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TRACK STAR: Take note of this Belair student and top junior cyclist, Alex Radzikiewicz, as he may be heading for the next Olympics. In the meantime, he spends many long hours training in the Adelaide Superdrome at Gepps Cross, in preparation for Scotland. See full story page 4.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

◆ Blackwood War Memorial location

SOME residents in the Blackwood community have raised their concerns with the RSL about the proposed re-location of the Soldiers War Memorial currently located on the Blackwood roundabout, to Waite Street Reserve.

First of all, the Blackwood RSL has no proprietorship over this memorial and believes it's possible re-location is something the community needs to make a decision on through an appropriate consultation process.

Secondly, the Soldiers' Memorial re-location is only a small part of the proposed 'Waite Street Reserve ANZAC Centenary Project'.

The Blackwood RSL membership were invited to attend a presentation on the proposed commemorative project in December last year which included concept plans to upgrade the Waite Street Reserve.

A majority of our members voted to support the \$800,000 ANZAC Centenary Project with a proviso that any plan for the re-location of the Soldiers' Memorial would be subject to community consultation.

It would be a disappointing outcome if the vision for an

upgraded 'ANZAC Memorial' reserve on Waite Street was overshadowed by the issue of the location for the Soldiers' Memorial.

Frank Blamey, President,
RSL (Blackwood & District) Sub-Branch Inc.

◆ Leave Soldiers Memorial at 5 Ways

I BELIEVE the push by the Blackwood Action Group (BAG) to relocate the Soldiers Memorial is without merit, fails the heritage test, and does not represent the opinions of the broader Blackwood community.

I dispute the assertion on the BAG website that "Many community groups have recently supported BAG's proposal to relocate the Soldiers' War Memorial and the Frank Collins Memorial drinking fountain..."

The Soldiers Memorial, planned and funded by the Blackwood community, has stood at the present site for some ninety years. The site was selected by the Blackwood community of the day and granted local heritage listing in 2005. How will authorities manage the local heritage responsibilities?

In my opinion, the Mitcham Council should not allow a small, unrepresentative, unaccountable, self interest group to

destroy a significant monument to the ultimate sacrifice of the Blackwood community servicemen. If the Council does intend to support BAG with this mad proposal then give the Blackwood community the opportunity to democratically decide with a formal voting process.

Mr Pat Wilson, Blackwood

◆ Amazing 50 year reunion

WHAT an amazing weekend reunion it was for over 120 staff and students who had attended Blackwood High School starting their school life in 1962 or 1963.

The dinner on Saturday night 23rd March and the picnic the following day were attended by one overseas past student and 14 from interstate, along with many South Australian country ex students.

Locating them all was a real challenge and we are so grateful for the assistance the "Blackwood Times" provided. Your readership is very wide and we got responses from all over Australia when you ran the stories.

Thank you once again for your help.

Kathy Summerton and Kaye Lee



◆ (From left): Jan and Keith Rawolle with Judy Adami preparing meals for the Friday night feast for their disadvantaged visitors

Charity food program needs help

EVERY Friday night for the last 5 years, the Blackwood Uniting Church at the Blackwood roundabout has been operating a 'food outlet' for the more disadvantaged members of the local community.

But despite the sterling efforts of the many volunteers who cook and host these evenings, the program is now under threat.

Until last year, there were eight teams of cooks and hosts which meant that their contribution was only required every eight weeks.

Now, as some of the volunteers are getting older or suffering ill health or want to focus on other aspects of their lives, the teams have been reduced to

six; consequently, the volunteers are being asked to cook or host more often.

Not all volunteers are retirees, and those who are, want the opportunity to do other things in the community. Some are over eighty years old whilst others have multiple volunteer roles in the community. For those who are still working, the demands of their job mean that they are unable to provide the same commitment every six weeks.

Unfortunately, meals for the disadvantaged can now only be offered every alternate week unless more volunteers are found.

Many of the recipients of the program, particularly those who live alone, have stated that they will miss the opportunity to communicate and mingle with others.

For some, their Friday night get-together is their only social outing whilst others attempt to join other groups at least another night a week. Those with disabilities who are unable to travel and rely on being collected by others in the group will be the most affected.

Guests, numbering anything from 7 to 25 every Friday night, come from Blackwood and Eden Hills, Edwardstown and Marion.

One woman, who is the sole breadwinner for a family of four, said that this is one meal that she doesn't have to scrape together. Another single mother advised that, since she works nightshift, she knows that through this 'food outlet' her two growing sons have somewhere to go for a meal on a Friday night.

