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# Quest to record Council meetings will be back

by James Swanborough

WITH recent council elections now in the rear view mirror, issues of council transparency have been a talking point amongst political spectators.

While Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross brought the concept of live-streaming council meetings to the table as a way to increase council transparency, a motion from Cr Karen Hockley to commission a report for the recording of all Full Council meetings was defeated 3-8, with only Hills councillors Darren Kruse and Corin McCarthy supporting the motion along with Karen.

Mayor Holmes-Ross said that while she was disappointed the motion didn't find support in the chamber, she believed recording would become standard practice in the future.

"I believe it's inevitable," she said, citing similar initiatives from Adelaide, Burnside and Marion Councils. "Personally, I would like to have meetings recorded just so I can go over them to refer to what has been said throughout discussion, and check finer details on debates. I think it was voted down particularly because it is very soon for a lot of the new councillors,

and maybe it's a bit scary to think of yourself being recorded. I was very surprised it was voted down, as it was simply asking for a report."

Heather notes that concerns regarding the security of recordings may have also come into play in the decision.

"I know Burnside says their recording is non-official, the only official document is the minutes. You need to protect yourself, as there is always the possibility for a recording to be tampered with, and spread online, which is quite easy to do. There is always that capacity to misquote, or be taken out of context.

"It would be sad, if by recording we opened ourselves up to many frivolous complaints. We always try to go by the letter of the law, but sometimes people slip up. We are human and we all make mistakes, so if that opened up as a source of complaints, then it would be to everybody's detriment, as that is not what it's meant to be about," added Heather.

Cr Kruse said he didn't believe the concerns of some councillors were valid. "The reasons I believe the motion didn't get up were concerns that people might say the wrong thing and be embarrassed - well that goes with the territory; that it might lead to more criti-

cism of council, and invite more scrutiny - good, that's what accountability is about. I don't think any of the objections put up hold much water."

Meanwhile Park Ward councillor Jane Bange said management of staff resources was behind her decision not to support the motion.

"Every time we ask for a report or investigation, we are taking up staff time, and I think that then dilutes their effectiveness", said Jane.

"For me, it's not a high priority at this stage, my priorities are more about trying to address the core issues we aren't addressing enough such as maintaining assets, and providing more services, rather than spending staff resources looking into the logistics of recording, when we only get at a maximum 29% of ratepayers voting.

"I think it's jumping ahead, maybe we should think about how to get more people voting before we presume everyone's going to want to listen to council meetings, if they haven't even bothered to vote. If we were really dysfunctional then I'd say do it, but I think the previous council worked quite well together, and I can see this new period being even better. I believe the issue has been overly politicised which is not the direction we should be heading."

Cr Hockley said she would continue to pursue the issue. "While the outcome on this occasion

was disappointing, I don't believe its the end of the matter.

"Making council meetings more open to the community, giving people a way to hear the debate and understand how their representatives vote on issues, is something that's important to the community. Other councils in South Australia publish recordings of their meetings, I'm not sure why Mitcham Council can't do it."

Cr Kruse also expressed disappointment the motion didn't gain favour in the chamber, but resolved to bring the issue back to council with a different approach.

"Karen's motion was a report into how much it would cost, which is a very open ended way of doing it. I'm taking another approach of saying this is a costed proposal, it's definite, and it's got square edges. I've identified a product and service used by other councils, and will do it for probably less than \$10,000.

Additionally, Darren would also like to see Mitcham Council publish the data it collects on a public website. "The community has already paid for it, so if we publish it, the community can ask questions of that data. There is no reason not to have it up as open data, and it would allow the community to ask questions of the data that we may not have thought of." □

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## Station café gets tick of approval from commuters

"I HAVE received a number of comments from customers who are so pleased to see this beautiful building being utilised," said Matthew Hollamby, owner of the new café that opened at Blackwood train station about 2 months ago.

"With the café currently opening at 6 in the morning, five days a week Monday to Friday, there is always someone around now to keep any eye on any activities at the station.

"While most of our customers are people arriving to catch a train, we are gradually building a following from local residents as well," added Matthew.

He opened his first café called *The Gooby Goose* about 18 months ago at a shopping centre in Happy Valley. It is located just around the corner from where he lives, and when he couldn't find a decent coffee anywhere close by, he decided to open his own café.

With a background and experience in the hospitality and restaurant industry, Matthew used his contacts to set it up the café and likes to use and support South Australian producers - coffee/milk/food.

"The café in Happy Valley took off pretty much straight away and we haven't looked back since. Then last year, we drove over to Blackwood to catch the train into Adelaide Oval and noticed the vacant premises at the station," explained Matthew.

"The building was perfect and the location ideal for our second café. Through the Blackwood Action Group who regularly meets there, we got in touch with the relevant government department.

"After a lot of discussion, paperwork and bureaucracy, we finally got the go ahead and started the renovations to dress it up."

Matthew is there from 6am to 3.30pm, so if you're catching a train or getting off at the Blackwood station, drop in and say hello, and pick up one of his delicious and refreshing coffees and a light snack while you are there. □



◆ Photo: Matthew opens up at 6am during the week to serve train commuters on their way to work at the new cafe in the Blackwood train station.



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# Community calls to install reserve restrooms

by James Swanborough

AMONG specific projects under consideration for funding in the 2019 Mitcham Council Budget, Cr Karen Hockley has put the installation of a public toilet on Waite Street Reserve back on the agenda for the new council term.

While budget considerations are ongoing, Karen was keen to set aside money for the project with ample time to ensure it is fully operational in time for the 2019 Blackwood Christmas Pageant.

Karen's motion calls for the toilet to be movable, so it could be relocated should funding be approved for the new Blackwood Library and Community centre, which has been proposed on the reserve site.

