surfaces and drainage to reduce the maintenance required of the previous track.



Trudy says her son was ecstatic when they received notification that Council had indeed taken their suggestions onboard and were planning to upgrade the track.

"The contractors at 'Trailsclapes' worked solidly on it for 3 or 4 weeks, and the kids would all come out of school and say, "Oh, can we go look at the BMX track?" They were so excited about it, watching it take shape," Trudy recollected.

"So you can see them all riding down the road now, racing to get to the track. I just think it's fantastic that Council came out and asked the kids what they wanted, and really embraced their input into it. Rather than just bulldozing it down, they explained what they were doing and went away to see what they were able to get done. It's great to see the kids outside and using their initiative." □

◆ Photo above: Contractors working on the rebuilding and modelling of the two BMX tracks for kids in Suffolk Road Reserve, Hawthorndene



Posting of the month

THE team at the Hawthorndene Daily were quick off the mark to put up this post regarding the new space program being based in Adelaide For more of these captivating 'local news' snippets check out their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/hawthorndenedaily

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A group of Hawthorndene residents are re-launching the Hawthorndene Space Program. The space program is aimed at ensuring space is accessible to the public. A spokesperson, Stella, told the Hawthorndene Daily "Space has been dedicated to the public in Hawthorndene. We think it would be out of this world if we could get more residents into such space. We are re-launching the program because for a few years it fell into a bit of a black hole". When pressed about any specific plans for the program, Stella said "Watch this space".

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Recycling relies on good quality material for recovery and reuse

"RECYCLING is too confusing!" "What's the point, it all goes to landfill anyway." "Who cares, it gets processed at the facility anyway".

Surveys show that nearly half of Australians are still confused over what can and cannot be recycled. There's too many exceptions, too many different material types and people tend to 'wish-cycle' instead of putting the right items in the right bin.

Let's make it simple: Paper, cardboard, glass, rigid plastic and metal tins are the five items to recycle every single time. Keep soft plastic, food, liquids, textiles and garden waste out of the commingled bin.

A viable, sustainable recycling industry relies on good quality material for recovery and reuse. If we were to recycle just these five materials correctly every time, we'd be able to recover 100% of the recycling bin and maximise reuse into new materials.

So 'Simply5' it:

- ✓ Paper, cardboard, glass, rigid plastic, metal tins
- X Liquids and food in the recycling bin destroys cardboard fibres and sends the material to waste
- X Soft plastic – plastic bags, cling film, packaging wrap – is never accepted in the commingled recycling bin
- X If you can scrunch the plastic, it's probably not recyclable in the commingled bin
- X If in doubt, leave it out.

Contamination can cause all your recycling efforts to go to waste, so learn about the top 10 items that do not belong in your recycling bin:

1. GREASY PIZZA BOXES

That brown, oily McDonald's takeaway bag and cheese-crust-ed pizza boxes may seem like great additions to your recycling bins, but not if they are contaminated with food. If there is food or grease on it, it belongs in general waste.

2. NAPPIES

You'd be surprised at how many disposable nappies make their way to the recycling system. Not only are they not recyclable, the fact that they are soiled makes it unsanitary for workers to deal with and contaminate other good quality materials in the bin. Put disposable nappies in general waste.

3. SOFT PLASTICS

While most rigid plastic containers can be recycled, soft plastics do not belong in recycling bins as they can get caught in sorting machinery. A better option is to collect soft plastic separately and take them to a nearby supermarket that recycles soft plastic or better yet, avoid them altogether.

4. E-WASTE

Computers, mobile phones, printer cartridges and other electronic devices are considered e-waste and do not belong in your commingled recycling bin. Not only will it contaminate the general recycling stream, but it also contains hazardous materials that is a risk to anyone handling it incorrectly.

5. USED TISSUES OR PAPER TOWELS

Soiled tissues, paper towels and serviettes are likely to have absorbed water and other unsanitary substances making them unsuitable for recycling.

6. FOOD WASTE

Food waste such as fruits, vegetables, eggshells and bread are some of the biggest causes of recycling contamination in Australia. If your office or council does not have an organics food collection service, it should be disposed of in the general waste bin.

7. CROCKERY AND PYREX

Broken crockery and tempered cookware glass like Pyrex cannot be sorted through the material recovery facility and should be kept out of the recycling bin. Crockery is also not accepted and should go in general waste instead.

8. TEXTILE

All clothing and fabric are considered contamination and are

not accepted in the commingled recycling bin. Even worse, textiles can get tangled in sorting machinery and can cause damage.

