

MyGinninderry Journal

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Hello!

Congratulations, we made it through winter! And with spring only just upon us, it's been lovely to see the cherry blossoms in bloom for a few weeks already.

Thank you to everyone that came along to our community workshop in July. It was great meeting some of you and being able to listen to your thoughts on upcoming development projects in Ginninderry. Our next community workshop will take place on September 27 with a focus on the bigger picture of Ginninderry, including an update on our masterplan refresh, while following on from the local centre and Future Urban Area discussion in July. Register now using the QR code below. As always, we will provide complimentary supper and child minding.

I'd like your feedback on life at Ginninderry. As we are finalising our calendar for the end of the year, I would love more resident input on what you'd like to see in your suburb. If you have time to pop by for a coffee or tea, I'd love to hear your thoughts. I'm at The Link Monday – Friday as well as the occasional weekend, so let me know when you are free, and I'll make the time.

We do have some exciting events and programs as we come into the warmer months, Diwali in November & Christmas in the Park in December. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank you for making me feel welcome, and I hope to see you soon!

Jess



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Construction updates

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

An idea born out of a community workshop, we have created a Development Projects hub on Ginninderry.com - a place where we can share information about short and long-term projects that will impact residents and the wider community.

A number of active projects are currently on the hub, while retrospective project information will be added over time and new projects will be incorporated as information becomes available.

Visit Ginninderry.com/projects

TELSTRA TOWER

Thank you to the residents who have contacted ServiceStream for updates and shared them on the Ginninderry Locals page. Fibre installation along Stockdill Drive is currently underway and the expected go-live date is now 20 September. Should you have any questions about the delay or the tower in general, please contact: Phi Co-Tan, ServiceStream Project Engineer, 0455 530 271 or phi.cotan@servicestream.com.au

MACNAMARA

Civil Works are progressing nicely in Macnamara, with the first blocks due to settle from October/November this year.

Since our winter Journal, the asphalt roads have been laid and footpaths have been installed. We look forward to welcoming Macnamara's first residents in 2024!

FUTURE PLAY SPACES

Some open spaces around the suburb are currently fenced while they go through the handover process with the ACT Government. We cannot guarantee that the areas are suitable for use until Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) completes its process.

SUBURB MAINTENANCE

As suburbs are constructed and landscaped, assets are progressively transferred to the ACT Government. All completed roads and open spaces 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 all public softscape landscaping is maintained by Ginninderry under an extended maintenance agreement. While Ginninderry strives to deliver a high-quality suburb, we are not permitted to act on matters under the government's authority.

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 team at The Link.

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!

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, 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 Happening

at Strathnairn Arts Association

SHOP

Our Homestead SHOP features a range of wares from local artists and craftspeople. Textiles, ceramics, jewelry, cards, homewares and more, if you're looking for something unique, drop in for a visit.

CAFÉ

Café Stepping Stone is open from 8.30 am - 3.30 pm, Wednesday – Sunday at Strathnairn Arts. The amazing team has also opened a location in Dickson, so show them some love and pop by if you are in the area! 8 Hawdon Place Dickson, 8 am – 2.30 pm Tuesday- Saturday.

Artwork by G.W. Bot

EXHIBITIONS

RE-EMERGE | PAUL TOMS

Homestead Gallery 1 | 30 August to 24 September

In an intimate exploration of what it means to re-emerge, this exhibition features work of a variety of media from Paul's previous practice in conversation with a more recent body of work.

ON FIRE | STRATHNAIRN WOOD FIRING GROUP

Woolshed Gallery | 4 to 26 November

This new exhibition of wood-fired ceramic work comes from firings at Strathnairn from November 2021 until present.

Ceramic works range from raw clay forms with wood ash effects, large sculptural forms, to glazed pieces utilising ash effects from the long firing process.

OPEN DAY - 22nd OCTOBER

COME AND DISCOVER CANBERRA'S BEST KEPT SECRET, STRATHNAIRN ARTS, ON ITS ANNUAL OPEN DAY THIS OCTOBER.

