

# MyGinninderry

## Journal

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### Hello!

Welcome to winter! If you haven't already taken advantage of the new walking tracks, they are well worth rugging up to explore the beauty in the corridor and beyond. On the back page of this newsletter, you will find a copy of the map of the new tracks you can cut out and take with you on your adventures.

With school holidays approaching don't forget to check out the programs on offer from both the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor and Strathnairn Arts Association. You'll find more information at [ginninderry.com/whats-on](http://ginninderry.com/whats-on).

I have also had several requests from residents for a Trivia night. Did you know that the Burns Club hosts Trivia Night every Monday from 7 pm? Perhaps have a chat with your neighbours and see which street comes out on top!

Remember that you can reach me at The Link building or via [community@ginninderry.com](mailto:community@ginninderry.com) for any feedback or questions you have. Thank you to all of

the residents who have recently reached out with some great initiatives. I'm always excited to help you bring your ideas to life!

Also, for those who haven't yet heard, there have been some staff moves within the Ginninderry team. Jessica Stewart is now Head of Sustainability and Community Development. Jess has been working on the Ginninderry project since 2016 and I am very excited to work more closely with her. Marcus is still with us, moving into the role of Head of Sales, Marketing & Communication. Thank you to Marcus for helping me with the first 12 months of my time here at Ginninderry!

I'll see you soon,

*Jess Buckland*

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& Liaison Officer

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### Residents Association

Thank you to the 36 residents who joined us in May for our two initial workshops on exploring a Residents' Association. The two sessions provided lots of feedback, opinions & ideas on what a Residents' Association in Ginninderry might look like. Scan the QR code below for a copy of the listening report and all of the background information and project update that was provided at the workshops. Keep an eye on your emails & the Ginninderry Locals Facebook group to be kept up to date for information on the next Workshop!



### Neighbourhood Watch

In March, we hosted an info session with ACT Police and Neighbourhood Watch at The Link. We have since met again with the ACT Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and they would love for you to join! To become a member of Neighbourhood Watch, it's free and you can join online or via the QR code below. You will need your Drivers Licence and address details for police screening.

**Scan here to apply for membership with Neighbourhood Watch.**



## Welcome to the Community!

If you've just moved into your new home – welcome! There is so much on offer in your new community. You might like to start by popping by The Link to chat with a member of the team Monday – Saturday or you could head online to the residents resources page to start unpacking all that Ginninderry has to offer.



## What's on in Winter

Alongside our regular programs both at The Link and throughout our public spaces we have lots happening over the cooler months:

- 7 July:** Repair Cafe
- 9 July:** NAIDOC Native PLany Use Workshop with Ginninderry Conservation Trust
- School holidays:**
  - Square Up! At Strathnairn Arts Association
  - Music & Craft in the bush with ranger Ari in the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor
- 14 July:** Residents guided walk of the corridor with Ranger Ari & Jess
- 24 July:** Research showcase evening @ The Link
- 17 August:** Flexi Street Party



### Tool Library

We are getting close to our first community tool library being established in Ginninderry. This tool library will provide residents a low-cost option for tool hire. This is a resident led initiative funded from the 23/24 Community Grants pool. If you would like to volunteer for the tool library please email Jess via [community@ginninderry.com](mailto:community@ginninderry.com)



### Free Playgroup on Fridays

Every Friday morning from 9:30 am – 11 am Playgroups ACT run a free playgroup at The Link. This playgroup is open to everyone, so if you have friends in nearby suburbs, please let them know to pop down. It has been great to see so many new faces at Playgroup this term so please pop down and join us if you are home on Fridays!

# We have a greenhouse!

The Caring for Country team has been busy putting together a greenhouse to facilitate the propagation of native species. This project started with the idea to grow plants for use as part of our revegetation projects. Our long-term vision is to grow plants for local residents to plant in their own gardens.

To date, the Caring for Country team have propagated 25+ species from seeds and cuttings collected from the Corridor, including trees, shrubs and groundcovers. Many of the groundcover species (grasses and forbs) have been propagated from our Scrape and Sow in the Corridor; an area 0.26ha in size that has been scraped back and sown with native grass and forb seeds. This site is in its fourth year now and provides a great example of a high-quality native grassland.

