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*Adelaide Crows player and former Eden Hills resident, Rory Laird (on right), with 4 of his Crows teammates put the Blackwood High girls football squad through a training session at the school last month in preparation for the girls upcoming season. See story pg 6.*

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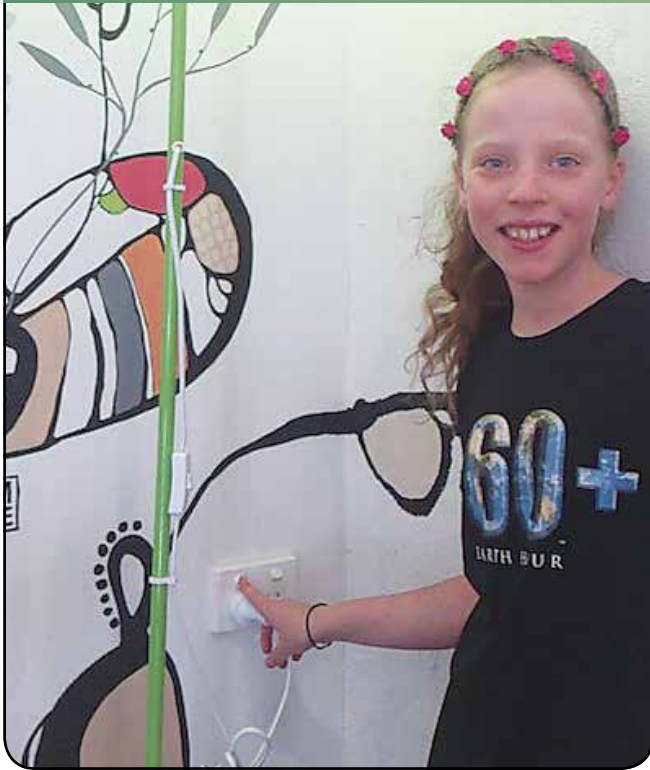
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# It's ten out of ten for earth hour event



by Annie Waddington-Feather

WHILE 'Earth Hour' celebrated its tenth 'lights-out' anniversary in Australia last month, one local resident is highlighting it's not just about 'one hour', and people should be always looking at ways in which they can save energy and recycle to help save the planet.

Earth Hour launched by the World Wildlife Foundation, encourages landmarks and communities to switch off their lights for an hour to show their support for a brighter future for the planet.

It is celebrated in over 170 countries and over 7,000 cities. This year over 6 million Australians (1 in 4) took part, including City of Mitcham Council which turned its lights out at the Civic Centre and Mitcham Library.

South Australia's Earth Hour Ambassador, and Hawthorndene resident, 10 year old Lily O'Brian says the hour is

◆ Photo: Lily setting the standard by turning lights off that are not being used in the house

just to get you started ... "You can make a difference every day," she says.

Lily was chosen to be Earth Hour's Ambassador for South Australia when she responded to its call out for 10-year-old ambassadors in its tenth anniversary. As part of the selection process, she had to make a video showing what she did to help the environment.

In her video, she showed her worm farm, bee hotel and kokedama. "Kokedama means plant without a pot," she explains.

"When I want to give someone a present, I try to make them something out of recyclable material, such as the kokedama." She also showed how she finds native seeds to plant in the garden and looks after the wildlife by giving water for the birds.

When she was told she had been selected to be an ambassador, Lily started spreading the Earth Hour message by speaking to friends and neighbours – and contacting her local newspaper!

"I care for the environment and I tried to get everyone aware of what Earth Hour

is," she says. Lily also designed a poster explaining what Earth Hour is and why people should get involved.

At her school, Belair Primary, she participated in the Solar Buddy program. This program encourages schools to buy solar light kits. Students assemble the lights and learn about the benefits of solar power; these are then sent to developing countries where there is no electricity, so that students in these countries have light to study. This was filmed by ABC's children's news channel, Behind the News (BTN).

Lily's message is 'reduce, reuse and recycle'. She has lots of suggestions such as riding bikes instead of using the car, turning off light switches, making a worm farm and growing veggies. "You can try not to use the drier by using a washing line, and try not to use some kitchen appliances such as dishwashers," she says.

"If everyone's involved, the more the Government will listen and take stronger action on climate change and to help the environment," she says. "Then everyone will be happy!" □

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## An 'OMG' moment more than OAM

by Annie Waddington-Feather

RECOGNISING over 50 years of service to the Coromandel Valley community, as well as a service to heritage preservation, sixth-generation Coromandel resident Trevor Conlon was awarded the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia by the Governor-General at this year's Australia Day Awards in late January.

His service to the community includes: Chair, Coromandel Valley & Districts Branch, National Trust, since 2013 and Vice Chair, 2011-2012 and Member, Southern and Hills Range Committee.

Trevor also established and Chaired the Coordinating Committee for *Coro Alive! 175*, 2010-2012, and was a member of the Coromandel Country Fire Service, South Australian Country Fire Service (SACFS), 1963-2011 and Life Member, since 2005, and volunteer fire fighter and radio operator.

"I started out volunteering with the EFS (as it was known then) when I was just 14, helping build the first fire truck and ended up getting a job from it," says Trevor.

"My parents were very heavily involved in community activities with schools, fetes and churches, so it was a way of life in our family," he explains. His father was one of the founding members of the National Trust. "I learned from this attitude and have carried on," says Trevor.

When Trevor heard he'd been nominated for the award, he says it was more of an 'OMG' than an OAM moment! "I felt very honoured," he says. "I've been lucky enough to work with some of the best people in our community."

Trevor says the way he is celebrating his achievement is to carry on doing what he's doing for the good of the community.

However, actively encouraging the community to come together and recognise of the value of our heritage, and to understand the area's history



◆ Trevor Conlon, long standing Coromandel Valley resident and now an OAM (Photo courtesy of Katrina Lister from Katron Creative)

is currently Trevor's main aim.