Sitting on a picturesque 23-acre block on Canberra's outskirts with uninterrupted views of the Brindabella Ranges, Strathnairn Arts has been home to a variety of world-renowned artists since its transformation from a working homestead to an arts facility in the 1970s.

With over 20 artist studios, a working foundry, ceramics studio, three galleries, a shop and cafe, this gem of a place is only 20 minutes from the centre of town and a magical place to visit.

Drop Off Point



In partnership with the Ginninderry Conservation Trust, we are delighted to announce that The Link is now a drop off point for a few local groups helping to reduce & reuse some of your household goods! We are accepting drop-offs during The Link Opening hours of 9 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday & 10 am - 2 pm Saturday - Sunday.

Lids 4 Kids are collecting plastic lids from milk or drink bottles. Simply remove the white foam inside, give them a rinse & dry and drop them off so they can be turned into new plastic products right here in Canberra. You can also drop off the following items:

- plastic bread tags
- wine bottle aluminium screw caps
- beer bottle steel screw top lids
- glass bottle aluminium ring pulls
- aluminium can ring pulls
- glass jar steel screw top lids
- plastic squeeze pouch yoghurt lids
- wine bottle corks
- plastic and foil medicine blister packs
- small household batteries
- old mobile phones
- leftover plastic packing tape
- leftover large garbage bags or large zippered storage bags

Head to lids4kids.org.au for more information

10c DEPOSIT SCHEME

The Ginninderry Conservation trust has opened a container deposit scheme account to support their crucial work. Take the lids off your bottles and drop the empty bottles in the deposit bin at The Link.

OPERATIONAL FORMAL WEAR

Operation Formal Wear aims to provide students in Canberra and the surrounding region with beautiful formal wear & services (makeup, cars etc) for their 2023 end of year celebration. Drop by The Link with your items before October 14th to spread some formal season cheer! If you are able to donate services, please contact Yvette by emailing lionyvette@myyahoo.com. Please drop any items off before October 14th. There is a need for more;

- Menswear (suits, bow ties, shoes, shirts, etc.)
- Jewellery
- Clutch bags
- Ladies shoes (heels & flats)
- Free or discounted services (makeup, hair, corsages, transport etc)
- Clothing racks

What's On?

Visit ginninderry.com/whats-on to see all the events and programs on at Ginninderry.

2023

Special Event

Gardening in Small Spaces with Ainslie Urban Farm

Come and learn how to eat your homegrown food, no matter how small your garden or balcony is!

WHEN

Saturday 21st
October

WHERE

The Link

TICKETS

Eventbrite →



On the regular

Monday, 6pm – 7pm	Taekwondo-Do	The Link
Tuesday, 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Songbirds of Belconnen Choir	The Link
Wednesday, 10am – 11am	Kanga training	The Link
Wednesday, 12pm – 1pm	Peace Education Program	The Link
Thursday, 7.15pm – 8.15pm	Yoga	The Link
Friday, 9.30am – 11am	Playgroup	The Link
Friday, 1pm – 3pm	GOG Knitting & Crochet	The Link
Friday, 6pm – 7pm	Taekwondo-Do	The Link
Sunday, 8.30am – 9.30am	Group Fitness Class	Paddys Park
1 st Sunday of every month, 2pm – 4pm	Repair Café	The Link

Upcoming Events

September 27th

Community Workshop;
Sustainable Development,
Masterplan, Local Centre
& FUA Block

November 4th

Diwali

December 9th

Christmas in
the Park

Spring/Summer

Bushfire Preparedness
Workshops &
Ginninderry Play Days

Continue to keep an eye on the What's On Page on the Ginninderry website or the Ginninderry Facebook page for upcoming events.

If you'd like to be added to our email list, feel free to reach out to community@ginninderry.com. We send out monthly emails with updates relevant to the community.

