

## TRIO READY TO ROLL ON COURT



Margot Holl, Olivia Renshaw and Mikayla Tatarelli have been selected to represent SA at the Under-16 Basketball Championships in Perth. PICTURE: RUSSELL MILLARD

### SPORT

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OLIVIA Renshaw was determined to make her debut with the state basketball team despite suffering an injury in the lead up to the event.

The Mercedes College student rolled her ankle a fortnight ago and was told it would take up to a month to get back to full form.

With the Australian Under-16 Basketball Championships scheduled for two weeks later, Olivia upped her rehabilitation program to make sure she was competition ready.

"It happened on a Friday night playing with my normal Sturt Sabres team and I just kind of stepped on another girl's foot and rolled my ankle," she says.

"I had to come off the court straight away."

Olivia, 14, went to the doctor the following day and was told it was a grade two sprain.

"They wanted the recovery time to be two to four weeks, but we only had two weeks before the competition," she says.

"I was determined to play ... I couldn't miss the opportunity."

Olivia, of Glenunga, started playing basketball when she was seven years old.

Since then she has played in a number of interclub and school competitions in SA and interstate. Olivia has met some of her closest friends at the club, including Margot Hall and Mikayla Tatarelli, who are also in the SA team.

Mikayla, of Craighburn Farm, says dedication is just as important as skill when it comes to playing basketball.

"You need to try really hard so you can succeed," Mikayla, 15, says.

"Stay focused and keep trying because you can do it ... a positive attitude is important."

The competition is on in Perth until Saturday.

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# Councillor puts the case for fee-free coffee

### MITCHAM

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FOOD and coffee vans could begin popping up in parks around the region if a Mitcham councillor's bid to waive fees is successful.

Elected member Nick Greer has lodged a motion aimed at ending the council's \$64.60 daily charge for vendors.

It was postponed until this week's meeting, after the HillsValley Messenger deadline.

"We really want to encourage mobile food vans back into our parks," Cr Greer said.

"The way I want to do that is by waiving that fee formally."

"I think it's a good thing for the community - people enjoy having food or a coffee

in the park." Vendors had mixed thoughts about its impact. "I think it would be fantastic if there was no fee but at

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the same time it has to be monitored," co-owner of the Mitcham-based Sneaky Pickle food truck Amanda Griffiths said.

"Someone from the council has to make sure they're doing

the right thing and not leaving rubbish."

But she said more food trucks in the area could be a positive thing "because they get people outside and in the parks".

The owner of Ice Cream King of Belair, Dianne Lorence, was sceptical.

"Every little bit helps, but it still doesn't mean you'll make money," she said.

"It's hard to make money ... it's difficult in the food van business."

Ice Cream King of Belair runs on weekends and school holidays in Belair National Park.

According to a Mitcham Council spokeswoman, two vendors have set up on community land over the past 12 months, but they were catering for private functions.



# MITCHAM COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Dog and Cat Registration

Dog and Cat owners should have received their Registration Renewal Notice. This year dog owners will also receive their disc with the renewal notice. To activate the disc all you need to do is pay the registration renewal. All dogs and cats over three months of age must be registered. Payment is due by **31 August**. If you have not received your renewal notice by the 31 July please contact the Customer Service Centre on 8372 8888.

## Cooking for Senior Men

Join friendly qualified chef Murray George and learn how to cook, every Wednesday, over 6 weeks from 6 September to 4 October. Men are invited to register for our 'Cooking for Senior Men' course in our brand new kitchen at Cumberland Park Community Centre to learn some fantastic tasting recipes. The cost of the course is \$60. To book call 8372 8888 or email [communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au)

## Meet Author Michael Robotham

Hear bestselling crime thriller author Michael Robotham talk about his gripping new title, 'The Secrets She Keeps' at the Tower Arts Centre on **Tuesday 18 July at 6.30pm**. Michael, author of the Joseph O'Loughlin series and the award winning Life or Death, will share insights into his compelling psychological thriller about two women and a dangerous secret that could destroy everything they hold dear. To book your seat to our free event please call 8372 8255. Books available for purchase and signing.

## Food Safety Training Sessions

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. Register for a free food safety training session at the City of Mitcham Civic Centre on **Thursday 22 August 9.30am to 11.45am**. For more information or to book call 8372 8816.

## Burning Permits

Residents who live in high fire risk areas can apply online to Council to obtain a permit to burn green waste material to reduce fuel and hazards in preparation for the next fire season. Remember it is illegal to burn rubbish or green waste material in the open without a permit. Visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/backyardburning](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/backyardburning)

## Nominate Your Local Hero

Do you know someone who contributes to our local community? Nominations are now open for Australia Day Awards and Mitcham's Awards for Excellence. You could nominate the recipient of an Australia Day Citizen, Young Citizen or Community Event Award or an Award for Excellence in Design, Community Services, Sport or Environmental Achievement. Entries close at **5 pm on Friday 10 November**. Nomination forms are available from the City of Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park and [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au). For more information call 8372 8805.

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Prebook your one free hard waste collection to dispose of many unwanted items. It is easy to book a collection call Council's waste hotline on 8347 5170 or visit [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au)

## Rusty Young at the Library

Don't miss international bestselling author Rusty Young at the Mitcham Library on **Tuesday 8 August at 2pm**. Rusty will talk about his new fiction book Colombiano, based on his real life experiences trying to help former child soldiers in Colombia. Bookings essential to this free event call 8372 8244.

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