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New faces on council promise hills progress

by Annie Waddington-Feather

THIS year's local government elections attracted less than one third of the Mitcham council electorate, with just 28.8 per cent filling in their preferences of who should represent them at Council.

It was a marginally better turn out than the 2010 elections though which attracted 28.12 per cent of the electorate. The results have brought in a new mayor and two new councillors for the area.

The new mayor, Glen Spears regarded it as an honour to have been given the privilege of serving the residents.

"With many new councillors elected I hope to lead a team with a positive outlook," he said. "We have much work to do and with a fresh and vibrant approach we will do our best to serve the Mitcham community."

In Craighburn Ward, Nick Greer was re-elected and he believes that the Mitcham Hills deserve a better deal from Council and the current State Government. "Decades of

funding disparity and neglect have left the Mitcham Hills tired and run-down," he said. He will work to revitalise the Mitcham Hills, improve traffic flow, and build a new Blackwood Library.

Newly elected councillor for this Ward Karen Hockley was excited about the makeup of the new Council and felt confident about its ability to work cohesively and to progress key issues for Mitcham and for the Mitcham Hills.

"I am delighted by the overwhelming support of the people of Craighburn Ward and I would like to thank my friends, colleagues and supporters for all of their hard work and kind words," said Karen. "I would especially like to thank my husband Chris who has worked tirelessly to support me."

Also new for this ward is Lindy Tauer, who was delighted to be elected as a new councillor for Craighburn Ward, sincerely thanking her family and all the people that supported and voted for her.

"The confidence you have shown in me is truly humbling," she said.

"I intend to work collaboratively with the other Craighburn Ward councillors to progress services to the community." Lindy is looking forward to representing the electorate and is available to hear concerns and ideas.

In Park Ward, Tim Hein said he was honoured to have been re-elected with such a strong vote and was looking forward to working constructively with the 8 new elected members, and to continue to achieve things for Mitcham, and especially in the hills. "I hope we can be our best selves in the chamber to achieve the best for our community," he said, and thanked those who voted, and encouraged him.

Also re-elected for Park Ward, Mark Ward said he was feeling very positive and optimistic for the new Council. "There's a mix of experiences and I'm looking forward to following through issues, particularly those which have gone across two Councils," he said.

"I am committed to consultation and love meeting people and discussing their problems."



◆ The two newly elected Craighburn Ward councillors outside Blackwood Library - Lindy Tauer (on left) with Karen Hockley

Newly elected Councillors Karen Hockley and Lindy Tauer also expressed their appreciation for the work done by outgoing elected members during their terms. "Those leaving as a result of this election outcome or as a result of their retirement, had served the community in the voluntary role of elected member for terms ranging from between four and seventeen years," they said.

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by The Editor

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It's Christmas time and for many local businesses, it's their busiest time of the year and they need your support.

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Do you or your children play football, tennis, cricket or netball in the area; been a member of Scouts or Girl Guides; play bowls; are you a member of a community group or service club - then most of these organisations may not even be in existence if it were not for the generosity of local businesses.

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"The camels are a real feature of our *Carols! Christmas Eve*", said Brandon Chaplin, Senior Pastor of the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church who has put on the event for 32 years. "The line-up starts before 6pm and the camels are giving their free rides right up until the program starts with carols at 8pm."

Carols! Christmas Eve began with a small group of committed volunteers in 1983 on Manson Oval, Bellevue Heights. There was only a few hundred back then, but on this coming Christmas Eve a crowd of around 2,500 is expected in what will be the 11th year on Hewett Oval, Coromandel Parade.

"We expect a lot of people," said Brandon. "It just gets bigger and bigger each year."

"Our community loves it and we are so pleased to put it on. Our whole church commu-

ity gets a real buzz out of putting it on for the wider community."

"The evening starts at 6pm with kids coming enthusiastic looking for a free ride on a camel or jump on the bouncy castle. There is face-painting for the kids too. Then it's time for the program starting at 8pm with some funny puppets and the lighting of the candles," said Brandon.

