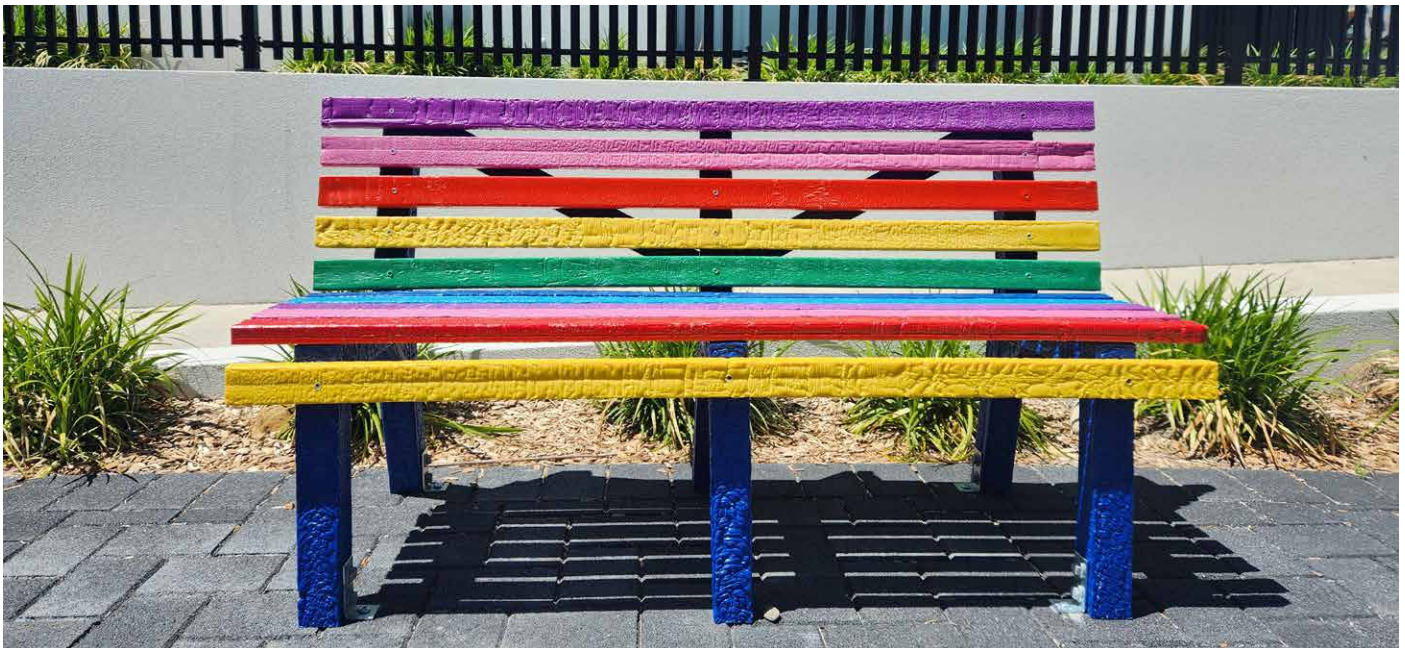


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A Bench with a Purpose

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of a beautiful new bench at the Whitlam Display Village, and it's made from a remarkable 25,000 plastic lids! This unique bench was crafted by Lids4Kids, who transformed what could have been waste into a stunning piece of functional art.

Did you know that we have a Lids4Kids sorting station in our Creative Garage? We'd like to open this up for community more often and are looking for volunteers to come in on a

weekend for an hour or two, every so often. The more helpers, the more often the station can open, and the more Lids4Kids can use our waste for good.

If you have some time to spare and would like to support your community let us know at mingle@act.gov.au.



Day and time	Activity and location
Monday 10am – 11:30am	Playgroup with ACT Playgroups Mingle Community Space
Wednesday 10am – 11am	Wednesday Walk Meet near the Heartbeat Café
Wednesday 11:30am – 12:30pm	Mega Yoga (Mums Exercise Group Australia) Mingle Community Space Book Here: megamums.com.au

Day and time	Activity and location
Thursday 11am – 12pm	Exercise Class (Bookings essential, scan the QR code) Whitlam Display Village
Thursday 1pm – 2:30pm	English Conversation Group Mingle Community Space
Thursday 2:45pm – 3:30pm	Mega Yoga (Mums Exercise Group Australia) Mingle Community Space Book Here: megamums.com.au



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What's on in Whitlam

Community Christmas Carols

Did someone say Christmas?!

Join us at the Display Village on Sunday 15 December 5 – 6:30pm for a wholesome community event by Christ Church in Hawker. Families and friends can gather in a festive celebration of music and holiday spirit. BYO picnic and blanket.

 **Sunday 15 December, 5 – 6:30pm**

 **Whitlam Display Village**



Community Grants for MEGA Yoga

Meet Kerry, mother of two with nearly 20 years of yoga experience, and a keen interest in sports and health. Kerry understands the challenges of balancing motherhood, work, and personal well-being. Her commitment to yoga as a holistic practice has led her to share its benefits with others.

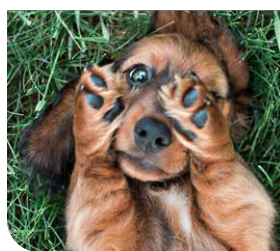


Initially stepping in when another instructor was unavailable, Kerry's love for teaching grew as she volunteered. This experience sparked her decision to apply for Mingle's *MEGA grant*, aimed at enhancing her skills and offering ongoing yoga classes in our Whitlam community.