"I hope the new council has its listening ears on and will take notice of the calls from the community for this important infrastructure," said Hockley.

A proposal to install a toilet on Waite Street Reserve was initially submitted as a budget bid in early 2017 during the budget process for the 2017/18 financial year, but was ultimately left out of costings to keep rates down.

Subsequently, a community petition consisting of a total of 791 signatures was tabled and received by Council during September 2017 but ultimately lost support in the chamber, with councillors reluctant to endorse a project on community behest, out of the budget cycle, for fear that it could be seen as favouritism and at the exclusion of other petitions, should a trend develop.

Also included in the motion is a newly drafted public toilet strategy, which considers issues of necessity in public areas across Mitcham, something that was a stumbling block for previous proposals. Waite Street Reserve is identified as a high priority location within the drafted strategy.

The motion cited Mitcham's Access and Inclusion Plan, which showed that community members value and emphasise making open spaces for accessible for people with disabilities. These community members often have more urgent requirements and that may preclude them from visiting and using spaces that do not have toilet facilities.

This means that many of the 20,000 people in the Mitcham community who identify as having access and inclusion needs, experience a significant barrier to participation in community and family events held on Waite Street Reserve.

Local resident Mel Fishlock noted restrooms are a vital amenity not only for users of the reserve, but also the wider community due to its central location.

"I have 2 young children, who are now 2 and 4 years old," said Mel. "When the 2 year old had just learnt how to use a toilet, we got halfway through our grocery shopping at Coles, needed to go and there is no toilet nearby. A two year old can't hold on to walk 500 meters.

"We've been caught out quite a few times at the park as well. Even if the new centre is going to be built, there really needs to be a toilet that's available all hours, not just when the Library is open," added Mel.

Cr Darren Kruse noted his support for the project during his election campaign, and was dismissive of previous arguments against the project.

"The reasons that have been given in the past for not supporting this project, I just don't think are reasonable anymore. We know the community wants this, and to ignore their requests is to fail our civic duty," said Darren.

"I receive so many emails about this issue. The inconvenience to the community is significant. You just can't put playgrounds and barbecues in a public area and not expect to put a toilet in.

"For children or elderly members of the community who are utilising the reserve, it is totally unreasonable to expect for them to race to Shepherds Hill Road to use a restroom."



◆ Photo above: These toilets at Shepherds Hill Road are the only ones that service the whole Blackwood shopping precinct and public areas



◆ Photo left: Toilets similar to these could be installed at Waite Reserve and then relocated when the planned Blackwood Library and Community Centre is completed

## Blackwood Business Directory in production mode



THE popular Blackwood Business & Trade Directory for 2019 is currently in full production mode and will be distributed to local households in late February or early March.

Of course, you don't have to wait until then if you're looking for a local tradesperson or the contact details of a local business - simply go to [www.blackwoodbusinessdirectory.com.au](http://www.blackwoodbusinessdirectory.com.au) now.

The Directory website, which was launched about 12 months ago, is also proving very popular with local residents, having received over 8,500 visitors in the first year.

Instead of looking on 'google' and having to

search through all the different websites, you can find all the local tradespeople and businesses in the one website location.

If you haven't seen a copy of the Blackwood Business & Trade Directory before, it is an 84 page booklet which is set out in a similar fashion to that of the Yellow Pages.

It is an easy and quick way to find contact details of most of the businesses, tradespeople and organisations in the Blackwood District, linking local businesses to local residents, encouraging people to shop locally and use local tradespeople.

## Letters to the editor

### RECYCLING

The article in the January edition of 'The Blackwood Times' about recycling provided some important information about how to correctly recycle various items.

It is true that there is still confusion about exactly what can be recycled and what can be put in the various bins and disposed of elsewhere.

East Waste is the organisation that collects the bins in the Mitcham Council area, and their website provides much more detailed information, including an alphabetical list of every possible item and how to correctly dispose of it. Check it out at: [www.whichbin.com.au](http://www.whichbin.com.au)

The good news is that all appropriate items that are put in our yellow bins and green organics bins, actually do go to relevant recycling

organisations for sorting and processing into other useful products.

This is in contrast to some of the horror stories that we hear about from other states where truckloads of useful materials still end up in landfill or illegally dumped in wilderness areas.

The critical thing for us is to make sure that only appropriate items are placed in the yellow and green bins. A little bit of care by us in sorting correctly will ensure that it is processed effectively. This will reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill and the cost to the Council and ultimately to our rates.

The Mitcham Council occasionally conducts a 'Beyond the Kerb' tour of the various facilities that take our materials for recycling. It is incredibly informative and well worth doing when Council again holds these.

Andrew Tidswell

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# Belair Park originally considered for working-men's blocks



In 2019, the Blackwood Action Group History Subcommittee is presenting a series of articles about the development of the settlements, now suburbs, around Blackwood. This article focuses on the establishment of Belair.

TO the Kurna people, what we know today as Belair was Piraldi, 'the smooth hills, round-like-the-moon, over there'.

An early settler, Gustav A. Ludewigs, unofficially subdivided the area as Belair, possibly after Bel Air in Martinique, where his wife was born.

Alternatively, it was named after Eugene Bellairs, a government surveyor who lived in the area.

In 1840, Governor Gawler set up a Government Farm in Upper Sturt Valley to grow pasture for, and to agist, government stock. The governor also considered the area suitable for a summer retreat which was built by 1858.

This summer residence, constructed of local uncut stone with brick quoins, featured a main house displaying the style and accoutrements of the well-to-do of the Victorian era: a bay window, a spacious terrace, an indoor plunge pool, (the first in South Australia), a turret and flagpole.

