

# TAYLOR

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## Thank you, Taylor

It has been a wonderful eight years since the first build in your suburb. In that time, Taylor has grown to house more than 2,200 residents.

Taylor now includes five early childhood education and care centres, and there are more than 800 enrolments at your local schools.

Your suburb is home to thriving businesses, and the local pathways and greenspaces are a hive of community activity.

The ACT Government's Mingle program has supported you throughout the growth of your community since 2017 and I look forward to seeing how your suburb story continues to evolve.

Warm regards,

**Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs,  
Yvette Berry MLA**



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Our Taylor Mingle newsletter looks a little different as it is our final one.

The Mingle program supports communities for approximately five years in new SLA suburb and the time has come for us to say goodbye to the wonderful community of Taylor. We've loved working with the people of Taylor and it's great to see some of the suburb's community sites now activated.

Margaret Hendry School opened its doors for the 2019 school year and Auntie Agnes Shea High School from 2025 and has already grown in enrolment numbers. The Taylor Bike Library opened in 2023 and has become a much-loved

community asset along with the ongoing community offerings at The Hive. So much is happening and there is more to come!

Mingle is leaving Taylor at the end of December 2025 but there is still time for you and your neighbours to request Mingle support for a community initiative, activity, or event for your local community. Send us a message on Facebook or email [mingle@act.gov.au](mailto:mingle@act.gov.au) and let us know how we can support you, with financial and non-financial assistance available through our **Community Support Fund**.

## Get involved: Taylor Community Social Group (TCSG)

What community activities and social groups would you like to see held in your suburb? A great way to stay connected in your suburb is through the Taylor Community Social Group.

To find out how you can have a positive impact in your community, express interest to [taylorcommunitysocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:taylorcommunitysocialgroup@gmail.com) or contact the Taylor Community Social Group Facebook page administrators.

## Enjoy your best Taylor Life



Are you signed up to the Taylor Residents Canberra ACT Facebook page? There are over 3.5K members and it's a great way to remain connected with what's on in your suburb and how you can be involved. Check it out at **Taylor Residents Canberra ACT | Facebook**.

## Keep biking!

One of the legacies Mingle is very proud to leave in Taylor is a very connected and well attended Bike Library. Since 2023, the Taylor Bike Library has provided free or low-cost access to refurbished bikes, scooters, helmets, and locks for adults and children who need them most.

The Bike Library has been made possible thanks to generous donations, volunteer support and the ongoing partnership between Pedal Power, Margaret Hendry School and Community Services #1. We look forward to seeing the Taylor community continue to make use of this valuable resource and opportunity for neighbourly connections beyond this year.



## Taylor Community Garden

The Taylor Community Garden is in the process of being formally handed over to the Taylor community to manage and operate. As Mingle transitions out, Community Services #1 is available to support community involvement in the Community Garden to the end of 2025 and will help to manage the food pantry on site beyond Mingle's exit.

To find out more or get in touch, contact Jagmeet Sandu [Jagmeet.Sandhu@communityservices1.org](mailto:Jagmeet.Sandhu@communityservices1.org)

## Community Support Fund



We know that there are still some terrific ideas in Taylor yet to be turned into reality, so we are keeping the Community Support Fund open for applications until the end of June 2026.

Would you love to host a community picnic, a friendly sporting day, an open mic afternoon or clothes and toy swap? Or something completely different! We can help flesh out your ideas, link you with others, and provide non-financial and financial support to acquire necessary equipment or resources. It's a simple application – get started today! Apply via: [suburbanland.act.gov.au/home-buyers-and-builders/mingle](https://suburbanland.act.gov.au/home-buyers-and-builders/mingle).

Email us for more information [mingle@act.gov.au](mailto:mingle@act.gov.au).



# Mingle Farewell Survey

Share your feedback and go in the draw to win a \$50 gift card.

We value your feedback about Taylor Mingle. This will help inform the Mingle program in future suburbs, as we transition out of Taylor and continue the Mingle program in neighbouring suburbs such as Jacka.

The survey is open until **Monday 15 December 2025 12:00pm** and

has a total of eight questions. The survey should take no more than ten (10) minutes to complete.

By completing the survey, you will go into the draw to win one of 3 x \$50 gift cards. We look forward to hearing your responses!



Scan the QR code to complete the survey.



## Help keep Taylor tidy

Dumping or storing rubbish in public spaces including nature strips is an offence in the ACT. If you're caught, you could face large fines.

Got waste to get rid of? Do it the right way:

- **Drop it off** at ACT Government Resource Management Centres in Mitchell or Mugga Lane. Many items can be disposed of for free, and fees apply for others.
- **Donate reusable items** in good condition to Goodies Junction, located at Mitchell and Mugga Lane.

- **Book your free bulky waste collection** (up to 2 cubic metres per household per financial year) for large items like broken furniture or appliances. Visit **Bulky waste collections - City Services**.

### If you see illegal dumping - Report it.

Use **Fix My Street** or call Access Canberra on 13 22 81. Let's keep Canberra clean, safe, and beautiful—for everyone.

