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Investing in local district helps keep **businesses viable**



by Annie Waddington-Feather

OVER the past few months, The Blackwood Times has reported on research which suggests 'Blackwood will waste away if nothing is done', however some local businesses see Blackwood as a great community and are choosing to invest in the district.

Joan's Pantry, the café near Apex Park at Hawthorndene is currently having a massive makeover and will be re-opening in November.

Owner Lisa Down believes more people are moving to the area and thinks the area will only get busier.

"The building was desperately run down and needed renovating," she explains, highlighting it lacked toilets, had a small internal space and as there was no air conditioning, it was uncomfortable for staff and customers alike.

"When it's finished, we'll be providing better facilities, including a toilet for the disabled and baby changing area for mums, and we'll have ducted air conditioning!'

Furthermore, the building will be more ecofriendly, with skylights and LED lighting, and Lisa plans to install disabled access to the community garden in the future. You can keep up

manager) discussing the proposed new development with John Pavlis (proprietor)

with developments by visiting www.facebook. com/JoansPantry While at Blackwood Fitness on Main Road.

draft plans for a new medical and health clinic and 32-seat café, are currently been considered by City of Mitcham planning department.

John Pavlis, Blackwood Fitness owner explains the suggested expansion is a result of feedback from its 6000 plus members.

"The medical centre in the front of the building is very old and drab; so we are proposing to give it a facelift and develop it internally," he "Health and wellbeing services at the loca-

tion will complement the fitness centre ethos; members can exercise, have a massage and physio, and then have a coffee after."

John highlights that with the ongoing expansion of residents moving into 'Blackwood Park', the Centre provides an affordable service for people to keep healthy and helps give people a reason to stay in the

However, John pointed out, "At some stage the (Mitcham) Council needs to make decisions which will help local business. I believe people will shop where they live and if you build it, they will come."

He feels Council should be developing poilicies so private developers and investors can feel confident enough to earn from their business. John has already received strong expressions of interest for his proposed development.

For more details on the proposed new facilities at Blackwood Fitness, visit their website at www.blackwoodfitness.com.au

Meanwhile Blackwood will also have a dog day care centre when the building is finished at Hills Veterinary Centre, on Main Road, Blackwood.

"Dogs are pack animals and can suffer from eparation and anxiety," explains Jon Carruthers, Centre owner

"The care centre concept isn't a common concept in Adelaide but it's popular in the United States. Our staff will play with and monitor the dogs, keeping them stimulated."

Jon says it will help decrease 'behaviour disease' for some dogs, as they will be exercising, happier, and running around and playing with

He also points out this service is ideal for very

busy families - by the time the family pet gets home from our day care centre, it probably won't need a walk.

Mitcham City Mayor Glenn Spear said he vanted Blackwood to thrive and move ahead, highlighting Council is working on long-term strategies for Blackwood.

He said the 'garden centre' tenant next to Blackwood Library had relinquished their lease and Council is looking at commercial opportunities for the centre.

"I'd like to see it developed for the good of the community," he said.

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Parade marks start of hristmas season Friday

IT'S South Australia's second biggest pageant, celebrating it's 51st year, and it rolls into town again on the first Friday in December.

It's that time of year when most of Blackwood turns out to enjoy the annual Christmas Pageant down Main Road - either as a spectator or involved with an organisation, school or club on a float in the Parade.

If you are new to the Blackwood area or haven't had the experience of attending the annual Christmas Parade - it's something you should try to attend - especially if you have young children to bring along!

Businesses, schools and clubs are invited to enter a float in the Parade with a Christmas and/

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Please contact Parade Co-ordinator and local MP Sam Duluk on 8278 5844 for

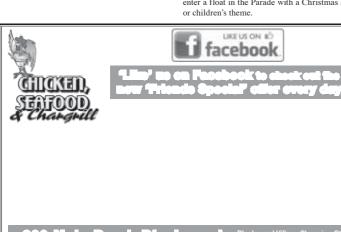
a Parade entry form and registration details.