Once a month, Nandos (Chook With A Heart) Marion donates chicken and salad while Bakers Delight provides bread and rolls.

Whilst some hosts are still required to ensure that sufficient staff are on hand to assist with the delivery of meals, the greater need is for volunteers who love to cook. Ideally, each person is requested to provide one family sized dish, be it a soup, stew, vegetable or pasta dish, salad or dessert. Volunteers of any or no denomination would be most welcome.

All the guests were unanimous in their appreciation of the hearty and nourishing meals and warm welcome provided by the volunteers.

Anyone interested in volunteering to this worthy cause may obtain further details from Jackie at email: otworowski@bigpond.com or phone the Church office on 8278 7699.

Every cuppa makes a difference

THIS year, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea celebrates 20 years of fundraising with an incredible \$110 million in total going towards beating cancer.

One group of ladies at the Blackwood Golf Club have decided to join in the cause and are holding an event on Thursday 23 May from 10am at the Blackwood Golf Club.

You are invited to come along and enjoy a morning tea with friends including a fashion parade, jewellery display and raffles with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council of SA.

Get a group together or just come along and join in the fun and frivolity while helping those affected with cancer. Call the Blackwood Golf Club on 8388 2313 for bookings and details.



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Community backlash on monument

by Annie Waddington-Feather

THE PROPOSED Soldiers Memorial relocation from Blackwood roundabout to Waite Reserve is causing a divided community, with Council receiving deputations from both points of view last month at its April 23 meeting.

The relocation proposal, put forward by the Blackwood Action Group (BAG), is just one aspect of the 'Waite Street Reserve ANZAC Centenary Project' concept plans upgrade which also includes a new rotunda, upgraded playground equipment, an adult outdoor gym, an adventure path and shade sales. The project, originally costed at approximately \$800,000, as a whole has received letters of support from many individuals and organisations in the community.

However, local residents Pat Wilson and Tony Mudge are outraged over the proposal which currently includes for the relocation of the Soldiers Memorial, and have gathered over 2300 signatures petitioning against the relocation.

Issues raised by signatories include personal associations with the memorial; its current position is a prominent place for all to see, and concerns over vandalism if it was relocated. "This is a sacred memorial of 90 years and it is owned by the community," highlighted Pat. "Some of the stories I've heard would make your heart bleed."

In December last year, Council unanimously supported 'in principle' the relocation of the War Memorial from its present location adjacent to the Blackwood roundabout to the Waite Street Reserve.

However, last month Council put forward the motion: "That the petitioners be advised that Council will consider the petition as part of the community consultation to be conducted prior to its deliberations into the proposed relocation of the monument to Waite Street Reserve as proposed by the Blackwood Action Group".

In BAG's deputation to council over the motion, BAG spokesman Rob O'Sullivan raised concerns over the way people were petitioned. "Some of the signatories weren't aware of the reasoning behind the relocation and several people have told me they wouldn't have signed the petition had they known about the reserve's upgrade plans," he said.

Mayor Picton confirmed Council's position was to do a thorough community



consultation process on whether to move the Blackwood Soldiers War Memorial from the Fiveways Roundabout to the Waite Street Reserve. This was to ensure the views of the whole community were heard before a final decision was made.

"Given the community response and a 2,324 signature petition against the relocation, Council will debate at the next Full Council Meeting whether to continue with the consultation or make an immediate decision not to relocate the memorial," he said.

Rob acknowledges the relocation is an emotive issue, and highlighted a proper community consultation has always been included in planning for this project: "The community needs the chance to have its say," he said.

If you would like more information about the Waite Street Reserve ANZAC Centenary Project upgrade - visit www.bagi.org.au

Find local business in new directory

YOU should have received your copy of the 2013 Blackwood Business & Trade Directory in the letterbox by now.

This very popular and useful publication helps connect Blackwood homeowners with local businesses, providing a comprehensive listing of retail outlets, tradespeople and professional services.



A comment often made by people using the directory is "it's so much easier to find a local phone number in the directory rather than ploughing through the phone book".

Many residents also prefer to use local businesses where possible and this directory covers everything from Accountants to Vets - all in the one publication.

There are also contact details for many clubs and groups in the district as well as takeaway menus in the centre pages for easy reference.

☐ If you haven't received a copy, they can be picked up from NewsXpress in the Woolworths Shopping Centre, Iain Evans MP office in Young Street; or you can provide postal details by email: info@blackwoodtimes.com.au or phoning 0428 246 824.

