

Arts Spot

Strathnairn Arts Association

EXHIBITIONS

DRAWING | CAROLYN FITZPATRICK

Wool Shed Gallery
18 March - 18 April 2021
Curated by Peter Haynes

The exhibition explores the essence and expressive power of drawing, primarily with ink on paper. The subject-matter is landscape, specific landscapes with a story to tell.



Image: Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Regeneration. Tree fern South Coast, charcoal, pastel on watercolour paper, 2020

Photo Credit: Andrew Sikorski

THE PRECIOUS FEW: THREATENED SPECIES OF CANBERRA

Zali Odlum, Bonnie Koopmans, Cheryl Hodges, Christine Pearson, Rachael Robb, Joan McKay, Emily Birks, Fenja T. Ringl
Curated by Ceilidh Dalton

Gallery 1 | 11 March - 4 April 2021

The unifying theme of this exhibition is the threatened species list for the ACT. Australia has the highest mammal extinction rate in the world and the ACT alone currently has 7 species on the critically endangered category, 18 classed as endangered and 26 vulnerable. The exhibition aims to educate and engage the audience in local conservation using a variety of mediums and styles

EVENTS

BRINDABELLA SUNSET

DATE: Sunday 18 April, 2021

TIME: 5:00 – 7.00 pm

ADDRESS: Strathnairn Arts Wool Shed, 90 Stockdill Dr, Holt

In conjunction with the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival 2021 Strathnairn Arts presents Brindabella Sunset. Food, drinks, live music, sunset, stars and your imagination. Watch the sunset over the Brindabellas, while you enjoy a picnic by Café Stepping Stone, and take in Carolyn Fitzpatrick's exhibition Drawing in the Wool Shed. Family friendly and accessible.

A free, ticketed event, picnic basket dinners available through cafe stepping stone, drinks available for purchase.

Bookings and picnic orders via www.strathnairn.com.au

SQUARES 2021

Strathnairn Arts presents SQUARES 2021 the 15th People's Choice Exhibition/Competition.

Sales of entry packs and callout will open in April for our Annual Open exhibition. The exhibition is open to children and adults from around Australia and a range of prizes is offered in a variety of categories. This wonderful community exhibition is exhibited in the Strathnairn Homestead Galleries in July/August and you are invited to join in! For more information see our website.

TERM 2 WORKSHOPS

LIFE DRAWING WITH MARIE HAGERTY

Marie Hagerty is an established artist having held over 20 solo exhibitions in galleries from CMAG to the Olsen Gallery in New York. Marie's work is currently exhibited in Know my Name, at the National Gallery of Australia.

Her art is held in numerous collections around the world. She has received multiple awards and has been employed by the ANU School of Art as a lecturer teaching life drawing, general drawing and painting in the Foundation, Print Media and Painting Workshops for over 25 years.

Marie will guide students through various approaches to drawing the figure, from the historical to the contemporary with activities aimed at developing observational skills and improving drawing techniques.

BOOK ONLINE

5 - 12 YEARS ART WORKSHOPS

Canberra artist Elena Bozhko Marshall will continue her popular weekly children's art workshops in Term 2. Elena's mixed media background in ceramics, painting, collage and drawing ensures a variety of art experiences and learning opportunities for children at an age-appropriate level.

Elena is an established Canberra ceramic and mixed media artist whose practice explores ideas of childhood memories and human nature. Elena is an encouraging teacher, active in teaching and community arts circles and has a passion for working with children and nature.

5 - 12-year-old classes will be available.

BOOK ONLINE

Book Club

Strathnairn residents have started a book club! While we wait for their first book review, Hayley, one of their members, has given us an introduction to the group. If you'd like to join in find them on the Bookclubz app or contact Molly at missmollyjones89@gmail.com.

