

MyGinninderry Journal

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Hello!

After a very wet winter, I'm sure, like me, many of you are looking forward to seeing a little more sunshine as we come into spring!

With the change of season, we are again more aware of the landscape coming to life around us, and what better opportunity to embrace getting out into the Conservation Corridor and perhaps even volunteering! You can read more about the Conservation Trust's volunteering opportunities over the page.

We celebrated our first Paddys Park Play Day for the season at the end of August. What a great way to welcome spring and come together as a community! Two more Play Days are planned for the last Saturday in September and October. In September, we will be focussing on safety. Local brigades will bring their fire trucks, there will be a Snake Awareness talk, a Pet Parade and many more activities for the whole family.

We would love to bring a Diwali theme to the Play Day in October, which will be run at the later time of 5pm – 7pm. If you or your family celebrate Diwali, we would love to hear from you about what kinds of activities you'd like to see and whether you'd like to be involved. You can reach out to me at tulitha@ginninderry.com with any questions or ideas.

It was also fantastic to help realise the efforts of two of Ginninderry's Community Grant recipients: Vince and Sammy.

Vince has worked tirelessly to bring the Ginninderry Jog to life. Join in over eight Saturday mornings from 3 September to 5 November (with a break on 24 September and 1 October) to jog/walk/run a 5km route with the community, then meet at Paddys Park for sports activities and a BBQ (all kids who participate get a free sausage!). Great work, Vince!

Sammy is another resident who has worked hard to develop the Fairbrother Street Party. She came up with lots of ideas and I was blown away by her enthusiasm and passion for the project.

There is still a small amount of Community Grant funding available. If you have any ideas about anything you'd like to do in your street or neighbourhood, feel free to reach out!

Thanks to everyone who entered the colouring competition in the last newsletter. Congratulations to Archer, Anna, Aiza, Evie, Izabela and Athena who were awarded prizes from Strathnairn Arts and Eckersley for their beautiful colouring!

Tulitha King

Construction update

Some open spaces around the suburb are nearly ready to start the handover process to ACT Government. You'll note these are currently fenced, which we have done for your safety as we cannot guarantee that the areas are suitable for use until Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) completes its process. We expect the fenced open spaces to be submitted for Operational Acceptance in October and should be open soon after. If you enter before the fences are removed, please note that you do so at your own risk.

As suburbs are constructed and landscaped, assets are transferred to the ACT Government. All completed roads, verges and public areas are generally managed by TCCS, even before owners start building. As in any suburb, any infrastructure (e.g. footpaths), parking, traffic, noise and other matters should be brought to the attention of TCCS through Access Canberra (www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au). While Ginninderry strives to deliver a high-quality suburb, we are not permitted to act on matters under the government's authority.

All of our suburbs go through a design process led by the Ginninderry project team. We ensure there are opportunities for our community, including our current and future residents, to have input on these designs so that we can share in achieving the best possible outcome. While we're working on an online platform, joining an Advisory Group session is another way to contribute. Contact tulitha@ginninderry.com if you're interested in attending one of our Advisory Groups.

Suburb savvy

Fencing

A continual 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 grass areas and where there are planted areas & trees. You can find out more about this on the Access Canberra website. We encourage you to maintain your verge to keep Strathnairn beautiful!

Have Your Say

The Local Kippax Group Centre Upgrades are now open for comment until 28 September. Find out how you can engage on the Your Say website: www.yoursayconversations.act.gov.au

School Site

Following consultation undertaken in February, a development application (DA) has now been prepared and submitted to create the appropriate zoning for the Strathnairn Primary School and adjoining open space. The DA is an Estate Development Plan (EDP), more commonly known as a subdivision application. The EDP has been submitted to the ACT Planning Authority for Review by ACT Government agencies before formal DA submission. This is typically a process that takes 3 – 6 months. Once the government agencies are comfortable that the documentation submitted satisfies their requirements for assessment the Planning Authority will formally accept the DA and the DA will be placed on public notification, which is when the public will have an opportunity to make comments.