Groups rally against new tower plan

by Annie Waddington-Feather

DESPITE Mitcham Council rejecting plans for a 25m mobile tower in the Hewett Oval car park last year and a 32m tower in Blackwood Hill Reserve in 2009, Telstra's still pushing for a mobile phone in this area to help alleviate the bad mobile coverage experienced by residents in nearby suburbs.

The plans lodged this time are for a 30m tower situated in the north east corner of Hewett Oval on Coromandel Parade, away from club rooms and ground activities.

Covering an area of 50m² for the tower and equipment shelter, terms of the offer include rent at \$18,000 per annum, and an additional consideration of a \$20,000 payment on lease commencement towards an upgrade of the sports ground facility.

Local residents and groups are once again rallying to oppose the proposal, with signatures already being gathered for a petition.

In a letter to Mitcham Council last year, Coromandel Cricket Club President Matt Longhurst clearly stated the Club was one hundred percent against the installation of the tower at any location on Hewett Oval.

As well as raising concerns over the visual appearance and further development and expansion for clubs, the letter also highlights the tower's possible detrimental effect on all clubs and organisations ability to recruit new members, and queries whether the development would set a precedent for further unwanted commercial development at Hewett Oval.

While Woods Panthers netball president, Julie Langham said: "The Woods are still against the proposal to erect a tower near our training courts

even with a 'dangling carrot' of \$20k. Until proof of what is emitted from these towers, we are reluctant to approve such a tower and put our members at possible risk."

Mayor Michael Picton confirmed at the April meeting that Council resolved to seek the views of the community, and users of the Hewett Sports Ground, on the possible location of a single telecommunications tower and equipment shelter in the north west corner of Hewett Reserve. The results of this consultation will be bought back to Council to assist it in making a decision on whether to grant a tower lease or not.



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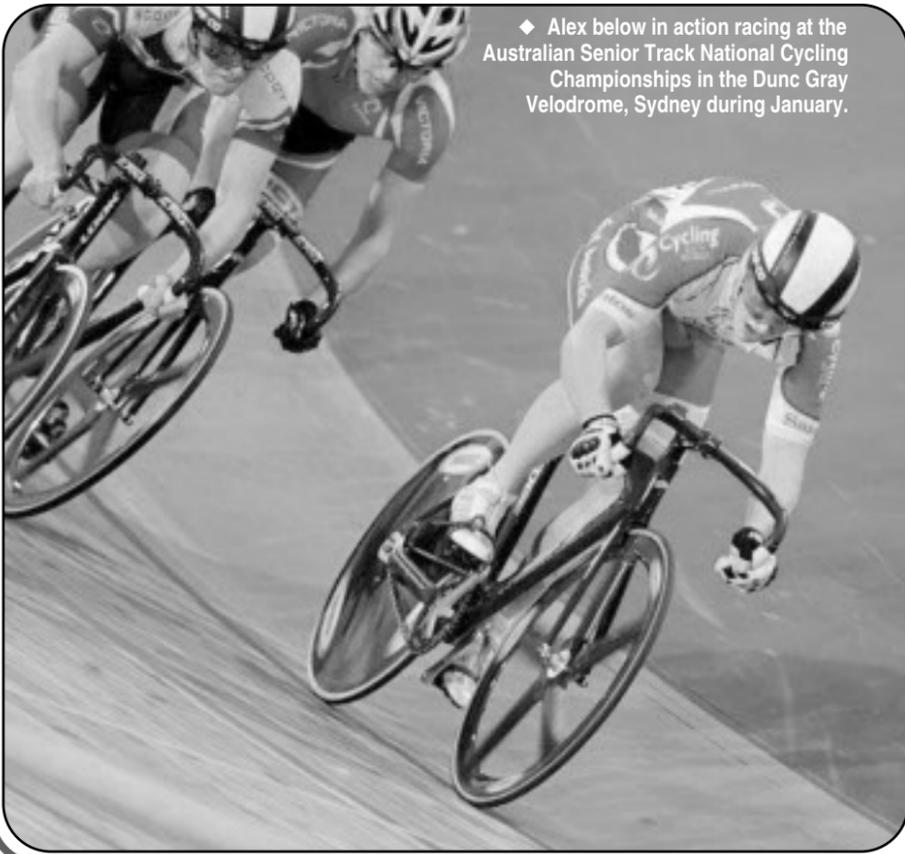
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Belair cyclist among SA juniors picked for Glasgow world championships

On track for Olympics



◆ Alex below in action racing at the Australian Senior Track National Cycling Championships in the Dunc Gray Velodrome, Sydney during January.