Carols! Christmas Eve will be hosted by Brandon, (also Chaplain of AFL's Port Adelaide), and will feature Blackwood Hills vocalists and musicians. A sausage sizzle, donuts, tea/coffee, and drinks are also available for purchase.

"It is special to lead our community. *Carols! Christmas Eve* is known for being run by local people, for local people, is family orientated, and is free."

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Historic magazine turned into a book

If you've enjoyed reading excerpts from *The Blackwood Magazine 1914* reproduced in *The Blackwood Times* over the past 12 months, then you will want to get hold of a copy of the new history book titled *All Good Things Come From The Hills - Excerpts from the 1914 Blackwood Magazine*.

This interesting book has been produced by

the Blackwood Action Group history project team to preserve and promote history and heritage of Mitcham Hills and through this enhance community pride and spirit.

The Blackwood Magazine was produced for only one year, 1914, before the war intervened.

The new booklet consists of iconic snippets from the 1914 magazines - history, civic matters, local business, social life, sport, music, events and more, enhanced with hills images of the time.

☐ A great gift idea for \$10 or a present to go under the Christmas tree, the book is on sale in Blackwood stores - Habitat in the Foodland shopping centre, local newsagents and Drake Foodland. Proceeds from the project will be donated to Legacy and the CFS.



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Candidates named as by-election date finalised

by Annie Waddington-Feather

FOLLOWING long-standing MP Iain Evans' retirement at the end of October, last month Parliamentary Speaker Michael Atkinson announced the date for Davenport's by-election as 31 January 2015.

Candidates to contest the seat have outlined some of their key issues (in no particular order):



Jody Moet will stand for the Greens party and although she lives in St Marys, she is acquainted with the area and has many happy memories at Belair National Park, from playing there as a child. "Now my husband and I take our own two boys there," she said. "I love listening and talking to people and I aim to be the kind of MP people would feel comfortable approaching with their issues or ideas," she said.

Jodie will encourage more people to use public transport, improve parking and

wants to ensure the CFS Brigades are resourced sufficiently to properly recruit, train and retain their volunteers.



Formally of the Greens, **Steven Thomas**, who has lived in the area for 30 years, is an Independent candidate. He made the switch because 'You can say what you like when you like and you don't have to spin the party line'. The key issues he'd like to address in Davenport include developing a transport management plan for the whole region which involves moving freight trains out of the area.

He also believes not enough people use public transport and would like to see a complete redevelopment of the Blackwood shopping precinct. "It's pedestrian unfriendly and needs to be more attractive for small businesses to move into the area," he said, adding he would also like to develop a decent bushfire and prevention management strategy.

Standing for the Liberals, **Sam Duluk**



from Happy Valley believes traffic and transport is one of the main issues in Blackwood. "But it's more than the just the roundabout," he said. "We need to look at the whole Southern Hills area."

He thought with the new local council recently elected, it was a good opportunity for all stakeholders to work on a 'master plan' for the Blackwood area. Other areas he's keen to work on include improving fire safety and supporting CFS and MFS volunteers, improvements to Flinders Medical Centre and maintaining parks in the area.

Sam highlights there are many small businesses in Blackwood, and as he has worked in the commercial small business lending sector, he has an empathy for them. "I would work to be an advocate for small businesses," he promised. At a state level, Sam would fight to reverse the Emergency Services Levy hike.

When *The Blackwood Times* contacted The Labor party, it confirmed it wouldn't announce its candidate until the by-election date had been decided. □

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The appeal was launched in February this year, and at time of printing, funds donated had reached \$184,000 - with the cost of a new water tanker being approximately \$250,000.

"We have had donations towards the appeal recently from Eden Hills Primary Strawberry Fair (\$2000), and Coromandel Quilters (\$2000)," said Dale Thompson, from Sturt CFS Group.

"The response from the community and businesses has been overwhelming and is a reflection of the great district we live in. This will only make our area safer during the bushfire season."

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Georgia's story touches hearts

by Annie Waddington-Feather

WHILE most of us are shopping for Christmas presents and deciding what to put on the table for Christmas, one local young lady is working to save her father's life.