Once rezoned, ACT Education will submit a separate DA for the development of the school. Ginninderry understands that ACT Education is working toward submitting their DA for the school design in 2023. At this point, the DA will be available for public comment through the required assessment process.

Rubbish

In Strathnairn, waste collection 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 note the time and location and report the issue to Fix My Street. 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 wide 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.

What's On?

Go to Ginninderry's What's On page at www.ginninderry.com/whats-on/ to see all the programs on at Ginninderry. Please make sure you check registration requirements for each program.

2022

On the regular		
Tuesday, 9:30am – 11:00am	Playgroup	The Link
Tuesday, 6:30pm – 7.30pm	Choir	The Link
Thursday 5:15pm – 6:00pm	Kids Yoga	The Link
Thursday, 7:15pm – 8:15pm	Yoga	The Link
Saturday 8:00am – 9:00am	Afrofusion Dance & Drumming	The Link
Sunday, 8:30am – 9:30am	Group Fitness Class	Paddys Park
Sunday, 7:30pm – 8:30pm	Soccer in the Park	Paddys Park
1st Sunday of every month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Repair Café	The Link
Saturday, 8:00 – 9:00am / 9:00am – 10:00am	Ginninderry Jog & Community BBQ	Strathnairn & Paddys Park

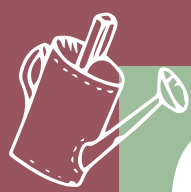
Special Events		
14 September, 6:30pm – 8:30pm	Frogwatch and Wellbeing	The Deck at The Link
17 September, 12:00pm – 4:00pm	Run Your Own Food Business	The Link (child minding provided)
17 & 18 September, 1:00pm – 3:00pm	University of Canberra Liveability Framework Workshop	The Link (child minding provided)
24 September, 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Paddys Park Play Day – Safe September	Paddys Park
29 October, 5:00pm – 7:00pm	Paddys Park Play Day – Diwali	Paddys Park

What's On this School Holidays!

26 and 27 September, enjoy two days in the Conservation Corridor with artist Sharon Field and Ginninderry Conservation Trust staff. The program costs \$108 for both days Contact admin.contact@ginninderry.org for more details.

29 September, ArtKids at The Link, \$66/session or \$105.60 for the full day. Go to www.artkids Canberra.com/schoolholidayprograms to book in.

7 October, Kids Yoga with Shine Om, 10am – 11.30am, \$45 each.



Get Involved

Attention Gardeners!

Ginninderry is looking for interesting, beautiful, edible or habitat gardens around Strathnairn to form a Garden Trail that will open for one morning in October or November. Show off your garden and help to show other residents what can be done! Contact tulitha@ginninderry.com if you'd like to be involved.





The Ginninderry Jog

Join the community for a walk, run or jog around the suburb and finish up with a BBQ and sports activities.

This is an event run by the community, for the community, and we'd love to see you there! You can even volunteer – earning yourself a free sausage each time. And volunteer three times to receive a free t-shirt.

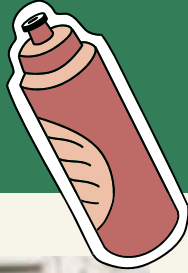
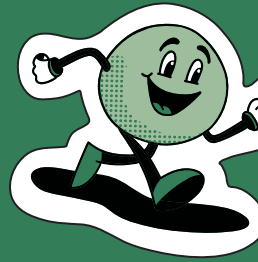
If you are interested in volunteering, contact Vince through thesmartcentre@outlook.com.

If you are interested in doing the jog, just turn up! Start in the green space off Tredwell Street and finish at Paddys Park.

FREE

COMMUNITY

JOG / WALK / RUN



Run Your Own Food Business
Free Workshop

Saturday 17 September
12 – 4pm

stepping stone




Can I run my own Food Business?

Yes, you can! And Café Stepping Stone will show you how...

They will be running a workshop on the ins and outs of getting your own food business off the ground, covering: equipment, licences, the regulations you need to know about, applying for an ABN, tips and tricks, as well as the option for you to tick off your own Food Safety Supervisor Certificate (this will require an additional payment and online course through an RTO of your choice, but Stepping Stone will be able to assist as a Workplace Observer)

Once you start your business, make sure to email Tulitha King, Ginninderry Community Development Manager, as we would love to bring your business to the community through local events and markets!

