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An initiative of the Land Development Agency (LDA)



Welcome to the final Mingle newsletter from the LDA! Following a few fun-filled years of events and activities in Bonner it's time for the Land Development Agency (LDA) to step back in the delivery of the Mingle program.

The aim of the program was to help new residents feel part of their community and become involved in community life and activities. Over the past few years the Mingle program has been involved in 36 community events and activities, 16 community newsletters and hundreds of social media posts.

We hope the events and activities we've delivered in Bonner over the past few years have enabled you to meet your neighbours and make new long lasting friendships.

The LDA will not be leaving Bonner completely; we will take a step back from our lead role and have engaged a Community Development Officer to support the Bonner community while it transitions to independence. The LDA encourages you to continue to mingle with your neighbours and take advantage of the wonderful facilities provided for you in the suburb of Bonner.



RESIDENT SURVEY: TELL US WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF THE PROGRAM

To enable us to assess the outcomes of the Mingle program we are interested in hearing your thoughts about living in Bonner, including your views on the Mingle community development program.

A short survey is now available online, there are some great prizes on offer so be sure to complete the survey by 28 February 2017. A summary of the survey results will be provided via the Bonner Community Facebook page.

Your feedback is really important to us and we look forward to hearing from you. Terms and conditions apply. For more information and to complete the survey, visit www.lda.act.gov.au/bonner

If you have any questions or need help completing the survey please contact the Mingle team on 02 6205 0600 or via email at mingle@act.gov.au

A MESSAGE FROM THE BONNER COMMUNITY GROUP

Thanks to everyone in our community and beyond for your amazing support of the Flavours of Bonner event in September. The official estimate was over 600 people in less than 3 hours! As a result of the day our community garden pots are now decorated and filled with plants.

If you are a gardener, please drop by and add some plants, water, mulch, trim and weed. Anyone is welcome to take produce home but please only take what you need.

If you are heading over to the pots, why not leave a message on the Facebook page asking others to join you? The Facebook page is also a good place to invite others to join you for a bike ride, walk, dog play, picnic or kite flying session!

Michelle Philip
Bonner Resident



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Did you know there is a community noticeboard available for your use? It is located outside of the Neville Bonner School (opposite the shops) and the key is available from the school on request (during school hours).

If you would like to promote a local activity, event or small business please contact the school to arrange a time to pick up the key. After you have placed your promotional materials inside the noticeboard, the key must be returned to the school. Please note there is a 4 week limit for all promotional materials, after 4 weeks the content needs to be either updated or removed.

If you would like to list something outside of school hours or during the holidays you can also contact the Bonner Community Group via email to borrow a key. Simply email them on bonnercommunity@gmail.com

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Karen Jesson is a Community Development Officer with Communities@Work and the LDA is excited to have her continue her work as the Bonner Mingle program concludes and the Bonner community transitions to independence.

This may sound a little daunting, but it really is an exciting time. Residents now have the opportunity to get more involved and to make more decisions about what you want to see happen in your community. Being involved in your community is really rewarding and it's important to remember 'MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK'.

Karen would really love to hear from you with your ideas, any skills that you would like to share, and any ways you would like to get involved. She is also interested to get your feedback on how the Mingle program has helped you to connect as a community. If you would like to get more involved in your community, please contact Karen at mingle@commsatwork.org

She is looking forward to hearing from you, and guiding and supporting the Bonner community, as Bonner continues to become a more resilient, cohesive and fun community to live in.



CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY BONNER COMMUNITY GROUP

There are some very keen and active members of the Bonner community who are starting to develop ideas for 2017. The group is hoping to hear from other residents who would like to get involved and to help make community initiatives become a reality.

The group have organised a new community email. If you have any questions, ideas, comments or if you would like to get more involved please get in touch via email at bonnercommunity@gmail.com

Karen from Communities@Work will continue to support the Bonner Community Group over the next few months.

EVENTS IN PUBLIC SPACES

Are you planning an event? The ACT Government offers a wide range of advice and support to event planners to help make their event a success.

Access Canberra can assist with information on approvals for public land use, funding grants, promotional opportunities, facilitating waste management, parking, road closures and more.

For more information call Access Canberra on 13 22 81 or visit www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au

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FIX MY STREET AND SUBURB MAINTENANCE

Fix My Street is an online reporting facility providing direct contact with ACT Government agencies. Residents can submit feedback and service requests relating to a variety of issues including suburb maintenance in your area online at www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/forms/fixmystreet

For urgent safety issues please ring Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

BONNER COMMUNITY FACEBOOK

The Bonner community group has developed a residents Facebook page and they are keen for residents to use this to promote local activities and events.



We encourage you to visit the page at www.facebook.com/BonnerCommunity and check out all the exciting activities that are happening in your community. As at 24 January the page already has 424 likes - Great work!

“ Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has. ”

– Margaret Mead

BONNER MEMORIES...



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