

# Ginninderry Journal

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## Hello!

What a privilege it is to arrive at The Link building each morning to be greeted by the stunning views across to the Brindabella ranges, it sure is a great way to start the day! Over the past few months I have been enjoying the misty Winter mornings gradually make way for the gentle weather of early Spring and am appreciating this spectacular area more and more.



Early this month I met with Larry O'Loughlin and Clare Henderson, both former directors of the Conservation Council. We had a great conversation about the gratitude and responsibility we can have toward the environment that surrounds us. They have approached this concept in their own lives through striving to live in a way that respects the natural world that we are so dependent on. You will have a chance to meet and discuss these concepts with them and each other at the concluding event to the upcoming event series A Month of Wildlife. Each of the events in this series is an opportunity to learn more about our wonderful planet and the other species that call it home. I hope to see you at some of them!

Also coming up in late September is a Summer Safety session where Gavin Smith will be joining us to share his respect for snakes! Gavin is a researcher and a snake catcher who will captivate you with his passion for this often misunderstood species. This will be another unmissable event. Have a look at our 'What's On?' page to see what else is coming up.

While I'm on the subject I'd like to thank each of you who have come along to our Community Coffee Catch-ups over the past few months. It's been great to meet you all and also provide a space for you to meet each other!

I'd love to help you create the community you would like to see. If you have any great ideas and need help getting them off the ground, let me know and I'll help out where I can. You can email me any time at [community@ginninderry.com](mailto:community@ginninderry.com).

*Tulitha King*



## News

Recently Ginninderry welcomed the new Invertigro wall ([invertigro.com](http://invertigro.com)) to The Link building. Café Stepping Stone, Strathnairn Arts Association's cafe, has already been able to use two basketfuls of kale, mizuna, basil and radishes harvested from this wall. Year 9 and 10 students from the local Kingsford Smith School will also be visiting once a month to learn how to look after the plants using this system.

In August we also welcomed the Creativity and Wellbeing Project, from the University of Canberra, to Ginninderry. The people behind this Project helped deliver the recent Haig Park experiments and are specialist researchers in the areas of play and open spaces. You may have met them at the latest Coffee Catch-up where they brought a faerie along who helped the children there write and post some very creative letters! The Play Creativity and Wellbeing Project team will be looking at the open spaces around Ginninderry over the next 18 months to help us create great play spaces in this suburb. You may see them again at upcoming events. If you do say hello, they are very friendly! And if you want to find out more about what they do go online to [www.playactivationnetworkact.net](http://www.playactivationnetworkact.net).

## Construction Update

114 blocks in the second stage of Strathnairn have now been completed for the owners to start their builds.

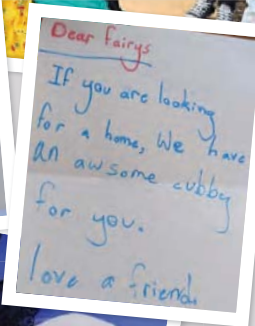
One of the key features of this next stage will be the Hilltop park and the promenade. The Huon team, together with Calibre, have collaborated very well on the complex design of an elevated promenade consisting of 3.5m high gabion walls with a curved concrete wall and a set of stairs clad in yellow quartzite. This will set the scene for a second neighbourhood park in Strathnairn which will be open to the public mid 2021.

The first neighbourhood park is nearly complete! Driving by you may notice much of the construction work is nearly complete. This park is hoped to be ready for the public by the end of November, stay tuned for an opening event to mark the occasion.

## Suburb Savvy

### Fencing

A reminder that once you've purchased your block, it is no longer the responsibility of the developer. To ensure your block is protected and to reduce dumping on your site, we recommend installing fencing around your block. If you need assistance finding a fencing provider please don't hesitate to contact myself or the sales team.



### Verges

In the ACT the verge is the responsibility of the residents. You can find out more about this on the Access Canberra website. We encourage you to maintain your verge to keep Strathnairn beautiful!

### Rubbish

In Strathnairn, waste pick up happens on Thursdays. If you are having difficulties with pick-up contact Suez on 02 6260 1547. Also make sure to bring your bins in after they have been emptied.