Exhibiting at The Link



ENDANGERED SPECIES QUILT

Michele England
6 Sept - 10 Dec



LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Senthan Ponniah
19 Sep - 29 Oct



CARING FOR COUNTRY

Wilay Designs
31 Oct - 10 Dec

Meet The Neighbour

Meet the Neighbour is all about embracing and celebrating our friendly and diverse community. We would love to share your story as we build this community together. If you'd like to put your hand up for a future Meet the Neighbour use this QR code to submit your name and email and we'll be in touch.

We look forward to meeting you!



Preparing For Bushfire Season

Bushfire season is fast approaching (October 1 unless conditions change), so now is a great time to get your home emergency plans in place or refresh the plans you have previously made. There are great resources online that will help you prepare at esa.act.gov.au, including templates and checklists for your home's emergency kit & evacuation plan. These plans are crucial, but an often-overlooked aspect of emergency preparedness is community connection. In times of disaster connected communities work well together and have a sense of reassurance that the vulnerable are

taken care of. Take some time over the coming weeks to connect with your neighbours and consider who in your street may need help in an emergency:

- People without cars
- Elderly people or those living alone
- People who don't speak English that will need emergency messages translated

By creating these connections now and having plans in place to care for others, we can alleviate the stress that comes with these emergencies, resting assured that no one has been left behind. Remember that a strong & connected community is a resilient community. Keep an eye out for our Bushfire Awareness sessions coming up over Spring/Summer at The Link to help you prepare.

Visit the Red Cross website for more information on building community resilience - redcross.org.au

Conservation Corridor



Ginninderry
Conservation Trust

August was platypus monitoring month!

During the month of August, the Trust conducted platypus monitoring at two sites along the Murrumbidgee River. August is a perfect time to spot a platypus because they spend more time feeding and males are more active as they prepare for the breeding season. Platypuses often share their habitats with the Australian water-rat (rakali) which we also surveyed for.

Both platypuses and rakali occupy natural lakes, rivers, back waters and billabongs as well as irrigation channels, man-made dams or reservoirs. The easiest spot to sight them are in places where the water is fairly calm and still, making it easier to note the distinctive ripples formed on the surface of the water where the animals swim and dive.

Platypuses are very unique animals! They are semi-aquatic mammals that lay eggs and use electroreception to find prey. How cool! Their streamlined body, broad tail, partially webbed feet and dense waterproof fur make them well adapted for a semi-aquatic lifestyle. In addition to this, males possess a spur on the back of their ankles which connects to a venom gland in the upper leg. This spur is thought to play a role in aggressive encounters between rival males (luckily the venom is non-lethal to humans).

Platypuses feed mainly during the evening on a variety of water bugs. An interesting fact about the platypus is that they can eat a third of their body weight in water bugs each day, usually foraging for 10-12 hours. Healthy and unpolluted waterways often have a wider variety of water bugs, which in turn can help support a larger number of platypuses. Keeping our waterways pollution free is key to ensuring that platypuses remain in our freshwater ecosystems. We can help look after their habitat by maintaining riparian vegetation (which helps filter harmful run-off) and in stream habitat (fallen logs, deep pools) and by managing erosion.

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Be sure to keep up to date with Trust news on our Facebook page: facebook.com/GinninderryTrust

From the Trust team

(Jason, Ange, Tyson, Rachel, Bridie, Kye, Leigh, Ariana, Natalie and Violet)

Fun Fact

*Did you know... that a group of platypuses is called a paddle!
Seems very fitting for these interesting critters.*