In 2013, 15-year-old Georgia Adams' father, Darren Adams, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma and non Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer. After bouts of chemotherapy and radiotherapy, the family's only hope now lies in specialist treatment in America.

However, it costs well over US\$50,000.

The family has already suffered financial hardship as due to his illness, Darren had to stop working the family business, and Georgia's mum Cath, works only when she's not caring for her husband.

"It was a bit of a shock when he was first diagnosed," said Georgia. "I thought it was just a little bump and then he'd be back to normal soon. "It's made me realise family does come first and in the past I've taken my parents for granted," she added.

So Georgia has decided to seek the help of the community to raise the much needed funds to send her Dad to America and has started a 'community chest' fundraising group.

Georgia's story has touched the hearts of many through the fundraising website www.youcaring.com and within two weeks of setting up her appeal, nearly \$8,000 had been donated, including a donation from Sweden!

But Georgia's aim is to not only raise money

to pay for her father's treatment, but to help families in need in the future. "It's a fundraising group at the moment, but eventually I want to make it into a Foundation," said Georgia.

Before his illness Darren ran his own business and volunteered with the Reynella Football Club, the Blackwood Football Club and the Woods Panthers Netball Club. Darren says he's 'blown away' by his daughter's work and dedication to the group.

Due to Georgia's age, Julie Langham (treasurer of The Community Chest and Woods Panthers Netball Club member), is administering funds and can be contacted on gilangham@optusnet.com.au or mobile 0400 257 335.

Donations can be made via www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/please-help-my-dad-survive-/250852

To find out about Georgia's fundraising events, visit the Community Chest Fundraiser Group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/1455623911368240/?fref=ts



◆ Georgia (on right) at home with her Mum Cath and Dad Darren

Wolf turns to art for income

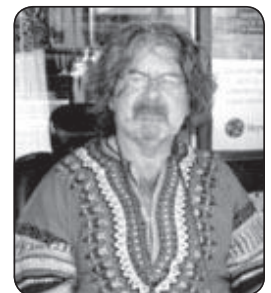
MANY local people already know Wolf's story: Seven years ago he suffered a stroke and was rushed to Flinders Hospital. He not only lost the full use of his right side and was confined to a wheel chair, but he'd also lost the ability to communicate (a condition known as aphasia).

Wolf's attitude to his condition has only ever been positive and he has just got on with his life.

During his rehabilitation he discovered his artistic flare, and for the past few years he has been selling his own range of Christmas cards and gifts from his wheelchair, near the pedestrian crossing on Main Road near Blackwood Pharmacy and National Pharmacies throughout December.

He recently opened his own retail business from home selling T-shirts, mugs, original artworks and gifts. Phone 0411 367 267 or email: meri_karshimkus for opening times.

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Farewell to 1914



AS the 19th century moved into the 20th century, Blackwood was emerging as the commercial and social centre for the Hills district.

At the same time, the community was being shaped by many complex, diverse and changing social influences. Most significantly, after Great Britain declared war against Germany on August 4th 1914, the impact of the faraway war dominated many

aspects of Blackwood life and before long 1000 soldiers were encamped in Belair Park. Although news from the war front was censored, war rumours flourished and were often accepted as factual reports. *The Blackwood Magazine* kept local residents apprised of war issues and local fundraising events.

On September 2nd, the local Red Cross Group was formed. Members were 'busily engaged in making comfortable garments for our soldiers, including flannel bedgowns, belts, flannel shirts, muslin head bandages and knitted socks. The Methodist Ladies Guild also contributed flannel garments' (BM Nov p258).

Local fundraising included an auction sale, where £4/5s was raised for the Belgian fund and £1/15s for the Red Cross. 'The collection was made by Miss Mavis Wickens, appropriately attired in a nurse's uniform' (BM Nov p256).

On October 15th, a 'farewell social was given for the Blackwood and Coromandel Valley members of the Second Expeditionary forces. Each member received a money belt. Additionally, an enjoyable music programme was contributed' (BM Nov p246).

In its November issue, the magazine published an article titled *Germany's War (A German General's View)* - accompanied by very forthright editorial comments (BM p241-242).