Dec 4

After the Parade, Santa ends up at Waite Reserve where Coromandel Valley Rotary holds a Christmas Fair. If you would like to enquire about a stall or providing children's entertainment at the Fair, please phone Debbie on 8278 2941

Pencil this date in your diary or on the calendar now - Friday, December 4, Blackwood Christmas pageant night.

☐ Watch this space for full details in the December edition of The Blackwood Times - delivered to your letterbox between 28 November and 2 December.







Remembering our local boys

IN CONJUNCTION with the Blackwood Action Group, local historian Geoff Lock will be presenting a cameo account of the names of the fallen who are listed on the Soldiers' Memorial starting at 2pm on Sunday November 8 at the Memorial at the Blackwood roundabout.

Geoff is an authority on local soldiers and very passionate about the Memorials - both at Blackwood and Coromandel Valley; his presentation will make for a very informative historical talk.

Activities will continue at the Blackwood Railway Station including devonshire teas being available.

Here is some background information provided by Geoff giving you a taste of what you can expect on the day

"Despite the inclement weather, a crowd of over 300 people witnessed the Commissioner of Police, Brig. Gen. Leane unveil the Blackwood War Memorial on Saturday 11 June 1921.

This memorial lists the names of 14 men from the district who died during the Great War as well as the names of those who enlisted and returned from Active Service.

The monument is as impressive today as when made over 90 years ago, being nearly 6 metres in height, with a life-size figure of an Australian soldier standing to attention at the top of the pedestal. It was built of Angaston marble under the supervision of Mr A.S. Tillett of the South Australian Monumental Works.

Plans for the erection of a suitable memorial "to recognise the services of the young men of the district who have answered the call of The Empire" were first mooted in July 1916 with the forming of a committee to discuss various proposals.

It was not until after the end of hostilities in 1918 that any further discussions within the community took place and it is obvious from a distance of over 95 years that different opinions existed as to the location of any memorial and who to include.

At that time, (1919) it was thought that any local memorial would be erected at Blackwood, being the central part of the district that comprised Belair, Blackwood, Coromandel Valley and Eden Hills.

Following a preliminary meeting of residents at the Coromandel Valley Institute on December 6, 1919, a decision was made at a further meeting on April 1, 1920 to endorse the recommendation to erect a separate memorial at Coromandel Valley. This memorial was officially unveiled by Brig. Gen. R.L.Leane on Saturday 28 May, 1921.

With the erecting of two local memorials, the question of whose name to include on which memorial remains an un-answered puzzle today.

Many of the names of the fallen were taken



♦ Geoff (on right) discussing the names of soldiers on the Memorial with two students (Brendan and Niamh) from Coromandel Valley Primary School who have been helping with the project

from the Coromandel Valley Public School's Roll of Honour but not all who are listed on the memorials actually lived in the district or attended the local school

Likewise, the names of some men who did attend the school are omitted; five former students who are known to have died during the war and whose names are included on the Coromandel Valley Public School's Roll of

Honour do not appear on either of the local

In conjunction with the Coromandel Valley Primary School, I am pursuing the case for including the names of the missing."

☐ Participant numbers to the event are limited so please register your attendance with Anne Hazell on 0438 781 123 or email: ahazellau@gmail.com by November 1.

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The Coromandel Community Centre will be hosting 'Movies in the Park' at Weymouth Oval, Main Road, Coromandel Valley on Saturday, 28 November.

There is nothing quite like the atmosphere of catching a movie under the stars and Weymouth Oval is the perfect venue for this fun, safe and family friendly event.

A \$2 donation is all it will take to enjoy the 8.15pm screening of "Big Hero 6" (animated PG rated movie).

Come and enjoy a summer evening and entertainment in the fresh air with family and



friends. Bring along your bean bag, rugs (no high backed chairs please) and picnic baskets.