Café Stepping Stone was the ideal location for the Strathnairn Bookclub's first meeting. Although it was a small turn out, the enthusiasm was high. Meeting new people and being social seemed to be the main priority of forming the bookclub. Therefore, the group decided on the book 'The Dry' by Jane Harper as their first book. We felt we could reward ourselves with watching the film on completion of the book. To fuel the love of reading, we decided we need to be kind to ourselves. With the craziness of life we don't want reading to become an onerous task. Our next meet up will be on the 27th March. We will once again support our local café and meet at Café Stepping Stone at 10.30, we'd love to welcome more friendly, local faces so join us if you can!

Hayley Oldfield



Yoga at Home

If you haven't managed to get to The Link for Yoga yet, or if you just can't find the time, Janelle has shared a short practice with us that you can build into your day whenever you have a spare five to ten minutes.

Find a comfortable place to sit, inside or outside, where you can be undisturbed for a few moments.

Close your eyes and start to feel into your body. Take your hands to your belly and chest and begin to deepen your breath. Imagine that you're breathing into your hands. Feel the body expand and retract with each inhale and exhale.

When you feel ready, open your eyes. Take your right hand to your left knee, your left hand resting on the floor or chair behind you and gently twist your body. Stay for 5 full breaths, then repeat on the other side.

Come to the ground, and position your hands beneath your shoulders, and knees beneath hips. Inhale and lift your gaze and chest, letting your belly dip a little and lifting the tailbone. Exhale and reverse the motion – bring your chin to chest, arch your back, lift your belly and round your tailbone down. Repeat these movements 4 more times.

Come to standing. Take a deep inhale and sweep the arms wide and overhead. Catch one wrist with the other hand, and gently stretch to one side, then switch sides.

Let your arms come back down by your sides or take your hands together at the heart. Take a slow deep inhale, and then completely exhale. Open your eyes when you're ready to continue the day.

Innelle Wilson

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)

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Hello!

2021 has really announced its arrival, with the past several weeks chock-a-block!

January saw the first yoga classes start, selling out in a matter of days, and we've now added a second class on Fridays. February then brought the beginning of the 2021 choir season, with twenty members quickly filling the ranks (there is always room for more!) Playgroup began with a bang – also spilling out to two groups, on Tuesdays and Fridays.

I've also heard of and seen a lot of activity at the park, a clear case of build it and they will come! Cricket, Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, scooting, skating, birthday parties and get togethers – it's all happening up there. I'm really thrilled to see how a great space like this is enhancing the wellbeing and social connection of the residents of Strathnairn and the wider region.

I'm really happy, in this edition, to be bringing some pieces from Strathnairn residents! Strathnairn's budding bookclub has given us an introduction to their activities and I'm looking forward to reading their book reviews as they continue. Their first title is the Australian book *The Dry* by Jane Harper. There's also our first 'Meet the Neighbour' with Strathnairn's very first residents introducing themselves here. I'd love to have more of your voices in these newsletters. If you have an interesting piece to contribute or would like to feature in a Meet the Neighbour then I welcome your pitches!

Tulitha King



Suburb Savvy

Fencing

A reminder that once you've purchased your block, ownership passes to you and 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 ASAP. 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 this includes not only grass areas but also where there are planted areas. 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.

News

The dogs of Strathnairn had a chance to socialise in February with our first poochy play activity. We welcomed about 15 dogs to the space, along with their owners, who all enjoyed coffee and puppykins while overlooking the Brindabellas.

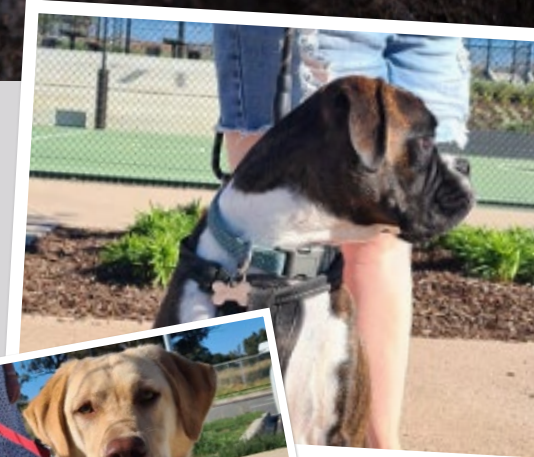
Coming up in April is Heritage Week, from 6 – 26 April. There's a lot to explore across Canberra during that week, and this year both Strathnairn Arts and the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor are offering an event over the time of festival. Keep an eye on their Facebook page or their websites to get the latest on each of these events.

