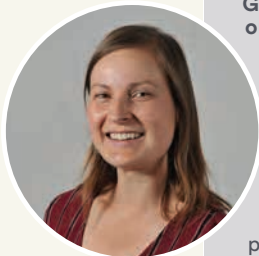


Ginninderry Journal

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Hello Ginninderry!

With restrictions starting to ease up and everyone slowly coming out of lockdown, it's been very interesting to hear people talking about the unexpected lessons they've learnt from these unusual circumstances. Personally, I found that juggling home-schooling, virtual meetings and working from home had its challenges and there have certainly been many trying moments, but there are also many lessons and values that I discovered by staying right here in my neighbourhood over this time.



Many of us have welcomed the slower pace, the opportunity to walk our streets, discover our neighbourhood, do those little things inside and outside of the home that we don't always find the time for, or have even started new hobbies like baking bread and gardening! It's been fascinating how communities discovered new ways to connect. Because whether it's your local community or a community that rallied together virtually, we've all discovered just how important these connections are.

As part of Ginninderry's Community Team, I'm your first point of contact for all community-related opportunities. I'm always looking for ways to improve the lives of our residents, particularly in line with Ginninderry's sustainability values. That's why I'm so excited to let you know that we've recently made a small community gardening area available to our residents. This is a step towards helping residents produce their own food within their suburb. If you'd like to participate in this garden, please contact me.

If you have ideas, questions or concerns you can contact me anytime via email tulitha@ginninderry.com. I'd love to hear from you!

Tulitha King



News

It's been an exciting year for us here at Ginninderry! In February, we welcomed our very first residents, Lauren & Matt. They were shortly followed by others and there are now around 50 families enjoying the Ginninderry lifestyle in Strathnairn!

If you are a new resident of Strathnairn, please remember to contact Ginninderry's Community Team to pick up your Welcome Pack once you've moved into your new home.

In February we also launched the Ginninderry Shuttle Bus. This convenient service was specially commissioned for Strathnairn's first residents. It's an easy way to connect to Canberra's public

transport network and will get you to Kippax quickly and easily. The bus also stops at the Kingsford Smith School and the Macgregor Primary School at drop-off and pick-up times.

Give the little blue bus a go! It is free for all members of the public and operates 7 days a week between 7am and 7pm, every half hour, increasing to every 15 minutes during weekday peak periods.

For the most up-to-date timetable go to the ACTION website and search for route 903. To get up-to-date information on ACT Public Transport's Covid-19 policies, visit the Transport Canberra website at transport.act.gov.au.



Suburb Savvy

The first neighbourhood park will be completed later this year. The park will feature a significant wetland system, enclosed sports court, cricket nets, grassed kick-about areas, a playground, bbqs, extensive path network, amenity block and an amphitheatre for community events.

Fencing Your Block

Once you've purchased your block, it's 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.

Verges

Did you know that in the ACT maintaining 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!

Bins

In Strathnairn, waste pick up happens on Thursdays. A good rule of thumb in Strathnairn is that bin pick up is usually where garage access is. So, for houses along Pro Hart Avenue, bin pick-up is to the rear of the property. Please make sure to bring your bins in after they have been emptied.



Arts Spot

The new Circle of Stones installation at Ginninderry is designed to be a place of quiet contemplation looking out onto the Brindabellas and the adjacent orchard area.

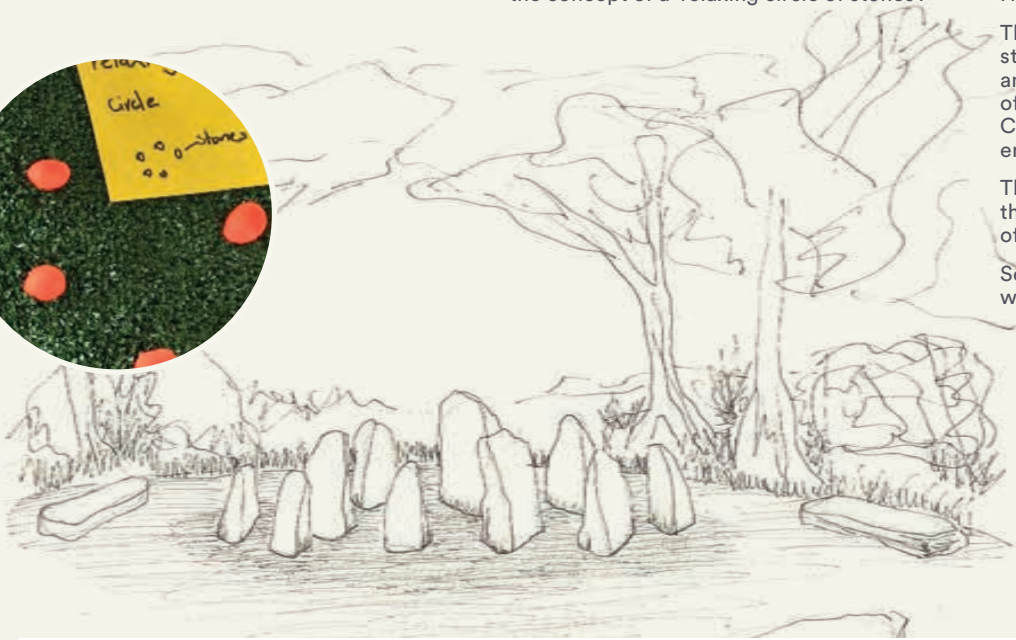
Initially, we worked with year 9 and 10 students from Kingsford Smith School to create a model of a park then brought this model to the 2017 Charny Carny for people to contribute their ideas using a variety of materials. During this activity, a member of the community came up with the concept of a 'relaxing circle of stones'.