If you notice any illegal dumping please contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

### Keep Active

There are electric bikes for hire (free for the first two hours) at The Link building. If you need help logging on please ask staff at The Link building.

Drake Brockman Drive can get busy with construction traffic, if you can remind your builder to be mindful of other users of this road it would assist those living on this primary connector road.

A new walking track which will begin from The Link building, skirt around the edge of the Conservation Corridor and continue for 3.2km to Shepherds Lookout, is coming in the first half of 2021. It will take in some and varied terrain and stunning views across a spectacular landscape.

# What's On?

# 2020

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
27 September 2020 10am – 11am	Summer Safety – Snakes, Swimming and Fire Ready	Outside the Link building, Strathnairn
<b>A Month of Wildlife</b>		
17 October 2020 5pm – 8pm	Frogwatch by the Fire	On the deck behind The Link building
19 – 25 October	Birds in Backyard Count	Australia wide. Go to <a href="http://aussiebirdcount.org.au">aussiebirdcount.org.au</a>
1 November 2020 9am – 10am	Waterwatch – Turtles, Bugs and other Creatures	On the deck behind The Link building
7 November 2020	Bird and Plant Walk	In the Conservation Corridor – meet at The Link building
8 – 15 November 2020	Wild Pollinator Count	Australia wide. Go to <a href="http://wildpollinatorcount.com">wildpollinatorcount.com</a>
19 November 2020	Our Place in Nature – Dinner Discussion	The Link building

If you'd like more information on any of these then contact Tuli at [community@ginninderry.com](mailto:community@ginninderry.com)

## Coming Soon

### Girls on Bikes



Girls on Bikes is a free, learn-to-cycle program for migrant and refugee women in Canberra... and it's coming to Ginninderry!

Over the last four years, more than 90 women have gone through the five-week program, promoting fitness, strength, mobility and independence. When they 'graduate' each woman receives a free second-hand bike and helmet, donated by the Canberra community.

If you, or someone you know, fit the description above then please contact Girls on Bikes to get included in this upcoming program.

**On:** Sunday 18th October 2020–15th November, 2pm–4.30pm

**Contact:** [girlsonbikesact@gmail.com](mailto:girlsonbikesact@gmail.com), phone: 0400 540 402

### Art Tots



An invitation to create... process art classes for 3-5 years.

Our process art class focuses on children making and doing to create unique art experiences. Children explore the creative process through mark making and different mediums. Our artTots facilitators provide a fun, guided art experience where children build confidence as they think creatively, imaginatively and independently.

**When:** 8 weeks starting Thursday, 22 October 2020

**Time:** 9:45–10:45am

**Where:** The Link, Ginninderry

**Cost:** \$22/class payable by term (\$176) including materials, GST and tea/coffee

**Trial Class:** \$25 one-off class.

[admin@artkids Canberra.com](mailto:admin@artkids Canberra.com)  
or 0405 014 180  
[www.artkids Canberra.com](http://www.artkids Canberra.com)

Let your kids explore while we clean up the floor!



### Choir

Ginninderry has its very own choir! With One Voice Ginninderry meets each week for singing and supper. Come along and discover the joy of singing and socialising with a group of local people.

**Where:** The Link Building

**When:** Due to start this October! Contact [community@ginninderry.com](mailto:community@ginninderry.com) for more information

Thanks to Calibre for their generous sponsorship of the Ginninderry With One Voice Choir this year.

# Pets at Strathnairn

As Strathnairn is next door to the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor there are some special guidelines for pets in this suburb. Jess Stewart, Ginninderry's Sustainability Manager explains more.

## Cats

Strathnairn has been identified by the ACT Government as a Cat Containment Area. This means that your cat must always be kept within your premises and must not be allowed to roam.

A Cat Containment Area is any area within the ACT in which cats have been deemed by the ACT Government to be a serious threat to the native flora or fauna within the area. Cats, when allowed to roam, are natural hunters and have been shown to hunt and kill a wide variety of native and non-native wildlife.

