

TAYLOR

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Cuthbert Whitley Park Naming

On Sunday 1 September, Michael Petterson MLA, Member for Yerrabi officially named Cuthbert Whitley Park in Taylor. The Whitley family travelled from far afield to honour their grandfather at this Father's Day celebration. The Taylor community came out to celebrate the naming and enjoyed free coffee, morning tea and a gift for all attending fathers.

Personal stories and tributes to Cuthbert Claude Mortier Whitley (1886-1942) were shared by the family.

Cuthbert Whitley was an Australian interwar architect whose art deco and modernist designs produced in Depression-era Canberra are highly regarded. Some of his iconic works include the Patent Office building, in Barton, and the Ainslie Public School in Braddon.

What's On!



Activity Name	Date
Taylor Bike Library, Margaret Hendry School lower carpark	
Bike Library	Tuesdays 11:00am – 2:00pm, First Saturday of the month 10:00am – 12:00pm
The Hive community space, Margaret Hendry School	
MEGA Pilates	Mondays 6:00pm – 6:45pm
Playgroup	Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30am – 11:00am (Weeks 2 – 9 in school term)
English Conversation Group	Thursdays 11:00am – 12:45pm (in school term)
GOG Crafternoon	Thursdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm (in school term)
Mingle @ The Hive	Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:30am – 3:30pm
Taylor Book Club	Every four weeks, Thursday 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Taylor Community and Social Group	First Saturday of the month 10:00am – 12:00pm
Margaret Hendry School Gymnasium	
Social Badminton	Saturdays 6:30pm – 8:30pm



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Join Us at **JACKA**




OPEN DAY

Join us for a day of family fun in Jacka's newest playground and discover what this growing community has to offer. This FREE family event will include a variety of activities and an excellent line up of entertainment for all ages and food trucks. Get ready for an exciting day of activities for the whole family.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- meeting Rubble and Skye, two of Paw Patrol's adventurous pups!
- live music from an exceptional line up of local entertainers,
- fun-filled activities for the kids including FREE face painting, games and activities,
- delicious street food options to tantalise your tastebuds available to purchase,
- a live induction cooking demonstration delivered by renowned chef, Mal Hanslow (Such and Such restaurant)
- immersive guided bus tours of the growing Jacka suburb,
- speak with our sales team about purchasing a block in Jacka,
- gaining ideas and be inspired for your new home by connecting with our partner builders.

 **Saturday 23 November**
11:00am – 3:00pm

 **Jacka playground, Zubrzycki Crescent Jacka**

More information on the SLA website
suburbanland.act.gov.au/events

Aunty Agnes Shea High School – opens in Taylor in 2025

Have you seen the new buildings at the southern corner of Sutherland Crescent and Horse Park Drive?


All is on track for the building of Aunty Agnes Shea High School to be ready for students at the start of the 2025 school year. Once finished, this state-of-the-art facility will include modern classrooms, advanced technology and welcoming communal spaces. Images of the building progress can be found on the school website, **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages. In addition to building updates, these social media pages are a great place to keep track of all that is happening in preparation for the 2025 school year. The school newsletter introduces several new staff members to the Aunty Agnes Shea High School team. Their expertise and passion for education will undoubtedly enrich the school community and contribute strongly to the growth of a positive school culture where all students will thrive. For more information go to agnessheahs.act.edu.au




Community Bus Tours are back!

Taylor residents are invited on a FREE tour to Gungahlin community services this November. There are many different community services in Gungahlin that support families for free. Come along on a CS#1 Community Bus Tour to learn more about what's available and how you can connect. The tours will visit the Gungahlin Library, Child and Family Centre,

Gunners Place, and the Multicultural Hub just to name a few. Keep an eye on the **Taylor Mingle Facebook page** for registration details to come.

 **Monday 25 November**
10:00am – 2:00pm

 **Depart from The Hive,
Margaret Hendry School**



Changes to MyWay and NXTBUS



Be prepared for MyWay+

Prepare now for MyWay+ by making sure your current MyWay card is registered. This will ensure a smooth transition, making it easier to transfer your balance on your current MyWay card to your new MyWay+ account once the system is launched.

Remember to keep your MyWay card as the card number will assist with the balance transfer process.