The idea was originally represented by pieces of bright red play dough on the AstroTurf park model. The design proved extremely popular, and was chosen to then become an artist's impression. Nearly three years later it is now a completed installation located along Pro Hart Avenue at the entry to Ginninderry.

The final design and placement of the stones was by sculptor Bronwyn Berman and the work is now managed as part of the ACT Government's Public Art Collection and will be opening for you to enjoy in December 2020.

This project was generously funded through a donation from the Rotary Club of Ginninderra.

See more images of its installation on our website.



Help us find the creator – if you think you know who came up with this concept at the 2017 Charny Carny contact the Ginninderry Office, we would love to acknowledge them.



Strathnairn Arts Association

With recent advice from the ACT Government and the Chief Medical Officer, Strathnairn Arts is excited to be planning a staged return to opening to the public and expect to be returning to usual business hours in early August.

The first exhibition in the Homestead will be Val Johnson's vibrant work, "Bonjour and G'Day", which will open on the 2nd of July and will be open by appointment only, with limited numbers allowed in at a time. Val's exhibition will also be viewable online, complete with a walk-through with Strathnairn Arts Association Director Peter Haynes and an interview with the artist.

Please visit their website at strathnairn.com.au to stay up to date with their reopening schedule.

Val Johnson, Cafe Des Arts Beziere France, 51cm x 51cm oil on canvas, January 2019



What's On?

2020

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
26 July 2020 10am – 11am	Community Coffee Catchup	The Link building, Strathnairn
23 August 2020 10am – 11am	Community Coffee Catchup	The Link building, Strathnairn
27 September 2020 10am – 11am	Community Coffee Catchup	The Link building, Strathnairn
October 2020	Frogwatch Around the Fireside	The Link building, Strathnairn
October onward	Ginninderry With One Voice Choir	The Link building, Strathnairn

We're looking to get a Playgroup up and running at Ginninderry. Would you like to join one or help facilitate one? We'd love to hear from you if you do! If you'd like more information on any of these then contact Tuli at tulitha@ginninderry.com

Coming Soon

Our 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: (Currently on hold, but due to start again in October. Contact tulitha@ginninderry.com for more information)



Frogwatch around the Fireplace

October 2020

Come and sit around the fireside at Ginninderry's Link building and learn more about the fascinating world of frogs. Frogwatcher extraordinaire, Anke Maria, will regale us with frog stories and we will learn the different calls of Ginninderry's frogs at the dam. Dinner will be provided so please register to help us cater by emailing tulitha@ginninderry.com

More information will be made available closer to the date.

HIPPY is the acronym for The Home Interactive Program for Parents and Youngsters.



It's a free, two-year, home-based, early education program that helps parents to become their child's first teacher. It can help to boost children's literacy, numeracy skills and creativity and provide parents with the support and community to thrive!

Visit hippyaustralia.bsl.org.au or contact HIPPY coordinator, Warrick, on 0450 962 007 for more information.



Ginninderry Training + Employment Initiative

Conservation Land Management and Horticulture Introduction Program

27 July – 19 November
Register by 20 July

Ginninderry ACT Construction Program

8 September – 20 November
Register by 17 August

Women in Civil Construction Program

12 October – 11 December
Register by 21 September

Business Administration

13 October – 10 December
Register by 14 August



Around The Link

The Link building

The Link building is the Ginninderry project office and sales office, but it also includes an art gallery space with exhibitions changing every six weeks. The building was designed by Collard Clarke Jackson and built by Manteena and includes many sustainability features. If you'd like to learn more about the building, you can pop in at any time to follow a self-guided sustainability trail and explore our growing permanent art collection.