**If your cat is found roaming, rangers can seize your cat and you can be fined up to \$1,500.**

If you see a cat roaming within Strathnairn or the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor, you can contact the ACT Government's Domestic Animal Services (DAS) on 13 22 81 or via [dogcontrol@act.gov.au](mailto:dogcontrol@act.gov.au). Cats can also be brought to RSPCA ACT or to a nearby veterinarian.

Ginninderry has been designed to conserve and protect the natural

environment. It is important that we all do what we can to support this natural habitat to allow the animals who live there to thrive.

If you're thinking of installing a cat enclosure at your home then have a look at the GX Display Village Cat Enclosure Demonstration or grab a factsheet from The Link.

## Dogs

Did you know that dogs must be kept on a leash at all times unless you are within a designated off-leash area?

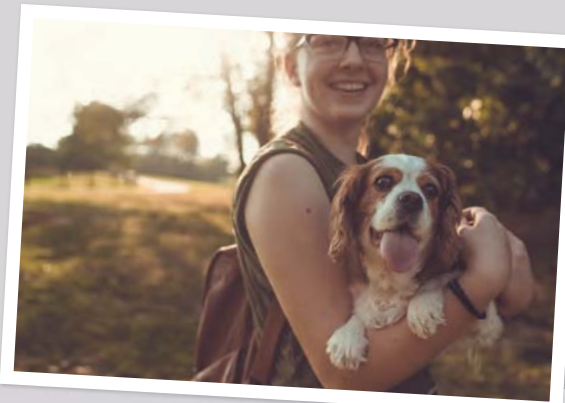
Dogs must also be kept 10 metres away from playgrounds and public BBQ areas.

**Dogs are also prohibited within the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor.** This is because of our commitment to protecting the natural environment around Ginninderry.

**If you are walking your dog off-lead or are found in a prohibited area, you may receive a \$150 on-the-spot fine or a penalty of up to \$2,400.**

Please also clean up after you dog and place your doggie poo in a public bin, or take it home.

To find your nearest dog exercise area, have a look at these maps online, [www.cityservices.act.gov.au](http://www.cityservices.act.gov.au) and [app.actmapi.act.gov.au](http://app.actmapi.act.gov.au).



Brian, Wayne and Kenny from Calibre



# Profile

In a growing suburb there is a lot of ground-work to do before a new house can be built and open green spaces established. At Ginninderry two companies, Calibre and Huon, work together to deliver the road networks and house blocks that make up a new suburb. Kenny Festing from Calibre has joined us this edition to give us a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes.

Calibre has been involved in the Ginninderry development since day one. We take a lot of pride in our work and being at the forefront of construction means we are often privy to many special experiences and firsts – such as being able to admire the views of the Brindabella ranges from the Hilltop Park Promenade, or even reflect on the work undertaken from the other Brindabella, when enjoying lunch at the club.

On the Ginninderry site Calibre have four team members who work closely with both the Ginninderry team and the civil construction contractor, Huon. Together we oversee the works on site with three key focus areas being WHS, environment and quality.

Our team is inspired by continuous improvement in our technical delivery and level of service. We want Calibre to be known as a 'one stop shop' in the land development space, and the delivery of highly successful construction projects is key to achieving this. Ginninderry has presented a unique challenge in the broad scope of works involved, including technical and geographical, and the environmental management of the site is one that the Calibre team genuinely enjoys.

We are proud to have worked on all current and previous stages of Ginninderry, and been a part of the early success of the project. A project as pioneering as Ginninderry is a high accolade for an engineering company, and the ability to say that we were there when it all started is something that our team will be forever grateful for.



# Conservation Corridor

## Our team has grown!

To enable the Trust to deliver the outcomes outlined in our Management Plan (which you can find on the Ginninderry website) we have recently engaged Tyson Powell, a local Ngunnawal-Wiradjuri man, in a project officer role. Tyson will undertake land management activities, community engagement and cultural heritage projects within the Conservation Corridor.

We are also very pleased that our temporary reporting officer, Rachel Eland, has agreed to stay on permanently as our rehabilitation and reporting officer.