With the opening of Marble Hill as the Vice-Regal summer residence in 1879, the Government Farm was transferred to the new Woods and Forests Department with a plant nursery developed on the site and the nursery curators occupying the house.

In 1891 the Farm, outside the Woods and Forests Nursery area, became South Australia's first National Park. Although the garden was intended to remain as natural bush land, exotic plants were soon introduced to what became a Victorian era garden.



◆ Photo above: Nunyarra House 1909 - this building can still be seen on the Burnell Drive site in Belair. Photo courtesy of State Library.

The advent of the railway line encouraged growth in The Hills during the 1880s. 'Land was advertised as being well serviced with facilities, with beautiful scenery and a salubrious climate which attracted a number of institutions to build sanatoriums or hostels' such as Nunyarra - the former tuberculosis sanatorium, and Hope Lodge - the former Home for Inebriates.

This increased activity led to a government proposal for subdivision of the Government Farm into working-men's blocks. However, this sparked a public protest which claimed that 'the park should be left for indigenous plants and animals and as

a space for public recreation'. Eventually, in 1891 the National Park Act was passed vesting in perpetuity nearly 800 acres of the farm to a Board of Commissioners.

Residential development in Belair varied greatly in the cost of construction, materials used, architectural style, siting on the block and number of storeys. Large allotments of 3-5 acres along Old Belair Road, James Road and Serpentine Road provided a cohesive strip of late 19th century buildings.

In the 1940-50s asbestos-cladding was used, a relatively cheap material available at a time when there was a shortage of building materials.

Thorngate, Monalta and Lansdowne Avenues, created from Monalta Park in the 1960s, used the then novel strategy of developers offering architecturally designed, speculatively-built houses in a given price range.

While Belair was primarily a residential area there was some industry. Sleeps Hill Quarries, opened in 1916, provided employment for blacksmiths, fitters, and rock cutters.

They were typical of small quarries operating in areas with suitable rock, in this case quartzite, used for aggregate and sand in the building industries. The working environment was dangerous.

The Act of Parliament passed after WW2 to improve working conditions and safety in industries rendered small quarries unviable. The Sleeps Hill Quarries were not 'improved' or filled, so they are important historical examples of quarry work.

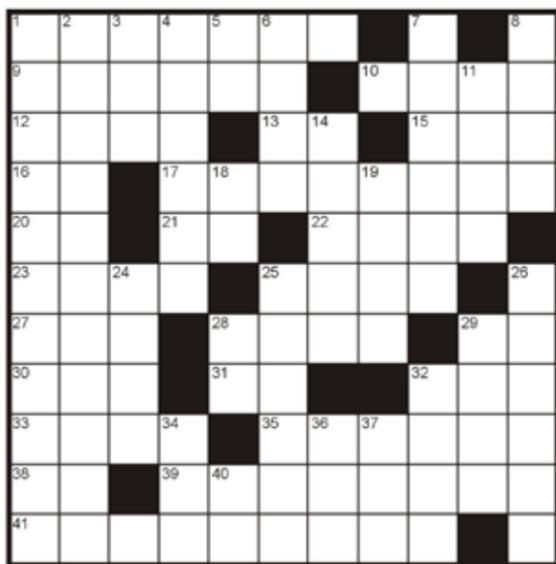
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## Concern for vulnerable kids kickstarts program

IT is commonly known that if children are attending school hungry or encountering hardship, they can't fully engage with the curriculum, which means they might not achieve the educational outcomes required to succeed.

So in 2011, KickStart for Kids was founded by Ian Steel (pictured on right), a builder by trade and father of three; and now 2019 City of Mitcham's Australia Day Citizen of the Year which was announced on Australia Day, Saturday 26 January at Carrick Hill.

The program was set up on the belief that every child, regardless of their social or economic background, should have an equal chance to succeed.

KickStart for Kids facilitate this belief by running school breakfast and lunch programs, mentoring programs and providing basic clothing and healthcare support in South Australian schools.

As a father himself, Ian knew he had to do something. One day in 2009, he

told shopkeepers at the local shopping centre, stories of the children he wanted to help, then went to work. The next day, the shopkeepers contacted him and offered enough food donations for him to deliver breakfast to a school he worked with, so he loaded it into the back of his builder's ute and took it to the school.

Today, Kickstart for Kids serves around 50,000 breakfasts and 10,000 lunches per week in 350 SA schools; all of this work is supported by over 600 volunteers. Over 100 Kickstart for Kids mentors are currently volunteering in schools around Adelaide, spending an hour a week with a child who is at risk of disengaging from the education system, or someone who needs a significant adult in their lives.

Mitcham Council acknowledge Ian for having the strength to follow his heart and establish an organisation to assist the children in our state. His work has touched many people in many ways. □



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# Wishlist of projects for budget consideration

by James Swanborough

WITH the beginning of a new council term, and the Christmas break behind them, Mitcham Council are hoping to take a united, progressive approach to budget considerations for the coming year.

As with each year, councillors have been asked to put forward ideas and projects they would like to see funded over the next financial period.

Cr Jane Bange said she would be proposing to direct budget considerations by need of services over geography.

"I actually don't like the process," said Jane, "because it ends up being like 6 different countries in one nation, each pushing their own agenda, and I actually think we should be taking a more holistic approach."

"Instead of each Elected Member giving staff a 'wish list' of individual projects, I would prefer a system where Elected Members bring themes that are important to them; we discuss and try to agree on the most important collectively, and then staff can help translate each theme into several 'on-the-ground' actions that benefit our city."

Jane highlights focuses on climate change preparation, mobility in our public areas, appearance of public areas, waterproofing and increasing canopy cover as high priorities.

