

My Ginninderry Journal

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Hello!

This summer saw all civil subdivision works within Strathnairn completed, and the first stage of our next suburb, Macnamara, released for sale - which will shortly start construction. This brings Ginninderry to a new phase with our first suburb sold, mostly settled and partly inhabited and the next one underway!

An interesting little fact: there are now approximately 350 homes built and 885 people who call Strathnairn home.

As we enter Autumn, we also approach both Easter and Ramadan, two events that will be significant to many of our residents. At Ginninderry, we will recognise both with an Easter Family Picnic on 26 March (our first Paddys Park Play Day) and a Community Iftar on 10 April at Café Stepping Stone. Both events are open to all from the community in the spirit of growth in sharing and understanding each other's beliefs and cultures. I invite and encourage you all to attend if you can.

Tulitha King

News

One of the major introductions to the area in 2022 has been the Ginninderry Markets. Ginninderry Rotary manages these markets, and we are trialling it until mid-April. A trial period allows us the opportunity to test local demand and enables the market to grow organically over this time so that we can ensure we get the right mix of stalls while also encouraging local entrepreneurs to have a go. While this is primarily intended to be a Fresh Food Market, we have extended it to include handmade and hard-to-find products. If you have a stall you'd like to run, you can apply through www.ginninderrymarkets.com

In Autumn, we hope to introduce a new regular event, Paddys Park Play Days. These are based on the Play Outside Day movement, which encourages people to put down their phones, get out of the house and play outside together in creative and fun ways. It is planned that these will be run once a month through Autumn and Spring. They are run in partnership with Capital Region Community Services and will bring together a range of creative and play-based people and groups to share creatively with our community. We can't wait!

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](http://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au). 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, so 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

Ginninderry has been designed to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists with broad paths allowing good connectivity across the suburb. There are electric bikes for hire (free for the first two hours) at The Link building. Go to ginninderry.bykko.net to log in to the hire service.



Construction update

Civil construction work will start on the Macnamara suburb from March onwards. Construction traffic for this subdivision will be directed along Parkwood Road. Therefore, the majority of construction traffic moving through Strathnairn will be builders for housing construction.

As suburbs are constructed and landscaped, there is a transfer of assets to the ACT Government. All completed roads, verges and public areas are generally managed by Transport Canberra and City Services, even before owners start building. As in any suburb, any infrastructure, parking, traffic, noise and other matters need to be brought to their attention through Access Canberra (www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au). While Ginninderry

works to foster community cohesion and deliver a high-quality suburb in line with planning criteria, we are not a government department with jurisdictional authority.

All of our suburbs go through a design process led by Ginninderry. We ensure there are opportunities for our community, including our residents, to have some input on this design so that we can share in achieving the best possible outcome. While we're working on an online platform for members of the public to be able to comment on design, joining us for an Advisory Group session is another way to contribute. Upcoming meetings are announced on our Facebook Group, Strathnairn Locals, so please join the group if you want to keep up with these updates.

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.

2022

On the regular

Friday, 9.30 am – 11 am	Playgroup	The Link Building
Tuesday, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm	Choir	The Link Building
Thursday, 7.15 pm – 8.15 pm	Yoga	The Link Building
Saturday 8 am – 9 am	Afrofusion Dance & Drumming	Paddys Park
Saturday, 8.30 am – 9.30 am	Pilates	The Link Building
5 March, 19 March, 2 April, 16 April, 30 April	Ginninderry Markets	GX Display Village
19 March 10.30 am - 1 pm	Canberra Environment Centre: Sourdough Making Workshop	The Link Building
1st Sunday of every month 2 pm - 4 pm	Repair Cafe	The Link Building



Special Events

26 March, 2-4 pm	Paddys Park Play Day: Easter Picnic	Paddys Park
10 April, 5.15 pm – 7.30 pm	Community Iftar - celebrate the breaking of the fast during Ramadan with our Muslim residents and learn more about this important event.	Café Stepping Stone
30 April, 2-4 pm	Paddys Park Play Day	Paddys Park
21 April, 3.30-4.30 pm	Heritage Festival: Uncovering Ginninderry: Interpreting the cultural landscape in a local sustainable development	The Link Building
1 May, 4-6 pm	Heritage Festival: Brindabella Sunset. Food, drinks, live music, sunset, stars and your imagination. Bookings via www.strathnairn.com.au	The Woolshed, Strathnairn Arts Association
28 May, 2-4 pm	Paddys Park Play Day	Paddys Park

