

# bonner

newsletter

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An initiative of the Land Development Agency (LDA)

Welcome to the LDA Bonner Mingle newsletter! To get involved go to [www.mingle.act.gov.au](http://www.mingle.act.gov.au) or to register on the Mingle database email us: [mingle@act.gov.au](mailto:mingle@act.gov.au)

## BONNER RESIDENT SURVEY

Thank you to all the Bonner residents who participated in the recent resident survey conducted by Elton Consulting on behalf of the LDA.

There were a total of 227 surveys received for Bonner with the main results of the survey showing that:

- 87 percent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that 'Overall, Bonner is a good place to live'
- 56 percent felt a strong sense of belonging
- to date there is a moderate level of participation in the Mingle Program in Bonner, and many value the Program
- Mingle appears to be helping residents in Bonner to connect with others in the community and involvement in Mingle may help contribute to a strong sense of community among residents in time.

Residents also identified some aspects of living in Bonner which they dislike or see a need for:

- a need for more services and facilities in the local area
- a need for more quality open space areas
- traffic related issues
- a need for better social connections within the community.

The LDA hopes to assist in alleviating as many of these issues as possible. Landscaping works are currently underway throughout the suburb to provide quality open space areas for residents.

Thanks again to those that took the time to participate in the survey and providing us with valuable feedback about your experiences of living in Bonner.

## EUROPEAN WASP ALERT

European wasp numbers are on the increase right across Canberra, and residents are encouraged to look out for nests around the house before winter hibernation begins. For more information about European wasps and the removal of nests visit [www.tams.act.gov.au](http://www.tams.act.gov.au)



## BONNER TWILIGHT MOVIE NIGHT EVENT

Over 600 people came along to the Bonner Twilight Movie Night held on Saturday 23 March at the Bonner oval to watch 'We Bought a Zoo'. The weather was perfect, and everyone was able to enjoy the movie under an amazing starry sky. It was great to have the Neville Bonner Primary School P & C involved- thank you for supplying the yummy BBQ. Residents also enjoyed delicious popcorn, ice cream and coffee. It was wonderful to see so many kids enjoying the face painting, balloon modelling and jumping castle!



The costumes were also really fun, thank you to all who came along dressed up to get into the spirit of the night.

Thank you to the National Zoo and Aquarium and Dendy Cinemas Canberra for providing prizes and giveaways for the event.

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and we look forward to the next one! More photos available on the LDA Mingle website [www.mingle.act.gov.au](http://www.mingle.act.gov.au)

Why not join the Neville Bonner Primary School P&C? Contact the school on 6142 1201



**VERGE AND NATURE STRIP MAINTENANCE**

If you have an untidy verge near your house, or in your street that you would like to see fixed or maintained, you can go to the Fix My Street website and report it. You can also report illegal dumping, noise pollution and issues with roads.



Visit: [www.canberraconnect.act.gov.au](http://www.canberraconnect.act.gov.au)

**Help your neighbours out...if you're mowing your own verge why not offer to mow your neighbours as well? Take it in turns or suggest they help you out with something else!**

**HANDY GARDENING TIPS**

- Avoid using a fertiliser or pesticide where it could wash into drains and cause algae or poisoning in waterways. Most native plants do not need heavy fertilising and would prefer compost or mulching from grass clippings, leaves and food scraps.

**Why not have a look planting some of the natives below?**



Grevillea Lanigera 'Mt. Tanboritha'



Lomandra Longifolia 'Tanika'



Dianella revoluta 'Little Rev'



Correa 'Dusky Bells'

**LANDSCAPING UPDATE**

- Bonner stage 3 - open space 'ridgeline' landscaping works will commence soon.
- Bonner stage 4 - open space landscaping works will commence shortly.
- Bonner stage 2 - park now open, off Pearl Gibbs Circuit.



**COMMUNITES@WORK CARE & SHARE PROGRAM**

Care&Share provides food and essential services to individuals and families in Canberra who are experiencing hardship.

Clients are able to 'shop' for their items from a pantry of healthy food, hampers and essential items - either free of charge or for a nominal fee - in a safe, secure and dignified environment. Monthly appointments can be made for budgeting and nutritional advice, and cooking lessons are also available.

The program helps people make life-changing choices in respect of nutrition, budgeting and household practices. Donations of items are also very welcome.

**Pantry locations near Bonner:**

Ngunnawal Neighborhood Centre, 40 Yarrowanga Avenue, Ngunnawal. For further information phone 6293 6500.



**GET INVOLVED.....**

- If you would like to become part of the Bonner Community Volunteer/Working Group for Mingle, send an email to [mingle@act.gov.au](mailto:mingle@act.gov.au) and we will keep in contact with you regarding meetings and activities you can assist with!

**UPCOMING EVENTS.....**

Keep an eye out on the website for upcoming Mingle events in Bonner [www.mingle.act.gov.au](http://www.mingle.act.gov.au)

**NEVILLE BONNER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Neville Bonner Primary School has been open for a few months now, and is looking great. For more information regarding the school and what it has to offer. Pop in and visit or call 6142 1201.