The last months of 1914 were a time of great anxiety for the people of Blackwood and the surrounding district, with reports of the war in Europe dominating the news. Young men, including some of the regular contributors to the magazine, were enlisting in the Australian Expeditionary Forces.

Nonetheless the magazine continued to report on the usual local activities such as the results of sporting events, including the new season's cricket, rifle club and tennis matches. The annual music, elocutionary, and floral competitions were held to great acclaim.

The Literary Society and Mopokes continued to flourish. And of course the rainfall, and lack thereof until November, was always a topic of concern.

Sadly December was the last issue of *The Blackwood Magazine*. In the words of the editorial

'Many a good man has been hung for no fault of his own, and The Blackwood Magazine, because the Kaiser has chosen to embroil the world, is to be suspended.'



◆ The opening of the Blackwood Memorial Band Stand, c1924. Main and Station Roads, Blackwood.

We bid our readers farewell with a good heart, and a confident belief that they will read us once again'. (BM Dec p1) But that was not to be.

After the war the community again turned to fund raising, to erect memorials in Blackwood and Coromandel Valley which honoured - and continue to honour - local soldiers, sailors and nurses who 'fought and fell' during World War I. A Memorial Band Stand, built at the 5 ways roundabout in 1924, was damaged by the earthquake of 1954 and later pulled down. It would be particularly appropriate at this time of the centenary of ANZAC to re-establish this lost memorial by constructing a replica rotunda in Blackwood

Throughout 2014, *The Blackwood Times* has published a series of articles based on *The Blackwood Magazine*, of which this is the last. The articles are part of the Blackwood Action Group's history project, which culminated in the recent launch of a 60 page book, *All Good Things Come from the Hills, Excerpts from The Blackwood Magazine 1914*.

□ The book is available from Foodland, Habitat and the newsagents in Blackwood for \$10. Proceeds will go to Legacy and the CFS pumper/water truck fund.

SITTING PRETTY professionals in hair

It's been almost two years since Jo, Angie and Karen embarked on their new business venture "Sitting Pretty Hair" at Blackwood Village, and with Christmas and New Year fast approaching, the girls are gearing up for their crazy festive trading period.

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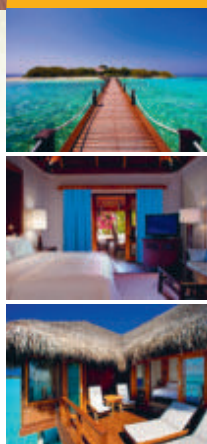
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Boxes more than a gift

STUDENTS from St John's Grammar Junior Campus have been working on a Christmas project since July this year, making 'Shoe Boxes' as gifts to go to underprivileged children overseas.

However, it has turned out to be more than simply an exercise in making shoe boxes, with the children having to think of ways to raise funds to buy presents, going shopping to buy the gifts to go in the boxes, as well as learning how many children live in less fortunate circumstances than in Australia.

"The children have loved working on the shoe boxes," said Reception teacher Daina Booth, "which started with the parent of one of our students making a box initially to donate to the 'Operation Christmas Child' program.

"It was put to the class to see if everyone wanted to make one and donate it to the program, and then our other Reception teacher

Jan Porter with her class joined in, and soon we were looking at filling forty shoe boxes!"

The Operation Christmas Child co-ordinator for Blackwood, Kathy Kennedy visited the class and showed a video on the journey a typical shoe box takes to another country, and how it ends up with an underprivileged child - and the amazing joy it brings to each child.

After raising approximately \$500 selling cupcakes, shining shoes and massaging backs for a day, the students, along with parent helpers, caught the train to Mitcham to go shopping for items to put into the shoe boxes.

The students also wrote a letter telling the recipient a little bit about themselves to go with the box.

Finally, the boxes were handed over to the Operation Christmas Child co-ordinator at a school assembly and are on their way to needy children in another country for Christmas. □



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So one local business, LJ Hooker Blackwood is again holding a Christmas Appeal to support the volunteer team at Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre in Cherry Gardens.