He is concerned about the State Government proposals of taking the control of heritage assessments away from local councils and changing other legislation which include considering the demolition of local heritage places 'on merit' and allowing certain works to be exempt from the need to obtain consent.

"Our whole district is a museum," says Trevor. "The buildings are our heritage and our stories, and we must make sure they don't get lost." □

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# Next state election voting will count for seat of Waite

by Annie Waddington-Feather

WITH the appeal by the South Australian Labour Party against the new electoral boundary changes in SA's Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission (EDBC) losing in the State's Supreme Court, and unless Labor decides to challenge it in the High Court, Blackwood and the surrounding suburbs will be in the electoral district of Waite in the 2018 State election.

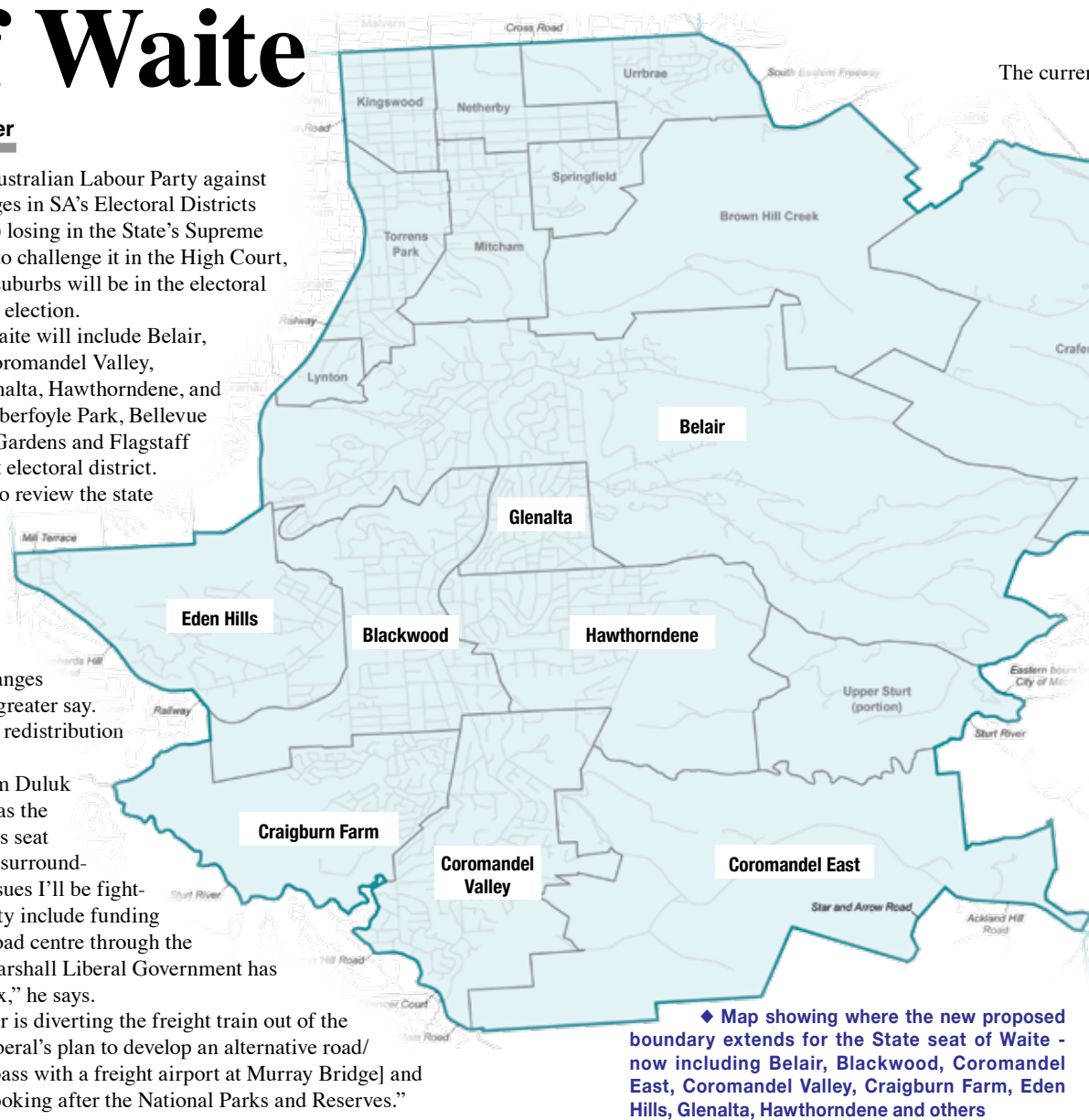
The new electoral district of Waite will include Belair, Blackwood, Coromandel East, Coromandel Valley, Craighburn Farm, Eden Hills, Glenalta, Hawthorndene, and a portion of Upper Sturt; while Aberfoyle Park, Bellevue Heights, Chandlers Hill, Cherry Gardens and Flagstaff Hill will be in the new Davenport electoral district.

The EDBC is required by law to review the state boundaries after each election to ensure 'as far as practicable, that the electoral redistribution is fair'. This needs to be done within 24 months of a general election.

Labor argued the boundary changes give voters in some electorates a greater say. However, the Liberals believe the redistribution is fair for all South Australians.

Current MP for Davenport, Sam Duluk confirmed he'd been preselected as the Liberal candidate for Waite as this seat now includes Blackwood and the surrounding suburbs. "Some of the key issues I'll be fighting for on behalf of the community include funding the Blackwood roundabout and road centre through the Mitcham Hills, which a future Marshall Liberal Government has already pledged \$20 million to fix," he says.

"Other issues I'll be fighting for is diverting the freight train out of the Hills through Globe Link [the Liberal's plan to develop an alternative road/rail corridor along a northern bypass with a freight airport at Murray Bridge] and improving public transport and looking after the National Parks and Reserves."