YEARS of dedicated training have come to fruition for a Belair student who has been selected to represent Australia at the UCI Junior World Track Cycling Championship in Glasgow, Scotland in August.

Alex Radzikiewicz, aged 17 years, is one of five SA top junior cyclists to have been selected, reflecting the strength of South Australian cycling and together they represent more than a third of the team.

It will be the third time the five team mates, all South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) scholarship holders have represented Australia.

Head Cycling Coach at SASI, Tim Decker, is thrilled with the group's selection in the Australian team for the Junior World Track Cycling Championships.

"These guys have worked so hard and their amazing success at the Australian U19 Track Cycling Championships earlier this year in Sydney reflects their talent and ability to take their cycling all the way to the top. They are the latest in a fine tradition of SASI cyclists such as Annette Edmondson, Rohan Dennis and Jack Bobridge who have commenced their international careers at this event," he said.

Alex is modest about his achievement and admitted he was a bit surprised he was selected. "There were a lot of talented athletes there and I didn't think I'd get in," he said.

The St John's High School student is now in full training, which consists of three gym sessions as well as track sessions each week. Fortunately he's only studying three subjects this year so he's able to fit it all in.

This isn't the first time Alex has competed internationally – last year he competed in the Oceania Cycling Championships in New Zealand, and his mother Barbara Mussared is thankful Alex can now drive himself to training.

There are three children in the family and she said it was very difficult taking him over to Kidman Park and Gepps Cross for 6.30am training sessions. "But now his younger brother has started training!" added Barbara.

These championships will be the last final international competition at junior level for Alex before making the transition to senior competition, and he hopes to follow in the footsteps of his cycling heroes British Olympian Chris Hoy and the Australian Olympian, Anna Meares.

"I'd like to make it to the Rio Olympics, and if not, maybe the next one."

The UCI World Junior Track Cycling Championships is to be held in Glasgow during August at the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome, the track cycling venue for the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

For further information on the event visit www.glasgowlife.org.uk/juniorworlds2013 □

Exchange seeks host families

"WE are looking for families in the Blackwood hills area who can host one student from the United States from July 3 to 13 as part of the 'Experiment in International Living' (EIL) program," said Xavier Foubert from Gekko Tours, who helps co-ordinate the South Australian leg of their nationwide travels.

The students range in age from 13 to 18 years of age and ideally each host family will have a child of a similar age. The 'homestay' experience provides overseas students with a unique and authentic Australian cultural lifestyle and a

contribution is made to each family to help cover expenses.

Local travel company Gekko Tours has been working in partnership with EIL for over 13 years and EIL has links with 26 other countries.

"It helps students from the United States learn about Australian culture. It also benefits the host family as its an opportunity to make friends with students from another country," explained Xavier.

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◆ Some of the students from the United States enjoying their stay in the Australian outback.

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During May which is also 'History Month', there are 9 different walks scheduled along the excellent walking paths and through picturesque locations. They are not strenuous walks but will

take about 3 hours (with some breaks along the way).

Other activities in May that may capture your interest are:

- * Spotlight meetings where stories about people, land and community are presented and shared. On May 17 is What's Your Story? bring along a story to tell about your family in the Valley - there are afternoon sessions (2-4pm) these are repeated in the evening (7.30-10pm).

- * Guided bus tours on 11 and 26 May.

- * Open displays at Gamble Cottage, Gamble Garden, and the Winns Bakehouse Museum on Sunday 19 May.

Coromandel Valley has many fascinating stories to be told. Hearing the stories and asking your questions will open a treasure chest of information that will capture your imagination and provide knowledge about our heritage. Story telling is a part of all May activities.

□ Detail about the activities can be found on

coroalive.org.au or by contacting the Coromandel Valley and Districts National Trust by email: dwyatt4@bigpond.com or phone Trevor Conlon on 8270 5686 or David Wyatt on 8270 4400. Information is also contained in the 'About Time' magazine out now.