Mayor Holmes-Ross concurs with the sentiment. "My hope is that we can work together in council to achieve results that are positive across the board. And not fight out for funding between different areas, it would be good to have initiatives that show a positive impact for the

whole of Mitcham," she said. "The new council seems quite a progressive group, so there is good potential for increased services."

Craigburn Ward Councillor Karen Hockley also noted that city wide initiatives such as footpath works, increased shade protection at playgrounds, ongoing rollout of kitchen caddy composting systems, along with creating an economic development plan which takes long term planning into consideration.

"With a council report showing that the Blackwood shopping precincts will shrink/atrophy if nothing is done, the time to do something is now. Residents want a vibrant local shopping precinct, and local business people need the support of council and local community if they are to survive over the long term."

"Any economic development plan should pro-

vide council wide benefit by servicing each of the shopping precincts as well as finding ways to promote City of Mitcham as a destination," explained Karen.

While newly instated Craigburn Ward Councillor Darren Kruse says he intends to use his budget proposals to focus on important infrastructure upgrades based on what he sees as major improvements to be made around his ward.

"Aside from the fountain on the Blackwood roundabout, which is now out of action and was not easily accessible, there are no public drinking fountains in Blackwood. That's not really good enough, so I've put in a bid that there be fountains in places at the staff's discretion around the City of Mitcham."

Darren would also like to see a trial cat curfew implemented across Mitcham, with the aim of tracking the impact on native species admitted to fauna care groups such as Minton Farm.

"It is already council policy to investigate this issue. I'm proposing that we hold a 2 year trial in the hills wards, and if you're a responsible cat owner it shouldn't be an issue. Our district is rich in wildlife, it's part of why people want to live here; and we want to keep it that way." □

## New group helping women to achieve full potential

A NATIONAL women's group called *Speaking Made Easy* is coming to Blackwood after being formed in 1937 as the female equivalent of Rostrum.

The group aims to take the fear out of public speaking; offering mutual support and friendship; helping women achieve their potential; facilitating effective participation in business and community activities; developing members' skills and self confidence; providing guidance and networking opportunities; while operating in an environment of integrity and respect.

Formerly known as 'The Penguin Club of Australia' - the Speaking Made Easy Blackwood group will be the 8th branch in South Australia with other branches already established in Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland and Western Australia.

The Blackwood Group meets at 7pm in the studio of Deb Smith Photography, 218 Main Road, Blackwood (opposite The Blackwood Library) on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

The next meeting is 7pm Wednesday 27th February.

Margaret Ford, a Blackwood resident is the initial facilitator, also a historian and former school principal with a passion for supporting women and girls.

□ Women of all ages are welcome and you can ring Margaret on 0438 838 894 for more information.



◆ Photo: Some of the members from the Blackwood branch of the 'Speaking Made Easy' group planning the next meeting (from left): Margaret Ford, Judith Jeffrey and Deb Smith (photo courtesy of Deb Smith Photography)

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- ✓ Replacing the floor and installing solar panels at the Blackwood Memorial Hall
- ✓ Purchasing new marquees and tables for Blackwood Rotary
- ✓ Replacing synthetic turf at the Coromandel Valley Cricket Club



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# Main road presence helps visible community connection

by James Swanborough

“THE NEW premises takes pressure off our current location and gives staff more room to work, plus terrific visibility within our local community,” said Kalyra Communities chief executive, Sara Blunt.

“We are deeply part of the Blackwood and Hills district having been here for 125 years. It’s an exciting move and our goal is to help our people stay in our community.”

Kalyra Communities, the brand name of the James Brown Memorial Trust, has taken up residence at 212 Main Road, Blackwood opposite the Blackwood Library.

A long-term, significant provider of Help at Home, Independent Living and Residential Care services within the district, Kalyra Communities has moved its corporate services team to Main Road premises.

The move signals the significant growth in services experienced during 2018 and enables Kalyra Communities a greater visible local community connection.

The James Brown Memorial Trust was established in 1892 by Jessie Brown, a feisty and visionary woman, in the memory of her late husband James, with the aim of providing services for people in need.

Over its history, the trust’s focus has shifted from the alleviation of suffering amongst tuberculosis patients and crippled children, towards care of the aged and disadvantaged.

Much of the charitable work of recent times has been centred around affordable housing; modern, sustainably designed housing for low cost living, enabling people to step out of risk of homeless-



ness, supported by agencies into a more secure future.

In addition to providing residential care and affordable housing, Kalyra offer tailored services to assist people who want to remain in their own homes.

“With the deregulation of community care last year, we have opened up 5 new offices to community based care, which is where support workers will go out to people’s homes, and it’s individually directed care,” said Kalyra representative Mary Thompson.

“So the person will say these are my needs, be they medical issues that need assistance, personal care, cleaning, medication assistance, whatever it may be. There are community support workers available to assist whatever the need, and registered nurses for medication reviews.”

Mary noted that the new Main Road office would provide a convenient location for members of the community to drop in and discuss what services would best suit their needs.

“The Main Road office makes it a bit more accessible for people to drop in if they have any questions around aged care or independent living, or planning for the future as you get older.

“We can assist people in deciding how to go about finding the best fit for them, and walk through the steps that will allow them

## connection



to get the support they need.” Monthly tours of the residential care unit are also available upon request.

□ Any inquiries are welcomed at 212 Main Road, Blackwood or you can phone 8278 0390.

# Learn how to make a difference in a crisis situation

by James Swanborough



“Making A Difference” - a public meeting at Blackwood Community Centre on March 18th will pose questions to the community around what to do if you are concerned about somebody in your life.