Construction Update

Welcome to our most recent settlers, who have now gained access to their building sites. We expect the next stage of the development to open will be accessible sometime in April (weather depending).

During February the open space landscaping works commenced which includes the hilltop park. This is another exciting park that we can't wait to see finish later in the year with fantastic vistas! It is framed by an awe inspiring wall that really makes a statement! Go and have a look at it from Pagliano Street.

Buying a block of land to build is understandably, an exciting time, however please remember that there is no public access permissible to the subdivision until block settlements have occurred. This ensures the safety of purchasers and others whilst also helping to prevent damage or illegal dumping on these empty blocks. Additionally, while subdivision works can look complete several weeks prior to settlement there can be hidden dangers. Until perimeter fencing is removed the site is still being managed as a construction site and is not safe to enter. Should you wish to see your block the best and safest course of action is to contact your Ginninderry Sales representative who may be able to arrange a site visit during the construction phase in consultation with the contractor.



What's On?

There's so much coming in Autumn! Please make sure you check registration requirements for these as you will need to register for many of these programs if you'd like to attend.
Contact community@ginninderry.com for more info.

ON THE REGULAR

Tuesday, 9.30am – 11am	Playgroup	The Link building, Strathnairn
Tuesday, 6pm – 7.15pm	Choir	The Link building, Strathnairn
Thursday, 7.15pm – 8.15pm	Yoga	The Link building, Strathnairn
Friday, 6.15pm – 7.15pm	Yoga	The Link building, Strathnairn
7th March, 10.30am	Bookclub	Café Stepping Stone
10th March 6 – 8pm	Canberra Environment Centre: Intro to Native and Honey Bees	The Link building, Strathnairn
14th April 9am – 3.30pm	ArtKids School Holiday Program	The Link building, Strathnairn
5th May 6 – 8pm	Canberra Environment Centre: Halve your Household Waste	The Link building, Strathnairn

SPECIAL EVENTS

18th March	Strathnairn Dinners: Marie-Cecile Henderson, a life in song	Café Stepping Stone
26th March	Easter Egg Hunt (supported by Uniting Care Kippax)	Paddys Park
28th March	Family Fun Day (with NAWIC)	The Link building, Strathnairn
7th April (1st Wednesday of every month)	Sustainable Drop-in Session	The Link building, Strathnairn
9th April	Heritage Festival: Ginninderry Stories	Tour of the Conservation Corridor – meet at The Link building
16th April	ACT for Bees – Planting for Pollinators Forum	The Link building, Strathnairn
18th April	Heritage Festival: Brindabella Sunsets	The Woolshed, Strathnairn Arts Association
May TBC	Iftar – celebrate the breaking of the fast with our Islamic residents and learn more about this important event.	The Link building, Strathnairn



The SPARK Training and Employment Program has fourteen programs planned for the year. If you'd like to link in to any of these programs email spark@ginninderry.com to get more information.

JobTrainer Industry Explorer – Program 1	February to May
Women Return to Work – Northside	February and March
Women Return to Work – Southside	March
Queanbeyan Construction Program (NSW residents only)	March to June
Women in Trades	April to June
Early Childhood Education & Care Program	April to December
Construction Taster Program	May to August
JobTrainer Industry Explorer – Program 2	May to August

Ginninderra Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Ginninderra (Rotary Ginninderra) is a group of community minded folks trying to make the world and our community a better place, one step at a time.

Rotary Ginninderra has been involved in the West Belconnen area for over forty years! While the tradition of service remains, these days membership is an amazing cross section of society with community service and friendship the common objectives.