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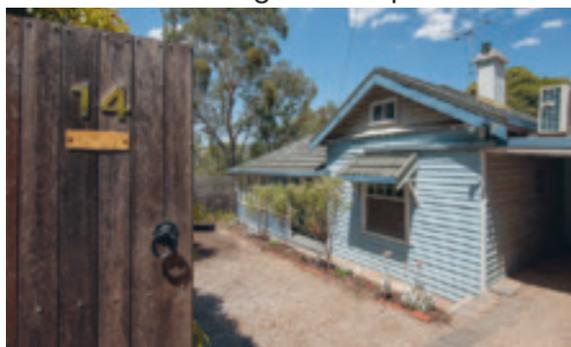


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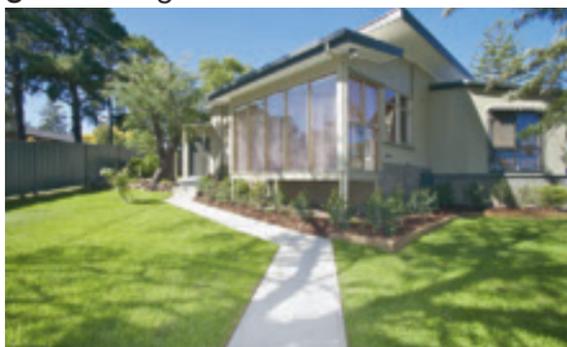


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Cafe sets new quirky style

"WE have always worked with people," said Frank Boke and Denise Tinwell, owners of the new HillBilly's coffee shop in Blackwood.

"We wanted to offer Blackwood people something a bit different," said Denise. "So with the introduction of some quirky recycled furniture and fittings, we have created a unique atmosphere that customers have already warmed to."

It's a family run business with daughter Jessica working in the Main Road shop as well. They have owned and operated similar style businesses in the Sydney CBD for many years and are used to preparing quality food and providing a friendly service to customers.

They source much of their produce from local suppliers and are keen to support local artists and craftspeople with works on display being for sale.

Their chef John, brings with him 35 years experience in the kitchen, having worked as head chef in many well known Adelaide restaurants for the past 23 years.

"We love the Blackwood area with its country village feeling and are currently looking for a home to move in to in the district," added Denise.

"The response since opening has been fantastic and we have been made to feel very welcome by customers."

HillBilly's is open 7 days with their breakfasts proving popular with early morning customers. The shop is located at 225 Main Road, Blackwood (opposite Coles) and you can book a table by phoning 8278 7397. (See their introductory offer in the advertisement on this page.)

On right - Some of the team at HillBilly's coffee shop (seated): Frank and Denise with (at back) chef John and Jessica.



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"IT'S becoming more and more popular to mark the celebration of a special event like an engagement, wedding or even a milestone birthday with a holiday," said Lucy, travel consultant with Travelaffare Blackwood.

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Lisa has been involved in the hospitality/catering industry for many years

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A great shop to explore and browse in, filled with vintage china and jewellery along with homewares including throws and cushions; and all your craft and painting supplies.

While Mother's Day is being celebrated with a display of vintage costume jewellery sourced recently from England and all on sale for that special Mother's Day gift. Call in to the shop on Saturday, May 11 between 10am - 4pm.

Cherub's Gift and Craft Shop is located at 243 Main Road, Blackwood (next to Bank SA); or phone 8278 1244.



◆ ABOVE: Fine china at Cherubs Gift and Craft. TOP RIGHT: Elegant Images jewellery sample. MIDDLE RIGHT: Fashion handbags from Blackwood Boot & Shoe Repairs. BOTTOM RIGHT: Chef Hung Lien at House of Zen restaurant, Belair.

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Bookings for Mother's Day are essential with lunch from 12noon and dinner from 5pm.

The House of Zen is located in the Belair Vines Shopping Centre on Main Road opposite the BP Belair service station. To book your table phone the restaurant on 8370 2333 today.

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AN extensive selection of cards for all occasions can be found at NewsXpress Blackwood - and while you're there have a browse around the unique and quirky collection of gifts Penny has assembled.

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Reconciliation Group forum

From little things ... big things grow

by Isabelle Henshall, Year 12 student at St John's Grammar and Carol Morison Logan, Deputy Chair Blackwood Reconciliation Group

LAST month, the senior campus of St. John's Grammar School buzzed with excitement as Blackwood Reconciliation Group (BRG) members, students and staff made final preparations for a public meeting held to recognise the need to reform the Australian Constitution, to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the first people of Australia and to remove discriminatory elements in the Australian Constitution.

The meeting was opened by senior Kaurna Elder, Auntie Josephine Agius, while NITV 'Fusion' music star, Allan Sumner took to the stage with his acoustic guitar and powerful voice. His music told of his life, family, and experiences growing up as an Aboriginal man, with his message "... that it's not only discrimination that blocks recognition, also ...negative stories have been passed on, having a ripple effect..." being applauded.