SPARK

The SPARK Training and Employment Program has 7 programs planned for the first half of this year. If you would like more information about any of these programs, please email spark@ginninderry.com or go to ginninderry.com/spark

SPARK Programs

JobTrainer Women in Civil Construction Program	Commenced
JobTrainer Early Childhood Education & Care Program	7 March to October
Women Return to Work – Northside	3, 10 & 17 March
The ClubsACT Hospitality Program	15 March to April
Business Services Program	15 March to May
Women Return to Work – Southside	29 March, 5 & 12 April
JobTrainer Construction Industry Taster Program	May to June

Impact of Feeding Birds

Australia is home to some beautiful birds.

While our bigger birds are easy to notice and easier to make friends with, feeding them can result in both poor health (as it is not their proper diet) as well as an increase in their population. As these large birds eat the eggs and chicks of small birds, the population of Australia's native small bird species can suffer greatly when large birds are encouraged.

If you'd like to see more small birds in your garden, the best thing you can do is provide them with habitat! Plant dense bushes and shrubs that they can hide and nest in and provide a shallow bowl of water for them, especially through the summer months.

On this page are some of the birds that it is particularly important not to feed.



Meet the Neighbour!

Diana and John are very busy and active community members! Having relocated from Adelaide they are loving getting to know their new city and have well and truly embedded themselves in their new community at Strathnairn. Read about John & Diana's experience here so far.

"We are retired secondary teachers from South Australia. We decided to move to Canberra to be close to our son and his family, and to enjoy our grandson, aged 3. We used to live in the Adelaide Hills, rurally, with no mains water or postal delivery, and had solar panels installed in 2008. We have an ethical commitment to sustainable living. I researched many Canberra options and was keen to investigate Ginninderry's eco credentials."

"The day we bought our land was awful...there was choking bushfire smoke, it was 39 degrees, and Paddys Park (and the land behind) was a

horrible dust bowl. But we bought, sold up in SA and lived for 16 months in an Avan camper while following the various adventures of house building. Despite us having an amazing builder, COVID and all the delays were frustrating, but we finally moved in in October 2021...and camped with a borrowed bed, table and chairs as all our effects were stored in SA. Border restrictions meant that we could not get them over until December."

"One thing we were determined to do was to begin to integrate before moving in, so at the beginning of 2021, while living in the caravan, I joined the Ginninderry Choir, and have been an enthusiastic member ever since. We then also both joined Rotary Ginninderry, which works strongly in the area, most recently in the establishment and implementation of the Ginninderry Markets."

"Both of us also have done Yoga at The Link, and are currently doing Vince Cosentini's Boot Camps at Paddys Park. I also do the AfroFusion Fitness, and am about to do the African Drumming workshop."

"I love the vibrant community feeling here. I adore the multi-ethnic and mixed community with its openness and friendliness. As an independently travelling explorer and linguist I love the fact that my community is a mini world with such a rich cultural mix as part of its strength."

"I love the sustainability and community ethos which underpins it all. And I truly feel at home and very happy here. I lived almost all my life in SA and the move here in my 70s was not without anxieties. I am truly happy to have done so. This is a great place to be. I hope it continues strongly on the same path into the future. So glad to live here!"

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FEATURE IN A MEET THE NEIGHBOUR?

Contact Tulitha at community@ginninderry.com to get started – we'd love to share your story!

Upcoming Exhibitions at Strathnairn Arts Association



"Oil on Canvas"

Robert Riggs
Homestead Gallery 1 | 9 March - 3 April 2022

"Ordinary Things", is simply an attempt to imbue the ordinary with something extraordinary.