# Taylor Local Services Directory



## Buy Nothing

Buy Nothing are local Facebook groups where people can gift, lend, and share items with their neighbours. Did you know there is a Buy Nothing group for Moncrieff, Taylor and Jacka?

Join via **Buy Nothing Moncrieff/Taylor/Jacka, ACT | Facebook** to participate in local gifting and exchange.

## Taylor Community Library


Drop off preloved books to share with your neighbours and pick up something for your own reading enjoyment.

Don't know where to find it? The Taylor Community Library is located just off Sutherland Crescent, near the Taylor Bike Library at Margaret Hendry School.

## Taylor Bike Library

Located next to the Margaret Hendry School off Sutherland Crescent, you will find the Taylor Bike Library. You can borrow a long or short-term loan of quality second hand bicycles. The volunteer mechanics can also help fix your bike or provide advice to help you get biking. The Bike Library is a very social drop in space so come along and say hello to the Pedal Power team and other community members. Open every Tuesday and the first Saturday of each month.

 Margaret Hendry School  
100 Sutherland Crescent, Taylor ACT 2913

 Tuesdays: 11:00am – 2:00pm  
First Saturday of the month: 10:00am – 12:00pm

## Gungahlin Community Council

The Gungahlin Community Council (GCC) is a voluntary, not for profit, community-based association operating in the Gungahlin area. The council's aim is to create a strong community identity and provide a forum for community members to have a voice.

For more information, please visit [gcc.asn.au](http://gcc.asn.au) or contact [info@gcc.asn.au](mailto:info@gcc.asn.au) (02) 6152 9170

## Community Services #1

Community Services #1 (CS#1) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to building strong, connected, and inclusive communities across the Canberra region. CS#1 delivers a wide range of programs and services that support individuals and families, from early education and care to community development, wellbeing, and aged care initiatives.

As part of their commitment to fostering local connections, CS#1 has proudly partnered with the Mingle Program in Taylor to deliver community events and activities that bring residents together, encourage participation, and strengthen neighbourhood ties.

While the Mingle Program in Taylor will soon come to an end, Community Services #1 will continue to support the Taylor community. CS#1 remains committed to assisting with local programs and events that promote connection, inclusion, and a strong sense of community.

## Join the clean up Taylor

Taylor has an active clean up group. All equipment is provided, and it is a great way to meet your neighbours. If you would like to get involved, please complete an expression of interest via [this link](#).




# Taylor Program Directory

The following community programs in Taylor will continue to be available to local residents beyond Mingle's transition out. Thank you to the dedicated facilitators and regular attendees for making these programs possible!

## BOLD Moves for Over 55s


Led by Liz Lea ([thestellarcompanyact@gmail.com](mailto:thestellarcompanyact@gmail.com)), BOLD Moves is a free dance and exercise class with weekly classes at The Hive.

 Fridays 11:30am – 12:30pm (during school terms)

 The Hive community space, Margaret Hendry School

## MEGA Pilates (Mums Exercise Group Australia)

Every Monday at the Hive, MEGA offers a safe space for women to strengthen their bodies and minds.


 Mondays 6:00pm – 6:45pm

 The Hive community space, Margaret Hendry School

## MUMS EXERCISE GROUP AUSTRALIA (MEGA MUMS) | friendship

## English Conversation Group

Taylor's popular English Conversation Group will continue to run out of The Hive, facilitated by local volunteer Simar and supported by CS#1.


 Thursdays 11:00am – 12:30pm (during school term)

 The Hive community space, Margaret Hendry School

Jagmeet Sandhu [Jagmeet.Sandhu@communityservices1.org](mailto:Jagmeet.Sandhu@communityservices1.org)

## Playgroup

Woden Community Services facilitates regular sessions for local Taylor families at The Hive. **Playgroup - Margaret Hendry School**

 Wednesdays & Fridays 9:30am – 11:00am (Weeks 2-9 in school term)

## Social Badminton

Social Badminton will continue to operate out of the Margaret Hendry School Gymnasium, providing the opportunity for local Taylor residents to connect on a weekly basis.

 Saturdays 6:30pm – 8:30pm  Margaret Hendry School Gymnasium

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

## Taylor Community and Social Group

The Taylor Community and Social Group will continue offering monthly community activities out of The Hive. Everyone is welcome.

 First Saturday of the month, 10:00am – 12:00pm

 The Hive community space, Margaret Hendry School

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

## Good Omen Goodeze (GOG) Crafternoons

Facilitated by GOG, Crafternoons is a much-loved program attended by the Taylor community. Get in touch to learn more.

Mary Liondi-Barlow [mary.liondi-barlow@goodomengoodenze.org.au](mailto:mary.liondi-barlow@goodomengoodenze.org.au)

## Staying connected

As we transition out of Taylor at the end of December 2025, the Mingle team encourages Taylor residents to stay connected with each other and make meaningful connections.

While the Taylor Mingle Facebook page will become inactive from December 2025, we would love to see residents continue to share photos and memorable moments of community activities through channels such as the **Taylor Residents Canberra ACT | Facebook** page.



We wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the land and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.



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