Mingle Survey Winners

Thank you to all those who completed the Mingle Annual Survey recently. By completing the survey, participants had the option to go in the draw for a \$200 giftcard and a Mingle BBQ Backpack. Congratulations to our local Taylor resident winners!!

Taylor Community and Social Group – here to help you connect

The Taylor Community and Social Group is excited to invite you to a fun-filled Morning Tea & Bingo event. It will be a wonderful opportunity to relax, connect with neighbours, and enjoy some light-hearted games as we approach the end of the year. This event is for everyone - kids, parents, grandparents, and friends - to come together as a community to share laughter, fun, and good company.

 **Saturday 7 December**
10:00am – 12:00pm

 **The Hive, Margaret Hendry School**

Follow the **Taylor Social and Community Group on Facebook.**


Book in for Book Club!


The Taylor Book Club continues to meet monthly at The Hive. The club is organised by Taylor residents to socialise with others who enjoy reading, binge watching or even listening to podcasts. Everyone is welcome! Come along and meet other likeminded book enthusiasts from Taylor. The Club meets every four weeks on a **Thursday of each month, 7:00pm – 8:30pm at The Hive. The next meet up is 21 November.**

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BOOK, TV & MOVIE
CLUB
Monthly at the Hive

Social Badminton ain't bad!

Social Badminton continues its rally in Taylor every Saturday evening. There is a group of badminton regulars who are always happy to welcome new players. Contact the Taylor Community and Social Group for more information at taylorcommunitysocialgroup@gmail.com.

 **Every Saturday 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

 **The Gymnasium,
Margaret Hendry School**





Taylor Pilates – a MEGA Grant success story!

One of our Mingle managers recently sat down with MEGA Grant recipient, Kapila, to talk about her journey with the Mingle program and the success of her Taylor Pilates class.

Taylor Pilates, led by Kapila, has turned her passion for fitness and wellbeing into a program that empowers women. The weekly Pilates classes offer a safe space for women to strengthen their bodies and minds, with a special emphasis on fostering a supportive community. Kapila's vision of a holistic wellness environment has already had a lasting impact on the participants.

Kapila's journey began with a desire to help women, particularly mums, to improve their physical fitness, flexibility, and mental wellbeing, regardless of their background or fitness level. *"I always wanted to create a space where women can strengthen their bodies and minds in a supportive environment."* Kapila's vision extends beyond fitness, fostering social interaction to grow women's confidence for long term impact on their lives. Women have shared with Kapila their improvements in their physical fitness, flexibility, and overall wellbeing, with some experiencing relief from chronic pain, particularly in their backs, pelvic floor and core.

The Suburban Land Agency's MEGA Grant played a crucial role in bringing Taylor Pilates to life. Kapila discovered the grant through the **Taylor Mingle Facebook page**, and with the support of the Mingle team, she was able to navigate the application process with ease. *"The MEGA grant has allowed me to pursue my certification as a Pilates instructor."* This, along with assistance in organising the venue, made the program accessible to a wide range of women in the community. *"Grants like MEGA make programs accessible to more people and allow initiatives to grow, adapt, and meet the community's needs."* Kapila said

Grant-ing MEGA opportunities for training!

Mingle is offering ANOTHER lucky Taylor mum the opportunity to become a fitness instructor! Through a sponsorship with Mums Exercise Group Australia (MEGA), this financial support can help you gain a fitness qualification in your preferred course (yoga, Pilates, certificate of fitness, or other).

All that is required in return is for you to commit to running local classes for MEGA for an agreed timeframe.

Don't miss out on the incredible opportunity to turn your passion for fitness into a fulfilling career while positively supporting your neighbourhood. Apply now and take the first steps towards becoming a certified MEGA instructor!

For more information and to apply, email directors@megamums.com.au.

Nature in the City Grants: Help Cool and Green Your Community!

Apply for the *Nature in the City: Cooling Your Suburb Grants* to help make your neighbourhood more resilient to heat, greener, and more enjoyable. With grants available for businesses and community groups, this program supports projects that increase tree cover, create green spaces, and cool local areas. The upcoming round opens 21 November 2024 and closes 9 February 2025. Don't miss this chance to enhance your area.

For more information please visit: **Nature in the City: Cooling Your Suburb Grants - Climate Choices**



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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