9. GARDEN WASTE

Garden or green waste includes leaves, grass clippings, branches and flowers. They are considered contaminants in the commingled recycling bin. Use the dedicated green waste bin if you have one. This allows your garden waste to be collected and recycled into compost or mulch.

10. BAGGED RECYCLABLES

Recycling should always be loose in your recycling bin. Because plastic bags cannot be processed at sorting facilities, this means the entire bag of otherwise good quality recycling will go to waste.

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Free 'green waste' days

WITH the bushfire season well and truly upon us, don't forget to maintain fuel reduction practices throughout summer.

Mitcham Council still has on offer two free green waste days at their Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility to assist residents in preparing their properties: Saturday 12 January and Saturday 2 February.

Proof of residency within the City of Mitcham is required.

Mitcham residents can take excess organic material such as tree and shrub prunings (branches no larger than 200mm (8 inches) in diameter), grass cuttings and clippings to the Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility, Beagle Terrace at Lynton.

The Lynton depot is open from 9am to 3pm on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of each month (excluding public holidays). Fees will apply on non-free days.

Signage finally goes up



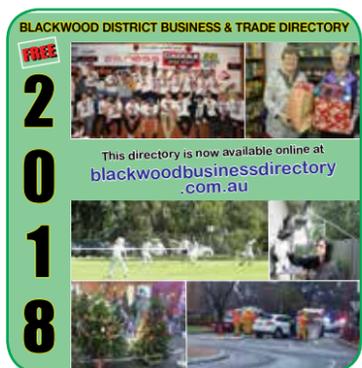
ALTHOUGH opening some months ago, the external signwork for Bracegirdle's Blackwood had been delayed.

Due to circumstances outside of their control, owners and local residents, Sue and Garry Bracegirdle were constantly queried by customers as to when the

new signage would go up.

However, most people knew where 'Blackwood Sound' used to be located and of course, the Blackwood roundabout upgrade has been in the news for the past year, so it never really became an issue for them.

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Coro Community Centre connects

LAST year saw the start of the 'Coro Alive Social Group' involving around 15-20 people who share an interest in getting out and about and discovering places of interest in and around Adelaide.

They've been to venues such as the Treasury Building Tunnels, the Adelaide Oval and the Capri Theatre and been fortunate to have some exceptional tour guides that have made the tours both interesting and informative.

A special thank-you to all who have joined us and made these visits happy and pleasant outings. If you haven't joined us yet, and would like to, you are most welcome.

Their first tour for next year will be on January 18 to the Migration Museum. Cost is \$10 or \$5 conc. and leaves the Centre at 9am for Blackwood train station.

They welcome new members and would love to see you on their next tour. For more information and bookings call the centre on 8370 6880.

Join the Buzz 2019 - everything you need to know about managing your own beehive in one weekend intensive course.

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The course will be held at the Coromandel Community Centre, Main Road (next to Weymouth Oval), Coromandel Valley on Friday 22 Feb from 6-9pm; Saturday 23 Feb and Sunday 24 Feb from 9am- 5pm. □

Students program focusses on digital technology

"STUDENTS today need to quickly come up to speed with technology, as it creates a whole new career pathway, with more than 90% of Australian jobs requiring digital literacy in the next 2-5 years," said Paul Hutchison, Blackwood resident and Regional Manager of ScopeIT Education.

Local schools in Adelaide now have access to a popular digital technologies program that allows students to explore robotics, electronics, coding, 3D printing, apps, web design and more.

Lessons are delivered in-school using a portable MacBook computer lab, with internet connection, lesson plans and trained instructors all provided. Classes are fun, interactive and educational.

Over 200 schools across Australia already have access to this program and over 15,000 students every week are participating in ScopeIT Education's courses.

Australian educators, politicians and IT advocates pushed for change, and now digital technologies including coding skills form an integral part of primary school curriculum in South Australia.

"The recent announcement that South Australia is to be the home of Australia's new space agency highlights the importance of a quality STEM education from primary school age to ensure our children have the skills to succeed in their future careers," added Paul.

"It's always nice to see how much students love our classes. It's so rewarding to see the spark in children when they understand a concept or create something new.

"Our goal is for the next Mark Zuckerberg, Steve Jobs or Elon Musk to come from here in South Australia," says Paul who has a background in Engineering and IT.

ScopeIT Education also offers CIY.Club: after-school coding clubs and school holiday camps for students aged 7-13, catering for the beginner through to tech genius.