◆ Map showing where the new proposed boundary extends for the State seat of Waite - now including Belair, Blackwood, Coromandel East, Coromandel Valley, Craighburn Farm, Eden Hills, Glenalta, Hawthorndene and others

The current Member for Waite, Martin Hamilton-Smith has already confirmed he will be standing as an Independent at the 2018 State election. He says he's always argued for protection of the concept of 'Communities of Interest' - where an electorate's 25,000 constituents common interests are a major consideration in drawing electoral boundaries. "We are fortunate that what we have now in the seat of Waite is a community of many common interests," he says. "Blackwood, Hawthorndene, Mitcham and Glenalta are the central parts of this community that stretches from Craighburn Farm to Craighburn Farm and across to Kingswood; it's where I was brought up, where I have lived and worked." He highlights as an Independent MP working with Government as a Minister, the results for constituents of Waite have been very positive, with schools winning funding for renewable energy infrastructure, sporting clubs getting new equipment and clubrooms, and funding for the Springbank Road redevelopment been secured. The final report and boundary maps can be downloaded at [www.edbc.sa.gov.au/redistributions/current-commission/2016-final-redistribution-report.html](http://www.edbc.sa.gov.au/redistributions/current-commission/2016-final-redistribution-report.html)

## Blackwood has a car parking problem!

YES we all know that ..... I hear you say. However, this is a car parking problem of a different sort.

The other day I went to visit a customer in the Woolworths Shopping Centre and car park spaces were few and far between.

Finally I spotted one, and went to drive into it only to find the reason it was empty was because no-one could fit in there as a car was parked across the dividing line leaving no room for a car to park alongside - bugga!! (see photo)

Now in all fairness, you can probably squeeze your car into the space, but then you can't get out of your car unless you are built like a toothpick, and/or risk having your car damaged by the door opening from the car alongside.

So off I drove and finally spotted another one - and guess what - the same thing!! It was empty because a motorist had parked across the dividing line again.

I don't understand how some people are not aware of the fact that they have taken up two car spaces and can't simply park their car between the lines like the majority of motorists seem to manage to do - and everyone is happy then.

Although, sometimes it can also be the result of a 'domino effect' where one car has parked at an angle outside the lines, so that subsequent cars being parked alongside have to follow the same angle ... and so it goes on down the line.

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\* **Blackwood on Parade** explores the cultural, commercial and social development of Blackwood south where many 19th and early 20th century buildings can still be seen. This 90 minute walk begins at the War Memorial adjacent to the Blackwood Roundabout, and takes in Coromandel Parade and Adey Road, ending with Devonshire tea at the historic Blackwood Railway Station.

Thursday May 11: 10am-12pm  
Sunday May 21: 2pm-4pm

\* **The Changing Face of Main Road Blackwood** explores the street north of the Blackwood Roundabout which has been the location for many of the township's shops and other businesses since the 19th century. Participants will hear about the old

businesses that have closed their doors, and the new ones which have replaced them. A highlight is a visit to the Freemasons' Lodge. The 90 minute walk begins at the Post Office and continues north along Main Road, ending with Devonshire tea at the historic Blackwood Railway Station.

Thursday May 11: 2pm-4pm

Sunday May 21: 10am-12pm



\* **Hidden Gems of Eden Hills** - The Post Office and Store opened in 1912 and, with the railway station, made up 'the village'. Walkers will explore the school, old homes and shops, and view the railway viaduct and tunnel. This 90 minute undulating walk

begins and ends at the Eden Hills Railway Station on Wilpena Street, and includes Devonshire tea at a former hospital. Sunday May 7: 10am-12pm

Sunday May 7: 2pm-4pm

For each walk the cost is \$5 and booking is essential: ahazellau@gmail.com

For more information about the Festival, see the HistorySA Festival program distributed with the Advertiser on April 8.

Also available at local news agencies and libraries and online at [www.historyfestival.sa.gov.au](http://www.historyfestival.sa.gov.au)

TAKE the opportunity to enjoy the stories about the fascinating history of the Blackwood and Coromandel Valley district under the guidance of friendly local people.

The local National Trust branch is offering activities all this autumn, including during April:

\* Sun 2nd April - "See the Places, Hear the Stories" Bus Tour from 9.30am - 4pm

\* Tues 4th April - "Walk the Trails, Hear the Tales" Guided Walk (Northern) : 1-4 pm

\* Wed 5th April - "Walk the Trails, Hear the Tales" Guided Walk (Southern) : 1-4pm

\* Sat 8th & Sun 9th April - Watchman House & Winns Bakehouse Museum Open 10am - 4pm

\* Wed 12th April - "See the Places, Hear the Stories" Bus Tour 9.30am - 4pm

\* Sun 16th April - Gamble Cottage Garden Open 1-4pm (afternoon teas available)

\* Sun 16th April - Winns Bakehouse Museum. Open 1-4 pm

\* Sun 30th - "Walk the Trails, Hear the Tales" Guided Walk (Northern) : 1-4 pm While in May there will be a similar bus

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Note that bookings are required for all Bus Tours and Guided Walks.

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Guided Walks - (Northern) departs from/returns to Frank Smith Park, Magarey Road, Coromandel Valley.

(Southern) departs from/returns to Coromandel Community Centre Car Park, 442b Main Road, Coromandel Valley.

A special event is planned for May 10th - "Spotlight on History" - 7.30pm, Blackwood Uniting Church Hall, with Keith Conlon taking a fresh look at Heritage Matters - telling some stories in his usual entertaining way, while Anthony Presgrave will be talking about "Passing Through" with the early roadways and travel between Adelaide and Goolwa. Everyone is invited - \$5pp includes supper.