We extend a warm welcome to both Tyson and Rachel who have hit the ground running and are currently working on several projects including upcoming workshops, reporting, habitat restoration and bush tucker gardens. If you see Rachel and Tyson around, please say g'day.

We've also been really excited to start our arts/environment workshops, called 'My Place' with the theme 'from little things, big things grow' to quote the very talented Paul Kelly! This is a series of four 1.5 hour workshops, every three weeks commencing Saturday 29th August 2020, for 7-12 year olds. We are investigating seeds, seedlings, mature trees and habitat hollows through hands on activities in the Conservation Corridor plus drawing and story-telling.

As well as this the Conservation Corridor be hosting another Bird and Plant walk with Nicki Taws from Greening Australia as part of the 'Month of Wildlife' activities in partnership with the Ginninderry community, Waterwatch, Greening Australia and Frogwatch.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates, photos and interesting snippets about the Conservation Corridor. [www.facebook.com/GinninderryTrust](http://www.facebook.com/GinninderryTrust)

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## Did you know?

**The Murrumbidgee River flows 1,485 kilometres from its source in the Snowy Mountains to the Murray River near Balranald in western NSW... in between it enters the ACT at Angle Crossing and leaves again near Ginninderry. Locally known as the 'Bidgee... this beautiful river provides habitat to thousands of species – including we humans! In the ACT the 'Bidgee flows from Angle Crossing north to Ginninderry and into NSW. Visit it sometime – relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of our largest local river. You can catch a great view of it from Shepherd's Lookout.**

# Arts Spot

**Strathnairn Arts Association has been buzzing since our reopening to the public on 30 July. Our current exhibition is Carmel McCrow's *Mélange*, a beautiful selection of works highlighting the artist's fascination with the forms and colours of the Australian landscape from the Kimberley to the Snowy Mountains. Carmel will be in attendance in the Galleries from 1 to 3pm each Sunday of the exhibition's duration and is happy to answer visitor queries about her delightful artworks.**

Our upcoming exhibitions include the Ginninderry Drawing Prize; Kim Shannon's *A stilled world*, a selection of her distinctive still life paintings; a mixed media exhibition by a group of artists showcasing Canberra's threatened species; and a group ceramic exhibition, *The 3 Trains Project*, in the Woolshed Gallery.

Stepping Stone Café has been very busy with customers enjoying the delicious food, coffee and the warmer weather - their fresh weekly seasonal specials are proving particularly popular! Bookings are recommended and appreciated as we are working hard to maintain social distancing requirements to ensure the safety of all. Bookings can be made online on our website [www.strathnairn.com.au](http://www.strathnairn.com.au).

Just a reminder that the ACT Government does not allow dogs onto the Strathnairn Arts Property. We thank you for leaving your dogs at home when you visit.



Carmel McCrow, *Trouble Brewing* 100x100cm

Kim Shannon, *Drought 1*, 91x76cm



## Pinch Pots and Pizza Workshops.

On Saturday the 14th of November 3-5pm, as part of the annual DESIGN Canberra festival (9-29 November 2020), Strathnairn Arts will be running Pinch Pots and Pizza workshops.

During this mini workshop you can create your very own small bowl, spoon, spice dish, mug or plate with the help and guidance from a Strathnairn Arts Ceramic Studio Artist.

The workshop includes materials and firing and your work will be ready for pick up a few weeks later.