Keep your children busy these holidays at an upcoming Game Coding or 3D Printing camp in the Blackwood Memorial Hall on Thursday 17 January and Wednesday 23 January - see their advert on this page.

Visit the website for more information www.ciy.club

□ Ask your school to contact Paul (on right) from ScopeIT Education today on 0491 093 811 or www.scopeITeducation.edu.au



◆ Photo: Paul (on right) enjoys seeing the reaction on kids faces when they create something new using computer coding taught in the ScopeIT program

School Holiday Camps for Game Coding & 3D Printing for kids aged 7-13

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Classes will help improve your balance, flexibility and strength

MUSCLE stiffness and joint pain can occur at any time, as can problems with your balance and the danger of falls.

However, the Taoist Tai Chi Society are offering classes in Blackwood starting in February that provide a form of gentle and peaceful exercise that can help improve your balance, flexibility and strength.

The beginners class will be held at the Blackwood Memorial Hall on Thursday, 7 February and will be the first time that the Taoist Tai Chi Society, a volunteer, non-profit organisation, has offered a class in Blackwood.

One Blackwood resident, Lorraine Schuller, is very happy to hear that classes will be available locally, as she has been travelling to the Fullarton Park Community Centre to attend the Taoist Tai Chi classes.

“Since starting classes in Canberra 7 years ago, I have enjoyed improvements to my balance,” said Lorraine. “I also feel that the sequence of movements is a good challenge for my memory.”

After moving to Adelaide 2 years ago, Lorraine was easily able to start in a class and found a social connection which helped give her a readymade community of friends. Since then her daughter has also begun Taoist Tai Chi.

While Sue Ward, another Blackwood resident, has been enjoying the quiet and graceful movements for 9 years. “I particularly like the feeling of moving in harmony with a group, and I find that Taoist Tai Chi helps with my “creaky” joints, balance and that the mindfulness and meditative aspect of the movements helps me to relax,” explained Sue.

Shortly before Richard Ward (Sue’s husband) began practicing Taoist Tai Chi, he had suffered a fractured tibia, which required surgery and insertion of pins and plates.

“Sue encouraged me to attend the Tai Chi classes, and I was able to rehabilitate my knee gently and successfully. The knee felt more flexible and comfortable and I felt energized with the exercises.



◆ Photo : Meredith Luscombe (on right) leading a Taoist Tai Chi group in Blackwood including (from left) Richard Ward, Sue Ward and Lorraine Schuller

“I have continued to attend the classes, and enjoy the socialisation and cup of traditional Chinese tea,” added Richard.

If you would like learn more about Taoist Tai Chi, come along to the free “Open House” at Fullarton Park Community Centre on Saturday February 2 starting at 9.30am.

□ For further information, including how you can improve your health through Taoist Tai Chi, visit taoist.org.au or phone 0423 776 955.

Everyone is welcome to attend the new Blackwood Beginner Class, at the Blackwood Memorial Hall, Studio Room, 21 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood, on Thursday February 7 from 1pm to 2.30pm. The first class is cost and obligation free, so please come along and give it a try. Classes will then be held every Thursday thereafter.

Koala bellow can be scary in the middle of the night

Koalas may look adorable, but the noises they make, can be downright terrifying with many people being surprised the first time they hear a male koala bellow.



“The noise sounds like a cross between a pig and a hippopotamus and it seems too loud to be coming from an animal that size,” said Dr Deb Kelly, Animal Welfare Manager at the Department of Environment.

“The males bellow to let females know they are around and also to warn off other males, so the noise factor increases during the spring and summer breeding season.

“A territorial fight between two males involves a lot of screaming, scratching and biting, and female koalas can be quite loud as well, as they have a piercing squeal.

“Koalas are at their most mobile in the warmer months, with both sexes looking for mates and the young males trying to claim territory, so unfortunately, this is also the time of year when we start to see more koalas getting hit by cars,” explained Deb.

“If you’re driving in an area with lots of native trees, it pays to slow down.

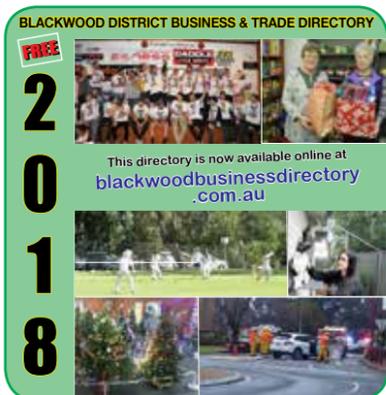
“It’s also a good idea to keep dogs under control. A dog can do a lot of damage to a koala, but a koala has long, strong claws of its own and it will use them to defend itself if it has to.”