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## Baby boomers looking for new horizons turning to Probus



MEMBERS of the Combined Probus Club of Eden Hills recently celebrated their Club's 20th birthday with a lunch for 81 people at St. Francis Winery in Old Reynella.

In his address to the members and invited guests, Douglas Geekie, Chairman, Probus South Pacific Ltd; gave a brief overview of the first forty years of Probus in Australia and New Zealand.

Looking to the future, he stressed the aim over the next few years was to maintain existing membership and also to expand the number of Probus Clubs in order to meet the needs of "baby boomers" now commencing retirement in large numbers.

"Probus is about the maximisation of fun, fellowship and friendship for our club members," explained Douglas.

Foundation Member and honoured guest Nicky Richards, cut the special birthday cake, made by member Margaret Jesse.

Invited guests included Barry Pryor, Probus Chairman of Rotary District 9520; and Kevin Marsh, Secretary, Rotary Club of Blackwood.

Probus Clubs are established by Rotary to provide opportunities for retirees to remain active and involved during their post-employment years.

Probus aims "to stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time of life when horizons may be narrowing and opportunities to make new friends may be limited".



◆ (from left): Newly installed Eden Hills Probus President Bob Triggs with foundation member Nicky Richards, and Douglas Geekie, Chairman of Probus South Pacific Ltd. (photo courtesy of Jan Triggs)

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# Council approves funding for speed reduction measures

by Annie Waddington-Feather

DESPITE objections being raised to the installation of speed reducing measures along Brighton Parade in Blackwood, the City of Mitcham Council decided to allocate funding for the project to proceed.

In November last year, Council agreed to fund the project after years of intense lobbying and traffic studies, which found traffic volumes on the street had risen over the past three years and many drivers were travelling at speeds well above the 40kph speed limit.

Studies also found traffic volumes increased in the morning and afternoon peaks indicating the street was being used as a 'rat run', with a significant numbers of vehicles travelling above 60kph during these periods.

However, Council recently received a petition of nearly 450 signatories asking for Council to rescind its decision. The petition included signatories from surrounding streets, suburbs and other suburbs including Morphett Vale, Aldinga, Sellicks Beach and Seacombe Heights.

The petition was initiated because some mem-

bers of the community claimed they were not aware of the original community consultation held in 2016 about the matter and they wanted to ensure their voices were heard.

In addition, it was also noted in the Council Agenda motion, the traffic measures may not be needed because of the undertaking of the current State Member for Waite, to back a significant allocation of funds to implement major DPTI upgrades along Main Road, Blackwood and the Blackwood roundabout.

If funded, it was believed this proposal would have significant impact on traffic flows in streets surrounding the roundabout, and arguably would reduce or eliminate the need for traffic control devices on Brighton Parade and other nearby streets.

However, at the meeting last month, Council heard deputations both for and against the speed restrictions and decided against rescinding its motion, and approved new funding of \$290,000.

Council confirmed raised platforms and flat top humps will be installed, with work expecting to commence in April or May.

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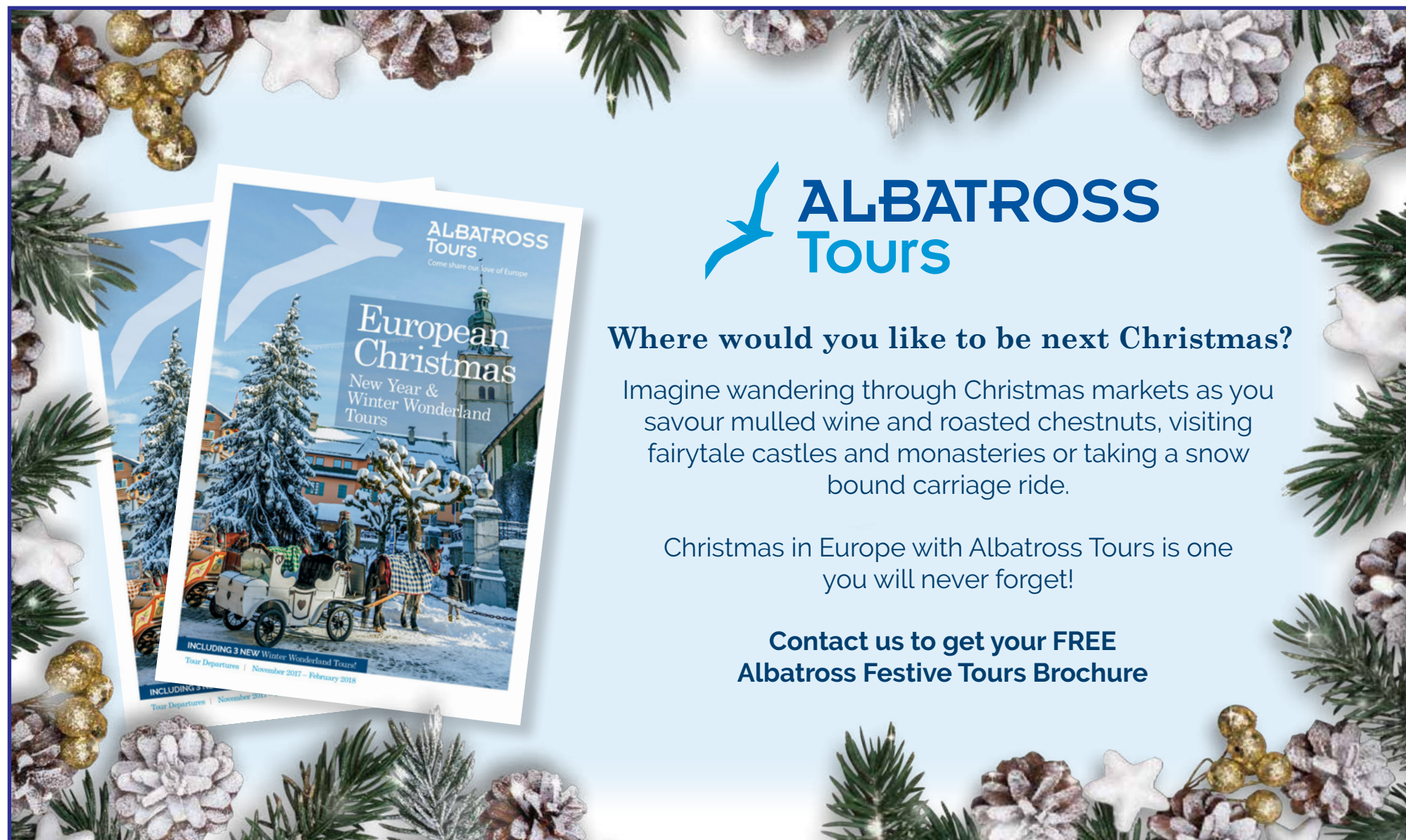
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# Girls can finally play the sport they love