Out of the Blue’s aim as a prevention network is to give people strategies on what to do in those situations prior to someone thinking the world is better off without them. The talk will promote increasing awareness, breaking down the stigma associated with suicide, and discussing how to have conversations and connect in a meaningful way with people who may be distressed.

The meeting will feature 4 speakers: representatives from the Suicide Prevention Council and the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist, local MP Sam Duluk on behalf of the Suicide Prevention Issues Group, and Rob O’Sullivan, with opportunities to ask questions of the panel.

“SA HEALTH have recognised this is a community concern,” said *Out of the Blue Suicide Prevention Network* Blackwood chairman Rob O’Sullivan.

“We all know someone touched by suicide, either directly or indirectly, so the solution is to connect help services and people at risk in the community.

“Our group is holding training courses and a public information evening, hoping to provide valuable knowledge to assist members of the community, if someone they know is in a crisis situation,” explained Rob.

The meeting and courses will afford an opportunity to gain knowledge of what you can do to make a difference in difficult situations.

“A lot of people are concerned they are going to say the wrong thing, and prompt someone to take their life, and that’s not the case; so we are trying to inform people of what they can do if they are concerned about somebody.

“Our group are just concerned members of the community, we don’t allow anyone with qualifications to take over the group and start dictating, that’s not what we are about.

“It’s all quite simple and achievable, the whole idea is anybody in the community can use these principles, you don’t need any special training.

“We’re just everyday people who have contacts with family and friends, and we come across people in our daily lives that might need our help. So we are just arming people with knowledge about what to do in a situation, rather than letting the situation go past and wonder what we could have done.

“A lot of us often say “what could I have done to prevent a person doing this or that”, so this is just about pre-arming people to know what to do if they are confronted with one of those situations.

“We go out to public events, and engage with people, encouraging them to have conversations with people they are concerned about, so they know there is a safety net around them, and they know there is someone they can ring.

“It’s about building a community between the person at risk and the help that’s available, either by phone or professional services. Reaching out to those services can be a bit threatening, and take time.”

Out of the Blue is the 23rd of 68 networks to be established through SA Health, which

will eventually cover the whole state, with each network made up of members of their local community from all walks of life with a common concern around suicide prevention.

In addition to the meeting, Out of the Blue will be holding 2 courses to equip members of the community with the vital skills to manage crisis situations.

The courses, titled “Connecting with People” run over 2 sessions. The first addressing Suicide Awareness and Mitigation, and the second focusing on Suicide Response.

“Suicide mitigation training aims to create empathy and reduce stigma by helping participants develop their understanding around suicidal behaviour, it promotes their role in suicide prevention,” said Rob, “and the response course includes safe assessment, triage, community support and the co-creation of an immediate safety plan for someone who’s at risk.”

The sessions will run from 6.30-9pm on the 18th & 25th February; or 8th & 15th April, at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, 72 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood.

□ All sessions are free to attend. For more information on Out of The Blue SPN, meetings and courses, email: ootbcommittee@gmail.com

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# Café helping to attract visitors to Blackwood

Bracegirdle's  
house of fine  
Chocolate

THE Bracegirdle 'empire' started in Blackwood over 20 years ago where Sue owned a tiny chocolate and confectionery shop on Main Road (opposite Blackwood Post Office) called 'Sweet Times'.

While Garry had grown up in the district after his parents moved 'up the hill' in the fifties. He attended Blackwood Primary, Blackwood High School and played cricket for the Coromandel Ramblers and football for Blackwood before joining Sturt and then South Adelaide.

Many years later in the nineties, Garry returned to Blackwood High School as a teacher, and now brings his passion for teaching and training staff to the business.

Today they own five stores, after first opening the doors to its flagship Jetty Road store back in 2005. Bracegirdle's began to thrive and two years later the second café at Toorak Gardens opened. This was followed by McLaren Vale, then Marion and Cross Roads.

Sue and Garry have lived in Coromandel Valley for 20 years, and love the relaxing hills lifestyle that the Blackwood district offers its residents.

Never ones to miss out on an opportunity to promote their business and the district, last month they were visited by the team from the popular Channel 9 TV show 'Adelady' who

were in the area to check out what Blackwood had to offer.

The proud Adelaide gals who host the show, Hayley and Lauren, are passionate about seeing South Australian businesses boom and attracting visitors to this beautiful state.

One of the establishments to be featured is Bracegirdles in Blackwood, with the show planned for going to air at the beginning of April.



Don't forget to call in to the store and check out the large selection of Valentine's Day gift ideas. They offer specially designed boxes of chocolates and 'heart shaped' confectionery for the occasion. And if you can't make into the store, you won't miss out as you can go on-line at [www.bracegirdles.com.au](http://www.bracegirdles.com.au) to place your order.

☐ For more information or to make a booking, phone 8423 0871 - seven days a week.



◆ Photo : (from left) 'Adelady' TV presenters Hayley and Lauren sampling some of the wonderful dishes on offer at Bracegirdle's Blackwood with co-owner Garry Bracegirdle

## Looking for the next generation of chocolate makers to carry on the tradition

BRACEGIRDLE'S House of Fine Chocolate is searching for emerging chocolatiers in South Australia. As part of their sponsorship of Nutella Palooza which takes place on Saturday 20 April, Bracegirdle's are running their first Emerging Chocolatier Competition.

The competition is aimed at three levels:

- Secondary School Students (Year 8 - Year 12)
- TAFE Students
- Non-commercial Chocolates Makers

Owner and self-appointed Chief Chocolate Taster at Bracegirdles, Garry Bracegirdle who himself is a former teacher, is inspired to continue to guide the next generation of chocolatiers in South Australia.

As Australia's most awarded chocolate company, Bracegirdle's is keen to nurture and develop upcoming chocola-

tiers to encourage and ensure chocolate making skills continue to develop in South Australia.