Dr Kelly said koalas often visited suburban gardens, and if they got in, they could usually get out again unassisted.

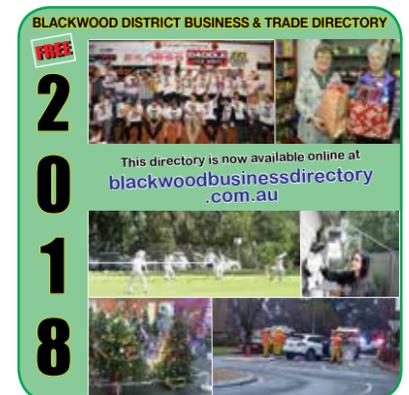
“As the weather warms up, we’ll see koalas sitting in non-native trees as a way of controlling their body temperature, because the European varieties tend to be cooler than eucalypts,” Deb said.

“It’s perfectly normal and nothing to worry about, as is the dark mark on a male’s chest. It’s just a scent gland that they use to mark territory, though from a distance it can look like a wound or a scar.

□ If you see koala sitting on the ground for an extended period, or it appears to be injured or sick, or it’s a young joey without a mother, then it’s time to call Fauna Rescue’s Koala Hotline on 7226 0017 or Minton Farm Animal Rescue at Cherry Gardens on 8270 1169.



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Prepare . Act . Survive

Are you bushfire ready?

The Bushfire Season for our district began in November and the best way of protecting your home, property and family from the dangers of bushfires is **preparation**. The best time to fight a bushfire is **when there is no bushfire around**.

Preparing yourself and your property to survive a bushfire requires thought and planning - **develop a 'bushfire survival plan'**.

You have a much better chance of surviving a bushfire if you have: ✓ a written and practised Bushfire Survival Plan; ✓ a well-maintained home; and

✓ You also need to think about the physical and emotional effects a bushfire will have on you and your family.

Preparing yourself psychologically or emotionally to cope with a bushfire is as important as preparing your home and surroundings.

Think beforehand about how you, your family and neighbours will react during a bushfire threat.

Then develop your plan after talking with family, neighbours and people who may have experienced a bushfire.

To seek information : Listen to local radio • visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au • call the Bushfire Information hotline on 1800 362 361

Do you stay and defend or leave early?

Developing a 'bushfire survival plan' will help you to make the important decision of whether you want to stay and actively defend your home, or leave early.

Both options involve difficult choices that you need to think through depending on your circumstances and the predicted fire conditions.

Before deciding whether to stay and defend or leave early, make sure you understand:

- ✓ fire behaviour
- ✓ Fire Danger Ratings and what they mean
- ✓ what to expect
- ✓ how fires have behaved in your district on previous occasions.

Think about what you might feel and what you are willing to deal with. Think about how you managed other fearful situations you have been through.

Practise the actions in your Bushfire Survival Plan to help you to respond automatically during a bushfire threat.

The CFS recommend you:

- ✓ plan to leave early on days that are forecast as 'Catastrophic'
- ✓ only stay and defend on a day of 'Extreme Fire Danger' if you are extremely well prepared and your home is properly constructed.

If you choose to leave early consider:

- ✓ When will you leave - have you decided what will be your trigger?
- ✓ Will your plan be different for weekdays, weekends or if someone is home sick?
- ✓ Are all members of your household going to leave early?
- ✓ Which members of your household (if any) will stay and defend?
- ✓ Where will you and your family go to make sure you are all safe? Do you have friends, relatives or fun activities in a nearby Bushfire Safer Place?
- ✓ What route will you take to get there?
- ✓ How long will it take to get there?



- ✓ What will you take when you leave early?
- ✓ What will you do if there are many fire risk days in one week?
- ✓ What warnings can you expect to get?
- ✓ Do your friends, family and neighbours know the details of your plan?
- ✓ What will you do with your pets and animals?
- ✓ What will be your trigger to return?
- ✓ Do you have a contingency plan if it is unsafe to leave?
- ✓ What will you do if a fire starts quickly in your local area making roads impassable or travel is particularly dangerous?

Even if your choice is to leave well before a bushfire threatens, you should still have a contingency plan as part of your Bushfire Survival Plan.

If you choose to stay and defend your property, you need to:

- ✓ be physically and emotionally able to do this
- ✓ be alert
- ✓ have a plan
- ✓ be prepared to act independently.