PLAYERS from the Adelaide Crows men's squad visited Blackwood High School (BHS) last month, recognising the school's inclusive approach to women's football via the recently launched 'Special Interest Girls Australian Football Program'.

BHS started their Special Interest Program earlier this year with the semester long subject seeking out students that demonstrated an interest in playing women's football and engaging them in a range of practical and theoretic activities including team play and tactics, positional play, fitness, umpiring, nutrition, coaching and sports injury.

Heading up the program is teacher Janet Bradley, adding that the school is proud to be taking a proactive approach in engaging young women in a much loved national sport, rapidly emerging as a real option for women thanks to the introduction of the AFL Women's league, and the success of the Crows women's team.

"Our program builds on a long and successful history of girls playing Australian football through Blackwood High School's Knock Out sport program, including female Crows player Abbey Holmes who played in the school's state championship team in 2007," explained Janet.



◆ Photo: (from left) Teacher Janet Bradley with three Blackwood High students who have started the Special Interest Girls Australian Football Program at the school - Rylee, Willow and Olivia

"With female football now being part of the curriculum, girls who have played Auskick, school yard footy and footy with their family, will now be able to formally build on their skills and game sense, providing a pathway to elite competitions," said Janet.

Participating student Rylee Jozwa says she and her peers have enjoyed learning more about Australian Rules Football at school and are excited to have Crows players visiting.

"I chose to do 'girls football' as a subject because in primary school I loved playing football with the boys at recess and lunch, but sadly I always got told girls couldn't play competitively," said Rylee.

While Willow said, "I've been watching my brothers play footy for many years and I fell in love with game. Now I get the chance to develop my skills and who knows where it could take me."

Olivia added, "I loved watching men's footy and after years of gymnastics was looking for a new sport. The footy program at Blackwood is fantastic and I enjoy playing a team sport."

BHS is hopeful that the program might be the catalyst for students to go on and play in the AFL Women's league. □

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## The Blackwood markets

A NEW type of 'market' has sprung up in Blackwood at the Memorial Hall on Coromandel Parade where throughout the year, 6 different 'themed' markets are planned including informative talks and demonstrations so you can learn new things and share people's passions in a fun atmosphere.

The next 'Blackwood Market' focusses on 'Garden and Produce' being held on Sunday 23 April from 10am-3pm and is shaping up to be a fantastic event.

A huge range of stalls will be presented from garden art, garden beds, worm farms, plants, olive oil, homemade preserves, wine and home brewing and heaps more.

While a 'seed saving' stall is where you can swap your seeds to try and grow something new, or drop in to any number of demonstrations which are planned such as : how to build a worm farm, seed raising or fermentation and more.

There will also be informative talks by horticulturists and a beekeeper speaking on 'Attracting bees to your garden'.

Applications for stall holders are still available and can be found at facebook.com/Blackwoodmarkets/ or contact by email at blackwoodmarkets@gmail.com

□ Visit their Facebook page for a timetable of events at the April market.

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### TAKEAWAYS

#### 'Happy Hour' menu includes:

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# Snazzi new owner shopped at the store for 23 years

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"Bec then told me that the owner was out the back if you want to have a chat with her.....and the rest is history!"

Karen who has lived in the Blackwood district for 23 years decided to buy the business. It is a Blackwood icon and so many people were disappointed it was no longer going to be there. "I feel very fortunate to be the new owner. Roz the previous owner has been amazing," she explained.

Karen has been happily married for 28 years to her best friend and the love of her life. She has two sons who attended Bellevue Heights Primary and St Johns Grammar schools.

Karen has been actively involved in many groups in the district. Parents and Friends, school sport committees, basketball coach and co-ordinator, just to name a few. She has also played and umpired netball at the Blackwood Recreation Center as well as playing basketball there.

Currently Karen is a member of the Blackwood Bowling Club, playing pennants twice a week and she also plays carpet bowls during winter. She has served on the committee for the past 8 years.

"I am very community minded and I always shop locally including using local tradesmen as much as I can. I am overwhelmed and thrilled at the positive response I have received in keeping the shop open. We love living in the friendly village atmosphere that Blackwood has to offer," said Karen.

Drop into Snazzi at 239 Main Road Blackwood to say hello or you call the shop on 8278 3479. See Snazzi advert on page 2.

◆ Photo: (from left) Roz and Karen looking at winter garments that will be arriving in store in coming weeks



## Cultural Easter tradition witnessed by hundreds



ONE of the iconic songs of Easter across the world is the famous "Via Dolorosa". It will be sung this Easter in over 150 countries and heard by millions around the world.

The background to that song is that "Via Dolorosa" is a street within the Old City of Jerusalem. It is a Latin term, and translated into English means "Way of Grief," "Way of Sorrow," "Way of Suffering" or simply "Painful Way". This was the path Jesus took carrying his cross on his way to Golgotha.

