

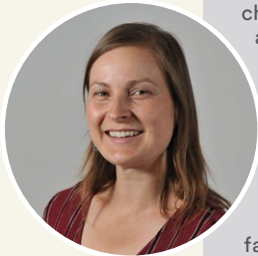
# Ginninderry Journal

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## Hello!

Lately I've been thrilled to see Ginninderry's community getting together in different ways around the suburb. Whether it's coming together at the park to play soccer and cricket, working together in the small communal garden at The Link or walking and scootering around the suburb. To see Strathnairn's community using Ginninderry's great green spaces and public walkways is very rewarding for all of us on the Ginninderry team.



Ginninderry continues to host events for the community and I encourage you to come along to these when you can. You never know when you might meet a new friend who might only live around the corner! This is the great beauty of meeting those who live in your suburb, by creating good relationships with neighbours you create stronger communities and safer spaces. I always like to hear what events, programs and opportunities residents would like in their suburb so please do reach out at any time! You can find me on [community@ginninderry.com](mailto:community@ginninderry.com).

In this newsletter you'll read about our Advisory Groups. Ginninderry has had a number of community members providing input into the development over several years – yes, even before there were houses! As a resident at Ginninderry you have the great opportunity to join some of these groups and have your say early on in the development process. Read more about these groups on the final page and if you'd like to be involved get in touch!

*Tulitha King*

## News

Autumn in Ginninderry brought another Strathnairn Dinner. This time, inside, with choir conductor and accomplished singer and pianist, Marie-Cecile Henderson entertaining the group with songs from her life. It was an enthralling evening with the historic homestead providing the perfect setting and acoustics for the night.

Easter in 2021 brought the chance to celebrate Easter together with a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt and craft afternoon brought to Ginninderry by the Kippax Uniting Church. 120 people

attended this event in the park and it was so much fun that next year we hope to broaden it. Watch this space!

Finally, in May, we were able to celebrate a breaking of the fast one evening during Ramadan with our Muslim community. Local charitable organisation, Helping ACT, and local Imam, Humza, expertly guided the planning of this very successful event, with 75 people from the Ginninderry community attending. The feedback from all was overwhelmingly positive and I look forward to celebrating this significant cultural event again in future years.

## 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 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.

### Traffic

If you notice any ongoing issues regarding traffic around Strathnairn please make a note of the time and location and get in touch with our team.

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.

### 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.

A new walking track will begin from The Link building, follow the border, within the Conservation Corridor and continue for 3.2km to Shepherds Lookout. It will be constructed in the latter half of 2021 and will take in some varied terrain and stunning views.

## Construction update

Over the last 3 months we have completed two further stages of civil construction which are now open to the public. This means more Strathnairn residents have been able to settle on their blocks and begin their building process.

As construction continues more open spaces are made available to Ginninderry's residents. The "Green Wedge" and Hilltop Park will be landscaped, ready for public access, by Spring 2021. Landscaping around some of Ginninderry's original trees is also under development, as you may see, these locations provide shade, cool

the surrounding environment and are essential habitat to the small animals and birds that call Ginninderry home.

Ginninderry, along with Huon and Calibre, won an award at the recent Civil Contractors Federation Earth Awards for Strathnairn's Stage 2 civil subdivision works. The innovative product, Reconophault, was used in this section which has diverted the soft plastics from 3,094,700 plastic bags and packaging, glass from 617,640 glass bottle equivalents, toner from 75,600 printer cartridges and 1,050 tonnes of reclaimed road from landfill.



# What's On?

There's so much coming in Winter!

# 2021

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Friday, 9.30am – 11am	Playgroup	The Link Building
Tuesday, 6pm – 7.15pm	Choir	The Link Building
Thursday, 7.15pm – 8.15pm	Yoga	The Link Building
Sunday, 7.30pm	Soccer in the Park	Paddys Park Soccer Court

## School Holidays Programs



### CUMMINGS 古道館 KARATE DOJO

Cummings Karate Dojo is bringing a unique holiday program to Ginninderry over two Fridays. The program combines Karate, Japanese Culture, Social Activities and Fitness. This program is suitable for ages 7 to 12.