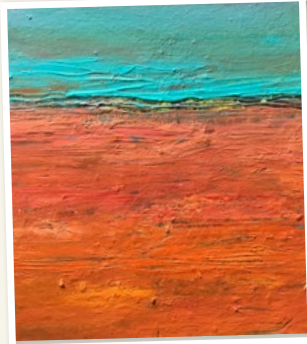
Image: Time Lost - by Robert Riggs



"10 YEARS AT STRATHNAIRN"

Different Strokes Art Group
Homestead Gallery 1 | 6 April - 1 May 2022

Image: Still Life 1 - by Jude Shanahan



"TIPPING POINT"

Jenny Blake
Homestead Gallery 2 | 6 April - 1 May 2022

Feeling the urgency of climate change, Blake's new body of work on show is small intimate abstract landscapes, highlighting the unknown, uninhabitable, vacant of foliage, with exaggerated colours, and disappearing reality.

Image: Tipping point - by Jenny Blake



"FALLOW"

Molly Kamenz
Homestead Gallery 1 | 4 - 29 May 2022

"After studying a Bachelor of Natural History Illustration, I have become interested in illustrating the micro and misshapen elements of the natural world. I find solace in noticing how nature mirrors stages of my life." Fallow contains etchings and watercolour paintings of fertility, dormancy and decay in nature, with a focus on botanical subjects.

Image: Those three weeks - by Molly Kamenz



"WHERE ONE STANDS"

Janene Harman
Homestead Gallery 2 | 4 - 29 May 2022

My continued exploration of landscape. What I view from the vantage point and reinterpret through contemporary and abstracted pieces, small images of the larger view. Connecting them together to form a new distance and outlook.

Image: River Into Lake - by Janene Harman

Opening Hours

Strathnairn Homestead Galleries + SHOP:
WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY 10 am - 4 pm

Cafe Stepping Stone:
WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY 9 am - 4 pm

Strathnairn Arts is not open to the public on Monday or Tuesday.

A friendly reminder for visitors The ACT Government does not allow dogs onto Strathnairn Arts property due to health, safety and environmental reasons. We thank you for your co-operation in leaving your dogs at home when you visit us. This includes dogs on leads. Approved Service Dogs are of course accepted.

Workshops

Strathnairn Arts Association run a number of art workshops for adults and children throughout the year. Browse all their courses at www.strathnairn.com.au.



Strathnairn Arts Association Gardening Club

Would you like to join Strathnairn Art's gardening community? Do you love gardening? Have a few spare hours throughout the week? Would you like to meet some like-minded people in a warm and friendly community?

Get in touch!

Volunteers do a range of gardening tasks; weeding, planting, tidying, pruning, mulching and so on. All contributions are so valuable, help keep the property safe and make a wonderful difference to the enjoyment of Strathnairn Arts.

Contact info@strathnairn.com.au if you would like some more information or hop online.

<https://www.strathnairn.com.au/gardeningclub>

Conservation Corridor

Who knew poo could be so interesting?

Over the last year, the Trust has been working with CSIRO to identify the Dung Beetles that call the Corridor home. Sifting through poo suddenly became an exciting prospect, as we discovered 9 different species of all different shapes and colours. So, what are they and why are they so important?

WHAT ARE DUNG BEETLES?

Dung beetles belong to the Scarabaeidae (Scarab beetle) family. They can be found on every continent except Antarctica. Dung beetles inhabit many different ecosystems, such as rainforests, deserts, grasslands, woodlands, farms and backyards. There are about 7,000 species of dung beetle in the world. In Australia, there are 437 known species of native dung beetles and 23 species of introduced beetles (introduced by CSIRO from 1966).

In Australia, the majority of dung beetles are dark in colour (black or brown). Some of them can be coloured and patterned or have a metallic lustre. Both males and females of some species are endowed with horns. Depending on the species, they can either be active during the day or night. They range in size from 5 mm to 25 mm long. Some African species can be up to 60 mm long.

WHAT DO DUNG BEETLES DO?

Dung beetles either directly bury dung in the soil or form it into balls and move it a distance and bury it or hide it in vegetation. The beetles use the buried dung to lay their eggs in. Dung beetles use their sense of smell to detect the dung they prefer. Adult dung beetles feed on the dung juices, larval stages feed on buried dung and digest the fibrous organic matter.