Two years ago, an event began in Blackwood to re-enact the "Via Dolorosa"; like on that first Good Friday, 2000 years ago.

Each year around 500 people have lined the footpath on Coromandel Parade, Blackwood to witness the event.

"It has certainly gained some momentum over the past two years," reflected Brandon Chaplin, Senior Pastor of Blackwood Hills Baptist Church.

"You don't see that kind of thing every day in the streets of Blackwood. It has been both striking and solemn, to witness someone dressed as Jesus, walking the 400 metres or so from Simla Parade to the church building, with hundreds crowding the streets to witness it."

In some countries around the world, it is a cultural tradition to enact the events of the first Good Friday. From South America to Europe and back to North America, some towns and

◆ Photo: Crowds lined Coromandel Parade in Blackwood on Good Friday last year, to witness the re-enactment of the 'path that Jesus took carrying his cross'.

villages take the opportunity to remind people about the events of the first Good Friday.

"The feeling among the people who attended was one of serious reflection," added Brandon. "A car or two had to slow down to have a look at what was going on. Many people found it very emotional as they follow the Jesus into the church, at which point our Good Friday service begins."

This tradition will continue in Blackwood on Good Friday from 9.30am on Friday April 14.

"We plan for 'Jesus' to walk south from Simla Parade toward the church at 72 Coromandel Parade and then enter in," explained Brandon.

"We then hope that the crowd that gathers will follow in and join us for our service of reflection that begins at 10am. People want to engage with that first Easter story and seek to get an understanding of what it means. People are very welcome to attend any of the services over the Easter weekend, not just Good Friday."

Easter Services at Blackwood Hills are at 10am on Good Friday, and on Easter Sunday at 10am and 7pm.

□ For more info call the church on 8370 0333 or visit [www.thevillage.org.au](http://www.thevillage.org.au)

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# Anzac flag mysteriously went missing

WHEN the New Zealand flag used for ANZAC Day commemorations at Blackwood Community RSL couldn't be found, the New Zealand Consul General and Trade Commissioner, Stephen Blair, stepped in and presented it with a new one!

No-one knows what happened to the flag, which was last seen at the 2016 ANZAC ceremony. "We'd had the previous New Zealand flag for 48 years," says Blackwood RSL Past President Frank Blamey.

He explains most RSLs have a three pole flag – one for the Australian flag, one for the New Zealand because of the associations with ANZAC, and one for the State flag. "It's been that way since World War I," said Frank.

So when the flag went missing, the RSL had to get a new one.

Nicolle Flint, Federal Member for Boothby, said the Blackwood Community RSL provides a vital support network for our veterans, their families, and the loved ones of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom (see article below on the Jack Wass Legacy Show fundraiser) and when she heard the flag had gone missing, she was keen to help.

She had met Stephen while working in Canberra and knew he does a lot of work with Australian RSLs. "He offered to visit the Blackwood RSL with me to present a beautiful embroidered New Zealand flag as we continue to remember

100 years of ANZAC sacrifice," she says.

When he presented the flag to Frank, members of the RSL, Nicolle, and local MP and Blackwood Community RSL Patron Sam Duluk, Stephen said he was very impressed with the dedication of the volunteers and the important role the RSL has in the Blackwood community.

"I received such a warm welcome and I look forward to returning to Blackwood again soon," he says.

Frank was very grateful to Stephen for the new flag and says they'll make sure this one is kept safe.

See separate article on this page for local ANZAC Day ceremonies and events around the district.



◆ (from left): Sam Duluk, Frank Blamey, Stephen Blair with Nicolle Flint proudly displaying the New Zealand flag to be used in the ANZAC Day ceremony

## Anzac show supports families of those who served their country



THE hugely popular fundraising concert, the *Jack Wass Anzac Legacy Show*, returns to Blackwood Memorial Hall on Coromandel Parade as part of this year's local Anzac Day commemorations on Sunday 30 April for a matinee and an evening show.

The concert features the Shoo Shoo Mamas and Ellington's Heirs, and these talented musicians present the music of the World War 2 era, performing toe-tapping Andrews' Sisters songs such as Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, and Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree.

The show has a six-year history in Blackwood and has so far raised over \$14,000 for Legacy Australia, which is dedicated to caring for the families of those who served their country.

The matinee starts at 3pm and the evening show will begin at 6.30pm.

Matinee audiences should arrive early to enjoy a complimentary afternoon tea provided by the Legacy Ladies, and refreshments will be available to purchase at the evening show.

Both shows have proved very popular, often being sold out, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Sharing the stage are local singers Bec Watt, Emma Lyndon and Ali Durham, who make up the well-known Shoo Shoo Mamas.

The band consists of Jason Hammond on piano, John Aué on double bass, Yuri Markov on drums, Robert Booth on trumpet, Tom Bastians on saxophones and Sophia MacRae on clarinet.

□ Tickets are \$15 matinee, \$20 evening, \$5 for children under 12, and are available at the Blackwood RSL, Blackwood Chemplus in the Foodland Shopping Centre and online at [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com). For further information contact Heath on 0419 843 745.