**Dates and times:** 2nd & 9th July, 8:30am–4:30pm

**Cost:** \$75 per child per day

**Location:** The Link Building, 1 McClymont Way, Strathnairn ACT

Book by 25th June to secure your place through [karatecanberra.com.au/](http://karatecanberra.com.au/) Ginninderry.



ArtKids is back for another School Holiday Program. Enrol now for one or both sessions occurring on 8th July at The Link Building, Strathnairn.

The Morning Session (9am–12pm) will be all about creating Clay Pinch Pots with a focus on animals.

The Afternoon Session (12.30pm–3.30pm) will see children creating collages that reflect animal's habitats.

Each session includes materials and costs \$66 per session, per child and is suited to children between 5 and 12.

Bookings through [artkidscanberra.com](http://artkidscanberra.com)

## Coming Workshops

### Vocal production and voice health workshop

Presented by Marie-Cecile Henderson

This workshop will cover the anatomy of the voice, posture, diaphragmatic breathing, projection, voice exercises for vocal health, choral singing and a question time.

All areas will relate to vocal health, voice placement for maintenance and sound production of the voice.

**Date:** Saturday 31st July 2021

**Time:** 1–4pm

**Location:** Wattle Room, The Link Building, 1 McClymont Way, Strathnairn ACT 2615

**Cost:** \$40.00 (includes resources)

**Bookings:** [marie-cecile\\_henderson@outlook.com](mailto:marie-cecile_henderson@outlook.com)

### Writing your memoir

Facilitated by Heide Seaman

Telling the stories of your life through guided autobiography is a concept developed by Professor Birren at the Center for Gerontological Research in California. Guided autobiography can be used to promote a sense of identity and belonging as well as fostering friendships.

During this 10 week workshop series participants will be coached to explore major themes in their lives so they can organise and write their stories and share them in a group with others on the same journey.

This free workshop will be held at The Link building by an experienced facilitator at a time suitable to participants.

If you are interested in participating in this group please contact Tulitha on 0451 607 701 or [community@ginninderry.com](mailto:community@ginninderry.com) to be put on a waiting list. The course will then run when enough people have registered.

### Women's english conversation connect group

**When:** 10:30am – 12:30pm, Thus 10th June (fortnightly after that)

**Where:** Strathnairn Arts, Small Workshop room

**Cost:** Gold Coin Donation (light morning tea provided)

Children under pre-school age are welcome.

For more information, please call 0422 737 751 or email [info@sawsfrienship.org.au](mailto:info@sawsfrienship.org.au)

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# Winter is a time to create

All seasons are a time to create but in Winter we may have no choice but to turn our attention inside and rediscover the activities we can enjoy in the warmth of our homes.

Whether it's cooking, baking, sewing, knitting, collaging, painting or drawing there are ways to help your children stay inspired to keep trying and learning.

Robyn Thurecht of artKids Canberra, passed on some good tips for encouraging children to try and try again. These are principles that people of all ages can adopt but are especially important for children as they develop their confidence to keep creating.

1. There is no such thing as a 'flop', only 'flopportunities'!

Making mistakes is ok and flops become 'flopportunities' to re-think and re-imagine their creation to re-make it into something new and different.

2. I am on my own unique creative journey.

Everyone has their own art-making and skill building path to take and, instead of comparing themselves to others, they can view their techniques as unique to themselves. This is particularly important for those children with perfectionist tendencies and high anxiety.



3. I say kind, positive, supportive words about my own art and others – and I accept compliments too.

Research shows that it takes five positive statements to undo the damage one unthinking negative statement can make. Using specifics such as: "I like the way you've used patterns in your landscape – it makes it more look more real to me" or "I see you've used a lot of shades of green – I wonder why you chose to do that?" open up a conversation about an artwork rather than focusing on what someone likes/dislikes.

Visual art goes hand-in-hand with storytelling and you can bet that what you are seeing on your child's page is the mere tip of the iceberg of the whole story going on in their head. The next time your child is drawing, rather than trying to work out what it is they are drawing, say "Tell me what's going on on your page" and listen to what is sure to be an incredible story in the making.

Robyn is the founder of artKids Canberra.