Sunset Pizza Nights at stepping stone

From 22 October
Every Saturday from 4pm to 8pm

Enjoy woodfired pizza al fresco and soak in the view of the sunset over the Brindabella's while supporting your local social enterprise

Present this voucher for 10% off your first visit

BOOKINGS REQUIRED
RESERVE VIA OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.CAFESTEPPINGSTONE.COM
OR TEXT US ON 0416 716 825
FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @CAFESTEPPINGSTONE

Conservation Corridor

Ninja Turtle Rescuers – translocating turtles into the Corridor.

The Trust, alongside the Ginninderry project team, Ginninderry Waterwatch and Huon, have been collaborating to help translocate Eastern long-necked Turtles from dams in the new suburb of Macnamara. As these dams are being dewatered, the Trust team have been having fun wading into some cold, muddy water to capture all of the turtles. With two dams emptied so far, the team worked with Bruno from Ginninderry Waterwatch to move 64 turtles to their new home in the Corridor. Turtles were translocated to dams that are close to other waterways so that when it's time to move, they have easy access to pathways.

Winter is the perfect time to undertake turtle translocation work. As the water temperatures drop below 8 degrees, the turtles become inactive. During this time, the turtles will go into a state of hibernation and will stay at the bottom of a dam until early September.

When the spring rains begin, it is the signal for the turtles, especially the Eastern long-necked turtle, to start feeding and migrate to colonise new wetlands. This species evolved the ability for this type of movement to take advantage of the increased productivity of ephemeral wetlands, which occur in natural, rural, and urban areas. To help protect the turtles during their migration, they have pronounced odour glands that release a foul smell when the turtle is disturbed.

The two dams that have been sampled to date have revealed a healthy population, with turtles ranging from 60 years old to juveniles around 5 years old. So far, the population seems to have a higher number of females which could be a result of males moving more through the landscape, resulting in higher mortality rates by predation or roads. Further investigation is required to determine why there are fewer males.

The Trust would like to thank members of the Ginninderry team, Café Stepping Stone and Bruno for their help cleaning and translocating the turtles.

From the Team,

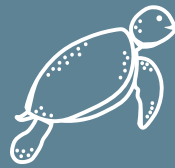
Ange, Rach, Bridie and Tyson

P.S. JOIN THE CONSERVATION TRUSTS 2 DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAM THIS SEPTEMBER.

Contact admin.contact@ginninderry.org for more information.

Keep up with Trust news on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GinninderryTrust>.

Jason, Ange, Tyson, Rach & Bridie



Did you Know?

During hibernation, a turtle's metabolism is significantly reduced, allowing them to stop feeding while they wait out winter. While hibernating at the bottom of the dam, a turtle's oxygen needs are quite low, so they breathe through their cloaca. A cloaca, you ask. Well, it essentially means that turtles breathe through their bottoms! The oxygen that is in the water is enough to sustain them until spring.

What's happening at Strathnairn Arts Association



GINNINDERRY DRAWING PRIZE 2022 CALLOUT EXTENDED

SPONSORED BY GINNINDERRY
Presented by Strathnairn Arts Association
(SAA)

The Ginninderry Drawing Prize
is an Australia-wide, non-acquisitive
competition for drawings of any subject.

Woolshed Gallery
19 November – 11 December 2022

Award Presentation
19 November – 2:00pm

2022 PRIZES

1st Prize (non-acquisitive) | \$3,000

Unpackers + Hangers Prize | \$1,000

College Prize (YR11 & 12) | \$500

High School Prize (YR7-10) | \$500



Entry details are all online
www.strathnairn.com.au
Look under What's On!

