

WHITLAM

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Summer is Just Around the Corner

It has been fantastic to see the Whitlam community building connections and engaging in a range of initiatives across the spring including the delivery of a Floriade program once again.

The Nggunawal art trail has arrived in Whitlam. I encourage you to take a walk along the trail to discover the seven permanent artworks and learn about local Molonglo Valley plant and animal species.

Summer is on our doorstep, and it is a good time to be preparing for the heat and thinking about emergency

readiness for yourself and your community. ACT Emergency Services Agency will be partnering with Mingle to provide monthly information sessions on being prepared and all topics related to being safe in your community. Look out for more information on these free sessions coming soon.

Warm regards,

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



What's On During the Term

Day and time	Activity and location
Monday 10am – 11:30am	Playgroup with ACT Playgroups Mingle Community Space
Wednesday 1pm – 2pm (Yoga)	MEGA Workout (Mums Exercise Group Australia) Mingle Community Space
Thursday (every fortnight from 6 November) 10am – 11am	Book Here: megamums.com.au

Day and time	Activity and location
Thursday 1pm – 2:30pm	English Conversation Group Mingle Community Space
3 Sunday mornings each month	Yoga & Pilates Mingle Community Space Find latest details at suburbanland.act.gov.au/events

All programs will finish at the end of the school term and start again at the start of the school term 1, 2026.



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What's on in Whitlam

Summer Activities

Something Special is Coming to Whitlam this December!

As the year winds down, we're gearing up to support a festive celebration at **4:30pm, 23 December** to bring the community together! Keep an eye on our socials for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Meet our Community Development Officer Rio at Heartbeat Café

Do you have any ideas for community activities, social groups, or events you'd love to see in Whitlam? Come chat with Rio the second Saturday of the month from February 2026. It's a relaxed space to share your thoughts, connect with neighbours, and help shape the future of our vibrant community. Whether you're new to Whitlam or a long-time local, your voice matters! Let's build something great together!



1:00pm-2:30pm,
Second Saturday of every month,
commencing February 2026



Help Keep Whitlam Green and Beautiful

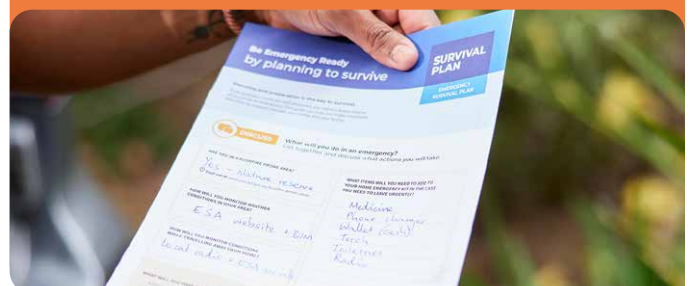
We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our community clean-up and gardening efforts in Whitlam's parks and green spaces. Whether you have a green thumb or just want to lend a hand, your support will help create a cleaner, greener, and more welcoming environment for everyone. Tasks include weeding, planting, watering, and general tidying - no experience needed, just a love for the outdoors and community spirit.

Interested? Reach out to Rio Buan at **rio.buan@communityservices1.org** to get involved or learn more.

Keeping Safe and Being Prepared this Summer

We're partnering with the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) to help you 'Be Emergency Ready'. The storm and bushfire seasons have officially begun, and the ESA wants you to prepare now to survive tomorrow. Meet with members of the ESA to talk about hazards in your local area, steps you can take to be better prepared for an emergency and begin to fill out your household 'Survival Plan'.

Keep an eye out on the **Mingle Facebook page** or contact **mingle@act.gov.au** for upcoming details.



What's on in the SLA Display Village & Innovation Hub?



Roads Opening – SLA Display Village

Klaus Moje and Saint Leon Streets are now open to all traffic. New residents will be moving into six homes in SLA's Display Village, but it will continue to operate as a Display Village with a sales office, the Mingle space, and other programs continuing to operate.

We ask that you talk about this change with your household and community, and continue to take care when accessing the Display Village. The car park and café will operate as usual and we encourage people to park there when accessing the Display Village.

