

My Ginninderry Journal

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Welcome to 2024!

The new year is always an exciting time full of optimism and hope for a fabulous year ahead. I hope in 2024 that I get to see the amazing Ginninderry community not only grow but also strengthen and work together to keep making life in Strathnairn even better. Hopefully this year we get to welcome our first families to Macnamara as well as our 2,000th Strathnairn resident!

We are celebrating our temporary dog park opening on January 20th with free coffee & face painting! Stay tuned for more information on Clean up Australia day which falls on March 3rd.

Strathnairn Arts and Café Stepping Stone will reopen on January 17th so make sure you pop in for a cuppa and maybe purchase some art or something from the shop!

See you soon,

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November Listening Report

Thank you to those who attended our November workshop. The theme of the workshop was “The Bigger Picture” we explored our triple bottom line approach, looked at the refreshed masterplan and revisited the proposed local centre. The listening report is available online by scanning the QR code below. We truly do value your feedback, to date the following projects have been either created or influenced by resident feedback; Spofforth st intersection temporary upgrade, the temporary dog park + our regular calendar of events & community engagement.



FUN FACT

Did you know that our bus services in Ginninderry are free? You can hop on a bus in Strathnairn and be at Kippax in 5 minutes.

Strathnairn Arts Association

EXHIBITIONS



VALDA JOHNSON | MEANDERING AROUND THE MURRA

28 FEBRUARY TO 24 MARCH, 2024

A new body of work by contemporary painter Valda Johnson, depicting scenes from the Murray River.



CAROLINE REID | LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

28 FEBRUARY TO 24 MARCH, 2024

Recent work by contemporary landscape artist Caroline Reid, who uses en plein air painting to recover from adversity.

Café Stepping Stone

We are lucky to have such a special café set in such a beautiful location right on our doorstep. If you aren't familiar with Café Stepping Stone already make sure you pop down throughout the year to experience the magic this incredible team creates.

In 2023 Vanessa, Hannah & the team kicked some incredible goals, with your continued support in 2024 they are aiming even higher.

2023 AT CAFÉ STEPPING STONE IN NUMBERS

- 2 locations
- 40,440 hot drinks served
- 30 women hired from migrant & refugee backgrounds, 23 of whom had never been formally employed previously
- 11,360 of employment & training provided in just 10 months!
- \$331,792 in wages (including superannuation) paid to migrant & refugee women – a figure the team are hoping to double next year!

SHOP

Made by local artists, select a bespoke gift from our range of homewares, clothing and locally produced preserves and jams. Open Wednesday to Sunday 10 am – 4 pm.

Summer shutdown

Strathnairn Arts & Café Stepping Stone will be closed the public from 4 pm on Sunday 17 December and reopen on Wednesday 17 January.

Artwork by G.W. Bot



Local Business Loving!

A local business directory is being put together to live on the My Ginninderry website, if you are a local business owner please register your business today! Please email me at community@ginninderry.com to have your business added or to nominate a local business you love! Please include the business name, address, opening hours, services or products, a link to your webpage or social media and a phone number.

Community Calendar for 2024

Community input is needed for our calendar of events for 2024. You can see the proposed calendar here with a survey attached for your feedback. It would be great to get feedback from a wide group of residents no idea is silly! What would you like to see in 2024? Clothing swaps? Board game nights? Book Club? Mingling/Social nights? Footy Finals screenings? Pot lucks? Great Ginninderry Bake Off?

If you would like to help plan any of these events or would like to help out on the day I'd love to hear from you too!



Road Safety for school kids

We want all our young residents to make it home safely after a big day at school. Please remind your children to wait for all cars to pass when crossing the road on the way home. We are still seeing both young primary aged children as well as teenagers cutting through queued traffic after getting off the bus, and running through the road and median strip. This is incredibly dangerous as the queued traffic makes it almost impossible to see children (especially little ones) cutting through. Please also remind your kids to put their phones down while crossing the road. For all our drivers out there please do not over take the buses when they are at a stop and be sure to keep an eye out for kids, big & small!

Temporary Dog Park Opening Party | Jan 20

Our opening party for the dog park will be held on 20 January 2024 from 8 am – 11 am. This is a good chance to meet your neighbours too so feel free to pop by even if you don't have a furry friend. Keep an eye on the What's On page for event updates.

The temporary dog park is located on Speldewinde Street, just opposite #37. If you can walk to the dog park please consider doing so, we will use a few of the carparks for coffee & face painting. As always be mindful of your neighbours when using the dog park. There is dedicated off street parking, a community noticeboard as well as two separate dog play areas for large & small dogs.