This is a huge opportunity for South Australians interested in becoming a chocolatier, because as Garry highlighted, "There is no longer a dedicated chocolatier course in SA and indeed, last year the Royal Adelaide show cancelled its chocolate competition, so this is a great new forum for chocolate lovers to showcase their ideas."

The competition is proudly supported by F Mayer Imports who are providing prizes of Callebaut chocolate and accessories; and Savour School, Melbourne who have donated a \$500 voucher towards a chocolate making course.

Prizes also include a half-day technical workshop with Bracegirdle's chocolatiers. Every entrant will receive a 1kg bag of Callebaut chocolate.

From the beginning of March, entry forms will be able to be downloaded from the website, or picked up from any of Bracegirdle's five stores located at Blackwood, Cross Road, Glenelg, Marion or McLaren Vale.

Completed entry forms should be returned to the Bracegirdles store at 289 Cross Road, Clarence Gardens between Monday 4 March and Friday 29 March, where entry fees can be paid and display boxes collected.

Entries must be hand delivered to Bracegirdles at Clarence Gardens on Saturday 13 April and judging will take place on Monday 15 April with winners announced on Wednesday 17 April 2019.

All entries will be displayed at the Bracegirdle's Pavillion at Nutella Palooza, Morphettville Racecourse on Saturday 20 April.

Bracegirdle's  
house of fine  
Chocolate

## Innovative meals proving popular with customers

Bracegirdle's  
house of fine  
Chocolate

BRACEGIRDLE'S are well known for its award winning chocolates and also its hot chocolate drinks ... but there are a few things that you may not know:

The Blackwood café has a full kitchen, that makes their entire savoury menu from scratch, using as many local products as possible including the meat products from Blackwood Butchers.

Bracegirdle's is open every night for dinner and dessert until 9pm. See the 'buy one get one free' voucher for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Having a liquor license means that they serve a

range of local wines, beer and cider. Espresso martinis are also on the menu.

The breakfast menu runs until 3pm, while there is a light lunch menu and full dinner menu.

Bracegirdle's offers vegetarian and vegan options for savoury, desserts and also their hand made chocolates. While kids aren't forgotten either as there are healthy menu options for them too.

And of course, the 'hot chocolate' and Bracegirdle's coffee are in a class of their own. Don't forget to leave room for dessert!



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# WHAT'S ON IN BLACKWOOD & DISTRICTS

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◆ **3 February**  
**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.

◆ **3 & 17 February**  
**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.

◆ **3 February**  
**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.

◆ **4 February**  
**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.

◆ **5 & 10 February**  
**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.

◆ **6 February**  
**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.

◆ **6 February**  
**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

◆ **6 February**  
**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 informa-

tion on Freemasonry contact Greg on 0401 437 816 or e: blackwoodfreemasons@gmail.com

◆ **7 February**  
**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.

◆ **9 February**  
**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.

◆ **10 & 24 February**  
**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

◆ **11 February**  
**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

◆ **11 February**  
**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.

◆ **11 February**  
**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.

◆ **11 February**  
**BELAIR LADIES' PROBUS** - meet at

Blackwood Uniting Church, opp Blackwood roundabout at 10am. We welcome prospective members and visitors. Phone Joy on 8270 6162.

◆ **13 & 27 February**  
**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

◆ **14 February**  
**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.

◆ **17 February**  
**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.

◆ **18 February**  
**BLACKWOOD VIEW CLUB** - meet at Blackwood Golf Club, Cherry Gardens Road at 10am. Helping disadvantaged children and young people through The Smith Family. For more details phone Paula on 0417 081 663.

◆ **19 February**  
**FRIENDS OF STURT GORGE** - meet at Bellevue Heights Primary School. Phone Bob Grant on 7329 8296 for meetings and working bees. Visit [www.fosg.org.au](http://www.fosg.org.au)

◆ **20 February**  
**BLACKWOOD ACTION GROUP** - meet at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade from 7pm. Guest speaker: Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross. New members always welcome. More details on 0408 117 003 or Facebook or [www.blackwoodactiongroup.org.au](http://www.blackwoodactiongroup.org.au)

◆ **20 February**  
**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.

◆ **20 February**  
**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](http://www.bwbc.org.au) for details.

◆ **21 February**  
**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.

◆ **25 February**  
**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](http://www.blackwoodfloralart.blogspot.com.au)

◆ **25 February**  
**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](http://www.probusouthpacific.org.au)

◆ **27 February**  
**SPEAKING MADE EASY** - Blackwood Group meets 7pm at 218 Main Road Blackwood (Deb Smith Photography). A national women's group to develop confidence and help women achieve full potential. We value friendship, integrity and respect. Ring Margaret 0438 838 894.

◆ **27 February**  
**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 wel-

come. Phone Doone on 8278 2676 for details.

◆ **28 February**  
**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.

◆ **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 secondhand 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.



World Day of Prayer  
**AUSTRALIA**

Theme for 2019 is "Come - Everything is Ready"

THE 'World Day of Prayer' is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions, who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March.

Throughout the entire day, they collectively pray all over the world, beginning with the first sunrise and ending at the last sunset. Their prayers follow the sun's path around the globe.

WDP's motto is "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action." Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Coordinated services of Christian worship and prayer are held across the world in over 170 countries, directed by the international body - the World Day of Prayer International.

The program for the service is prepared well in advance by women from one focus country of the world. Each service has an advertised theme and involves Bible readings, prayers and songs and a reflection.

The World Day of Prayer 2019 host country will be Slovenia and the theme is "Come - Everything is Ready!"