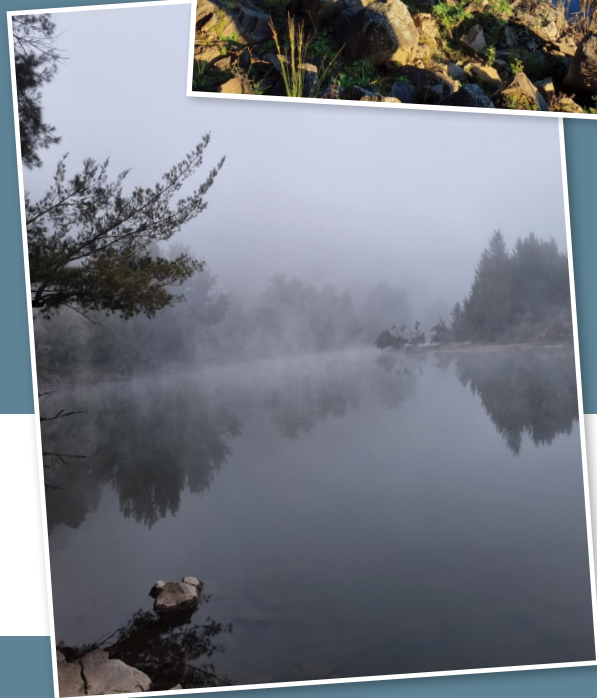
Above, photo credit: Bush Heritage Australia, taken by Jiri Lochman



Left, Murrumbidgee River at dusk- taken at one of the monitoring sites



Right, Murrumbidgee River at dusk- Taken below Shepherds Lookout at another of the monitoring sites



Left, Murrumbidgee River at dawn- Shepherds lookout

Behind the Lens of the MyGinninderry Photography Competition and Exhibition

Providing a unique perspective of life at Ginninderry, a new exhibition is connecting the community from behind the lens of a camera.

Initially running the MyGinninderry Photography Competition during the August 2021 COVID-19 lockdown to continue to forge community connections without breaking public health directions, the popular competition has been brought back once again to showcase beautiful photographs taken by the residents of Ginninderry.

Amazed by the response to the initial idea in 2021, the first MyGinninderry Photography Exhibition was held in April 2022 and was a raging success, with the money made from any photos sold during the exhibition donated to a charity chosen by the residents.

Bringing back the photo competition was Ginninderry's new Community Development and Liaison Officer, Jessica Buckland, who saw many beautiful photographs produced that show a different side of the community.

"The photos reveal a love for the landscape and community of Ginninderry. Through residents' eyes, we see what is valued in the places they live, work, and play, most notably, an appreciation for the natural landscape around Ginninderry and the stunning sunsets over the Brindabella Mountain Ranges," says Jessica.

"Once again, the residents have captured the area in a way that lets visitors see what it is like to live out here, and the exhibition looks fantastic!"

On display in The Link Art Space until Sunday, 17 September, among the entries, Simone Roche's Cubby (the Third Prize winner) and Foggy Morning and Land/skyscape from Saru Shrestha (the recipient of both the Second Prize and People's Choice Award) provide a unique perspective of what it's like to live at Ginninderry—from the still hours of the morning to the busy hours playing with the littlest members of the community.

For First Prize Winner Jason Stainthorpe, his image of a Nankeen Kestrel represents the unique connection Ginninderry has to its natural surroundings and the importance of looking beyond the man-made additions to the area.

"I love taking photos of birds—it's what I do on my days off. And in the local area, there's quite a few of those Nankeen Kestrels flying around all the time, and the chance to get a good shot of one is always nice," he says.

"It's really great to be part of this community that has the nature side to it. So, I thought that any chance to get a nice nature shot would represent the area just as much as the housing and having a lot of streets and parks."

Deciding last minute to enter his photo to help support the local area and the work being done by the Ginninderry Conversation Trust, Jason says there were some stunning shots submitted with unique views and angles of what can be found in the growing community.

Believing that the MyGinninderry Photography Competition is a great way to foster connection, he says he feels "pretty good" about winning with his stunning shot of a Kestrel sweeping through an endless blue sky.

"[This kind of community project is important because] it's got a very good spirit of community, which is always a good thing when you're new to a suburb—to develop a spirit there amongst everyone."

1st PLACE
Jason Stainthorpe
Nankeel Kestrel



3rd PLACE
Simone Roach
Cubby



2nd PLACE
Saru Shrestha
Hilltop Sunset



PEOPLES CHOICE
Saru Shrestha
Foggy Morning



Stay Connected

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

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

The Conservation Corridor:
Ginninderry Conservation Trust
(@ginninderrytrust)

Ginninderry Community:
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