At this time of the year, while we all enjoy our festive holidays, the volunteer team feels the pressure of an increased number of animal rescues, caused in part by increased traffic on the roads.

"The goal this year is to increase the value of food donated to more than \$5,000 - or two ute loads!" said Mark. "Last year, through the generosity of the local community, we filled up one ute - so the challenge is now on to fill two."

Support Minton Farm by donating a range of various foods which are suitable for their sick or injured animals such as All Bran, Muesli, rolled oats, Weetbix, dry dog food or bird seeds.

Other useful donations include baby wipes, tissues, face washers, t-towels, hand towels, strong garbage bags and laundry disinfectants.

"We are proud to again co-ordinate this year's Christmas Appeal providing a convenient drop off point under the Christmas Tree at LJ Hooker Blackwood during business hours," explained Mark.



◆ Bev and all the animals at Minton Farm need your help this Christmas - this orphaned 2 year old kangaroo loves the Weetbix

Anyone interested in donating food can drop them off at two collection points: LJ Hooker Blackwood - up to Christmas Eve at 227 Main Road, Blackwood, (opposite Coles); or Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre, 455 Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens - drop off available in the cages at the front of the centre. □

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Disco fever at rec centre

FOLLOWING on from the success of the Halloween Roller Disco held last month, Blackwood Recreation Centre is holding a 'Christmas Roller Disco' to celebrate the end of the year and welcome in the festive season.

On Saturday December 13, everyone is invited to attend this alcohol and drug free event - young and old, novice or experienced skaters are welcome to join in the fun of the party.

The Disco will run from 7-10pm and includes music, games and prizes. Dressing up is optional but there will be a prize for the most imaginative outfit. Get a group together, come along as a family and enjoy the start to the festive season with a fun night out together.



Tickets are only \$10 each which includes your skate hire, or you can bring your own skates.

The event will not be a lock-in, so anyone under the age of 18 must be dropped off and collected from inside the venue by a guardian; young people will not be allowed outside by themselves and anyone under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult at all times.

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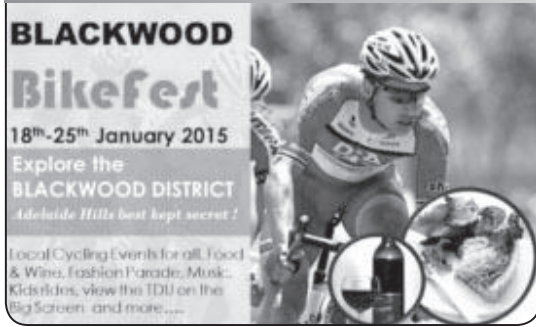
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The *Blackwood BikeFest* is a local cycling and festival event that will coincide with the 8-day SANTOS 'Tour Down Under' from Sunday 18 January to Sunday 25 January.

Blackwood will come alive like never before.

The events will include a range of local companion cycling challenges and recreational rides held on Monday 19 January for all levels with the finish at the Waite Street Reserve.

Breakfast and refreshments will be available as you watch the tour pass Belair at 11am on Tuesday 20 January. Wine tasting, gourmet foods, fashion parade, Business Expo, live bands, interesting dis-

plays and kids entertainment will be held throughout and during the weekend of 24 and 25 January. Each day of the Tour Down Under is planning to be televised on a big screen at the Waite Reserve.

Main streets will come alive and it is hoped this event will attract many visitors to the Blackwood shopping precincts to enjoy cafes and restaurants, retail shops and other areas of interest.

If you would like to be involved in the event or register for one of the cycling challenges, please contact the Blackwood Business Network by phoning 0477 209 782 or visit: www.blackwoodbiz.com.au to register.

☐ Watch out for the January edition of *The Blackwood Times* for details.

Meeting mobility needs of expanding aged population

"We first identified a void in the marketplace for mobility and independent living products in the southern suburbs," said Budget Mobility Centre proprietor, Marilyn Russell.

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Clinic to expand allied health services

by Kristy Wadham, Belair Medical Practice Manager

BELAIR Medial has an holistic approach to health, focusing on alleviating and preventing physical and mental illness by educating and empowering patients.