In the Blackwood district, churches in the area are joining to celebrate the 2019 WDP at the Holy Innocent's Anglican Church, Sheoak Road, Belair on Friday March 1 at 10.30am. The speaker for the service is Ted Setnikar.

Everyone is welcome to attend and stay for morning tea.

For more details phone Lois on 8370 2250.



**10 YEARS OF JA PIŠEM**

Sunday 3 March from 2-5pm  
 Ekhidna Wines at McLaren Vale

THIS event includes readings of poetry, flash fiction, short stories and non-fiction travel and dating stories.

Award winning, published and produced local writers share stories and poems, and the inspiration behind their writer's group, Ja Pišem. The event will be narrated by critically acclaimed actor Tamara Lee and feature live music from Britt & Harry.

"We are local Adelaide writers and often meet in the Blackwood/Coromandel area," said Alys Jackson who lives in Coromandel Valley.

"Much of my poetry and writing has been inspired by life in the hills and the short story I'll be reading at the Fringe event is about an elderly woman faced by an approaching bushfire - a story that has won two awards," added Alys.

The writers of Ja Pišem are: Alys Jackson, Elain Caine, Tom Di Santo, Michele Fairbairn, Louise Friebe, Nicola McGunnigle, Kristin Martin and Lynette Washington.

Ticket price includes a complimentary drink and sharing plate in the idyllic surrounds of Ekhidna Wines in the beautiful McLaren Vale.

They are also being sponsored by the Onkaparinga Council.



Support local family to help those affected by cancer

THE local Cormack family are asking for your support to help raise funds for the upcoming Cancer Council 'Relay for Life' project.

On Sunday February 3, they will have a craft stall inside the building at the Blackwood Market on Coromandel Parade.

Come along and check out their beautiful range of handmade jewellery, customised reusable shopping bags, reusable sustainable make-up removers and much more.

Then on Saturday 23 February, they will be participating in the "Relay for Life" which starts at 2pm on Saturday and finishes 9am Sunday 24 February.

There are over 50 teams participating - entertainment, kids activities, live music and competitions along with a free breakfast provided.

"This is a way of giving back or paying it forward," said Brenda. "For me, it is a way to remember the loved ones, family members and friends that have been ravaged by cancer and those still fighting the fight."

If you are interested in joining their relay team or donating, go to their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/2086873721598574](http://www.facebook.com/groups/2086873721598574) - 'Relay the Message' is their group name.

## Friendship can make an extraordinary difference

FOR over five decades, dedicated members of VIEW Clubs have been making the most of mutual friendship and support to change the lives of thousands of disadvantaged Australian children and young people.

VIEW is a national women's organisation with over 15,000 members in more than 300 communities who volunteer, fundraise and advocate for children's education charity, *The Smith Family*.

Members in Blackwood meet every 3rd Monday to share their passion and experience, forge lasting friendships and make a tremendous difference in the lives of the young students they support.

They are always looking for new people to join the club and invite women of all ages and backgrounds to come along and experience the satisfaction of helping children and their families.

Meetings are held at the Blackwood Golf Club, 611 Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens at 10am for a 10.30am start.

Their next meeting is on February 18 and if you require any further information, contact Paula on 0417 081 663 or 8370 0400.



# Enjoy Aussie classics music with a jazz twist at



EVER thought 'Bloody oath this Cold Chisel song would sound sweet as a bossa'? or 'Crikey, this Acca-Dacca tune could use some 4 part vocal harmony'? Yeah nah, neither. But struth, wouldn't that be a bloody ripper?

An Adelaide Fringe Festival show called 'Sweet As Swing: Aussie Classics Re-Imagined' reimagines your favourite Aussie songs from 'Waltzing Matilda' to 'You're The Voice' and serves them up with a jazz twist.

One of the four members in the band is vocalist and instrumentalist Kelly Doddridge, who grew up in Bellevue Heights and is now an Eden Hills resident.

"I attended Bellevue Heights Primary School where I was fortunate to have my first choral music education with the late Dr Helen Pietsch. She was a brilliant educator and very influential in my musical upbringing," explained Kelly.

He is now studying at the Elder Conservatorium of Music and directing this Adelaide Fringe event.

So what happens when your put four Aussie blokes into a jazz course at Adelaide University?

Naturally, they blend together their jazz experience and love of Australian anthems. These four musicians met while singing around South Australia and interstate in The Conservatorium's renowned 'Adelaide Connection' choir.

This premier features original arrangements heavily featuring 4 part male vocal harmony and takes you on a journey through the Australian song book, while kicking back in the intimate setting of Adelaide's premier cabaret lounge, *La Boheme*.

Apart from showcasing their vocals, the performance will feature Kelly on trombone, Marcus Ryan on guitar, Andrew Casey on piano and Ryan Casey on trumpet; and are joined by Bonnie Aue on bass.

❑ The shows, being held at La Boheme, 36 Grote Street, Adelaide are on Saturday, February 16 at 8pm; and Sunday February 17 at 2pm and 8pm.

Tickets are available from [www.adelaidefringe.com.au](http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au)



◆ Photo above: Four of the likely lads making up the jazz band performing at the Adelaide Fringe are (from left): Kelly, Marcus, and brothers Ryan and Andrew

# Celebrate Chinese New Year with a night of lion dancing

LOOKING for a meal out with a difference and you don't want to drive far? Why go down the hill when you can enjoy a night out literally on your own back door step?

Join in the fun of Chinese New Year celebrations at the House of Zen restaurant in Belair on Saturday 9 February; or treat your loved one to a Valentine's Day dinner out on Thursday February 14.

For Chinese New Year, be entertained by a vibrant and energetic display of lion dancing while enjoying a delicious meal prepared by well known and experienced Adelaide chef Hung Lien.

