



MyGinninderry Journal



Christmas in the park

Saturday 13 December, 5-9pm at Paddys Park

Live Music | Kids Activities | Santa Appearance | Food Stalls | + more

A message from Jess

As summer arrives and we farewell 2025, it's a great time to reflect on what a vibrant year it has been in Ginninderry. From the Inspire Festival, Community Showcase, Easter and so many other community gatherings, it has been wonderful.

Looking ahead, 2026 promises exciting developments, including the opening of Strathnairn School and parks and open spaces in Macnamara, creating even more ways for families to enjoy the neighbourhood.

Before the year ends, join us for Christmas in the Park at Paddys Park on Saturday, December 13 from 5 pm to 9 pm with live music, food trucks, festive fun and a visit from Santa. There are also more ways to connect over summer, such as getting involved in the Strathnairn Garden Commons, where residents can meet, garden and participate in community activities.

Thank you for making 2025 such a fantastic year. I look forward to an even brighter 2026.

Warm regards,

Jess Stewart



Enjoy and care for our beautiful Ginninderry this Summer!

Summer is the perfect time to get outside, connect with your neighbours, and help care for the place we all call home. There are so many ways to join in and make a difference together:

- Offer a hand to a neighbour by mowing their verge or offering to water their garden if they go away
- Go for a walk with family or friends in the Corridor and explore the marvellous tracks and hidden gems
- Pull out weeds, water and harvest produce at the Strathnairn Garden Commons
- Discover and play at the Macnamara Nature Park and explore the nearby bike paths
- Cook up a storm using fresh herbs and produce from the Strathnairn Garden Commons or The Link shared garden
- Come play with the kids and enjoy the cubby house, sandpit, grassed area and shared garden at The Link
- Pick up rubbish along streets, parks, and trails to keep Ginninderry beautiful

Summer is better when we enjoy it together. Let's celebrate our community, care for our shared spaces, and make the most of all that Ginninderry has to offer!



Strathnairn School 2026 Enrollments Now Open

Strathnairn's brand-new school will accommodate more than 600 students from preschool to Year 6 and will include an Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) facility. The leadership team consists of Principal Nicole Nicholson (centre), Deputy Principal Kylie Robson (right), and Business Manager Lauren Harwin (left).

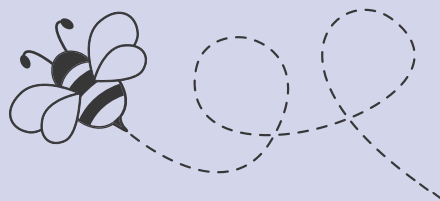


Have you enrolled? Scan the QR code to enroll at Strathnairn school for 2026.

For enquires, please contact 6142 4310 or strathnairnschoolinfo@ed.act.edu.au



What's on in December



**25 November -
5 January**

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Art Exhibition at The Link
LIFE AS AN OLD DOLL
Robyn Davis



**Tuesday
2 December**

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Macnamara Neighbourhood 4
Early Consultation Opportunity
5:30 - 7:30pm at The Link



**Saturday
6 December**

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Strathnairn Garden
Commons Workshop #2
Pruning, watering &
maintenance from 9:30am



**Saturday
6 December**

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Guided Ranger
Walk from 8 - 10am

**Sunday
7 December**

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Repair Café at The Link
from 1 - 3:30pm

**Saturday
13 December**

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Christmas in the Park
from 5 - 9pm



Scan the QR code to find out more about the above events, or our regular programs at The Link including Playgroup, Yoga and more!

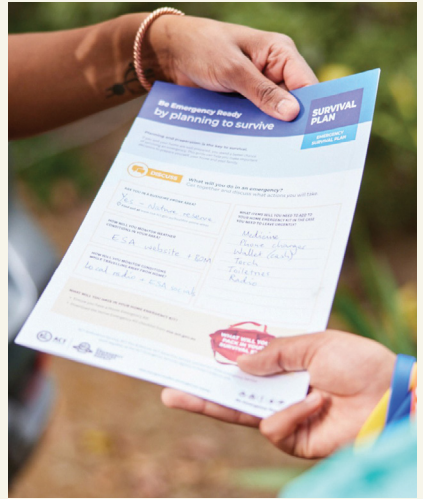
Note dates and times for events may be subject to change or cancellation. Please check the What's on section on our website for up to date information closer to the event.



Be bushfire ready

To prepare yourself, your family and your home this bushfire season, please:

- Regularly mow your grass and rake up leaves (this includes your verge)
- Remove weeds and prune bushes
- Clear leaves from gutters, roofs and downpipes
- Prepare a home emergency kit
- Create or update your a survival plan, which can be downloaded from the ESA website



Snake Awareness in Ginninderry

As the weather heats up, you might see more snakes out and about enjoying the sunshine. Here are some tips from ACT Snake Removals on what to do if you see a snake:



If outdoors 🌿

If within striking distance, remain completely still until the snake retreats away.

Carefully & slowly walk away from the snake. Remember it is wary of you too.

Keep people and pets away from the snake and try not to disturb or agitate it.

If indoors 🏠

Confine the snake to the room by closing the door and using towels at door.

If safe to do so, keep an eye on the snake and it's exit points form a safe distance.

Call or text ACT Snake Removals on 0450 210 090. Keep phone on you for updates and arrival information. If possible have someone else answer the door as you monitor the snake.

Macnamara Construction Update

The Macnamara Nature Park will be opening soon. Keep an eye out on our socials and newsletters for a resident's BBQ in early 2026.



Opening times at The Link over Christmas and New Year

The project delivery, design and community teams will be on leave from 24 December, returning Monday 5 December.

The sales team will remain on site for general sales enquiries, except public holidays.

If you notice cattle outside their paddocks over the Christmas period, please call Marcus Bush on 0428 277 975.

stepping stone

Free English Conversation Sessions

At Café Stepping Stone every Thursday 10am - 12pm. It is a casual, friendly environment with fluent English-speaking volunteers. All levels of English welcome & great opportunity to meet new people!

If you're interested email us at hello@cafeteppeingstone.com or just show up!





**Ginninderry
Conservation Trust**



Woodland Bird Monitoring in the Conservation Corridor

In September 2023, the Trust partnered with Canberra Birds to begin monitoring the woodland bird populations throughout the Corridor. This work helps guide our conservation efforts, as birds are excellent indicators of woodland health. Their population trends provide valuable data for habitat management and reflect the effectiveness of restoration work.

The program includes six main monitoring sites, each with two subsites, all located in protected Box-Gum Woodland, which is listed as threatened under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. Altogether, twelve sites are surveyed four times a year using Canberra Birds' established methodology.

Image credit: Jason Stainthorpe



Since the program began, nine monitoring sessions have been completed, recording a total of 66 bird species. Notably, the presence of three threatened species has been recorded, including the Superb Parrot, White-winged Triller, and Scarlet Robin. The data also shows that the birds that occur most often are predominantly native. These include the Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Crimson Rosella, Magpie, Striated Pardalote, Weebill and Grey Fantail. While it is still too early to draw firm conclusions from the data, these initial results highlight the ecological values of the Corridor and reinforce the importance of continued monitoring and habitat restoration.

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:
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