



Keeping Whitlam Clean and Green

WHAT'S ON DURING SCHOOL TERM

 **Playgroup**
Mingle Community Space
Mondays 10am - 11:30am

 **MEGA Workout**
Mingle Community Space
Wednesdays 10am - 11am

 **MEGA Yoga**
Mingle Community Space
Fridays (coming soon)

 **English Conversation Class**
Mingle Community Space
Thursdays 1pm - 2:30pm

 **Be Emergency Ready**
Mingle Community Space
5 March 11:30am - 12:30pm

 **Easter Celebration**
Blue Poles Playground
28 March 3pm - 5pm

 **School Holiday Program**
Mingle Community Space
8 & 15 April 1pm - 2pm

Hello Whitlam! As we step into a new year, let's make 2026 a year to take extra pride in our streets, parks and shared spaces. A clean suburb is more than just beautiful - it's safer, healthier and more welcoming for everyone.

Inside this newsletter, you'll find practical tips, details about Waste Education Sessions and invitations to join local clean-up initiatives.

By working together as a community, we can keep Whitlam looking its best and protect the environment we all share. Simple actions like sorting your bins correctly and disposing of bulky waste responsibly, helps to maintain a clean suburb for everyone.

Let's keep that momentum going throughout the year.



**Minister for Homes,
Homelessness and
New Suburbs**

Yvette Berry MLA

Whitlam Community Garden gets a fresh look

 SUSTAINABILITY

Our local community garden has had a summer refresh.

You'll notice new signage, updated storage and materials and clear guidelines for use to help everyone enjoy this shared space responsibly.

Whether you're tending a bed or just visiting, please follow the posted rules, keeping our garden green, clean and welcoming for all.

Pop by, take a look at the improvements and if you're keen to get involved, reach out to the Garden Conveners at whitlamgardens@hotmail.com



Join a Whitlam clean-up group

Some residents are looking to connect with others who care about keeping our suburb clean. Mingle won't run the group, but we can help link you up - and provide resources and support for any clean-ups you organise.

Follow the **QR code** to register your interest, or to join the first activity.



 KNOWLEDGE

True or false?

ACT Government is responsible for mowing public lawns and verges. ✗ FALSE

They maintain public spaces, however residents are encouraged to keep the verge in front of their home mowed and tidy.

You should report illegal dumping to help keep Whitlam clean. ✔ TRUE

Dumped rubbish can harm wildlife and our environment. Report it quickly to Access Canberra to help keep Whitlam clean, safe and looking its best.

Leaving grass clippings or piles of leaves on roads or in drains is okay. ✗ FALSE

Clipping can block drains contributing to flooding. They're best left on the lawn, composted or placed in your green waste bin.

Walking and cycling keeps Whitlam connected. ✔ TRUE

Using our shared footpaths reduces traffic, supports healthy activity and helps keep our suburb quieter and cleaner.



Women's Shed series

Mingle is bringing back the Women's Shed with a fresh series of hands-on workshops exclusively for Whitlam residents.

Learn safe tool use, boost your home-maintenance skills and create your own cheeseboard or even a street library. The foundation workshop on 28 February introduces beginners to safe tool use and is ideal for mothers and teenage daughters, couples, or anyone keen to build confidence with tools. These sessions are supportive, beginner-friendly and a great way to meet others.

Spaces are limited. Check the **Whitlam Mingle** Facebook page for details and to book.



**ACT
EMERGENCY
SERVICES
AGENCY**

Prepare now, survive tomorrow.

The ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) will be at the SLA Display Village on Thursday 5 March from 11:30am to 12:30pm to help you 'Be Emergency Ready'.

The storm and bushfire season is well and truly underway, 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 &
- begin to fill out your household 'Survival Plan'.

Whitlam Easter celebration

Mingle is excited to host a fun and festive Easter afternoon for the whole community. Come along and enjoy:

- A treasure hunt with Easter eggs as prizes
- Easter games and craft activities

Join in the fun, say hello to your neighbours, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon as we celebrate Whitlam's thriving and growing community.

Saturday 28 March 2026

3pm - 5pm

Blue Poles Park, Whitlam

Register here



What's on at SLA Display Village

Keen to learn something new, meet people or shake up your weekends? Canberra's Cultural and Community Program has you covered.

Each month brings fresh activities and workshops across arts, wellbeing, culture and community connection so there is always something to dive into.

WORKSHOPS

The Mingle community space hosts a mix of workshops for everyone to enjoy.

- Growing a resilient garden
- Pilates and yoga classes
- Cooking classes
- Basket weaving
- Seasons of Self
- Infuse Art workshop series

Discover all activities and register: suburbanland.act.gov.au/events.

Art Exhibition - Good Neighbour



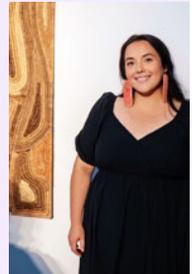
Artist: Jacky Lo
Photo credit: Brooke McEachern

Step inside the SLA display homes and discover Belco Art's vibrant showcase of local creativity. From February to mid-July, artworks by Canberra artists will fill the space, with many pieces available for purchase. Doors are open 10am–4pm, Thursday to Sunday, so drop in and explore something new in your neighbourhood.

Artist in Residence

Pop in to meet our new Artist in Residence, Jessika Spencer - a Wiradjuri artist whose practice brings together photography, fibre weaving, textile banners and sculptural forms to celebrate culture and community.

She will be creating a new body of work in the space and you're invited to drop in, say hello and watch her process. Jessika is in residence on Friday each week.



Live music at Heartbeat Café

 COMMUNITY

Heartbeat Café is open every day, but Saturdays bring something special. Drop in between 10am and 12pm to enjoy live music from talented local artists, from familiar favourites to emerging performers.

Settle in with a drink, soak up the atmosphere and show your support for Canberra's music community. Follow **Whitlam Heartbeat Café** on Facebook for the latest updates.