Café Update

Heartbeat Café will be closed from 1 - 18 January and will reopen on Monday, 19 January 2026 with new opening hours.

Cafe opening 2026:

Monday & Tuesday
6:30am – 10:00am

Wednesday - Friday
6:30am - 2:00pm

Saturday – Sunday
8:00am – 3:00pm

Live Music at Heartbeat Café



Make your Saturdays even better with live performances at Heartbeat Café from 11am to 1pm.

Workshops

Stay tuned for our exciting line-up of workshops at SLA Display Village coming in 2026!

Registration for all workshops is required and there may be a small fee. For more information and to register go to suburbanland.act.gov.au/events.



Cultures of Canberra

Celebrate the cultures of Canberra in your very own neighbourhood. Keep an eye out for multicultural celebrations happening at the SLA Display Village this November.

Join:

Crafting My Story at their **Crafting Connections: Multicultural Craft and Cuisine Festival** on Saturday 29 November, 11am to 3pm.

Would you like to share and celebrate your culture next year? Contact sladisplayvillage@act.gov.au for more details



Installation view of 'A Place & Time', featuring works by Jessika Spencer and Gabrielle Hall-Lomax. Photo by Cassie Abraham, courtesy of Belco Arts.

Art Exhibition & Artist in Residence

Don't miss the Art Exhibition: A Place and Time at the Display Homes and take the opportunity to meet our Artist in Residence to learn more about her stunning artworks before 13 December.

A new exhibition and Artist in Residence will begin in the new year. If you are interested in applying, contact sladisplayvillage@act.gov.au.



Artist on site: Thursday 10am to 4pm



Art Exhibition:

Thursday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm

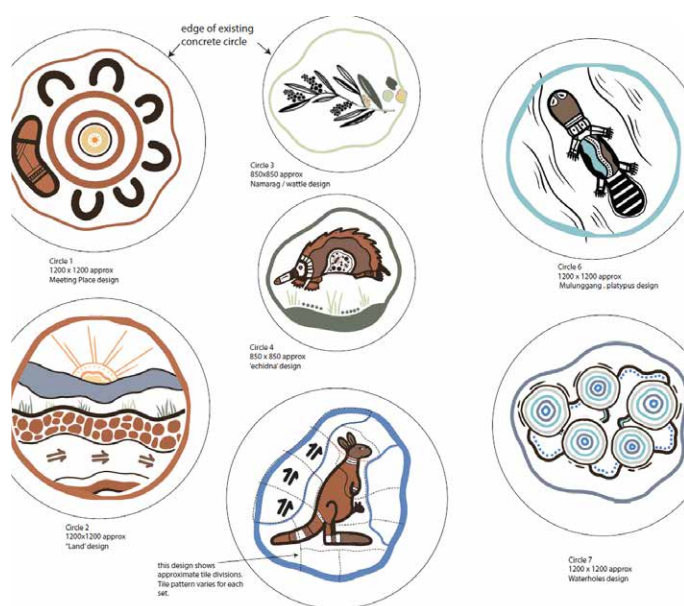


These activities and events are for all Canberrans, so please invite your family and friends.



Caring for Your Verge

Verges (or nature strips) are an important part of a suburb and make a real difference in the appearance of our streets. Keeping them tidy, mowed, weed free and neat is the responsibility of each resident. If you wish to change your verge from grass, scan the QR code for information.



Mingle Survey – we want to hear from you!

This survey helps us to understand the community's strengths and needs so that we can support you and your neighbours to thrive!

We'd really appreciate if you could take five minutes to provide your feedback.



Nggunnawal Art Trail in Whitlam

Your very own Nggunnawal art trail is here! Seven stunning pieces have been permanently installed in the ground at seating nodes running parallel to Churcher Cres and Keith Bain Cres. The artworks, designed by local Nggunnawal artists, Wilay Designs, represent plants and animals local to the Molonglo Valley.

Straight to your inbox

Sign up to the Mingle email list **here!**



We acknowledge the Nggunnawal people as traditional custodians, and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We pay our respects to the elders past, present and future.



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