



 COMMUNITY



Welcoming Winter in Jacka

WHAT'S ON DURING SCHOOL TERMS

 Pilates

The Hive | Mondays 6pm – 7pm

 Bike Library


Margaret Hendry School | Tuesdays 11am – 2pm

 Walking Group


Jacka Playground | Thursdays 9:30am – 10:30am

 English Conversation Group


The Hive | Thursdays 11am – 1pm

 Good Omen Goodeze

The Hive | Thursdays 1pm – 3pm

 Mums and Bubs dance class

The Hive | Fridays 11:15am – 11:50am

 BOLD Move Dance and Yoga class (over 55s)

The Hive | Fridays 12pm – 1pm

New to Jacka? Email mingle@act.gov.au to organise a time to pick up your welcome packs.

It's a pleasure to introduce the Winter edition of the Jacka Community Newsletter, as this new suburb continues to grow and take shape.

This season, the Mingle program continues to create opportunities for residents to connect. Upcoming Astronomy Nights invite neighbours to gather under the stars and share moments of discovery together, while Autumn Fest was a wonderful afternoon that brought Jacka residents together through shared activities and celebration.

Residents can take part in a new Nature Journalling program, encouraging reflection, creativity, and a deeper connection with Jacka's natural surroundings. The ongoing Community Service #1 Bus Tours will continue to support residents to explore Jacka and nearby areas, learn about local services and facilities, and better understand how the community fits together.

Community activities like these help build connections and foster a sense of community in our new suburbs like Jacka. I encourage you to get out and explore your local area!

Warm regards,



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

Jacka Easter Celebration

Thank you to all the Jacka residents who came along to Jacka's Easter celebration.

It was wonderful to see how polite, respectful and considerate the Jacka children were towards one another.

The event was a great opportunity to meet neighbours and connect as a community. Meeting you and hearing your ideas and hopes for Jacka was a real highlight. There is genuine excitement about the future, and we look forward to supporting residents to establish their own community groups and activities.




After counting up the children's votes for activities they would like to see in Jacka, sport activities were the clear winner. If there are any sport coaches wanting to start a junior sports team for some very keen Jacka kids, please reach out and we might be able to help you in setting up a sports club for the community mingle@act.gov.au.



Jacka Autumn Fest

Our colleagues from Community Services #1 had a wonderful time hosting the Jacka Autumn Fest. They loved welcoming everyone and supporting new connections across the community. The games were a real highlight. What a joy it is to have the netball courts in Jacka as such a fantastic community asset. It would be great to see a weekly afternoon community game run as a social event. Maybe the netball courts would be the perfect spot for the social Jacka sports club? (see Easter reflection above).

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Community Service Bus Tours

Our partner, Community Services #1, kicked off the monthly community bus tours for Jacka residents in March. The group visited the Gungahlin Library, Gunners Place, Access Canberra and the Jacka Netball Courts.

These tours support you and your neighbours to learn more about the local service providers in the Gungahlin region. Keep an eye on the [Jacka Mingle Facebook page](#) for more details, dates and to register your spot.



 SAVE THE DATES

Make Jacka Yours

Saturday 11 July

10am – 1pm

This workshop is for residents of Jacka who are interested in getting involved in their community or leading local activities.

Together we'll talk about what's important to you, what you care about in your neighbourhood, and what kinds of activities, events or groups you would like to be part of.

We will also explore the skills, ideas and resources already in the community- including your own- and look at how these can help turn ideas into real community activities.

No experience is needed. The workshop will be relaxed, practical and welcoming. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Emma through mingle@act.gov.au.

Register here



Astronomy Nights

You're invited to an evening of astronomy and stargazing in Jacka, presented by the Canberra Astronomical Society in partnership with Mingle.

These events are weather dependent. Please make sure you register your spot and keep an eye on the [Jacka Mingle Facebook page](#) for updates.

Register now:
Saturday 27 June



Register now:
Friday 11 September



Nature Journalling

Nature Together: A Creative Way to Connect with Your Local Landscape

Jacka residents are invited to slow down, look closely, and discover the beauty of their local environment through *Nature Together: Journalling for Connection and Wellbeing*, a new initiative delivered by NatureArt Lab in partnership with Mingle.

This relaxed outdoor program offers guided nature journalling workshops in local green spaces, where participants can explore drawing, observation, and simple watercolour techniques. No artistic experience is needed, just curiosity and a willingness to spend time outdoors.

Following the success of our first session on Sunday 24 May, Jacka residents are invited to register to the second session on Sunday 29 August to capture seasonal change. This 2.5 hour workshop provides all materials and a welcoming space to connect with nature and meet others in the community.



Observing Autumn Seasonal Changes

Session 1: Sunday 24 May, 10.00am – 12.30pm

Session 2: Saturday 29 August, 1.30pm – 4.00pm

<https://natureartlab.com.au>



NatureArt Lab
Learn - Be Inspired - Love Your Art

Participation is free for Jacka residents via a booking code **JACKAJOURNAL**.

Register here



Mingle's Community Support Fund

Mingle works closely with residents to empower communities to work together, generate ideas and create their own fun activities and common interest groups.

To support residents of Jacka, Mingle has developed a Community Support Fund. The fund seeks engagement from residents who are keen to bring people together, connect and have a good time. If you have an idea that you think the community might get behind or know a neighbour that is keen to kickstart a new group or club, Mingle can help to make this happen.

Scan the QR code for more details.



A guide to recycling and reducing household waste



Translated Waste and Recycling Guides Available

To help make waste and recycling information more accessible, **NoWaste has translated many common resources into 12 languages.** These guides explain what goes in each bin and offer simple tips for reducing waste at home.

Scan the QR code to view and share the resources on the City Services website.



Helping everyone understand how to recycle correctly supports a cleaner, more sustainable neighbourhood for all of us!

Follow us on Facebook

Do you follow us on Facebook? The Jacka Mingle Facebook page is where we promote all our community activities and events, encourage engagement from residents and provide updates and useful contacts.

If you aren't yet following us – we'd love for you to like and follow **@JackaMingle**.