Event will open at 6.30pm, enjoy live entertainment by young performer; Aden Quinn until the sun goes down. Aden is a 14 year old talent that will blow you away on his guitar and with his vocals.

Some catering will be on sale as well as glowsticks, to create a magical atmosphere when the sun goes down.

☐ For more information about the event (including catering options) or to obtain a description of the movie being screened, visit the Coromandel Community Centre website at www.coroalive.org. au or contact the Centre office on 8370 6880.

If rain is forecast the event will be cancelled.

Join in fun at special Rotary Christmas fair

GET your kids into the Christmas spirit early by bringing them along to the annual Blackwood Rotary Christmas Fair on Sunday, November 8 at Karinya Reserve on Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills.

"This is a special year for us," said Fair organiser Sue Wymond, "as we are celebrating our 40th year of bringing the Rotary Christmas Fair to thousands of families and kids since its inception."

In recent years, the Fair has attracted in excess of 3,000 people so you need to get there early to get the best bargains. There is always loads of exciting activities for the whole family to enjoy and lots of entertainment for the kids.

The usual tasty hot and cold food, cool drinks and ice-creams, and community stalls offering a wide range of goods and handicrafts.

The Rotary 'plant stall' will be overflowing with flowering plants, herbs, chillies, succulents and vegetables - just what you need to get your garden in top shape for the holidays.

The very popular Rotary 'book stall' will be overflowing with 1000's of books for all ages - most are only 50 cents!

There will be many activities for children, young and old, including a bouncing castle and lots more - plus Father Christmas will in attendance taking orders for Xmas.

See you at Karinya Reserve, Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills on Sunday, November 15 - gates open at 9am and close at 3pm! A gold coin donation is welcome.

☐ Check out the Rotary Facebook page for more details at www.facebook.com/ BlackwoodRotaryClub and for more information contact Sue on 0417 312 853 or email blackwoodchristmasfair@cmail.com





t's too late when you see the smoke!

by Annie Waddington-Feather

LAST month's hot spell over the long weekend in October caught many of us off-guard, and as we are in the midst of an El Nino event and have a predicted long hot summer in front of us, now is the time to prepare our properties for bushfire season.

Our picturesque leafy suburbs, close to national beauties such as the Belair National Park does make it a high risk area.

Dale Thompson, Sturt CFS Group Officer stresses people need to prepare their properties now and work out their plan - whether to stay and defend the property, or to leave.

The plan needs to be something which will work," he says. "If your plan is to leave, you must still prepare your home; we are not going to put lives at risk if people haven't prepared their property. I've seen people clearing their gutters when there is a fire coming up

the hill - but it is too late when the fire is already upon us!' There is a lot of information available online and the CFS has a

free app which can be downloaded onto your mobile phone Dale is really keen for people to come and talk to the CFS if they would like individual bushfire advice, or just want to ask questions.

"I would also like to express our thanks to the community, both residents and businesses, for their generosity in helping to fund the purchase of our new water tanker which will be arriving shortly," added Dale.

The Tanker will be based in the Cherry Gardens CFS station and would remain in the district when other fire-fighting resources are responded out of the area on Strike Team deployments.

Meanwhile, Member for Davenport, Sam Duluk MP, continues to press the Government on upgrades to the level crossings along the Belair line, highlighting it poses a serious danger during a fire



evacuation or if an ambulance, fire or police vehicle needs to get somewhere fast.

"The Glenalta boom gates repeatedly fail - and it is only a matter of time before our luck runs out. Jammed boom gates. traffic congestion, a catastrophic fire danger day, and panicked residents is a recipe for an unmitigated disaster," said Sam.

FREE Community Forum: Be Bushfire Ready!

The community forum - Be Bushfire Ready - will help you prepare for the bushfire season. Special quest speaker, Mr Dale Thompson (Sturt CFS Group Officer) will explain how residents and business owners can prepare their family and buildings for a bushfire, as well as highlight local CFS preparations for bushfire

safety and what you can do to help.
Starting at 7pm, on Tuesday, 24 November, at Blackwood Uniting Church, this FREE event is your opportunity to ask questions, get advice and find out exactly what you need to do to be bushfire ready.

