

■ Your City Your Say

Draft Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan

Council invites your feedback on the draft 2019/20 Annual Business Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and Budget options by **5pm Wednesday 22 May**. To achieve our commitment to the community to maintain and improve services two rate increase options are being presented. Option One a rate increase of 3.1% which enables the continued provision of current services, programs, activities and new services including Blackwood Football Club change rooms, the Cumberland Park Soccer Pitch, continuing important work on the Brownhill Creek and Sturt Linear Park. Option Two, a rate increase up to 3.55% to fund a number of additional new services (as well as all of those in option one) that work to address issues such as climate change, localised flooding, improving public safety and expanding Council's footpath network. We also invite you to make a submission at the Full Council meeting on **Tuesday 14 May at 7pm** at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park. To register your attendance call 8372 8888. Copies of the draft Plan are available to view at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, Mitcham or Blackwood Libraries or at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/draftplan. Written submissions must be received by **5pm Wednesday 22 May** by completing an online survey at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/draftplan.

■ Free Food Safety Training

If you are thinking about entering the hospitality industry it is essential that you have the correct skills and knowledge to prepare food safely so your customers don't become ill. A free food safety training session will be held at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre on **Wednesday 12 June from 5.30pm to 7.45pm**. To register or for more information call 8372 8816.

■ Author Lucy Moffatt

Join local author Lucy Moffatt who will talk about her new book *Some Days : A Memoir* at the Mitcham Memorial Library on **Wednesday 22 May at 6.30pm**. Lucy is a writer and English Language teacher from Adelaide her first book is a story of friendship, cancer and margarita pizza. To book for this free event call 8372 8244.

■ Thank you to our Volunteers

National Volunteer Week 20 – 26 May celebrates and values the work volunteers provide to the community. Council's community programs depend upon the participation of caring and committed volunteers. Elected Members, staff and residents would like to sincerely thank our volunteers for their contribution towards creating a strong sense of community.

■ Compostable Dog Poo Bags

What do you think of our Compostable Dog Poo Bags? Our compostable dog poo bag trial finished at the end of April and we would love to hear your feedback. We trialled the bags at Hawthorndene Oval, Brownhill Creek Road and Mortlock Park. Share your thoughts by email mitcham@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or call 8372 8888.

■ Author Tanya Heaslip

Meet author Tanya Heaslip at the Blackwood Library on **Wednesday 5 June at 6.30pm**. Tanya will discuss her new book *Alice to Prague* a charming true story of an outback girl who finds adventure and love on the other side of the world. To book your seat call the Blackwood Library on 8372 8255.

■ Beyond the Kerb Waste and Recycling Tour

Learn what happens to the contents of your bin once it is picked up? Join us for a Beyond the Kerb Tour on **Monday 20 May 8.45am to 2.45pm**. Discover where your recycling and landfill material goes, how your food scraps become valuable compost and how plastic waste is being recycled. Seats are limited! To book call KESAB on 8234 7255 or email ali@kesab.asn.au