

WHITLAM

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connecting communities
an initiative of the Suburban Land Agency



A community that comes together!



Welcome to a new year in Whitlam! Whitlam has grown quickly since September 2021 when the first residents moved in, to almost 1000 residents and 350 homes! These are milestones to be celebrated, as our communities and neighbourhoods create important places of belonging in our lives.

It's wonderful to have seen the Whitlam community coming together and supporting each other over the past few years. From Diwali, Christmas, Chinese lion dancing, African drumming, cultural crafts and more, the diversity of the Whitlam community has been reflected in the activities and events being held within the suburb. Whitlam truly is embracing its diverse make-up through these opportunities and community events.

I hope this year is one of continuing to grow together as a neighbourhood, supporting one another and learning more about the individuals and multiple cultures that form the Whitlam community.

Wishing you all the best in 2024!

**Minister for Housing and Suburban Development,
Yvette Berry MLA**

Cultures of Canberra

The SLA is pleased to bring this new, monthly, event to the SLA Display Village in Whitlam. Cultures of Canberra seeks to celebrate the diverse, Canberran community, working with local creatives, cooks, groups, entertainers, dancers and musicians to bring a celebratory experience to the village every month.

The next event will celebrate some of the ways Easter is celebrated in our community. Pencil in the 23 March and keep an eye on the Whitlam Mingle Facebook page for further details.

These events are for the Canberra community so bring your friends and family along!



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What's on in Whitlam

Mingle have planned a few activities to support the Whitlam community. We hope you can find something to enjoy in the mix.

Date	Activity Name
Mondays 10am-11:30am	Playgroup Mingle Community Space
Wednesdays 10am-11am	Wednesday Whitlam Walk Mingle Community Space
Wednesdays 11am-12pm	Mega Yoga (Mums Exercise Group Australia) Whitlam Community Space Book Here: megamums.com.au
Thursdays 10:30am-11:30am	Mums and Bubs Exercise Class (bookings essential) Mingle Community Space
Thursdays 1pm-2:30pm	English Conversation Group Mingle Community Space
1st and 3rd Friday of the Month 10am-11am	Giggle and Wiggle with Libraries ACT Mingle Community Space (1 March, 15 March & 5 April)

Care, Share, Repair:

The Community edition

Join us on **16 March from 11am – 2pm** to meet loads of the community organisations who support our communities. They will have fun activities for the whole family and lots of information about what they do and how they support communities. And fill in a bingo card to earn yourself a free sausage sizzle from Ginninderra Rotary.

Plus join us in Whitlam's Artist's Garage to learn about the Lids4Kids Sorting Station, pick up your free Lids bucket and do some creative upcycling craft.



Left to right: Anna, Tuli, Annette, Verney

Have you met the Mingle Team?

You may or may not have met your friendly Mingle team! We thought we'd take a few minutes to introduce ourselves here. If you see us around the suburb or at the Display Village please say hi! We'd love to have a chat and get to know you a little better.

Anna has been working in the suburb since May 2022! You'll meet her at most of the weekly activities and some of the weekend events. Fun fact about Anna: She was born on Christmas Day and her daughter was born on New Year's Day!

Tuli is the Mingle Manager, she loves her job (which includes writing this newsletter)! Fun fact about Tuli: She can't stop sewing! Almost everything she wears will have been made by her or altered in some way.

Annette started with Mingle in November last year, new to the field of community development, Annette used to deliver the monthly citizenship ceremonies. Fun fact about Annette: She has been making jewelry for more than 20 years!

Verney is currently working on the creative program in the Whitlam Display Village, you'll meet her at Display Village events each month. Fun fact about Verney: She has been a practicing artist, designer and now curator since 2011!

Whitlam Community Space



The Mingle office is open **Wednesday to Fridays from 9.30am – 2.30pm**, feel free to drop in and meet the team during these times.

Free plants to new landowners!

If you've purchased a residential block of land in Taylor/Whitlam, you can get FREE plants.

For almost 100 years, Yarralumla Nursery has provided free plants to new landowners, known as the Plant Issue Scheme.