## Did you know?

There are over 1000 types of Wattle (Acacia). The Acacia genus is the largest group of trees and shrubs in Australia! The distinctive yellow flowers and green leaves from the Golden Wattle (Acacia pycnantha) is where Australia draws its national colours - green and gold.



Acacia pycnantha (Golden Wattle) Dan Murphy

## Species we're growing:

### Trees

- **Callitris endlicheri (Black Cypress Pine)**. First Nations people would use the resin as an adhesive and the wood to make canoe poles and fish spears.
- **Casuarina cunninghamiana (River She-oak)**

### Shrubs

- **Cassinia longifolia (Shiny Cassinia)** leaves are very sticky and hold medicinal properties. They were traditionally used by First Nations people as a type of Band-Aid.
- **Dodonaea viscosa (Hopbush)** have been used to help toothaches (it is also known as toothache bush) as the leaves numb your mouth as you chew on them.
- **Centipeda cunninghamii (Old Man Weed)** is used as an immune booster and to treat various illnesses and as a cold and flu remedy.
- **Indigofera australis (Austral Indigo)** have been used to kill or stun fish and eels by adding crushed leaves into slow moving water.

### Groundcover (grasses & forbs):

- **Eryngium ovium (Blue Devil)**
- **Arthropodium strictum (Chocolate Lily)**. The flowers smell like chocolate and the tuber provides a source of food.
- **Bulbine bulbosa (Bulbine Lily)** tubers also provide a source of food.

Callitris endlicheri  
(Black Cypress Pine)



Inside the greenhouse



Arthropodium strictum  
(Chocolate Lily)



# A New Walking Track Network



All tracks: Australian Grade 3

*Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface and many steps.*

This map depicts the new walking tracks in the Conservation Corridor. Further tracks in the northern section of the Corridor are due to be complete mid 2024.

There are lots of wonderful new features to explore, including lookouts, swing bridges, and many stunning views along the way. The Ginninderry Conservation Trust team are currently working on signage to be installed throughout the network to help communicate interesting stories about the areas unique Indigenous history, plants, animals, and the fascinating land management and research that takes place here.

## NEW LOOKOUTS

### Ngunnung Lookout

Named after the Ngunnawal word for 'campsite', this lookout celebrates the area's rich Aboriginal history. The wealth of artefacts found here indicate that it is the location of a historic meeting place.

### Woodland Lookout

Take in the views from this central high point which overlooks the Corridor in many directions, a perfect spot to pause and appreciate the varying landscapes.

### Burin Lookout

Learn about and observe the unique native plants and animals of the area under the shade of magnificent stringybark gum trees, called 'burin' in Ngunnawal language.



Safety

We want to make sure you have a safe and enjoyable time whilst exploring the Corridor, so please take care while walking the track and stay on the marked trail.



Please leave pets at home.



Let Us Know!

If you have any feedback on the track or issues to report, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us at [admin.contact@ginninderry.org](mailto:admin.contact@ginninderry.org)



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## Dogs at Ginninderry



**Off lead**

Temporary  
Dog Park:  
Speldwinde St  
Strathnairn



**On lead**

Urban Area  
  
Bicentennial  
National Trail  
in Strathnairn &  
Macnamara



**Prohibited**

Ginninderry  
Conservation  
Corridor  
  
Strathnairn Arts  
Association



## WILDLIFE SERVICES IN THE ACT

Contact  
information

Ginninderry  
Conservation Trust



Photo: Wombat Rescue

### ACT Wildlife

0432 300 033

[info@actwildlife.net](mailto:info@actwildlife.net)

### ACT Snake Removals

0450 210 090

[admin@actsnakeremovals.com](mailto:admin@actsnakeremovals.com)

### Wombat Rescue

0424 935 989

[rescuewombats@gmail.com](mailto:rescuewombats@gmail.com)