Spofforth st

Thank you everyone for your patience & understanding during the upgrade to the Spofforth Street intersection. With priority now running along Drake Brockman Drive to Pro Hart Avenue you should find your daily commutes a lot easier. The development application has been submitted for the Drake Brockman Drive works which includes traffic lights along Drake Brockman Drive. We appreciate that the inconvenience of road works, especially those that change how we use the road can be frustrating, but these works are being designed and carried out by experts to make it safer & easier for everyone.

From the Trust

Our Research Programs

As part of the Ginninderry Conservation Research Program developed in collaboration with ANU Fenner School, the Trust have several projects underway to help inform evidence-based land management. These projects include:



Foxes

This is a study to determine whether scented baits containing a nausea inducing agent can create a negative association with a specific food type. The aim is to create a population of foxes that will actively choose not to predate on specific native species. In the future, this method could be used to protect certain native animal species.



Pink-tailed Worm-lizards (PTWL)

Translocations of PTWLs from a salvage area where a road will be upgraded have been scheduled and are set to be completed in the next week. This will involve flipping all the rocks in this area and removing any PTWLs found so they will not be impacted. They will then be translocated into high quality grassland sites located in northern Canberra. PTWLs have previously been translocated to these areas and subsequent surveys indicate the translocated animals have survived and adapted to their new location.



Eastern Brown Snakes

Associate Professor Gavin Smith (ACT Snake Removals) continues his research into the welfare and behaviour of translocated eastern brown snakes. PhD candidate Hannah Gerke is ramping up the research by adding new snakes to the program and looking at how the personality of individual snakes impacts how they respond to being translocated. Currently we are tracking five snakes in the Corridor, the most we have ever had while being involved in this project, which means a lot more tracking! Hannah and the Trust have engaged many keen volunteers who have been helping keep an eye on their whereabouts. If you are interested in getting involved, visit our website for more information.

Golden Sun Moths (GSM)

Our newest project will focus on this interesting moth species and will identify suitable habitat within the Conservation Corridor and potential translocation methodologies.

We are keen to see how these projects evolve and look forward to sharing the results in the future.

Thanks to our ANU research partners – Adrian, Linda, Jenny, Gavin, Hannah, Tim, Cass, Kylie, Sam, Maisie and Ellie.

From the Trust Team,

*Jason, Ange, Rachel, Tyson, Bridie, Kye,
Leigh, Ari, Natalie and Violet*



Herbivore Grazing

ANU have been collecting scat samples from cattle, deer and kangaroos across the Corridor as part of a grazing research program. The samples are then analysed to determine which species of plant the animals are eating and whether they favour certain species. The results will assist with grazing management.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know... that Golden Sun Moths only live for 2-5 days? Adult Golden Sun Moths lack functional mouth parts for feeding. Females also rarely fly. Instead, they emerge from their pupal cases and display their vivid orange wings to attract males. Check out the vibrant colours!

Image taken by Meredith Dairy
(State Wide Integrated Flora and Fauna Teams)

eDNA (Environmental DNA)

The Trust have been using eDNA technology to monitor the species that are utilising our waterways. We are in the early stages of analysing the data and preparing a report.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT THE TRUST IS UP TO?

Scan the QR code to see the latest videos from the team out in the corridor.



Building Community

If you are looking for ways to connect with your neighbours but aren't quite sure where to start check out these tips & resources below to get you going!

1. Don't over think it! We have a beautiful and diverse community of lovely people, a lot of whom want to be active participants in their street & suburb, it usually just takes one person or household to get the trend going. Say hello to your neighbours on your walks or when you are in the garden. See who lives near you that is interested in getting to know their neighbours. What starts as a cuppa over the fence could bloom into a lifelong friendship!
2. Drop a note. Leaving a note or invitation in your neighbours letterboxes is an easy way to get a small get together planned. Pick a date & location (maybe your closest pocket park or someone's driveway) encourage everyone to bring a plate of food to share and meet your neighbours in a relaxed environment!
3. Remember that from little things big things grow!

If you'd like some more creative ideas or prompts check out the resources below



NEIGHBOURS EVERY DAY



NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECT

Things to do with your neighbours



Be notified about free events

If you find that you aren't hearing about our community events and programs try following us on Eventbrite (<https://bit.ly/47LC4qk>), this way every time we post a free ticketed event you will be notified by email you can also turn notifications on the Ginninderry Locals Facebook Group.

Stay Connected

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

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

The Conservation Corridor:
Ginninderry Conservation Trust
(@ginninderrytrust)

Ginninderry Community:
Ginninderry Community
(@ginninderry)