It helps you establish a sustainable garden with plants suitable for our climate and soil conditions while beautifying your home and suburb.

Scan the QR Code to visit the website.



Lids4Kids in Whitlam



Did you know that anything smaller than a credit card can't be recycled through our kerbside recycling?

That's where Lids4Kids comes in. This grass-roots organisation started in Canberra several years ago running out of Tim Miller's garage. It went viral when people across Australia began collecting lids to turn into prosthetics, sending them by the container to Tim in Canberra. They now collect anything from blister packs to bread clips to lids!

Today they have a depot in Fyshwick where people of all walks of life volunteer time to help sort and shred lids and turn them into recycled plastic products including their famous bench seats! You can meet them and learn about how they sort plastic at the coming Care, Share, Repair event on 16 March.

Help Protect Trees, so they can Protect Us

As Australia's bush capital, trees are the defining feature of our city. They are a key part of what makes Canberra the most liveable city in Australia.

Mature trees enhance our neighbourhoods by

- keeping our streets cooler
- reducing the need for air conditioning
- increasing our community's resilience to extreme weather events
- improving property values.

In the face of a changing climate, trees are more important than ever. We have strengthened our tree protection laws to help protect trees so they can protect us.

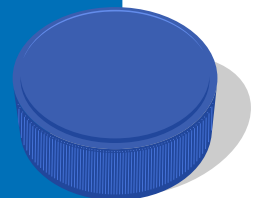
To learn more visit act.gov.au/treeprotection.

Find the right tree for your garden in our Plant a Tree in Your Canberra Garden guide.



Whitlam residents only: Pick up a Lids4Kids bucket to help you collect your small odds and ends – make sure they are clean and dry! When the bucket is full, bring it to our recycling station to sort.

Volunteer to sort! If you can give an hour of your time once a month we can help the community recycle!





Meet Artie the Art Cart

Keep an eye out for Mingle's newest team member! Artie the Art Cart is a custom designed and locally

manufactured Dutch cargo bike. Its bespoke, enclosed cart has been created to hold creative and crafty materials for all sorts of activities.

Artie will likely make an appearance at many of the events in the Suburban Land Agency Display Village or around the suburb, so if you see Artie, come say hi!



Easter!

This year Mingle would love to support our residents to host their own Easter event. This could be an Easter Egg hunt or something else you might have in mind. If you'd like to run something, then get together with your neighbours and put some ideas together! We can then provide some funding through our Community Support Fund. If you like the sound of this, feel free to get in touch with our Mingle team at mingle@act.gov.au.

Community Support Fund

Did you know that Mingle has a Community Support Fund available? This fund is designed to provide financial resources for community initiatives. If you have an idea to help Whitlam's community thrive come and talk to the Mingle team or send an email at mingle@act.gov.au. This could be something like a small street party, a street library or an event for the whole community.

Where to go for ...



Noise

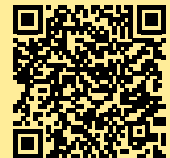
Go to Access Canberra as a first point, accesscanberra.act.gov.au/noise-management/noise-complaints, they can direct you to the area which your noise complaint relates to.



If you'd like to know more about noise restrictions in Canberra this page shares some details: accesscanberra.act.gov.au/noise-management/noise-standards

Lost pets

Report to Domestic Animal Services (tccs.act.gov.au), or call 02 6207 2959, or, if you're able to collect the animal you can take them to the nearest vet or the RSPCA.



Infrastructure

If you have issues with streets, footpaths, grass, trees and shrubs, roads and vehicles, parks and public spaces, stormwater and streetlights then Fix My Street in Access Canberra is the place to go! Use their simple online portal to register your concern. accesscanberra.act.gov.au/city-services/fix-my-street



Community Noticeboards



Do you have an activity, local business or community announcement to share with the Whitlam community? The Blue Poles and Heartbeat Café noticeboards are both available to the community to use. If you have a poster or flyer for them then drop them off at the Whitlam Community Space in the Display Village, at Heartbeat Café or email mingle@act.gov.au.



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal 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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