## Where you can attend local Anzac Day events

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

**21st Friday** : ANZAC Badge Day

**23rd Sunday** :

11.30am - ANZAC Church Service RSL

12.30pm - ANZAC Luncheon - please book on 8278 6253

**24th Monday 7pm** : ANZAC Eve Vigil commences

**ANZAC Day 25 April 6am** - Vigil ends

6.20am - ANZAC March from Blackwood RSL Clubrooms

to Blackwood Soldiers Memorial Gardens

at the Blackwood roundabout

6.30am - Catafalque Party Mounts Guard

6.32am - ANZAC Service commences

7am - ANZAC Service Ends. Catafalque Party Dismounts

7.10am - Gunfire Breakfast at RSL Clubrooms

8.30am - Cherry Gardens ANZAC Service commences

8.58am - Coromandel Valley ANZAC Service,

Catafalque Party Mounts Guard

9am - Coromandel Valley Service commences

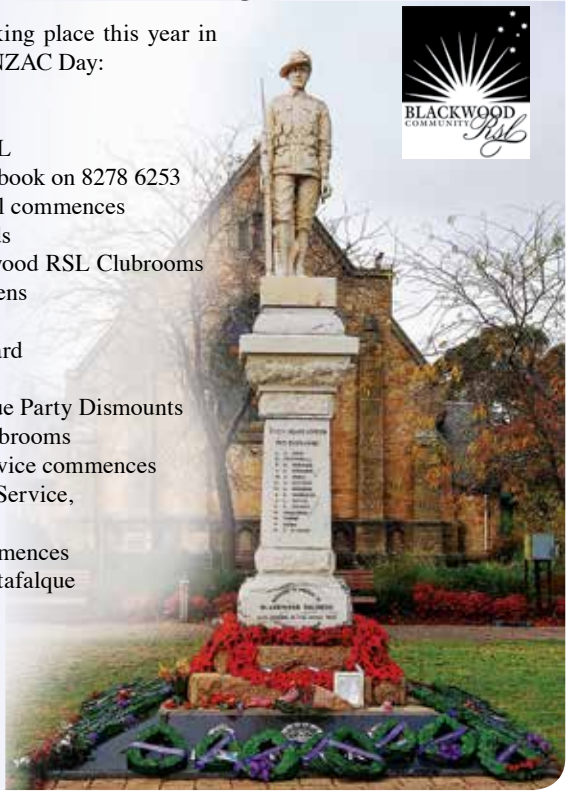
9.30am - Coromandel Service Ends Catafalque

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9.35am - Coromandel ANZAC

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# Dogs play important role in lives of hills dwellers

A KEY study by Mitcham Council to better understand and plan for dog off-leash exercise areas was conducted recently revealing some interesting facts about dogs in the Mitcham Council area.

Dogs play a significant role in the lives of many Australians, providing physical and mental health benefits, companionship and facilitating social interactions within the community.

The City of Mitcham manages some 255 reserves, parks and gardens comprising approximately 600 hectares of open space.

In 2015, there were 9,663 registered dogs in the City of Mitcham with the top 5 highest numbers per suburb being located mainly in the hills areas: Belair (856), Blackwood (804), Hawthorndene (719), Colonel Light Gardens (640) then Eden Hills (589).

Dog walking is a popular recreation activity which not only provides exercise for the dog, but also for the owner, and is an important part of the park system. Providing open space, including dog exercise areas that people can walk to rather than travelling long distances, supports the establishment of an accessible city and a healthy lifestyle.

Off-leash dog exercise is a popular recreational activity for dog owners who are also some of Mitcham's most frequent park users. The study found that dog owners visit a range of reserves rather than just one park, including sports ovals, natural bushland reserves, walking trails and off-leash enclosed dog parks.



◆ Hawthorndene Oval is a popular off-leash recreation area for dogs and their owners

Convenience was also a major factor in determining which parks dog owners attended with many walking to the parks they visited on a daily basis.

For more information visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) and view the Dog and Cat Management Plan 2012-2017.

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## Protect your rabbits against new virus

by Dr Ali Coleman, Blackwood Vets

THERE are a number of strains of Calicivirus in Australia that can cause death in wild and pet rabbits.

RHDV1 was a virus that was released in 1995. While the RHDV1-K5 variant was released in early March 2017.

These strains are contagious and are transmitted via direct contact with infected rabbits, via fomites (objects that can carry infection) and via vectors such as flies.

Existing evidence based on a study done by the NSW Department of Primary Industries suggests that the current vaccination available is effective against the RHDV1-K5 variant.

Vaccinations should be carried out for 'kittens' (baby rabbits) at 4, 8 and 12 weeks of age



and then every 6 months; and for adult rabbits, 2 vaccinations 1 month apart, and then every 6 months.

Apart from vaccination, it is also recommended to take extra precautions.

These include preventing direct and indirect contact between pet and wild rabbits. Avoid cutting and feeding grass to pet rabbits if there is a risk of contamination from wild rabbits.

Practise good insect control by insect proofing the hutch or keeping your pet rabbit indoors. Also practise good hygiene by washing hands with warm soapy water between handling rabbits.

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- ◆ **2 April**  
**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.
- ◆ **2 April**  
**BOTTLE COLLECTION** - from 10am by Belair Scout Group. Collect all glass, soft drink cans & soft drink plastic bottles - from your driveway. Phone Lyndal on 0477 110 022.
- ◆ **2 & 16 April**  
**BLACKWOOD YARNAHOLICS** - a friendly group of knitters and crocheters of all ages who meet at The Artisan Café to share skills and tips to help each other. Everyone welcome, contact Amanda on 0414 764 776.
- ◆ **3 April**  
**BLACKWOOD LADIES PROBUS CLUB** - meet at Blackwood Community Ctr, 4 Young St, at 10am. Guest speakers. Visitors & prospective members welcome. Phone Valerie Mills-Stacy on 8370 2674 for details.
- ◆ **5 April**  
**BLACKWOOD CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** - help refugees settle in our community. Meet at Blackwood Uniting Church near Blackwood roundabout from 7.30pm. Contact Tricia on [triciarushtonconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:triciarushtonconsulting@gmail.com)
- ◆ **5 April**  
**BLACKWOOD RECONCILIATION GROUP** - "The History of Colebrook Reconciliation Park Eden Hills SA." Guest Speaker will be Major Sumner; Ngarrindjeri/Kaurna Elder. Public Meeting in the Hall of the Blackwood 'Roundabout' Church, at 7:30pm. All Welcome. A gold Coin donation would be appreciated. Light Supper after.