WHY DO WE NEED TO INTRODUCE MORE DUNG BEETLES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES?

The introduction of cattle and other large animals to Australia has resulted in large volumes of dung in pastured areas. Forest clearing has impacted the native beetles, who have had little impact on the dispersal of introduced species' dung. Dung beetles have a very important role as they utilise dung, generally considered a waste product. Unburied dung fouls pastures, locks up nutrients, pollutes water ways and provides breeding sites for pest flies, parasites and diseases. Many of the dung beetle species introduced to date have now reached the limits of their distributions. This has allowed gaps in beetle activity across Australia to be identified. The introduction of further species to fill these gaps is necessary to improve soil health, increase pasture productivity and remove excess nutrients that can damage waterways.

The introduction of dung beetles has been one of the success stories of Australian Science with a reported 90 per cent reduction in the number of bush flies and very little adverse impacts to their release recorded. If you want to know more about this fascinating beetle have a look at the official site www.dungbeetles.com.au.

Ange, Tyson, Rach & Jason

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Did you know?

What species of dung beetle have been identified at Ginninderry (found in cattle dung)? Many!

Aphodius fimentarius, *Aphodius lividus*, *Euoniticellus africanus*, *Euoniticellus fulvus*, *Onitis aygulus*, *Onthophagus australis* (native), *Onthophagus binodis*, *Onthophagus granulatus* (native), *Onthophagus taurus*.

Ginninderry's bus and e-bikes

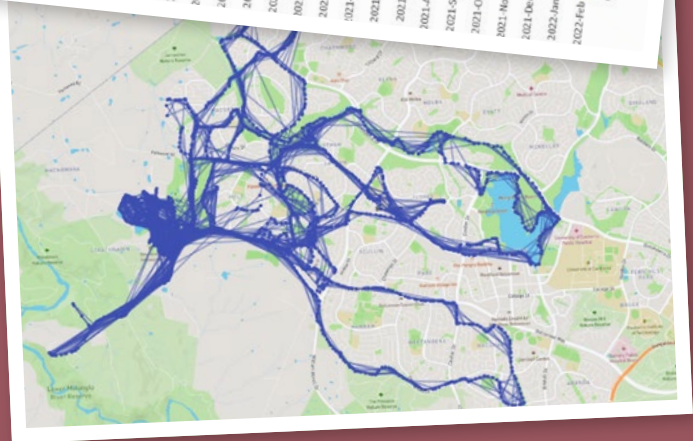


Data for the bus trips taken over time

Any data nerds or Active Travel aficionados out there? TCCS has been tracking bus use since April 2020, and we thought we'd share some of the results. It's fantastic to see the increase in numbers over time. Equally interesting to see the big drops in use during Covid lockdowns. The total passenger trips as of 11 February is 23,669 trips with many trips being made by school students. This means that there are currently about 192 bus trips and 7-8% of residents are catching the bus each workday. This is slightly higher than the average percentage of public transport users in Canberra, as reported in the 2016 Census. Ginninderry's blue bus is a free shuttle bus service that runs directly to Kippax Shops and drops off at Kingsford Smith School and MacGregor Primary. Look up route 903 on www.transport.act.gov.au to get the latest times.



Equally, Ginninderry's e-bikes have some fun data available. Have a look at how far people have been taking these bikes lately! That's all the way to Lake Ginninderra. We've even found one bike go as far as Lake Burley Griffin! This is exciting as encouraging these longer trips is why we brought the Bykko bikes to Ginninderry and designed Ginninderry to support Active Travel. We only ask that each rider respect these bikes and use them for their intended purpose – active and recreational travel – and use them with a spirit of generosity. If you want to access these bikes, you'll find them out the front of The Link building. You'll need to register a credit card and log in through ginninderry.bykko.net, but the first two hours are free, so have a go!



A map showing Trips taken on one of our electric bikes

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)

Have you been living at Ginninderry for one year or more? We want to know how you're going in your new suburb. To help us out, please take three minutes to complete our 1 Year Anniversary Survey