### Ginninderry Conservation Trust

[admin.contact@ginninderry.org](mailto:admin.contact@ginninderry.org)

(Mon-Fri 8am-4pm)

### RSPCA

(02) 6287 8100

[rspca@rspca-act.org.au](mailto:rspca@rspca-act.org.au)

### Domestic Animal Services

13 22 81

### WildTalk

1300  
WILDTALK  
(1300 945382)

Counselling for  
wildlife rescuers and  
carers

# Welcome to the Corridor



TRIANGLE DAM

Woodland Lookout

Burin Lookout

GOODAMON CREEK

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Map Key

**Woodland Loop** - 4km one way.

Travel through the planted woodland and down near the river, taking in the stunning landscape. Many steep steps.

**Nguurung Bila Loop** - 3.8km one way.

Named after the Ngunnawal word for 'river campsite', this route celebrates the area's rich Indigenous history. Steep steps.

**Shepherds Lookout Loop**

Corridor entry to Shepherds: 3.4km one way.  
Wallaroo Spur to Burin Lookout: 1.2km one way.  
Choose your own route to explore between The Link and Shepherds Lookout.

**Maintenance Track**

3.4km one way  
Shared zone: pedestrians, management vehicles and bicycles.

**Corridor Boundary**

The area currently managed by the Ginninderry Conservation Trust.

## Book Club

Are you interested in joining a resident run book club? Jen is looking for interest in a new book club that could meet at The Link. Send Jess an email via [community@ginninderry.com](mailto:community@ginninderry.com) and we can get you in touch!

## Development Projects Page

Keep an eye on the development projects page for updates on work happening around your neighbourhood.



## Did you know?

The opening of 10 kilometres of new walking tracks saw approximately 2,500 visitors into the Corridor in May. This is an increase of 1,500 people from April!



# Strathnairn Arts.

## Squares: 18th People's Choice Competition

Canberra's favourite people's choice award opens for registration on June 12!

Open to young or old, professional or hobbyist, abstract or surrealist, and every artist in between, Strathnairn's annual community art competition Squares is back for its 18th year. and after a record 319 entries in 2023, we can't wait to see what this year brings!

We will also be running Squares school holiday workshops over the winter break - make sure you keep an eye on our website and social media for more info to come.

### KEY DATES

- **Registration opens:** Wednesday 12 June, 2024
- **Registration closes:** Sunday 4 August, 2024
- **Deliver finished work (unframed) to the Homestead at Strathnairn Arts:** Wednesday 7 August to Sunday 18 August, 2024
- **Exhibition dates:** 24 August - 22 September
- **Voting opens:** 12 pm, Saturday 24 August, 2024
- **Voting closes:** 3 pm, Saturday 21 September, 2024
- **Award presentation:** 2 pm, Sunday 22 September, 2024

Visit [strathnairn.com.au/artist-opportunities/squares](http://strathnairn.com.au/artist-opportunities/squares)

## stepping stone

Have you had a chance to visit your local cafe located in the historic homestead at Strathnairn Arts?

More than just a café, as a social enterprise, Café Stepping Stone provides jobs to those who face multiple barriers to entering the workforce. Primarily employing women from culturally and linguistically diverse migrant and refugee backgrounds who have recently arrived in Australia, the café gives them stable employment and paid on-the-job training in hospitality.

Café Stepping Stone is open Wednesday to Sunday with a new winter menu. They also run regular community events and offer volunteering opportunities.

If you want to stay up to date, follow them on social media - Facebook/cafestepppingstone and Instagram @cafestepppingstone.



- Trivia Nights on Mondays from 7pm
- \$15 Schnitzel night on Tuesday nights from 5:30pm
- \$22 Loaded Schnitzel night on Thursday nights from 5:30pm
- Meat Raffles on Thursday night from 5:30pm
- Seafood Raffle on Friday nights from 4:30pm
- Happy Hour on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 3pm - 5pm, where selected beers and wines are \$4 from 3pm - 4pm, and \$5 from 4pm - 5pm.

Scan here to check out the Pebble & Stick Menu



# 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)