Then St. John's Grammar student, Alison Gill

highlighted why her experiences on a trip to the APY Lands (located in the remote northwest of South Australia) made her aware of injustices facing Aboriginal people; and student Keira Simmons sang a song written for the day about truth and the need to correct our National Constitution for the future of all Australians.

The formal aspect of the day was compered by Mark Parnell, SA Greens MP who introduced the speakers including the Mayor of Mitcham, Michael Picton and Bob Such, SA Independent MP. Then Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney, Dean of Indigenous Education, Adelaide



◆ Some of the guests who attended the 'Recognise' event included (from left to right): Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney; X-Factor singer-songwriter Ellie Lovegrove; Bullrushes lead guitarist and vocalist Allan Sumner; Mitcham Council Mayor Michael Picton; Tanya Hosch from Recognise Australia; Greens MP Mark Parnell, Independent MP Bob Such and Professor Alex Ward of the SA Law Society.

University urged the crowd to take action in the coming referendum by demonstrating that Australia "...will not wait any longer for reconciliation..."

While Alexander Ward, President of the Law Society of SA revealed that, "... Australia has the only constitution in the world with a race power..." where the SA Race Discrimination and Sex Discrimination Acts can be repealed at any time, on any day, by the whim of a majority vote in Parliament, until formally installed in the Australian Constitution.

Keynote speaker Tanya Hosch, Deputy Director

of the National Recognise Campaign, identified grass root challenges to overcome and ways to support - visit www.recognise.org.au

Concluding speeches were made by Yvonne Caddy, Chair, BRG and Cheryl Bauer, Principal, St John's Grammar School.

The meeting finished with Allan Sumner singing Paul Kelly's famous song, 'From Little things, big things grow'; perfectly encapsulating the theme of the day - inclusion, standing together and reforming the Constitution of Australia.

□ Note: Comments made in this article do not necessarily reflect those of this newspaper



◆ MOW Blackwood secretary, Barb Capon cuts the 21st birthday cake after nearly 40 years of voluntary service.

Meals on Wheels marks 21 years

TURNING 21 years is a milestone worth celebrating and Blackwood Meals On Wheels (MOW) did that just recently with a barbeque and the cutting of a 'birthday cake' in front of many volunteers and friends.

"Our current slogan is ... we deliver more than just a meal," said Cheryl Gray, chairperson at Blackwood Meals On Wheels. "Sometimes when we deliver the lunchtime meal we may be the only contact the customer has had all day."

Cheryl has been a volunteer for over 20 years and made many lasting friendships with fellow volunteers while making a positive contribution to the community she lives in.

"We have great fun delivering the meals - it may only be a couple of hours once a week - every little bit helps," said Cheryl.

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Building skills that last to adulthood

MORE than 120 Scouts, old and young, came from all over the State (and beyond – NSW and Queensland) to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Belair Scout Group last month.

They came back to Belair to meet old friends and leaders, look at old photos and videos, and laugh at old stories.

But the party wasn't just for nostalgia. The Scouts SA Chief Commissioner Chris Bates, with three young Scout members Ben, Caitlin and Oliver, cut the ribbon for the opening of the newly renovated Scout Hall.

The George Waye Hall has been transformed, with a team of parents working tirelessly for more than a year to transform the hall with a new kitchen, meeting rooms, Leaders' den and store-rooms.

At the party, young Scouts and visitors got a taste of some of the outdoor activities Scouts revel in: they enjoyed testing their skills on a rope bridge and tried out the Group's new kayaks on an improvised pond. Visitors enjoyed a sausage sizzle from the Group's barbecue trailer and a slab of birthday cake.

The Venturer Scouts provided a musical surprise with their newly-formed band - Adam's drum roll for the ribbon cutting was a highlight!

Group leader Nicola Capon said it was a joy to see so many old parents and friends, and salute the skills and friendships which Scouts had carried into their adulthood.

"It is so good to see the lessons and leadership developed in Scouting have stood people in such good stead throughout their careers and their lives.

"Scouts have gone out from Belair all over the world, well equipped from the skills they learned in Scouting, along with great friendships, and great memories. We are looking forward to the adventures of the next generation," added Nicola.

❑ The Belair Scout Group has about 80 members in Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers, ages 6-18. They would be happy to welcome more girls and boys; give Nicola a call on 0412 708 940.

◆ Pictured at right: Cutting the ribbon on the new Belair Scouts hall were the Scouts SA chief commissioner Chris Bates helped by scout Caitlin (centre) and cubs Ben and Oliver. Photo courtesy Michael Selge.