STRATHNAIRN ARTS OPEN DAY

30 October 2022

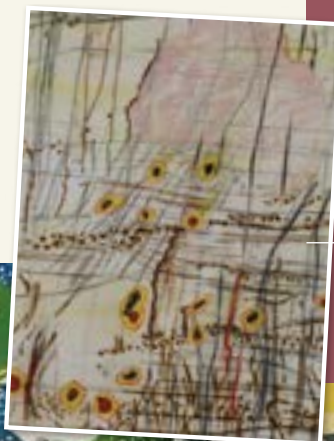
- *Open Studios*
- *Soup & Bowl*
- *SHOP Market*
- *Sausage Sizzle*
- *Member's Exhibition*
- *Clay Play*
- *Live Music*
- *Lots of fun!*



DELICATE DELIGHTS – YASMIN IDRIS

Homestead Gallery 1 & 2
21 September – 16 October 2022

Yasmin idriss, 1, *digita...e*,
11 x 14 inches, 2021



THESE ARE MY FAVOURITE THINGS – ILONA LASMANIS

Homestead Gallery 1
19 October – 13 November 2022

Wendy Teakel, Paraku camp
memory, pokerwork, found
charcoal, pastel on arche paper
on painted birch panel,
1 adult winner 2020

ilona Lasmanis, *Red Fish...*
ole, 56 x 23cm, 2021



Meet the Neighbour!

Vince, Michelle and their family have been living at Ginninderry for just over four months, but they got involved in the community well before then! Their story is a great reminder that we only get out what we put in and already their family has made a mark on the Ginninderry community!

We are a fun-loving family of 4! Our family recently moved from Dunlop. We wanted to be in a larger family home that was close to nature and still in West-Belconnen. We love the mountain views from our home and try to get out as often as we can to enjoy the walk to Shepherds Lookout, which is amazing! It inspires us to take care of our environment to leave a positive mark for those that come later on.

You'll also often find us at Paddys Park, where we go to shoot hoops or kick a ball around together. Vince particularly has spent a bit of time at Paddys Park. You may recognise him from the Fitness in the Park events. He is also initiated and was the driving force behind the new Ginninderry Jog! As well as being

highly involved in the community, he is a motivated business owner and runs a professional massage clinic from his studio at Ginninderry, with support from his professional team through his business, The SMART centre.

Getting involved in these ways has led to our family forming some good friendships fast. We can't wait to make more friends as the community grows. We're looking forward to the new suburbs growing with more events and neighbours to get to know.



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!

Mel Lyons -
Training and
Employment Manager



Stay Connected

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

Ginninderry Resident:
Join the group Ginninderry Locals (@ginninderrylocals)

The Conservation Corridor:
Ginninderry Conservation Trust (@ginninderrytrust)

Ginninderry Community:
Ginninderry Community (@ginninderry)



Ginninderry Training +
Employment Initiative

Often when trying something new, taking the first step is the hardest. What makes SPARK unique is its holistic approach to education and training. The SPARK team is a key element of this. From the moment someone engages with SPARK, they are offered support and guidance as they transition from engagement through to training and employment opportunities.

Mel Lyons is Ginninderry's SPARK Training and Employment Manager who comes from a background in the arts as an accomplished sculptor. Education is her passion, and she is currently studying a Master of Education while running the SPARK program full time!

Mel has been with SPARK for over three years and says of her experience, "I really enjoy getting to know our SPARK participants and witnessing each person's unique journey. Hands-on experience is an important element of our programs, and it is always exciting to see the participants putting their new knowledge and skills into action."

The SPARK program is offered at no-to-low cost, aiming to reduce barriers to training and employment.

It is born out of Ginninderry's commitment to improving the education, social and economic outcomes of the residents in the local area. SPARK programs are made possible through a number of partnerships with registered training organisations, industry partners and funding from JobTrainer, a jointly funded initiative of the ACT and Australian Governments.

The following programs will occur over 2022 and 2023. If you are interested in any of these programs, reach out to the SPARK team to find out more or register for an information session.

SPARK JobTrainer ATC Women in Construction Program
October 2022

SPARK JobTrainer ClubsACT Hospitality Program
October 2022

SPARK JobTrainer Ginninderry Construction Program
March 2023

SPARK JobTrainer Women in Civil Construction Program
April 2023

SPARK JobTrainer ClubsACT Hospitality Program
May 2023