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Congratulations to Lana for winning the Best Front Garden in Mingle's Spring gardening competition. Our judge was impressed by the obvious time and effort taken to develop this garden that Lana says is 'an ever-evolving project'.



Hello Moncrieff residents!

This spring, after so much lovely rain, we can see Moncrieff maturing into a beautiful and established suburb. Mingle has spent over four years of working with Moncrieff residents to build social connections and opportunities for people to meet and connect. We have loved getting to know you and enjoyed watching you get to know each other while shaping your suburb into the supportive and connected community that it is today. It is with great pride and some sadness

that we share the news with you that the Mingle program will finish in Moncrieff in early 2021. We would like to work with you to present a final farewell Mingle event in late summer or early autumn 2021. If you would like to share your ideas or be involved in planning Mingle's farewell please get in touch via our Facebook page or by emailing mingle@act.gov.au. In this newsletter we look back at some of the great events and activities on Moncrieff since 2017.



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Green thumbs of Moncrieff

Thanks to everyone who entered their garden Mingle's spring gardening competition. A newer suburb like Moncrieff provides a blank slate for gardeners to express their taste and build on their skills by creating beautiful gardens. The entries were judged by Geoff Bunnett, Suburban Land Agency's Program Manager, Place Management. Geoff is a registered landscape architect with vast experience in landscape design and place presentation. Mingle accompanied Geoff as he cruised the streets of Moncrieff to see the colourful and inventive ways that Moncrieff residents have risen to the gardening challenge.



Jotish was the runner up in the Best Front Garden category. Jotish says, 'I love my front garden' and the time, care and creativity devoted to this garden really shows.'



Kritika won Best Balcony or Terrace garden for her all-native terrace garden designed to thrive in the Canberra climate.



Sivaram is highly commended for his productive and child-friendly front garden that incorporates a verge vegetable patch and recycled bookshelves. Sivaram says, 'most of the plants are grown from cuttings and recycled structural material.'



Thanks from Mingle

Thank you to everyone who has worked with Mingle over the years to help plan activities or who helped out on the day, we could not have done it without you.

We hope you continue to work together to celebrate the beauty and diversity of your suburb.

If you need any advice or support with your community initiative you are still very welcome to get in touch with the Mingle team. We will always be happy to offer our ideas and tell you about community grants as well as other support that can help you to get your initiative off the ground.



Activities@Gungahlin



The after-school sports program at the Moncrieff Community Recreation Park is back. Northside Community Service is offering Activities@Gungahlin every Thursday afternoon during school terms. These sessions are a way for children aged five years and over to try out a range of different sport and recreation activities. The sessions are free of charge and are facilitated by local sporting clubs and organisations who generously donate their time to showcase their sport. Recent sessions have included cricket and Jazzy Jumpers. Hockey ACT, Gungahlin Little Athletics Centre, Touch Football and Accelerate Football are coming soon. For more information or to find out which sport is being showcased this week, head to the Activities@Gungahlin Facebook Page [activities@gungahlin](https://www.facebook.com/activities@gungahlin)



Be safe this summer

Thanks to those who came to the Mingle summer safety session last month. We hope you learned a lot about keeping your home safe during the Australian summer.

Thanks to all our stallholders and to the Margaret Hendry School P&C for the delicious barbeque. If you didn't get to attend or have follow up questions, contact details are on the right.



Join your local Buy Nothing group



Buy Nothing community groups are popular all over Australia. These online groups provide a

platform for people to give away the things that they no longer need and to ask for the things that they do need. Local residents, Elizabeth Lawson and Bec Andrews recently created the **Buy Nothing Moncrieff/Taylor/Jacka** Facebook page and they encourage other locals to join.

By joining the group you can save money and reduce waste. The Buy Nothing project boasts that the true value of the groups comes from the connections made between neighbours and the creative ways that people find to give back to their community. To join the Buy Nothing Moncrieff/Taylor/Jacka group, simply search the name on Facebook, or for more information about the Buy Nothing project, visit buynothingproject.org

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ACT Snake Removals

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actsnakeremovals.com

Mental Illness Education ACT (MIEACT)

6257 1195
mieact.org.au

Care Inc Financial Counselling Service

6257 1788
carefcs.org

Mulligan's Flat Woodland Sanctuary

0428 224 904
mulligansflat.org.au

ACT State Emergency Service (SES)

132 500
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We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of the lands and waters where we live and work, and pay our respects to the elders past, present and future.



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