2019 is the 'Year of the Pig' and is the twelfth of all zodiac animals. The Pig is also associated with the Earthly Branch and the hours 9-11pm in the night. In terms of yin and yang, the Pig is yin. In Chinese culture, pigs are the symbol of wealth.

You can dine a la carte or sit back and enjoy their 'Chinese New Year' banquet for only \$36.80 per head. And as special offer, when you make a booking for a table of 4 or more guests, you will also receive a complimentary bottle of red or white wine with your meal.

However, you need to book quickly as tables are already filling up fast for this popular local and unique evening of entertainment.

And why not treat your loved one to an evening out for Valentine's Day on Thursday 14 February. Tables fill quickly for this celebration, so book now by phoning Hung on 8370 2333.

❑ The House of Zen restaurant is located at 6 Main Road, Belair opposite the BP 'On the Run' service station.



# Get your child ready for bright future with proven program

"LEARNING should be fun and we try to encourage imagination and creativity to further engage our learners," said Robyn Whittle-Hughes, (pictured on right) director of Ready4Success (R4S).

With most children heading back to school now, if you feel that your child is struggling with their learning and communicating skills, then it may be worth giving Robyn a call.

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❑ You can contact Robyn on 0402 278 769 or email: [ready4success@live.com.au](mailto:ready4success@live.com.au) and call into the studio at 10 Waite Street, Blackwood.

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## Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained for hot weather driving

WITH the unseasonal hot weather we have been experiencing, it is important that you take a few precautions to avoid heat-related breakdowns in your car.

First of all, if you're going on a long trip or if you haven't had your car serviced in the last six months, you can prevent an uncomfortable breakdown by getting it looked over by a professional, so you can be confident it's in good shape.

Then hot temperatures can put additional strain on your battery. Most batteries are maintenance-free these days, but if your battery has caps, check the level and top up as necessary. If you have a maintenance free wet cell, gel cell or absorbed glass mat (AGM) battery, look them over to

be sure that they haven't cracked or leaked. For all types of battery, clean any corrosion from the terminals, secure all connections and ensure that the battery is firmly mounted and safe from vibration.

The cooling system in your car during hot temperatures is working under extreme conditions and needs to be regularly checked.

The coolant in your radiator should be replaced on a periodic basis and always keep an eye on the level of fluid in your cooling system by looking for the plastic overflow tank. And it's always good practice to check the coolant level in the radiator via the radiator cap, which should always be done when the engine is cold. Removing the cap when the engine is hot can cause coolant to spray out under pressure, seriously scalding you.

If a radiator hose is nearing the end of its life, it is better to have it replaced before it fails and risks causing serious engine damage. It is generally more economical to change all the hoses at the same time, as this allows a thorough flush of the cooling system.

Hot weather driving puts heavy demand on all of your engine's components, not just your cooling system. Check your engine oil, transmission fluid, power steering fluid and brake fluid to make sure that they're all at the recommended levels.

And if your car's air conditioning isn't working as well as it has in the past, take it to a certified technician and have it serviced.

Lastly, make sure that your tyres are properly inflated before you head out for a drive. Under-inflated tyres flex more, which causes heat buildup. If conditions are already hot, under-inflated tyres are even more likely to fail. Check the tyres' tread depth while you're at it, and if they are close to the wear limiters, consider replacing.

☐ All the motoring workshops advertising below can help with you any problems your car may be experiencing due to the hot weather conditions.



### Regular oil change to increase engine life

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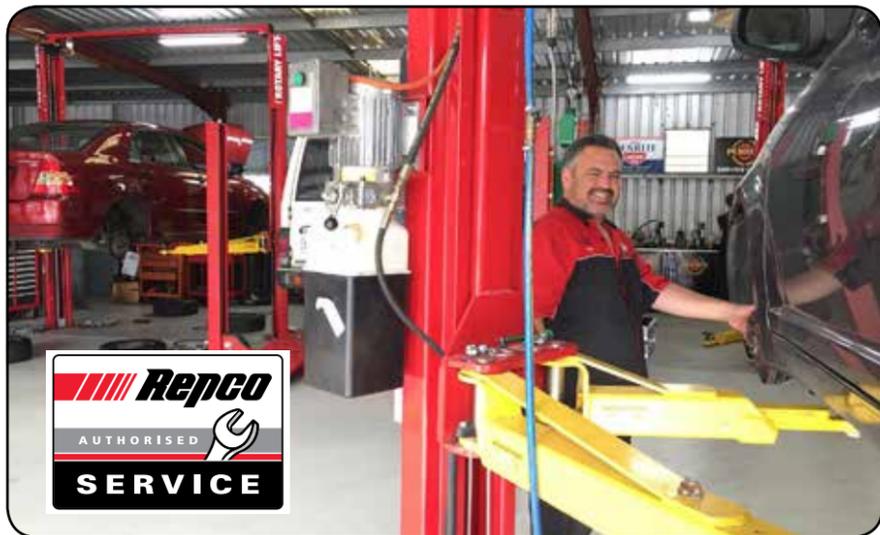
Bi-products of combustion, particularly when the engine is cold, contaminate the oil and cause sludge build up inside the engine. Some of the sludge will gradually block the oil galleries in an engine and starve moving parts of lubrication.

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Changing oil regularly will extend the life of your engine and is increasingly important in today's modern multi-valve engines which can be very expensive to repair and overhaul.

So even if you have a newer car that is still under warranty, your log book can be verified by a local mechanical workshop, if the work has been conducted by full qualified staff and according to manufacturer's specifications, using appropriate quality parts.

☐ Contact one of the motoring workshops advertising below to book your car in for its next service.



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