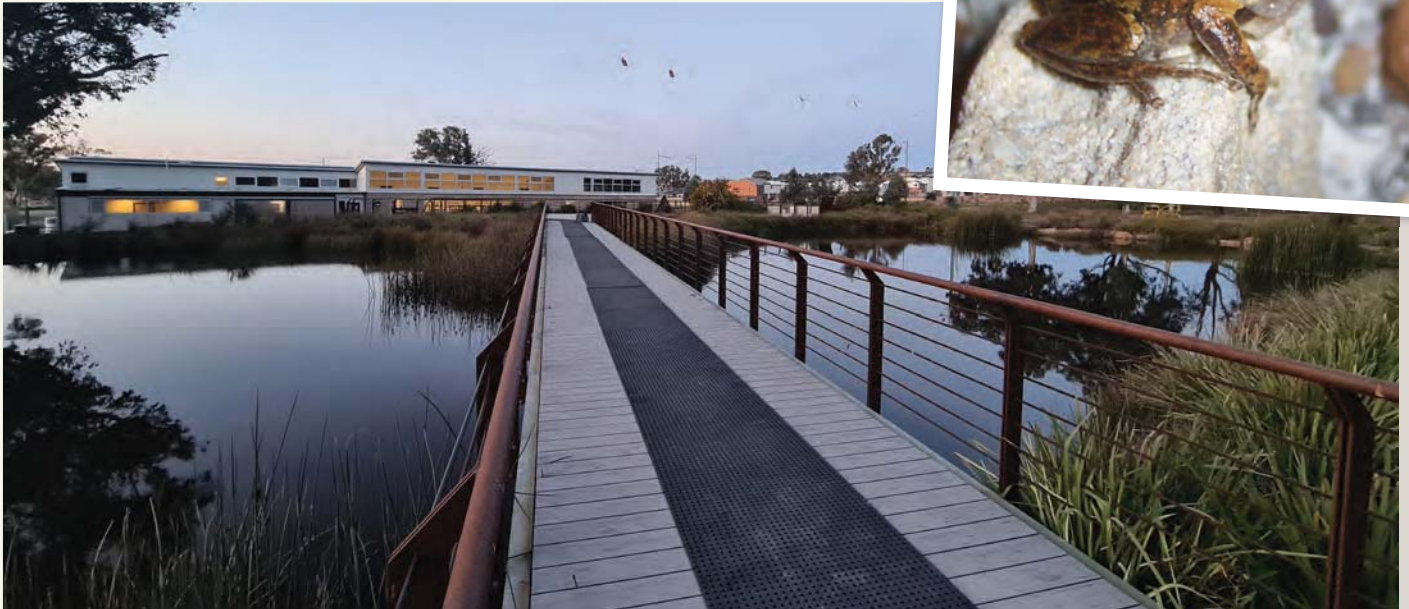
Follow your pinching with a delicious slice of house made woodfired pizza courtesy of Stepping Stone Cafe.

Tickets are \$25 and bookings are essential.

Book at [www.trybooking.com/BLKOS](http://www.trybooking.com/BLKOS)



# Wrap your ears around your suburb after dark!



## When it comes to Ginninderry you might know where to find Keach Close, but have you located the key frog habitats yet?

Frogs will advertise their prime 'real-estate' by making lots and lots of frog noises during their breeding season. Most frogs are nocturnal, which means active at night, so the best time to listen to frogs is after dark. Having said this, a few local species can be sometimes heard singing during the day as well. Each frog species has a unique call, which makes it easy to identify them. Frogs are important indicator species

for the health of our environment, and are protected by law, so you can watch and listen for them, but it is best not to touch them.

Only two frog species, the tiny Common Eastern Froglet and the Whistling Tree Frog, are calling over winter but once temperatures start to rise, others will join the chorus, so now is a great time to learn to identify calls and extend your frog sound library, one species at a time. If you want to get an expert identification on a frog call you can record and submit the call to Canberra Nature Map. This fantastic resource will also give you an understanding of the frogs in your area.

If you really want to get into Frog Watching, why not joining the annual October FrogCensus? Find more about this citizen science event on <https://ginninderralandcare.org.au/frogwatch-census/> or email me!

To learn more about frogs come and join us on 18th October at 5pm next to the dam behind The Link Building for scrumptious soups and adventurous Frog Watching.

See you then!

*Anke-Maria Hoefler*

Frogwatch Coordinator  
[frogwatch@ginninderralandcare.org.au](mailto:frogwatch@ginninderralandcare.org.au)

## Stay Connected



Stay up to date on Facebook with what's happening around Ginninderry:

**Strathnairn Resident:** Join the group Strathnairn Locals (@strathnairnlocals)  
**The Conservation Corridor:** Ginninderry Conservation Trust (@ginninderrytrust)  
**Ginninderry Community:** Ginninderry Community (@ginninderry)