How families can help fauna

The Coromandel Community Centre is hosting an event as part of Families Week, from 15 to 21 May.

The theme of the week is 'working together', and this is what families will have to do on Sunday, 19 May when they will be required to construct their own bird box, painting it if they like, ready to take home.

Nest boxes placed in gardens can make a real difference to the success or failure of a breeding species. By making a bird box, families will help the environment, nature and provide pleasure.

Cost to attend will be \$20 per bird box. Families can participate in this fun activity from 12.30-2.30pm at the Coromandel Community Centre, Weymouth Oval on Main Road. A sausage sizzle lunch will be available to purchase thanks to Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley.

Families are asked to bring along a cordless drill and small bits if they have them.

❑ Bookings on 8370 6880 and pre-payment essential.

Centres help forge connection with community



COMMUNITY centres are the heart of our community. There are places to live, laugh, learn and connect.

National Community and Neighbourhood Centres Week 2013, from May 6 to 10, aims to celebrate the contribution made by these centres across Australia.

Within the City of Onkaparinga there are eight community centres and two positive ageing centres, offering a huge array of low cost, local courses, programs and events for all.

One local who knows more than most the value of community centres is Flagstaff Hill resident Alice Hilberdink (pictured left with her daughters Tahlia and Charlotte).

Almost 15 years ago Alice was involved in an accident that left her permanently unable to walk without the assistance of crutches.

The impact on her life was significant and over time Alice began to experience the negative side effects of disconnection from her community. 'Because of my reduced mobility I began to feel isolated and spent much of my time at home,' said Alice.

'About three years after the accident I received a flyer in the mail from Coromandel Community Centre advertising art classes. Being an avid painter in watercolours at home, I decided it was time to get involved.

'I absolutely loved those classes,' recalls Alice. 'I met people with similar interests so I instantly felt that connection I was missing.'

Later when Alice had her first child she switched to night classes at the centre, but it wasn't long before she began exploring the broad range of activities on offer there.

'I got more and more involved as the years went on, taking cooking classes, bringing my kids to Family Fun Days, and later volunteering to help run those events.

Alice had her second child and continued her family's involvement in the centre, with her eldest child joining her by taking art classes while Alice completed her First Aid Certificate.

Now almost 12 years later, Alice has taken a bold step forward and joined the Coromandel Community Centre Board.

'Joining the board in 2012 seemed a natural progression for me as my confidence grew, and I knew I could provide a unique perspective as a long term participant in the centre's programs.

'Community centres are a great contact point, I've learnt a huge range of new skills, my confidence has received a major boost and my children have benefitted greatly from their involvement in programs that cater to their needs and social development, which is so important for young kids,' explained Alice.

'My involvement with community centres has definitely enhanced and added to my life in many positive ways,' Alice says.

❑ To find out more about community centres across the City of Onkaparinga and discover the range of programs, events and courses on offer, or find your nearest community centre visit www.onkaparingacity.com and select 'Living Here', or phone customer service on 8384 0666.

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◆ 2 May

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BLACKWOOD PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB - meet in "The Studio", Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Pde at 7.30pm. Come out from behind your lenses and meet like minded friends and join in fun of competitions, field trips and workshops. Visit www.blackwoodphotographic.org for details.

◆ 6 May

BLACKWOOD LADIES PROBUS CLUB - meet at 4 Young St, Blackwood (Over 50s Clubrooms) at 10am. Guest speakers. Visitors & prospective members welcome. Phone Valerie Mills-Stacy on 8370 2674 for details.

◆ 6 May

BLACKWOOD HILLS VIEW - women meet for coffee at Cafe Primo at 10.30am. Just come along. Phone Annalies on 8370 2528 for details.

◆ 5 May

BLACKWOOD CRAFT MARKET - from 10am to 4pm at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade. Admission is free. New stall enquiries to Kerrie on 0427 410 917.

◆ 5 May

BOTTLE COLLECTION - from 10am by Belair Scout Group. Collect all glass, soft drink cans & soft drink plastic bottles - from your driveway. Any queries phone Clare on 8370 3972.

◆ 9 May

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - meet in Artisans coffee lounge (behind Bendigo Bank) at 2pm. For more details phone Jackie on 8278 5761 or 0431 967 153.

◆ 9 May

HAWTHORNDENE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB - held at Belair Uniting Church Hall, Sheoak Road, Belair at 9.30am. Monthly guest speakers. Visitors welcome. Inquiries: 8278 1964.