## Meet the Neighbour!

**Sajith and Piumi love living at Ginninderry. With their house completed several months ago they are now well and truly at home in the suburb of Strathnairn.**

*"Our favourite thing about living at Ginninderry is how friendly and caring everyone is. We often have chats over the fence with our neighbours and even get together to play cricket – when it's warm enough!*

*We've hired a garden bed at The Link and met some neighbours that way. Sharing home grown vegetables is a great way to make connections and meet new people.*

*Around the home we love that we're able to use renewable energy sources for daily*

*tasks. We try to re-use where we can and hardly ever throw food in the waste bin as we prefer to share any extra food with our neighbours.*

*Apart from that we really enjoy the clean, quiet and calm of our suburb even though we are so close to all the major areas in ACT.*

*One thing that we'd like to see here is a day care or early learning centre as, we feel, maintaining the child friendly environment at Ginninderry is essential."*

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO FEATURE IN A MEET THE NEIGHBOUR?**

Contact Tulitha at [community@ginninderry.com](mailto:community@ginninderry.com) to get started – we'd love to share the stories of our suburbs!



# Conservation Corridor

Let's take a moment to talk about a special little critter that lives in the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor, the vulnerable Pink-tailed Worm Lizards (*Aprasia parapulchella*), or as they more lovingly referred to, Pinkies! These legless lizards are quite selective about their habitat and they choose to live under loose or partially embedded rocks in sloping rocky open grasslands with native grasses. Pinkies feed on the larvae and eggs of ants with which it shares its burrow.

Interestingly, Pinkies have been found to coinhabit with more than just ants, they have also been found with Copper Tailed Skinks. These little beauties are special to our area and the Central and Southern Tablelands only.

Would you like to know more about our local landscape, the critters that inhabit it and the cultural values? Have a look at our Facebook page for more fun facts and photos of this beautiful area... and if you want to learn more come and join us on one of our walks and events. Watch the FB page for details.

From the team,

*Ange, Tyson, Rach & Jason*

Follow us on  
[facebook.com/GinninderryTrust](https://www.facebook.com/GinninderryTrust)

## Did you know?

Second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) are powerful enough that they can kill our birds of prey, such as Owls and Kookaburras. SGARs don't break down quickly and can stay in tissues and organs for months, even years. Unfortunately, this makes it easier for birds to get a lethal dose of poison.

If you have a mouse problem there are alternatives which can be used which won't harm our wildlife. Look at the packaging to see what the 'Active Constituents' are, if it has any of the following Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone, Difenacoum, Difethialone, or Flocoumafen, leave it on the shelf.

Bird friendly alternatives include:

– Snap traps

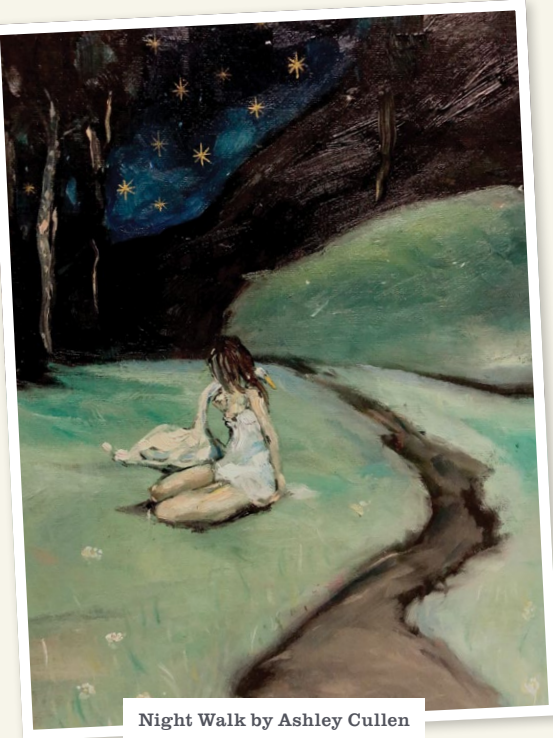
– Use less harmful first-generation baits. Look for active ingredients such as Warfarin (Ratsak Double-strength) and Coumatetralyl (Racumin) or natural constituents like Sodium Chloride (Ratsak Natural)

There are plenty of other ways to reduce the likelihood of rodents visiting your place. Check out Birdlife Australia for more information at [birdlife.org.au](https://www.birdlife.org.au).