Kerry loves working with new mothers. *"I find it incredibly rewarding to help them build strength and improve their mental health during the challenging postpartum period"*.

Thank you, Kerry, for the time, skills and wisdom you've shared with our community during your time as an instructor!

We are offering another (MEGA) grant next year. The grant supports women in our community to be trained to teach a fitness class of your choice in exchange for volunteering with MEGA. Email mingle@act.gov.au if you are interested in this opportunity. Applications are open until 28 February 2025.



Come walk with me!

Walk with me and Domestic Animal Service on **23 November at 10am!**

Pop Up Lion Dance


 **Sunday 2 February, 3 – 4pm**


 **Maymuru Way Park**



Birds Eye View

Across the month of November look out for a new flock of birds who have landed in various locations around Whitlam. Take the self-guided walk to discover the extraordinary birds made by local artist Tom Buckland. Grab an activity sheet from the **Suburban Land Agency Events page** (follow QR below) or pick one up from Heartbeat Café in Whitlam. Tell us about your favourite bird and take the bird personality quiz!

 **9 November to 7 December**

 **Various locations in Whitlam, starting at the Heartbeat Café**




What's on in the Whitlam Display Village & Innovation Hub



Summer Sounds at Heartbeat Café

Over the months of November to February Heartbeat Café will be hosting nine local musicians as part of the Summer Sounds Series. Join the community in celebrating our local musicians. Relax and enjoy a cool drink or cuppa while listening to the beautiful and varied tunes.

Details of dates and artists found at SLA [What's On page](#).

 Most Saturdays
11am to 1pm

 Heartbeat Café

Find them on Facebook!
[@Whitlam Heartbeat Cafe](#)



South Asian Crafting Festival

As part of our *Cultures of Canberra* series, Crafting My Story will hold a South Asian Crafting Festival on **Saturday 1 February from 10am to 2pm** the Whitlam Display Village will be alive with the sounds, colours and crafts of South Asia and host a wide range of stalls from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bhutan and Sri Lanka. If you are interested in hosting a stall, please contact SLADisplayVillage@act.gov.au.

 **Saturday 1 February, 10am to 2pm**

 Whitlam Display Village



Workshops



Various workshops are delivered at the Mingle Community Space across the year, many of which are free or low cost. Visit our What's On webpage at suburbanland.act.gov.au/events or scan the QR code to learn about some of the other workshops currently on offer.



Landscape Drawing Workshop

Have you ever wanted to dabble in drawing, or paint a beautiful landscape? This November our Artist in Residence, Sarah Murray, will guide you to draw the local landscape using charcoal, pencils and pastels. Bring a hat as you will venture outside! All equipment supplied.

Workshop: **Saturday 23 November, 10am – 12pm**



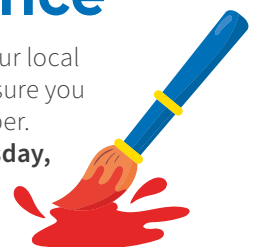
Crafting My Story

This social enterprise enables culturally and linguistically diverse women to share their creative skills with the community. Learn crafts such as macrame, mandala, weaving and more while connecting with others. **Book using the QR code.**

Next Workshop: Handmade Cards & Jute Pockets:
Saturday 7 December, 1pm – 3pm.

Artist in Residence

If you haven't already popped in to see our local Artist in Residence, Sarah Murray, make sure you do before she finishes up in mid-December. Drop in between **11am to 3pm, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday** to see her art.



Ask Anna: "Is that a Snake?!"

I've been asked by lots of residents about snakes, as there have been a few sightings in the area lately. As the weather warms up, it's important to be aware of snakes in your area.

- **When walking in gardens or bushland**, always watch where you're stepping, and avoid tall grass and bushy areas. If you see a snake, remain calm, keep a safe distance, and do not threaten it. If you back away slowly — most snakes will retreat on their own.
- **To stay safe at home**, keep your yard tidy by removing debris and tall grass, which can attract snakes. Make sure to seal any gaps in fences and check for holes around the house and ensure pet food and water bowls are not accessible to wildlife.

Remember that snakes are generally shy animals and perform an important ecosystem function by managing animals like mice which could become a problem without their predation.

Educating yourself and your family about snake behaviour can help everyone stay safe during the warmer months. If you encounter a snake that poses a threat, contact a local wildlife service for assistance.

Contact information and further safety and first aid tips here.



Do you have a question for Anna? Or an idea you'd like to share? Email anna.howell@wcs.org.au, your question could be featured in the next issue!



Congrats Ayan!

Ayan was the lucky winner of the gift voucher offered for completing the Mingle survey this year! Thank you Ayan, and all others, that generously gave their time to supply us with useful feedback.

Deep Creek Dam

There is a new recreational area coming to Whitlam! The Suburban Land Agency is creating a large, deepwater pond to manage the area's stormwater. This will protect the Molonglo River from pollution and support future construction of roads, power and water connections, while also providing an attractive, recreational area.

Temporarily, local residents can expect to hear some additional noise from this construction and there may be dust and traffic impacts while the dam is constructed, however, this will be temporary and, once complete, diverse plantings, a shared pedestrian and cycle path will provide residents with amenity. Construction of this pond will take place from early 2025 through early 2027.



Straight to your inbox

Sign up to the Mingle email list here!



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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