Rotary Ginninderra works with other organisations in our community to raise funds and to improve life for others, locally and globally, including at Ginninderry! You may have met some of the Ginninderra Rotary members at the Christmas in the Park event and at some recent Strathnairn working bees, including the planting of the Rotary Nature Grove in 2018. Rotary also funded the Circle of Stones landscape sculpture which you can find at the entry to Strathnairn, along the bike paths.

Locally Rotary Ginninderra has recently organised the renovation of Rotary Cottage at Calvary Hospital. This cottage provides accommodation for folks from out of Canberra who have relatives in Calvary. Other community groups at the receiving end of Rotary's efforts in recent times are Uniting Care Kippax, Canberra City Care and Karinya House.

Rotary Ginninderra is also committed to working with local schools to help kids improve their learning.

Joining your local Rotary club is a great way to meet like-minded people who enjoy life together while working to improve our community. Rotarians are connected to a wonderful worldwide community that has over 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs across 220 countries. It's great fun and incredibly rewarding!

To find us on Facebook, look up @RotaryGinninderra. We meet at Café Stepping Stone twice a month for a social dinner, we'd love to have you join us one night!



Meet the Neighbour!

Our first Meet the Neighbour marks the one year anniversary of the first residents moving in to Strathnairn. Meet Lauren and Matt who were the very first to turn the key on their new home back in February 2020.



Contribute to the Strathnairn Residents social media series!

Would you like to share your story with us on Social Media? We'd love to hear from our residents on their favourite things about living at Ginninderry. If you'd like to join in please contact Tulitha at community@ginninderry.com to participate.

"We love that we've bought in a sustainable development and we try to reduce our environmental footprint as much as we can. Matt rides to work in the city as often as possible, and we recycle and repurpose where we can as well.

We have three cats and one dog. We got our puppy, Clementine, when we first moved in and she and our cat, Remy, are the best of friends. It's great fun having them all in the house with us.

You might see us around the suburb, going for a walk or jog. One of our favourite morning routines is to visit Café Stepping Stone at the Arts centre on the weekend for a coffee and some breakfast and then walk to Paddys Park with Clementine.

We've also enjoyed some of the great hiking option in the area and have walked the Shepherd's Lookout track several times as well as ventured over the river to Uriarra Crossing. It's a stunning walk, we feel very lucky to be able to access this beautiful part of Canberra so easily."

Conservation Corridor

Happy 2021 all!

Over the last few months, you may have seen our 'Critters of the Corridor' posts on Facebook that come out every Sunday. There are so many different animal species being discovered in the Corridor each day and we love sharing them with you!

We have been lucky to come across several of the threatened Perunga Grasshopper, many Echidnas, some incredible looking spiders, the odd frog or two and, of course, our super cute local Wallaroos. Watch this space as we update you with new discoveries.

This year we are planning more community engagement activities including an event as part of the Heritage Festival in April and some volunteer opportunities. Construction of our first walking track from The Link building to Shepherds Lookout will be underway in the near future. This track will fall within Conservation Corridor borders and, therefore dogs are not allowed in this area. This is because of all those 'critters' that make this place home!

We will soon be launching our membership program which will offer residents a wide range of potential benefits, including nature experiences, education programs, discounts on ticketed events, and citizen science programs.

To help develop our membership program, we would like to hear your ideas about what membership benefits you would value. Ginninderry residents will receive a link to the survey via email in March. Neighbouring communities and others who may be interested will also have the opportunity to provide input via our website when the survey goes live. We look forward to hearing from you.

Exciting times!

<https://www.facebook.com/GinninderryTrust>

Jason, Ange, Tyson & Rach



Did you know?

Why did the turtle cross the road? To get to the other side!

There have been a lot of turtles out at the moment and if you find a turtle crossing the road, and you are able to help your new friend safely, then make sure you move the turtle in the direction it was going. If the animal is placed back the way it came from, it will likely try and cross the road again. Always pick up a turtle from the middle of its shell and ensure you move it far away from any traffic.