# Arts Spot



Night Walk by Ashley Cullen

## Bonfire in the bush: Strathnairn Arts bonfire night

Coming soon! 22 August 2021 – Come along for a relaxed family event at Strathnairn Arts. We'll have warming winter soups and a sausage sizzle for dinner, delicious sweet treats, music and a big bonfire in the bush! A fun, relaxed family event.

Bring your picnic blanket, and beanies and join in the fun! Tickets available soon, check our website or follow us on social media for the latest updates on this fun event!

## Workshop bookings are now open!

Strathnairn Arts runs a wonderful program of mixed media art workshops for local creative kids and many options for adults including one off skill building in ceramics, drawing and painting and term-long workshops, such as life drawing, which are all open to the general public. We have an exceptional team of experienced Art Teachers who are practicing artists and well known in their respective fields. Workshops are always being added to our website – so check in regularly to see what's on [strathnairn.com.au/workshop-bookings](http://strathnairn.com.au/workshop-bookings)

## Coming exhibitions

HELENE WALSH | Tierra + Luz

Gallery 1: 1–25 Jul 2021

ASHLEY CULLEN | God's  
Loose Tooth: Lullabies, Myths  
and Madness

Gallery 2: 1–25 Jul 2021

SQUARES | People's Choice  
Exhibition/Competition

Gallery 1 & 2: 29 Jul–22 Aug 2021

## Gardening club at Strathnairn Arts

Do you love gardening? Have a few spare hours through the week? Would you like to meet some like-minded people, in a warm and friendly community? Then come along to our gardening club on Thursday mornings! Our wonderful volunteers do a range of gardening tasks; weeding, planting, tidying, pruning, mulching and so on. All contributions are gratefully treasured, help keep the property safe and make a wonderful difference to the enjoyment of Strathnairn Arts. Register your interest on our website and we will be in touch!

## Strathnairn Arts Association

Strathnairn Arts Gallery and Shop:  
Thursday–Sunday, 10am–4pm

Café Stepping Stone  
Thursday–Sunday, 9am–4pm  
(enter via the side door before 10am)

Follow us on Instagram or Facebook  
or visit [strathnairn.com.au](http://strathnairn.com.au)

## Open community exhibition – join in! Squares 2021

This is the 15th year of our open community exhibition – Squares! The callout is now open – purchase your entry pack online or at SHOP in the Strathnairn Arts Homestead.

Prizes: Adult \$1000, 13–18 Years \$500,  
12 and Under \$200.

All the details, FAQ and important dates are here [strathnairn.com.au/artist-opportunities/squares-open-exhibition](http://strathnairn.com.au/artist-opportunities/squares-open-exhibition)



# Advisory Groups of Ginninderry

You may not know it, but Ginninderry has been engaging with the community since its inception. Over the years, four Advisory groups have been formed with three of those available to residents. Alongside the Ginninderry Aboriginal Advisory Group, there is also the Bush on the Boundary Group, the People and Place Group and the Ginninderry Transport & Travel Advisory Group. Because we like to make sure our groups have catchy names these have all be abbreviated to: GAAG, BoB, PPG & GTTAG.

The GAAG was formed in 2018 through a cultural heritage assessment process undertaken in 2017. It is formed of several recognised knowledge holders, considered to have cultural knowledge of the project area. They were nominated through an assessment process by the registered Aboriginal organisations in both the ACT and NSW. They provide advice on the intangible cultural heritage matters within the project area.

Some PPG members have been advising the project since 2009! The group formed in 2013 and have had significant input on the name of Ginninderry, masterplanning, each stage of development, future plans for the landfill site as well as advising on some of the community engagement and cultural planning of the development.

This groups is very keen to see some active residents join in to have a say in their current and future neighbourhoods.

BoB was a concept initiated by the Conservation Council, and began meeting in 2015. Their role is to comment on any areas of ecological importance, within the suburb and on the urban edge. If you have an interest in the environment or a background in the sciences and are a Strathnairn resident you are welcome to attend.

The Ginninderry Transport Travel Advisory Group started only last year in 2020. It is currently a small group that meets to provide input on travel, connectivity and transport related matters within and affecting Ginninderry suburbs.

If you'd like to know more about any of these then get in touch through [community@ginninderry.com](mailto:community@ginninderry.com).



## 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)