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Belair Medical's philosophy is that 'primary health care' is best provided in the local community, where patients can either walk or drive a short distance to access doctors and allied health care professionals, and that the provision of quality medical care in the local setting, helps maintain community health.

As part of this philosophy, Belair Medical is embarking on an exciting new project.

In 2012 Belair Medical was awarded an Infrastructure Grant by the Commonwealth Government to expand their current clinic by developing a property at 20 Main Road, Belair thereby providing 3 further consulting rooms. It is anticipated that the new rooms will be ready for occupation by March 2015.

Belair Medical plans to use the extra consulting space to engage specialist doctors and allied health care workers with special interests in the focus areas of Women's Health, Youth Health, and Chronic Disease Care, thereby improving health services available to the local community. Belair Medical already engages a continence physiotherapist and psychologists, and it is envisaged that a number of other allied health professionals will soon be working from the practice.

The importance of preventive medicine cannot be over-emphasised. Preventive medicine is far-reaching: at Belair Medical clientele are encouraged to have regular health checks (including skin checks), be aware of their risks for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, sleep apnoea and other chronic disease, engage in healthy lifestyles and address physical conditions (such as continence, obesity, new symptoms) and mental health issues as soon as possible.

The increased capacity to accommodate allied health professionals in the expanded clinic, will enable Belair Medical to increasingly adopt a multidisciplinary approach to encourage healthy lifestyles and address health issues for the local community, particularly women, young people and those with chronic disease.

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Book store takes on the spirit of Christmas

"IT'S business as usual," said the new owner of Mindfield Book Shop in the Woolworths Shopping Centre.

Becky Lucas, along with her husband Mike, took over from Stephanie in early October and they have been amazed at the level of support received from the Blackwood community.

"We are pleased to have retained three original employees in Steven, Meagan and James," explained Becky, "and I will be in the Blackwood shop most days. We also have a book store called Shakespeare's at Port Noarlunga which has been operating for four years." The shop at Blackwood will be rebranded as Shakespeare's in the New Year.

Mike is an author in his own right, having published 4 children's books, which of course



◆ Becky has a great range of children's book and soft toy combinations that will make ideal presents for under the tree at Christmas

are available in their book stores. He also often visits schools and libraries to spread the word on the fun and benefits of reading books and writing. The shop also supplies books to libraries and schools across South Australia.

The staff's combined knowledge of books and literature makes shopping in the store easy as, if you have something in mind, they can offer suggestions to suit your needs. And they can also order in any available titles if they don't have them in stock.

With Christmas just around the corner, come and take a look at the extended range of children's titles now in store. And you may even spot Santa and his elves in the seasonally decorated window.

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Wanting to give something back to their customers, Café Montagna offers some fantastic specials: \$12 lunches every day of the week; \$15 steak nights on Mondays; and a 2-for-1 pizza deal (pay for greater value pizza) on Tuesdays.

For more information on their catering facilities, phone Rae or Reece at Café Montagna on 8370 0450.

◆ (from left) Reece and Rae with a selection of meals that you can enjoy at lunchtime and they will only cost you \$12 - see sample below



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◆ (above from left): The Antenna Haircutters team now consists of Amanda, Mignonne and Michaela

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- ◆ **1 December**
BLACKWOOD HILLS VIEW CLUB - invites women to meet new friends at coffee morning at Cafe Primo at 10.30am. Phone Sue on 8370 2289 for details. Supporting disadvantaged children through The Smith family.
- ◆ **3 December**
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 Carey on carey_jo71@hotmail.com
- ◆ **4 December**
BLACKWOOD MENS PROBUS CLUB - meet at Masonic Lodge, Main Road from 9.30-11.30am. Visitors and new members welcome. Enquiries to Allen on 8278 2096.
- ◆ **7 December**
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.

- ◆ **7 December**
BOTTLE COLLECTION - from 10am 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.
- ◆ **8 December**
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- ◆ **8 December**
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- ◆ **8 December**
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 Lyn on 0400 290 521.
- ◆ **8 December**
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