- ◆ **6 April**  
**BLACKWOOD MENS PROBUS CLUB** - meet at Masonic Lodge, Main Road from 9.30-11.30am. Visitors and new members welcome. Enquiries to Allen on 8278 2096.
- ◆ **7 & 8 April**  
**CAMP WEYMOUTH** - fun interactive events run by Scout leaders and Coro Community Centre volunteers for 10-15 year olds. Check in Fri 5.30pm and check out Sat 10am. Cost is Free and bookings essential. For more info ph Coro Ctr on 8370 6880..
- ◆ **8 April**  
**AUST. SEWING GUILD (MITCHAM HILLS)** - any people interested in sewing from beginners to advanced are welcome. Held at the Blackwood Uniting Church (at the roundabout) from 1.30-4pm. Phone Donna on 8374 3172 or 0413 022 162 for details.
- ◆ **9 & 23 April**  
**JOAN'S PATCH : A GARDEN FOR THE COMMUNITY** - meets 1-4pm 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](mailto:jpkitchengarden@gmail.com)
- ◆ **10 April**  
**BELAIR LADIES' PROBUS** - meet at Blackwood Uniting Church, opp Blackwood roundabout at 10am. We welcome prospective members and visitors. Phone Joy on 8270 6162.

- ◆ **10 April**  
**CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB** - meets at 7.30pm in Cherry Gardens Uniting Church, Hicks Hill Rd. Each month a guest speaker and trading table. Enquiries to Lyn on 0400 290 521.
- ◆ **10 April**  
**EDEN HILLS COMBINED PROBUS** - meet at Blackwood Community Ctr at 4 Young St, Blackwood at 9.30am. Meet from 7.30-9.30pm. Enjoy socialising with other retirees, listening to guest speakers, plus monthly outings. Prospective members and visitors welcome. Phone Secretary on 8270 8371 for details.
- ◆ **11 & 25 April**  
**ADELAIDE HILLS TOASTMASTERS** - Affordable public speaking training & practice in a friendly adult group. Meet from 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries to Diddy Pederick on 0408 100 016 or e: [diddyina@yahoo.com](mailto:diddyina@yahoo.com)
- ◆ **13 April**  
**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** - meet in local coffee lounge. For details phone Jackie on 8278 5761 or 0438 419 305.
- ◆ **13 April**  
**HAWTHORNDENE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB** - held at Belair Uniting Church Hall, Sheoak Road, Belair at 9.30am. Monthly guest speakers. Visitors welcome. Inquiries: 8278 2025.
- ◆ **16 April**  
**FRIENDS OF GAMBLE COTTAGE & GARDEN** open between 1-4pm. Enjoy a stroll through his-

- toric gardens and view Cottage. Plant nursery open with range of inexpensive plants. Entry is free - 296 Main Rd, Blackwood cnr Dorham Rd. Enquiries to Chris on 0418 827 825.
- ◆ **16 April**  
**BUSHCARE WORKING BEE** - 'Red Gum Gully Our Patch' group meet at Cedar Ave reserve, junction of Miller Tce and Southern Ave from 9.30-11.30am. Day to learn from each other and care for our bushland. Wear sturdy shoes and hat, tools provided. Phone 8370 2091 for details.
- ◆ **17 April**  
**BLACKWOOD ACTION GROUP** - get involved in your community. Have your say at a special Q&A forum - BAG style. Meet at Blackwood Railway Station Ticket Office from 7pm. New members always welcome. Phone 0408 117 003 or [www.blackwoodactiongroup.org.au](http://www.blackwoodactiongroup.org.au) for more details.
- ◆ **18 April**  
**FRIENDS OF BLACKWOOD FOREST** - Meet in Gamble Cottage, Main Rd, Blackwood at 7.30pm. If you want to help maintain this Recreation Park, phone Debbie on 8278 2941 for details.
- ◆ **18 April**  
**FRIENDS OF STURT GORGE** - meet at Bellevue Heights Primary School. Phone Bob Grant on 7329 8296 for meetings and working bees. Visit [www.fosg.org.au](http://www.fosg.org.au)

- ◆ **19 April**  
**STITCHERS IN THE HILLS** - Patchwork and quilting group meet at 7.30pm in Meals On Wheels premises, Coromandel Pde, Blackwood. New members always welcome. Enquiries to 8278 3569.
- ◆ **19 April**  
**BLACKWOOD WINEMAKERS & BREWERS CLUB** - meet at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 19 Coromandel Pde, from 7.30pm. Learn about wine-making and brewing, do an annual bottling and enjoy social activities. Phone 8278 6227 for details.
- ◆ **19 & 26 April**  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES** - at Coromandel Community Ctr for 5yrs+ - ph 8370 6880 for details.
- ◆ **20 April**  
**BLACKWOOD PHILATELIC CLUB** - meeting at Blackwood Uniting Church Hall from 7.30pm. Displays and sales of a wide range of Australian stamps, plus world stamps and phone cards. Visitors welcome. Ph Jeff on 8278 1609.
- ◆ **24 April**  
**BLACKWOOD FLORAL ART CLUB** - held at Blackwood Uniting Church at 7.30-9pm. All activities - no experience required. View activities of club at: [www.blackwoodfloralart.blogspot.com.au](http://www.blackwoodfloralart.blogspot.com.au)
- ◆ **26 April**  
**ADELAIDE HILLS ZONTA CLUB** - meet at Belair Park Country Club for dinner at 7pm. An international women's service club advancing the status of women worldwide. New members and visitors welcome. Phone Doone on 8278 2676 for details.



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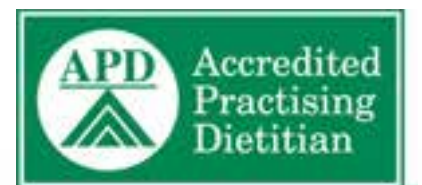
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