◆ 12 May

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 for details.

◆ 13 May

THE MARRIAGE COURSE - get out for a 'date with a difference' - designed for all couples whether your relationship is great or there are areas you need to work on. 7 week course starts at Coro

Uniting Church, cnr Main Rd and Crane Ave, Coromandel Valley. Cost \$100 per couple to cover food and materials. Ph David Buxton on 0438 500 375 or visit www.corouniting.org

◆ 13 May

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 monthly outings. Prospective members and visitors welcome. Phone Secretary on 8379 2457.

◆ 13 May

BELAIR LADIES' PROBUS - meet at Blackwood Uniting Church, opp Blackwood roundabout at 10am. We welcome prospective members and visitors. Phone Dianne on 8278 4294.

◆ 13 May

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.

◆ 14 & 28 May

ADELAIDE HILLS TOASTMASTERS - Affordable public speaking training & practice in a friendly adult group. Meet from 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries to Annabel Price on 0402 767 535.

◆ 15 May

STITCHERS IN THE HILLS - Patchwork and quilting group meet at 7.30pm in Church of Christ, cnr Shepherds Hill Rd & Waite St, Blackwood. New members always welcome. Enquiries to 8278 3569.

◆ 16 May

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 8278 1609.

◆ 16 May

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

◆ 16 May

ADELAIDE HILLS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY - AGM and presentation night at Blackwood Community Ctr, 4 Young St, Blackwood at 7.30pm. Topic: trip to KI. Ph Paul on 0410 687 998 (VK5PAS) for details.

◆ 20 May

BLACKWOOD HILLS VIEW - women meet for lunch at Belair Park Country Club at 10am. Voices Interests & Education of Women. Guest speaker Dorothy Pargeter, retired Principal at St Johns School on 'Back to School'. Bookings for lunch essential. Phone Annalies on 8370 2528 for details.

◆ 20 May

BLACKWOOD COMBINED PROBUS CLUB - meets at 10am in Blackwood Community Ctr, 4 Young St, Blackwood. Enjoy friendship of other retirees, guest speakers and outings. Prospective members and visitors welcome. Enquiries to Margaret on 8278 5250.

◆ 21 May

FRIENDS OF BLACKWOOD FOREST - Meet in Gamble Cottage, Main Rd, Blackwood at 7.30pm. If you want to help maintain this Recreation Park, phone Jenny on 8278 8898 for details.

◆ 22 May

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. Ph 8278 5916 for details.

◆ 22 May

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.

◆ 23 May

BIGGEST MORNING TEA - at Blackwood Golf Club at Cherry Gardens from 10am. enjoy a morning cuppa with friends while helping those affected by cancer. Call trh Club on 8388 2313 for bookings.

◆ 24 May

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF COROMANDEL VALLEY - meet at Belair Park Country Club at 10am. We welcome prospective members and visitors. Phone Denis on 8270 1548 or Ian on 8278 4325.

◆ 27 May

BLACKWOOD FLORAL ART CLUB - meet at Blackwood Uniting Church hall at 7.30pm. Demonstrations, workshops and information. Prospective members and visitors welcome. Inquiries: Judy on 8270 2491.

◆ 28 May

FRIENDS OF BELAIR NATIONAL PARK - FREE guided walk - ask at ticket office for free entry with 2pm start. Spend 2hrs learning about different plants. Enquiries to 8278 6736.

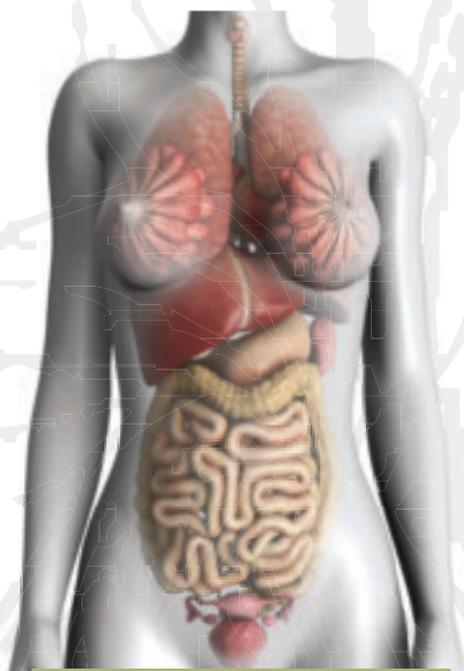
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