☐ If you would like to attend or need more information, please contact Sam Duluk MP's office on 8278 5844 or email davenport@parliament.sa.gov.au

"We are not going to put our volunteers lives at risk if people haven't prepared their property"

◆ (on left): The new compressed air foam system bulk water carrier enables CFS crews to spray an area with foam which blankets the fire, thereby reducing the fire's capacity to seek out a source of oxygen.



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"The first fruit and veg business I owned was actually located in the Blackwood Woolworths shopping centre, so when the opportunity came up to buy this store I was keen to return to familiar territory.

"It is a family run business with my daughter Georgina helping out, and we have been very lucky to secure the services of Carol Clark who has worked in local fruit and veg shops for many years." added John.

There have been a number of improvements to the shop since John taking over in June this year, including the range of potted herbs and vegetables, as well as a selection of seasonal colours for the garden.

"I'm very passionate about providing first class customer service as well as rewarding those customers who choose to shop here regularly," said John. "We have introduced a loyalty card where you can receive a 20% discount on your next purchase once your card is fully stamped.

"It's great to be back in Blackwood; I really missed the friendly faces and chatting to customers which seems to be unique to this district"

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Little spend can make big difference

by Annie Waddington-Feather

CHRISTMAS is just a month away, and for many retailers the busiest time of the year.

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many *Totally Locally* traders will be opening their doors on Sunday and until 7pm on Thursdays.

"We know how busy Christmas can get, so we're helping residents by extend-

ing our trading hours over the next couple of months," says Heather Holmes-Ross who is heading up Blackwood's Totally Locally

"All our members are independently owned, so by supporting a Totally Locally business, you know the money is not going into a large multinational's pocket; it is keeping a local business or service going and local people employed."

"It only takes a little spend to make a big difference to the area," Heather stressed.

"If you're thinking about having a Christmas party or family gathering, consider using one of the local ven-

using one of the local venues; we'd all love to give your Christmas party a personal touch to make your celebrations more special."

Watch this space for the December update from the

Totally Locally group – rumour has it, Father Christmas will be staying around for a few weeks after the Christmas Pageant.....

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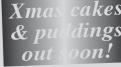
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seek out the needs within the community and last year was no exception.

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President Kevin Bird said, "The main reason I consider our Club is so successful is the cooperation that exists amongst us and the willingness of our Lions and their partners to participate in so many community ventures - often with simple BBQs etc, the Eve Anzac Day Vigil, and the Blackwood Christmas Pageant to mention a few."

IT would not be unreasonable for people to think that if all Lions do is raise funds and work on community projects, then being a Lion must be hard work.

Far from it, we have fun and know how to let our hair down - working on projects with fellow Lions members is fun in itself but we also organise other enjoyable activities.

We have our annual Club Christmas party, Melbourne Cup lunch, movie nights, and we treat ourselves to a weekend away once a year. Each month our partners join us for dinner at our fellow-

ship meeting and guest speaker.

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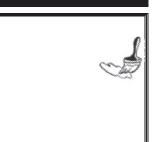
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BLACKWOOD CRAFT MARKET - from 10am to 4pm at Blackwood Memorial Hall, 21 Coromandel Parade. Admission is free. Enquiries to Kerrie on 0427 410 917

♦ 1 November

BOTTLE COLLECTION - from 10am by Belair Scout Group. Collect all glass, soft drink cans & soft drink plastic bottles - from your driveway. Any queries phone 0477 110 022.

◆ 2 November

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.