You will need to consider:

- ✓ where you and other members of your family will be?
- ✓ who will look after your pets/animals?
- ✓ what you will do if you have elderly family or young children?
- ✓ how you will protect your property?
- ✓ how you will protect yourself?
- ✓ how you will know what is going on during the fire?
- ✓ what you will do if your children are at school when the fire starts?
- ✓ what you will do to patrol your property after the fire front has passed?
- ✓ what is specific to your situation?

Changing plans at the last minute can lead to rash decisions and place your life at risk. Don't abandon your plan at the critical moment.

You also need to be physically capable to defend your family and home during a bushfire.

Practise your Bushfire Survival Plan and check whether you can:

- ✓ lift items such as hoses, knapsack sprayers and furniture that may have to be moved
- ✓ get up into the roof space to check for embers
- ✓ patrol inside and outside for long periods.

If you have concerns after you have made your assessment, consider whether you could modify your plan to enable you to cope.

A good general check is to go for a brisk 30-minute walk. If you are unable to walk for that length of time you should reconsider your plan to stay and defend your property.

If you or a member of your family has a temporary condition such as a broken arm during the fire season, consider how that might affect your Bushfire Survival Plan.

Your lack of confidence to cope physically will diminish your ability to cope emotionally during a bushfire.

Know and practise your Bushfire Survival Plan so that you and your family can follow it, even when under stress.

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WHAT'S ON IN BLACKWOOD & DISTRICTS

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- ◆ **2 January**
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.
- ◆ **2 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 triciarushtonconsulting@gmail.com
- ◆ **2 January**
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
- ◆ **3 January**
BLACKWOOD MENS PROBUS CLUB - meet at Masonic Lodge, Main Road from 9.30-11.30am. Fascinating guest speakers every month. Enquiries to 8178 2653.
- ◆ **6 January**
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.
- ◆ **6 & 20 January**
OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE - located in the Belair National Park and is open from 1-4pm. Gold coin donation for adults and children free. Phone 8278 3318.
- ◆ **6 January**
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.
- ◆ **7 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.
- ◆ **8 & 13 January**
FRIENDS OF BELAIR NATIONAL PARK - Free guided walks - meet at Information Office car park at 1.45pm for 2pm start. Ask at ticket office for free entry. Phone Tina on 8178 0688 for details.
- ◆ **9 & 23 January**
ADELAIDE HILLS TOASTMASTERS - Affordable public speaking training & practice in a friendly adult group. Meet from 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries to Didy Pederrick on 0408 100 016 or e: didyina@yahoo.com
- ◆ **10 January**
HAWTHORNDENE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB - held at Belair Uniting Church Hall, Sheoak Road, Belair at 9.30am. Monthly guest speakers. Visitors welcome. Inquiries to 8278 2025.
- ◆ **12 January**
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.
- ◆ **13 & 27 January**
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
- ◆ **14 January**
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
- ◆ **14 January**
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.
- ◆ **14 January**
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.
- ◆ **14 January**
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 January**
FRIENDS OF STURT GORGE - meet at Bellevue Heights Primary School. Phone Bob Grant on 7329 8296 for meetings and working bees. www.fosg.org.au
- ◆ **15 January**
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 January**
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. See www.bwbc.org.au for details.
- ◆ **17 January**
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 0407 182 891.
- ◆ **20 January**
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.
- ◆ **23 January**
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. Phone Doone on 8278 2676.
- ◆ **24 January**
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.
- ◆ **28 January**
BLACKWOOD FLORAL ART CLUB - held at Blackwood Uniting Church at 7.30-9pm. All welcome - no experience required. View activities of club at: www.blackwoodfloralart.blogspot.com.au
- ◆ **28 January**
MITCHAM HILLS COMBINED PROBUS - meet at Flagstaff Hill Golf Club, Memford Way, Flagstaff Hill from 10.15am to 12.30pm. Retired or semi-retired and looking for more friends. Phone Des on 8278 6269 or visit www.probusouthpacific.org.au
- ◆ **Every Saturday**
LIONS BARGAIN CENTRE - open from 8.30am to 12.30pm at Colebrook Drive (off Shepherds Hill Road), Eden Hills (next to Karinya Reserve). Good quality second-hand household goods for sale. Two huge sheds hold every outside and inside item available including the kitchen sink! Great for browsing on a Saturday morning.
- ◆ **Every Monday**
KEEP FIT FOR MATURE MEN - held at the Belair Community Ctr, Burnell Drive from 7.30-9pm. Keep active with warm up exercises keep fit

- exercises and volleyball. Phone Jim Thompson on 8278 2927 for details.
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **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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