Electric Bikes

There are four electric bikes available for short-term hire out the front of The Link building. They are free for the first 2 hours and are very easy to use. Just create a log-in at ginninderry.bykko.net and dock them back at The Link within 2 hours!

The Cubby Play Space

The Cubby at The Link is our first children's play area. It is open each day during Ginninderry office opening hours. We are working on bringing some nature play elements into this space and bringing the community in to help us design the elements they'd like to see here. If you have any ideas for the space then please feel free to share them with us!

Please note: Dogs are not permitted on any part of artsACT land, including The Link and its surrounding grounds.



The Cubby at the Link

About Spark

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Ashleigh – SPARK Coordinator on 1800 316 900 or ashleigh@ginninderry.com

The Ginninderry SPARK program has a strong focus on improving the education, social, and economic outcomes of the local community.

In 2016, the Ginninderry Joint Venture established SPARK to deliver a unique training and employment initiative that uses infrastructure works and commercial land sales to generate economic opportunities for the local community. Emma Sckrabei is the Training and Employment Manager at Ginninderry, she oversees the day to day operations of the SPARK initiative.

SPARK has three key components:

- 1. Work Experience & Employment**
These opportunities are written into procurement contracts to ensure our contractors provide work experience and employment opportunities for local people.
- 2. Engagement, Training and Employment Programs**
We partner with a wide variety of registered training organisations, stakeholders and employers to deliver a range of engagement, training and employment initiatives.

- 3. Live Training Sites**
The Ginninderry development is often used to provide local on-site training models for registered training organisations. These live training sites are used as outdoor classrooms to build new skills for individuals and the community.

Since commencement in March 2016, SPARK has delivered 1008 training places to the local community, 359 unpaid work experience placements and 394 new jobs

Conservation Corridor

On the 13th of June we were thrilled to run our first community engagement event! Brekky with the Birds was led by Nicki Taws (Greening Australia Ecologist).

Our group of 15 people wandered through the Conservation Corridor, listening and looking for birdlife across planted woodland, open grassland and regenerating woodland patches. 26 bird species were identified during the two-hour walk, after which we returned to The Link building to enjoy a well-deserved morning tea with coffee and croissants on the deck. We look forward to running many more of these down the track, so join our Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest events, www.facebook.com/GinninderryTrust.

The Trust team are busy with a range of land management activities including extending and enhancing our Pink Tailed Worm Lizard (PTWL) habitat within the Corridor. This involved a patch of grassland restoration using a scrape and sow methodology (see below for more information) which has been fenced to protect it from disturbance by our cattle and will shortly have loose surface rock added to the site to create habitat for our PTWL (a threatened reptile species). If you have a look at our Facebook page you will see a recent photo of one of these amazing little critters!

If you'd like to find out more about the Conservation Corridor, feel free to email me at any time.

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Did you know?

A scrape and sow is a method of grassland restoration which involves removing a 10 to 15cm of grass and soil from a patch of ground to help restore native grassland to a particular area. It removes weed seed and creates a good surface for grass seeding. A mix of native grass and wildflower (known as 'forbs') seed is then spread using a specially adapted seeder towed behind a tractor. Jute mesh is then spread across the site at intervals to help with seed retention. It is then a matter of watch and wait!

Ginninderry Buzz

Julie and Matthew Armstrong

ACTFORBEES.ORG

ACT for Bees has been collaborating with Ginninderry to create pollinator corridors to support the health of bees, butterflies, birds and the insects that are integral to our environment.



Leafcutter Bee - Photo by Julie Armstrong

Pollinator corridors are areas of plantings that provide food for pollinators in the form of nectar and pollen which allow for year-round flowering in the urban environment. These not only support pollinators, they also play an important role in maximising biodiversity.

The grounds around The Link Building have also been planted with a highly diverse range of plants, which provide food to honeybees and the native bees who make the "Air Bee'n' Bee" home.

You can play an important role in helping to care for these important little creatures in our environment by leaving some areas of ground undisturbed for native bee nesting sites and by planting groundcovers, shrubs and trees for year-round flowering. Include some blue, violet, purple, white and yellow flowers in your garden for the bees and red, orange, pink and white flowers for butterflies. Some lovely examples are native daisies, Correa Dusky Bells, Native Rosemary and Grevillea and Callistemon.

You could also put some shallow bowls of water around your garden, as all animals need water, particularly in the heat of summer. It's also important to avoid using pesticides, as scientists have found that these are contributing to a global decline in insect populations worldwide.

You can find out more about natural pest control on the ACT for Bees website, actforbees.org.

Happy growing!

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)