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BLACKWOOD HILLS VIEW CLUB - invites women to meet new friends at coffee morning at Cafe Primo at 10.30am. Phone Sue on 8370 2289. Supporting disadvantaged children through The Smith family

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4 November

BLACKWOOD CIRCLE OF FRIENDS - help refugees settle in our community. Meet a Blackwood Uniting Church near Blackwood roundabout from 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact Carey on carey_jo71@

♦ 4 & 18 November

LIONS CLUB OF BLACKWOOD - meet on 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 6.30pm for 7pm start. Prospective members and visitors Phone John Alexandrou on

MTA

at Masonic Lodge, Main Road from 9.30 11.30am. Visitors and new members wel-

come. Enquiries to Alien on oz. o ≥ ...
♦ 6 & 7 November
ROUNDABOUT CRAFT FAIR & EXHIBITION - at Blackwood Uniting Church from 10am 4pm. Over 30 stalls with café open. Go coin entry fee. Phone Jacqui on 8278 7699 for more details

MEN'S BREAKFAST - at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church from 7.30-9am. Enjoy a continental breakfast followed by guest speaker Shaun Hart (ex renowned AFL player) has decorated career spanning 25 years including 3 AFL premierships. Cost of \$8 or \$5 conc. RSVP Michael on 0403 656537 by Wed 4 November

8 November

♦ 8 November

SPRING FETE - held at Hewett Oval on
Coromandel Parade from 11am-4pm.
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- lots of fun for whole family. Perfect for pre-Xmas shopping. Check out Facebook: StPetersFest 2015 or www.stpeterslutheran.sa.edu.au/news

♦ 8 November

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.

8 & 22 November

Joan's PANTRY KITCHEN GARDEN - meets 1-4pm at Joan's Pantry, Watahuna Avenue, Hawthorndene to share ideas, plant seed-

lings and tend to community garden. New members welcome. Enquiries to email: jpkitchengarden@gmail.com

9 November

TWILIGHT AMBROSE GOLF COMP - at Belair Golf Club 6pm tee off. \$5000 cash prize team of 3 players over 9 holes and 11 rounds. Ph 8370 2511 for more details

BELAIR LADIES' PROBUS - meet at Blackwood Uniting Church, opp Blackwood roundabout at 10am. We welcome prospective members and visitors. Phone Joy on 8270 6162.

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.

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 for details.

10 & 24 November

Adelaide Hills Toastmasters - Affordable public speaking training & practice in a friendly adult group. Meet from 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries to Annabel Price on 9.30pm. End 0402 767 535.

12 November

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - meet in local coffee lounge. For more details phone Jackie on 8278 5761 or

12 Novembe HAWTHORNDENE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB - held

at Belair Uniting Church Hall, Sheoak Road, Belair at 9.30am. Monthly guest Visitors welcome. Inquiries: speakers. 8278 1964.

14 November

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.

BLACKWOOD ACTION GROUP - get involved in your community. Meet at Blackwood Railway Station Waiting Room from 7pm. New members always welcome. Phone 0404 117 003 or www.blackwoodactiongroup.org.au for more details.

16 November

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 8278 5250.

16 November

BLACKWOOD HILLS VIEW CLUB - invites women to meet new friends at luncheon meeting at Belair Park Country Club at 10am. Guest speaker is Annie Luur Fox on "What is so important about Hahndorf" Booking essential - lunch cost \$26 by 12 November. Phone Sue on 8370 2289 for details. Supporting disadvantaged through The Smith family

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

17 November

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

◆ 18 November
STITCHERS IN THE HILLS - Patchwork and quilting group meet at 7.30pm in Meals On Wheels premises, Coromandel Pde, Blackwood. New members always welcome. Enauiries to 8278 3569.

♦ 18 November
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 & enjoy social activities. New members welcome. Ph 8278 6227.

♦ 19 November

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

24 November

FRIENDS OF BELAIR NATIONAL PARK - free guided 2 hour Native Orchid walk at 1.45pm for 2pm start. Last walk for the year. Ask at ticket office for free vehicle entry. Enquiries to Beyin on 8278 6411.

25 November

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.

30 November

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